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# SUPER CENTRES!

## Top-of-the-table clash of the stars

**YOUTH** will take on experience in the clash of the super centremen at Claremont Oval this Saturday.

Claremont's Ben Allan, 20, will pit his skills against those of South Fremantle's magical veteran, Maurice Rioli, 32, for midfield supremacy in the titanic top-of-the-table clash.

Matches between these two sides are square at one-all this season and a win this week is vitally important to both camps.



A win for the Tigers assures them of a place in the second semi-final, while the Bulldogs need the four points to remain one game clear of the competition's form team, East Fremantle.

### Middle-men

And it is the two men in the middle who could determine the result.

The mop-haired Allan has achieved almost super-star status in WA and his quick hands are certain to have earned him a lot of votes for the 1989 Sandover Medal.

South Fremantle coach Stan Magro realises the damage that an elusive Allan can inflict, but he is unlikely to employ a tagger to stop him.

Instead, he will delegate his experienced skipper, who forged a first-class his reputation in the WAFL and the VFL, to do his own creating from the centre.

Smooth and polished, Rioli still has the skills to beat a team off his own boot — even after more than 250 games.

### Talent

But that middle-of-the-ground clash isn't the only reason why Saturday's match will be a crowd-pleaser.

The range of superb talent on display in both sides, from the dominance of giant Bulldogs ruckman Craig Edwards to the exciting little Tiger Dale Kickett, is outstanding.

It's real match-of-the-round stuff.

Super talent... Claremont's Ben Allan in full flight, while South Fremantle's Maurice Rioli is all smiles.

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# IN THE LOCKER ROOM

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## BULLSEYE BULLDOGS

ANYTHING you can do, we can do better was South Fremantle's answer to Perth's straight-shooting start at Fremantle Oval last Saturday. The Demons opened up with four straight goals and for 10 minutes, an upset appeared on the cards. But the Bulldogs unleashed their best firepower and hit back with 11 majors before registering their first point right on the half-time siren.

### Bulldogs bite back

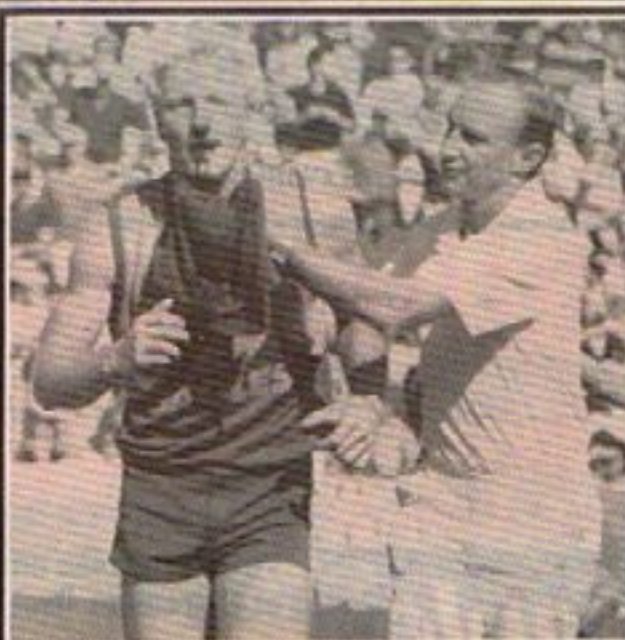
SOUTH Fremantle have shown signs of wilting in recent weeks and their inability to reproduce their free-scoring football had caused some people to discard them as major premiership threats. The Bulldogs had not posted a big score since they shared top position of the WAFL premiership table with Claremont after round 12. But the return of rover Richard Geary, after a four-week absence with a shoulder injury, changed that against Perth on Saturday. The forgotten West Coast Eagle kicked eight goals in the Bulldogs 20-goal haul and he was a key to Souths 45-point win.

## TURLEY'S MESSAGE

WEST Perth's forgotten West Coast Eagle, Craig Turley, sent out a message to his VFL coach John Todd last Saturday. Turley wants his spot back in the Eagles team and he let his actions — not his mouth — do the talking. The talented ruck-rover tore Subiaco apart at Leederville Oval and in one particular passage of play, he showed the benefit of his VFL experience. After taking a diving mark in the centre of the ground, Turley passed to a team-mate and then followed up to receive the ball again at centre-half-forward and post the Falcons first goal.

## Mitchell far from finished

RICHMOND are still hopeful that their dazzling midfielder Michael Mitchell might return to VFL action next season. Mitchell went into semi-retirement three weeks ago after doctors recommended he take a rest following a repeated bout of concussion. Tigers president Neville Crow says that Mitchell has returned West to rest. "He's come here to do a spot of crayfishing," Crow said on Radio 6PR's Football Forum panel show last Saturday. "Hopefully, he will be able to play next season."



Battle-scarred...Eagles forward Karl Langdon cops a broken nose

### PITCHED BATTLE

IT was always going to be a fiery encounter when two firebrands like Peter Wilson (Richmond) and his Eagles opponent Karl Langdon lined up on each other on Sunday. Remembering that it was Wilson who gave Langdon the "bird walk" sign in a previous clash, the Eagle was out to square up. A few fierce encounters saw Langdon emerge a leader on points — but then a broken nose (courtesy of another Richmond player) saw the forward out of action for a while. He resumed the battle and though both players were thrown around the ground a fair bit, most critics felt that Langdon won a slight points decision — by a nose, almost!

### Consistency pays

TENACIOUS West Coast Eagles defender Dean Laidley is proving his real worth in recent weeks as his form settles down. The lean, but mean half-back has always been troubled with injury or suspension, but in recent weeks his consistency has been a hallmark of his game. He's been allowed to settle down in defence and has become a key member of what can be a tight family unit when everyone is on their game.

### Stretcher cases

THE closing minutes of the WACA Ground clash between Claremont and East Perth produced an amazing scene. Everyone knows the toughness of rugged Tigers skipper John Scott...and he was innocently responsible for leaving two stretcher cases in his wake as he chased the leather on Saturday. Scott delivered a fair hip-and-shoulder on little Royals rover Nicky Yarran — knocking him almost senseless. As Yarran was spun around, he collided with Tigers Jeremy Guard — who crashed to the turf motionless also. The two men were stretchered off...as Scott soldiered on.

### Hard taskmaster

IT'S not easy to extract praise from Eagles coach John Todd, even after a winning performance. One of the highlights of Sunday's victory over Richmond was the welcome return to form of full-back Andrew Lockyer. The big man had been out of touch in recent weeks, but his confidence and ball-attacking style was back to its best on Sunday. But Todd still felt that his kicking let him down. "He didn't dispose of the ball too well," said the tough coach.

