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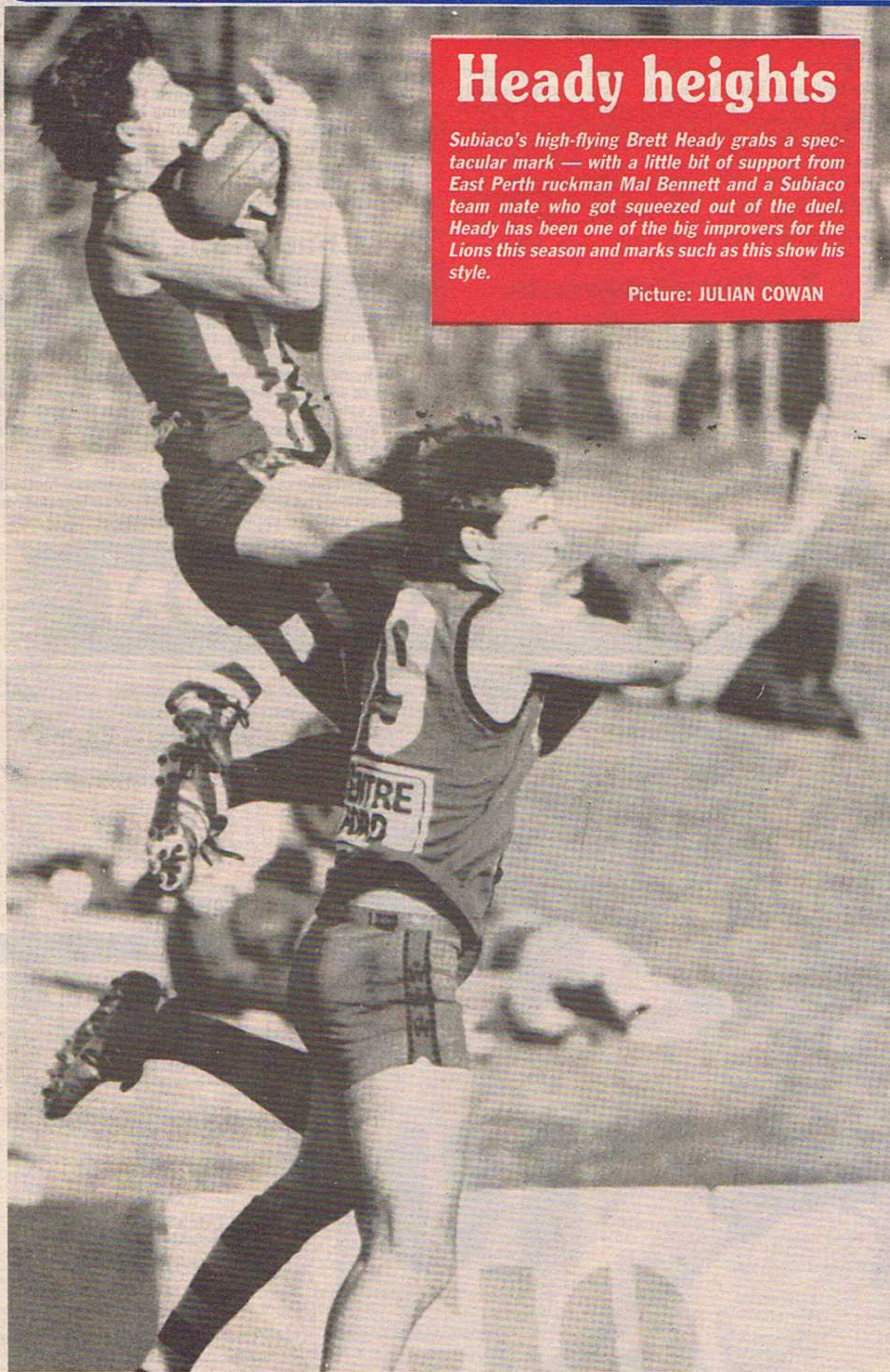


SCOTT SURVIVES INJURY PLAGUE

Heady heights

Subiaco's high-flying Brett Heady grabs a spectacular mark — with a little bit of support from East Perth ruckman Mal Bennett and a Subiaco team mate who got squeezed out of the duel. Heady has been one of the big improvers for the Lions this season and marks such as this show his style.

Picture: JULIAN COWAN



by GEORGE TEMPLE

INJURIES are something that all footballers fear — but big Eagles ruckman Phil Scott is learning to live with them.

Scott has been restricted to just eight VFL appearances this season, with a run of injuries that would break the spirit of most sports stars.

The genial giant has suffered a broken thumb, a torn hamstring and a dislocated shoulder; all in succession.

The thumb sidelined him for three weeks, the hamstring tear came just as he was back in action and put him out for another two games and the shoulder — caused in a freak surfing accident when the team had a bye — came just as he was ready to produce his best again.

"I don't let the injuries get me down," said Scott. "They're something that I've just got to put up with."

"When I dislocated my shoulder, the consequences didn't sink in until after the pain had subsided."

"At first I didn't realise there was a problem — until I did a couple of arm circles!"

"My arm clunked a couple of times and I knew that there was something wrong."

Setbacks

For Scott, those 1989 setbacks are just another chapter in his continuing injury saga...something that has plagued him since his senior football debut with Subiaco in 1981.

He seems to have always been beset with problems, including a fractured bone in his back in 1982 and a broken wrist at the start of the '86 season. He missed seven games, but recovered to help the Lions win the premiership.

His first year in the VFL was also marred by injury — he missed the first two games of the 1987 season with hamstring problems and the last five with an injured knee.

"It's been tough watching from the boundary line," says Scott.

"Especially when the team is losing; I feel helpless. It wouldn't be so bad if we were winning."

"I seem to stay fit every second season — hopefully Steve Malaxos, Laurie Keene and myself can put something together for the club next year," he said jokingly.

"I know that I'm nearly fit because I always get the flu just before I make a comeback," he said. "And I've got a sore throat now."

The return of Scott would be a huge bonus to the beleaguered Eagles, who lacked the presence of big man in their forward line — among other things — as they succumbed to Hawthorn by 91 points last Saturday.

He is a player who inspires the Eagles — as he did in round one against the Bombers when he kicked seven goals and took numerous strong marks in the forward line.

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IN THE LOCKER ROOM

Footy gossip from behind closed doors



The odd couple...John K. Watts and jockey Rod Kemp.

Tribute to Kemp

THE racing and football industries often come together and a special panel show at Plaistowe's Bar and Grill, in West Perth, will see a sporting mix next Tuesday. Jockey Rod Kemp, an avid footy fan, has made a splendid recovery from crippling injuries received in a race fall and he will be "Roasted and Toasted" at the sporting lunch. Radio 6PR football men John K. Watts and Gary Carvolth are among the panellists.

Sharp Cicco

BRIAN Ciccotosto is a man who never misses an opportunity to further the cause of his beloved South Fremantle — and his team's last-kick victory over Swan Districts produced a bonus for the treasurer on Saturday. Cicco grabbed the football after the match, had a few autographs put on it (including the umpires who awarded the crucial 50-metre penalty) and raffled it off to the members, raising about \$140!

Tough Todd

ANGRY West Coast Eagles coach John Todd decided that his players needed a little waking up this week and ordered extra training after their dismal performance against reigning premiers Hawthorn. The West Coasters trained at Perth Oval on Monday evening — and had to return at dawn the next morning for a weights session. The Eagles then had training sessions at McCallum Park on Wednesday and Thursday night in preparation for Saturday's clash with Essendon.

Faint praise

EAGLES defender Guy McKenna must have felt a little lonely this week. Eagles coach John Todd said that there was only one "VFL player" in the team last Saturday. "Only Guy McKenna could hold his head high and be proud," said Todd. "He battled hard all day, but didn't have any support."

One-quarter winners

WHO says you cannot play just one quarter of football and win the match? West Perth certainly proved that you can in their 13-point win over Perth at Leederville Oval last Saturday. Trailing by 15 points at the first change, the Falcons kicked 11.7 in the second term to lead the Demons by more than eight goals at half-time. However, they added just 33 more points for the game, while Perth stormed home with 12.4 over those two terms. That one quarter of football was all the Falcons needed.

Zoning arguments

MUCH has been said about the relative strengths of country and metropolitan zones belonging to the eight WAFL clubs — with West Perth, particularly, often complaining that they are hard-done by. Former West Perth coach Percy Johnson pulls no punches on that score — suggesting that the Leederville lads neglected their zones for too long. "When I was coaching there in 1978, only once was I asked to talk to juniors and the only country trip I did, was arranged by myself," he said. "They let their country zone rot."



George Michalczyk has some stern words to the winners.

Michalczyk unimpressed

WEST Perth coach George Michalczyk was not impressed with his team's second-half performance against Perth at Leederville Oval last Saturday. Michalczyk asked his players: "Are you trying to give everyone heart failure?" After his side had held on for the 13-point win after leading by 56 points at the long break. "Do you think that when you get 10 goals in front that you must stop running because you're not supposed to be in that position? If you're ever in that position again, don't let your concentration lapse — you must go on with it and win by 10 goals. Today you blotted what should have been a magnificent victory for yourselves and the club."

Champions reunite

TWO of the game's champion little men got together for an after-match chat on Saturday. Standing in the Subiaco changerooms were coach Haydn Bunton and Ross Smith, two great rovers and Subiaco premiership coaches, among other achievements. Smith, who took over from Bunton as Lions coach back in 1973 and achieved a premiership, is now with the Australian Institute of Sport and is in Perth on a working visit. Based in Canberra, the former Brownlow Medallist doesn't see a lot of VFL matches live, but still follows the game closely. He sees the VFL expansion to Canberra as a logical step in national football, but believes an existing club will have to be relocated for the national capital to be successful.

PHOTO ACTION

FIERY Karl Langdon gave East Perth a real dose of his footballing talents last Saturday when he inspired the Lions to a crushing victory. Langdon has shrugged off a severe neck injury received in a WAFL game and showed that he is ready to return to VFL ranks as a key forward with the West Coast Eagles.



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SHARKS ARE A BIG DANGER

ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

By State coach
RON ALEXANDER



EAST Fremantle still loom as the real danger side in the WAFL competition.

While being beaten for the seventh time in a row by Claremont, they showed enough to suggest that they will have a big say in proceedings come September.

Consider that Shane Ellis and Chris Waterman will both be given enough WAFL games to qualify for the finals and currently playing in the reserves are both David Rankin and Colin Waterson, who kicked eight goals from full-forward.

The addition of Ellis to the backline and Waterman to the centre wing or half-back line will tighten the team right up.

Rankin and Waterson are still gaining fitness after injury and semi-retirement, and there is no guarantee that either will reach the required level of fitness or form.

However, both have shown character and class over the past seven years and add another dimension of genuine final-round experience to the Sharks side.

Rowland earns his stripes

SCOTT Rowland made a nervous start against his old club, East Fremantle, but seemed to mould into the Claremont side as the match progressed and featured in many best-player lists.

Scott played 74 games for the Sharks and was an extremely committed club man who was well respected by all members.

In football this swapping of clubs by players will occur from time to time, usually through lack of opportunity in the league team.

The player blames the club and the club, in turn, blames the player. That's life.

Among civilised people, the player is still welcome at the occasional function held by his old club.

Graham Kickett and Rob Solin, while being totally committed to the Bulldogs, are still seen occasionally having a drink with their old team-mates at East Fremantle.



Scott Rowland ... now a Tiger.



Sharks coach Graham Melrose ... and one of his key players, Shane Ellis.

What's left for the Eagles

THE West Coast Eagles' last eight games for 1989 appear to fall into three categories.

The Eagles look certainties in their home games against Richmond, Sydney Swans and Carlton.

These teams have been performing poorly and will struggle at Subiaco Oval, with perhaps Carlton putting up the toughest resistance.

I reckon the Eagles have a good chance of beating Footscray and Fitzroy away from home.

Both Footscray and Fitzroy have struggled to win games and there is a distinct opportunity for the Eagles here.

The third category is the difficult games.

Essendon at Windy Hill are a tough proposition. They lost there by four points in 1987 and with all the improvement they have shown since then perhaps the Bombers will just get there.

A home match against powerful Geelong is a tough assignment but the Cats have yet to win in Perth and the door must be slightly open.

The toughest game will be that against Collingwood at their home ground, Victoria Park.

Unlike the Hawthorn game, where there were only about 8000 fans, there will be about 25,000 spectators, most of them barracking for Collingwood, who should play in this year's finals.



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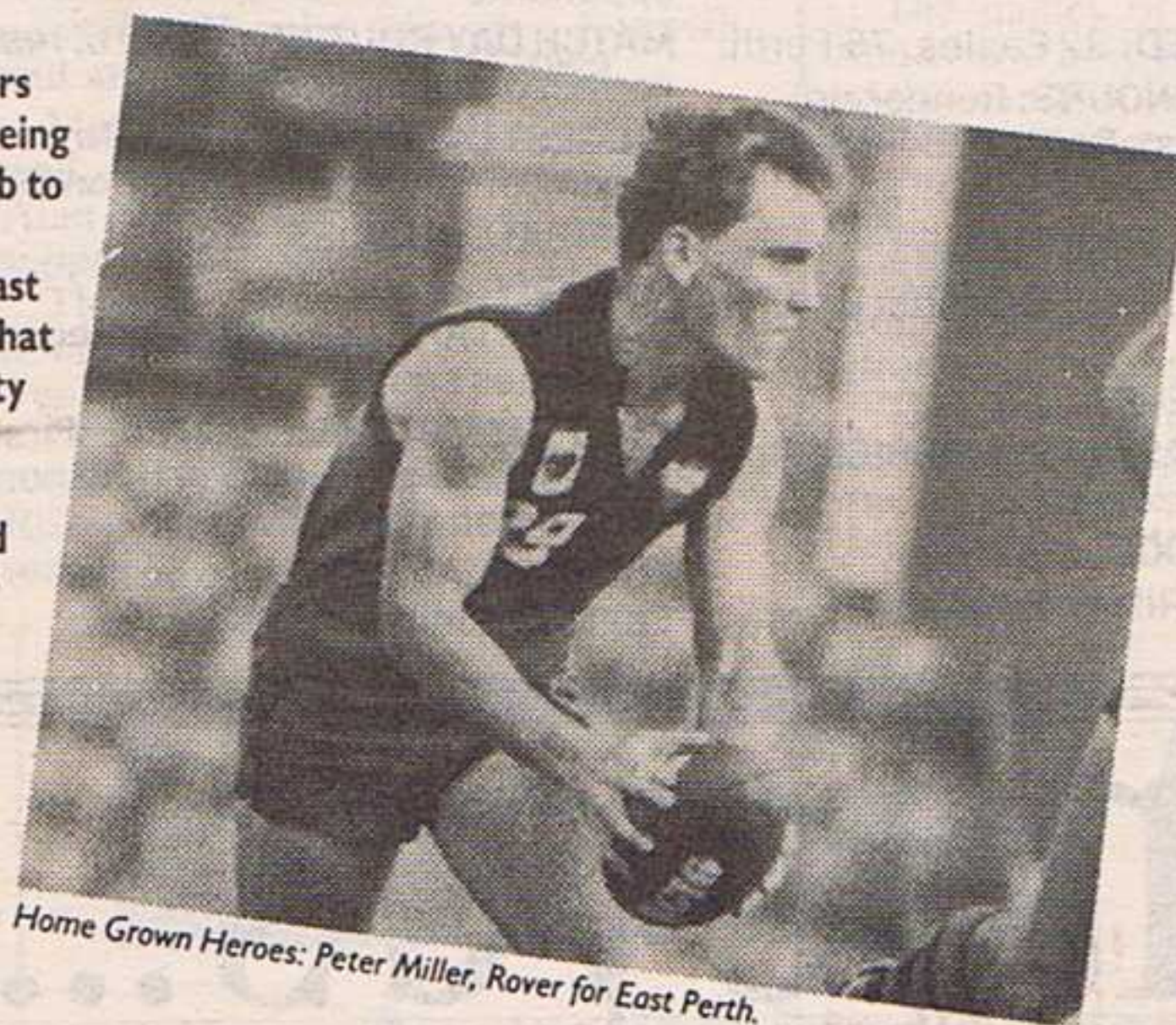
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This Peter's got buckets of courage too!

When it came to raw courage few players could match Peter Spencer. Spanner loved being in the thick of the action, risking life and limb to get his hands on that ball.

Well there's a few people reckon that East Perth's 21 year old Rover Peter Miller's got that sort of courage. Just like Spanner this nuggety player loves the action, and he's at his best stealing the ball out of the pack.

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



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FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre
CURRENT POSITION: Utility
NUMBER: 38
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 5/12/63
 — Canberra
RECRUITED FROM: Perth, Manuka, ACT
HEIGHT: 177cm **WEIGHT:** 82kg
FIRST SENIOR GAME: VFL — 1987
 Eagles; WAFL — 1984 Perth; 1981 Manuka
GAMES PLAYED: 32 Eagles, 75 Perth
FOOTBALL HONOURS: Runner-up fairest and best, Perth 1984-85-86
MARRIED: No
OCCUPATION: Public servant
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Marist Brothers College, ACT
CAR: Nissan 260Z
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Golf, tennis, beach, cards
FAVOURITE FOOD: Japanese
FAVOURITE DRINK: Ouzo

FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS): Golf
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: John Farnham, Triffids
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Monkees
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Fatal Attraction
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Ian Miller, Ron Alexander, Mal Brown
MOST ADMIRED FOOTBALLER: Royce Hart
OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE: All opponents
MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Plenty of rest, correct diet and music
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing in 1988 VFL elimination final
FOOTBALL INJURIES: Broken cheekbone
BIGGEST THRILL: Being selected in the Eagles squad
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: First Eagles game and Eagles v Hawthorn and Carlton in 1987 season
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To be in a Eagles premiership side

Tony Begovich



Nickname: Zshavoonca. **Why:** Long story.
Date of Birth: 7/6/67.
Place of Birth: Subiaco
Height: 178cm. **Weight:** 83kg.
Age Started Playing: 12.
Previous Club/s: Just Claremont.
Junior Club: Marist College.
Marital Status: Single. **Girlfriend's Name:** —
Residence: Woodlands
Occupation: Business student
Place of Work: Joondalup College
Other Sporting Interests: Tennis, swimming, motorcross
Favourite Position: Ruck-rover
First Position: Rover
League Debut: 1985
Versus: South Fremantle
FAVOURITES:
Actor: Robert DeNiro
Drink: Beer
TV Show: LA Law **Food:** Pasta
Movie: Unbearable Likeness of Being
Music: Alternative
Holiday Resort: Cockatoo Island
Ground: Claremont Oval
Your Car: Holden Commodore
Favourite Car: Carmen Ghia
Career Highlights: First league game, 1987 reserves premiership and 1988 league grand final
Worst Moment in Football: Losing the 1988 grand final
Hard Things in Football: Recovering from injury
Football Idols: None
Toughest Opponent: None to mention
Most Respected Opponent: None really.
Most Respected Umpire: Phil O'Reilly
Most Memorable Game: 1987 reserves grand final
Ambitions: To continue playing the game
What do you like about Football: It keeps you fit and out of trouble
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: I think about my opponent for that day and listen to inspirational music
Who Influenced Your Career: My father and all of my coaches
Guernsey Number: 12. **Any Reason:** Given to me
Any Superstitions: None
Worst Injury: Knee
Luckiest Break: Alterations to zoning boundaries which allowed me to come to Claremont

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PREVIEWS

by **Gary Stocks**

Danger signs for Swans

ED Blackaby must be wondering when all this torment will end.

With 30 seconds remaining last Saturday, it seemed as though he could safely plan for the finals; he could put some hard work into his players in the coming weeks before tapering off as the first semi-final looms.

But South Fremantle pulled of a Houdini act to beat them and the challenge from West Perth is still there.

Victory

This week Swans play Perth at Lathlain Park and they are far from being assured of victory, despite their relative positions on the premiership table.

Swans will look to their experienced corp of players to lead them to victory. That guidance should come from Brad Shine, Don Langsford and Len Gandini.

Perth, apart from an embarrassing fade-out in the second quarter when they conceded 11 goals, played strongly against West Perth.

LUCKY FALCONS

WEST Perth have been telling everyone since the 1989 season started that they are good enough to be in the finals.

Luck — or the lack of it, to be more precise — has played its part in the club's fate, but it is still not too late for them to dislodge Swan Districts from fourth position.

Maybe the luck turned their way last Saturday. Swans were desperately unlucky to lose against South Fremantle at Fremantle; a goal in the last 30 seconds sunk them. Now the Falcons get their chance to prove that they are good enough — against the Bulldogs at Leederville Oval.

They are two games away from fourth spot and they must beat South Fremantle, there will be no second chance — defeat will certainly spell the end of their quest.

The Falcons will need to improve on their performance of last week to beat the Bulldogs.

Apart from a sensational second-quarter burst which yielded 11 goals, West Perth were ordinary — kicking just six more goals in the match.

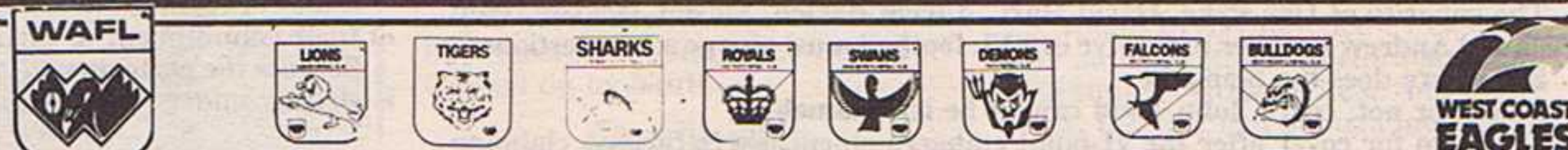
They need some of the border-line players to offer constant, rather than spasmodic support, to Craig Nelson, Peter Menaglio and Paul Hasler, the stars of the West Perth team which have shone brightly throughout this season.

Support

They were key players when the Falcons upset South at Fremantle Oval in the second series and they must again loom as the main dangers.

South will look to the Collard and Rioli brothers, along with ruckman Craig Edwards, who is in the best form of his career, to ensure the Bulldogs win this match and remain two games clear of East Fremantle in the fight for second place.

