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## Buccaneer of the Year

**WHO will be the Buccaneer of the Year for 1989?**

Football's fairest award is heading for an exciting climax as the Buccaneer Pools/6NR Westside Ratings moves into the final few games of WAFL action.

Peter Borrello's traditional Buccaneer of the Year award will see the 1989 winner collect \$500 cash plus a magnificent trophy especially sculptured by former top WA umpire Ray Montgomery.

Last year's dual winners, Joe Santostefano, of Perth and Claremont's Ben Allan, received similar trophies for their 1988 success — and it's a trophy with a difference as far as footballers are concerned.

The Westside Ratings is the fairest football award in the WAFL because every player in every team is rated out of 20

### Big field chases footy's fairest award

points for his performance. Consistency is the name of the game and players who perform at a consistent level week after week generally set the pattern in the award voting.

Last year Santostefano and Allan tied on 132 points each — an impressive average of 6.3 out of 10 for each of the 21 qualifying matches.

Previous winners of this prestigious

award have included some of Western Australia's greatest footballers.

WA's first Brownlow Medal winner in Graham Moss won the inaugural Westside Ratings award as captain-coach of Claremont in 1979 and subsequent winners have been:

- 1980 Noel Carter (South Fremantle)
- 1981 Stephen Michael (South Fremantle)
- 1982 Allen Daniels (Claremont)
- 1983 Don Langsford (Swan Districts)

- 1984 Steve Malaxos (Claremont)
- 1985 Dwayne Lamb (Subiaco)
- 1986 Peter Sartori (Swan Districts)
- 1987 Peter Thorne (Claremont)

This year's award is a battle royal between 12 top footballers — with just a bare six points between them.

Heading the field are the West Perth pair of Craig Nelson and Peter Menaglio on 106, closely followed by East Fremantle's John O'Sullivan on 105, with Sandover Medal favourites Craig Edwards (South Fremantle) and Peter Thorne (Claremont) on 104.

Next in line are George Giannakis (East Perth) and Stephen Edgar (East Fremantle) on 103, Mark Brayshaw (Claremont), Ned Fimmano (Souths) and Willie Dick (Perth) on 102 and Subiaco's Brad McDougall and Lance Durack (East Fremantle) on 100.

## MACCA'S BACK IN BUSINESS

by **GEORGE TEMPLE**

THE West Coast Eagles are back in the winner's circle — and forgotten forward Andrew Macnish is back in the VFL limelight.

But the player least affected by all the post-match jubilation — and the accolades for a great comeback — was Macnish himself.

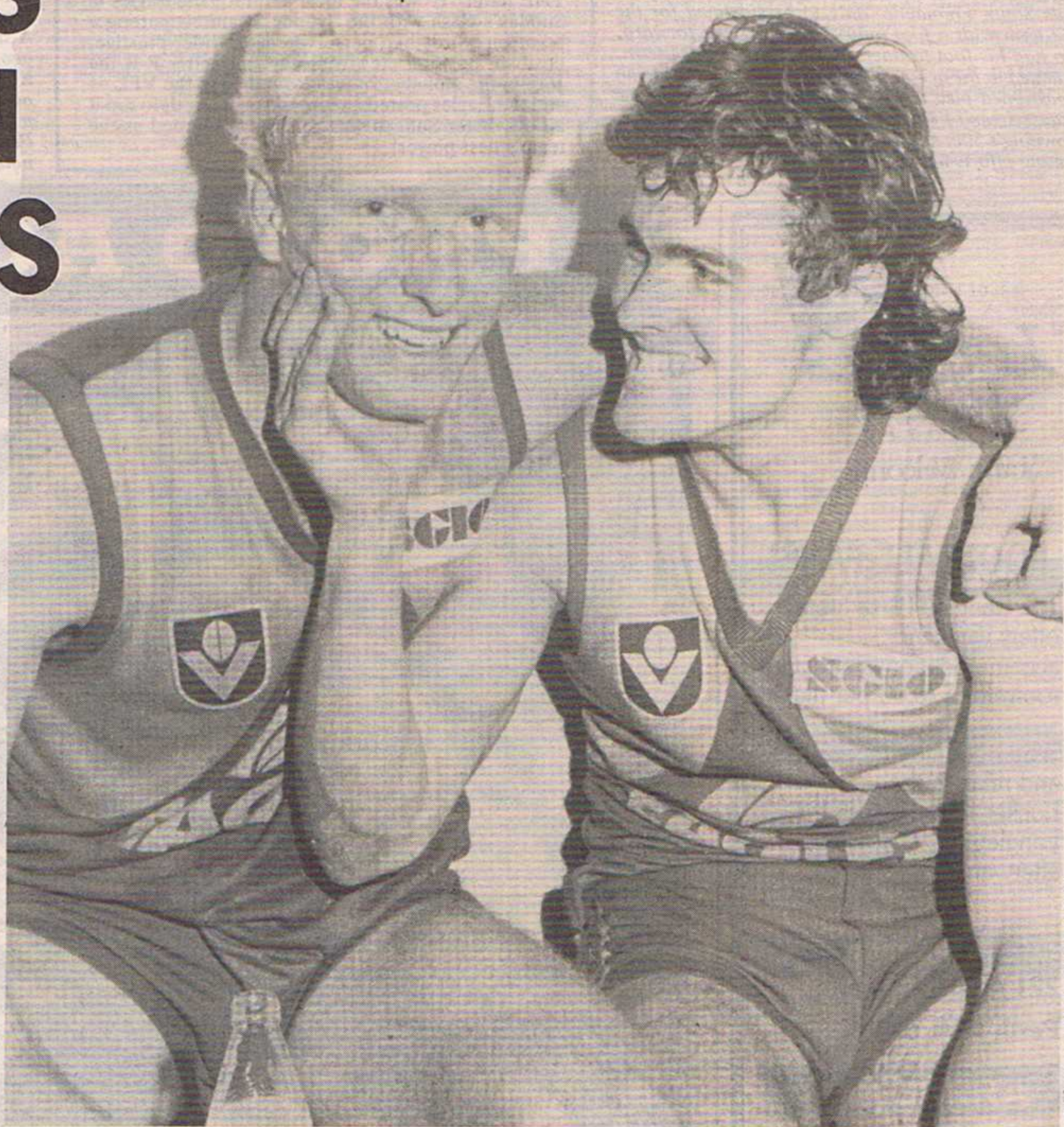
In fact, the injury-plagued Macnish drifted off on his own soon after his stunning return to the VFL last Sunday.

Macnish's perseverance to beat injuries over the past two years has won him enormous respect in the Eagles camp and the "bite" he gave the forward line on Sunday was instrumental in the victory over the Sydney Swans.

After nearly two years out of VFL action, he marked his return to the Eagles side by kicking the team's first goal two minutes into the game.

"I'd waited nearly two years for that," said a smiling Macnish after the win.

There is no denying that Macnish was happy with his game — and even happier to be a member of the Eagles team again — but he believes in keeping things in perspective.



Picture: JULIAN COWAN

YOU LITTLE BEAUTY....Eagles comeback king Andrew Macnish is well pleased...and he's letting teammate Karl Langdon know why

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**Stitched up**

**TOUGH** East Perth defender George Giannakis has taken to wearing a protective helmet again. Giannakis seems to be a regular customer for the club's doctor after matches, having stitches inserted in just about every part of his head that's exposed to the elements! He wore the helmet last year after a series of lacerations to his scalp and the return of the bicycle guard last week came after another nasty head cut received against East Fremantle.

**VIP listeners**

THE weekly Saturday morning shows on the three football stations — 6WF, 6PR and 6NRT — all make good listening. But it seems as though old Auntie ABC has the top-bracket listeners. None other than the Premier of WA, Peter Dowding, was an unsolicited talk-back caller last week, wishing the Eagles all the best and having a few comments to make on sporting violence.

**Influential move**

SOME lucky Eagles fan — with a bit of cash — could earn a reputation as a match-winner this season. A special item to be auctioned at the Eagles Melbourne dinner will be a seat in the coach's box with John Todd for an Eagles game — and the right to make one move during the match. Let's hope he doesn't ask the coach to leave the box!

**Browning's boost**

*PART-time West Coast Eagle forward Clinton Browning was happy to be playing with East Fremantle last Saturday — making his 150th appearance for the club. And what a game to mark the occasion — a Port Derby. Browning had an influential first-half to send the Sharks towards their second win over top four rivals South Fremantle, only to be sidelined for the final term with a foot injury. The versatile forward, who had his foot trodden on early in the third term, remained in the action till the break when he made an impassioned plea to his team-mates: "Win it for me because I can't be out there to help you." Ironically, Browning's 50th and 100th game milestones were also winning efforts against the Bulldogs.*



Eagles stand-in runner Gary Greer....note the "P" on his T-shirt

**Putting the point**

THE letter "P" was the focal point for the Eagles in Sunday's clash with the Sydney Swans — putting a point on words like perseverance, pride, prestige, positive, position etc. Ironically, the letter P is the 16th in the alphabet; it was Round 16 in the VFL — and the Eagles posted a score of 16.16. And, to top it all off, Peter Sumich was generally regarded as the team's best player!

**Popular winner**

THE most popular winner when the West Coast Eagles awards were handed out on Sunday afternoon after their victory over the Sydney Swans was undoubtedly Andrew Macnish. It was familiar territory for the former Subiaco player to be on a dias in the Subiaco social hall as he received the cheer squad's award for the best player and the goal-of-the-day. It was Macnish's first Eagles game since 1987 and coach John Todd was full of praise for the courageous half-forward. The other award winners were Adrian Barich (mark-of-the-day), Guy McKenna (Eagles best player) and David Hart, who won the coach's award.

**Geoffrey knows ...**

FOOTBALL doyen Geoffrey Christian (now in semi-retirement) confirmed his high ranking as a quiz king by heading the winning table at the Media Guild's annual quiz night last week. Accompanied by his wife, Diana Callander and a couple of other journalists from the West Australian in Grace Mertens and Kent Acott, the Christian table was a clear winner. Taking second place was a table headed by another football whiz — Dave Clements, who writes Westside's Football Facts column.

**Tough Challenge**

FIERY words these! Radio 6PR Football Forum panellists John K. Watts and Percy Johnson both claimed last week that at least three WAFL sides could beat the West Coast Eagles on their recent form.

**Tough treatment**

*THE West Coast Eagles should lodge a complaint with the VFL over an ugly incident in the Sydney Swans game last Sunday. A Swans player deliberately pushed one of their trainers — a volunteer from East Perth — into the fence in the second quarter, injuring his hip. The Swans player was out of order; he could not have reached the ball as it bounced out of bounds and he simply took his frustration out on an innocent volunteer. A similar incident happened in the WAFL three years ago and the player was suspended for three weeks. Royals head trainer Bob Falingham is considering not allowing his trainers to assist in future Eagles games as a result of the incident. Visiting VFL teams come to Perth and expect such co-operation — but give WA nothing in return.*

**PHOTO ACTION**



**Come and get it!**

*THE Collard trio are a vital part of South Fremantle's premiership aspirations....and here tough little Cliff defies the opposition to deprive him of the football. The Collards cover all parts of the ground, with Cliff generally in defence, Brad around the middle and Derek in attack. But don't be fooled...the trio look pretty similar and they often change around just to confuse everyone — including the media!*



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# THE 1989 WAFL ALL-STARS

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Brian Cook...reward for the WAFL players

## WHO are the WAFL stars of 1989?

Westside Football and the WA Football League — with the support of major football sponsors Emu Export Lager and the SGIO — are about to answer that question.

The 1989 WAFL All-Stars will be named over the remaining five weeks of qualifying matches — and, you, the footy fan, can be part of the excitement.

The WAFL plans to honour the best WAFL players this season and each team member — plus the coach — will receive a special jumper.

Over the next five weeks, Westside Football and the Football Budget (the WAFL's official programme) will name 20 players — and then it will be up to you to place them in position.

The players will be selected by a panel of Westside Football critics — and only WAFL players will be considered; Eagles players are not eligible.

WA Football Commission Secretary, Brian Cook, says that the promotion is aimed at rewarding the top WAFL players in a year where they didn't have the opportunity of earning State selection other than in the State-of-Origin clash with Victoria.

"We are very mindful of the importance of State representation for WAFL players," said Mr Cook.

"It was disappointing to miss the opportunity of having a WAFL side in action against an interstate opponent, but we hope that the naming of this All-Stars side will be an acknowledgement of the top players in the WAFL competition for this season."

The final list of contenders will be named at the end of the WAFL qualifying games and the placed side — in the opinion of the selectors — will be published in the week of the first semi-final.

Two lucky winners will be VIP guests at this year's WAFL grand final.

Turn to Page 12 for the first four All-Stars nominations

# WILEY'S WINNING WAY

## ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

By State coach  
**RON ALEXANDER**



### Demons can look ahead confidently

PERTH coach Robert Wiley seems to have come up with the right formula for winning football matches in recent weeks.

While Subiaco have put their 1989 demise down to the absence of their two key forwards of last season — Todd Breman and John Georgiades — little has been said about Perth's problems in attack.

Finding replacements for leading forwards such as Allan Montgomery, Stephen Mount and Mick Rea was a major pre-season challenge.

While Dempsey Narkle has shown the potential to be a real asset to the team, his consistency hasn't been there.

### Rewarded

Perth have persisted with Shane Stiles at centre-half-forward and Wiley's confidence is being rewarded as the big fellow fights hard for the ball and his fierce desire to make a contest often creates chances for his teammates.

Warren Mahoney is a youngster on a wing who played particularly well in the first half against Subiaco, showing enough to suggest that he could develop into a top player.

Wiley would be happy if first-gamer Todd Jenkins can reproduce the form that he showed in attack on Saturday.

Jenkins led aggressively, held his marks and kicked well to post four quick early goals and finish with seven for the day.

Jenkins had been unable to break into the strong East Fremantle side after making his debut in last year's first semi-final, but the lack of opportunities didn't deter him and his efforts at East Fremantle earned him great respect.

### Eagles roles

THE future of the West Coast Eagles as a playing force in the VFL must include players like Chris Waterman and Don Pyke.

These two youngsters must be given as much VFL exposure as possible at this stage of their careers.

Waterman is a class player and if any development is to occur in the remainder of this year, he must be given a prominent Eagles role — not left with East Fremantle!

Pyke must also be given plenty of roving work and not left on the interchange bench, even if he is having a bad day. He's not going to learn much watching on.

Wiley seems to be coming to grips with the coaching role. In the first year or two many coaches make mistakes and there is usually a steep learning curve.

Some coaches walk into ready-made sides, but Wiley has had a tough job and it must be pleasing for all at Perth to see the improvement.



Jubilant Perth coach Rob Wiley gives tired Demon Warren Mahoney a few words of encouragement.

## Hawthorn lesson needed

THE three VFL teams playing outside of Melbourne certainly have problems winning games at present.

If you total their winning games — Sydney Swans six, Brisbane Bears four, West Coast Eagles three — you get one game less than reigning premiers Hawthorn, who have won 14!

The VFL must be disturbed by the state of their Australian wide competition. Perhaps if we had the expertise of the Hawthorn management at those three clubs, then they wouldn't be in their current lowly positions.

Hawthorn, in fact, voted against the formation of a side from Western Australia because they claimed it had not been thought out properly and that it was a dangerous and premature move.

It's easy to see why the Hawthorn Football Club is in good shape!

## Rowey swoops faster than a Budgie.

People have been saying that East Fremantle rover, 19 year old Brad Rowe, has got more pace and courage than Tony Buhagiar.

Young Rowe thinks fast, moves fast and is hell to try and catch.