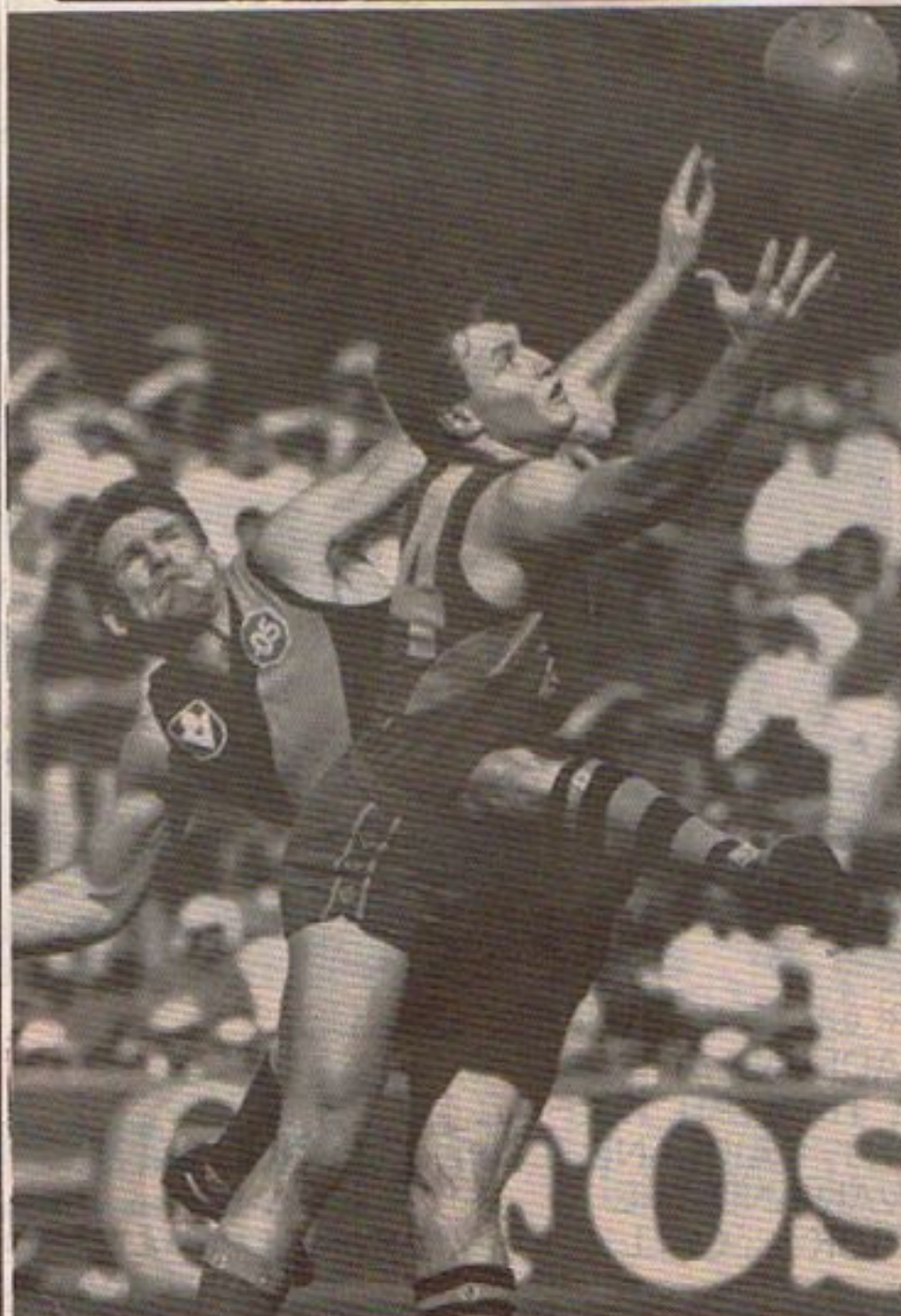
### Defender's ambition

RELIABLE Eagles defender Guy McKenna is looming as a Brownlow Medal fancy this year and must surely be in the top two or three when the West Coasters count their fairest and best votes. His form on a half-back flank has been impeccable — but he wants to move on from that position. "I'd love a crack at playing midfield," says McKenna. "I was tried in the centre a couple of times at Claremont, but they had too many other good midfielders and it's the same at the Eagles."

### Wiley's dilemma

PERTH coach Robert Wiley is keen to continue at Lathlain Park next season...but officialdom is yet to decide whether he's got another year in the job. The former champion rover was known to be willing to step aside for this year, but was talked into persisting and now he wants to go on with the job of rebuilding the Demons. Club vice-president Michael Redenbach said on radio 6NR last Saturday that Wiley had done a good job under difficult circumstances. "But we will review the coaching situation at the end of the season," he said.

# PHOTO ACTION



### It's tough in the jungle

They might both come from Fremantle and share a West Aussie guernsey at times, but there was no room for sentiment when these two clashed at Subiaco Oval on Sunday. Eagles vice-captain John Worsfold, one of the toughest guys in the game, holds front position ahead of Richmond's fiery Peter Wilson as they battle for the ball. Wilson, who joined Richmond in preference to the Eagles in their debut year of 1987, is certain to be on the open market at the end of this season and could be an early Eagles draft choice if he wants to return home.

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## ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

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# clubs ready to fold

THE football scene in Victoria is about to change.

Footscray, North Melbourne and Richmond are in diabolical trouble, on and off the field and it must surely be crunch-time for them.

The form of these clubs has left them near the bottom of the table once again; resulting in poor attendances, reduced members and obvious financial strain.

There have been many traumas in Western Australia with the introduction of the VFL national competition and while the WAFL has suffered, the whole football world has been off balance.

The Melbourne-based teams have been propped up in the last three years with million-dollar donations from the West Coast Eagles and the Brisbane Bears.

### Struggling

Struggling VFL clubs have been able to survive a little longer and Fitzroy, for example, have got their books in order and are doing nicely on and off the field.

There is much talk of a Footscray-North Melbourne merger and even Footscray's favourite son, Ted Whitten, is resigned to the fact.

Footscray owe their ground caterers \$170,000 and are having problems finding the cash to pay day-to-day expenses. The speculation is rife that they will wind up before the end of the year.

North have been a little quieter about their problems, but as it's virtually now a public company, the rumours abound in Stock Exchange circles.

Richmond are showing all the signs of strain.

### Disarray

Player walkouts, denials of merger possibilities and abysmal form on the ground all add up to real problems. Many players in Sunday's match looked as though they weren't interested. The team is obviously in disarray.

Loyal supporters of these VFL clubs have been blissfully unaware of the recent problems caused to the eight

# fold

## Not so smart!

SWAN Districts captain Brad Shine is one of the toughest and most courageous players I've ever seen play football. But to play him in the seniors when he has a damaged knee and can't even run properly before the game starts doesn't enhance his, or the club's, reputation.

WAFL clubs, mainly because of the expanded national competition.

But they're about to find out! It's a real tragedy that the proud history of VFL clubs like Richmond, North Melbourne and Footscray is under threat, but the options for their survival as independent clubs are fast diminishing.

Perhaps the biggest is not always the best!

## No cheering for Tigers

IT was disappointing to see the visiting Richmond cheer squad indulge in some unsportsman-like activities last Sunday.

The enthusiastic group behind the western goals continually threw the football away from Eagles full-back Andrew Lockyer whenever he had to kick out after a point was registered.

By comparison, the Eagles cheer squad members at the other end of the ground always tossed the ball back to Richmond full-back Jeff Hogg.

It's also pleasing to see the Eagles supporters appreciate good play by the opposition when it's warranted.

## Murphy's rule...surely it must be thrown out!

THE new rule preventing a handball after receiving a free kick was shown to be an absolute farce in the Eagles-Richmond game.

Tigers defender and former East Fremantle "goer" Peter Wilson burst his way through a pack at one stage, copping a whack on the head as he went. But, in typical style, he kept going and was unaware that he had been awarded a free kick.

Wilson fired off a handball as his team surged forward, but the umpire, obviously feeling embarrassed at the implementation of this stupid rule, had to bring the ball and bounce it.

The team that commits the offence gets the advantage! That wasn't the only instance of the handball rule proving ridiculous and surely there's no-one in the game who thinks it is a good idea. It must be scrapped for 1990.



Eagles players chair Dean Turner off Subiaco Oval after a victory for his 100th VFL game last Sunday

## Turner's ton well-deserved

EAGLES pinch-hitter Dean Turner can rightfully feel proud of his football achievements.

The speedy wingman from East Perth has made a name for himself in the VFL and survived to play 100 games; 54 of them at Fitzroy, where he is still held in high regard.

Players at East Perth and in the

Eagles camp have all respected Turner for his determination and courage. His successful return to the Royals recently for one game saw him fit back into the side without any problems.

More importantly, Dean and his wife Karen are well-liked by football folk wherever they go. In the end, that's the accolade we can all feel satisfied with.

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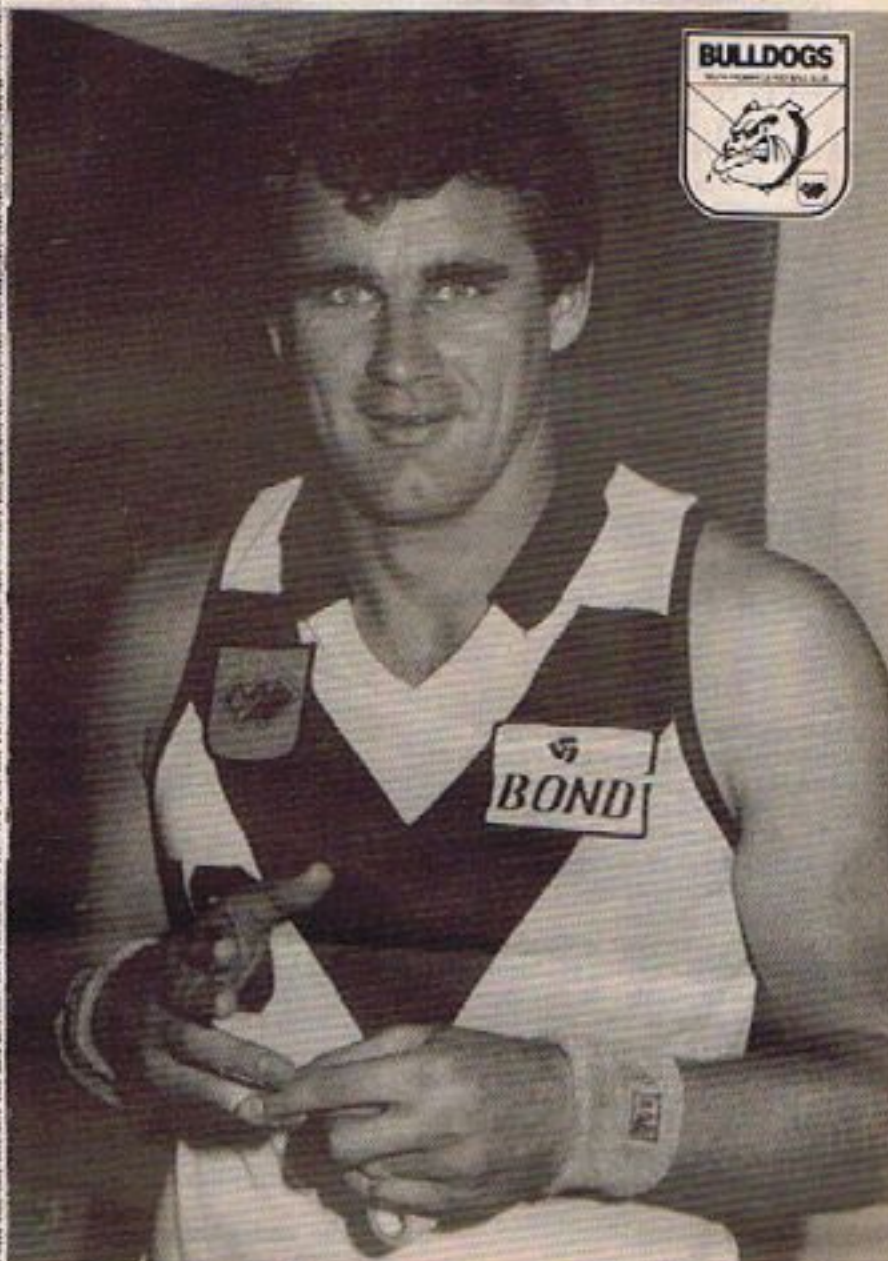
**Murray Rance**