Emu Export present ... WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS



*Tally does not include VFL tips	Tally	Subiaco v Claremont	E. Frem. v E. Perth	Perth v S. Dist.	W. Perth v S. Frem.	Eagles v Essendon
RON ALEXANDER	39	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	West Perth	Essendon
ROB BENNETT	38	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	West Perth	Essendon
PETER BOSUSTOW	40	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Essendon
DAVE CLEMENT	38	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Essendon
GRANT DORRINGTON	41	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Essendon
ALAN EAST	36	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Essendon
IAN MILLER	34	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Essendon
BILL MATHER-BROWN	35	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Essendon
GARY STOCKS	44	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Essendon
GEORGE TEMPLE	41	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Essendon
MOST FAVOURED	41	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Essendon

how about you?

Sharks seek revenge

EAST Fremantle will have one aim in mind when they play East Perth at East Fremantle Oval on Saturday . . . to remain in touch with South Fremantle and have a crack at finishing second at the end of qualifying games.

East Perth will also have one goal in mind — victory would lift them off the floor of the premiership table.

Obviously, only one team can achieve their objective and that is likely to be the Sharks, unlucky losers against Claremont last Saturday.

East Perth, for most of this season, have remained competitive. But they simply do not have the skill or personnel to match the Sharks.

Tigers set to atone

PAST clashes between Subiaco and Claremont this decade have been absorbing affairs — particularly in the last five years.

They have been two of the power teams of the 1980's and have been trend-setters in their football methods.

Unfortunately, this week's contest between the close suburban neighbours does not rekindle the enthusiasm which, even as recent as last year, had the image of a great physical confrontation and a battle of wits between coaches Haydn Bunton and Gerard Neesham.

Stranglehold

Claremont appeared to have a stranglehold on their clash in the second round — after Subiaco had lost to East Perth, Swan Districts, West Perth and South Fremantle over a five-game period — but Bunton was able to win the points.

Not this time, however. It is time for Neesham to win the tactical battle because Subiaco simply do not have the class to match the skill of the Tigers.



Brian Beresford...solid defender

WA's top goalkickers

- 50.30 Neil Lester-Smith (East Frem)
- 42.30 Andy Holmes (Swan Districts)
- 35.34 Brendon Barrows (Claremont)
- 33.11 Wayne Ryder (Perth)
- 29.18 Richard Geary (South Frem)
- 28.19 Paddy Madaffari (West Perth)
- 28.11 Brad Tunbridge (East Frem)
- 26.20 Dale Kickett (Claremont)
- 26.13 Darren Williams (West Perth)
- 26.12 Glen Bartlett (East Perth)

THE COVERAGE

RADIO

6PR — Saturday noon: Eagles vs Essendon, 2.45pm: West Perth vs South Fremantle.
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REGIONAL RADIO WEST — Saturday 2.20pm: East Perth vs East Fremantle.

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 2. Saturday 2.15pm (regionals only) West Perth vs South Fremantle. 4.20pm Live telecast to metropolitan.
CHANNEL 7: Saturday noon: Eagles vs Essendon, 5pm: Match of the day highlights. Sunday noon: Sydney Swans vs Footscray, 3pm: Richmond vs Hawthorn.

WHO PLAYS WHERE

WAFL — SATURDAY, JULY 15 (ROUND 15)
Subiaco v Claremont, at Subiaco Oval;
East Fremantle v East Perth, at East Fremantle Oval; Perth v Swan Districts, at Lathlain Park; West Perth v South Fremantle, at Leederville Oval.
VFL — SATURDAY, JULY 15 (ROUND 15)
Essendon v West Coast, at Windy Hill, Essendon.

Flashback...

The last time these two teams met was on May 27 in Round 8 with the following results (with home teams mentioned first);
Claremont 9.7, Subiaco 12.19 — Subiaco by 30 points.
East Perth 8.13, East Fremantle 14.29 — East Fremantle by 52 points.
South Fremantle 6.11, West Perth 12.15 — West Perth by 40 points.
Perth 11.13, Swan Districts 24.10 — Swan Districts by 75 points.

1989 FORM GUIDE

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) W(30) L(4) L(60) L(41) L(6) L(4) W(65)
- CLAREMONT W(69) W(42) W(46) W(93) W(20) W(15) W(43) L(30) W(80) W(48) W(22) L(29) W(29) W(25)
- EAST FREM. W(91) L(20) W(92) L(22) W(25) L(12) L(43) W(52) W(5) W(27) W(30) W(48) W(4) L(25)
- EAST PERTH L(91) L(47) L(24) L(93) L(75) L(48) W(5) L(52) W(20) W(6) L(22) L(14) L(53) L(65)
- SWAN DIST. W(43) W(47) L(46) W(22) W(16) W(1) L(25) W(75) L(20) L(48) L(30) W(6) W(19) L(3)
- PERTH L(43) L(92) L(92) L(45) W(75) L(15) L(36) L(75) W(4) L(27) L(50) W(4) L(29) L(13)
- WEST PERTH L(43) L(42) W(24) W(50) L(25) L(1) W(36) W(40) L(80) L(6) W(41) L(48) L(19) W(13)
- SOUTH FREM. W(43) W(20) W(6) W(45) L(20) W(48) W(25) L(40) L(5) W(60) W(50) W(29) W(53) W(3)



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DISGRACEFUL!

Todd's excuses fall on deaf ears

THE Melbourne press didn't miss the West Coast Eagles for their disgraceful performance against Hawthorn at Princes Park.

The West Coasters were labelled "pathetic," "pitiful" and "not up to VFL standard."

Harsh words indeed from Melbourne-based critics, who seem to have quickly forgotten that less than 12 months ago the West Coast boys were in the final five and less than three years ago Western Australia's entry into the VFL rescued some clubs from financial ruin.

But while the criticism was harsh, much of it was justified.

Many of the Eagles, right now, are simply not up to VFL standard.

Some will improve and some will learn.

But some should be put out to pasture where they can hang up their boots and reflect with pride that they were part of this State's pioneering days in the mighty VFL.

On the brink

Murray Rance, John Annear and Dean Turner are on the brink of being finished in the "big league".

The capacity of Don Pyke, David Hart, Adrian Barich, Stevan Jackson, Paul Peos and Andrew Lockyer to survive in VFL football must also now be questioned.

But where does the blame lie.

Like it or not, coach John Todd cannot be left blameless.

Todd ran for cover after the 91-point embarrassment last Saturday, claiming that the coach should not always be held responsible for losses.

His assertion that the coach doesn't actually kick for goal or take part in a contest for the ball is accurate all right.

And the pathetic effort that many of the Eagles put up against Hawthorn may well have been beyond Todd's control.

But the coach IS responsible for teaching his players how to contest, kick, run, mark and man-up if it is not happening.

THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant
PETER BOSUSTOW



The Eagles don't commit their bodies. They are second to the ball and, more often than not, are outnumbered by their opponents.

This indicates that players off the ball are not working hard enough.

It is confusing to me that throughout the season Todd has laid the blame for Eagles losses on the players' inability to man-up and play a Victorian style of football.

Repetitious

All season, Todd's post-match comments have been rather repetitious.

"They don't man-up and it will take time for the Eagles to become a force in the VFL," Todd constantly tells us.

There comes a time when such remarks start to fall on deaf ears.

Either the players — most of whom played in the 13 games won by the Eagles last year and then went within a kick of making a first semi-final appearance — can't learn, or they are not being taught.

The Eagles, through captain Rance, say they are behind Todd.

If they are genuine in their commitment to Todd then they should also be dinkum in their commitment to themselves and to this State.

Because the performance against Hawthorn did nothing for local football, which is already under such enormous siege from other sports.

Not interested

Sponsors, supporters and prospective footballers of the future are not interested in performances such as the one we saw last Saturday.

West Australians are a proud bunch and will support our teams if they go down fighting.

There wasn't evidence of even a whimper of commitment last Saturday and the blame must lie somewhere.

Todd is running out of time and excuses for the Eagles losses.

POOR RELATIONS

UMPIRE/Club relationships are often strained, but this story shows how bad things can get. After a recent game at Lathlain Park, the umpires were given a "ticking off" for drinking in the Patrons Lounge! The umpires, who had just done a hard day's yakka, but were, in fact, paying their way in the lounge, were approached by a senior club official who said: "You men wait to be asked to come in here." If that's not detrimental to our game, I don't know what is! Maybe that sort of attitude explains why a club like Perth, who have a good team on paper, share the bottom rung on the premiership ladder.

TIME WASTING

IF kicking the ball away deliberately is classed as time-wasting and generally invokes a 50-metre penalty (not to mention the odd report) then Subiaco's Mick Lee can count himself lucky. During a confusing piece of umpiring at League Headquarters on Saturday, Lee received a kick in a skirmish that involved an angry Royal in Wayne Dawson incurring the wrath of the umpires. While it was being sorted out, Lee had a "practice" shot at goal — but missed. The ball had to be retrieved for him to have a proper shot under umpire supervision — but surely that was deliberate time-wasting?

RON'S REVENGE

SACKED West Coast Eagles coach turned media critic Ron Alexander had to swallow his pride in his "comeback" game for Channel 10 last Sunday. Alexander arrived at Scotch College to play West Australian Newspapers in a social game only to find that Channel 10 were wearing Eagles guernseys. "I'm not going to play in those jumpers," a tongue-in-cheek Alexander said. However, the former East Fremantle and Fitzroy star relented to play second ruck behind AAP's sporting correspondent in Perth, Tim Gossage. But even Alexander's presence could not outweigh some dubious umpiring decisions by Perth player (and West employee) Andrew Young and former East Fremantle star Tony Buhagiar as the scribes ran out two-goal winners in a tough encounter.

YO-YO YARRAN

EAST Perth recruit Nicky Yarran is starting to live dangerously in the Royals camp and his up-and-down career is set for another down-turn. Despite some promising pre-season form, he couldn't make the grade at Claremont — but he was an instant hit after switching to the Royals. However, his form in the last two weeks has been deplorable. Not too many rovers can go a whole half without getting a touch ... and Yarran has managed to do that two weeks in a row!

TRAVEL HINT

VOLATILE champion of the West Aussie cause, Radio 6PR panellist Percy Johnson, had some advice for football guru Bill Kerr last week: "They often quote that old biblical saying about the wise men from the East," said Percy. "I wish he would go back there!"

HAYWIRE RADIO

THERE was a major breakdown in communication for the broadcasting of WAFL matches last Saturday. However, the problem was only noted by country listeners. Telecom connected Radio West (a regional station) to Leederville Oval — the game they were supposed to call according to official sources — while their commentary team were sitting helpless at League headquarters. Someone's certainly felt the effects of a rocket in their lower regions by now!

RYDER'S AWARD

Sometimes mercurial forward Wayne Ryder wins the Round 14 vote for the Mistake of the Year award. Ryder was standing unmarked on the goal line at Leederville Oval last Saturday when he received a handpass from team-mate Merv Kelly. But instead of gathering the ball and kicking a major, Ryder let the ball roll between his legs for a point.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

THE Football Budget occasionally comes under fire for not having all the players correctly listed in their guernsey numbers ... and critics are quick to rubbish the League's official publication even though it's generally the fault of the clubs for not providing accurate lists. Last week Percy Johnson heaped criticism on the Budget when East Perth fielded a player in the No. 18 guernsey after half-time and the 6PR caller said that it "just isn't good enough; he's not listed anywhere!" Turns out that Gavin Hawkins had his No. 1 guernsey ripped in the first half — and poor old Percy just couldn't recognise the 62-game player!

COACHES' COMMENTS

THERE obviously isn't much love (or respect) lost between coaches Gerard Neesham (Claremont) and John Todd (Eagles) — especially when it comes to tactics involving Tigers players. Neesham has made several veiled criticisms of Todd this year and he's made no secret of the fact that he believes Tigers rover Don Pyke isn't a negating type of player and should be allowed to develop as a true rover. "You take a running player out of the game if you use him for negating tactics," said Neesham.

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The stunned look on the face of John K. Watts shows his amazement at finding former Perth champion Graham Ramshaw in the Royals sponsors' line-up. Club president Laurie Kennedy is looking on.

ROYALS RECRUITS

EAST Perth held a special luncheon for their sponsors at Subiaco Oval on Saturday — and the "recruiting" abilities of their general manager, Alex (Marbles) Wilson was to the fore. His ability to "entice" sponsors into the Royals camp is renowned — even if their football loyalties are elsewhere. Among people to receive sponsors' shields on Saturday were former Perth champion Graham Ramshaw (on behalf of Miniskips); devout West Perth fan Gary Rosich (with Buckley's Waste); one-time Royals and lately Claremont marketing man Ron Webster (Carlisle Hotel) and former Eagles chief executive John Walker (The Campaign Centre); Cliff Roche, a Subiaco fan with Cadbury Schweppes; Falcons fan Colin Webb (Bristle Plastics) and Sharks man Bronte Howson (BPK Wholesalers).

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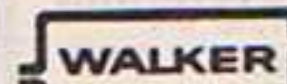
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EAGLES IN REVIEW

AS THE icy wind howled through the visitor's rooms at Princes Park on Saturday night, only John Todd, a few determined media men and several persistent autograph-hunting kids remained.

The game had finished more than an hour earlier and the often-inhospitable Windy Hill ground was deserted.

The Eagles coach had just emerged from a pow-wow with his match committee and was outlining to the media his view of why the Eagles had failed, for the second time this season, by more than 15 goals.

There were no excuses, just the truth.

The Melbourne media have grown to admire Todd for his straight-talking — win, lose or draw — and while some of the Perth media are gunning for him, he does have some sympathy on the East Coast.

Soul-searching

The media didn't appreciate waiting so long after the game to hear his views, but when a side has slumped so badly, major soul-searching must occur.

Todd didn't denigrate the Eagles men; he spoke in general terms, saying that his players had been over-rated in Perth and many of them believed their own publicity.

"They are not super stars," he said. "They can't walk on water and do no wrong. It's just not the case."

Todd conceded that the heat would be on him and his men in Perth this week, but if the players could learn from the criticism, they would only benefit.

"In my day if people said I had a weakness, I'd go away and work on it," he said. "I'd try and make it a positive, learn from it and be better for it."

Character

Todd urged his own players to take the example of WA legends Graham Farmer and Barry Cable who worked hard and then harder again to make it to the top.

He said the Eagles players had the grit and character to be competitive again, but only if their collective work loads increased dramatically.

Todd lays it on the line

On Saturday, the Eagles had only three good players — Guy McKenna, Dean Turner and John Worsfold.

John Annear tried hard, as did skipper Murray Rance, who lacked match fitness. The rest were hardly sighted.

After watching every Eagles game under Todd in the last two seasons, here's how I rate their performance on Saturday — and the areas where the players must improve:

No. 1 — Don Pyke: A disastrous start, but did well later in the game. Doesn't like the heavier going and is too easily brushed aside. Tends to rove the fringes of the packs, rather than burrowing in like a John Platten and initiating moves himself.

No. 2 — John Annear: Worked hard, particularly in the second half. Has had three VFL clubs and knows he's not the most gifted footballer in the competition. However, he's a non-stop goer and given full fitness and a run of matches, he can still be a great contributor. Sets a tough example and goes in hard.

No. 4 — Peter Sumich: Played against big-name Dermott Brereton and did better as the game progressed. Suffered by being half a yard behind Brereton and not able to stay with him when he led. More strength work, particularly in his upper body, is necessary if he's going to hold down his favourite forward line key position.

No. 5 — Dwayne Lamb: Was steady against Hawthorn, kicking two goals including a magic banana kick from an impossible angle. Has not progressed greatly with his game after his promising start in the VFL and should be one of his side's top six players. But I wonder if he exhausts himself everytime he goes out onto the field.

No. 6 — Geoff Miles: Had lots of work to do with Hawthorn having 36 scoring shots. Will always have a go even against guys who clearly have a skill and a height advantage. Is a born-again footballer who is making the most of his abilities and is one of the first players chosen each week by the Eagles hierarchy.

No. 10 — Dean Turner: Tagged John Platten successfully to be in his side's best players, though Platten still had 25 possessions to Turner's 13. Revels in a role of responsibility and with his VFL experience, tends to be more consistent than his WAFL team-mates.

No. 14 — Michael Brennan: Struggled to hold Jason Dunstall at full-back before being shifted to half-back and then up forward. Is an "in-between" height and not as athletic or as fast as some of his rivals. Some professional running could lift him in these areas and increase his capacity by 20 per cent.

No. 15 — Dean Laidley: Started as an interchange player before spending most of the game in defence. Always has a go, but sometimes loses concentration and isn't disciplined enough. He's good enough to be an

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ON THE EAST COAST



John Worsfold...consistent

excellent League footballer, but must ask himself how hungry he is for big-time footy.

No. 17 — Guy McKenna: Was the Eagles best with 25 possessions and one player from Saturday's team who would be welcomed into any VFL side — including Hawthorn — because of his hand skills and courage. Is a modern-age footballer with his running and sharing and has been more direct this year. But he sometimes still goes backwards with a handball, rather than taking an extra risk and being more offensive with his run-on skills.

No. 20 — Paul Peos: Not his best day and definitely not suited to centre-half-forward. Is skilled and kicks well, but doesn't get the ball enough. His stamina must be a problem, otherwise he'd run on the ball more often. Needs to quickly assess just how good he wants to be.

No. 21 — David O'Connell: Battled huge odds in the ruck and in the Eagles best side, would be better value at centre-half-forward. Has progressed enormously this year, but still has a lot to learn about ruck play and his positioning. His upper body strength could also be increased.

No. 22 — Shane Ellis: Played his best Melbourne game of the year against the Hawks, but was helped by Dunstall's inaccuracy. Unlikely to be in the Eagles best 20 with everyone fit, but his endeavour is excellent and that's all any coach can ask.

No. 23 — Murray Rance: Had little influence on Saturday, though he did send Greg Dear off with a big bump — one of the few fiery things any of the Eagles did all day. He has been a consistent player in his two seasons back in Perth. A fine aerialist and a dedicated player who lacks pace, but always tries hard.

No. 24 — John Worsfold: Had almost 20 possessions and shared the ball well against the Hawks. Chanced himself in the packs with his strength and set up several promising forward moves. Is a future Eagles captain and one of the most impressive younger players at the club — if the West Coasters can keep him on contract! Also one of first chosen each week.

No. 27 — Stevan Jackson: One of six players who didn't get a touch in the first quarter and registered just one point for the day. Has much to learn, but he is gifted and if he can solve his work problems as a police cadet, then he shapes as being a regular Eagle for years to come.

No. 28 — Chris Lewis: Started well, but overall he was disappointing for a player of his talents. Was booed everywhere he went on Saturday because of previous misdemeanours against Hawthorn and that obviously puts him off his game. Can be sensational on his day, but hasn't played a real blinder in Melbourne since kicking five goals against North Melbourne on a Friday night more than a year ago.

No. 31 — Chris Waterman: Tried hard against Hawthorn, but still beaten on the day. Gets his possessions, but doesn't earn many of them in a pack situation. Is a little slow for his height and must develop other skills.

No. 36 — David Hart: A poor player against Hawthorn, but that wasn't indicative of what he can do. Has played out of defence with success and has speed, but doesn't share the ball as well as he could.

No. 38 — Adrian Barich: Another to have a nightmare day. Is generally suited to the softer grounds, but lacks the speed to keep up in firmer conditions. If he wants to become anything but a fringe VFL player, his athletic skills must improve and that requires plenty of dedication.

No. 45 — Andrew Lockyer: Asked to play centre-half-forward, where he isn't suited; resulting in long periods on the interchange bench. Is a better full-back than either Brennan or Ellis, who opposed Dunstall. However, he wasn't given the starting role because of his lack of explosive speed off the mark. Like Brennan, he is an "in-between" height and some professional foot running might help his speed.

How WA players performed in VFL

	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	SCORE
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	14	9	9	1.1
MELBOURNE				
Warren Dean	14	7	3	1.2
Alan Johnson	19	2	—	0.1
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Mark Hepburn	14	4	4	1.0
Derek Kickett	9	2	4	2.2
RICHMOND				
Peter Wilson	5	3	2	0.1
ST KILDA				
Nicky Winmar	19	2	6	0.2
Paul Harding	12	5	8	—
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	1	—	3	0.1
BRISBANE BEARS				
David Bain	16	7	8	1.0
John Gastev	18	3	9	1.0
Brad Hardie	14	11	4	0.6
Alex Ishchenko	—	—	4	—
Rod Lester-Smith	15	11	7	3.0
Mike Richardson	14	4	9	1.1
CARLTON				
Wayne Blackwell	6	—	5	0.2
Richard Dennis	6	2	5	1.0
Steve DaRui	9	2	2	1.0
COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	7	7	8	—
Mark Bayliss	6	2	2	1.3
Murray Wrensted	9	2	11	0.3
FITZROY				
Brett Stephens	9	—	5	—
Wally Matera	14	4	7	—
GEELONG				
Mark Bairstow	17	3	4	0.2

VFL leading goalkickers

	1989 Kicks	1989 Marks	1989 H/Balls	1989 Score
John Annear	153	45	49	6.3
Adrian Barich	66	11	24	1.3
Todd Brennan	100	35	22	6.11
Michael Brennan	125	40	40	2.4
Clinton Browning	25	12	6	5.1
Shane Cable	4	2	3	0.0
Joe Cormack	8	2	2	0.1
Shane Ellis	66	22	22	8.4
Richard Geary	0	0	1	0.0
David Hart	143	36	44	8.11
Peter Higgins	6	5	2	0.0
Brent Hutton	33	19	8	0.1
Stevan Jackson	71	37	33	20.11
Laurie Keene	15	8	4	1.0
Dean Laidley	74	21	33	0.2
Dwayne Lamb	133	45	69	7.4
Karl Langdon	47	20	15	10.4
Chris Lewis	139	51	51	11.8
Andrew Lockyer	76	35	28	4.5
Chris Mainwaring	188	59	73	1.12
Stephen Malaxos	131	47	71	3.7
Guy McKenna	136	84	131	0.1
Peter Melesso	5	4	0	1.1
Geoff Miles	90	38	39	3.0
David O'Connell	110	73	35	2.7
Paul Peos	23	16	4	0.6
Don Pyke	181	51	64	13.15
Murray Rance	77	48	51	1.3
Phil Scott	77	36	25	12.3
Peter Sumich	98	34	9	18.7
Craig Turley	96	29	33	2.2
Dean Turner	122	37	36	6.8
Troy Ugle	3	0	3	0.0
Chris Waterman	104	40	33	10.3
Scott Watters	35	7	20	3.0
John Worsfold	163	68	63	3.2

HOW THE EAGLES HAVE PERFORMED

Tony Lockett (St. Kilda)	73.23
Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	72.44
Gavin Exell (Geelong)	45.20
Brian Taylor (Collingwood)	44.26
Richard Osborne (Fitzroy)	42.27
Gary Ablett (Geelong)	41.22
Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)	36.26
Jeff Hogg (Richmond)	33.29
Robert Scott (Geelong)	30.17
Brad Hardie (Brisbane Bears)	29.26
Paul Salmon (Essendon)	29.10
Mark Arceri (North Melbourne)	22.13
Dermott Brereton (Hawthorn)	22.16
Tony Hall (Hawthorn)	21.15
Bill Brownless (Geelong)	21.18
Stevan Jackson (West Coast Eagles)	20.11
Colin Alexander (Collingwood)	20.10
Nicky Winmar (St. Kilda)	19.19
James Morrissey (Hawthorn)	19.16
John Georgiades (Footscray)	19.15
Gary Buckenara (Hawthorn)	19.14

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This week's top performer with the West Coast Eagles was:-

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Eagles are off target

THE West Coast Eagles score against Hawthorn was, in percentage terms, their most inaccurate since entering the VFL.