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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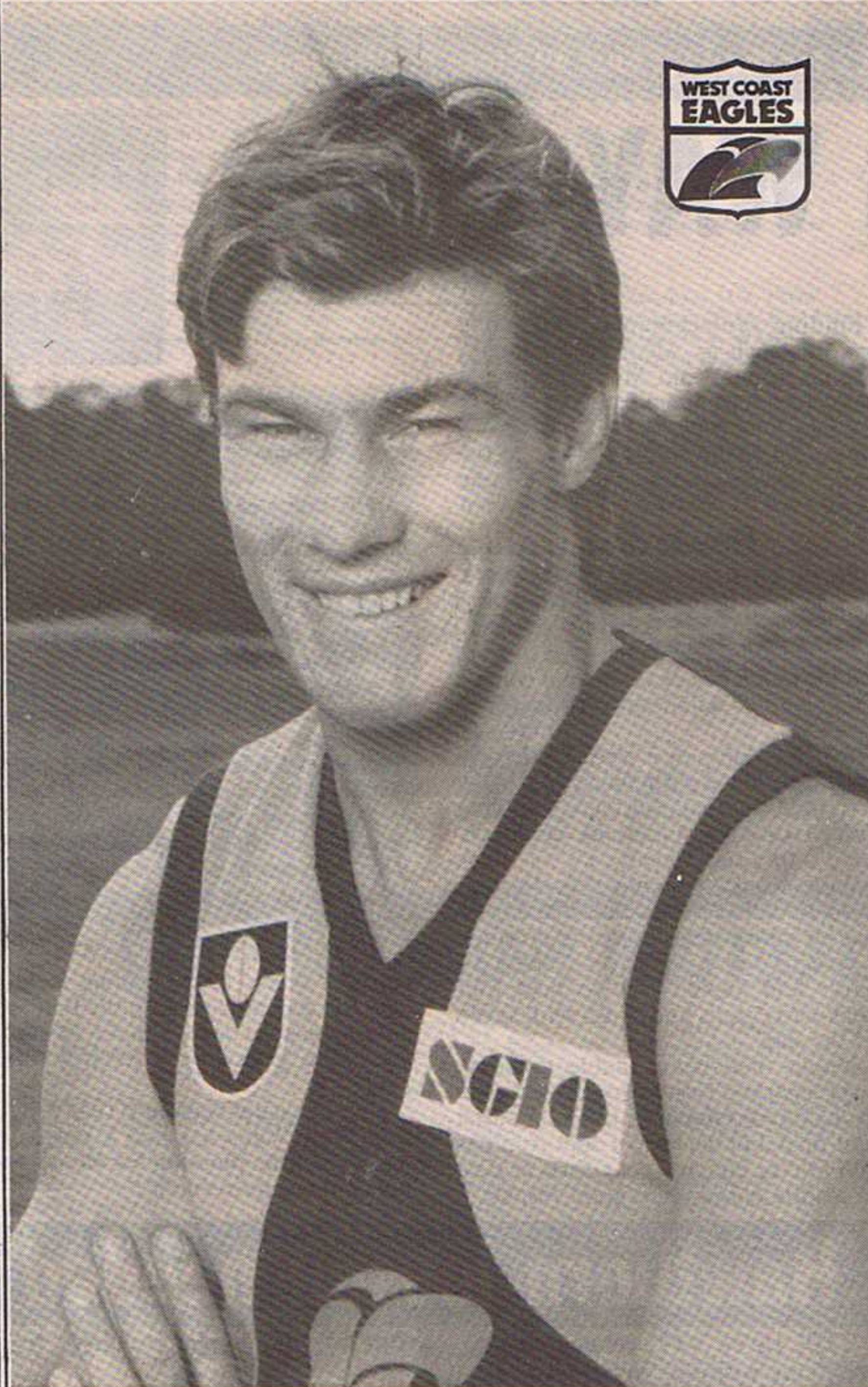
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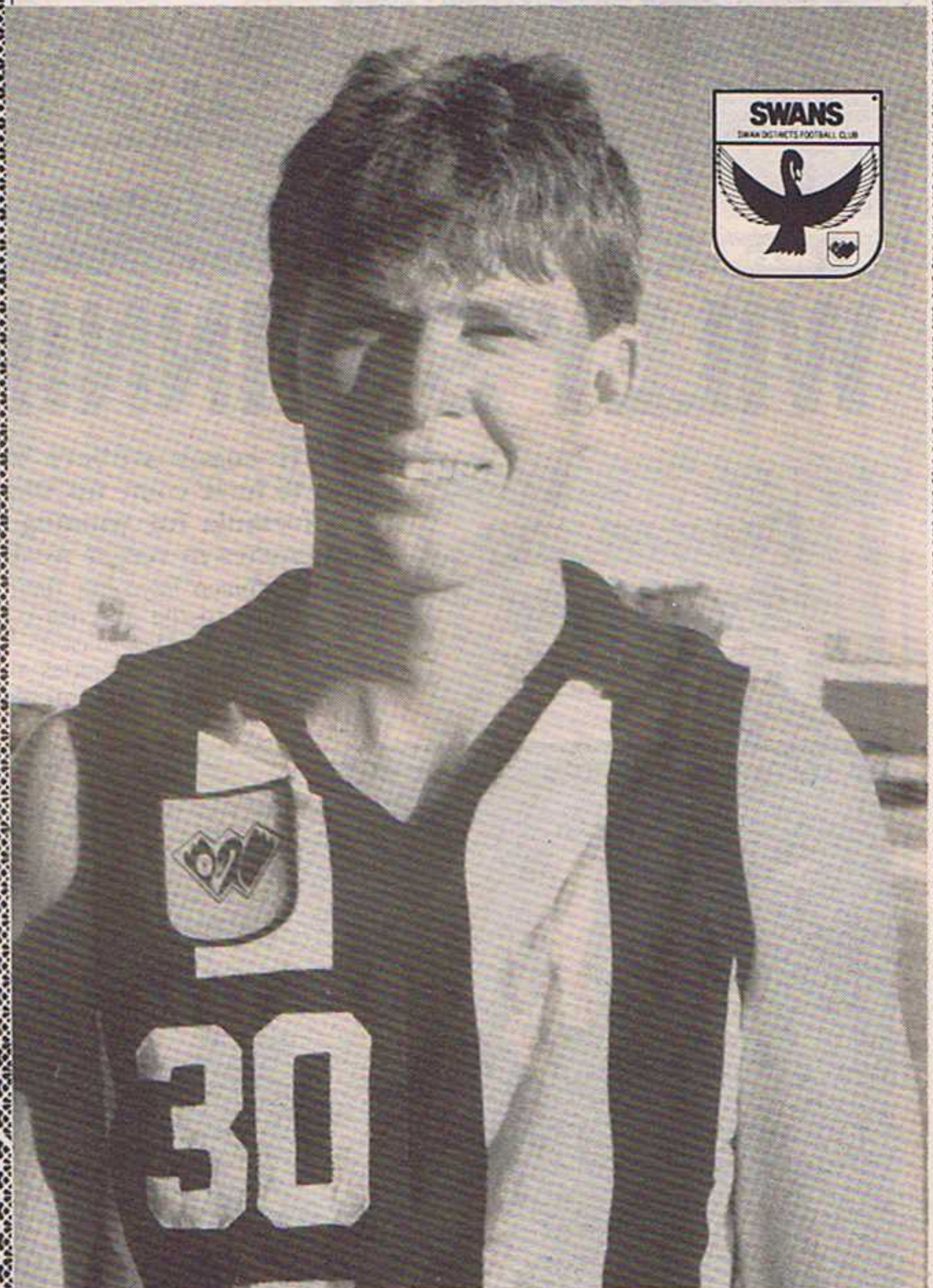
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Scott**



**NICK NAME:** Scottie  
**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Ruck  
**CURRENT POSITION:** Ruck  
**NUMBER:** 12  
**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 17/1/61 — Subiaco, WA  
**HEIGHT:** 193cms **WEIGHT:** 91kg  
**RECRUITED FROM:** South Scarborough  
**FIRST SENIOR GAME:** WAFL — Subiaco 1981, VFL — Eagles 1987  
**GAMES PLAYED:** 79 Subiaco, 35 Eagles, 6 WA  
**FOOTBALL HONOURS:** Premiership Subiaco 1986/runner-up Subiaco fairest and best 1985.  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Single  
**OCCUPATION:** Scientist, Department of Agriculture  
**SCHOOL/S ATTENDED:** Scarborough Primary and Churchlands High  
**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:** Surfing  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Italian  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Water

**FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS):** Surfing  
**FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:** Pink Floyd  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** News and Current Affair  
**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** Holy Grail  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Bruce King  
**MOST ADMIRER FOOTBALLER:** Bill Dempsey  
**OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE:** Simon Madden  
**MATCH DAY ROUTINE:** Relax, have some food and listen to music.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** VFL elimination final in 1988  
**FOOTBALL INJURIES:** Broken Wrist, dislocated shoulder  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Winning the 1986 grand final with Subiaco  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** The 1985 grand final with Subiaco even though we lost.  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** To win a VFL flag with the Eagles.

**Craig Hoycard**



**Full Name:** Craig Hoycard  
**Nickname:** Megs **Why:** Ginger Megs  
**Date of Birth:** 5/9/68  
**Place of Birth:** Norseman  
**Height:** 194cm **Weight:** 86kg  
**Age Started Playing:** 9  
**Previous Club/s:** Norseman Vikings  
**Junior Club:** Norseman Vikings  
**Marital Status:** Single **Girlfriend's Name:** Donna  
**Residence:** Eden Hill  
**Occupation:** Labourer  
**Place of Work:** Hoffman's Engineering  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Basketball, tennis  
**Favourite Position:** Centre-half-forward  
**First Position:** Centre-half-forward  
**League Debut:** April 15, 1989  
**Versus:** East Perth

**FAVOURITES:**

**Actor:** Dustin Hoffman  
**Drink:** Beer  
**TV Show:** Hey Hey It's Saturday **Food:** Fettucine  
**Movie:** Rain Man  
**Music:** John Cougar  
**Holiday Resort:** Pattaya  
**Ground:** Bassendean Oval  
**Your Car:** Commodore  
**Favourite Car:** Mazda RX-7  
**Career Highlights:** Football League grand final victory in 1983  
**Worst Moment in Football:** Injury  
**Hard Things in Football:** Not playing  
**Football Idols:** Dermott Brereton  
**Toughest Opponent:** —  
**Most Respected Opponent:** —  
**Most Respected Umpire:** —  
**Most Memorable Game:** First League game  
**Ambitions:** To play State football  
**What do you like about Football:** The physical side, personal fitness and comradeship  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Listen to loud, and energetic music  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** Ed Blackaby  
**Guernsey Number:** 30 **Any Reason:** Given to me  
**Any Superstitions:** Always wear a pair of red jocks **Worst Injury:** Cartilage operation on my left knee  
**Luckiest Break:** First League game

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# Blot on the game

## Scraggers deserve everything they get

TAGGERS and scraggers in football deserve everything they get. Class footballers of the calibre of Gary Buckenara and Gary Ablett do not deserve what they have copped from taggers and scraggers — and from the VFL tribunal.

The only crime Buckenara and Ablett have committed this season was to be honest at the tribunal following a "trial by media."

A month ago Ablett pleaded guilty to a striking charge after an unreported incident was brought to the attention of the tribunal.

Now Buckenara, one of Australia's fairest and most respected footballers, is under suspension for making an attempt to break free of the tactics that taggers use.

Tagging is part of the game. Every forward or key player in a match expects to be watched closely and accepts.

But if that tagger wants to use illegal tactics such as pulling at jumpers, standing on toes, belting players in the ribs and behind the ears when the ball is nowhere around, then they should cop what comes back their way without squealing.

### Stretched

Richmond coach Kevin Bartlett made plenty of noise last week after Peter Czerkaski had been stretched from the ground following his off-the-ball incident with Buckenara.

Bartlett has every right to defend his players and make a public display of support for one of his charges.



SAFE REFUGE...injured Sharks rover Brad Rowe takes advantage of an umbrella as he sits on the interchange bench watching the finish of the Derby

### RULE CHANGE

THE question of rule changes are always prevalent in Aussie Rules talk and one that must be changed is the penalty for crossing in front of the mark as a player goes back for a kick. If football is deemed to be a fair and equal contest, one-on-one, that rule simply isn't fair. Smart players can shake off opponents by ducking across the mark of a team-mate, knowing full well that their rival can't follow. The time the opponent takes to race around the mark could help win the opposition the game as they set up a loose man.

### FREE-KICKS

TALKING about umpires and free-kicks, the South Fremantle camp were a little disgruntled at the men in white during the Derby. Bulldogs coach Stan Magro was outspoken after the Foundation Day Derby when a controversial umpiring decision helped the Sharks to a five-point victory. Last Saturday things weren't much better, with the free-kick count being 29 to 10 — in the Sharks favour, naturally! Every free kick that South received in the final quarter was greeted by an ironic cheer from the Bulldogs fans.

### MEDIA MUDDLE

OUTSPOKEN radio and TV critic Dennis Cometti (not forgetting his media role in this publication) was in a pretty fiery mood on Radio 6PR's Football Forum last week. Cometti was critical of the many media people who picked the Eagles to win BEFORE their VFL clashes and then, when the beating had been inflicted, came out and said why the team couldn't win. "The problem with the Eagles won't go away till people address the problem," said Cometti.

### PUZZLED PYKE

TALENTED young Eagles rover Don Pyke must be a puzzled man. He just can't seem to convince coach John Todd that he's a true rover. Pyke lasted just 20 minutes or so in the Sydney Swans clash before he was interchanged and when he got another chance in the third term, he lasted just about a minute. He was swapped on and off for Chris Mainwaring, but in that time had the unfortunate luck to kick the ball out of bounds on the full. He's really looking forward to a fresh start in 1990!

### NOT SO AMUSED

BUT another group of media people weren't so amused just after the start of the Eagles-Swans clash. Nestled comfortably in their new Press Box at Subiaco Oval, they were evicted from their seats for some "sponsors" as a WAFL official said that the area was "pre-booked." The Press Box is over-crowded enough as it is, without having sponsors snaffling seats and media men — who do play an important role — being evicted to the back stalls!

### BACKWARD STYLES

TALKING about Swan Districts goals, one of their second-quarter efforts summed up the problems East Perth have with their indirect team play. The Royals had possession on the 50-metre line on their right half-back flank. Instead of a long kick down the wing, they indulged in some handballing which resulted in having to switch play across the goals with two short kicks. The second kick was intercepted on the other half-back flank — and an easy goal was posted by Swans.

### Speedy scorers

THERE has been plenty of criticism in this column over the years about scoreboards and their lack of efficiency. So it's only fair that we hand out a tribute! The people at Fremantle Oval last Saturday were right on the button. They were so fast at putting up the scores in the Port Derby that many fans were puzzled as to why the board wasn't being changed after a goal or a point had been scored. And their scores from other grounds were also spot on. Top stuff Souths.

### Quick start

THE West Coast Eagles took precisely 17 minutes last Saturday to score more goals than they did in the whole game a week earlier against Essendon. With goals from Andrew Macnish and Stevan Jackson and an assortment of points from various team-mates, the Eagles had almost wiped out their meagre 18-point tally of the previous week before quarter time.

## THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant  
PETER BOSUSTOW



But I hope the one that earned his nickname of "Hungry" because of all the many goals he kicked for the Tigers, hasn't forgotten the days when Neil Balme used to break open packs and leave plenty of stretcher cases on VFL grounds during the 1970s.

Ablett and Buckenara have paid the penalty for making genuine attempts to break free of some totally unacceptable scragging tactics.

### Unintentional

Both Ablett and Buckenara, it seems, made unintentional contact with their opponents, which ultimately cost the two star forwards weeks out of the game and their chance to win the Brownlow Medal, many rich media awards and probably thousands of dollars in match payments.

Players can do little to stop unacceptable tagging tactics and there is little that administrators can do to stop them as well.

But one thing is certain.

If an umpire doesn't see the tagging and scragging that goes on by usually far lesser skilled players to put the likes of Ablett, Buckenara, John Platten, Mark Bairstow and so many other class players off their game, then nobody other than the men in white on the day should have the right to bring footballers to trial.

It's a man's game. Let the men who take the field play and govern it.

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### UNFAIR RULES

UMPIRES don't go out of their way to be biased or unfair (so we're told) but they can produce some devastating decisions at times. It's easy to demoralise a side at crucial times with inconsistent free kicks and Royals fans were furious during one passage of play at Bassendean Oval on Saturday — Swans were well in charge, but East Perth were coming back a little in the third quarter when two telling decisions stopped them in their tracks. One umpire ruled an infringement to a Swans player as the pack flew for the ball on the half-forward line even though possession went to the Royals. The Swans kick went into the goal square — where a Royals player was clearly pushed out of the contest. But no free was given and a goal resulted. Two kicks in 30 seconds, in direct contrast and what should have been an attacking move by East Perth was a Swans goal.

### WINNING SECRET

THE West Coast Eagles and Perth have both found the formula for success — change the runner. With Wim Rosbender unavailable to deliver the messages for Demons coach Rob Wiley, former league star Allan Montgomery said the right words as Perth thrashed Swan Districts two weeks ago and again last Saturday when they beat reigning premiers Subiaco. On Sunday, Eagles coach John Todd called on former WAFL veteran Gary Greer to do the running after Football Director Brian Douge stepped down. The Eagles chalked up their third win of the season, beating the Sydney Swans by 42 points at Subiaco Oval. The Eagles had the same change of fortune in 1988 when Douge took over the running from John Hayes, signalling the start of a five-game winning streak.

### RECRUITING STYLE

WEST Coast Eagles recruiting agent Mick Moylan was under fire on Radio 6NR last weekend. The panellists were critical of Moylan's comments about South Australian draft choice David Hynes, who the Eagles still hope to entice across the border next season. Moylan suggested that adverse publicity about the Eagles poor form and so forth might put Hynes off. Radio 6NR's Ken Judge was incredulous at Moylan's attitude and suggested that Moylan's own performance in his handling of last year's draft choices was "pretty ordinary, especially when the Eagles finished up with 38 players instead of the allowed 40."