**NICK NAME:** Romance  
**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Centre-half-back  
**CURRENT POSITION:** Centre-half-back  
**NUMBER:** 23  
**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 25/1/62 — Kunuappin, W.A.  
**RECRUITED FROM:** Footscray/Swan Districts, Esperance  
**HEIGHT:** 191cms **WEIGHT:** 91kgs  
**FIRST SENIOR GAME:** WAFL 1981 Swan Districts, VFL 1986 Footscray  
**GAMES PLAYED:** 34 Eagles, 40 Footscray, 112 Swan Districts, 6 WA  
**FOOTBALL HONOURS:** 1984 All Australian, 1982-83-84 Swan Districts premiership teams, 1989 Eagles captain  
**MARRIED:** Yes, to Dianne  
**MARRIED:** 1 daughter, Allanne  
**OCCUPATION:** Manager  
**SCHOOL/S ATTENDED:** Esperance Senior High School  
**CAR:** Ford

**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:** Hobby farming  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Pasta  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Bundy and Rum  
**FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS):** Water skiing.  
**FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:** John Cougar  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Cosby Show  
**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** Top Gun  
**MOST ADMIRER FOOTBALLER:** Ross Glendinning  
**OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE:** Stephen Kernahan  
**MATCH DAY ROUTINE:** Nothing different  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing the 1988 elimination final with the Eagles  
**FOOTBALL INJURIES:** Nothing serious  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Winning the '82, '83, '84 flags with Swan Districts  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** 1984 State-of-Origin win over Victoria  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** To play in a VFL premiership side

**CRAIG EDWARDS**



**Nickname:** Muzza *Why:* It's a name my former work-mates gave me. In Slav it means warrior  
**Date of Birth:** 25/4/61 **Place of Birth:** Mt Lawley  
**Height:** 192cm **Weight:** 100kg  
**Age Started Playing:** 9  
**Previous Club/s:** East Perth Junior Club: East Perth-Highgate  
**Marital Status:** Married to Sue  
**Residence:** Southlake  
**Occupation:** Sales executive **Place of Work:** Magnus Agencies  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Golf, tennis  
**Favourite Position:** Ruck **First Position:** Ruck  
**League Debut:** 1979 (East Perth) **Versus:** Perth in a night game

**FAVOURITES:**

**Actor:** Harrison Ford  
**Drink:** Banana milkshake  
**TV Show:** Dr Who **Food:** Pizza  
**Movie:** First Blood, Twins  
**Book:** The Foundation Trilogy  
**Music:** Alice Cooper  
**Holiday Resort:** Rockingham  
**Ground:** Fremantle Oval  
**Your Car:** Holden Rodeo  
**Favourite Car:** Ferrari  
**Career Highlights:** 1982-83-88 State teams, runner-up 1988 Sandover Medal, 1988 South Fremantle fairest and best and member of the Subiaco All Stars who played South Australia in Canada in 1988  
**Worst Moment in Football:** When I seriously injured my knee in 1984  
**Hard Things in Football:** Getting a kick and trying to get up on Sunday mornings  
**Football Idols:** Simon Madden  
**Toughest Opponent:** Anyone taller than me  
**Most Respected Opponent:** All  
**Most Respected Umpire:** Mike Ball and Phil O'Reilly  
**Most Memorable Game:** All of my State games  
**Ambitions:** To win a premiership and to play as consistently as I can for as long as I can  
**What do you like about Football:** Competing — I get a real buzz out of doing something well that other people would like to do  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** I remain calm and relaxed, joke a bit and then switch on when I get onto the ground  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** Vic Godwin, Grant Dorrington, Eddie Pitter, Percy Johnson, Keith Slater and Stan Magro  
**Guernsey Number:** 10 **Any Reason:** Only one that would fit me  
**Any Superstitions:** Pizza for tea on Friday nights  
**Worst Injury:** Knees  
**Luckiest Break:** Moving to South Fremantle

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# TOUGH TEST FOR BULLDOGS

SOUTH Fremantle face an acid test this week as they try to cement second place on the premiership table.

In a match where the loser will be under extreme pressure from East Fremantle to retain a place in the top two, the Bulldogs tackle Claremont at Claremont Oval.

And for the first time this year, Claremont look vulnerable. They have not played particularly well in the last month, scrambling to victories rather than carving them out and their major deficiency — the ruck — can be exploited by South Fremantle.

Big Craig Edwards has been in sparkling form and deserves his rating as a firm favourite to win the Sandover Medal. If Peter Higgins retains his place in the Eagles team, Claremont will have big-man problems.

The Tigers have also been experimenting with their mix in attack, playing with Dale Kickett at full-forward against East Perth last Saturday. It is doubtful that they will persevere with that practice despite the fact Kickett posted eight goals.

Claremont captain-coach Gerard Neesham, who has spent the past two matches in the reserves, should be ready to resume and there is no doubt they have missed his on-field direction in the last six or seven weeks.

Peter Thorne, Ben Allan, Mark Haan and Tony Evans also loom as danger players.

The good news for South Fremantle came last Saturday with the return of the free-running Richard Geary, who is able to capitalise on the bullocking work of his teammates. He puts the polish on their football and, along with Maurice Rioli, adds some experience to their midfield play.



Bulldog winners Cliff Collard (left) and Richard Lyr.

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**PREVIEWS**

by Gary Stocks

## Now Falcons must get serious

EAST Fremantle could douse the West Perth flame when they clash at East Fremantle Oval.

West Perth have been persistent in their quest for that elusive fourth position on the premiership table, but the bad news for them is that they now tackle football's form team.

East Fremantle have been destructive in the past two months, gradually building up to their best form and now they are almost at their peak. It will not be in their plans to drop this match because second place on the table is still high on their list of priorities.

The Sharks have the big-man strength to wear down West Perth's No. 1 asset, ruckman Craig Nelson.

### Hard-pressed

With Clinton Wolf, Brad Tunbridge, Guy Baxter and Lance Durack (if fit) forming the best big man corps in the competition, the Falcons will be hard-pressed to achieve victory.

Tunbridge, when playing at centre-half-forward, is also a dangerous player.

Brian Peake, Craig MacLean (until last Saturday) Peter Quill and Bill Krakouer have been in the sort of touch to take maximum value of the team's ruck dominance.

West Perth will rely on Peter Menaglio, Nelson, Craig Turley and Paul Hasler to lift them to what would be a surprise victory.

### WA's TOP GOALKICKERS

- 67.38 Neil Lester-Smith (East Frem)
- 42.41 Andy Holmes (Swan Dist)
- 42.40 Brendon Barrows (Claremont)
- 40.19 Wayne Ryder (Perth)
- 38.19 Glen Bartlett (East Perth)
- 37.22 Richard Geary (South Frem)
- 35.26 Paddy Madaffari (West Perth)
- 32.31 Brad McDougall (Subiaco)
- 31.21 Glen Jakovich (South Frem)
- 31.31 Brad McDougall (Subiaco)

## Royals aim to move up

EAST Perth have made a habit in recent history of climbing off the floor of the premiership table in the last few matches.

If they are to repeat that effort, victory against Perth at Lathlain Park is essential.

They are already two games behind Perth so it would be impossible to improve on their position should they slip to another defeat.

Perth, after a couple of promising performances, have dropped off in the last couple of weeks, while the Royals gave a brave fight last week against Claremont.

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*Tally does not include VFL tips	Tally	Claremont v S. Frem.	E. Frem. v W. Perth	Perth v E. Perth	Subiaco v Swan Dist.	Eagles v Fitzroy
RON ALEXANDER	51	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	Perth	Subiaco	Fitzroy
ROB BENNETT	47	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Subiaco	Fitzroy
PETER BOSUSTOW	51	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Subiaco	Fitzroy
DAVE CLEMENT	50	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Fitzroy
GRANT DORRINGTON	51	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	East Perth	Swan Districts	Fitzroy
ALAN EAST	46	Claremont	East Fremantle	East Perth	Swan Districts	Fitzroy
IAN MILLER	48	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Fitzroy
BILL MATHER-BROWN	47	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	56	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Fitzroy
GEORGE TEMPLE	54	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	53	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Fitzroy

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## Subiaco can make life difficult

CONTESTS between Swan Districts and Subiaco this season have been entertaining affairs and this week's show-down at Subiaco Oval should continue the trend.