For the fifth time in 59 games, the Eagles scored at least twice as many behinds as goals.

Their scores in the last two matches — 5.11 against Carlton, and 6.14 against Hawthorn — are their two most inaccurate performances in the VFL. Previously their worst performance, in terms of accuracy, was the 6.13 against St Kilda in May, 1987.

The Eagles have scored more behinds than goals in 27 of their 59 matches.

HAWTHORN last week recorded the highest number of behinds by a team in the VFL game for nearly two years.

The Hawks 27 behinds is the highest since Fitzroy kicked 17.29 against the Brisbane Bears in Round 17 of the 1987 season.

THE number of current VFL coaches who have coached teams to a VFL premiership is the lowest it has been for nine years.

Of the 14 league coaches, four — Allan Jeans, Kevin Sheedy, John Kennedy and Alex Jesaulenko — have coached a VFL premiership side.

In every year since 1980, there has been at least five clubs who have been coached (not necessarily for the full season) by a premiership coach.

The last time that there were less than four premiership coaches in the VFL was at the beginning of the 1980 season, when Tom Hafey (then coaching Collingwood), Ron Barassi (North Melbourne) and David Parkin (Hawthorn) were the only three coaches to have coached a VFL premiership team.

When Jesaulenko replaced Mike Patterson at St Kilda mid-season, the number increased to four.



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Eagles face daunting task at Windy Hill

**VFL
PREVIEW**

by **GARY STOCKS**
of The West Australian



AFTER a 91-point thrashing at the hands of Hawthorn at Princes Park last Saturday, the West Coast Eagles could hardly be confident about their next assignment.

There are two grounds in Melbourne that give the home team a tremendous advantage — Collingwood's Victoria Park is at the top of the list, but not far behind is Windy Hill; the home of Essendon, this week's opponent.

The Bombers supporters are an unforgiving bunch; as one-eyed as you could imagine and as boisterous as will be found anywhere. Even a small crowd packed into Windy Hill makes a tremendous amount of noise.

The only time there is silence is when an opposition team scores a goal.

Things will be even quieter than normal this week when the Eagles score, but don't expect Windy Hill to be too peaceful. The Eagles aren't good enough to ensure that the crowd is silenced for long.

Glory years

The Eagles have found kicking goals a difficult task this season and they will not find it any easier against the Bombers, who have high expectations of reliving the glory years of earlier this decade.

Essendon have performed strongly since overcoming the Eagles at the WACA Ground on the opening night of the season.

For the Eagles, there have rarely been enjoyable occasions this season and last Saturday they sunk to one of the lowest periods in their short history.

It has been tough for WA football supporters to turn off the television set

at half-time and head to WAFL matches on Saturdays. Last weekend, however, the task was not quite so difficult.

The Eagles were obviously in great trouble from the outset and it was hardly worth programming the video to tape the match.

They will find it impossible to rebound from that defeat and turn the tables on Essendon, who have Paul Salmon, Simon Madden, Greg Anderson, Michael Long and Mark Harvey all in sparkling form.

Vulnerable

Essendon have the ability to dominate in the areas where the Eagles are most vulnerable and that spells trouble.

Madden is rated as one of the greatest ruckmen in the history of the game and he always ensures plenty of opportunities for the Bombers mosquito fleet.

It was Madden who brought Essendon back into the game after the Eagles got the jump in the first quarter of the season opener. It was Madden who did most to destroy WA in the State-of-Origin match at the WACA Ground a few weeks ago.

And, I suspect, it will be Madden who sends Essendon on the path to victory this week.

If it is not, there is another giant in the Bombers camp who always seems to relish the chance to tackle the Eagles defence — Salmon; generally a goal-kicking glutton against the West Aussies.



Chris Lewis...inspirational

Eagles hopeful of new deal

THE embattled West Coast Eagles could soon get a new deal from the VFL.

That is the opinion of the Eagles' Melbourne man, John Adams, who is in Perth at present to do a little troubleshooting.

Speaking at Monday's press conference, Mr Adams said that the Melbourne public and the VFL have both realised that the Perth team was hard done by under the original 1986 agreement.

"That was because they feared that the Eagles would be too strong," he said.

"The VFL wants to help us now and I'm sure if we came up with the right submission, we would get a sympathetic hearing."

Encouraging

Mr Adams believes that talks during the National Football Conference in Tasmania were very encouraging.

"There is no question about it, we are heading towards a national competition," Mr Adams said.

"A number of amalgamation deals between clubs have already been proposed and I think that there is a real prospect of some mergers at the moment."

However, for the Eagles it could be the proverbial carrot in front of the nose.

Mr Adams said that there was not much hope for the Eagles being given their much-needed zone.

"A zone is something that the VFL would find hard to give us because of the paranoia that we would become too strong," he said.

Todd's highlight

PERTH'S media men discovered a lighter side of West Coast Eagles coach John Todd last Monday.

Todd, the tough, battle-hardened coach who has had a perennial tussle with many of WA's football scribes, said that he does look forward to the weekly press conferences — the scene of some of his biggest battles this season.

"I look forward to the conference because I get to discuss the weekend's events with you blokes," said a smiling Todd. He added: "It's the highlight of my week."



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IN THE EAGLES NEST

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Players on mat

THE statement by Eagles coach John Todd that the players must start to take a share of the blame for the losses this season is certainly to the point.

Todd believes that WA players are soft because they have been treated as elite sportsmen without really earning that tag.

"In the WAFL they have not needed to do the hard things like man-up," Todd says. "So to ask them to do it now, is totally foreign to them."

"And the Victorian clubs know this too. They realise that it is a deficiency in our play and they are exploiting it."

"It's time our players analysed their own performance," added Todd, claiming that they must do what he and countless other footballers did in the old days.

"Players used to get out of bed at 6am, run around the oval and try to work things out," he said.

And he's right — very few of today's players have that attitude. Near enough seems good enough!

Sponsors join team

SIX of the Eagles main sponsors were represented when the West Coast Eagles travelled to Melbourne last weekend.

Eagles' marketing manager Guy Bicknell said that it was part of a scheme to bring the players and sponsors closer together, so they would all feel part of the same club.

And from all accounts — Swan Brewery (Trevor Sprigg), SGIO (Ivor James), Weaver & Lock (Ray Saleeba), Ampol (Brian Harrison and Ross Benzie), Burswood Resort Casino (Graham Major and Harold Richards), and Hungry Jacks (Ross Avins) met with the players both socially and on match day.

On Friday night the group dined out in popular Lygon Street, Carlton and after the game on Saturday they all attended a cocktail party at Royal Parade Motor Inn organised by the club's Melbourne-based supporter's group.

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BENNETT'S BURST

By **ROBERT BENNETT**
of The Sunday Times



It's no good putting the boots in now!

THE woes of the West Coast Eagles are starting to sound like a cracked record.

Coack John Todd's blast is something from the past.

It's not the first time he has castigated his players after an abysmal performance and told them to take a long hard look at themselves.

Such tactics can work... if the ability is there.

It worked for the Wildcats when owner Bob Williams slammed his team after they copped a hiding from the Adelaide 36ers at the start of the season.

The Wildcats have hardly put a foot wrong since then and at times have overcome adversity to win.

On the surface, it would seem that the Eagles aren't made of the same grit.

But there is one major difference being over-looked at the moment — the Eagles don't have the personnel to win matches in Victoria.

In fact, we don't have the players to win matches in Perth.

Feeble

There is little doubt that the Eagles put in a feeble performance against Hawthorn. They would have taken an even bigger hiding if the Hawks had been on target when shooting for goals.

So Todd was absolutely right on the point of lack of commitment by most of his players.

But I wonder if he created an expectation that simply wasn't justified prior to the match.

He exuded confidence that the Eagles could topple Hawthorn.

You would have to be a candidate for the funny farm to come up with such a

prediction — and that's not just talking with hindsight.

Hawthorn were sitting at the top of the premiership ladder and with Dermott Brereton back in the team, they were near full strength, while The Eagles were wallowing around in the basement of the competition.

Put quite simply, on form it would be a bit like Toddy (or me) fancying our chances against Carl Lewis over 100 metres.

As is often the case, the Eagles are starting to disintegrate on the field. That can happen to a team not enjoying success and have entered the count-down stage of the season.

It's unfortunate that Todd has again stated sledging his players.

The smart-alec comments he made — obviously in an effort to humiliate them — to Peter Sumich and Stevan Jackson at the Melbourne Airport.

For those who missed them, he suggested to Sumich that he sign an autograph "Dermott Brereton" and told Jackson he was the only full-forward who tried tokick goals from centre-half-back, were grossly unfair.

Why single out these two kids?

Experienced

Why not get stuck into some of the more experienced players?

Neither of those players would have the burden of kicking most of the team's goals resting on their shoulders if they were with another VFL team.

They would be eased into a side in their first year.

It's unfortunate that the Eagles are so bereft of talent up forward that Sumich and Jackson are called on to carry the attack.

Obviously, some players need to look at their level of commitment. But many have played their guts out all year.

No amount of endeavour can overcome a lack of ability.

There is some talent in the team. But no amount of huffing and puffing is going to turn rookies into a Brereton or a Jason Dunstall in their first season.

Beware the Swans!



Smiling — but dangerous — Swans (from left) Danny Penny, Shane Renfree and Troy Ugle

SWAN Districts are starting to stiffen up their team with the inclusion of some handy senior players and by finals time they will take some stopping.

The experience of players like Brad Shine, Don Langsford, Len Gandini, Peter Hodyl, Kevin Caton and now Steve Richardson, really assists the young players around them.

Swans younger players are now into their third season with Troy Ugle, Mick Grasso, Danny Penny, Shane Renfree, Geoff Passeri, Joe Cormack and Andy Holmes leading this group.

With a little luck, they could have beaten Souths last Saturday and they were one of the few sides this season to get an early break on the Bulldogs.

This must have been a heartening sign for coach Ed Blackaby and no side will be looking forward to meeting Swans in the finals.

Eagles

STRAIGHT TALKING

With Claremont coach GERARD NEESHAM



paying the price

AFTER two reasonably successful seasons in the VFL, our home-grown heroes, the West Coast Eagles, are staring down the barrel at the wooden spoon.

The one single factor that has led to this position is the lack of depth in the squad.

With the run of injuries to key players, the second line of reinforcements are simply not up to the required VFL standard or lack experience.

Some local media have called for open selection from the WAFL in the future to solve this problem; but how did it occur in the first place?

Losing players like Murray Wrensted, Mark Zanotti, Alex Ishchenko, John Gastev and Wally Matera, all regular players in two successful seasons, has been a costly error.

The VFL and WAFL experience in that group was vast and obviously overlooked by the hierarchy as they assessed their playing strength.

All those men had played State football and had a minimum of three years in the WAFL. In addition, players like Wrensted and Zanotti had outstanding records in finals football.

The so-called lack of VFL experience in the Eagles is something that they themselves got rid of!

In three years of recruiting, the Eagles had virtually open-slathe on the local competition, but they fared poorly out of it.

Rowland is a Tigers bonus

THE acquisition of Scott Rowland to the Tigers camp is a real bonus for us.

Experience is some thing you don't get from your minor grades — or, as some well-known coaches say, from the local supermarket.

With all the young talent we have at Claremont, we still need senior players on the field to provide team balance and leadership.

This is especially evident when games become physical and are quite tight, as was the case last Saturday.

Rowland adds this ingredient to our side and relieves Peter Thorne from having to carry the load as the only senior footballer if I'm absent.



LES'S LYRICS

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

Get back in the race!

As we enter the final round Of what's been an intriguing year The make-up of the ladder Is something the WAFL did fear.

Just seven games to go And the four is all but set To suggest the Falcons can make it Would be a foolish bet.

While the WAFL is competing With the Eagles, Wildcats and more The one thing that we need Is a battle to make the four

Clubs like Royals and Falcons With their strong supporter base. Could guarantee large home crowds If in the premiership chase.

Come on all you stragglers Lift your game a pace Give your fans a thrill And get back in the race.

Melesso saves his own neck

PETER Melesso's future at Claremont was looking a little shaky early this season — till he convinced me to give him a new position!

His conversion rate as a key forward was poor — even though he had helped the Tigers win a premiership as an attacker.

With his poor form, he suggested to me that a spell in defence would help him regain confidence.

I remember playing with Melesso at the Sydney Swans in 1982 and his position then was at centre-half-back or full-back.

He finally convinced me to try him in a back pocket and I'm glad he did. His form over the last few weeks has been very heartening and he gives our last line of defence a real boost in experience.

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Sharks Shaky



Brad Tunbridge...ruck strength

DIG DEEP

THIS week's trip to Windy Hill to take on the Essendon Bombers, won't be a pleasant task for the West Coast Eagles. It is not a matter of how high can an Eagle fly but how low can an Eagle dig into his football pride to put some character into his performance.

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50 GAMES

- 49 David Hart (Eagles)
- 49 Graham Jones (Subiaco)
- 49 Mick Grasso (Swan Districts)
- 48 Peter Owens (Claremont)
- 48 Scott Watters (South Fremantle)*
- 47 Stephen Edgar (East Fremantle)
- 47 Peter Melesso (Claremont)
- 47 Arthur Maskos (South Fremantle)
- 46 Scott Watters (South Fremantle)
- 46 Paddy Madaffari (West Perth)

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Scott Watters — 46 South Fremantle, 2 Eagles.

100 GAMES

- 98 Chris Mainwaring (Eagles)*
- 98 Bryce Forman (East Fremantle)*
- 97 Dean Turner (Eagles)*
- 97 John Scott (Claremont)
- 96 Kim Hetherington (Swan Districts)
- 95 Craig Edwards (South Fremantle)
- 94 Tony Beers (Claremont)*

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Bryce Forman — 86 East Fremantle, 12 Perth; Tony Beers — 87 Claremont, 7 Collingwood; Chris Mainwaring — 51 Eagles, 47 East Fremantle; Dean Turner — 43 Eagles, 54 Fitzroy.

150 GAMES

- 149 Kim Hetherington (Swan Districts)
- 147 Clinton Browning (East Fremantle)
- 146 Maurice Rioli (South Fremantle)
- 145 Peter Thorne (Claremont)*

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Kim Hetherington — 96 Swan Districts, 53 East Fremantle; Clinton Browning — 4 Eagles, 146 East Fremantle; Peter Thorne — 84 Claremont, 34 East Perth 27, Melbourne.

300 GAMES

- 291 Brian Peake (East Frem)

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HAVING watched East Fremantle several times this year, it's obvious that Graham Melrose has a team capable of winning the flag.

Last Saturday East Fremantle squandered opportunities when they counted and Claremont didn't.

While Melrose would be happy with winning six out of seven games in round two, he wouldn't be happy with his No. 1 goalkicker, Neil Lester-Smith, who has been shut out of the game in the past two weeks by Subiaco's Andrew Brice and Claremont's Tony Begovich.

Through having Lester-Smith tagged out of the game, East Fremantle have lost a key goalkicking avenue.

Melrose must also be worried about his two key forward positions.

I thought Clinton Browning looked good in his old role at full-forward late in the game last week.

Maybe it is time to bring back Clinton Wolf to share ruck duties with Brad Tunbridge and play Lance Durack at centre-half-forward and Browning at full-forward. Another option is to use Brian Peake at full-forward instead of in the pocket.

While East Fremantle have faltered up forward at times, they are still sitting pretty in third spot with their eyes on second position and a double crack at the finals.

50-goal Neil shut out again



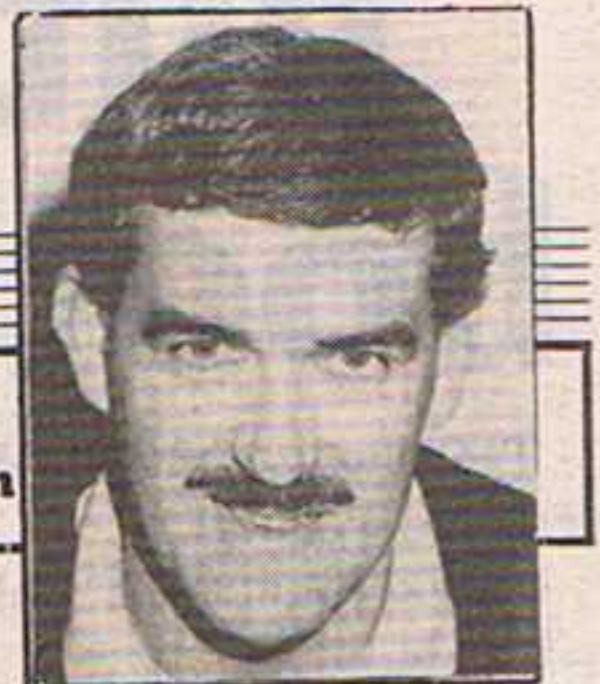
Lance Durack...key-position



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Will-o'-the-wisp

CLAREMONT'S Peter Thorne may be in the veteran stage of his career but he was back to his best and most damaging form against East Fremantle.

A player with plenty of strength, he gathered possessions at will all over the ground, skilfully disposing of the football and setting up many attacking moves.

The ever-elusive Thorne kicked three goals and in the third quarter combined most effectively with half-forward Tony Evans and Ben Allan (having a short stint out of the centre) to totally disrupt the Shark defence.

Thorne, who struggled to come to terms with his football role when he first moved to Claremont, has proved to be of great value in the past three years under coach Gerard Neesham.

Thorne's experience midfield, along with Neesham and former Shark Scott Rowland, will be a big bonus for the Tigers in the finals.



GOOD EVANS!



LAST Saturday's game was my first look at Claremont for several weeks and I was particularly impressed by first-year player Tony Evans.

I saw him on the opening day of the season and he looked good, but last Saturday, against East Fremantle, he showed he has really gone on with the job of playing league football.

Evans, who played mainly across the half-forward line with an occasional run on the ball, gave a top-class display.

The uncanny left-footer, who works close to the ground with excellent balance and bodywork, displayed plenty of skill and courage.

He was always prepared to commit himself when contesting the ball and showed excellent goal sense, finishing with three goals.

Evans gathered well over 30 possessions and I thought he was among the best three players on the ground.

I was also impressed with the workmanlike display by young ruck-rover Jeremy Guard.

He reads the play well and went about his job without any fuss, making himself available in midfield and working hard to assist in defence.

It's just basic

A MAJOR factor in Claremont's game is that they attend to the basics.

It doesn't matter who gets the ball out or kicks the goals.

The players run hard in numbers and at all times they move the ball around and display a high level of skill.

The defence is resolute, as well as attacking.

As a club, Claremont have always spent time and dollars on developing youth and once again the foundations are there, though the club has wisely stuck with experienced players to maintain natural team balance.

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SANDOVER FAVOURITES

WITH two rounds completed and just seven games to go, the race for this year's Sandover Medal is wide open.

I have seen some outstanding individual performances and at this stage I see the winner coming from this list of contenders:

SOUTH FREMANTLE — Craig Edwards, Peter Matera, Ned Fimmano, Willie Rioli.

WEST PERTH — Peter Menaglio, Paul Hasler.

SWANS — Andy Holmes.
EAST PERTH — Peter Miller, Glen Bartlett.

EAST FREMANTLE — Brad Rowe, John O'Sullivan.

PERTH — Willie Dick.
SUBIACO — Garry Kemp, Brad McDougall.

CLAREMONT — Ben Allan, Mark Brayshaw, Mark Hann, Peter Thorne.

MEDIA QUIZ

TABLES are selling fast for one of football's biggest nights of the year — the Football Media Guild's quiz night on Wednesday, July 19. Tables of six or eight can be booked with Guild secretary Lou Nathan on 381 9092. The venue is Perth Oval and quizmaster is Trevor Jenkins.

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THE 1989 Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup Carnival has confirmed one major fact — the event is a must for West Australian football and needs total support.

The annual gathering of the country's top 17-year-old players is the best way for young WA hopefuls to learn how the game is played at the highest level.

Arriving home after this year's carnival, I had one major regret — that we couldn't charter a plane and take more youth coaches and football administrators to the championships.

There is no doubt that this Carnival is the biggest football event on the Australian calendar when it comes to the game's future.

Quality

Every State and Territory is represented and the quality of talented young footballers on show is outstanding, with the standard of competition extremely high.

Players, coaches, administrators, sports trainers, doctors and umpires are all in a continual learning experience and to witness this week of top-level youth football is of enormous benefit.

Teal Cup a must for WA

The West Australian players were marvellous ambassadors for our State, both on and off the field. They were a credit to sponsors Town and Country, who have now supported the team for nearly a decade.

Their performances were excellent after a first-up slow start against the powerful Victorian country team.

The WA players were faced with ground conditions few had ever experienced. Ankle deep mud in the cricket pitch areas, along with soft heavy surfaces around the remainder of the oval.

Adjusting to the ground surfaces was a great football learning experience for the players.

Their performances on the large VFL Park against Tasmania and New South Wales were of the highest quality.

The biggest difference between the Victorian teams and our States is the extreme pressure placed on every individual by the Victorians. Extreme

DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



physical pressure in the close areas of the game forces our boys to perform their skills poorly. They are simply not allowed time to dispose of the ball.

If more coaches and administrators could attend this carnival, our game in WA would receive a great boost.

Experiences

Some of the football experiences members of the WA team enjoyed were:

- Watching the VFL versus South Australia State-of-Origin game at the MCG among a crowd of 92,000. The atmosphere was unbelievable; a feeling never to be forgotten.
- Observing a VFL team produce a tremendous exhibition of football with great skill and pressure.
- Watching champions like Dermott Brereton, Jason Dunstall and Tony Lockett play together in the one team. Their skill and ability was of the highest level.
- Watching Collingwood train under former champion player Leigh Matthews at the famous Victoria Park Oval.
- Being special guests of the mighty Hawthorn club; watching the team train and be addressed by legendary coach Allan Jeans.
- Being in the rooms while pure professionals like Gary Ayres, Gary Buckenara, Chris Langford, Michael Tuck, Dunstall and Brereton prepare for training.
- Listen to Buckenara talk for an hour on the "recipe for success to be a champion."
- Play at VFL Park; a marvellous venue.
- Attend a dinner with Teal Cup players from all States and listen to current champions like John Platten, Terry Daniher, Craig Starcevic, Michael McLean, Gavin Crossica and Matt Armstrong talk about their Teal Cup experiences.