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# DROUGHT-BREAKER

## Bennett bonus for Demons

IF Melbourne hadn't sent out an SOS for a ready-made full forward, Darren Bennett would now be somewhere between Darwin and Mt Isa as part of his ambition to circumnavigate Australia by road.

Bennett had visions of loading his land cruiser and forgetting all about football, the Eagles and painful knee problems.

He'd given it his best shot, tried to make it back to the big time but had been unwanted.

That was before last year's national draft in which, seemingly against all advice, Melbourne nominated him as their No. 1 draft choice.

Bennett hadn't played a game for more than 12 months because of recurring knee problems and it seemed an enormous gamble to be taking him on.

But he was Melbourne's best player in their 1989 Panasonic Cup grand final victory against Geelong — he kicked five goals — and last Saturday he kicked four goals as his adopted Demons again upset the Cats.

### Under-rated

The 24-year-old full-forward may still have injury problems that have restricted his appearances so far, but he's fast proving himself one of the most under-rated forwards in the game — an absolute bonus for the short-on-goals Demons.

After just seven games with his new club, he has 23 goals to be Melbourne's leading goalgetter.

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



### ON THE EAST COAST

Melbourne, currently second, are confident they can again make the grand final. What's more, the fit-again Bennett would be a part of it with his good leading and prodigious kicking.

He kicked five goals against North Melbourne two weeks ago and, according to coach John Northey, could have booted six or even eight against the Cats last weekend.

Instead he kicked 4.4 and had one miss.

Bennett was a little rueful about his lost opportunities when I spoke to him immediately after the game — despite his side's exciting three-point win.

"If I had kicked a bit straighter, it would have been helpful," he said.

"I enjoyed being out there. It is always good to have a run at VFL Park.

### Practice

"It's my job to kick goals. I do a fair bit of practice. Unfortunately today things didn't work out the way I would have liked them to — although you have to be happy when you beat Geelong.

"They played well. It was a pretty even game.

"Since the Brisbane Bears game, everything has picked up for us. I'm just happy to be playing.

"I haven't played that much. I can't say if I'm in good form or not.

"We took an extra couple of weeks over getting me fit again to make sure I gave 100 per cent for the full 100 minutes.

"I want to be part of a successful side."

### No animosity

Bennett says he has no animosity against the Eagles for not sticking with him after four debut games in 1987 and none last year.

"People ask me about the Eagles all the time," he said. "I don't feel good about them dropping me.

"But I think I'm probably with the best side in the country at the moment. I'm pretty happy with it all."

Bennett says he's perfectly content to "play the rest of my career here — as long as I'm allowed to."

"I take things as they come and just want to get to the end of the season," he said.

Bennett's early football education came in Melbourne with the Noble Park juniors before his father was transferred to Perth on business and young Darren progressed through the ranks at East Fremantle.



Darren Bennett

As a teenager, he played mainly as a ruckman before suffering a severe bout of influenza, which forced him to take up the less arduous position of full-forward.

He says he has modelled his game on the fast-leading Warren Ralph and also admired legendary Peter Hudson's bodywork.

He had plenty of time to think about the greats during his enforced 16-month stint on the sidelines.

Melbourne checked Bennett's fitness thoroughly before signing him — and were pleasantly surprised with the results.

"I had strength tests, the physiotherapists checked me out, the surgeons checked me out, the doctors checked me out," he said.

### Vindicated

His decision to have major surgery on his right knee was vindicated when all the specialists gave him the "all-clear."

Melbourne are congratulating themselves on finding a full-forward "from nowhere" and judging on the past fortnight's results, the celebrations could continue for some time yet.

The Demons claim that the lack of forward line assistance for Garry Lyon stopped them from being more competitive in last year's grand final.

Now Bennett and other West Australian, Warren Dean, are in the side and the Demons are throwing out a huge challenge to Hawthorn's top billing.

## Hart happy about his relegation!

IN RETROSPECT, tough Eagles little man David Hart wasn't all that unhappy about being relegated back to the WAFL two weeks ago.

Being dropped back to play with South Fremantle for the first time in more than two seasons delayed his 50th VFL appearance with the West Coast Eagles.

But he's now quite happy about that — he avoided the Essendon embarrassment and celebrated the milestone with a victory over the Sydney Swans before a home-town crowd at Subiaco Oval on Sunday.

"And I won the toss as well," he said, all smiles after the match.

Hart won the coach's trophy from John Todd for his 18-kick, five-handball effort playing in his favourite position — centre.

"I really enjoyed being left there all game," said the man generally recognised as a rover.

"I didn't mind going back to Souths last week as it helped me get a bit of confidence back."

Todd paid tribute to Hart's game, saying that he had to sit down and look at where his football was going.

"He accepted the challenge and I hope he can now build on that," said Todd.

### Unlucky duo

EAGLES pair Paul Peos and David O'Connell just can't tak: a trick when it comes to injuries.

Both came out of Sunday's win with injuries that will probably keep them on the sidelines for the rest of the season — a year that has seen them shrug off other injury problems already.

Peos fractured a thumb after dislocating a shoulder early in the season and O'Connell's recurring shoulder problems must leave him fairly frustrated.

### Running hot

FOOTBALL addict Peter Spencer can thank his young son Stephen for a recall to the VFL arena — even if it's only as the team runner for the West Coast Eagles.

Spencer will take on that role for the final few Eagles games after impressing coach John Todd with his rapport with the players on a recent trip to Melbourne.

Spencer's son Stephen was the winner of a Hungry Jack's Eagle-for-a-day competition, earning a trip East with the team — and taking dad along for the ride.

The runner's vacancy came up when Brian Douge decided to step aside owing to the pressure of his onerous task as Eagles Football Director.

Gary Greer, who helps out with fitness work in the

HOUGHTON WINES PRESENT ... IN THE EAGLES NEST with Alan East



David Hart...all smiles on his 50th game

camp, filled in on Sunday and Spencer will take over when he has cleared some other football commitments.

And the dual Sandover Medallist has plenty of those!

Apart from being a Saturday afternoon WAFL commentator with ABC radio, he also coaches Manning, in the Metropolitan League on Sundays and his old school, Aquinas College, in the Alcock Cup.

### Moulding a team

THERE'S a new team emerging in WA footy — Fats, Jezza, Locks, Bluey, Joffa and Romance are the men involved. That's the defence that stood rock solid for the Eagles last week. In case you're wondering who they are, here's the translation — Dwayne Lamb, Adrian Barich (a new nickname after some great marks lately and much better than his previous one), Andrew Lockyer, Guy McKenna, Geoff Miles and Murray Rance. Poor old Monkey — better known as Michael Brennan — misses the cut at this stage, yet he's been a stalwart in defence for the Eagles.



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# Some don't have any regrets

FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic  
BILL MATHER-BROWN



AN issue or two back I wrote about young footballers who showed great promise, but never went on to fulfil their potential.

Another aspect of that topic which is often a shade sad is when those same junior champions reach their middle years and reflect on what might have been.

You wonder if they are sorry about giving the game away early, or have they found other niches in their life to compensate for the loss of football.

Don Rowe has a successful media consultancy business now, but he had a lot of sporting ability as a youngster, playing football and basketball with an appreciable degree of skill.

## Champions

His talents led him through the ranks of junior footballer in Busselton, where two opponents were Derek Chadwick and Syd Jackson — champions in their own right.

Rowe had a couple of trial games with Old Easts and, as he says: "In one game I battled to kick a goal. But in another I couldn't put a foot wrong and booted 11."

"Of course, when you were playing with the likes of Ray Sorrell, Ken Holt and Len Anderson, it was difficult to go wrong. They planned things so well that even if you made a mistake, they covered it up so that it didn't look all that bad."

Continually burdened with a weight problem, Rowe decided that he probably wouldn't make it as a regular league player, so he turned his attention to basketball, playing with St Johns, Fremantle, in the WABA.

His work took him to Wagin, where he played football for Federals and later in Bunbury, where he lined up with Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup in the competitive South-West League.

Interested in the media, he was given the opportunity to do stock market and regional news reports on the ABC and local radio station 6TZ gave him the chance to call football.

At the age of 23, Rowe found himself in a field that he enjoyed more than participation. Mixing with the sporting fraternity, but not having to come to grips with his weight, which was proving to be a real handicap.

A television vacancy occurred in the Eastern States, so he sent over a recording of some of his match broadcasting and was accepted by GTV9 for their sports and news programmes.

Apart from calling football, he recalls some big events like a six-day bicycle race and the memorable fight between Lionel Rose and Alan Rudkin.

"Rose hit him so hard at the finish he almost didn't need the plane to get back home," Rowe recalled.

Did he miss not going on with his football or basketball?

No he didn't. He says he was lucky enough to realise that he didn't have the skills to stay with the top competitors, so he was quite happy to enjoy the lower grades whenever a chance came up.

"Sport has been good to me," he says. "Though I only touched the surface of the big time, I can't complain about the way things have gone."

"I don't think I missed a lot by not going on with it all; the things that took their place gave me a lot of satisfaction."

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A HANDFUL of stars stand out in West Australian football this season — and they earn immediate selection in the WAFL's 1989 All-Stars side.

Sponsored by Emu Export and SGIO and promoted by Westside Football and the Football Budget, the All-Stars side is an acknowledgement of the best players in the WAFL for the 1989 season.

Over the next five weeks, 20 players, plus a coach will be announced as members of the All-Stars side. They will all be presented with a special All-Star guernsey on behalf of the WAFL, Bond Brewing and the SGIO.

The first four selections are automatic — and they come from the WAFL's top two clubs:—



Ben Allan...eye-catcher



Peter Thorne...hard-runner

**BEN ALLAN (Claremont):** High on the list of recruits for this year's VFL draft, the talented Tigers centreman has had a lean patch mid-season when injury affected his game. But he's back to his creative best and ranks as a midfielder of the highest order.

**PETER THORNE (Claremont):** One of the game's most skilful ball-getters. Always rises to the big occasion and his hard-running and destructive disposal have created havoc for all defences this season. His ability to perform at the highest level under pressure makes him an automatic choice as a ruck-rover.

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**PETER MATERA (South Fremantle):** The only WAFL player to earn selection in the State-of-Origin clash with Victoria — and he didn't disgrace himself. A tough, hard-running ruck-rover, he has courageous skills and is speedy and aggressive in his ball-getting. Takes a good overhead mark.

**CRAIG EDWARDS (South Fremantle):** The in-form big man of the competition. His physical strength has been massive this season and his ability to take strong marks while holding his ground, especially in the forward line, makes him a vital player. Has seldom lowered his colours in any ruck duel.



Peter Matera...exciting



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## EAGLES FLY



TOP: Eagles coach John Todd shows the way. LEFT: So does his Sydney Swans counterpart, Col Kinnear



Michael Brennan, Chris Mainwaring and Peter Sumich



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Phil Scott looks a little dubious as Geoff Miles has a swig after the win

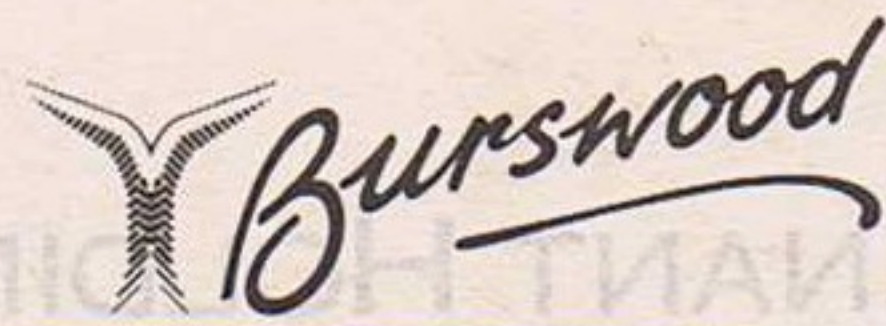
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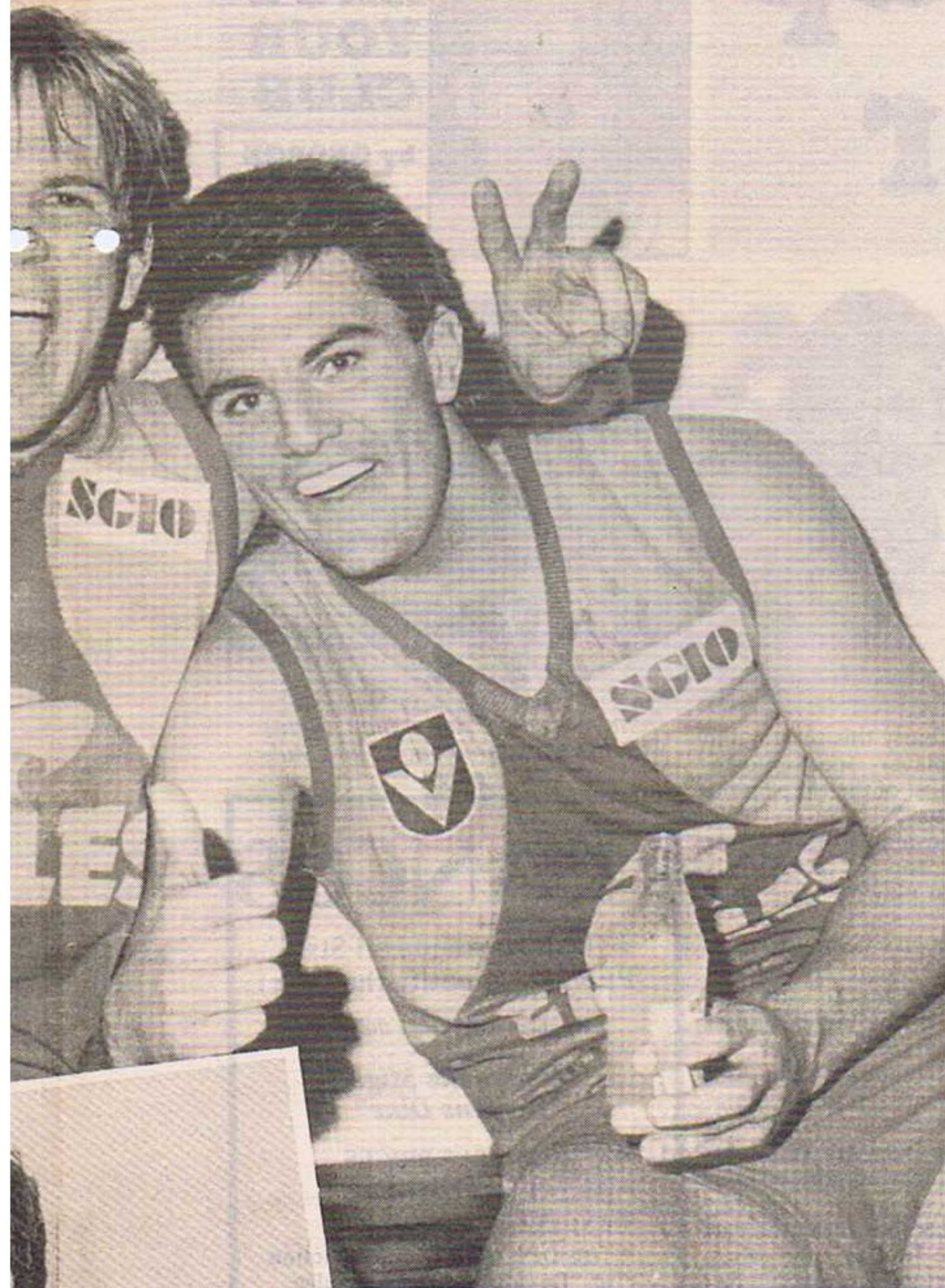


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## WINNING HIGH



*IT was time to smile again as the West Coast Eagles notched their third win of the season and were entitled to relax after some pretty horrendous weeks. Westside photographer JULIAN COWAN was in the rooms to capture the winning feeling*



*Here's cheers...Adrian Barich and Dean Turner*



*The look on David O'Connell's face tells his injury story again*



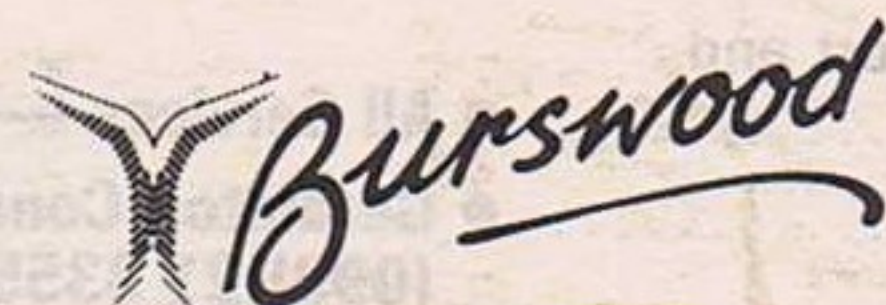
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*The game didn't end well for Michael Brennan, who damaged an ankle*

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**IT'S** been a frustrating season for Perth coach Rob Wiley ... but that hasn't stopped him preparing for 1990.