Though Subiaco cannot make the final four, they are keen to have an input on who plays who in the finals.

They failed last week to halt West Perth's run, but are now hungry for success against Swans. The Lions are young and enthusiastic and they can present some problems for Swans.

### Solid

However, Swans are playing solid football despite successive losses and they should return to the winner's circle.

With Phil Narkle, Don Langsford and Danny Penny all in good form, they have the players needed to see them through what is a danger game.

### THE COVERAGE

#### RADIO

6PR — Saturday noon: Fitzroy vs Eagles. 2.20pm: Claremont vs South Fremantle.  
6WF — Saturday noon: Fitzroy vs Eagles. 2.20pm Subiaco vs Swan Districts.  
6NR — Saturday noon: Fitzroy vs Eagles. 2.20pm: East Fremantle vs West Perth.  
REGIONAL RADIO WEST — Saturday 2.20pm: East Perth vs Perth.

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## WHO PLAYS WHERE

WAFL — SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 (ROUND 19)

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

VFL — SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 (ROUND 19)

Fitzroy v West Coast, at Princes Park.

### Flashback...

The last time these two teams met was on June 24 in Round 12 with the following results (with home teams mentioned first):  
West Perth 15.13, East Fremantle 23.13 — East Fremantle by 48 points.  
Swan Districts 14.17, Subiaco 14.11 — Swans by six points.  
South Fremantle 16.13, Claremont 14.11 — South Fremantle by 29 points.  
East Perth 17.16, Perth 19.8 — Perth by four points.

## 1989 FORM GUIDE

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

SUBIACO L(89) W(39) L(8) L(50) L(16) W(12) L(5) W(30) L(4) L(60) L(41) L(6) L(4) W(65) W(20) L(27) L(11) L(31)  
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# MEDAL MAN

## Edwards deserves it

GLANCE through the candidates to win this year's Sandover Medal and it is almost impossible to go past big Craig Edwards.

Only Claremont's Ben Allan looms as a threat to the big South Fremantle ruckman ... and rightly so.

Edwards, carrying the South Fremantle ruck division almost single-handedly this year and Allan are two class footballers of the WAFL competition.

A lot has been said of East Fremantle's Brad Rowe and his class is evident. But for consistency and pure fairest-and-best qualities, Edwards and Allan stand alone.

Edwards is a short-priced odds-on favourite to win the Medal.

He would be a worthy and extremely popular winner. The gentle giant Bulldog was runner-up in an enthralling count last year, confirming his popularity with the umpires when it's time for the men in white to fill out their 5-4-3-2-1 voting cards at the end of each match.

The qualities that should win Edwards this year's Sandover are worthy of note — he is tough, but extremely fair; skilful both in the air and on the ground and his clever ruckwork has no peer in the WAFL.

But above all, he has displayed enormous leadership qualities and he never seems to get ruffled by decisions made by umpires during a match.

And at times this year, the Bulldogs have had plenty to complain about. Who could forget the ridiculous free-kick given against South that ultimately cost them the Foundation Day Derby?

Edwards has set an example to the many South youngsters, and along with the magician Maurice Rioli, the Bulldogs have two of the most respected on-field leaders in the game.

The example of sportsmanship set on the field by Edwards and Rioli and off the park by coach Stan Magro, will assist little Willie Rioli and the three Collard brothers Brad, Derek and Cliff, to collect a few votes on Sandover night.

## THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant  
PETER BOSUSTOW



The leading candidates from other clubs should include Rowe from East Fremantle; Mal Williams (West Perth); Brian Taylor (Subiaco); Mal Bennett (East Perth); Willie Dick (Perth) and Mick Grasso (Swan Districts).

POLITICS has raised its ugly head in sport over the past fortnight, with the issue of rebel cricket and rugby tours to South Africa.

It is ludicrous that politicians can have the gall to interfere with sport when the country continues to trade so openly with South Africa.

Aussie Rules will probably never be affected by rebel tour offers to the South African Republic.

But, hypothetically, if there had ever been an offer for an Australian team to make a trip to South Africa, I would have been one of the first to sign.

The hypocrisy of our politicians would have been enough incentive alone to head off against their will!

The hypocrisy continues when individual sportsmen in tennis, golf, surfing and squash can travel to and from South Africa without hitting the headlines.

Rugby and cricket have suffered enough with the constant back-biting that rebel players have copped from politicians.

South African cricket authorities and rugby officials have done all they can to break down apartheid in their country.

It's time a few of us here in Australia realised that through sport, the long-term goal of breaking apartheid completely might be achieved and we can stop continually slamming those who head to South Africa to do their little bit to break barriers.



Expert selections...panel compere Gary Carvolth (left) asks former Richmond players Colin Beard, Maurice Rioli and Noel Carter for their selections in last Sunday's match...and they all picked the winner!

## BIG GAMBLE

RADIO 6NR host Colin Minson was getting a little edgy in the last quarter of the East Perth-Claremont clash at the WACA Ground on Saturday. While the Tigers looked to be comfortably in charge, the plucky Royals wouldn't lie down — and that meant Minson's pre-match gamble was looking a little shaky. Talking on-air with one of the sponsors of his Countdown to the Bouncedown show, Minson bet Peter Rossi, from the Lynwood Arms Hotel that if the Royals won, he would come out and wash all the windows at the hotel. Rossi, a good Loyal Royal, offered to put the beer on while the window-washing went on ... but the Tigers saved the day!

## GROUNDS GRUMBLE

THE question of grounds rationalisation has been a tricky one for years — and Perth's decision to split from the WACA and return to Lathlain Park this year seemed to be a step in the opposite direction to official policy of ground-sharing. But Perth vice-president Michael Redenbach seems to favour ground rationalisation, after listening to him interviewed on radio last weekend. He said that football in WA had to rationalise their grounds — but he didn't think Lathlain Park should go. He suggested some other club should share Lathlain with the Demons.

## ROYAL SILENCE

EAST Perth fans — particularly those who don't go to the games — must be losing patience at the lack of radio coverage their team gets. The Royals haven't had a broadcast match for the last four weeks — with the three radio stations carefully avoiding their games. Saturday saw a remarkable situation occur as the three broadcast games finished some six or seven minutes before the East Perth-Claremont game, mainly because of a last-quarter stretcher incident involving two players. All three stations carried on with their summaries while an amazing drama was being played out in descending gloom.

## NOT SO TOUGH

FORMER WAFL player Ron Bayens made his league umpiring debut on Saturday and did reasonably well — except that he seemed to forget occasionally that football is meant to be a tough, physical game. East Perth defender George Giannakis, one of the toughest and fairest players in the game, was penalised for a classic hip-and-shoulder that collected Tigers forward Dale Kickett — fair and square. Touchy decisions like that, which take the physical side out of the game, are disappointing.

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## TASTING TALENT

LOCAL soft drink company Weaver and Lock jumped on the West Coast Eagles bandwagon last week with the release of "Eagle Cola". Whether it will be a good seller or not only time will tell, but it's been a big talking point. Let's hope that the Eagles can keep winning, otherwise it might be tagged as "budgie juice"! But it's certainly a promotional winner as far as the kids are concerned.

## FACING FACTS

FOOTBALL'S favourite comedian John K. Watts was quickly corrected on Saturday's Football Forum panel show on Radio 6PR. In previewing the East Perth/Claremont clash at the WACA Ground, the former Royal said that the Tigers would be too good — especially with Gerard Neesham back in the team. The Tigers skipper wasn't playing — and as he was a co-panelist last week, he quickly corrected JK. "The boys are playing too well and I'm still in the resies," said Neesham. And with that Wattsie tipped his beloved East Perth!

## RECRUITING RAMPAGE

STRUGGLING VFL side Richmond brought two teams to Perth at the weekend — the side that got thrashed by the Eagles and their big team of officials. When quizzed about who they came to watch, Tigers president Neville Crow was very coy. Crow suggested that the big group of officials would only go to the local pub for a counter lunch and not worry about the footy. "Or is there a tennis match on TV," he said. They might have had the lunch — a quick one — but they certainly weren't watching any tennis because their talent scouts were seen at all four WAFL games.



## RIVAL ROOKIES

TWO rookies of a different kind were captured in this photograph by Westside Football photographer JULIAN COWAN last Saturday. Preparing to bounce the ball is 19-year-old league umpire Sam Kronja, who made his debut in the West Perth/Subiaco clash at Leederville Oval while in the background Lions wingman Gavin Keyser gets into position. Keyser is an outstanding wing prospect and had some excellent touches on Saturday.

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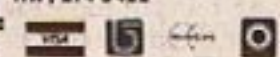
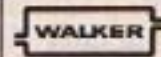
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# Bairstow will give Brownlow Medal a shake

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



## ON THE EAST COAST

THE Brownlow Medal is likely to be won on default this year, but that won't worry Geelong's footballer/farmer, Mark Bairstow who could emulate the medal-winning feats of one of the game's greatest heroes, Haydn Bunton sen.

So many of this year's top players are out of the medal hunt due to long-term injuries and suspensions.