Bucky outlines the way ahead

CHAMPION Hawthorn midfielder Gary Buckenara gave an inspirational talk to the West Australian Teal Cup team during the Melbourne carnival.

Developing the theme of the requirements players need to get to the top, he used former and present day Hawthorn legends to highlight attitude, commitment and loyalty.

It's no wonder the Hawks are the nation's best team when you hear such comments from Bucky. His love for his club is strong, along with enormous respect for his coach.

Bucky took time to elaborate on why Allan Jeans is so respected by the players.

Jeans never publicly criticises his team, basing his philosophy on the family unit. Strong families don't tell the world about their weaknesses or problems. Respect comes from caring about each other.

The WA boys had the chance to hear, first hand, just what is required to get to the top ... and what makes a great club.

Bucky finished by wishing the players good luck and saying: "One day soon I may coach you — that's one of my future goals."

Bucky didn't say where he would like to coach, but he left no doubt that he has the ability to succeed in that arena.

Jackson's dilemma is pretty difficult

FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN



THE impending choice facing young Eagles forward Stevan Jackson — VFL football or the Police Force — is certainly a difficult situation.

Recent publicity suggesting that he might be forced out of VFL football if it clashed with his career was concerning, especially as Superintendent Carl Mohony, the senior recruiting officer, made comments which sounded pretty much like an offer Jackson couldn't refuse!

As many athletes, especially those in the top bracket, are usually given a sympathetic ear by their employers, I decided to tackle the Super. over the issue.

When he came on line, he sounded far from the heavy-handed chief that I had pictured; in fact, he was most sympathetic to Jackson's situation.

Consideration

But he pointed out that the Police Force was a big group of people and they all deserved the right to the same considerations.

One of the major problems with Eagles football compared to a WAFL club was the amount of time a player needed off work to take part.

"It is not just the Saturday afternoon game or the training time," Supt Mohony said. "It's about a three-day week commitment, particularly when they play interstate."

Supt Mohony agreed that the Police Force needed a high public profile and the more "stars" they had working with them, the better image they projected.

But the truth of the matter was that the Police Force was sadly undermanned and every officer was needed to carry his share of the load.

"A man short on a regular basis means that someone else has to do his share of the work," said the Super.

Interests

"It's not fair on that person, who, after all, may have interests of his own."

"Football isn't the major sport for everyone; in fact, some people hate it. But all our people must be considered equally so that we can maintain harmony where team work is so important."

Supt Mohony acknowledged the ability of Jackson and seemed quite taken with the youngster, who is currently being considered for the September intake of the Police Academy.

There have been many footballers who have been policemen in this state — Don Glass, Colin Beard, Con Regan and Warren Mosconi to name four that come to mind readily.

If Jackson gives the VFL a miss and stays with South Fremantle, there doesn't seem to be a problem at all. But the football public are entitled to see this talented lad at the top level of the game and I guess he would want that also.

Job offers

Apparently, Jackson has been offered other jobs outside Law Enforcement, so it really boils down to what he wants to do most.

If the Police Force is a real love of his, then he may have to toss in football.

On the other hand, as Supt Mohony points out, there is nothing to stop Jackson standing out of the force for the present and then re-enlisting when his major football commitments are over.

That solution seems to be the fairest for all concerned, as long as Jackson didn't start so far behind his own "class of '89" that it would affect his progress through the ranks.

Then again, that may depend largely upon the individual's skill and commitment — and Jackson seems to have plenty of both.

No prize for last

WITH our Eagles perched on the bottom rung of the VFL ladder we don't want any suggestions like the one brought to a vote at a VFL council meeting in 1933.

A delegate proposed that the bottom team be relegated to the VFA and be replaced by the top team from that competition.

The proposal was defeated. Guess which team finished last that year? Essendon — the team that's won most VFL premierships.

THE BIRDS

We all know about the bird life in the VFL. There are Magpies, Hawks, Swans and Eagles.

I wonder if our readers know who were once called the Canaries?

That was the nickname of current leaders Hawthorn in the mid 1930's, so the club reversed their colour pattern from gold with a brown V to brown with a gold V.

FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian DAVE CLEMENT



Big winning sequences

GEELONG, with eight wins in a row and their last premiership 26 years ago, are fast becoming the sentimental favourites this year.

Polly Farmer and John K. Watts played in the Cats' last premiership side in 1963.

Geelong hold the record for successive wins in the VFL with 23 straight from July 12, 1952, to August 1, 1953 when Collingwood stopped their run.

Taking into account a draw against Essendon on July 5, 1952, Geelong were unbeaten in 26 consecutive games.

The next best winning sequence is Collingwood's 20 in 1928-29.

In the WAFL East Fremantle hold the record of 35 successive wins while in South Australia Port Adelaide have the record with 28 consecutive wins.

OFF THE MARK

A FALCON fan who claimed last week's second-quarter burst of 11 goals by West Perth as a record is way off the mark.

Two years ago West Perth kicked 12 in a quarter against the Bulldogs, who in 1981 kicked 13 in the first quarter against the Falcons. But the record belongs to Subiaco with a 16.8 quarter against Perth in 1959.

Beasley's in good company

SIMON Beasley, who last week announced his retirement, shares a record with former Claremont great George Moloney.

They are the only two players who have kicked 100 goals in the WAFL and the VFL.

Beasley kicked 112 goals for Swan Districts in 1981 and 105 for Footscray in 1985.

Moloney achieved the feat at Geelong in 1932 (109 goals) and Claremont in 1940 (113 goals).

Moloney's century at Geelong was the first by a player from a team not in the finals.

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LUNCH FRIDAYS



Dennis Repacholi...emerging defender.

Falcons new defender

WEST Perth have unearthed an exciting young full-back in Dennis Repacholi.

Since making his debut in round eight against South Fremantle, the 19-year-old Repacholi has been pitted against some of the best forwards the WAFL competition can muster.

Even East Fremantle's Clinton Browning was left shaking his head recently after the fledgling Falcon had convincingly won their head-to-head battle at Leederville Oval.

And last Saturday, Repacholi restricted the sometimes brilliant Perth forward Wayne Ryder to two goals.

It is fair to say that Repacholi's marking and spoiling in the second half saved West Perth's bacon as they wasted a 56-point half-time advantage to hang on to be 13-point winners.

Conceding 13 centimetres to Demons ruckman John Gavranich, the full-back took a superb one-handed grab over the Perth skipper in the third term and then in the final minutes of the last quarter he marked on the line while in the thick of the pack.

Rattled

Had Perth scored from that attempt, the rattled Falcons could have easily crumbled altogether.

Though Repacholi has played well at full-back, his league career started in a pocket and he only got his chance in the key position when vice-captain Brad Gwilliam injured a knee.

"I like playing in the backline, particularly full-back," Repacholi said. "I wouldn't know where to go in the forward line — I'd be useless there."

Apart from his marking, where he often uses his surprising strength to gain the best position, Repacholi has good pace. In fact, he had to decide between a career in athletics or football.

The former Guildford Grammar School student won the 100-metres, the 100m hurdles, the long jump and the triple jump at the 1987 Public Schools Association track and field meet. His time in the 100m was an amazing 10.99 secs.

First choice

"In the end I didn't think that I could make it as an athlete," the 185cm tall Repacholi said. "And besides that, I'm more interested in football."

"I had already played a couple of games for West Perth's under-19s before I left school, so when I did finally leave, footy was the first thing on my mind."

Repacholi comes from Kondinin, which is in West Perth's country zone. His grandfather, Keith Repacholi played a couple of seasons with Claremont before the War and his father, Gerald, made one appearance for West Perth.

"TOP MARK"

East Perth's Ken Seymour marks strongly despite some strong Subiaco opposition.



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THE East Perth Football Club held their annual presentations to sponsors at Subiaco Oval last Saturday before the Royals clashed with the Lions. Former Royals champion John K. Watts presented special shields to the sponsors and he is pictured with Brian Hayward, the principal of the club's major supporters, Centre Ford. Mr Hayward mixed his football and racing interests well on Saturday; departing from the Subiaco Oval function bound for Belmont to see his horse, Putois get the money.



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Miller's gamble pays off



Peter Miller...solid Royals rover

BEING able to maintain consistency in a losing side is no easy task — but tough little East Perth rover Peter Miller is achieving that target.

Miller has foresaken the surf of his home town of Cowaramup for the playing fields of Perth ... and the gamble has paid off.

However, it hasn't been without its sacrifices as he has had to curtail a promising cricket career to succeed at football.

After playing A-grade cricket with Gosnells, in the WACA competition, he found it too difficult to combine with football and dropped down to third-grade.

Pre-season

"Then I decided to do a full football pre-season this last summer in a bid to obtain more consistency in my game," says Miller.

"Last season I would put in a good game and then a couple of not-so-good performances.

"I've tried to run my games out better this year and maintain consistency over four quarters."

The 20-year-old is studying chemical engineering at Curtin University and successfully mixing football and study.

Solidly built with a low-to-the-ground style, Miller looms as a genuine rover with a good one-grab style and an appetite for hard work.

LOYALTY GOES

FORMER Subiaco great Reg Hampson has no real desire to swap places with his son Damien, who has graduated to league ranks this season. The 205-game veteran with the Lions feels that there's little loyalty left in football these days. Talking to Colin Minson on Radio 6NR's Memory Lane segment, Hampson said that it was unthinkable to swap clubs back in his day. "But players can change colours overnight now and not worry about it," he said.

He has shrugged off the second-year blues and is currently East Perth's second-best performer in the Westside Football consistency ratings.

Miller played a season of senior football with Augusta-Margaret River, in the tough South-West League and graduated to the Royals senior side last year after joining their colts side in 1987.

His consistency was marred a little last week with a down game against Subiaco — but a week in bed with influenza hadn't helped his preparation.

Fitness is the key for big Craig

FITNESS is the key to the amazing form being displayed by South Fremantle's "anchor-man" Craig Edwards.

A hot favourite for this year's Sandover Medal, Edwards is thriving on his ruck role with the exciting young Bulldogs team.

"I'm twice as fit as I've ever been," says the 28-year-old salesman.

Energy

"I find that I'm not lumbering around chasing the play nowadays; I seem to read the ball much better and conserve my energy for a whole game."

Edwards proves, yet again, that big men take time to mature and he has improved greatly in the last two years — with his runner's-up role in last year's Sandover Medal confirming that.

A former East Perth player, Edwards still has desires to play with another club — but is realistic enough to concede that it's highly unlikely.

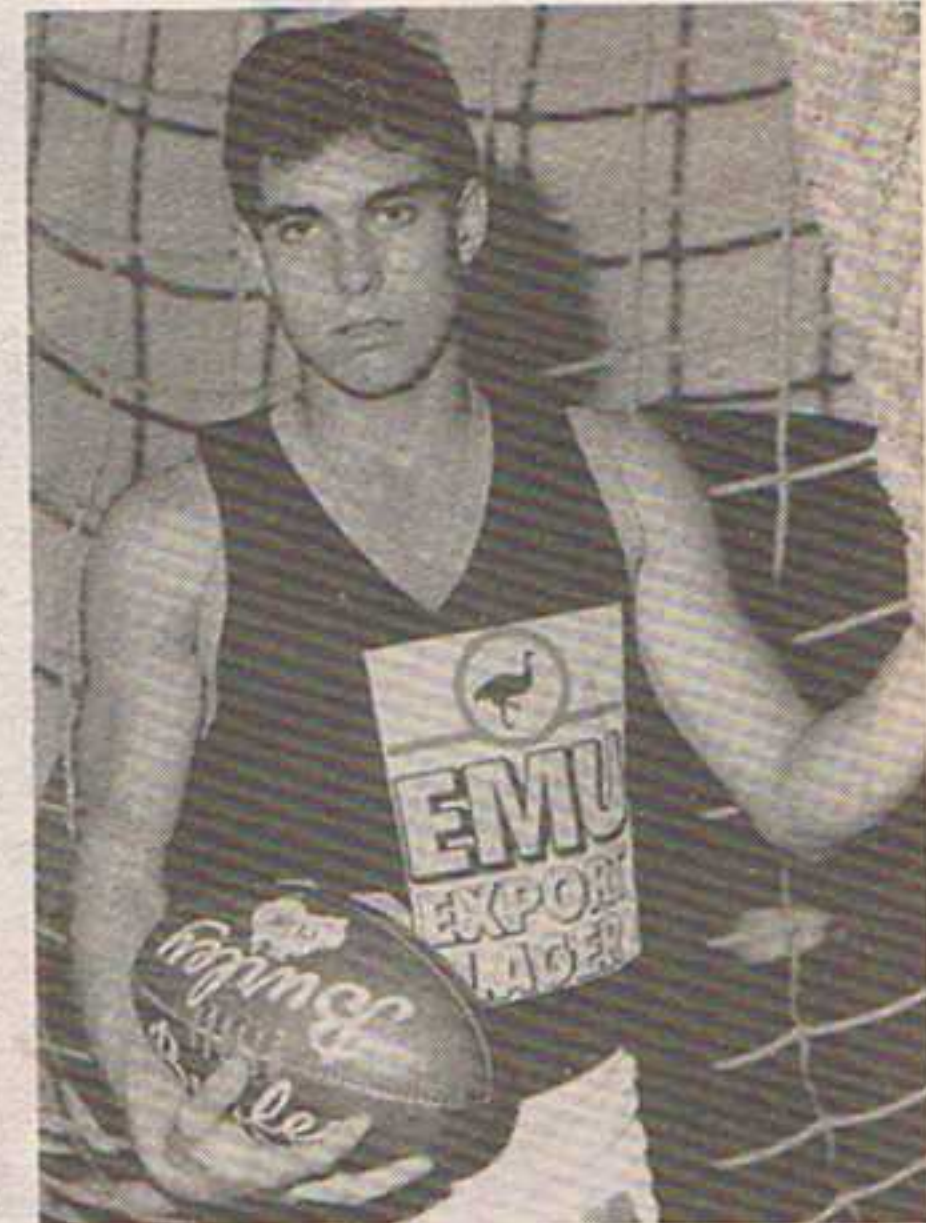
"Sure, I'd love to play in the VFL," he says. "But not too many Victorian clubs chase 28-year-old footballers."

Challenge

"I've always felt that I'd like the challenge of tackling ruckmen like Simon Madden, but I'm not going to be heartbroken if it doesn't happen."

Edwards has been amassing an amazing 20-plus possessions per game this year, with his strong marking a feature of his game — not to mention his ruck work.

It takes a strong opponent to put the 100kg ruckman out of position and his huge hands are immovable when he grabs the leather in mid-air.



Paul Cox...four quarter effort

Cox enjoys full game

PLAYING a full four-quarters is a football challenge that had eluded young Subiaco rover Paul Cox — up till last Saturday, that is.

The 19-year-old from Warwick has had his hurdles to overcome in a bid to achieve permanent status in the Lions league side ... but it's finally coming.

He roved strongly against the Royals in his first full senior game — a pleasant change from having to work off the interchange bench.

"It was good," said a smiling Cox after his solid display. "I've had a few injuries since coming to Subiaco and it's been hard to get into the starting line-up."

"I don't mind playing off the interchange bench as long as I'm in the team, but it was certainly good to get a full game and rove for four quarters."

Consistency

Maintaining consistency for the remainder of the season will be Cox's target now as he has strung the last four games together with good displays.

A knee injury last year saw a cartilage removed and cruciate damage to his left knee was repaired; costing him most of the season, with his five senior games being posted at the end of the year, though he did miss the grand final team.

"I did a full pre-season this summer and it's good to be injury free," said Cox, who played in Subiaco's opening league side, but a slight calf injury cost him his place and he had to wait till round 11 before he was back in the seniors.

The lightly-built Cox is rated highly as a rover, but he needs to build up his strength and his goal-kicking prowess — both targets for the future.

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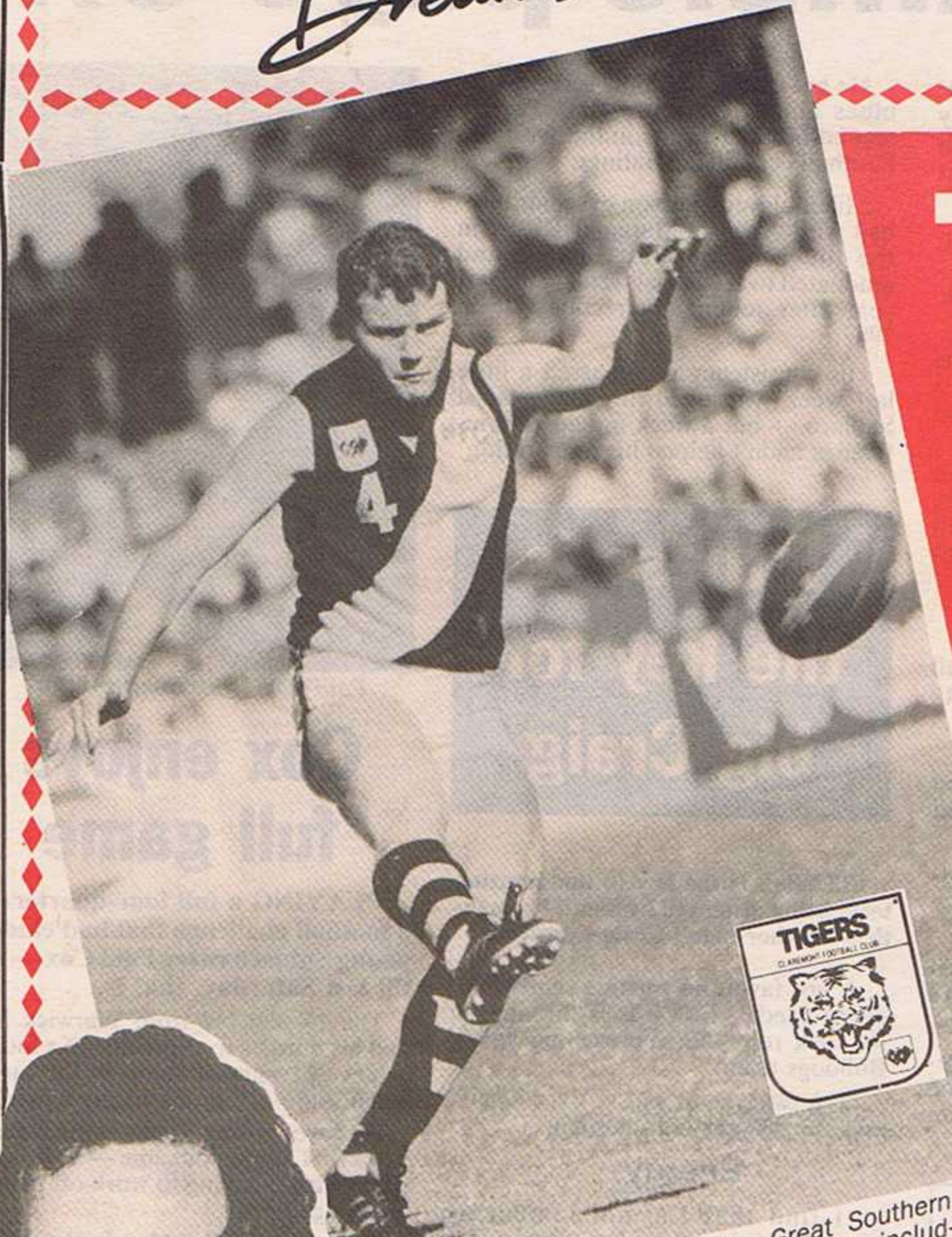
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Noel Morton...back to the Great Southern farm after 171 games with Claremont, including two seasons as skipper.

THEY HUNG UP THEIR BOOTS

SUMMERTIME is a crucial time for many footballers as they contemplate their future...and a number of familiar faces are missing from local ranks this year as a result of some retirement decisions.

In many cases, injuries take their toll. But in other instances, it's a case of heading for greener (and maybe easier) pastures in the country.

Some of those stars who retired from the WAFL over this last summer have certainly been missed by their clubs...and this week we pay tribute to them.

There are a number of other players not photographed here who retired during the course of last season...but should also be remembered.



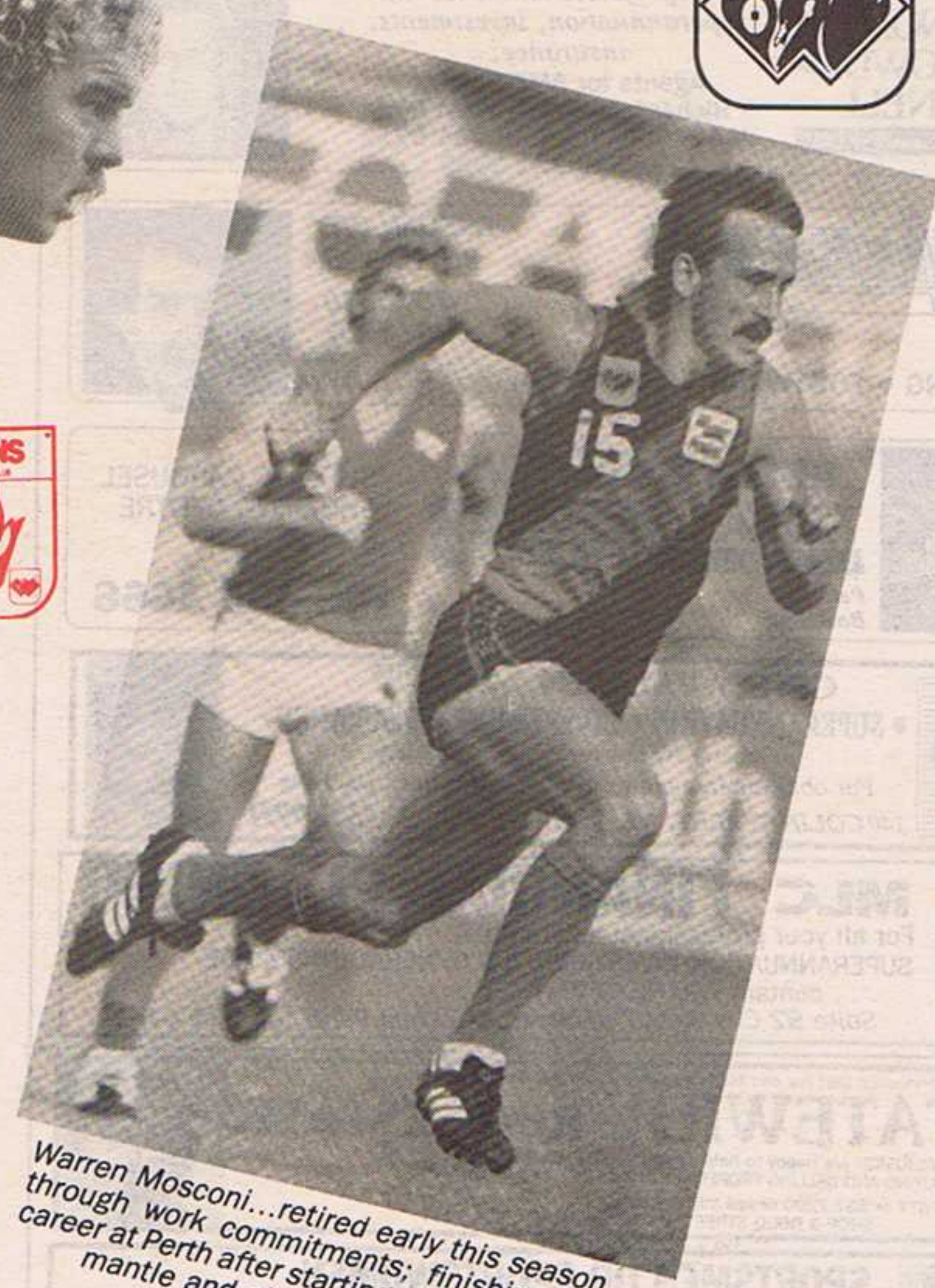
Mark Blakely...now in the 60 games in an injury-plagued season with East Perth.