The Demons have won just five of their 16 games to date and only have a mathematical chance of making the finals in September.

"We have lost a lot of games this season which we should have won," Wiley said this week in a reflective mood on his second season as a league coach.

"Too many times we have been competitive for three quarters of a game, only to lose it through a lack of concentration in one term.

"I realise that we have very little hope of making the finals this year, but we've set our sights on winning most of our remaining matches.

"We still have a lot to offer ourselves and the competition."

### New talent

The Perth brains trust has been hard at work behind the scenes looking for new talent to bolster the Demons squad for next year.

"We haven't got a lot of money to buy players, so we've been doing a lot of work in our metro zone and country areas," Wiley said.

"We've also been watching amateur and Sunday league matches, looking at players in the 18 to 24-year-old age bracket who could have something to offer at league level.

"It's been my policy to develop our own juniors, so hopefully we'll get some reward from that area."

Wiley said that Perth were especially interested in key forwards, the lack of which has been their main problem all season.

Without making excuses for Perth's results this year, the loss of players such as Mick Rea, Brad Edwards, Stephen Mount, Allen Daniels and Allan Montgomery hit them hard.

### Experienced

"Not only were they all experienced performers, but they were all forwards," said Wiley.

"At the time we didn't realise the cumulative effect that the loss of those players would have on the team.

"Montgomery, particularly, was a loss because he could win a game off his own boot. And added to that, we lost



Demons coach Rob Wiley (right) with his assistant coach, Tom Mullooly

Warren Mosconi early this season and last year's best player, Joe Santostefano, has spent most of the time on the sidelines with injury.

"We've been pushing a lot of young players through and in the last six weeks we've been playing some good football.

"John Clarkson has been our most consistent player this year. He has consolidated his place in the side and helped a lot of the younger blokes along.

"Players like Brendon Baker and Warren Mahoney are exciting youngsters who have been able to settle into the team with help from guys like John Clarkson, Willie Dick and skipper John Gavranich.

"Shane Stiles has shown that he can play good league football and Mick Hanley has proven to be a reliable defender.

"Russell Buck is another promising player of the future.

"In the next couple of weeks we will map out a programme to prepare the players for 1990.

"Some players need strength work, while others require work on their speed and ball skills."

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# Swans reward the Blackaby gamble



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If there was a WAFL, award for the most improved club, it would certainly go to Swan Districts in 1989.

From basement-sitters in all three grades last season, to a hat-trick of finalists this year is a remarkable performance mainly due to the dedication of league coach Ed Blackaby.

After giving up a responsible full-time position in the transport industry mid-way through last season, Blackaby set himself one goal — to rescue Swans from their dire predicament.

The black and whites had slipped from being triple premiers winners (1982-83-84) to the league's easy-beats in 1988 with just four wins and one draw to their credit.

Though Blackaby would now be entitled to relax and just be pleased with the fruits of his labour, he believes that his mission has only just begun.

"There is still a lot of work to do if we want to achieve what we set out to do," he said.

## Gambled

"We gambled sponsorship dollars on a premiership incentive and now that we are in the four, we must knuckle down and aim at winning the grand final.

"We planned to get a run of good results early in the season to protect ourselves if we had a slump in form, as was the case against Perth recently and in Dampier against East Perth in round 9.

Each Sunday at least one Swans director or a member of the coaching staff visit their country and metropolitan zones watching and talking to players.

## Programme

They have also mapped out pre-season training for 1990 which includes an intensive programme of weights, running and skills work for a select squad of under 21s.

"Last year's pre-season training programme was the best in my association with the club," Blackaby said.

"It was co-ordinated by our fitness instructor Gary Tester and together with myself, reserves coach Alan Walker and Bruce Douglas, who helps with football development, we have prepared the 1990 programme much along the same lines.

"We've got a lot of good young players, particularly in the under 19s, but they need to get stronger to make it in league ranks

"We have to prepare like this because we don't know what players we will lose over summer.

"Some may retire while others could get drafted into the VFL so we've got to cover ourselves just in case."

Blackaby is hoping to have his league squad fully fit in time for the finals.

## Injuries

"We've got 10 players out injured at the moment, but we're hopeful that they'll all return over the coming weeks.

"Greg Walker isn't far away and Greg Jones should resume this week."

Kim Hetherington is another Swan on the verge of returning and they could be further bolstered with the inclusion of premiership and VFL player Phil Narkle.

Narkle has been impressive in the reserves and has showed encouraging signs that he has recovered from a knee reconstruction.

"We play Claremont this Saturday and it's about time we beat them this season.

"Each time we've played them they've got the jump on us in one quarter, otherwise the games have been really close. So there's no reason why we can't beat them this week or in the finals."



Swans coach Ed Blackaby (centre) with two of his solid support team, Peter Latham (left) and Alan Walker

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"I've been impressed with the way a lot of players have developed this year.

"The way Greg Jones has matured into a top flight full-back has been pleasing, as have the performances of rovers Andy Holmes and Greg Walker.

"For hard work you can't go past ruckman Ken Bell, but the surprise packet of the year has to be Todd Menegola."

## Consistent

"Todd has been a real consistent performer for us, while Danny Penny has been our best player over the past six weeks."

"As long as the players are competitive and get the success that they deserve, I'm happy about my decision to give up my employment.

"When all is said and done, it comes down to one game — grand final day. I want the team to achieve what they have worked so hard for."

Though there are five rounds and the finals still to be played, Blackaby and his lieutenants are already working towards 1990.

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# Kicking football into the future



**TANIA ARMSTRONG** reports on the Town and Country Football Development Trust activities.



## TOYOTA CUP

**EASTERN Hills** went within four points of scoring an upset win over top Swan Districts side Bassendean last Sunday.

Twelve of the Eastern Hills players had travelled from Subiaco Oval, where they had played in the Barry Cable Division Quit Cup grand final that morning, to help their team establish a six-goal lead at half-time.

Eastern Hills led until the last four minutes, but Bassendean finished strongly to maintain their 11-game winning sequence.

Redcliffe hung on to a two-goal break to score an unexpected win over second-placed Swan View, 12.7 (79) to 10.7 (67).

In a day of upsets, Lynwood pulled off a surprise win with an 11-point victory over previously undefeated Karoonda.

Lynwood beat the powerful Karoonda team, 11.22 (88) to 11.11 (77), to end the top side's 14-game winning streak.

Last Sunday's Toyota Cup results were:

**Tigers Cup** — Hawks 17.8 (Prindiville) d West Coast 13.2 (Ness), Carine 18.17 (Margartis) d Karrinyup 9.1 (Spargo), North Beach 27.21 (Hinkley) d Scarborough 5.3 (Tomuli).

**South/East Fremantle** — Lynwood 11.22 (Holmes, Hayward) d Karoonda 11.11 (Krummel, Evans), Applecross 11.13 (Ahern, Dastlik) d Willetton 11.6 (Gary, Condon), Kardinya d Cockburn on forfeit.

**East/West Perth** — Noranda 12.12 d North Innaloo 8.19 (Stirling).

**Swan Districts** — Redcliffe 12.7 d Swan View 10.7, Bassendean 12.12 d Eastern Hills 12.8.

**South Suburban/Perth** — Belmont 14.6 (Reedman) d Thornlie 6.9 (McLaughlin), Armadale 16.9 (Little) d Forrestdale 6.9 (Butcher), Gosnells 17.17 (Munro) d Forrestfield 1.4 (Cheshire), Rolystone 17.7 (Edwards) d East Victoria Park 7.8 (Fammells), Kenwick 23.14 (Francis) d Maddington 2.2 (Penny).

Toyota Cup premiership tables:

### Tigers Cup

Team	P	W	L	Pts
Marist	12	11	1	44
Carine	12	10	2	40
Hawks	12	8	4	32
Karrinyup	12	6	6	24
North Beach	12	4	8	16
West Coast	12	3	9	12
Scarborough	12	0	12	0

### South/East Fremantle

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Karoonda	15	14	1		56
Lynwood	15	12	3		48
Rossmoyne	15	9	4	1	38
Kardinya	15	9	5	1	38
East Frem	15	6	7	1	26
Cockburn	15	5	10		20
Applecross	15	2	12	1	10
Willetton	15	1	14		4

### East/West Perth

Team	P	W	L	Pts
Bays/Morley	11	10	1	40
Osborne Park	10	10	-	40
Cougars	11	6	5	24
Bombers	10	6	4	24
Swanleigh	10	5	5	20
Noranda	12	5	7	20
E.P./Highgate	10	4	6	16
North Innaloo	11	2	9	8
Balga	10	0	10	0

### Swan Districts

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Eastern Hills	12	3	9	12
Redcliffe	12	3	9	12

## Women's league

### Wins to Mt Lawley and Curtin

**WOMEN'S** football matches played last Sunday reflected the skills and experience of all teams involved in the competition.

Mt Lawley displayed excellent skills and teamwork to beat Melville, 12.12 to 7.9, with Melville showing significant improvement.

Mt Lawley's victory came from strong play by Margaret Hollands and Tracey Minoughan, while Melville's best included Larissa Uckich and Dean Cambeena.

Curtin University beat Innaloo 8.10 to 6.10, displaying a high standard of football.

# Quit Cups to Hamilton and Gov Stirling

**THE** Governor Stirling and Hamilton high schools were crowned 1989 Quit Cup champions after strong grand final victories at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

Governor Stirling won the Graham Farmer Division title with a resounding victory over Clontarf Aboriginal College, while Hamilton took off the Barry Cable Division with an equally impressive win over Eastern Hills.

Premier Peter Dowding presented the trophies on the oval after the game to Governor Stirling captain, Jason Woodcoe and Hamilton captain and Teal Cup player, Nick Bolton.

In the first West Coast Eagles vs Sydney Swans curtain-raiser, Governor Stirling beat Clontarf, 14.7 (91) to 1.1 (7).

The Midland school was too strong for Clontarf, who excelled by reaching the finals out of 58 competitors, as they only had about 30 students to choose a team from.

Governor Stirling had four goals to one on the board at half-time, but Clontarf penetrated the Governor Stirling defence only once in the second half to add a point, while Governor Stirling pored on another 10 goals.

Jason Woodcoe led his team-mates to victory and was backed up by Paul Vernon and Peter Reid.

Aaron Nelson was Clontarf's best, well supported by Chilton Yarran and Phillip Little.

Stephen Whyte and Greg Brown, from Governor Stirling, both kicked great goals from acute angles and James Cockie kicked Clontarf's solitary major.

### High standard

In the second grand final, Hamilton beat Eastern Hills, 7.8 (50) to 1.4 (10), to win back-to-back Quit Cups in one of the highest standard games of school football seen at Subiaco Oval.

Hamilton battled to shake off Eastern Hills, last year's Graham Farmer Division winners, in the first half and at half-time Hamilton led by 19 points, 4.2 (26) to 1.1 (7).

Like the previous game, Hamilton moved into top gear in the second half to put on another 3.6, conceding only three points.

All-Australian Teal Cup player and South Fremantle league rookie Glen Jakovich, gave a powerful ruck display all over the ground, backed up by Travis Micale, Mark Henderson and centre-half-forward Paul Irving, who kicked two goals.

Mark Tilbury, Matthew Murphy and Aiden Storer were Eastern Hills best, while Daniel Lake kicked his side's only goal.



Former champion Barry Cable with victorious Hamilton captain Nick Bolton

An added bonus for the strong Fremantle side is the scheduled trip to Melbourne for a clash with Victoria's Quit Cup winning team.

Hamilton will play in the inaugural Quit Interstate Challenge, likely to be against Victoria's Sumption College, at Victoria Park on September 2, as a curtain-raiser to the Collingwood vs Eagles clash.

Three schools have now won the prestigious Quit Cups since the first 18 school football competition was established in 1988.

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## Schoolboys squad named

A 25-member State schoolboys squad has been chosen to begin final preparations for the championships in Darwin in August.

The final squad was chosen after a week-long camp at Point Peron and coach Ric Evans will bring the boys to top form during training before they leave for the Northern Territory on August 17.

The squad is:  
**CLAREMONT** — Timothy Johnston (John XXIII), Paul Pudovskis (Hale), Michael Rogers (Churchlands). **EAST FREMANTLE** — Brendon Feddema (Rossmoyne), Peter Kuzich (Leeming), David McManus (Corpus Christi), Brad Piotrowski (Thornlie). **EAST PERTH** — Neville Rogers (Margaret River), James Wall (Cecil Andrews), Rodney Wheatley (Wesley). **PERTH** — Clayton Falkingham (Quairading), Bradley Wall (Gosnells). **SUBIACO** — Chris Balka (St Marks), Ryan Humphreys (Sacred Heart), Chris Love (Duncraig), Peter Mohen (Carine). **SWAN DISTRICTS** — Drew Cornelius, Scott Cummings (Mazenod), Darren Jefferies (Newton Moore), Christian Kelly (Lockridge), Peter Kelly (Forrestfield), Anthony Miller (Belmont), Craig Thomas (Aranmore), Christopher Waddingham (Bunbury CC), Phil Bartlett (South Hedland, unallotted).



Premier Peter Dowding is flanked by Governor Stirling captain Jason Woodcoe (right) and co-captain Peter Snell (left), who missed the final because of a broken jaw he received in their last game

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# Sharks get a handy

## break

### Prime RESERVES

EAST Fremantle moved two games clear of Claremont in fourth place on the Prime reserves table when they beat South Fremantle in a hard-fought, physical game at Fremantle Oval last Saturday.

In typical Derby style, the two sides were close all day with margins of 16 points, 12 and six separating them at each change.

"I was pleased with the solid four-quarter effort from the whole team," said East Fremantle coach Ron Wilcox.

Colin Waterson kicked five goals for the Sharks, bringing his July goal-kicking tally to 20, which included an eight-goal haul against Claremont two weeks ago.

The former premiership player is finding some of the form that made him East Fremantle's leading goal-kicker in 1986, when he kicked 67 goals.

#### Defender

Waterson, who began his football career in the backline and played at full-back in the Sharks '85 premiership win, has been biding his time in the reserves this season.

However, he may get his break this weekend because of a foot injury to league full-forward Clinton Browning.

Also waiting for a recall to the seniors is another premiership player in Bryce Forman, who was among the Sharks' best, as were Glen Symonds on a half-back-flank, Bradley Read and Mark Amaranti.

#### Hat-trick

The East Fremantle reserves win completed the middle leg of last weekend's hat-trick for the Sharks,

By **TANIA ARMSTRONG**



Colin Waterson...rejuvenated

when all three grades gained four premiership points.

Swan Districts inconsistency continued when they were well-beaten by East Perth at Bassendean Oval, 16.14 (110) to 9.16 (70), in the Royals second win of the season.

In a one-sided affair at Lathlain Park, Perth were easy winners over Subiaco, 26.9 (165) to 13.9 (87), thanks to a nine-goal last quarter from the Demons.

The result at Claremont Oval was also never in doubt, with the Tigers tripping West Perth's score, 22.10 (142) to 7.4 (46).

# Lions junior now helps the Demons

PERTH'S development manager Gary Rogers might have played junior football in the Subiaco zone but his time is now devoted to developing future champions at Lathlain Park.

Rogers played juniors with Wembley Downs and Woodlands — representing Subiaco in combined sides — and Public Schools Association football with Hale School.

After completing his studies, Rogers travelled around Australia and on his return, turned his football attention to the amateurs.

He played with North Innaloo, before a broken leg put him out of action and a move to Scarborough A-grade after his recovery had the same result — another broken leg.

That was three years ago and as Rogers was self-employed in a maintenance business, he decided that he had to give football away at the age of 26.

Rogers is still completing his degree in recreation and after doing some work through the Town and Country Football Development Trust with East Fremantle last year, he applied for the development manager's position at West Perth.

Steve Woodhouse, who was Perth's development manager at the time, got the job at Leederville, so Rogers was approached by Howard Manley (the Demons general manager) to take the Lathlain Park vacancy.

Rogers left his job as a recreation officer with the City of Stirling and took his place on the staff at Lathlain Park earlier this year.

"I've always loved football," said Rogers. "That was the main reason why I took the job."

"I particularly like working with kids and I love the hands on stuff."

"I think all clubs' priorities should lie in development, because if they don't have the kids coming through continually, the WAFL competition will just die."

Rogers believes it is an exciting time to be involved in football, though his workload leaves him little time for his other sporting interests of tennis and swimming.