The latest superstar to be sidelined is Melbourne's Garry Lyon, who shares Brownlow Medal favouritism with Bairstow and Essendon captain Tim Watson.

Lyon has been sidelined with groin troubles and while he may attempt to play this week, it's unlikely that he will exert the same influence on matches as he did earlier this season.

Bairstow, the 1986 Sandover Medalist, is at the head of most of Melbourne's media awards after his incredible 44-possession performance against St Kilda.

He had 31 kicks and 13 handballs in a marvellous display at Moorabbin.

It was one of the stand-out individual games of the season — along with Gary Ablett's 14-goal display against Richmond in round nine and Richard Osborne's 11 goals for Fitzroy against Melbourne last weekend.

Geelong fans reckon Bairstow and State centreman Paul Couch are likely to again be their team's top fancies in the '89 Brownlow count, now less than two months away.

Last year Couch polled 10 votes (in six games) and Bairstow six (in three). Bairstow was rated a top 10 chance last year, starting the night as a 16/1 chance.

He's been just as prolific at winning kicks this year and playing in one of the competition's best sides adds to his chances of scoring maximum three-pointers.

The only footballer to achieve the Brownlow-Sandover double is the remarkable Bunton, who won three Brownlows and three Sandovers between the wars.

Bairstow had played just 40 games with South Fremantle when he won his Sandover.

### Difficult

Tragically from Western Australian football's point of view, he could not agree to terms with the fledgling West Coast Eagles. Instead he went to Geelong.

"I was speaking to the Eagles before I signed with Geelong, but they were making things a bit difficult so I came over here," he said.

"They (the Eagles) wouldn't be reasonable with the contract side of things so I decided to open up other options.

"I didn't get along with some of the people running the club and even when I do return home I won't be playing with them."

Bairstow, now 26, had been strongly pursued by Collingwood, as well as the Cats.

He said at the weekend he would be remaining in Melbourne despite pre-season speculation that he intended returning home to WA.

"I'm very happy here and as long as I play VFL it will be with Geelong," he said.

### Homesick

Bairstow admitted that he felt a bit homesick midway through last season and his game suffered.

He has a property at Lake Grace, three hours south-east of Perth.

He and his wife, Bev, have a baby boy, Toby and when Mark's football commitments finish, they'll be returning to WA permanently.

Bairstow is modest when it comes to talking about the Brownlow. However, there are few players in the game who touch the ball as often as he does. What's more he's scrupulously fair and popular with the umpires.

Essendon's Watson is also strongly fancied after a brilliant season.

Like Bairstow, he plays as a ruck-rover.

The only other players given a realistic chance at taking the Brownlow this year include Hawk Jason Dunstall, who has kicked 100 goals in 18 games, his teammate John Platten, the 1987 winner, and Carlton's skipper Stephen Kernahan.

Some of the stars who are ineligible to win the medal include Victoria's captain in WA, Greg Williams, Geelong's Ablett and St Kilda's Tony Lockett.

Last year's winner, Sydney's Gerard Healy, has not played since June because of a groin injury and underwent an operation a fortnight ago.

He's getting married on August 20 and will head overseas for three months with his wife-to-be, Lisa Gluyas, from Beaumaris.



Mark Bairstow...Medal chance.

## Team spirit is improving

REGAINING team spirit in the West Coast Eagles camp has been a major challenge for the club in recent weeks, especially following some dismal efforts in Melbourne.

But despite the sometimes lethargic football displayed by both sides in Sunday's victory over Richmond, the team spirit in the Eagles line-up has improved immensely.

One reason for this has been the return of the forward line of Andrew Macnish, a lively player who is well-respected by the whole squad, especially because of his battle against injury.

The 100th VFL game milestone achieved by Dean Turner was also a motivating factor as the Eagles chaired (or tried to, rather) the ruck-rover off after the victory.

Turner is one of the unsung heroes in the Eagles camp. Playing his 46th game with the West Coasters after 54 with Fitzroy, Turner becomes only the second Eagles player (behind John Annear) to reach 100 games.

His ability to absorb tremendous physical punishment to a fairly lean frame often goes unnoticed, particularly when he is handed tough tagging roles.

The task of bringing together players from so many different clubs and achieving team spirit and unity has been a tough one for both Eagles coaches — Ron Alexander initially and now John Todd.

"Team spirit is often built on friendships," says Todd. "And these friendships, on and off the field, aren't built overnight."

"It was good to see that the players didn't let Turner down this time. We've had a few bad games on previous milestones."

### In the umpire's eye!

IT'S always interesting to see how umpires treat different players, especially those on-the-ball performers who are generally at the bottom of the packs.

Very few members of the 1989 Eagles squad have received more free kicks from the men-in-white than they have given away.

A couple of notable exceptions are defenders Geoff Miles and Guy McKenna and scrupulously-fair midfielder Steve Malaxos.

Miles has a ratio of 23 kicks received to 11 conceded, while McKenna is a little closer to the all-square line with 24 and 17. However, Malaxos has easily the best ratio of 18 received and only four given away.

Some of the other big free-kick getters (but also giving plenty away) are John Annear (21/21) Chris Lewis (21/23), Chris Mainwaring (38/36), Don Pyke (28/26), Dean Turner (30/29) and Dean Laidley (15/12).

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IN THE EAGLES NEST  
with Alan East

However, there are some big offenders when it comes to being penalised!

Players who have given away many more frees than they have received include Adrian Barich (10/23), David Hart (7/16), Stevan Jackson (10/29), Dwayne Lamb (17/26), Karl Langdon (9/25), Peter Sumich (18/30) and David O'Connell (29/39).



Smiling wide...Eagles rover Don Holmes is pleased about his return

## Smiling Holmes

THE grin on the face of Eagle Don Holmes was so wide a football could almost have been kicked through after Sunday's win.

The 30-year-old forward played his first game for the VFL side in over a year — and bounced back with three great goals.

His football in the last year has been plagued by injury and poor form and many considered that he would be dropped off the Eagles list at the start of this year.

But the Swan Districts sharp-shooter showed that perseverance pays off and he finally regained his Eagles spot and didn't let the selectors down.

"It was good to be back," was his under-statement after Sunday's match.



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# Fitzroy have plenty of match-winners

## Osborne joins the big guns

FITZROY'S Richard Osborne became the fourth player this season to kick 10 goals in a VFL game with his 11-goal haul against Melbourne at Princes Park on Saturday.

Osborne joins Jason Dunstall, Gary Ablett and Tony Lockett (twice) in achieving double figures — making 1989 the first season for 17 years in which that tally has been recorded five times.

Nine current players have kicked 10 goals or more in a VFL game. Michael Roach (five times), Brian Taylor (three), Lockett (three), Ablett (three), Dunstall (three) and Paul Salmon (twice) have each performed the feat more than once.

THE Brisbane Bears Rodney Eade became the first Tasmanian to reach 250 VFL games, when he lined up against North Melbourne at Carrara on Saturday night.

The only West Australian to play over 200 VFL games is Wayne Richardson, who played 279 games for Collingwood in the 1960s and 70s, after being recruited from Bicton.

GUY McKenna is the only West Coast Eagles player to play in all matches so far in 1989.

McKenna has now played 26 consecutive VFL games and is the fourth Eagles player to play over 25 games without a break.

Geoff Miles and Dwayne Lamb played 41 and 29 games respectively to the end of the 1988 season and Chris Mainwaring played 27 consecutive games before missing Round 13 this year.

THE Eagles score of 19.16 on Sunday was their highest for a season and a half. The last time that the Eagles scored more was 38 games ago — when they set a club record of 29.18, against the Brisbane Bears.

The score was the Eagles ninth highest in 63 games in the VFL.

Of the club's 10 highest scores, nine have been kicked in Perth. The highest score in Victoria was achieved in their first away game — 17.12 (114) against Essendon at Windy Hill in Round 2 of 1987.

The Eagles have kicked over 100 points in a game six times in Victoria. Their score of 16.13 against Footscray at the Western Oval in Round 17 was their highest winning score in Victoria.

THE West Coast Eagles will not need to stretch their collective memory back too far to recall the havoc Richard Osborne created at the WACA Ground earlier this year.

It was his brilliance, more than any other performance, which robbed the Eagles of victory on May 5.

Last Saturday, it was Osborne, again, this time with a mercurial 11-goal performance, which sank Melbourne and maintained Fitzroy as serious final-round contenders.

On that night at the WACA Ground Fitzroy played without two of their finest players in Paul Roos and Gary Pert, but now that pair plus Osborne, represent stumbling blocks when the Eagles play Fitzroy at Princes Park this Saturday.

### Confidence

Though the Eagles have won three matches on the trot and confidence is high, they will find the Lions tougher than recent opposition.

Earlier in the season Roos and Pert were struggling for their best form, beanstalk ruckman Matt Rendell was loping aimlessly around the ground and they were getting little service from their small, running players.

It is no coincidence that since Fitzroy started their charge at the finals, the elder statesman in the Lions' team — Roos, Pert, Rendell and Osborne — have been dominant players.

### Memorable

The match against North Melbourne a fortnight ago was an indication of just how strongly those players are contributing. One of the most memorable passages in that game was when Pert burst out of defence, ran through centre and created a goal.