Allen (Shorty) Daniels...has headed to the South-West after finishing up at Perth. He started with Claremont and played 136 WAFL games and 32 with Footscray, in the VFL.



Mick Rea...topped the League's goal-kicking table twice in his career, which finished at Perth after starting with West Perth. Played 143 WAFL games and four with Melbourne, in the VFL and is now coaching in amateurs.



Warren Mosconi...retired early this season through work commitments; finishing his career at Perth after starting with South Fremantle and playing 132 games.



Stephen Mount...another Victorian who succeeded at two WA clubs; played 31 with Richmond, in the VFL.

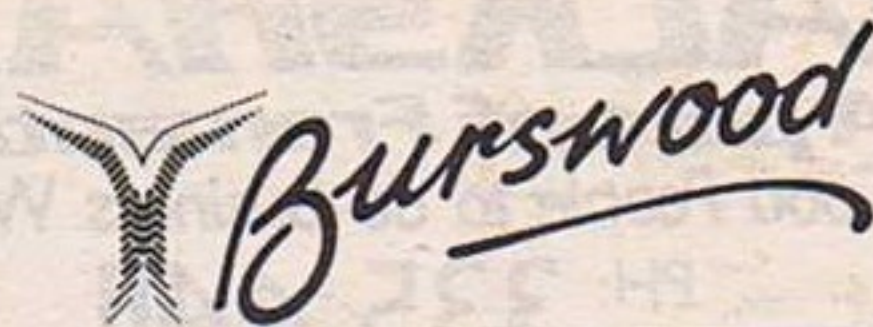
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AMONG the players who hung up their boots during last season, we shouldn't forget Greg Wilkinson, the unfortunate skipper of Subiaco, who was cut down with a knee injury; Tim Gepp, who finished at East Fremantle after starting with Subiaco and graduating to the VFL; Allan Montgomery, who did likewise with 89 at Perth and 33 with Carlton; Demons coach Rob Wiley, who had an outstanding career in WA and Victoria; Michael Aitken, a 107-game performer with Claremont; Cam Shepherd, who totalled 153 games at Claremont and Perth; Peter Featherby, with the enormous total of 332 games in WA and Victoria; Willie Roe, with 88 games at South Fremantle; Allan Sidebottom, a 93-gamer with Swans, plus 56 in the VFL and Bill Skwirowski, who joined Swans elite club with 207 games.

In addition, other players to retire over the last summer included Peter Old, after 41 games at Swans; Bevan Warner, 74 games at Subiaco and East Perth; Dan Foley, 57 games with Perth plus a spell in the VFL; David Court, 59 games at Subiaco and Claremont; Michael Mort, 54 games with Subiaco; team-mate Kevan Sparks, who played 47 games after starting at East Perth and Gavin Wake, with 76 games at East Fremantle and West Perth.



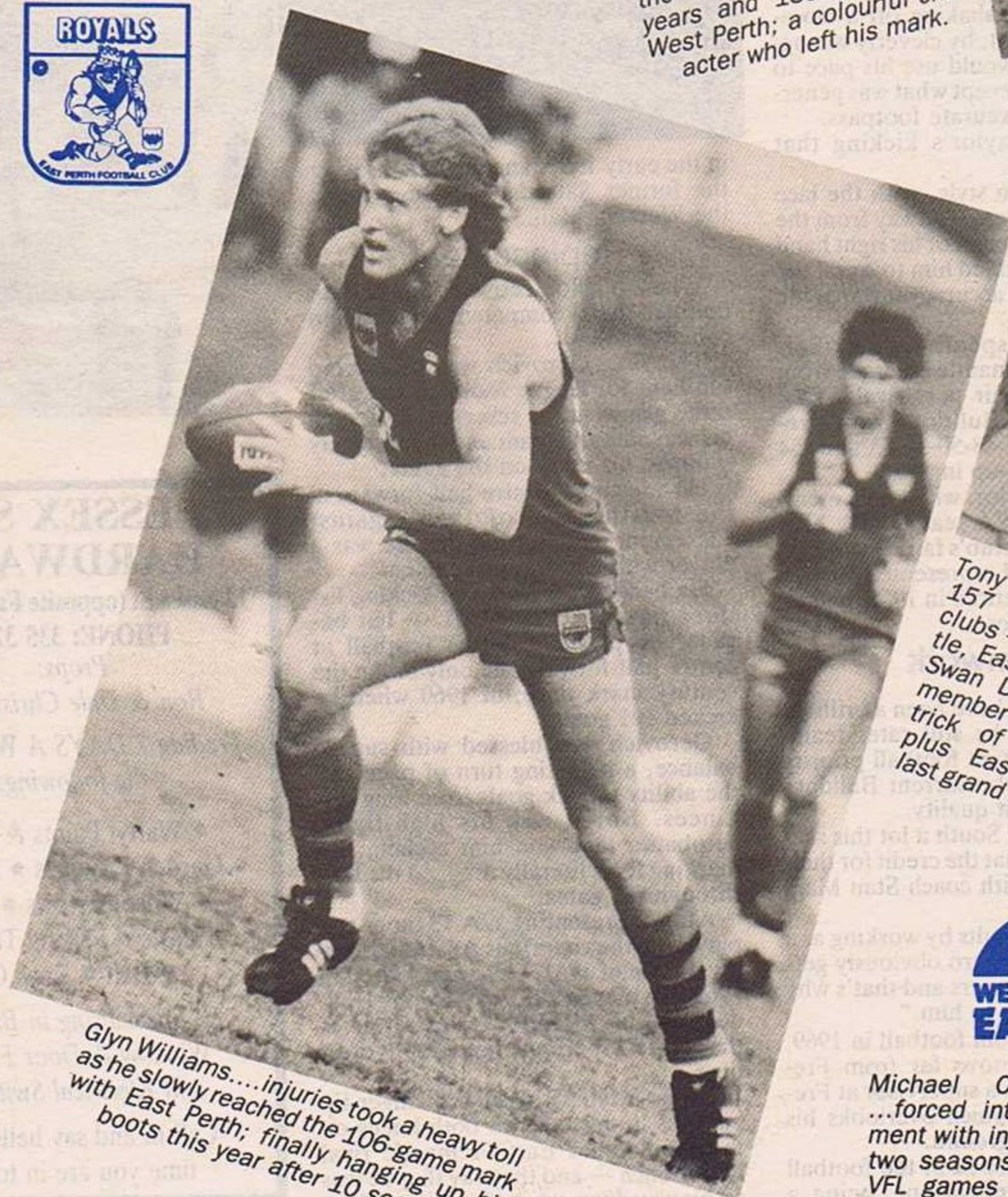
Phil Bradmore...returned to the East Coast after eight years and 139 games with West Perth; a colourful character who left his mark.



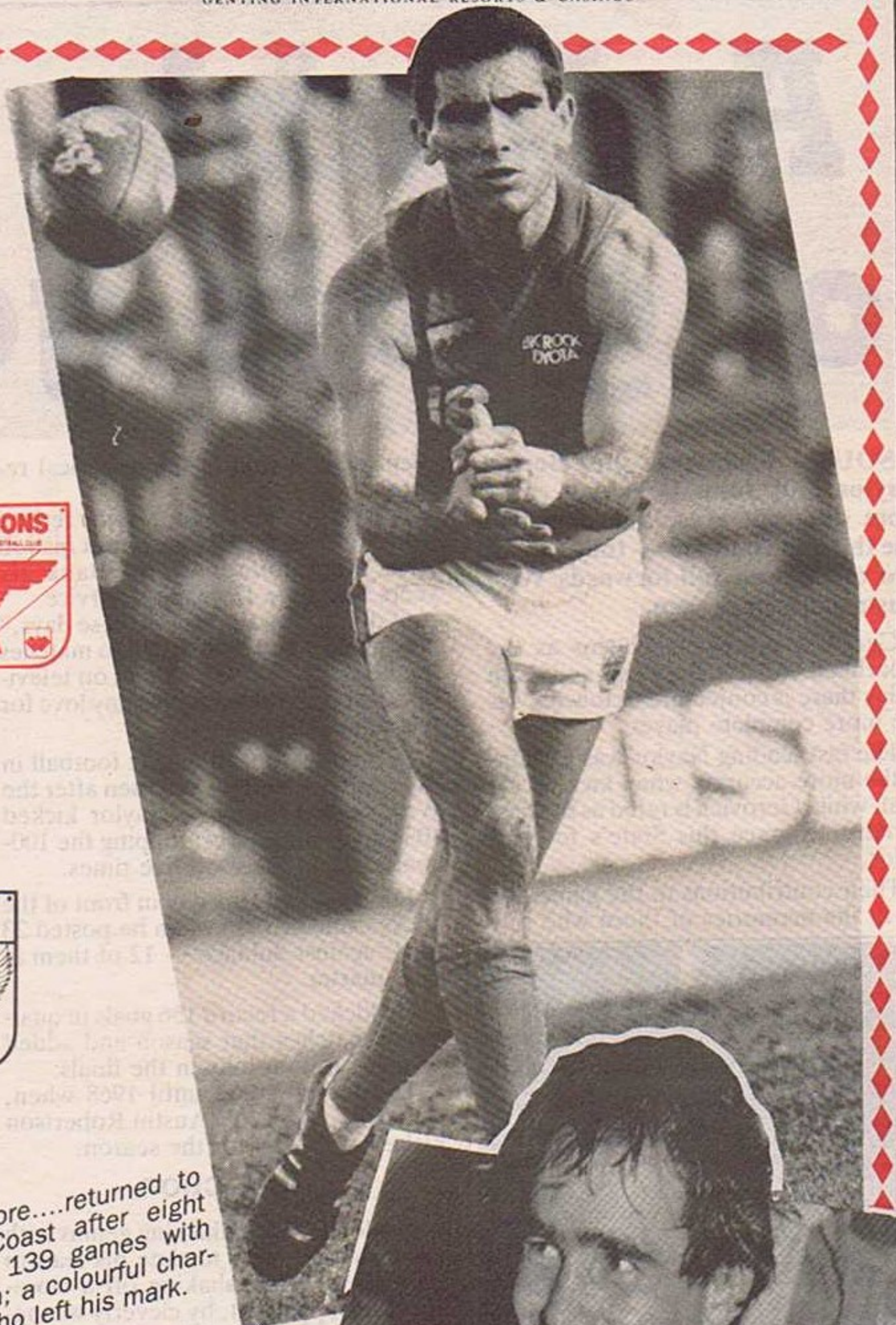
...in the South-West after injury-plagued career with East Perth.



...another Victorian who succumbed to injuries; playing 90 WAFL games with East Fremantle and Perth, after moving to the VFL.



Glyn Williams...injuries took a heavy toll as he slowly reached the 106-game mark with East Perth; finally hanging up his boots this year after 10 seasons.



Tony Solin...a veteran of 157 games at three clubs — South Fremantle, East Fremantle and Swan Districts. Was a member of Swans' hat-trick of premierships, plus East Fremantle's last grand final success.



Michael O'Connell...forced into retirement with injury after two seasons and 20 VFL games with the Eagles and 90 with Claremont.



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SOUTH Fremantle duo Bernie Naylor and John Gerovich came from different eras, but they had one thing in common — they rate as two of the best full-forwards West Australians have seen.

Gerovich succeeded Naylor as the spearhead for the Bulldogs and even today there is conjecture as to who was the more complete player.

The fast-leading Naylor was certainly the more accurate when kicking for goal, while Gerovich is rated as the best aerialist to grace this State's football fields.

Their contributions to the game live on in the memories of those who saw

them play — and in the historical records.

Now 66 years of age, Naylor retired from football in 1954 and from his job with the Commonwealth Bank six years ago after 43 years of service.

"I don't go to the games these days," Naylor said. But I still listen to matches on the radio and watch them on television. I certainly haven't lost my love for the game."

In nine seasons of league football in two spells — 1941-42 and then after the War, from 1946-54 — Naylor kicked 1034 goals for Souths; topping the 100-goal mark in a season five times.

His most amazing day in front of the sticks came in 1953 when he posted 23 goals against Subiaco — 12 of them in one quarter.

He kicked a record 156 goals in qualifying matches that season and added 11 more to that tally in the finals.

The record stood until 1968 when, ironically, Subiaco's Austin Robertson kicked 157 goals for the season.

Perfection

Naylor was a goalkicking genius with an uncanny ability to time his lead to perfection. After shaking off a close-checking opponent, by cleverly wrong-footing him, he would use his pace to break away and accept what was generally a low-level accurate footpass.

But it was Naylor's kicking that stamped his class.

He had his own style, with the lace turned about 45 degrees away from the top, touching the palm of his right hand — a style that enabled him to spiral the ball with uncanny accuracy towards the target.

With Naylor spearheading their attack, South Fremantle emerged from the shadow of their port rivals, East Fremantle. The Bulldogs won premierships in 1947-48-50-52-53 and '54 and were runners-up in 1951.

The 186cm Naylor, who was a member of the 1947 WA team which beat Victoria, won his club's fairest and best award in 1953 and represented WA 15 times. When he retired in 1955, he had played 155 matches.

Teamwork

Gerovich might have been a brilliant individualist, but he still rates teamwork as an important football priority — and says that the current Bulldogs side really has that quality.

He has watched South a lot this season and believes that the credit for their success belongs with coach Stan Magro.

"They get the results by working as a team," he said. "Magro obviously gets on well with the players and that's why they're responding to him."

After retiring from football in 1969, Gerovich didn't move far from Fremantle Oval. He is a supervisor at Fremantle Hospital, which overlooks his favourite football ground.

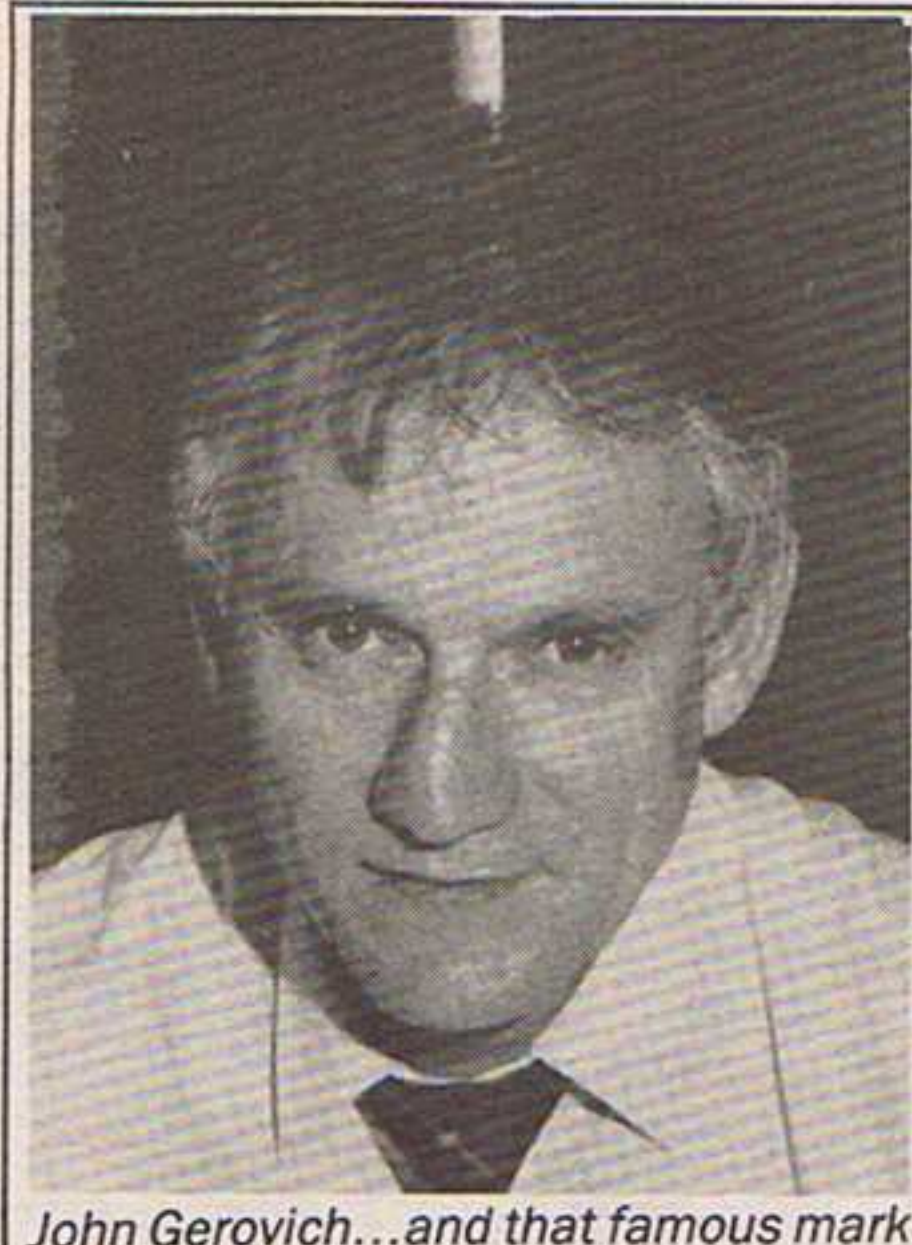
Gerovich had a spell in the football media after his retirement, being a panellist on Radio 6PR's football show

Yesterday's heroes



Bernie Naylor

A great kick...notice how the football has the lace facing away.



John Gerovich...and that famous mark



in the early 1980s and a columnist with the former Saturday morning paper, the Western Mail.

Replacement

When Naylor retired, South fans doubted that a competent replacement could be found.

The 79kg Gerovich was considered too light for league football, but after three games in the reserves, he forced his way into the team and immediately stamped his mark on the game.

He lined up at centre-half-forward in the fourth game of 1955, against Claremont and showed that he was a player with extraordinary talent.

He headed the WA goalkicking list three times — 1956-60-61 — but because he played a lot of football at centre-half-forward, he only broke the century mark once; in 1960 when he kicked 101 goals.

Gerovich was blessed with superb balance, a blistering turn of pace and the ability to kick goals from long distances. But it was his high-flying aerobatics that won him acclaim; his marking feats literally dragged the fans through the gates.

After representing WA 13 times and playing in the victorious Australian carnival team of 1961, Gerovich retired in 1969. He played 221 times for the Bulldogs and his legend lives on in one of the greatest sporting photographs of all time.

It was a typical Gerovich finger-tip mark as he rested with both knees on the shoulder of East Fremantle rival Ray French — and they say that he was on his way down when the camera shutter fired.

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Contrast in two Lions champs

DEFENDER Colin Williams and key-position player Laurie Kettlewell are two prominent members of Subiaco's illustrious 200-Club — but you could not find two players of more contrasting styles.

Williams, who recently had his club record of 252 games broken by former team-mate Neil Taylor, was a hard-working, unobtrusive full-back who would not concede an inch to his opponent.

Kettlewell, on the other hand, was blessed with abundant skills that made him an outstanding player — at both ends of the ground and with his club and Western Australia.

The key to Williams' success was his durability and hardiness. He was able to survive in league ranks for 13 years and eclipse Austin Robertson as the club's games-played record holder.

"I still haven't got used to the fact that I'm now second on the list for games played at Subiaco," Williams said.

"I certainly don't begrudge that honour to Neil; if anyone was to overtake me, I'm glad it was him.

"I remember playing a season or two with him when he started and I used to drive him to training before he got his driver's licence.

"I never thought then that he would go this far.



Colin Williams...belting birdies

Williams, an officer with the Fire Brigade since 1972, now devotes his sporting energies to golf, playing off a four-stroke handicap as a member of Mt Lawley's B-grade pennants team.

It's his experiences in golf, not football, that Williams rates as his most nerve-wracking.

Nerves

"When I kicked out after a point had been scored, I never worried about stubbing my toe or miskicking," the erstwhile full-back said. "But when I lined up on the tee in a WA Open I was more nervous than when I played for WA in 1970.

"In the end I hit the ball 20 yards to the left of the tee and was forced to take a second ball. I was shaking so much I could hardly place the ball on the tee."

Williams made his league debut in 1963 when thirds coach Bob Browning took over the top job; immediately promoting some youngsters including the 17-year-old who was a ruckman at that time.

Ironically, Williams debuted against his father's old club, East Fremantle; enjoying a good first-up game in the ruck and kicking three goals while resting in a forward pocket.

Yesterday's heroes



Though he never won a club fairest and best award, Williams was runner-up to centremen Cam Blakemore in 1967 and rover Keith Watt in 1971, when he was also skipper of the side.

Williams says that his biggest disappointment in football was that the Lions 1975 coach David Parkin did not remain with the club for longer.

"David was as good a coach as I have ever played with," he said — a big compliment considering that Williams played five seasons with current Subiaco league coach Haydn Bunton, whom he regards very highly.

Interest

Though Kettlewell has maintained a keen interest in the WAFL competition, his work has prevented him from being actively involved since his retirement in 1966.