"The WAFL's turning around and the policy of allowing kids into the ground for free and letting them have a kick on the oval during the breaks is great and is encouraging kids back to the game."



Gary Rogers...new Demon

EAST Perth hit the front in the last quarter of the under-19s match against Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval last Saturday and ran out winners by 20 points.

The Royals beat Swans, 9.10 (64) to 6.8 (44), to record their second win of the year over the top side.

The victory put East Perth on equal premiership points with Swans, whose poor form which has seen them lose the last four games, must be worrying for coach Kevin Bolton.

South Fremantle are sitting in third spot, also on equal points, after nine wins from 14 rounds.

Darren Crook controlled the ruck duels, Bunbury recruit Mark Harris was outstanding at full-back and Ben Stewart played a good game on a half-back flank and in the centre to give the Royals the edge over Swans.

East Fremantle are poised to vacate the bottom of the ladder after another victory, this time over port rivals South Fremantle.

### UNDER 19s

The Sharks beat South Fremantle, 11.14 (80) to 4.7 (31), with a good team performance and the inclusion of a few new faces.

Because of the school holidays, Public Schools Association players Brendon Krummel (Aquinas), John Stagg (Wesley) — a brother of colts captain Chris Stagg — and Alan Andrews (Trinity), all helped the sharks to victory.

Wesley's Stagg was a State schoolboy in 1987 when WA won the under-15s title in Perth and Andrews was a member of last year's State schoolboys side.

At Lathlain Park, Subiaco made up for two previous losses to the Demons when they were narrow eight-point winners over Perth, 6.6 (42) to 4.10 (34).

Claremont also fought out a close victory at Leederville Oval, downing West Perth by nine points, 8.3 (51) to 6.6 (42).

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# Country Roundup

## Bunbury hold their spot

BUNBURY clung grimly to fifth position on the South-West League table with a strong 39-point win over second-placed Collie on Sunday.

Bunbury's improved form in recent weeks gives them hopes of taking part in the finals and they were too strong for the injury-depleted Collie Saints, winning 13.18 (96) to 8.9 (57).

The win kept Bunbury ahead of Carey Park, who stayed in touch with the top five by beating Mines Rovers.

Paul Carpenter kicked six goals for Bunbury, with Peter Slater, Greg O'Brien and Anthony White their best players. Collie were well-served by Wayne Davis, Kelvin Gribble and Mick Cleary.

The Carey Park Panthers were at best with a stylish 17.17 (117) to 8.11 (59) over the Miners, with Kernut Thorne returning to action in a five-goal display.

Best on ground was Carey Park's Paul Atkinson, who had a three-goal effort from centre-half-forward. Keith Narkle and Shaun O'Callaghan also did well for the Panthers, while Mines best were Allan Fontana, Bradley Barrett and Dean Rakich.

### Close tussle

Third-placed Donnybrook had to work hard to hold off Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup to win by six points, 10.10 (70) to 9.10 (64).

The Dons ended Boyanup's slim hopes of a finals appearance and were well led by Darren Atherton, Robert McKinnon and Kim Young, while best for the plucky losers were John Western, Jamie Ninyett and Dennis Hill.

South Bunbury crushed Augusta-Margaret River 29.29 (204) to 5.3 (33) with Peter Old best-on-ground with eight goals and well supported by Craig Watson and Hayward Medal favourite Chris Raykos.

Best for AMR were Neil Earl, Tim Burton and Dean Hick.

League leaders Harvey-Brunswick were missing six regular players owing to illness, but were still too strong for Busselton, winning 16.14 (110) to 8.10 (58).

## Williams move up

WILLIAMS produced a strong performance to beat Wickpin by 55 points in Sunday's Upper Great Southern League and displace that side from third spot.

Williams won 17.20 (122) to 9.13 (67) to sneak ahead of Wickpin on percentage.

Wagin looked stylish as they beat Lake Grace 18.13 (121) to 13.16 (94) and move into fifth place — helped by Towns loss to Boddington, 13.15 (93) to 12.15 (87).

Top side Railways beat Pingelly 15.16 (106) to 14.5 (89).

### BIG TURNAROUND

RAILWAYS have achieved a major turn-around in the Upper Great Southern League this year — thanks to the influence of playing-coach Dean Winning. The tough midfielder, who has had WAFL league experience with both Claremont and East Perth, has lifted Railways from last to first. After being without a win at the half-way mark last season, Railways are now a real premiership threat.

### Upper Great Southern League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Railways	13	11	2	1336	1100	121.45	44
Boddington	12	10	2	1505	966	155.79	40
Williams	12	8	4	1307	1126	116.07	32
Wickpin	13	8	5	1251	1131	110.61	32
Wagin	13	7	6	1271	1158	109.75	28
Towns	13	7	6	1139	1212	93.97	28
Pingelly	12	3	9	1140	1225	93.06	12
Lake Grace	12	1	11	1017	1524	66.73	4
West Arthur	12	1	11	941	1592	59.10	4

Ron Culleton Wools

### South West League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Harvey-Brunswick	15	14	1	2169	819	264.8	56
Collie	15	10	5	1639	1395	117.4	40
Donnybrook	15	10	5	1421	1478	96.1	40
Sth Bunbury	15	9	6	1761	1411	124.8	36
Bunbury	15	8	7	1645	1253	131.2	32
Carey Park	15	8	7	1704	1486	114.6	32
Boy-Capel-Dard	15	6	9	1407	1662	84.6	24
Mines Rovers	15	6	9	1469	1775	82.1	24
Busselton	15	4	11	1052	1710	61.5	16
Aug-Marg River	15	-	15	876	2154	40.6	-

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## Victories keep table the same

VICTORIES went according to premiership table order in the Central Midlands League on Sunday.

Top side Rovers beat second-placed Warriors; third side Dalwallinu downed fourth team Dandaragan and fifth-placed Bindi-Miling were too strong for bottom team Watheroo.

Rovers opened up a three-game break on Warriors with their 21.14 (140) to 16.8 (104) victory with four even quarters of team football.

Dalwallinu set up their victory with a 5.7 first quarter to run out victors over Dandaragan 13.12 (90) to 8.13 (61).

Bindi-Miling showed steadiness over four quarters to hold off Watheroo, 11.16 (82) to 10.9 (69).

### Top three too good

THE top three sides in the North Pilbara League confirmed their superiority with comfortable victories over the bottom three on Sunday.

Karratha Kats held top spot with a 13.10 (88) to 7.7 (49) win over South Hedland, who are still safe in fourth place.

Rovers had the biggest win when they downed Wickham 25.18 (168) to 10.9 (69) in a percentage booster, but they couldn't make up ground on second-placed Dampier, who beat Falcons 15.20 (110) to 8.4 (52).

### ROYAL INFLUENCE

THE influence that WAFL club East Perth are having on one of their South-West clubs in Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup could well determine the outcome of this year's SWNFL premiership battle. The Royals have had strong links with the S-W Cardies, boosted in recent years with the presence of former East Perth ruckman John Leyendekkers in the district. Former East Perth players in Mark Blakely, Darren Best, John Western, Jamie Ninyett and Bruce Stewart are behind Boyanup's big improvement. After only two wins last season, the Cardies have posted six wins and were in with a finals chance at one stage.

### Central Wheatbelt

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Southern Cross	12	12	0	1750	659	265.6	48
Beacon	12	10	2	1892	685	276.2	40
Bencubbin	12	8	4	1604	1016	157.9	32
Koorda	12	7	5	1262	1073	117.8	28
Towns	12	4	8	934	1212	77.1	16
Mukinbudin	12	4	8	914	1391	65.7	16
Kalannie	12	2	10	685	1536	44.6	4
Nungarin	12	1	11	631	2061	30.6	4

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## Tigers open up a break

TIGERS opened up a one-game break on Hill when they won the top-of-the-table clash in the Fortescue League by 11-points on Sunday.

Hill opened in blistering style to lead by 43 points at the first change, but premiership favourites Tigers came back with a seven-goal quarter to trail by only seven points at the break.

But Hill were not to be denied and when they led by 20 points, they looked set for victory.

However, Tigers fought back with ruckman Mark Cunningham, Peter Vance, Ben Hunter and Brad Salmon doing well and they finished strongly to win, 16.14 (110) to 15.9 (99).

Hill's best were Keyser, Morris and Edwards.

### Desperate

Demons clinched third place with a 13.17 (95) to 12.18 (90) victory over bottom side Centrals, who had led at every change but couldn't hold off a desperate opposition.

Best for Demons were Thomas, Turner and Roper, while Centrals were well-served by Tattersall, Ratcliffe and McKeown.

Towns lifted themselves off the bottom with an impressive 18.16 (124) to 9.9 (63) victory over Saints.

Good players for the winners were Fred Wilson, Havelberg and Watkins, while Saints best were Guy, Marantelli and Spark.

## Sth Barker move into second spot

SOUTH Barker moved into second place on the Southern Districts premiership table with a resounding 39-point win over North Barker on Sunday.

South Barker gave themselves a chance of getting two chances in the finals with their 15.13 to 9.10 victory over fourth-placed North Barker.

Jamie Back, Russell Jones (three goals), Mick Khan and Steven Hooper were best for South, with Richard Ugle posting four goals. North's best were Alan Thomas, Allan Smallwood and Nathan Ashton, with Ken Hunt and Gavin Morgan doing best in attack with two goals each.

Royals consolidated top spot when they crushed North Albany by 47 points in a low-scoring tussle.

North Albany slipped to third spot when they could manage only 4.5 to Royals 10.16.

Michael Riches, Larry Dwyer and Don Nesbitt were best for Royals, with Kim Crabb posting three goals. North Albany were well-served by Steve Oreo, Ray Mountford and Bret Hunt, with Trevor Sutton kicking three goals.

### Boost

Railways produced a morale-boosting win over Denmark in the battle of the bottom sides, winning 13.10 to 8.9.

Wayne Shearer (four goals), Tony Gilbert and Paul Shearer (three goals) were best for Railways, while Denmark were best served by Matt Bushe-Jones, David Myles and Shane Kerr.

Denmark's Ken Davies held top spot on the goalkicking ladder with three goals taking his total to 62, 10 clear of Kim Crabb.

Royals captain-coach Larry Dwyer held onto his lead in the Studio 10 footballer-of-the-year award with two votes on Sunday. He is closely pressed by South Barker's Jamie Back, who polled top votes to move to one off the lead.

## COUNTRY PREMIERSHIP TABLES

### Great Northern

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Towns	14	12	1	1487	1060	135.6	48
Mullewa	15	10	5	1415	1035	136.7	40
Railways	14	9	5	1375	1081	127.2	36
Brigades	15	6	9	1499	1456	102.9	24
Rovers	14	6	8	988	1133	87.2	24
Northampton	15	5	10	1124	1423	78.9	20
CValley	15	3	12	1176	1486	79.1	8

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### RAVENSTHORPE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Ravens Tigers	11	10	1	1544	714	216.2	34
Lakes	11	6	5	1140	815	139.8	26
Munglinup	11	5	6	1133	1161	97.5	16
Southerners	11	-	11	444	1571	28.2	-

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### North Pilbara League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Karratha Kats	12	10	2	1269	917	138.4	40
Dampier	12	9	3	1217	870	139.9	36
Rovers	12	8	4	1271	1177	107.9	32
Sth Hedland	12	6	6	1182	1232	95.9	24
Falcons	12	4	8	952	1034	92.1	16
Wickham	12	0	12	860	1260	68.3	0

Swan Gold

### Southern Districts League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Royals	15	11	4	1388	1208	114.90	44
Sth Barker	15	9	6	1572	1159	135.63	36
Nth Albany	15	9	6	1333	1203	110.81	36
Nth Barker	15	8	7	1234	1228	100.49	32
Railways	15	5	10	1323	1488	88.91	20
Denmark	15	3	12	1072	1636	65.53	12

Studio 10

### Ongerup

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Newdegate	12	10	2	1872	709	264.0	40
Jerramungup	12	10	2	1326	795	166.8	40
Kent	12	8	4	1207	913	132.2	32
Gnowangerup	12	8	4	1325	1055	125.6	32
Borden	12	5	7	1038	1172	88.6	20
Pingrup	12	5	7	930	1455	63.9	20
Ongerup	12	2	10	751	1374	34.7	8
Boxwood Hills	12	0	12	637	1802	35.3	0

### Central Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Rovers	13	12	1	1750	751	233	48
Warriors	13	9	4	1552	922	168	36
Dalwallinu	13	8	5	1299	967	134	32
Dandaragan	13	7	6	1049	1086	96	28
Bindi-Miling	13	2	11	712	1698	41	8
Watheroo	13	1	12	671	1654	41	4

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### North Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Three Springs	10	9	0	1084	716	151.4	38
Dongara	10	9	1	1376	864	159.3	36
Mingenew	11	7	4	1267	869	145.8	28
Coorow-Latham	10	4	6	934	797	117.2	16
Morawa	11	3	7	987	957	103.1	14
Perenjori	10	3	7	796	1214	65.6	12
Carnamah	11	0	11	555	1580	35.1	0

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### FORTESCUE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Tigers	12	10	2	2026	879	230.48	40
Hill	12	9	3	1549	1096	141.33	36
Demons	12	6	6	1065	1234	86.30	24
Saints	12	5	7	1046	1102	94.91	20
Towns	12	3	9	970	1340	72.38	12
Centrals	12	3	9	973	1588	61.27	12

### Goldfields

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Boulder	14	11	3	1786	1153	154.9	44
Kambalda	13	10	3	1665	1163	143.2	40
Railways	13	8	5	1797	1122	160.3	32
Kalgoorlie	14	4	10	1241	1497	82.9	16



# Avon have sights

By **GEORGE TEMPLE**

**THE strong Avon Football Association is hoping for a change of luck in this year's 1989 Wesfarmers Country Carnival.**

Avon won the B-grade title last season, but were not promoted to A-grade when the Wesfarmers Carnival committee decided that Great Northern, who finished last, deserved a reprieve from relegation as they were the 1987 champions.

"We are quietly confident of winning again this year," said Avon's coach Phil Skelton.

"We've had a good lead up to the carnival, with one win and one loss.

"We beat Mortlock, but lost to Central Midlands when we fielded what amounted to a colts team in the pipe-opener to the recent country State game at Moora.

"We've got a well-balanced squad led by former Perth and Swan Districts player Ross Fitzgerald.

### Versatile

"Ross or Sean Powell will line up at full-forward for us. Both are good goalscorers and are very versatile.

"We can also use Robby Jackamarra, who was the leading goalscorer in the Wesfarmers B-grade competition last year."

John Smart will lead Avon's mobile division. He has the ability to run all day and takes a strong mark around the ground.

### Great Northern

**THE Great Northern squad for the Wesfarmers Country Carnival is:**

Victor Bertola, Graham Taylor, Anthony Henry, Russell Gregory, Mick Farrell, Brett Renner, Ashley Taylor, Charlie Comegain, Steve Perham, Brett Marsden, Steve Matthews, Dean Walters, Vic Ware, Craig Lynch, Mick Wall, John Gleghorn, Greg O'Malley, Neville Ridge, Chris Cooper, Craig Patterson, Mick Johns, Ross Worthington, Robbie Francis, Kevin Regan, Gary Edwards, Sven Grima, Wayne Watkins, Adrian Bartlett, Peter Klien.

Avon league's 1988 fairest and best winner, Bruce Williamson, is also in the Wesfarmers squad, as is Merv Davis, the 1986 winner of the same award.