Another reason for Fitzroy's charge has been the effort of discarded Eagle Wally Matera, who has developed into one of the recruits of the season with the Lions.



Eagles big man Phil Scott ... a strong influence.

The Eagles have found success before at Princes Park, but this match will test their ability.

It has been refreshing to see Andrew Macnish back in attack for the Eagles. Not only does he provide a contest at ground level, but he reads the ball well off hands and helps lock the ball in attack.

As well, some of the Eagles' running players have struck form.

David Hart, Adrian Barich, Dean Turner, Karl Langdon and Dwayne Lamb have all found their best form in the last month and they must again be major contributors if the Eagles are to fly home victorious.

But the biggest task will surely rest with Phil Scott, who must tackle Rendell front-on.

The out-come of that man-to-man confrontation will go a long way towards deciding the victor.

**VFL PREVIEW**  
by GARY STOCKS  
of The West Australian



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**MILESTONE MEN**

50 GAMES

- 49 Chris Lewis (Eagles)\*
- 49 Peter Matera (South Fremantle)
- 48 Scott Watters (South Fremantle)\*
- 48 Wayne Dawson (East Perth)
- 48 John Worsfold (Eagles)
- 46 Scott Watters (South Fremantle)
- 47 Andrew Lockyer (East Fremantle)\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Scott Watters — 40 South Fremantle, 2 Eagles, Chris Lewis — 5 Claremont, 44 Eagles; Andrew Lockyer — 47 East Fremantle, 40 Eagles.

100 GAMES

- 99 Bryce Forman (East Fremantle)\*
- 99 Craig Edwards (South Fremantle)
- 99 Kim Hetherington (Swan Districts)
- 97 George Giannakis (East Perth)
- 95 Tony Beers (Claremont)\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Bryce Forman — 87 East Fremantle, 12 Perth, Tony Beers — 80 Claremont, 7 Collingwood.

150 GAMES

- 147 Maurice Rioli (South Fremantle)

300 GAMES

- 295 Brian Peake (East Frem)

**VFL leading goalkickers**

Jason Dunstall, Hawthorn	100.53
Tony Lockett, St. Kilda	78.24
Richard Osborne, Fitzroy	62.39
Gavin Exell, Geelong	52.23
Gary Ablett, Geelong	46.30
Brian Taylor, Collingwood	44.26
Stephen Kernahan, Carlton	43.35
Brad Hardie, Brisbane Bears	39.38
Scott Robert, Geelong	34.17
Jeff Hogg, Richmond	33.32
Peter Sumich, Eagles	32.17
Bill Brownless, Geelong	32.26
Paul Salmon, Essendon	31.14
Paul Roos, Fitzroy	29.13
Darren Bennett, Melbourne	27.24
Barry Stoneham, Geelong	26.09
Colin Alexander, Collingwood	26.16
Simon Madden, Essendon	25.11
Stevan Jackson, West Coast Eagles	24.16
Mark Aceri, North Melbourne	24.13

**HOW THE EAGLES HAVE PERFORMED**

	1989	1989	1989	1989
	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
John Ameer	158	49	55	6.4
Adrian Barich	90	20	46	1.4
Todd Brennan	133	46	45	10.14
Michael Brennan	139	46	46	2.4
Clinton Browning	25	12	6	5.1
Shane Cable	4	2	3	0.0
Joe Cornsack	8	2	2	0.1
Shane Ellis	79	26	32	8.4
Richard Geary	0	0	1	0.0
David Hart	201	52	66	9.18
Peter Higgins	13	8	3	0.0
Don Holmes	7	3	6	3.0
Brent Hutton	33	19	8	0.1
Stevan Jackson	92	45	50	24.16
Lauree Keene	15	8	4	1.0
Dean Laidley	91	29	39	0.3
Dwayne Lamb	184	60	104	8.6
Karl Langdon	90	36	32	12.5
Chris Lewis	197	63	73	14.10
Andrew Lockyer	110	47	42	4.7
Andrew MacNish	36	17	23	7.5
Chris Mainwaring	255	73	107	2.16
Stephen Malcos	131	47	71	3.7
Guy McKenna	172	101	170	1.1
Peter Melesse	5	4	0	1.1
Geoff Miles	135	59	56	6.3
David O'Connell	119	79	37	2.7
Paul Peas	47	25	19	1.7
Don Pyke	194	52	67	14.15
Murray Rance	110	60	71	1.3
Phil Scott	106	45	35	13.3
Peter Sumich	147	64	18	32.17
Craig Turley	96	29	33	2.2
Dean Turner	165	49	51	7.12
Troy Ugle	20	5	24	3.0
Chris Waterman	110	42	38	10.3
Scott Watters	35	7	20	3.0
John Worsfold	198	82	91	4.3

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**How WA players performed in VFL**

	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	SCORE
<b>MELBOURNE</b>				
Warren Dean	7	1	2	—
Darren Bennett	7	3	1	3.3
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Andrew Krakouer	7	2	7	1.0
Mark Hepburn	8	3	2	1.0
<b>RICHMOND</b>				
Peter Wilson	6	2	4	1.0
<b>ST KILDA</b>				
Nicky Winmar	20	5	2	1.3
Ian Dargie	5	1	5	—
Paul Harding	15	3	2	—
<b>BRISBANE BEARS</b>				
David Bain	12	4	7	1.0
John Gastev	19	6	5	—
Brad Hardie	14	5	8	5.5
Rod Lester-Smith	7	2	2	—
Mike Richardson	15	6	8	—
Mark Zanotti	5	2	—	—
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Jon Dorotich	4	4	4	2.0
Steve DaRui	6	1	4	1.0
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>				
Michael Christian	19	16	11	1.0
Murray Wrensted	14	1	11	0.1
<b>ESSENDON</b>				
Bill Duckworth	6	2	4	—
<b>FITZROY</b>				
Brett Stephens	9	2	3	—
Wally Matera	12	2	5	1.0
<b>GEELONG</b>				
Mark Bairstow	31	6	13	2.1

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By ROBERT BENNETT  
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## Magpies man shows how it's done

IF Australian football was at war, Angove's Wine State boss Doug Riky would be lined up against a wall and shot as an insurgent!

The jovial Riky is the driving force behind the WA Woodsmen, the supporters arm of Australia's most popular club Collingwood.

The West Coast Eagles could take a feather out of the Woodsmen's cap.

They are so well organised in WA that they have hundreds of financial members.

Doug's not saying how many hundreds but enough to rival the Eagles.

The aim of the WA Woodsmen is to support and raise funds for the Collingwood Football Club, to assist the Magpies to recruit new players.

And boy, are they successful!

### Breakfast

For the past two years, the Woodsmen have held a champagne breakfast when Collingwood played the Eagles in Perth and each event has raised around \$10,000.

"That's not bad for a morning's work," Doug said. "I can tell you there would be a few clubs in WA who would like to be able to raise that sort of cash in a day."

The professionalism of the Woodsmen was reflected in them bringing the woman who looks after Collingwood's souvenir shop in Melbourne to Perth for the function.

She set up shop in the foyer of the Langley Plaza Hotel and did a roaring trade in club items.

To raise funds, the club has released a special bottle of port; the first of which carried coach Leigh Matthews' name and the latest has star player Peter Daicos's signature.

That port is being marketed through one of WA's biggest liquor chains and for every bottle sold, \$2 goes to Collingwood.

The port will be the first of a series which will have the signature of the club's champion player.

And that is just the start. According to Riky, the Woodsmen could become bigger than Ben Hur.

### Groups

Already other VFL clubs are copying them and starting to set up supporter groups in WA.

But Collingwood will take some matching.

They have linked up with West Perth Football Club to provide members with a home base and when Collingwood play over here next year, the players will go back to Leederville Oval after the match and socialise with supporters.



Doug Riky...stirring up support for the Magpies

Riky is confident they will get at least 2000 members at the function and he is also organising a black and white ball for members.

There will also be sundowners where supporters can go to the West Perth clubrooms and watch video replays of major Collingwood matches in Melbourne.

Last month, Collingwood's general manager, Rob Petrie, sent a draft constitution to Riky for the Woodsmen.

If this column sounds like a plug for the Collingwood Football Club, it's not.

### Professional

The intention is to show just how professional some VFL clubs are — and show that the Eagles could do with a few Doug Rikys in their own ranks.

If clubs like Collingwood are able to set up a strong supporter base in WA, only to copy them, but to ensure that they don't start pinching potential Eagle supporters.

Perhaps Doug Riky should be high on the Eagles recruiting list for next season. But then, no amount of money can buy loyalty and that's what Riky and Collingwood are all about.

EMU EXPORT

## 1989 WAFL ALL STARS

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# Mobile men join All Stars squad

TOUGH mobile players is this week's theme in the selection of the third group for the 1989 Emu Export SGIO All-Stars team being selected from WAFL ranks.

The quartet of Willie Dick (Perth), Stephen Edgar (East Fremantle), Mark Hann (Claremont) and Ned Fimmano (South Fremantle) join the eight players already chosen for the team.