However, he may be the provider of a future Subiaco league player — his son Scott returned to reserves action last Saturday after being sidelined for six weeks with a bruised kidney.

"He's already following in my footsteps," was Laurie's tongue-in-cheek comment. "I had injury problems when I was playing."

"Scott is doing quite well, though he's still in the learning stage."

By returning as a spectator this season, Kettlewell has caught up with a lot of former playing mates.

"It's been great seeing guys like Reg Hampson, Ossie Gamble, George Young, Mike Pethick (father of rookie, Jeremy) and Haydn Bunton again," said the 205-game player.

After retiring, Kettlewell teamed up with his wife Beth and went into the hotel business, firstly in Geraldton and then Bunbury.

In 1971 he joined the prison service — a move that took them straight back to Geraldton.

Scholarship

The family moved to Perth in 1986 when Scott was awarded a football scholarship to Hale School.

"When that was offered, I wasn't going to let the opportunity for him to get a good education slip by," Kettlewell said.

"It was something that I never had." Kettlewell's impact on league ranks in 1954 was immediate. At the age of 18, he became one of the youngest players to represent WA when he was chosen for the clash with Victoria in his first season.

A highly skilled centre-half-forward, Kettlewell was an automatic choice for interstate matches. He was selected for the 1956-58-61 Australian carnivals, though injury prevented him from making the 1961 trip to Brisbane — the scene of WA's great triumph.

Kettlewell skippered the Lions that same year and in 1962 won the club's fairest and best award.

Two years later he accepted an offer to coach North Mt Barker in the Southern Districts Football League ... but he was to return.

"I went because I was after a quid," admits Kettlewell. "They paid me 800 pounds to coach — and that was good money then."

When Kettlewell returned to Subiaco the following season, he went straight back into the league line-up — and was recalled to the WA team which met Victoria in Melbourne.

It was those clashes with the Victorians that Kettlewell rates as the highlights of his career.



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Bulldogs lead way in junior ideas

NEW and effective coaching methods are always being examined and the South Fremantle Junior Football Council is proving to be an excellent breeding ground for new techniques.

Last year, the SFJFC's under-12s were the "guinea pigs" in a pilot study of an idea called the Coach Monitoring Scheme.

The scheme involved one coach being appointed as a monitor and observing and reporting on other coaches, studying such things as their codes of behaviour, training programmes and match performance.

Unfortunately, the coach is the major reason why children choose to play football or not play football and results of the experiment showed a wide acceptance of the scheme.

Questionnaire responses from the under-12s showed that about 74 per cent had played football in 1987 and 82 per cent indicated they would like to play in 1989.

Because of the Fremantle success, the Town and Country Football Deve-

lopment Trust has launched the Coach Monitoring Scheme in all councils and in all grades this year.

Monitor

Coach monitor for the SFJFC, Tom Hanrahan, is a man who loves his role and all of the information he collects is filed on computer, a painstaking task.

At the push of a button, Hanrahan can tell you about the behaviour of coaches and players in his council, as well as numerous other records and results.

Hanrahan believes that communication is the key.

"You have to get the coaches to want to learn more and the key is to be able to get the guys together," said Hanrahan.

"At the last meeting, 58 coaches out of 70 attended, which was a far cry from the 10 we had at our first meeting last year."

A recent example of how coaches are communicating was seen during an under-16s game between Kwinana and Hawks.

Kwinana are battling to retain num-

bers and coach Gary McGuinness could only manage 15 players, so he approached Hawks coach Gary Greer for a compromise.

The two coaches came to an agreement about playing only 15 players on the ground and Greer ran five players from the interchange bench.

Competitive

The result was a competitive game and it is positive reports like this that makes the many hours put into junior coaches by men like Hanrahan and FDT coaching co-ordinator Gerard McNeill worthwhile.

"Something like that used to be unheard of in junior football," Hanrahan said.

"Once people realise that winning is not the ultimate in junior football, the grass roots of football will be back on track."

"The answer lies with the coaches, there's no doubt about that."

New ideas are always being tried out by Hanrahan's coaches and May saw the trial of a "15-goal mercy rule" in the under-16s.

Uneven games do little to encourage juniors and keep them in the game, so this rule involved declaring matches over as soon as one team got 15 goals in front.

The winning team would get maximum points and percentage and then sides would come back out and be evened with the juniors changing from one team to another.

This happened on a number of occasions, but the rule proved to be unacceptable to the coaches.

However, where one idea fails, another one succeeds.

Adopted

The "non-preferred side of the body day" — initiated by the SFJFC last year — has been adopted by the Swan Districts Junior Football Council and on Sunday, July 2 Swans juniors had to handball and kick with their unfavoured hand or foot.

The under-12s and younger grades played one quarter with the sock on their unnatural foot pulled up and the other one down, with the result being a lot of fun for the kids, as well as a valuable football lesson.

June 26 and July 9 were "Non-preferred Days" at South Fremantle and July 30 has also been set aside for a continued trial.

The South Fremantle Junior Council's concepts are starting to snowball into other councils and even into other States.

Victoria have taken an interest in the Coach Monitoring Scheme and the report on the pilot scheme, compiled by Brian Douge and Christine Worthington, was published in last month's Victorian Coaches Association newsletter.

A lot of thought is going into junior football across the nation and the importance of the junior coach cannot be underestimated.

As Hanrahan said, we must back coaches to the hilt, demand the best from them and give them the best possible information through continuing lectures and coach education.

Toyota win to Eastern Hills

EASTERN Hills won their second Toyota Cup match when they were 58-point winners over Redcliffe last Sunday, 13.16 (94) to 4.12 (36).

The teams now have two wins each in the Swan Districts competition, which has already split into two.

Bassendean and Swan View are battling for the top spot on the ladder with eight and seven wins respectively.

In an evenly-contested match, Bassendean beat Swan View by five points, 8.8 (56) to 7.9 (51).

Last Sunday's Toyota Cup results were:

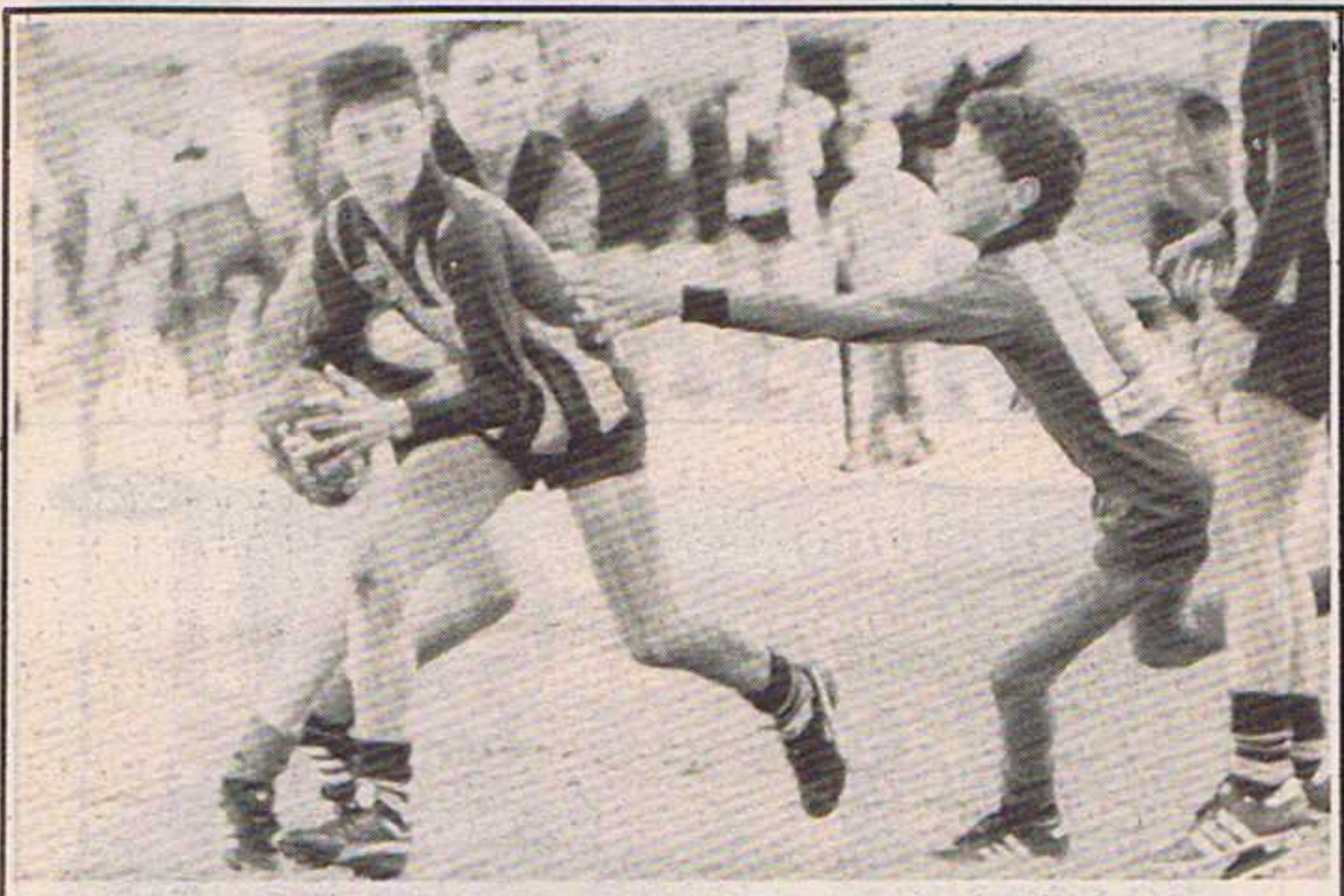
SOUTH/EAST FREMANTLE — Karoonda 41.29 (Crummell, Bransby) d Willetton 1.3 (Johnston, York), East Fremantle 23.26 (Geddes) d Cockburn 9.6 (Andrews), Kardinya 12.10 (Rouane) d Applecross 9.7 (Praxell), Lynwood 12.11 (Webb) d Rossmoyne 9.8 (Collins).

TIGERS CUP — Hawks 16.18 (Wilkinson) d Karrinyup 15.10, Marist 30.19 (Sarich) d Scarborough 2.1 (Green), Carine 22.12 d West Coast.

SWANS — Bassendean 8.8 d Swan View 7.9, Eastern Hills 13.16 d Redcliffe 4.12.

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Carnivals were held in Perth, Claremont and Subiaco zones with 54 schools taking part in the contests, including 13 country schools who played in Quairading and Gingin.

Perth held four carnivals which were won by St Joseph's, Kalamunda, East Victoria Park and Quairading.

Footballers were presented to schools for sportsmanship and the recipients were Beckenham, Forrestfield and Bentley.

Winners of Claremont's carnivals were Cottesloe and East Claremont and winners of footballs were Nedlands and North Cottesloe.

Girrawheen and Bullsbrook triumphed in the Subiaco carnivals with Montrose and Gingin being awarded footballs.

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Teal Cup round-up WA take third spot in Cup

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Bleak day for Swans

Prime RESERVES

By TANIA ARMSTRONG



WESTERN Australia finished third in the Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup Australian 17s championships after losing a vital game to South Australia last Thursday.

In a game WA just had to win to retain a chance of making the final, the Sandgropers lost to the runners-up by 31 points, 9.8 (62) to 4.7 (31).

The strong Victorian Country team beat South Australia in the final to take off the Cup in the team's first carnival, 16.11 (107) to 13.5 (83).

After three successive Teal Cup victories to Victoria in 1986, '87 and '88, the decision to enter a Victorian country team, as well as a metropolitan side, was made in an attempt to even up the series.

This seemed to have little effect on the Vics as the country side went through undefeated.

Pressure

WA's loss to Victoria Country on the first day of the carnival put them under pressure in the remaining games.

Third position went to WA after they overran New South Wales at Victoria Park last Friday, 12.13 (85) to 2.3 (15).

Final carnival placings were: Victoria country, South Australia, Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, Northern Territory, ACT.

Ruck-rover Kane Morphett was awarded WA's fairest and best trophy for the carnival after outstanding running performances in all games.

All States announced a fairest and

best player at the closing ceremony, which was held after the final at the MCG last Friday night.

Big Glen Jakovich finished second, Darren Rigby third, followed by Marcus Seecamp, with Tony Godden and Russell Thompson finishing in equal fifth position.

Conditions

WA found ground conditions in Victoria a little hard to come to terms with this year.

Conditions were difficult with most grounds having a muddy centre because of cricket pitches.

Players had to re-adjust to the firmer parts of the ground which were very slippery and players regularly lost their footing.

Brisbane will host the carnival next year and WA expect to be more at home on the firmer grounds in Queensland.

WA's carnival results:

Game three, Wednesday July 5.
WA 20.10 (130) d NSW 4.9 (33)

Goals — Seecamp, Hernaman 4, Jakovich, Taylor, Turner, O'Reilly 2, McIntosh, Snow, Ball, Morphett. Best — Jakovich, Godden, Seecamp, Morphett, Ball, Bolton, Turner.

Game four, Thursday July 6.
SA 9.8 (62) d WA 4.7 (31)

Goals — Snow, Ball, Turner, Hernaman. Best — Rigby, Bolton, Morphett, Ball, McCormack, Jakovich.

Final Day, Friday July 7.
WA 12.13 (85) d NSW 2.3 (15)

Goals — Thompson 3, Jakovich, Merillo, O'Reilly 2, Morphett, McIntosh, Barrett.

Record win to WA

ONE of the highlights of WA's Teal Cup carnival performance was their massive record-breaking win over Tasmania.

WA beat Tasmania 31.10 (196) to 1.4 (10), to set a carnival winning margin record of 186 points.

Ashley McIntosh kicked nine goals in the game played on the open spaces of VFL Park.

Three WA boys in Carnival side

WESTERN Australia's Teal Cup All-Australians for 1989 are Kane Morphett, Glen Jakovich and Greg Turner, with Marcus Seecamp being chosen as first emergency.

Morphett's ruck-roving was sensational and his selection follows his 1987 nomination as All-Australian school-boys captain.

South Fremantle puled off a quinella with the naming of Jakovich and Turner.

Jakovich played well in the ruck and the forward line, finishing with eight goals, while WA captain Turner performed well on a wing.

The 22 All-Australians will meet for a camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra in November or December.

All-Australian coach is winning Victoria Country coach Ray Jordan.

SWAN Districts failed to win a match in any of their three grades for the first time this season on Saturday — and the reserves were the worst offenders, losing to South Fremantle by 66 points.

The smell of success has been back at Bassendean this year, but Saturday was the worst day for the club since August 20 last year when the season finished, with all teams sitting on the bottom of the ladder.

The Bulldogs kicked nine goals in the last quarter to beat Swans 21.16 (142) to 11.10 (76).

Swans are normally slow starters, but on Saturday they started well and were only two points down at half-time.

Crumbled

But their game fell away from there and crumbled in the final term when they failed to stop the South Fremantle onslaught.

"I can accept losing games — but not like that," said an angry Swan Districts coach Alan Walker.

"The way we lost is very disappointing. I like to go down fighting."

Swans' bleak day could be attributed to the fact that 15 league and reserves players are out through injury, though Walker says that is no excuse.

Fightback gives South victory

A MAGNIFICENT last-quarter fightback gave South Fremantle a three-point victory over Swan Districts in Saturday's under-19s match at Fremantle Oval.

In a battle of the top two sides, South Fremantle beat Swan Districts, 11.9 (75) to 10.12 (72).

The win puts Souths on equal premiership points with Swans, who raced to the top of the ladder early in the season.

The Bulldogs hit the front 10 minutes into the last quarter and managed to hold off a desperate Swans side.

Swans raced to an early lead and at quarter time had six goals on the board to South's one.

Team effort

The win was a great team effort, but coach Kevin Cornell gave credit to the individual performances of Craig Paul and Chris Dowman.

Ruckman Paul is obviously enjoying

"Every club has got injuries and we like to keep them quiet at Swans," he said.

Walker's side on Saturday had nine players who were still eligible for colts and one of them — David Pollock, playing his first reserves game — was the team's best.

Subiaco had an overdue win at Subiaco Oval when they were 17-points too good for East Perth, 13.12 (90) to 10.13 (73).

Perth held off West Perth at Leederville Oval to win 21.10 (136) to 16.12 (108) and move six points clear of Swans at the top of the ladder.

Former league player Colin Waterston kicked eight goals in East Fremantle's 97-point win over a young Claremont side, 24.10 (154) to 7.15 (57).

GOALSCORERS

Leading goalkickers in the reserves after round 14 are:

Paul Morgan (SF) 33, Warren Taylor (WP) 33, Todd Ridley (C) 27, Ron Adams (EF) 26, Troy Davis (P) 25, Ray Holden (WP) 24, Paul Higgins (S) 21, Shane O'Neil (WP) 21, Damien Gordon (P) 19, Dean Johns (EP) 19, Brad Anni-son (EP) 19, David Ogg (SD) 17.

UNDER 19s

his time on the ball after playing at centre-half-back last year and he worked hard all around the ground while Dowman ruck-roved well all day.

Next week, Souths meet West Perth, who moved into the four with a good win over Perth, 12.13 (85) to 4.8 (32).

Perth, now sitting second from the bottom of the ladder, are an example of how even the colts competition is.

Two weeks ago the Demons were in the four and now, after two losses, they are one game from the bottom.

East Perth held on to third position when they were 47-point winners over Subiaco at League headquarters, 12.8 (80) to 4.9 (33).

Claremont put back-to-back wins together with a 34-point win over East Fremantle on their home soil, 15.6 (96) to 9.8 (62).

Goalscorers

Leading goalkickers in the under-19s after round 14 are:

Darren Jauncey (WP) 36; David Ham (C) 34; Adrian Pensini (SD) 25; Sebastian Donovan (EF) 22; Rod O'Neil (SD) 21; Paul Maimdok (P) 19; Scott Kettlewell (S) 16; Chris Bagshaw (EP) 16; Charles Gow (EP) 16; Dean Rummer (SF) 12.

Formay may change

THERE have been calls to change the format of the Teal Cup — a series that first began as a contest between New South Wales and Queensland in 1952.

With two Victorian teams (metropolitan and country) playing this year, it was decided that only the most successful of the sides after the preliminary games would make the finals.

This was the country team, which went through undefeated.

WA had to play the Victorian Country team, while South Australia's draw had them up against the weaker Victorian metro side.

WA's loss to the country team cost them dearly, while SA beat the metropolitan team. WA and SA were battling for the other place in the grand final and it depended on the last game when WA lost to SA.

The length of the carnival cannot be altered to allow all teams to play each other and there have been suggestions for an 'A' and 'B' division.

After all, there seems little to be gained by WA playing Tasmania and beating them by 31 goals.

Medal to Queenslander

QUEENSLAND'S Ray Windsor won the 1989 Larke Medal, awarded for the fairest and best player in the carnival.

Windsor's performance was impressive considering that Queensland finished fifth out of the eight teams competing.

WA's Glen Jakovich was runner-up to the Medal, which is awarded on votes cast by umpires in each game.

East Perth champion Grant Campbell is the only West Australian to win the medal after his outstanding 1979 carnival.

Past winners of the Larke Medal now playing VFL football include David Murphy, Paul Salmon, Greg Anderson and Steve Kolyniuk.

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Country Roundup

Dons storm home to down Collie

DONNYBROOK produced a stirring finish to beat Collie by 26 points in the battle for second place in the South-West League on Sunday.

Donnybrook were underdogs after their poor showing against Carey Park and having to play away and when Collie led by five goals half-way through the third quarter, the game looked over.

But the Dons fought back strongly to win 18.14 to 15.6.

Donnybrook full-forward Jamie Derrick posted six goals, while ruckman Shane Hickman was best-on-ground.

Kim Young (ruck-roller) and Aaron Parkes (wing) were other good players for Donnybrook, while Collie's best were Bruce Jackson, Greg O'Brien and Paul Carpenter, who kicked seven goals.

Upset win

The upset of the day was Busselton's 17-point victory over Bunbury, 18.13 to 15.14.

The Magpies kicked 12 goals to four in the second half, with full-forward Peter Kelleher finishing with eight goals.

Better players for Busselton were Vaughan Carter, Kelleher and Rodney Griffiths, while Bunbury's best were Steven Larson, Kevin Bassett and Russell Sparks.

Harvey Brunswick ended any hope Mines Rovers had of making the five, winning by 123 points, 28.22 to 10.7.

The Harvey-Brunswick ruckmen, changing at full-forward, kicked 12 goals with seven to Bernie Sloan and five to Andrew Host. Derek Hall and Frank Morabito kicked four goals each.

Sloan was best-on-ground, with Graham Jeffery and Mark Skehan playing strongly, while Craig Rinder, Steven Kinsella and Peter Rowe worked tirelessly for Mines.

Bolstered

South Bunbury, bolstered by the return of Scott Meadows and Rod McDougall, travelled to Boyanup to play the Cardinals and posted an easy 75-point win, 21.11 to 9.8.

Gavin Thornton kicked six goals at full-forward, while Peter Old (four goals) and Jamie O'Donohue also played well. Better players for the Cardinals were Larry Patane, Mark Blakely and Brett Maguire.

Carey Park had a easy 94-point win over the Augusta-Margaret River Hawks, 27.12 to 12.8.

Paul Kellond kicked eight goals at full-forward and Murray Collard six goals from a half-forward flank. Best players for the Panthers were Collard, Peter Narkle and Kellond. Gary Smith, Dean Hicks and Mick Abbey did well for the losers.

HUGE WIN PUTS TIGERS ON THE TOP

TIGERS shot to the top of the Fortescue League premierships table with a devastating 250-point win over Centrals at Tom Price on Sunday.

Even though Tigers lined up without key players Dave Maher, Mark Cunningham and Mal Taylor, they proved far too powerful for Centrals, winning 39.27 (261) to 1.5 (11).

Centrals were lost without their mainstays Alan Stobaus and Laurie Conforti.

Best for Tigers were Ware, Vance and Snooke, while Tattersoll and Brooke tried hard for Centrals.

Another upset was registered at Paraburdoo when local side Saints beat league leaders Hill by 36 points.

Lee Hutton led Saints admirably, celebrating his 50th game with a best-on-ground performance.

Other good Saints players were Blanche, Sparkes and Sherrington, while Hill's captain coach Russell Noye was his team's best, supported by Keyser and Oakford.

Demons consolidated their position in the four by defeating Towns by 24 points.

Sunday's games see Demons meet Hill at Paraburdoo, while at Tom Price, Tigers play the improved Saints in the early game, followed by Towns against a depleted Centrals.

Warriors in strong finish

WARRIORS had to produce a six-goal last quarter to guarantee victory over Dandaragan on Sunday and stay secure in second place on the Central Midlands premierships table.