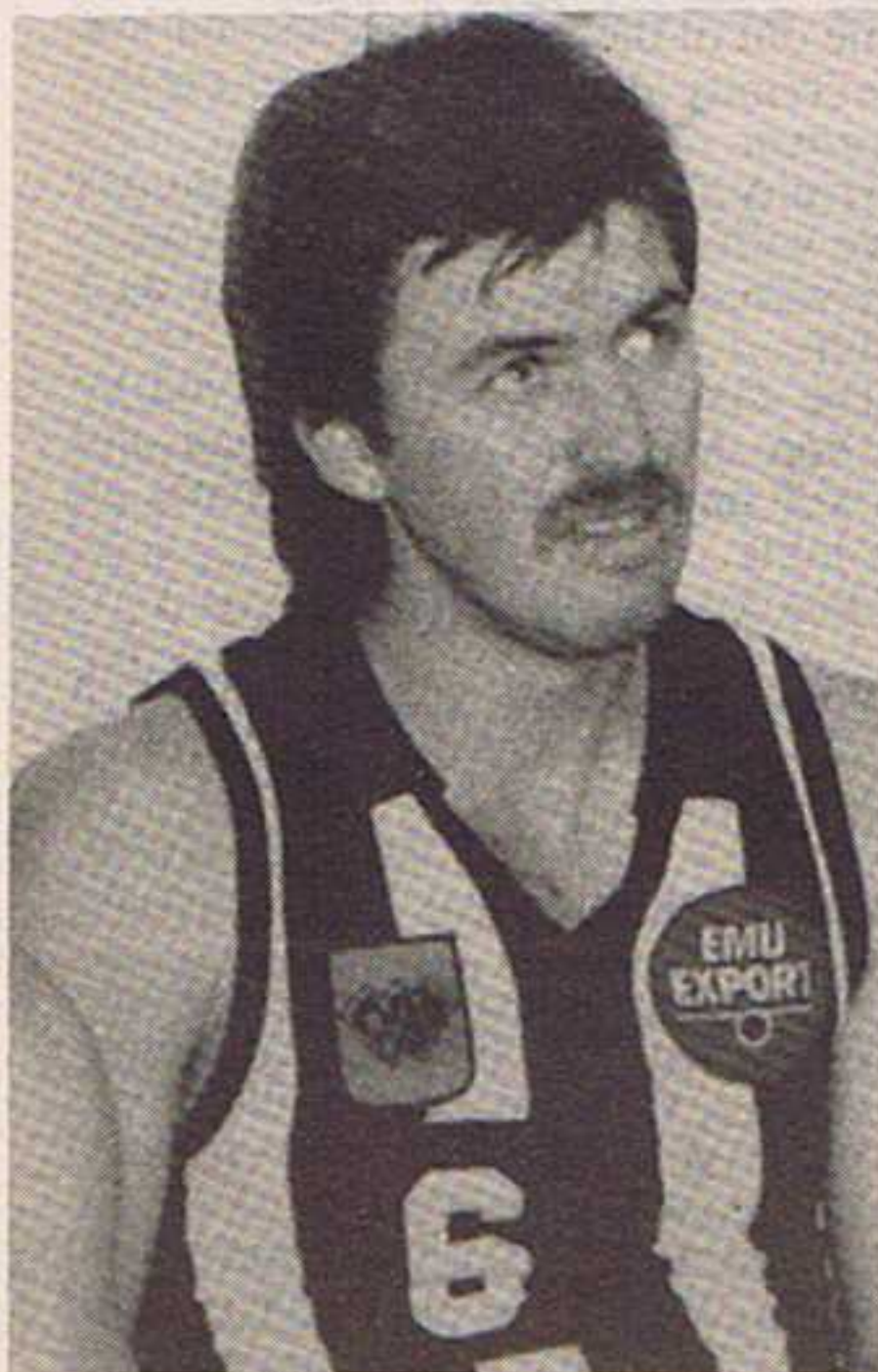
Other players likely to figure prominently for Avon are centre-half-back Greg Jones, key position player Wayne Smith, ruck-rover Mick Morris and half-back Mal Nitscke.

### Interesting

Avon are confident of winning their opening B1 group game against inexperienced Central Wheatbelt at Bassendean Oval today.

"I don't know much about their team, but we should be good enough to beat them," Skelton said.

# set on A-grade



Ross Fitzgerald...goalkicker

### Lower South West

**THE Lower South West side for the Wesfarmers Country Carnival is:**

David Horn, Ray Masters, Max Rees, Gary Ryan, Ian Ryan, Peter Ryan, David Scherini, Bradley Styles, Kevin Tenardi, Steven Bogar, Peter Hudson, Glen Lettle, Milton Moore, Steven North, Brendan Barnsby, Rodney Court, David Meahan, Simon Moltoni, Danny Omodeo, Dean Ryan, Abbie Moyes, Athony East, David East, Heath East, Todd East, Troy Gibellini, Nigel Reeve, Bret Slater, Frank Baeli, Darren Chatley, Jim Walkar.

The clash between Ongerup and North Midlands at East Fremantle Oval could be an interesting tussle.

North are fielding an experienced and established team, while Ongerup showed in the recent Great Southern Carnival that they are a vastly improved outfit.

Ongerup, who finished third in the GSC after losing narrowly to Wesfarmers A-grade championship fancies Central Great Southern in the first round, are confident of an upset.

"We've certainly got a team that can make the final," coach Frank Peczka said.

### North Pilbara

**THE North Pilbara side for the Wesfarmers Country Carnival is:**

Rick Hockey, Andy Dunstan, Alan Martin, Kirk Ulrich, Chris Duckett, Brendon Bell (vice captain), Gavin Miller, Steve Melvey, Brad Mews, Reuben Hills, Kevin Osborne, Adam Jackson, Ian Berry, David Price, Jamie Mills, Stirling Thompson, John Dart, Gavin McGuire, Darren White, Ian Jensen, Peter O'Malley, Sahne Van Thag, Bruce Jupp (captain), Mark Spilsbury, Brendon Cook, Alan Beattie, Geoff Smith.

The team boasts a number of experienced players, including former WA and Claremont ace Noel Morton.

"Noel's a classy player and having a man of his stature in the team this year is a big bonus.

"We showed that we can play some good football in the Central Great Southern Carnival, so who knows what we will manage on the day."

Peczka added that utility Bradley Smallwood, key position players John and Greg Dunkeld, ruck-rover Wesley Hall, centremen Peter Smith, skipper Bill Bailey and Jan Sternick would form the backbone of the team.

### Atone

North Midlands captain-coach Max Johnson said that his team was out to atone for last season's grand final loss to Avon.

"Our side is almost the same as last year's," he said.

## CARNIVAL FIXTURES

### THURSDAY, 27 JULY — 2PM

A1: Game A: North Pilbara v Central Australia, Claremont Oval. Game B: South West v Upper Great Southern, Bassendean Oval.

A2: Game C: Goldfields v Eastern Districts, Leederville Oval. Game D: Great Northern v Central Great Southern, East Fremantle.

B1: Game E: Avon v Central Wheatbelt, Bassendean. Game F: Lower South West v Southern Districts, Claremont.

B2: Game G: Mortlock v Central Midlands, Leederville. Game H: Ongerup v North Midlands, East Fremantle.

### FRIDAY, 28 JULY — 2PM

A GRADE: Winner Game A v Loser Game B, Fremantle Oval. Winner Game B v Loser Game A, Lathlain Oval. Winner Game C v Loser Game D, East Fremantle. Winner Game D v Loser Game C, Bassendean Oval.

### NOON

B GRADE: Winner Game E v Loser Game F, East Fremantle. Winner Game F v Loser Game E, Lathlain oval. Winner Game G v Loser Game H, Bassendean Oval. Winner Game H v Loser Game G, Fremantle Oval.

### SUNDAY, 30 JULY

B Grade Final noon, Fremantle Oval. A Grade Final 2.30pm, Fremantle Oval.

### CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

**This is the Central Australia team for the Wesfarmers Carnival:**

Lachlan Ross, Ron Roe, Wayne Braun, Ken Braun, Mike Booker, Wally Gallio, Reggie Smith, Kevin Pfitzner, Mark Harwood, Jamie DeBrenni, Willy Roe, Harry Kelly, Rick Kimlin, Adrian Mitchell, Michael Liddle, Richard Nandy, Mick Turner, Paul Ross, Peter Lake, Tony Kelly, Lance White, Graham Hampton, Graeme Smith, Rhett Bowden, Kevin Mutton, Steven Hayes, David Pope, Tom Braun, Ben Chick, Joe Jeffrey.

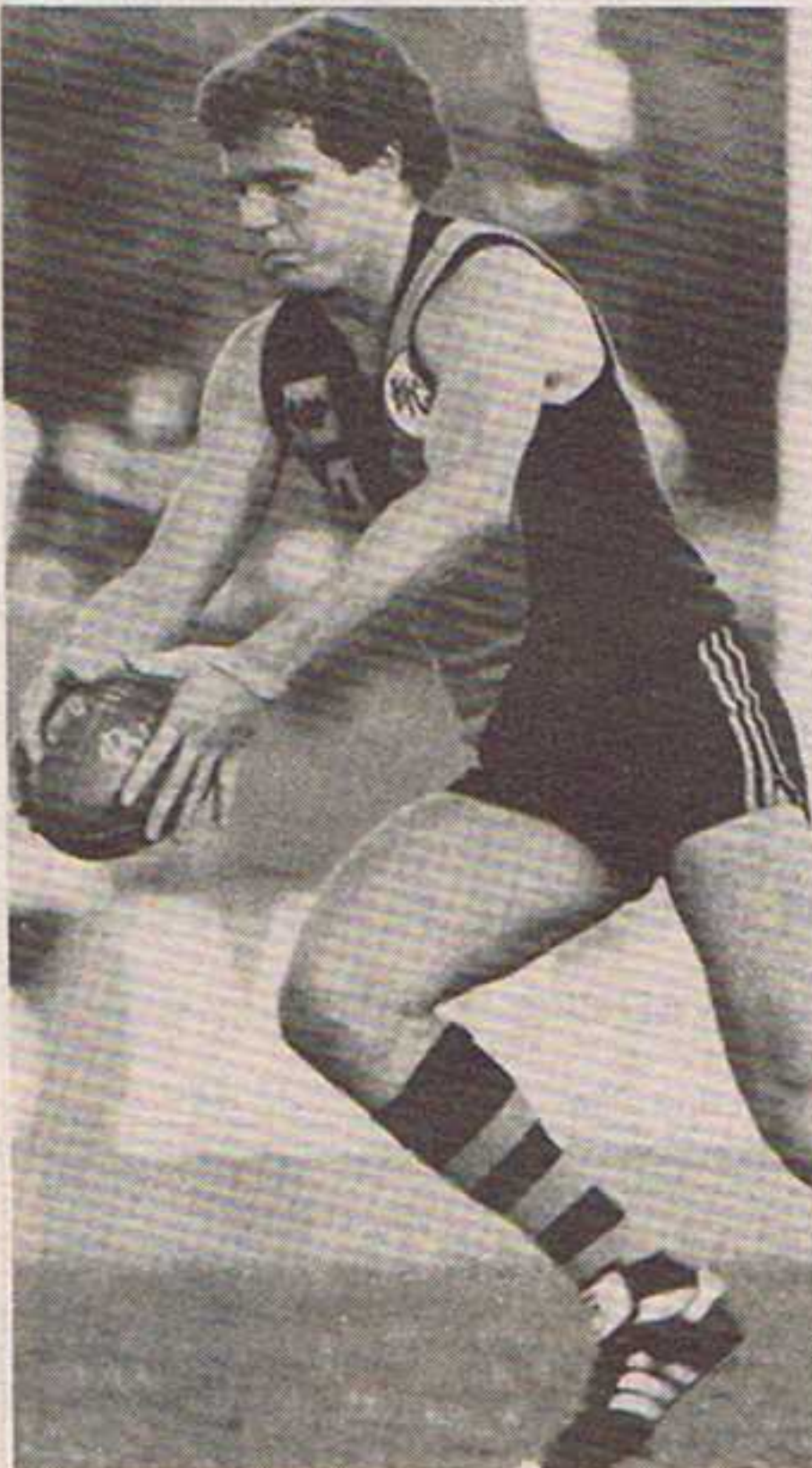
"We're big and mobile and I think that we will do pretty well.

"We haven't played Ongerup in five years and I don't know much about them, so we'll just have to wait and see what they're like."

Johnson's chief weapon in attack is goalscoring centre-half-forward Michael Mallard; a mobile big man with an accurate left-foot kick.

Stephen Hill is a versatile key position player, much in the mould of Mallard and should combine well with Rodney Tunbridge — a cousin of East Fremantle ruckman Brad Tunbridge — who kicked six goals against Mortlock two weeks ago.

Ruckman Craig Morgan could attract the attention of some WAFL clubs. Just 20 years of age, he has taken



Noel Morton...experienced

### Southern Districts

**This is the Southern Districts team for the Wesfarmers Carnival:**

Don Nesbitt, Gerard Cameron, Michael Riches, Ray Travaskis, Ken Hunt, Mick Colbung, Cameron Taylor, Nathan Ashton, Wayne Shearer, Jamie Back, Larry Dwyer, Gavin Morgan, Russell Jones (captain), Shaun Colbung, Ashley Melvin, Tim Hunter, John Bocomazzo, Ian Higgins, Garry Pope, Kim Crabb, Ray Mountford, Colin Pearson, Damien Luscombe, Paul Marchesi, Michael Musty, Steven Mead, Kelvin Hardy, Alan Thomas, Steven Hooper.

the North Midlands Association by storm this season, totally dominating in the tap-out duels and any key position that he plays in.

Other key players are Alan Dick in a back-pocket, Les Spencer on a wing and rover Lindsay Barker, who had a trial with East Fremantle this season.

### PREVIOUS WINNERS

#### A-section

#### WESFARMERS SHIELD

- 1965 — Eastern Districts
- 1966 — Eastern Districts
- 1967 — Eastern Districts
- 1968 — Upper Great Southern
- 1969 — Great Northern
- 1970 — South West
- 1971 — South West
- 1972 — South West
- 1973 — South West
- 1974 — Upper Great Southern
- 1975 — Great Northern
- 1976 — Avon
- 1977 — Avon
- 1978 — South West
- 1979 — South West
- 1980 — South West
- 1981 — South West
- 1982 — South West
- 1983 — South West
- 1984 — South West
- 1985 — South West
- 1986 — South West
- 1987 — Great Northern
- 1988 — North Pilbara

#### B-section

#### W.A.F.L. TROPHY

- 1965 — Koorda-Wyalkatchem
- 1966 — North Midlands
- 1967 — Dumbleyung-Lake Grace
- 1968 — Central Wheatbelt
- 1969 — Central Midlands
- 1970 — Lower South West
- 1971 — Lake Grace-Kulin
- 1972 — South Suburban Murray
- 1973 — Mortlock
- 1974 — Central Great Southern
- 1975 — Central Midlands
- 1976 — Mortlock
- 1977 — Lake Grace-Kulin
- 1978 — Lower South West
- 1979 — Upper Great Southern
- 1980 — Mortlock
- 1981 — Mortlock
- 1982 — Central Midlands
- 1983 — Central Great Southern
- 1984 — Central Great Southern
- 1985 — Mortlock
- 1986 — Goldfields
- 1987 — North Pilbara
- 1988 — Avon



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# AMATEUR NEWS

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## MAYLANDS END MT LAWLEY'S RUN

MAYLANDS went on a rampage against Mt Lawley, cruising to a 22-goal victory and ending the Hawks visit to the five.

With only four goals separating the sides at half-time, it was hard to predict that the Rams would destroy their opposition to the extent that they did.

Centre-half-forward Ross Cartenson was unstoppable for Maylands, kicking eight goals while full-forward Tony Underwood was a superb replacement for the injured Garry Sidebottom, kicking seven goals.

Wayne McKinlay was a tower of strength at full-back and combined well with the brilliant Harley Hayward to repel the few Hawk forward thrusts.

Other good performers for Maylands were Ray Wilkinson, Rob Gray and Mark Sheedy.

Bayswater almost upset top side North Fremantle, going down by only 10 points at Hillcrest Park.

Despite losing, the Blues jumped back into the five because of Mt Lawley's big loss.

After three even quarters, Collegians Old Scotch overwhelmed Swan Athletic in the last term to record a well-earned victory.

Shaun Tillbrook was his side's best player in his 50th game and he received plenty of support from centre-half-forward Adam Holyoak, young ruckmen Chris Souness, Mark Nairn and

### B-GRADE

by  
**PETER RUSH**



full-forward Peter Burt, who kicked five goals.

Troy Bosich, Matt Viskivich, Shane Bertoli and Shane Bosich were Swan Athletic's best players.

Curtin moved a step closer to avoiding relegation with a solid victory over ninth-placed Cockburn Lakes.

On the strength of their eight-goal victory, the Tigers will be unlucky to be relegated. Curtin's percentage is slightly better than Cockburn Lakes and they only need one win in the last four games to send the Lakes back to C-grade.

C.B.C. went on a goal-kicking orgy, defeating Dianella by 18 goals.

This week sees Maylands take on the in-form C.B.C. at Fremantle Oval. With little love lost between these two sides, this should be a tough game, with the Rams holding a slight edge.

Bayswater have a great chance to snap out of the doldrums at Dianella's expense; Mt Lawley will be no match for Collegians Old Scotch; Swan Athletic should account for Curtin, while North Fremantle will have a percentage-booster against Cockburn Lakes.

# Pride boots Old Wesley into top five

A-GRADE

by  
**TREVOR SCHORER**



FORMER State full-forward Ken Pride was Old Wesley's focal point with a seven-goal haul to give his side a 31-point win over Scarborough.

Three weeks ago Old Wesley looked to have little chance of playing in this year's finals, but the win has put them into fifth spot.

It was the experience of captain Bryn Chute and former Falcons player Peter Cutler who joined with Pride to be the prime motivators for Old Wesley.

The opposite could be said for Scarborough, who earlier looked certain to play in the finals but are now in third last.