The previous squad members are: Ben Allan, Peter Thorne (Claremont), Craig Edwards, Willie Rioli, Peter Matera (South Fremantle), John O'Sullivan, Brad Rowe (East Fremantle) and Sublaco's Brad McDougall.

Sponsored by major football supporters Emu Export and the SGIO and jointly sponsored by Westside Football and the Football Budget, the All Stars acknowledges the best players in the WAFL for the 1989 season.

Over the next two weeks a further eight names and a coach will be announced and they will be presented with a special All-Stars guernsey on behalf of WAFL, the Swan Brewery and the SGIO.

When the final 20 players have been named our readers are invited to place the players in the same position as the team lined-up by Westside Football critics Ron Alexander, Grant Dorrington, Ian Miller, Gary Stocks, Alan East and George Temple.

Four lucky winners will be treated as VIPs at the WAFL grand final on Saturday, September 23.



Willie Dick ... versatile.



Mark Hann ... speedy wingman.

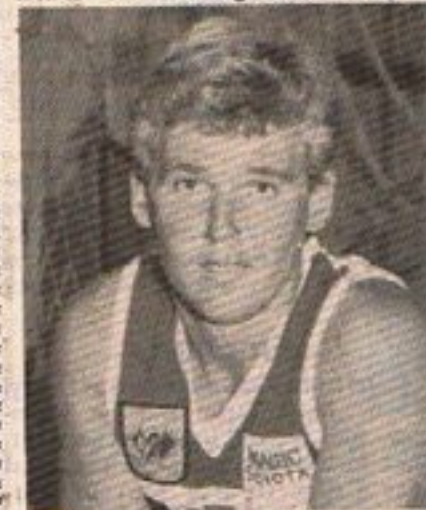
The latest All-Stars squad members are:

**WILLIE DICK (Perth):** A strong and aggressive back pocket specialist who has shown the versatility to play in the centre. He has represented the WAFL at State level and is a quick-thinker with natural ball skills. These attributes have established him as a tough customer and few forwards get the better of him.

**MARK HANN (Claremont):** He has had an outstanding season on a wing with Claremont. The 26-year-old Hann has genuine pace and because of the presence of centreman Ben Allan and follower Peter Thorne, his natural skills do not always receive the just accolades. An experienced player, he is a key member of coach Gerard Neesham's line-up and seldom lets the team down in big-game situations or crisis points.

**STEPHEN EDGAR (East Fremantle):** A quiet and unassuming member of the powerful East Fremantle team. Generally used on a half-back flank, Edgar is a cool-headed, workmanlike defender who reads the game so well that he rarely needs to do the flashy things. Since making his State debut last season, Edgar has gone on to achieve his 50-game milestone with the Sharks.

**NED FIMMANO (South Fremantle):** He has been one of the big improvers in the WAFL this season. Fimmano's ability to read the play perfectly has enabled him to continually mop up across the Bulldogs half-back line and in many games he has been virtually impassable. The 185cm-tall defender takes a strong overhead grab and is mobile enough to break up or get to the bottom of packs.



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# DRAFT TARGETS



Peter Matera Peter Mann Brad Rowe Ben Allan Brad Tunbridge

AS THE WAFL season approaches the final series all VFL clubs will be sharpening pencils to draw up their lists of possible draft choices come November.

I've made a list of what I believe will be the main attractions from the WAFL clubs.

**SOUTH FREMANTLE:** Peter Matera, Glen Jakovich, Willie Rioli, Craig Edwards.

**EAST FREMANTLE:** Brad Rowe, Brad Tunbridge, Craig MacLean, Michael Broadbridge, Lance Durack, Peter Quill, John O'Sullivan, Clinton Wolf.

**CLAREMONT:** Ben Allan, Peter Mann, Ryan Turnbull, Mark Brayshaw, Dale Kickett.

**SUBIACO:** Dean Kemp, Brad McDougall, Garry Kemp, Andrew Brice.

**EAST PERTH:** Peter Miller.

**SWAN DISTRICTS:** Mick Grasso, Andy Holmes, Paul Gow.

My top five for the season:  
(1) **ROWE** — a class rover, good skills, reads the ball very well off hands, can kick goals and has plenty of courage. A well-balanced player.

(2) **TUNBRIDGE** — ruckman with the ability to hold down the key centre-half-forward or full-forward positions, excellent pair of hands and good skill.

## How many will we lose?

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(3) **MANN** — the best first-year player in the WAFL. Only young but already shows he has the class to succeed as a centre-half-forward, good skills and agility for a big man. Has a good football brain and can take a turn on the ball.

(4) **ALLAN** — very talented centre-man and ruck-rover. Once again showed his class and skill in the WAFL. Uses the football well and is a natural reader of the game. Has learnt to cope with taggers much better than last year.

(5) **MATERA** — gutsy, hard running ruck-rover/centreman. Has good pace and knows where the goals are. Proved in this year's State game that he has the mental and physical capacity to succeed at the next level.

### Turner's triumph well deserved

CONGRATULATIONS to Eagle Dean Turner on achieving his 100th VFL game.

It has been an excellent effort. From his early days at East Perth, Turner's natural speed and football skills stood out.

But I can assure you (having been a teammate in those times) that he received some tough treatment from a few of his coaches, and copped his fair share of criticism.

Turner has proved them wrong. He won a fairest and best award at East Perth, succeeded at Fitzroy and now with the Eagles and has gone on to complete 100 games in both the WAFL and VFL.

When he comes to review his future later this year, I hope he decides to continue at VFL level.

Remember Dean, if the motivation is there, go for it.

### Gear(y)ing up for finals



Richard Geary ... back from injury.

I'M not sure if South Fremantle's Richard Geary turned on an extra special game for the benefit of his former club, Richmond, who had their recruiting personnel at the South/Perth game or he was just pleased to be back after injury.

Geary may not have found his niche with the Eagles but he showed why he will be a key player for the Bulldogs in the finals.

He was in sparkling form, kicking eight goals from a half-forward flank.

Geary forms part of a skilful forward line and midfield with Peter Matera, Brad and Derek Collard and of course the magic of the Rioli brothers, Maurice and Willie.

South would also have been pleased with the form shown by Maurice Rioli on his return to the side.

The bonus was that he got through the full game, and finished with four goals in a polished display.

Key ruckman Craig Edwards continues to dominate and picked up some more Sandover votes.

## Double trouble in South pack

JUST 12 months ago the names of South Fremantle forwards Peter Sumich and Stevan Jackson were on the lips of most VFL clubs, especially Sumich who was high on their list of priorities.

It has been a tough introduction for both into VFL ranks but in the long term the battle scars from the difficult times will make them better players.

In recent weeks Sumich has really displayed his class. Given the confidence and space to move into and with good delivery from up-field, Sumich has provided the Eagles with a much-needed spearhead.

His marking and goalkicking in the past three weeks has been outstanding. He has received strong support from fellow rookie Jackson, who has great agility for a big man.

Jackson's heavy work in the forward line, and ability to do the ruck work, has provided a perfect foil for Sumich and support for ruckman Phil Scott.

Both players will have to be at their top this week at Princes Park against a high-flying Fitzroy side.



Veteran supporters Keith Miles (left) and Geoff Brown

THERE was an impressive line-up of former talent when Richmond held a champagne breakfast at the Hyatt Regency before their clash with the West Coast Eagles last Sunday.

Organised by local promotions man Colin Minson, the inaugural Richmond breakfast saw many former Tigers get together — with some reminiscing going back to the 1930s.

Among the former players living in Perth who were at the function were Fritz Heifner, who turns 80 this month and was in Richmond's 1932 and 1934 premiership sides and Dave Cuzens, who was produced in Swan Districts territory, but they never knew about him.

### Local junior

Cuzens was a much-travelled star, starting in juniors at Bassendean and then in the West Perth district before moving to Margaret River.

When he decided to tackle the VFL, he took off for Victoria, but stopped off at Kalgoorlie on the way — staying for five years!

## Tigers get together

He married there and finally arrived at Punt Road in 1956, but as the WA officials had never heard of him, they refused him a clearance on principal and he stood out for a year.

When Cuzens finally made VFL ranks, he immediately impressed as a tough defender, winning the club's fairest and best in 1958 and '59.

WA fans had to wait till Cuzens returned to coach Subiaco in 1962 before seeing the WA-produced star in action. He finished off his career with a season at East Perth, under coach Jack Sheedy.

### Emotion

Apart from Victorians such as Darryl Freame, Noel Carter and Ian Scrimshaw, who are still living in the West, other former Tigers at the breakfast were Colin Beard, Mal Brown, Maurice Rioli, Bruce Monteath, Ray Boyanich, Graham Jacobs and Rob Wiley.

They all spoke about the tremendous club feeling and emotion that is part of Richmond — and there's no chance of the VFL Tigers disappearing in any amalgamations.

Two of Australia's oldest and most loyal supporters got together at the breakfast — WA's Geoff Brown, who has crossed Australia more than any other football fan to watch his beloved Tigers over many years and Keith Miles, who travelled to Perth by bus to be at the breakfast reunion.



Veteran players Fritz Heifner (left) and Dave Cuzens

Richmond's cheer squad also showed what dedication is all about.