Fourth-placed Dandaragan had set the pace against Warriors, leading at every change and holding a handy 11-point break going into the last term.

But the strong Warriors finish gave them a 21-point victory, 17.10 to 13.13.

Rovers were untroubled to justify their top position with a crushing 95-point win over bottom side Watheroo, 24.11 to 8.12 — set up brilliantly with a 10-goal opening term.

Dalwallinu moved into third spot ahead of Dandaragan with a comfortable 51-point margin over Bindi-Miling, 17.15 to 9.12.

COACH DISAPPOINTED

LONG-serving Southern Districts player and coach Larry Dwyer has strongly criticised his fellow-players because of their lack of commitment to the annual Great Southern Carnival.

Dwyer, a former WAFL player with South Fremantle, said that the combined Southern Districts side was badly under-manned at the recent carnival in Esperance, finishing a disappointing last.

"There was no commitment to the carnival," said Dwyer, who coached the young side that represented the League. "The clubs didn't support it and failed to instill into the players the importance of taking part."

Only six of the initial 26 players chosen in the side made themselves available to play.

North Pilbara League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Karratha Kats	10	9	1	1110	776	143.0	36
Dampier	10	7	3	948	736	128.8	28
Rovers	10	7	3	1021	949	107.6	28
Sth Hedland	10	5	5	965	1068	90.4	20
Falcons	10	3	7	808	853	94.7	12
Wickham	10	0	10	717	924	63.8	0

Swan Gold

South West League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Harvey-Brunswick	13	12	1	1922	728	264	48
Collie	13	9	4	1437	1232	116.6	36
Donnybrook	13	9	4	1248	1242	100.4	36
Carey Park	13	7	6	1506	1299	115.9	28
Sth Bunbury	13	7	6	1388	1274	108.9	28
Bunbury	13	6	7	1420	1122	126.5	24
Boy-Capel-Dard	13	6	7	1310	1454	90.1	24
Mines Rovers	13	5	8	1302	1592	81.7	20
Busselton	13	4	9	931	1492	62.3	16
Aug-Marg River	13	-	13	775	1804	42.9	-

DEVAUGH

Upsets in Pilbara

ROVERS and Falcons breathed new interest into the North Pilbara League with upset victories on Sunday.

Rovers inflicted the season's first defeat on Karratha, winning by 18 points in a tough clash, 17.15 (117) to 15.9 (99).

The victory kept Rovers' hopes of a second semi-final berth alive as they stayed on equal premierships points with Dampier, who had a percentage-boosting win over Wickham, 17.20 (122) to 5.4 (34).

Falcons have no hope of bridging the gap to fourth-placed South Hedland, but a 62-point victory over that side was a real morale-booster.

Falcons won 17.13 (115) to 8.5 (53).

Royals are downed in Albany upset

SOUTHERN Districts trendsetters Royals suffered their third loss for the season in a major upset last Sunday.

The defeat came from lowly Railways, who were well led by Craig Bevan, Colin Pearson and Damien O'Meara.

Rick Swarbrick and Tim Scott kicked four goals each as Railways stormed to a 15.16 (106) to 14.8 (92) victory — just their fourth of the season.

Best for Royals were Kim Crabb and Don Nesbitt.

South Barker tightened up the battle for second place with a crushing 113-point victory over North Albany, 24.18 (162) to 7.7 (49).

Percentage

South Barker's big win gave their percentage a handy boost to keep them well clear of fourth-placed North Barker — and just a game behind second side North Albany.

South Barker's goal-scoring was shared around with Richard Ugle and Russell Jones getting four each and best players being Jamie Back, Benny Leonetti and Jones.

North Albany's best were Ray Mountford and Ray Horne, with Cecil Wynne kicking three goals.

North Barker had little trouble beating bottom side Denmark, 18.10 (118) to 5.8 (38) with the league's leading goal-scorer, Ken Davies (Denmark) taking his tally to 56 with three majors.

Best for North Barker were Greg Saunders (six goals), while Craig Hickey played well for Denmark.

Southern Districts coach Larry Dwyer leads the Studio 10 player-of-the-year award with 14 votes, one clear of Benny Leonetti.

Central Wheatbelt

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Southern Cross	10	10	0	1553	526	295.4	40
Beacon	10	9	1	1594	588	271.1	36
Bencubbin	10	7	3	1304	856	152.3	28
Koorda	10	5	5	1083	944	114.7	20
Mukinbudin	10	4	6	795	1197	62.2	16
Towns	10	3	7	762	1111	68.6	12
Kalannie	10	1	9	658	1302	50.5	4
Nungarin	10	1	9	484	1678	28.8	4

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Great Northern

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Towns	13	11	2	1321	1005	131.44	44
Railways	12	9	3	1240	872	141.1	36
Mullewa	13	8	5	1186	953	124.44	32
Rovers	13	6	7	957	1019	93.91	24
Northampton	13	5	8	1013	1200	84.41	20
Brigades	13	4	9	1261	1318	95.67	16
CValley	13	2	11	1010	1301	77.63	8

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	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Ravens Tigers	9	8	1	1306	619	210.9	30
Lakes	9	5	4	1029	661	155.6	24
Munglinup	9	4	4	1011	1009	100.1	14
Southerners	9	-	9	376	1433	26.23	-

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Upper Great Southern League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Railways	11	9	2	1046	942	110.0	37
Boddington	10	8	2	1325	714	165.8	32
Wickepin	11	8	3	1076	891	120.8	32
Williams	10	7	3	1033	662	156.0	28
Wagin	11	6	5	1045	892	117.2	24
Towns	11	6	5	840	1111	75.6	24
Pingelly	10	2	8	749	912	82.1	8
Lake Grace	11	1	10	939	1402	66.9	4
West Arthur	11	1	10	746	1369	54.5	4

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Southern Districts League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Royals	13	10	3	1256	1077	116.62	40
Nth Albany	13	8	5	1199	1081	110.92	32
Sth Barker	13	7	6	1367	1039	131.57	28
Nth Barker	13	7	6	1065	1060	100.47	28
Railways	13	4	9	1170	1326	88.24	16
Denmark	13	3	10	969	1453	66.69	12

Studio 10

Ongerup

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Jerramungup	10	9	1	1158	642	180.4	36
Newdegate	10	8	2	1596	552	284.2	32
Kent	10	7	3	931	761	122.3	28
Gnowangerup	10	6	4	1123	885	126.9	24
Borden	10	5	5	91	978	93.1	20
Pingrup	10	4	6	716	1180	67.5	16
Ongerup	10	1	9	518	1176	50.9	4
Boxwood Hills	10	0	10	520	1486	34.9	0

Central Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Rovers	12	11	1	1610	647	248	44
Warriors	12	9	3	1448	782	185	36
Dalwallinu	12	7	5	988	996	99	28
Dandaragan	12	7	5	988	996	99	28
Bindi Miling	12	1	11	630	1629	38.7	4
Watheroo	12	1	11	630	1629	38.7	4

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North Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Three Springs	9	8	0	971	614	153.2	34
Dongara	9	8	1	1200	732	163.9	32
Mingenew	10	6	4	1113	798	139.5	24
Coorow-Latham	10	4	6	934	797	117.2	16
Morawa	10	3	6	916	803	114.1	14
Perenjori	9	3	6	730	1038	70.3	12
Carnamah	10	0	10	453	1467	30.9	0

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	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Tigers	10	8	2	1721	698	246.54	32
Hill	10	8	2	1259	920	136.84	32
Saints	10	5	5	901	783	115.07	20
Demons	10	5	5	904	953	94.85	20
Centrals	10	3	7	808	1423	56.78	12
Towns	10	1	9	656	1202	54.57	4

Goldfields

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Boulder	12	10	2	1526	579	155.8	40
Kambalda	12	9	3	1547	1061	145.8	34
Railways	12	7	5	1139	989	115.1	26
Kalgoorlie	12	3	9	1022	1300	78.61	12
Mines	12	1	11	788	1693	46.54	4

AUTO VILLA TOYOTA

Houwen seeks general bye

WEST Australian country coach Rob Houwen is concerned that some leagues do not give the annual interstate country game the recognition that it deserves.

"All of our players are expected to play for their clubs the day after the match," Houwen said.

"It must be hard for them to give 100 per cent for WA one day and then do the same for their club the next.

"Because the clubs pay most players, some try to persuade their players to make themselves unavailable for the State game.

Honour

"That shouldn't be the case — it's a great honour to represent your State and players shouldn't be put into that position.

"Next year I'm hoping that this corresponding weekend will be a general bye for all leagues."

Clubs who force players to make themselves unavailable for WA in the future could face a penalty if proposals before the Country Football League's AGM later this year are passed.



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Country interstate challenge WA versus SA Coach confident of victory



Ian Batchelor puts Craig Patterson under pressure as Brett Marsden prepares to assist.

AUSTRALIAN country coach Rob Houwen is confident of beating South Australia at Moora this Saturday, despite the Croweaters boasting an impressive line-up of former SANFL players.

The South Australians can field up to eight players with SANFL experience, including skipper Roger Clift, who made 35 appearances for Woodville and North Adelaide.

The 194cm Clift is expected to lead the ruck with former Sturt player Peter Simmonds, who is 2cms taller than his captain.

"We have a good blend of running players and ball-getters and that's where we can beat the South Australians," said Houwen, who is in charge of his second State country team.

Skilful

"We have a lot of skilful players and I think we will surprise them.

"Though we're missing a couple of top big men, South West's Bruce Jackson (190cms) and Great Northern's Craig Patterson (185cms) can do the job for us.

"The pace of South-West trio Shane Atherton (wing), Ross Gibson (wing) and Craig Watson (rover) and Great Northern's strong rover Brett Marsden are the keys to our side.

"We learnt a lot in our loss to Victorian country last year and these pacier players are the types we need for today's brand of football.

"The Victorians, who were mainly former VFL players or future VFL stars, were more direct and faster than us.

"We've paid special attention to that in the past 12 months and we should reap the rewards. It all depends of how accurately we dispose of the ball."

WA's plan will be to run the ball out of defence and kick long into attack — always looking for the longest lead.

Key forward

Former WAFL and VFL star Ross Ditchburn will start at full-forward, where he may be opposed to big ruckman/defender Andrew Bromley.

While Bromley might have the height to spoil some of Ditchburn's marking, he is unlikely to have the speed off the mark to prevent the 32-year-old from leading.

Former Claremont player Tom Pearce, from the Central Great Southern League, will captain WA, while his deputy will be Max Johnson, a tough ball-getting ruck-rover from North

Midlands who had league experience with East Fremantle.

Pearce's one-time Tigers team-mate Noel Morton (Ongerup), Noel Birstow (Upper Great Southern), Russell Sparks (South West), Ian Batchelor (Central Great Southern) and Grant Hawkes (South West) are other experienced players in the WA team.

South Australian utility/forwards Phillip Foster (26 appearances with West Adelaide) and Phil Philcox (41 for Woodville) will pose big problems for WA's back line.

Spearheads

Both men have tremendous skills and together with full-forward Paul Clarke and goalkicking rover Fabian Davey — making his fourth appearance for the Croweaters — they will be the chief spearheads.

Others WA must watch out for are wingman Colin Ferme (formerly of Woodville and SA's best player in 1988) and Barry Hutchens (five Mail Medals) and Steve Gedei (the 1988 Mail Medal winner).

Houwen is pleased that the interstate fixture is being played in the country.

"If we played on a WAFL ground in Perth, our players would be as lost as the South Aussies," he said. "But by taking them to a country town, our blokes will feel at home.

"We're used to the country atmosphere and surroundings. I would like to think that the people of Moora will come out and support us in force."

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Country interstate challenge

Wyatt gives WA home-ground edge



In training ... Ian Wyatt gets off his kick before Max Johnson can spoil.

IT will be a big day for Ian Wyatt when the West Australian and South Australian country teams clash at Moora Oval this Saturday.

Wyatt is not only member of the WA side, but he is also the caretaker of the match venue.

WA are hoping that the inclusion of Wyatt, with his local knowledge, will give the home team a big advantage over the visitors.

"I'll wait and see what the conditions are like and then I'll tell the other blokes how they should handle them," Wyatt said.

"I hope it's dry though. Moora Oval tends to get very slippery after it rains."

Wyatt, who is making his third

appearance for a WA country side said that Saturday will be the highlight of his football life.

"You don't get too many chances to play for your State — especially in front of your home crowd," the 30-year-old Moora groundsman said.

"This really means a lot to me." Wyatt added that WA can expect strong support from the Moora people.

"We're only a small town of about 10,000 people, but I'm certain they'll come out in force to support WA," he said.

Pen pics for the big game

West Australians

Shane Atherton, 19. Donnybrook. Plays on a wing or can ruck-rove. An up-and-coming player having his first taste of football at this level.

Noel Bairstow, 28. Lake Grace. An experienced half-back who has represented the State country many times. A brother of Mark Bairstow and had a brief stint with South Fremantle.

Brad Barton, 24. Collie. An elusive half-forward having his first experience at State football.

Ian Batchelor, 25. Katanning. A high-marking full-back, who is a strong spoiler.

Chris Cooper, 25. Geraldton. A strong and dependable defender in club and league football; can play anywhere.

Ross Ditchburn, 32. Kukerin. The team's most experienced player; a quality full-forward with WAFL and VFL experience and a reliable goalkicker. Has represented the country team many times.

Ross Gibson, 26. Busselton. A dashing young wingman making his State country debut. Is a left footer with a sure kick.

Grant Hawkes, 23. Bunbury. Renowned for his great stamina. A strongly-built ruck-rove who has won the Hayward Medal for the South-West's best player.

Jeff Hooper, 23. Narembeen. An Eastern Districts league fairest and best winner. A confident centre-half-back who reads the play well; a good team man.

Bruce Jackson, 28. Collie. The team's No. 1 ruckman, who has a big leap and takes a strong mark. Had a taste of WAFL football this season with West Perth.

Max Johnson, 30. Morowa. An experienced centre-liner and four-times North Midlands fairest and best winner. Previously played with East Fremantle.

Graham Kerse, 22. Burracoppin. A tenacious centreman who won the fairest and best award last season in the Eastern Districts league. A solidly-built ball-getter.

Ken Martin, 26. Wickipin. A classy utility player with great skills, whose main feature is his good disposal of the ball.

Noel Morton, 29. Newdegate. An experienced defender and a former captain of Claremont. A star in the recent Great Southern Carnival and a real asset to the team.

Brett Marsden, 22. Geraldton. A strongly-built rover who has done well in previous country teams.

Greg O'Malley, 21. Geraldton. A tall, strong-marking forward, who was in Great Northern's Westfarmers Carnival-winning side.

Craig Patterson, 26. Geraldton. A tireless ruckman who led Rovers to a 1986 grand final win in the Great Northern League.

Tom Pearce, 30. Kukerin. Last year's fairest and best winner in the Central Great Southern League and a former top defender with Claremont.

Bill Price, 21. Burracoppin. A member of Burracoppin's grand final-winning side in last year's Eastern Districts league. Can play in the ruck or in defence.

Russell Sparks, 28. Bunbury. A tough utility player who captained East Perth in the WAFL and is a key performer in midfield.

Craig Watson, 24. South Bunbury. A first-class rover who has moved to the strong South-West league after playing with Bolgart.

Ian Wyatt, 30. Moora. A fairest and best winner in the Central Midlands League; plays on a wing, but was the league's leading goalkicker in 1986-87.

South Australians

Roger Clift (captain), 23. Yorke Valley. A powerful ruckman or key position player who made 35 appearances with Woodville and North Adelaide.

Peter Simmonds, 28. Great Southern. A former Sturt ruckman and key forward who can run all day.

Phillip Foster, 25. Kowree Naracoorte. A utility forward with 26 West Adelaide league games to his credit.

John McAuliffe, 25. Spencer Gulf. A highly-rated utility or half-forward who reads the play well.

David McCarthy, 24. Tatiara. A rover/half-forward with good goal sense, he won the 1985 Mail Medal.

Phil Philcox, 25. SAFA. An experienced utility/forward, he played 41 league games with Woodville.

Colin Ferme, 22. Spencer Gulf. SA country's best player in 1988, he played Teal Cup in 1983 and 41 games with Woodville. Best suited to a wing, but can be used in other positions.

James Boles, 28. Spencer Gulf. Selected in the 1985-86-88 State country teams and had six games with North Adelaide. A good rover/forward.

Craig Blieschke, 22. Spencer Gulf. A midfielder, he won his club's fairest and best award in 1986, before playing reserves football with Norwood in '87.

Mark Kirby, 25. Yorke Valley. The 1987 Mail Medal winner, he is a good overhead mark and a tireless worker on a wing.

Fabian Davey, 29. Port Lincoln. A skilled rover half-forward with good goal sense, he is making his fourth appearance for SA.

Kym Green, 26. Great Flinders. A highly skilled utility/forward with pace and good disposal, he played league with Norwood last season.

Andrew Bromley, 24. Western Border. Plays best in defence, but can be used in the ruck. Was a solid performer for SA country last season.

Daryl Montgomerie, 28. Far West. A defender/half back. Among SA country's best in 1988.

Tim Bubner, 21. Adelaide Plains. An outstanding defender at inter league level. Runs all day and is rarely beaten.

Paul Clarke, 22. Southern. In his first season of country football. He has good pace and kicks well.

Paul Ponglase, 27. Spencer Gulf. Captain/coach of his club, he is a good utility and on-field leader.

Barry Hutchens, 29. Eastern Eyre. A brilliant defender/half-back. Winner of five Mail medals.

Steve Gedei, Hills. He won the 1988 Mail Medal in his 16th season of senior football. A skilful defender or half-back.

David Wallis, 22. Runner-up for the 1987 Mail Medal, he earned country selection last season and now captains his club. Best suited to the half-back line.

Dennis Weckert, 22. A ruckman/key position player, he played his first "A" grade game at 14. Has played two senior games with Glenelg.

AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

TIGERS WIN TOUGH BATTLE

THE North Beach Tigers got over the line by 16 points in a tough pressure-packed A-grade clash with top-placed Mt. Lawley on Saturday.

The Tigers were well-led by big ruckman Dave Higgins and they ran the ball well out of the centre, giving their forwards more opportunities than the Hawks.

Higgins and fellow ruckman David Court fed runners such as Dave Perry, Cory Bewick and Nick Hoskins.

Mt. Lawley were finding the going tough and except for Mark Waldeman, Leight Sprlyan and Mike Shanahan, they couldn't break the shackles clamped on by North.

Credibility

West Coast put their credibility beyond doubt when they comfortably beat Trinity-Aquinas by 10 goals.

Big Robbie Mann dominated in the ruck and with ace forwards Mark Taylor and Ken Judge firing, West Coast had little bother scoring goals.

University scraped home six-point winners over Scarborough.

In a thrilling finish, it was University's experienced players who made the difference.

Aaron Devitt again dominated in the ruck and set up many opportunities for the hard-running Mark Paganin, while Paul Robson was also a major contributor.

The win brings the students back to equal top with Mt. Lawley and only percentage separates the two sides.

Desperate

Wembley, with a better team performance, ran out 15-point winners over the star-studded Nollamara.

The lower-placed Wembley were more desperate and disciplined than their counter parts and consequently gained more value for their effort.

Luke Wundke again worked tirelessly for his side, as did Mark Maxwell and Brad Roberts, while the defence, with Simon Proud and Grant Morgan doing fine work, was very solid.

It's a real battle for five

MT LAWLEY threw the fight for fifth spot wide open by emphatically beating Bayswater by 10 goals at Hillcrest Park.

The win left the Hawks one game behind Bayswater and CBC and on equal terms with Dianella.

Swan Athletic have also bounced back into form and are now within striking distance of the five. They are two games out but with a superior percentage.

Only two teams seem incapable of making the finals judged on Saturday's form.

Curtin and Cockburn Lakes both lost by 23 goals, the biggest losing margins in B grade since 1986.

Mt Lawley played four quarters of quality football to outplay Bayswater, who seem to have lost all interest in football and on current form will not feature in this year's final series.

Brad Stevens was a lively forward for the Hawks while burly centre-half-forward Darryl Cox provided a reliable avenue of attack.

For the Blues none was better than Dave Mueller.

In a defensive game dominated by both backlines, North Fremantle were able to break away from CBC in the third quarter to set up a hard-fought 19-point victory on a muddy Gil Fraser Oval.

Fierce tackling was a feature of the game with both sides applying the pressure which kept the scores low.

Rover Darryl Wright gave the Magpies plenty off sting around the ground,

A-GRADE

by

TREVOR SCHORER



Old Wesley continued their winning streak with a 43-point victory over Innaloo.

Captain Bryn Chute led by example with an inspirational performance and with support from McLean and Gerry Hunt, the side had enough impetus to score freely.

Innaloo's best were Brunner, Horwood and Fisher, but their lack of teamwork was once again the major reason for their loss.

FIXTURES

A-grade

ROUND NO. 13 — 15 JULY

University vs Nollamara, Bassendean Oval
Innaloo vs Scarborough, Perth Oval
West Coast vs Old Wesley, Fremantle Oval
Mt Law vs Trinity/Aquinas, Inglewood Oval
Wembley vs North Beach, Henderson Park

B-grade

ROUND NO. 13 — 15 JULY

Mt Lawley vs Dianella, Hamer Park
CBC vs Bayswater, Fremantle Park
Curtin AFC vs Nth Fremantle, South Oval
Cburn Lakes vs Col/Old Scotch, Anning Pk
Swan Athletics vs Maylands, Swan Ath Oval

A colts

ROUND NO. 14 — 15 JULY

University vs Nollamara, Bassendean Oval
Innaloo vs Scarborough, Perth Oval
West Coast vs Old Wesley, Fremantle Oval
Mt Law vs Trinity/Aquinas, Inglewood Oval
Wembley vs North Beach, Henderson Park

B colts

ROUND NO. 14 — 15 JULY

Mt Lawley vs Dianella, Hamer Park
CBC vs Bayswater, Fremantle Park
Curtin AFC vs North Frem, Sth Oval
Cburn Lakes vs Col/Old Scotch, Anning Pk
Swan Athletics vs Maylands, Swan Ath Oval

B-GRADE

by

PETER RUSH



teaming with ruckman Mick Gill to form a winning following division.

Kymon Anderson, Steve Jenkins, and Jeff Stapleton were other good players for the Magpies.

Swan Athletic overran Dianella in the second half to record an encouraging seven-goal victory.

Troy Bosich, Brett Dellar, Graeme Yukich and Shane Bosich were all contributors for the Swans.