However, they are still only one game out of the five, as are second-last side Trinity Aquinas, who are on the improve.

Trinity Aquinas kept their hopes alive with a 13-point win over Wembley, who dropped out of the five as a result.

The Old Boys were well served by Bardon, McDaniel and Brennan and can still improve enough to advance up the table.

### Contention

Wembley are going through a rough patch at the moment, but if players like Simon Proud, Mark Maxwell and Luke Wondke can continue their good form, they can fight their way back into finals contention.

Mt Lawley bounced back to the winner's list with a solid 54-point victory over West Coast at Leederville Oval.

The Hawks have not been in good form, but through players like Lino Brolese, Leigh Sprlyan and Brad Stevens, they have managed to fight their way to gain four premiership points.

Another significant performance was that of Bill Armstrong, who kept Ken Judge down to one goal for the match.

The Coasters will have to get back to basics and give themselves a chance as they have the easiest run home of most of the finals contenders.

Good players for them in this game were Devenish, Steve Leishman and ruckman Robbie Mann.

### Upset

In the biggest upset of the season, bottom side Innaloo played like one of the top teams to beat second-placed Nollamara by four points.

The tactical ploy of ruckman Leo Brunier tagging Nollamara coach Mick Rea paid handsome dividends as he was judged best for the Bulldogs.

Ruck-rovers Steve Oliver and Dave

### FIXTURES

#### A-grade

ROUND NO. 15 — 29 JULY  
University vs Trinity/Aquinas, Lathlain Oval  
Scarborough vs Nollamara, Millington Res  
Innaloo vs North Beach, Yuluma Park  
Mt Lawley vs Old Wesley, Perth Oval  
Wembley vs West Coast, Leederville Oval

#### B-grade

ROUND NO. 15 — 29 JULY  
Mt Law vs Col/Old Scotch, Inglewood Oval  
Bayswater vs Dianella, Hillcrest Park  
CBC vs Maylands, Fremantle Oval  
Cockburn Lakes vs Nth Frem, Anning Park  
Swan Ath vs Curtin AFC, Swan Ath Oval

Nelson set up many forward moves, which were capitalised on by Craig Clarke with five goals.

Centre-half-back Chris Uglov played his usual outstanding game and led the Innaloo defence brilliantly.

North Beach are shaping as a real shortener for this season's premiership as they demolished University by 10 goals.

The North ruck division of David Court, Dave Higgins and rovers Corry Bewick and Gavan Perry have taken all before them in the last month.

University had to rely on their senior players such as Mark Paganin, Matt McNee and Roger Steinepries, but have too many injured players to continue as a force.

This week North Beach should have a strong win over Innaloo; Trinity-Aquinas have better form than University; Nollamara will bounce back at Scarborough's expense; Wembley and West Coast should be even on form, while Mt Lawley and Old Wesley will be the game of the day.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

**C GRADE:** Whitford's No. 1 side were defeated by Nollamara, which has made the fight for the crucial fifth spot on the ladder a interesting one. The Warriors will have to show all the character they possess to remain in the five, if they wish to strive for B-grade next year. Better players for the Warriors were Tom Mills, Ross Rayson and Gary Atherson.

**D GRADE:** NORTH Beach lost a chance to claim third place when they ran out of legs against a fast-finishing Trinity-Aquinas, who consolidated third spot. Best for North Beach were ruckmen Roger Summers and Joy Wilhelm, while backman Steve Caizens battled hard.

**G GRADE:** REDCLIFFE scored a well-earned victory over North Fremantle to take second place. Best for the Reds in their six-point win were Rod May, Craig Cherry, Alan Ryniker, Brian Arbon and goal-scoring machine Paul Ford, who kicked four goals to take his total past 50 for the season.

**H GRADE:** BASSENDEAN picked up valuable percentage against a depleted North Beach No. 3, with Brett Perry playing well.

**J GRADE:** the Whitfords No. 3 side earned a morale-boosting victory in heavy conditions over third-placed Bayswater. The Warriors, desperately fighting off relegation, showed the form they are capable of reproducing while winning by five goals. Rookie coach Wally Williams was delighted with the team's effort, but singled out Grant Christanson, Craig Baker and Joe Tassone as better players.

**A COLTS:** UNIVERSITY served notice that they will be hard to toss in the run up to the finals by disposing of a lack-lustre North Beach.

Norths showed little endeavour in the first half, except for big-game players Darren Castiglions, Mal Keily and Chris Tsokos, who played their heart out.

**B COLTS:** THE home and away series ended with dramatic results. Swan Athletic who have been second all year, dropped to fourth after losing to Collegians Old Scotch and Maylands leap-frogged from fourth to 2nd, while Dianella secured third place with a big victory over C.B.C.

Maylands and Dianella will meet in the qualifying final in what should be a close match.

Rams coach Garry Sidebottom will be looking for big games from Jakob Bishop, Matt Priest, Barry Mulvaney, Brett Campbell and Steve Baker.

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### FINALS FIXTURES

**A COLTS**  
Qualifying final: Wembley versus Trinity Aquinas, at Leederville Oval.  
Elimination final: Mt Lawley versus Innaloo at Perth Oval.

**B COLTS**  
Qualifying final: Dianella versus Maylands at Hillcrest Oval.  
Elimination final: Swan Athletic versus North Fremantle at Lathlain Oval.

**C COLTS**  
Qualifying final: Coolbinia Yokine versus University at Coolbinia Oval No. 2.  
Elimination final: Rockingham versus Lynwood Ferndale at Troy Park.

**D COLTS**  
Qualifying final: Wembley versus Swan View at Henderson Park.  
Elimination final: Ocean Ridge versus John XXIII at Inglewood Oval.

All home teams mentioned first games start at 12.15pm. Quarters are 4x20 minutes plus time on.

### ROUND ROBIN COLTS COMPETITION

Fixtures for July 29 only.  
Position 6: Innaloo 'C' versus North Beach 'A' at Yuluma Park. CBC 'B' versus Forrestfield 'D' at Fremantle Oval.  
Position 7: Scarborough 'A' versus Trinity Aquinas 'D' at Millington Res. Curtin Uni 'B' versus Carlisle 'C' at South Oval.  
Position 8: West Coast 'A' versus Cockburn Lakes 'B' at City Beach Oval. Bassendean 'C' versus Scarborough 'D' at McDonald Reserve.  
Position 9: Nollamara 'A' versus Bayswater 'B' at Des Penman Res. Melville 'D' versus Wanneroo 'C' at Karoonda Park No. 1.  
All home teams mentioned first games start at 12.15pm. Quarters are 4x20 minutes. No time on.

### MILESTONES



**TERRY SAYERS — 250 games (North Fremantle)**

TERRY Sayers joined North Fremantle as an 18-year-old in 1972, playing in the A-colts and graduated to the seniors the next season, while still being runner-up in the colts fairest and best.

After earning State colts selection in 1972-73, he has been a regular senior player and joined the club committee in 1979.

In 1984 he received life membership of the club; was judged best clubman and leading goalkicker as North won the B-grade grand final.

He was also in North's B-grade premiership team in 1986, playing at centre-half-back and in 1987-88 played both A-grade and F-grade.

Terry captained the North Fremantle team on their history-making Ireland tour in 1988 and is currently captain-coach of G-grade.



**DAVID HADDOW — 250 games (North Fremantle)**

DAVID Haddow joined North Fremantle in 1976 and won the club's fairest and best in their B-grade side in 1979.

He played in North's B-grade premiership side in 1984 and was in the J-grade premiership team in 1986.

In 1986 he was made a life member of Norths, winning the J-grade fairest and best and repeating that effort in I-grade in 1987.

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### AMATEUR PREMIERSHIP TABLES

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
<b>A GRADE</b>						
MT LAWLEY	14	10	4	1358	1047	129.70 40
NOLLAMARA	14	9	4	1355	1163	116.51 38
NORTH BEACH	14	8	6	1415	1217	116.27 32
UNIVERSITY	14	8	6	1172	1211	96.78 32
OLD WESLEY	14	7	7	1183	1170	101.11 28
Wembley	14	7	7	1146	1168	98.17 28
West Coast	14	6	8	1292	1262	102.38 24
Trinity/Aquinas	14	6	8	1145	1258	91.02 24
Scarborough	14	6	8	1113	1285	86.61 24
Innaloo	14	2	11	973	1371	70.97 10
<b>B GRADE</b>						
NORTH FREMAN	14	12	2	1348	1022	131.70 48
MAYLANDS	14	11	3	1767	988	178.85 44
COLL/OLD SCTCH	14	11	3	1723	1028	167.61 44
CBC	14	8	6	1478	1294	114.22 32
BAYSWATER	14	6	8	1082	1276	84.80 24
Mt Lawley	14	6	8	1103	1355	81.40 24
Dianella	14	5	9	1011	1499	67.44 20
Swan Athletic	14	4	10	1206	1394	86.51 16
Cockburn Lakes	14	4	10	1187	1679	70.70 16
Curtin	14	3	11	995	1363	73.00 8
<b>C GRADE</b>						
BASSENDEAN	15	14	1	1801	970	185.70 56
OSBORNE DIST	15	13	2	1484	1106	134.18 52
COOLBIN/YOKINE	15	10	5	1530	1125	136.00 40
CARLISLE	15	10	5	1613	1379	116.97 40
WHITFORD	15	9	6	1352	1223	110.55 36
Nollamara	15	8	7	1354	1182	114.55 32
Rockingham	15	4	11	1249	1475	84.68 16
Lynwood/Ferndale	15	4	11	934	1481	63.07 16
University	15	3	12	1124	1596	70.43 12
Morley	15	-	15	811	1745	46.48 -
<b>D GRADE</b>						
WEMBLEY	15	12	3	1736	837	207.41 48
SCARBOROUGH	15	12	3	1762	975	180.72 48
TRINITY/AQUINAS	15	10	5	1435	1163	123.39 40
APPLECROSS	15	9	6	1625	1163	139.72 36
NORTH BEACH	15	9	6	1473	1186	124.20 36
WACAE	15	9	6	1432	1220	117.38 36
Melville	15	6	9	1296	1341	96.64 24
Mundaring	15	4	11	1068	1749	61.06 16
Brentwood	15	3	12	791	1821	43.44 12
Balcatta AICA	15	1	14	870	2033	42.79 4
<b>E GRADE</b>						
BULLCREEK	15	15	-	1642	764	214.92 60
JOHN XXIII	15	12	3	1807	1047	172.59 48
HAMERSLEY	15	11	4	1589	961	165.35 44

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
<b>SAWYERS VALLEY</b>						
R&I BANK	15	8	7	1386	1431	96.86 32
St Norberts	15	6	9	1144	1536	74.48 24
Forrestfield	15	5	10	1231	1451	84.88 20
Hellenic	15	5	10	1224	1602	76.40 20
National Bank	15	2	13	746	1865	40.00 8
University	15	1	14	979	1794	54.57 4
<b>F GRADE</b>						
WEST COAST	15	14	1	1848	866	213.39 56
MT LAWLEY	15	12	2	1370	874	156.75 50
VICTORIA PARK	15	8	6	1232	1215	101.40 34
INNALOO	15	8	7	1224	1246	98.23 32
OLD WESLEY	15	8	7	1200	1343	89.35 32
Bayswater	15	7	8	1339	1321	101.36 28
Coolbellup	15	5	10	1165	1402	83.10 20
Dianella	15	5	10	1043	1450	71.93 20
Nollamara	15	4	11	1193	1457	81.88 16
Osborne Districts	15	3	12	893	1333	66.99 12
<b>G GRADE</b>						
WANNEROO	15	12	3	1738	1077	161.37 48
REDCLIFFE	15	11	4	1564	982	159.27 44
GIRRAWHEEN	15	11	4	1636	1150	142.26 44
COLL/OLD SCTCH	15	10	5	1731	1140	151.84 40
NORTH FREMAN	15	9	6	1519	1351	112.44 36
Navy	15	8	7	1647	1215	135.56 32
Ocean Ridge	15	5	10	1107	1687	65.12 20
West Coast	15	4	11	1300	1450	89.66 16
Swanbourne/Nedlinds	15	4	11	1026	1713	58.99 16
CBC	15	1	14	699	2198	31.80 4
<b>H GRADE</b>						
RIVERTON	15	12	3	1759	883	199.21 48
UNIVERSITY	15	12	3	1739	891	195.17 48
WEMBLEY	15	11	4	1706	899	189.77 44
BASSENDEAN	15	11	4	1876	1097	171.01 44
MAYLANDS	15	10	5	1405	1065	131.92 40
Curtin	14	6	7	1117	1222	91.41 26
East Fremantle	15	5	10	1232	1550	79.48 20
Whitford	15	4	10	1068	1711	62.42 18
Mt Lawley	15	2	13	764	1989	38.41 8
North Beach	15	1	14	725	2087	34.74 4
<b>I GRADE</b>						
RAAF	15	14	1	2162	792	272.98 56
SWAN ATHLETIC	15	11	3	1719	1137	151.19 46
BULLCREEK	15	11	4	1415	967	146.33 44
SCARBOROUGH	15	10	4	1719	964	178.32 42
CARLISLE	15	10	5	1898	941	201.70 40
Trinity/Aquinas	15	7	8	1227	1422	86.29 28
Lynwood/Ferndale	15	5	10	1091	1668	65.41 20
North Fremantle	15	3	12	998	1543	64.68 12
<b>J GRADE</b>						
SWAN VIEW	15	14	1	2120	744	284.95 56
MURDOCH UNI	15	13	2	1544	815	189.45 52
BAYSWATER	15	12	3	1553	1018	152.55 48
HAMERSLEY	15	8	7	1298	1177	110.28 32
MORLEY	15	8	7	1302	1228	106.03 32
Innaloo	15	6	9	1079	1443	74.77 24
Whitford	15	4	11	1082	1509	71.70 16
Coolbinia/Yokine	15	4	11	967	1621	59.65 16
WACAE	13	3	10	1119	1359	82.34 12
Hellenic	15	3	12	783	1880	41.65 12

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
<b>K GRADE</b>						
ROCKINGHAM	15	15	-	2091	589	355.00 60
COCKBURN LAKES	15	13	2	1981	777	254.95 52
APPLECROSS	15	11	4	1601	1074	149.07 44
WANNEROO	15	9	6	1454	1249	116.41 36
COOLBELLUP	15	7	8	1602	1270	126.14 28
Forrestfield	15	7	8	1411	1335	105.69 28
Coll/Old Scotch	15	6	9	1301	1316	98.86 24
Carlisle	15	4	11	846	1790	47.26 16
Bullcreek	15	3	12	858	2289	37.48 12
Dianella	14	-	14	595	1958	30.39 -
<b>L GRADE</b>						
MELVILLE	15	12	3	1723	1043	165.20 48
JOHN XXIII	15	12	3	1659	1030	161.07 48
NOLLAMARA	15	10	5	1872	1122	166.84 40
GIRRAWHEEN	15	10	5	1862	1189	156.60 40
REDCLIFFE	15	10	5	1742	1220	142.79 40
Brentwood	15	8	7	1597	970	164.40 32
Ocean Ridge	14	5	9	1357	1504	90.23 20
Riverton	15	4	11	1228	1677	73.23 16
Sawyers Valley	15	2	13	762	2147	35.49 8
Mundaring	15	2	13	808	2733	29.56 8
<b>A COLTS</b>						
UNIVERSITY	15	13	2	1425	603	236.32 52
WEMBLEY	15	13	2	1202	622	193.25 52
TRINITY/AQUINAS	15	11	4	1254	776	161.80 44
MT LAWLEY	15	10	4	1078	885	121.81 42
NORTH BEACH	15	6	8	875	951	92.01 26
Scarborough	15	5	9	823	887	92.78 22
West Coast	15	3	11	798	1071	74.51 14
Old Wesley	14	1	13	399	1453	27.46 4
Innaloo	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nollamara	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>B COLTS</b>						

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**The national view**



by **JOHN WARREN**

**Tribunal farce is regrettable**

**THERE has never been any doubt that football tribunals (in any code) are always the subject of controversy — their decisions are either too tough, too lenient or inconsistent!**

Be that as it may. The fact is, our game needs the sobering influence of tribunals — and the tribunals need the sympathetic backing of the Leagues who appoint them.

Unfortunately, many administrators and players adopt the attitude that umpires — perceived as some type of alien body — are fair game for insults and ridicule. Questioning authority seems to have been developed into an art-form in Australia.

**Innocence**

Advocates representing charged players at hearings go to great lengths to introduce every conceivable "red herring" to prove innocence — so much so, that (as is the case in our country's law courts) the complaint often ends up by being on trial!!

There has just been an extraordinary case involving a prominent player being charged with abusive language by one of Australian Football's most senior and respected umpires. The result — case dismissed.

Lengthy argument rebounded as to just what the player said; what manner of words and phrases were used.

There were injured and vehement denials by the player that he had not sworn at or used insulting words to the umpire.

What it really ended up amounting to was that the stupid, megalomaniacal, egotistic umpire completely imagined having his decision questioned. The stupid coot, right out of the blue and for no reason whatsoever, decided to report a player.

The player, for his part in the farce — and contrary to what we all thought we saw on television — disputed nothing, said nothing and was picked on something terrible!!

**Authority**

Another victory for those who would question legitimate authority; another example — seen by thousands of impressionable children — that it is acceptable to abuse umpires and if you are brought to account for your actions, there is every chance that "smart defence" will get you off.

The really sad part of this and many similar sagas, is that so much credence is placed by various authorities on the degree of abuse, of the degree of force used in a blow.

Abuse is abuse. Hitting is hitting. It's as simple as that.

This recognised, it then should just become a matter of tribunals deciding how much of a penalty to apply — not looking for excuses presented by "smart-alecs" as to why the charge should be dismissed.

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**Hawks pay high price for win**

**GOSNELLS paid a high price for their 78-point win over Kenwick last Sunday.**

Dennis O'Rourke, a key player in the Hawk line-up, was forced to leave the ground in the third quarter with a dislocated shoulder.

O'Rourke had booted three goals and had been a dominant forward for the Hawks.

Ironically, O'Rourke was filling in for regular forward Dean Hayden, who did not play due to a back strain.

The loss of O'Rourke, who would probably play as a defender in the final round, would come as a big blow for Gosnells coach Steve Hargrave as he is an experienced finals player.

Before joining Gosnells, he was a member of Kalamunda's 1984 and 1985 premierships teams.

Gosnells also have ruckman Phil Latham, defender Brian Lester and utility player Dean Hayden out through injury.

Also unavailable are Paul Rond (suspended) and ruckman Bobby Michaels, who has not played in the last two games for personal reasons.

Gosnells play Canning this Sunday at Gosnells Oval and further injuries to players will place added pressure on their reserves team.

Gosnells champion Trevor Williams played his second game in the reserves against Kenwick and one more game will qualify him to play in the finals.

**One-way traffic**

**WANNEROO, with 48 scoring shots, had an impressive 84-point win over Maddington at Kingsway.**

The big win avenged their round one loss by one point to Maddington.

Wanneroo's winning margin would have been much greater but for inaccurate kicking.

The chief offender was full-forward Tony Fraser, who booted 10.9.

Fraser regained his spot as the league's leading goalkicker with 84 majors.

However, most interest in the game was the return of giant ruckman Jon McElwee for his first league game this season.

McElwee will no doubt be a key player in the finals and coach Gavin Carter will be looking for him to quickly run into top form.

Pressure from reserves players Paul Taylor, Peter Reed, Craig Whatmore, Mike Paterson and John Stampalia has placed Carter in the good position of having 20 contributors in recent weeks.

Interest at Wanneroo will now centre on whether former East Perth player Glynn Williams lines up in one of the remaining four fixtures to become eligible for the finals.

**Canning canter**

**APPLECROSS lost all chance of qualifying for the finals when they lost by 83 points to a resolute Canning side at Wyong Oval.**

Such was the ease of the Tigers win that Applecross failed to score in the final term.

The height of Canning was clearly evident as ruckman Tony Watson, ably supported by Charlie Schuiling and Jamie Norrish, controlled the aerial and ruck duels all day.

With full-forward Dean Johns on top of full-back Bruce Rowlings, Canning had an easy avenue to goals.

Johns, who played at East Perth, finished with six goals in a workmanlike performance.

**Sunday League**

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
GOSNELLS	14	14	0	0	1722	867	198.61	56
WANNEROO	14	12	2	0	2086	1051	198.47	48
OSBORNE PARK	14	11	3	0	1637	1076	152.13	44
OSBORNE PARK	14	11	3	0	1637	1076	152.13	44
WILLETTON	14	10	4	0	1358	1117	121.57	40
CANNING	14	9	5	0	1600	1234	129.66	36
Kelmscott	14	7	7	0	1293	1356	95.354	28
Applecross	14	7	7	0	1410	1596	88.346	28
Armadale	14	6	8	0	1268	1387	79.899	24
Kenwick	14	5	9	0	1187	1473	80.584	20
Kalamunda	14	4	10	0	1028	1358	75.700	16
Mandurah	14	3	10	1	1185	1641	72.212	14
Maddington	14	3	11	0	1287	1472	87.432	12
South Perth	14	3	11	0	1013	1502	67.443	12
Thornlie	14	2	11	1	1037	1781	58.226	10

In view of Canning's aerial dominance it was hard to understand why Applecross coach Brian Needle changed his ruckmen off the bench when more height around the ground and in the forward line was required.

Canning ruck-rover Kevin Taylor left the ground injured in the second half and is in doubt for the Tigers clash with Gosnells this Sunday.

**Saints again**

**Osborne Park continued their winning streak with 54 points to spare against Armadale at Gwynne Park.**

This made it seven in a row for the Saints, their last loss being to Gosnells in round six.

With Darryl Woods contributing five goals and Matt Cullen and Murray Gomme four each, Osborne Park held sway for much of the game.

This Sunday Osborne Park host Willetton at Delawney Street.

Since 1984 both teams have recorded three wins each. Willetton do not seem overly concerned about playing on the Saints home ground.

This match has a big bearing on which club will play Wanneroo in the qualifying final in four weeks' time.

**Blues rebound**

**Willetton rebounded from their big loss to Wanneroo with a 39-point win over Kalamunda.**

The Blues held a 35-point lead at half-time and were never in danger.

Ivan Hartree, with five goals, was the Blues leading goalscorer.

Kalamunda coach Gary Armstrong booted five majors.

Willetton coach Don Haddow will have to decide whether Wayne Woolfitt and Ashton George return to the team for this week's big clash.

Woolfitt has been out injured but played for the reserves last Sunday.

**Photo finish**

**Mandurah and Thornlie fought out a thrilling 105-point draw at Rushton Park.**

Thornlie, 15 points down with 10 minutes to play, showed their fighting spirit by clawing their way back to draw level close to the final siren.

Nine of the Southerners goals came from full-forward Bruce Thomas (five) and ruck-rover Mark Wyllie (four).

Eight different players kicked goals for the Lions.

Thornlie coach Paul Mountain could consider himself unlucky not to record a win as his team kicked 6.11 in the first quarter.

**FIXTURES**

**SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

Maddington v South Perth, Maddington Oval, Maddington. Kelmscott v Mandurah, John Dunn Oval, Kelmscott. Thornlie v Kenwick, Thornlie Oval, Thornlie. Gosnells v Canning, Gosnells Oval, Gosnells. Applecross v Armadale, Shirley Strickland Oval, Ardross. Osborne Park v Willetton, Balcatta Reserve, Balcatta. Kalamunda v Wanneroo, Ray Owen Reserve, Lesmurdie.

**METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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

**Cliffhanger**

**Kelmscott recorded their seventh win for the season and moved back into sixth place when they defeated South Perth by seven points at Foster Park.**

While not of a high standard, the game kept supporters of both clubs supporters on their toes right up to the final siren.

South Perth had good players in Terry Walsh, Jamie Giancola, Tony Arndt and Laurie Liddelow.

Kelmscott forward Oscar Moreno booted six goals and defenders Paul Burke, Leigh Gorton and Mark Douglas along with ruckman Chris Pollington were also in good form.

However, the performance of Glen Smith on a centre wing made him best on ground.

A strong wind favouring the southern end of the ground made conditions difficult for the players, who had to contend with a sub-standard umpiring display, especially in the second half.

**One more hurdle for Tigers**

**AFTER round 13 of Metropolitan Football League fixtures, the only remaining interest is the finishing order of the final four.**

**Pinjarra, with their 50-point win over Fremantle, look certain to head the ladder after the qualifying rounds.**

The Tigers have perhaps one hurdle to overcome — this Sunday when they travel to Bassendean to play Midland.

The club's remaining fixtures are against Cockburn and Manning and they should post easy wins.

The fight for second place, however is not cut and dried with Mundijong, Midland and Kwinana all in the running.

Mundijong, with a one-game break over the other two, play Manning (home), Midland (home) and Kwinana (away).

Two wins in their final three fixtures will give Centrals the double chance.

Kwinana coach Tony Morley will place heavy emphasis on winning this week's match against Fremantle at Gil Fraser Oval, which will not be an easy task for the Knights.

Fremantle have included Wayne DeLmenico, Darryl Poletti and Kerry Coates in their lineup.

**Inaccuracy**

Fremantle were slow to start last Sunday and had to play catch-up football all day against Pinjarra.

Kwinana came home strongly against Mosman Park and goalfront inaccuracy in the second half, especially the third term, trimmed the Knights' winning margin.

Mosman Park should chalk up their third win for 1989 when they host Cockburn at Tom Perrett Reserve. With 25 wins out of their previous 38 encounters Mosman Park will be favoured to win.

Midland Coach Ken Baker will be looking for a repeat of his team's recent good form in their clash with Pinjarra.

Midland were 11-point winners in their round seven clash and are one of only two teams to inflict a loss on Pinjarra this season.

Pinjarra see Midland as their toughest opposition towards winning the flag.

**Metropolitan League**

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
PINJARRA	13	11	2	1762	962	183.160	44
MUNDIJONG	13	10	3	1607	1056	152.178	40
MIDLAND	13	9	4	1652	924	178.788	36
KWINANA	13	9	4	1625	1094	148.537	36
Fremantle	13	7	6	1193	1273	94.108	28
Manning	13	4	9	995	1394	71.377	16
Mosman Park	13	2	11	817	1627	50.215	8
Cockburn	13	0	13	751	2077	36.158	0









# THE BEARS BUNGLER



Peter Knights...hard-done by

## Knights is the scapegoat

THE sacking of Brisbane Bears coach Peter Knights was probably inevitable.

It could have been forecast three years ago — but should Knights have been made the scapegoat for poor planning?

Knights was under pressure from Day One because his first coaching experience was with a club embarking on a historic journey.

Though he was unquestionably one of the great players the game has seen in the last 20 years, the Bears expected too much of him.

Sure, his success rate with the Bears in their three-year existence was poor. But who should be blamed for that situation — the coach or the administrators who drafted the blue-print for the club's formative years?

### Responsible

Just as the people who pushed the Eagles into an early entry into the expanded VFL competition are now being called upon to stand up and be counted, so too should the men who are responsible for the demise of Knights.

A coach is only as good as his players and the problem the Bears have faced in their first three years is that they do not have a strong domestic competition, like the WAFL, from which to draw players.

They have had to rely on recruiting players from other clubs — in most cases players who were dropped because of the salary cap or those who were reaching the twilight of their careers.

The chances of recruiting young players, around whom the future could be built, were non-existent. So Knights had to cope with coaching players who were already set in their ways, players who were beyond change.

So even if Knights had innovative coaching ideas, his chances of implementing them would have been near-impossible.

It's the old story about teaching old dogs new tricks.

The Bears could have allowed Knights to bow out with some dignity. One of the sport's great players did not deserve that treatment from a rookie club still learning the ropes in the big league.

### Experience

What the Bears needed to do once they were admitted into the expanded VFL competition was search for the man they wanted to take them beyond their first three years. They needed a man with extensive VFL experience and they need to persevere with him for at least five years.

It takes time to develop a recipe for success and even more time for

### TAKING STOCK

By GARY STOCKS  
 of the West Australian



### Quick reminder

EAGLES fans were amazed when star wingman Chris Mainwaring was taken from the ground in the third quarter, fearing an injury that wasn't showing up as he ran quickly through the interchange area. But he was back a minute or so later and coach John Todd explained after the match: "I felt he was being a little hesitant and I just wanted to emphasise to him that he had to keep his eye on the ball and hit it a bit harder."



Chris Mainwaring...all smiles even though he was "dragged" for a pep talk

that plan to take effect out on the ground.

Obviously, the Bears — like the Eagles and the Sydney Swans — require some concessions from the VFL before this year's draft takes place.

Once those concessions are granted — and it seems certain that the VFL will be helpful, — the next decision the Bears face is absolutely crucial.

This time they cannot afford to make a poor choice, if indeed Knights was. So they should study their options carefully before making their decision.

Having admitted to making a mistake by appointing Knights, the Bears should have afforded him the decency of completing his term.

## MAKING THE MOST OF IT



• Tony Graneri

Tony, who is self employed within the building restoration industry, always takes time out to stay in great shape. He enjoys the outdoor life and often runs on our metropolitan beaches.

He finds that beach running gives him the essential break he needs from the non stop sound of car phones and fax machines in his working day.

As well as keeping his cardiovascular fitness in peak condition, Tony's lean muscular "Stallone" look comes from regular weight training at 'Gold's Gym'. Tony finds that regular training and a responsible eating pattern are essential for his or anyone else's busy lifestyle!

Like other people at Gold's, Tony first started training just to keep his body fat to a minimum, but as we can all see he has a physique which is admired by all.

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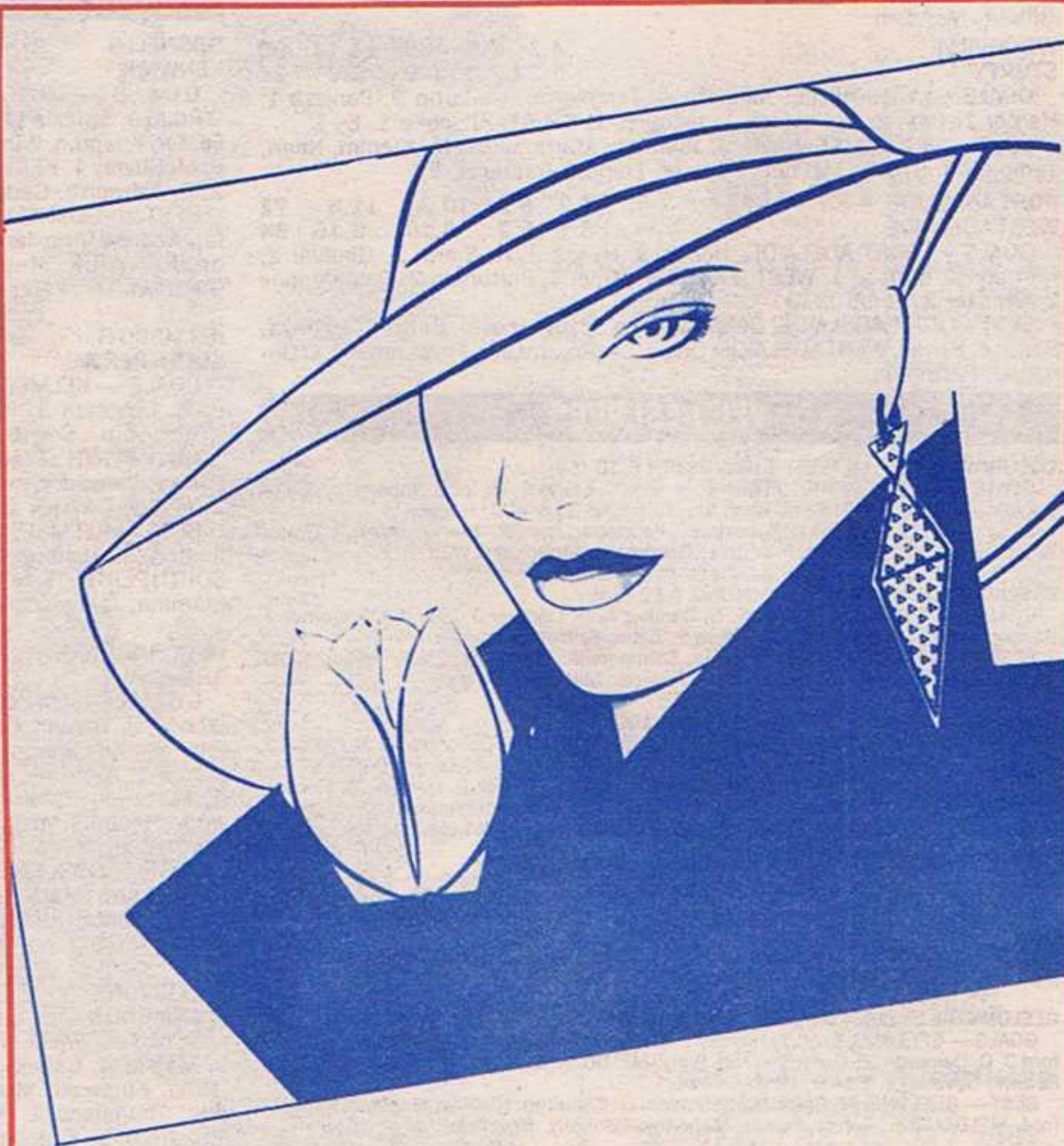
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