Cockburn Lakes have gained a reputation as being an aggressive, physical side and on Saturday in the first quarter against Maylands these tactics were more evident than usual, with midfielder Terry Coates being the chief instigator with many fierce and often late tackles.

Stretched off

Coates continued these tactics into the second term until he ran into a brick wall in the shape of Maylands strongman Mark Emmett, which led to Coates being stretched off the ground.

Garry Sidebottom weighed in with 11 goals and received good support from Rob Gray, Gary Mawdesley, Wayne McKinlay and Bruce Loo.

Collegians/Old Scotch went on their own goal-scoring orgy, annihilating Curtin by 23 goals.

Lee Souness, Aaron McCracken, William Henwood, Matt Baker and captain-coach Jerome Griffen were the Lions best players.

HIGHLIGHTS

C-GRADE:

THE Whitfords Warriors celebrated Dave McDonald's 100th game in fine style by defeating second-placed Osborne Districts by two goals. In a good return to form, the Warriors sounded a warning to the top five that they are not to be taken lightly in the run-up to the finals. Good players for the Warriors were Geoff Black, Spinner Crispen, Ian Renshaw and colts player Rod Putelli in his league debut.

D grade

North Beach blew their big chance of taking second place against a slick Scarborough team. The loss by the Tigers saw them slide to fourth spot as Trinity Aquinas moved into third place after causing a major upset by downing grade leaders Wembley.

Fifth spot is still up for grabs between Applecross and WACAE.

Melville are in a tight situation, two games away from the top half and with five games to go, will find it difficult to bridge the gap.

North Beach should have time to regroup this week against Melville, but again will be looking for big efforts from David Dowding, Rohan Pugh and Jay Wilhelm.

The clash of the round should be Trinity-Aquinas and Applecross, who could slide out of the five if they lose.

F Grade

Victoria Park stormed back into finals contention with a confidence-boosting 16 point win over Bayswater, kicking 5 goals to 2 in the last term.

Old Wesley continue to improve as their regular A-graders return to fitness and the F-grade sides strength is bolstered with quality players like Murray Carlshaven, Don Dixon and Greg Francis.

The old boys assured themselves a finals berth with a strong 67-point win over Nollamara.

Innaloo cemented their place with a 48-point win over Osborne Districts, with West Coast and Mt Lawley continuing to lead the field.

G. GRADE:

IN the match of the day, Wanneroo did not have the answers for a Girrawheen fight-back in the last quarter. It was a disciplined Girrawheen side which produced a solid team effort to prove they will be hard to beat leading up to the finals. They play the more fancied Collegians/Old Scotch this week, who will have to be at their best to subdue an in-form Girrawheen combination.

H-GRADE:

WHITFORDS played good football to dispose of Mt Lawley in a high-

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standard game. The Warriors helped Peter Fathing celebrate his 150th game in a display. Coach Ray Harp knows his side is capable of producing against the top sides. Better players for the Warriors were Mike Duffy, Glen Sloss and Darren Keeler.

Riverton completely demoralized North Beach in a one-sided affair. Best for Norths were reliable Mark Mele, Paul Larsen and Brad Rowse and they will have to ask for a bigger effort from their more senior players, if they are to topple an indifferent Whitford N0.2 this week.

North are the disappointing team in this grade as they finished close to the five last season, however the injury toll in the club's other two grades has drained their senior team.

I. GRADE:

THE RAAF Bullsbrook club had record-breaking day when they beat an undermanned Osborne Districts.

Back in 1982, the Roodogs beat Hamersley by 286 points, but last week they bettered that when they kicked 301 points and kept the opposition scoreless.

To their credit, the Osborne Districts players never gave in, but could not find a winner in any position. One sure winner for the Roodogs was full-forward Mark Schenk, who kicked a club record 22 goals to lift his tally for the season to 82.

J-GRADE:

IN a good display of their potential, the Whitfords thirds avenged their first round defeat by trouncing Coolbinia Yokine by 10 goals. Better players for the Warriors were Justin Harrington, Mark Nannup and John Sumich.

L. GRADE:

THE strength of any football club is often measured by the success of their lower grades and this is no exception with Nollamara. Last week L-grade coach Mark Attwood could not name a side due to players being used in higher grades to cover injury.

He spent Friday and Saturday recruiting players from wherever he could (including colts) and fielded one of the best teams this season, winning by 10 goals.

Players of the calibre of Darrel Richardson, playing with a back injury, John Vasher, who relised the tough going, and big Bruce Harris who was advised not to play for two weeks due to a neck injury, put their personal safety behind them to help out.

A Colts

Inaccurate kicking by Mt Lawley cost them the premiership points against a relentless North Beach, who have played good team football recently.

With only two games to go before the round-robin series, there is a half a game plus percentage gap between fifth and sixth.

Best for North's were Alex Yarran, Mal Kiely, Jeff Gury and Grayden Vander wall.

B COLTS

Dianella continued their surge towards the finals by disposing of second-placed Swan Athletic. Collegians Old Scotch struggled against Curtin, Bayswater just beat Mt Lawley, while North Fremantle snatched fifth spot back at the expense of C.B.C.

Maylands jumped back into 3rd spot by defeating Cockburn Lakes by 18 goals.

Lyndsey Dean dominated midfield for the Rams, while Jason Inglis easily won in the ruck.

C COLTS:

WHITFORDS consolidated their place in the top five by beating a competitive Wembley side. Better players for the Warriors were Ian Hughes, Andrew Hughes, Carl Ruscoe and Paddy Fitzgerald.

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AMATEUR PREMIERSHIP TABLES

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
A GRADE						
MT LAWLEY	12	9	3	1195	895	133.52 36
NOLLAMARA	12	8	4	1156	1008	114.68 32
UNIVERSITY	12	8	4	1035	962	107.59 32
WEMBLEY	12	7	5	1040	1003	103.69 28
WEST COAST	12	6	6	1148	1052	109.13 24
North Beach	12	6	6	1177	1088	108.18 24
Scarborough	12	6	6	976	1115	87.53 24
Old Wesley	12	5	7	1096	1071	107.77 20
Trinity/Aquinas	12	4	8	1002	1171	85.57 16
Innaloo	12	1	11	870	1219	76.37 4

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
B GRADE						
NORTH FREMAN	12	10	2	1181	917	128.79 40
MAYLANDS	12	9	3	1474	888	165.99 36
COLL/OLD SCTCH	12	8	4	1418	897	158.08 36
CBC	12	6	6	1220	1207	101.18 24
BAYSWATER	12	6	6	967	1085	89.12 24
Mt Lawley	12	5	7	915	1118	81.84 20
Dianella	12	5	7	912	1208	75.50 20
Swan Athletic	12	4	8	1074	1121	95.81 16
Cockburn Lakes	12	4	8	1053	1404	75.00 16
Curtin	12	2	10	830	1198	69.28 8

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
C GRADE						
BASSEDEAN	13	12	1	1577	842	187.29 48
OSBORNE DIST	13	11	2	1295	977	132.55 44
COOLBIN/YOKINE	13	9	4	1250	949	131.72 36
CARLISLE	13	9	4	1400	1201	116.57 36
WHITFORD	13	8	5	1186	1082	109.61 32
Nollamara	13	7	6	1175	975	120.51 28
Rockingham	13	3	10	1098	1310	83.82 12
University	13	3	10	997	1352	73.74 12
Lynwood/Ferndale	13	3	10	997	1352	73.74 12
Morley	13	-	13	702	1546	45.41 -

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
D GRADE						
WEMBLEY	13	11	2	1565	729	214.68 44
SCARBOROUGH	13	10	3	1446	904	159.69 40
TRINITY/AQUINAS	13	8	5	1279	1012	126.38 36
NORTH BEACH	13	8	5	1327	1022	129.84 32
APPLECROSS	13	7	6	1352	1089	124.15 28
WACAE	13	7	6	1247	1121	111.24 28
Melville	13	5	8	1121	1188	94.36 20
Mundaring	13	4	9	1033	1474	70.08 16
Brentwood	13	3	10	743	1569	47.36 12
Balcatta AICA	13	1	12	760	1765	43.06 4

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
E GRADE						
BULLSBROOK	13	13	-	1346	647	199.70 52
JOHN XXIII	13	10	3	1594	929	171.58 40
SWAN VALLEY	13	9	4	1528	907	168.47 36

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
HAMERSLEY	13	9	4	1423	882	161.34 36
R&I BANK	13	7	6	1218	1225	99.43 28
Hellenic	13	5	8	1106	1360	81.32 20
Forrestfield	13	4	9	1053	1279	82.33 16
National Bank	13	1	12	620	1693	36.62 4
St Norberts	12	5	7	936	1246	75.12 20
University	12	1	11	838	1477	56.74 4

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
F GRADE						
WEST COAST	13	12	1	1661	720	230.69 48
MT LAWLEY	13	11	2	1228	741	165.72 46
INNALOO	13	7	6	1031	1091	94.50 28
OLD WESLEY	13	7	6	1012	1197	84.54 28
VICTORIA PARK	13	6	7	1001	1085	92.26 26
Bayswater	13	6	7	1159	1161	99.83 24
Coolbellup	13	5	8	1049	1167	89.89 20
Nollamara	13	4	9	1077	1221	88.21 16
Dianella	13	4	9	863	1260	68.49 16
Osborne Districts	13	2	11	757	1192	63.51 8

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
G GRADE						
WANNEROO	13	10	3	1495	973	153.65 40
COLL/OLD SCTCH	13	9	4	1580	954	165.62 36
REDCLIFFE	13	9	4	1389	867	160.21 36
GIRRAWHEEN	13	9	4	1428	1003	142.37 36
NORTH FREMAN	13	8	5	1332	1260	105.71 32
Navy	13	7	6	1456	1037	140.41 28
Ocean Ridge	13	5	8	1015	1466	69.24 20
West Coast	13	4	9	1165	1280	91.02 16
Swan/Nedlands	13	3	10	846	1546	54.72 12
CBC	13	1	12	609	1921	31.74 4

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
H GRADE						
WEMBLEY	13	10	3	1557	728	213.87 40
RIVERTON	13	10	3	1589	757	209.91 40
BASSEDEAN	13	9	4	1553	1006	154.37 36
MAYLANDS	13	8	5	1188	979	121.35 32
EAST FREMANTLE	13	4	9	1085	1395	71.78 16
Whitford	13	3	9	949	1506	63.01 14
Mt Lawley	13	2	11	657	1689	38.90 8
North Beach	13	1	12	623	1817	34.29 4
University	12	10	2	1333	700	190.43 40
Curtin	12	6	5	934	911	102.52 26

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
I GRADE						
RAAF	13	12	1	1828	763	239.58 48
SWAN ATHLETIC	13	10	2	1564	980	159.60 42
BULLSBROOK	13	10	3	1195	827	144.50 40
SCARBOROUGH	13	8	4	1398	820	170.49 34
CARLISLE	13	8	4	1598	865	184.74 32
Trinity/Aquinas	13	6	7	1026	1173	87.47 24
Lynwood/Ferndale	13	5	8	1007	1292	77.94 20
North Fremantle	13	3	10	917	1231	74.49 12
Osborne Districts	13	2	11	654	1741	37.56 8
ANZ	12	-	12	567	1935	29.30 -

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
J GRADE						
SWAN VIEW	13	12	1	1888	592	318.92 48
MURDOCH UNI	13	12	1	1369	725	188.83 48
BAYSWATER	13	11	2	1397	889	157.14 44
MORLEY	13	7	6	1193	1102	108.26 28
HAMERSLEY	13	6	7	1129	1085	104.06 24
Innaloo	13	5	8	930	1273	73.05 20
Coolbinia/Yokine	13	4	9	857	1441	59.47 16
WACAE	12	3	9	1032	1229	83.97 12
Whitford	13	3	10	910	1344	67.71 12
Hellenic	13	2	11	659	1668	39.51 8

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
K GRADE						
ROCKINGHAM	13	13	-	1807	509	355.01 52
COCKBURN LAKES	13	12	1	1802	635	283.78 48
APPLECROSS	13	9	4	1311	935	140.22 36
WANNEROO	13	8	5	1254	1095	114.52 32
COOLBELLUP	13	6	7	1375	1145	120.09 24
Forrestfield	13	6	7	1120	1180	94.92 24
Coll/Old Scotch	13	4	9			



The national view



by JOHN WARREN

Talent search should start at home

THERE are many aspects of sport which are fascinating to those of us involved in a professional capacity.

Each of us has particular priorities which may be in the realms of psychological preparation, physical conditioning or the development of skills.

My special interest has evolved in the area of talent identification — a subject often interpreted as being specifically related to junior age groups.

While this is often the situation, talent recognition is also definitely placed in the earlier adult years as well.

I have constantly been amazed, annoyed and appalled — not necessarily in that order — by the uninformed judgments often made relative to the perceived talents of footballers. Unfortunately, many of these judgments prove to be disastrous with football clubs having to "foot the bill".

Priority

With financial management an ever-emerging priority for sport in general and Australian Football in particular, it is absolutely vital that the best possible judgments are made when large sums of money are involved.

With the possible exception of the coach, the most important appointment to a football club should be the recruiting officer.

Some clubs have made that recognition but too many, however, still rely on people who are not competent to make suitable assessments on a player's ability to make the transition from one playing environment to another.

One major criticism of our present system is that people climb onto aeroplanes at great expense to view a player performing for one game in his own environment.

A judgment and subsequent recommendation — or rejection — is then made.

Ready-made champions can be readily identified under such a system, but with the less-spectacular players, such as cursory inspection can only be a "hit or miss" affair.

Potential

It should be recognised that the feeder zones of all leagues clubs contains literally hundreds of potential elite performers.

If these are given realistic assessment and subsequent skills development programs, they should produce the players every football club requires.

The names of footballers from all States who have cost literally hundreds of thousands of hard-to-get dollars and failed, are legion.

Their non-performances are an indictment on our system and serve as a lesson that the identification of talent from within a football club's own environment should be the first priority.

The players are there. Anyone who says otherwise only wants to buy someone else's creation. They don't want to get the hard ball!

Lions break ice for Mountain

PAUL Mountain had his first win as Thornlie coach when the Lions had one point to spare against Maddington at Thornlie Oval in the closest match of round 12 in Sunday Football League fixtures.

The Lions put together a solid third quarter when they opened up a break of 16 points and then had to withstand a determined fightback by Maddington.

The one-point victory was timed to perfection for club stalwart Larry Harder, who was playing his 100th game for Thornlie.

The Lions' win was full of merit because they lost James Carter and Aaron Hunter with hamstring problems in the first quarter.

Hunter showed courage to continue in the game.

Ruckman Graeme Carter, who played a top second half with broken ribs, was an inspiration to his team.

Thornlie had previously been awarded a win when Canning played an ineligible player in the third round of fixtures.

Packet of mothballs

APPLECROSS, who must have had a whiff of mothballs when they played South Perth a week earlier, were given the full packet when they were surprisingly beaten by Mandurah.

Southerners veterans Steve Doyle and 1988 Bowden Medallist Chris McMahan dominated the midfield, especially in the second half when Mandurah booted 13 goals to the Hawks' eight.

With so much at stake and a home-ground advantage, Applecross should have put up a much better showing against a team who had previously only won two games in 1989.

Dismal Demons

ARMADALE, who the previous week had taken the game right up to second-placed Wanneroo, put in a dismal first half against Willetton.

The Demons could manage only 1.9 to half-time and were down by 44 points at the start of the third term. They didn't recover.

Willetton welcomed back rugged utility player Ken Dixon, who was the driving force behind their first-half supremacy.

Full-back Steve Perejmibida further enhanced his standing as a defender with a solid four-quarter effort.

Hawk power

AFTER an inept first half, Gosnells turned on the power to record a comfortable 103-point victory over South Perth.

Full-forward Peter McGilvray booted eight goals to take his tally to 58 for the season.

McGilvray missed the first two games and his average of nearly six goals a game is outstanding.

Mark Dominish, Paul Hill and Andrew Strickland continue to play well for Gosnells.

South Perth, who have struggled most of the season, can be well satisfied with their performance against the league leaders.

Tigers again

THE Canning Tigers tamed the Kalamunda Cougars with a 35-point win up on the mountain to end Kalamunda's recent run of wins.

Canning turned on the fireworks in the second term with a seven-goal second quarter.

The Tigers led by 31 points at half-time and were never headed.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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

METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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

Magpies in the hot seat

WITH five rounds remaining, Fremantle are the only team who can alter the composition of the top four in the Metropolitan Football League.

The Magpies play Manning (home), Pinjarra (away) Kwinana (home), Mosman Park (away) and Cockburn (home).

Fourth-placed Midland, who are a game clear of Fremantle, play Cockburn (home), Manning (away), Pinjarra (home), Mundijong (away) and Mosman Park (home).

Given that Fremantle should beat Manning, Mosman Park and Cockburn on current form, the Magpies will finish with nine wins.

Midland will be favoured to beat Cockburn, Manning and Mosman Park for a total of ten wins.

Tough games

Tough games for Midland will obviously be those against Mundijong and Pinjarra.

Fremantle, however, also have to make up nearly 50 per cent on Midland — an impossible feat.

So the Magpies are in the hot seat and the only way they can displace Midland from the top four is by winning their remaining five fixtures.

Interest this Sunday will focus on the top two teams, Pinjarra and Kwinana, playing at Medina Oval.

The Knights accounted for Mundijong in a high-class game last Sunday. However, Pinjarra with an impressive array of goal-kicking players, will pose a more formidable threat.

Pinjarra were 35-point winners over Kwinana in their round five clash earlier this season.

Big threat

But Kwinana, with the home ground advantage worth about four goals, will pose a big threat to the Tigers.

Mundijong play Mosman Park at Mundijong and will not want to treat the opposition as easybeats.

Coach Ian Earl has improved Mosman Park's fitness level in recent weeks.

Interest will centre on whether Alan Boudry returns to the Mundijong line-up, as his clearance to Cockburn has been refused by the Mundijong committee.

Michael Guelfi, Paul Murphy and Kurt Haunold will need to continue their good form if Manning are to extend Fremantle in the clash at Gil Fraser Oval.

Metropolitan League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
PINJARRA	10	8	2	1402	732	191.53	32
MUNDIJONG	10	6	2	1182	805	146.83	32
KWINANA	10	7	3	1286	822	156.44	28
MIDLAND	10	6	4	1143	812	140.76	24
Fremantle	10	5	5	891	1013	87.95	20
Manning	10	4	6	839	956	87.76	16
Mosman Park	10	2	8	664	1224	54.24	8
Cockburn	10	-	10	568	1611	35.25	-

Sunday League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
GOSNELLS	12	12	0	1433	757	189.300	48
WANNEROO	12	10	2	1728	949	182.86	40
OSBORNE PARK	12	9	3	1405	905	153.249	36
WILLETTON	12	9	3	1212	844	143.602	36
CANNING	12	8	4	1365	1073	127.213	32
Applecross	12	6	6	1193	1350	88.370	24
Kelmscott	12	5	7	1112	1191	93.367	20
Kenwick	12	5	7	1033	1209	87.097	20
Armadale	12	5	7	1078	1375	78.400	20
Kalamunda	12	4	8	873	1132	77.120	16
Maddington	12	3	9	1139	1225	92.980	12
Mandurah	12	3	9	1008	1363	73.955	12
South Perth	12	2	10	812	1325	61.283	8
Thornlie	12	2	10	857	1570	54.586	8



Peter Bosustow...strong leader

Bulldogs bitten

KELMSCOTT put up a good showing against second-placed Wanneroo but one bad quarter proved their undoing.

Wanneroo kicked six goals in the second term and held Kelmscott to one.

Wanneroo full-forward Tony Fraser was well held by Bulldog but still managed six goals to take his tally to 59 for the season.

The Roos went into the game without Paul Taylor, Mark Bonomelli and Neil Roach.

Solid Saints

OSBORNE Park again proved their solid standing in the competition with a powerful 81-point win over Kenwick and are certain finalists in 1989.

Matt Cullen (five goals) again played well, but the performance of ruckman Alan Neville continues to amaze Saints supporters.

Though lacking in height, Neville has dominated the ruck duels in recent weeks.

Graham Nicholas, former player and coach of Kenwick, reappeared for the Royals and will play for the rest of the season.





Kicking football into the future



ACTION STATIONS!

SINCE the birth of the West Coast Eagles, there has been a constant call for unity in West Australian football.

Until recently that has been limited to talk. There was no action to support the words.

Things started to change for the better with the implementation of the new Football Commission to control the sport and the new Commissioners, Peter Tannock, John Fuhrmann and Kevin Edwards, understand the importance of their role.

The Eagles, through chief executive Bill Kerr and the WAFL via Brian Cook — who is now secretary to the Commission — understand

Time for a lot more co-operation

the problems they face. But they also understand the path and stances which must be taken to eradicate factions in the football industry.

The arrival of former North Melbourne general manager and current VFA board member John Adams in Perth is another indication that things are starting to work out.

Adams is yet another administrator dedicated to football's cause in Western Australia; he is convinced that the VFL is no longer the ogre perceived for so long by we Sandgroppers.

CONCESSIONS

Adams said last week that he felt the urgent VFL commissioners fully realised the importance of the interstate teams to the VFL — the Eagles, Sydney Swans and Brisbane Bears were ingredients vital for suc-

cess. And he expects the Eagles will receive some concessions to ensure that they do succeed.

It has been a barren season for the club so far this year and after last week's performance, the chance of any great improvement before the season's end is unlikely.

So the Eagles face the real prospect of finishing at the foot of the premiership table; a remarkable turn-around after playing in the elimination final last season.

They will surely need concessions as they plan for 1990.

And so too will the Brisbane Bears, the other newcomer to the VFL who are likely to occupy a place close to the Eagles when the home-and-away series is completed.

It is in times of hardships that clubs need greater support and the WAFL clubs must stand by the VFL club.

Co-operation

They need to adopt the same level of co-operation which has become apparent between the local clubs in the last 18 months.

TAKING STOCK

By GARY STOCKS of the West Australian



The stance of Claremont and East Fremantle must be admired in these modern times, with selfishness often a prime motivator.

But both clubs have allowed players to move elsewhere in the best interests of the individual and the sport generally.

Restricted

Claremont cleared young rover Nicky Yarran to East Perth with no transfer fee involved because Yarran faced an uphill battle to win a place in the Claremont team. Ironically, the presence of his uncle, Bill Krakouer, restricted his opportunities.

Krakouer, too, decided that winning a place in the Tigers' team was too tough and headed to East Fremantle in a swap deal with Scott Rowland, who would otherwise have returned to Geraldton and been lost to league football.

East Fremantle also allowed Roger Kerr to move to Perth and the clubs deserve credit for their ability to negotiate in the best interests of football.

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