They hired a van and drove across the Nullarbor so they could produce that huge banner at Subiaco Oval on Sunday — certainly the biggest run-through local fans have probably seen.

## No marks for this effort

PERTH coach Robert Wiley didn't have a smile on his face last Saturday after two weekends in Fremantle and two losses, though Perth's effort against South was better than against the Sharks.

One of Demons key players, Wayne Ryder, absolutely blitzed the South defence, kicking four goals in the first 10 minutes but never fired a shot after the first quarter.

South's Robert Solin put him out of business.

The worry for Wiley was that Ryder looked like he had done his day's work and wasn't prepared to do any more.

Ryder sat back and waited for it all to happen, never showing any inclination to be at the fall of ball for big men John Gavranich and Ian Newman when at full-forward.

He was just a burden to his coach.

I couldn't say the same about young players Jeff Moore and Brendon Baker, who are two real goers for the Demons.

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# Poor return for effort

FOOTBALL in WA needs an injection of money in the near future or the decline of the WAFL could continue.

With the prospect of more live telecasts coming into WA, there could be a further erosion of support at sponsor and membership level.

This could drive us to the point of a having people in paid positions, such as general managers, unemployed.

It would be a retrograde step to lose these invaluable people, who do so much to keep clubs buoyant.

To suggest where the money may come from is difficult, but the one area that we are still good at is producing

## STRAIGHT TALKING

With Claremont coach  
GERARD WOODRUFF



talented footballers and, like anything you produce in business, if someone wants it they should have to pay for it.

What has happened is that the VFL wanted our players but couldn't afford them, so they changed the rules.

Claremont lost Don Pyke, Grant Povey, Derek Kickett, Peter Higgins and Peter Melesso to the VFL last year.

Five years ago this would have earned the club about \$300,000.

On the old scale of \$60,000 per transfer, clubs could expect to receive from \$100,000 to \$150,000 per year from player trading.

That sort of money would keep a competition viable.

The VFL have the marketing of football totally sewn up with national television.

Yet they still rely on us to provide players of the required standard for a national competition.

If they could see the effect they have had on football nationally (2200 people at the WACA) instead of worrying about the VFL solely, they would realise that decisions to keep Footscray, North Melbourne and Fitzroy alive are undermining the game as a whole.

Claremont have gone through thousands of juniors. Coaches, interested club members and parents devoted thousands of honorary hours to produce Guy McKenna, who after 50 games we lost for \$27,000 payable over five years.

His football career is just starting at the ripe old age of 20 and Claremont receive a pittance for their effort.

## A five-star attraction

SATURDAY'S clash with South Fremantle is looming as a prelude to the second semi-final.

Neither team is certain to be in the second semi, but at this stage we are a big chance.

Craig Edwards looms as the stumbling block to all the teams South oppose.

His ruck-work and marking are second to none in our competition.

The inclusion of Dean Irving in the South side has bolstered the strength in the forward line and will also allow Edwards the luxury of a rest.

In our first encounter in Albany, Edwards could have sealed the game off his own boot by quarter time but for poor kicking.

The clashes between Maurice Rioli and Ben Allan, Derek Collard and Mark Hann, and Peter Thorne and Willie Rioli, to name a few, should present to the WA public a real taste of pressure football and some of the most exciting young talent around.

Good weather permitting, a crowd of 8000 would set the mood for what should be a great clash.

# Footy's ideas men spread the word

ONE of the most rewarding aspects of coaching is watching the players under one's influence develop as footballers and citizens.

As with all coaches who have controlled juniors the friendships created last forever.

Wherever I go to watch football matches throughout the State, I invariably meet someone with whom I was involved in football in earlier days.

I can remember driving to Hyden to be a guest speaker and being greeted by a curly-haired player running around the oval doing his warm-ups. I couldn't believe that former Carlton and East Perth player Dennis Collins was living in such a remote part of our State.

The continual sharing of ideas plays a tremendous part in the development of our game.

## Memories

Players with lasting memories of their experiences under different coaches eventually get the chance to pass these ideas on to the rest of the football world.

Former Swans iron man Ron Boucher has been working for years in the Kimberleys while former East Perth premiership rover Alex Hamilton has been involved in the Esperance area.

These two former players epitomise the importance of the need for cross fertilisation of new training and coaching methods, drills and philosophies.

Without the injection of fresh football knowledge, other football leagues and associations would become stagnant.

Perhaps the best example of the influence of top level footballers on competition standards can be derived from this year's A-grade amateur competition.

## Injection

The competition is one of the best for years with an excellent standard of football.

The appointment of coaches such as Mick Rea, Les Fong, Corry Bewick and Tim Gepp, to mention a few, has given the amateurs an injection of football experience from the highest levels of the game.



Alex Hamilton... working in the country.

## DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



Add players such as former Essendon and Royals rover Wayne Orway, and former Hawthorn, Bears and Sharks forward Ken Judge, and it is easy to see why the Amateur league beat the highly fancied South-West league earlier this year.

Players of this calibre have a huge effect on the competition they play in.

It is not only their individual talent but, more importantly, the effect they have on other players in that competition.

The regulars receive an opportunity to test their skills against some of football's big names.

One can imagine the motivation a rover would receive when he knew he was to play against Wayne Orway or the defender with the opportunity to prove his ability by stopping Ken Judge from scoring.

## Reputation

The Amateur competition has probably earned the reputation of being the best league outside the WAFL due to the quality and type of former stars it attracts.

Stringent amateur rules relating to a player's former payments in football, allow every player wishing to join the competition to be closely vetted.

Australian football's growth depends on continued movement of players from club to club and league to league.

WA is too big to rely on one person, such as coaching co-ordinator Gerry McNeill, to update and spread the latest coaching methods.



Bulldogs star Cliff Collard is ready to fire out a handpass as Tigers rival Mark Hann moves in.

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# Ducking and weaving just like dad.

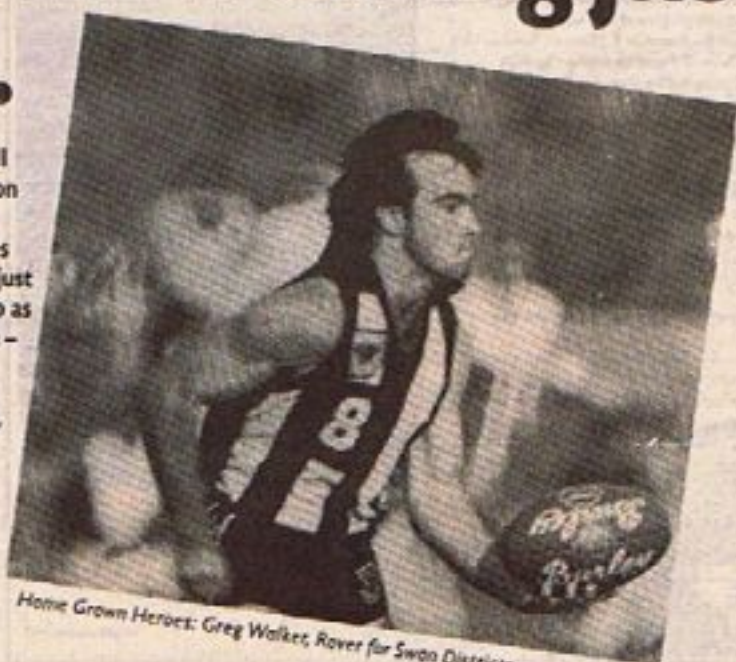
It takes a lot to live up to a father like Bill Walker, but even though it's early days his son Greg has a lot of the signs.

Greg's an aggressive ball chaser, and loves ducking and weaving in and out of the pack just like his old man. In fact some people even go as far as saying their moves are uncannily alike - all that's missing is the hair oil.

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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Home Grown Hero: Greg Walker, Rover for Swan Districts.

# THE EAGLES SAGA



Here's cheers ... Eagles winners Dwayne Lamb (left) and Murray Rance have a taste of the new Eagle Cola.

## Eagles can taste success

THE West Coast Eagles might not be able to kick their way to this year's premiership, but they hope their WA fans can help them drink their way to success.

Last week's launch of Eagle Cola, canned by long-running local soft drink manufacturers Weaver and Lock, is proving a financial bonanza for the home-town team.

A three-year agreement should generate up to \$50,000 in royalties for the Eagles — and with sales of more than 5000 cartons in the first week, that target is quite realistic.

The Eagles sponsorship deal with Weaver and Lock creates a first as no soft drink has ever been named after an Australian sporting team.

"We are delighted with this unique initiative," says John Adams, the Eagles chief executive.

"The money generated from the royalties will go towards the Eagles contribution to junior football via the Town and Country Football Development Trust."

Using the slogan "The biggest kick in the League" there will be a series of Eagle Cola competitions running with a major prize of \$5000 cash and weekly prizes being available to the public.

The can is designed with the Eagle logo going most of the way round the outside and the firm's Canning Vale plant will be flat out meeting production demands in the next few weeks.

AS champion jockey Athol Mulley dismounted from the great galloper Bernborough after suffering defeat for the first time in 15 or so starts, the crowd were baying for his blood.

Most had probably lost money to the bookies and they certainly hadn't analysed the race sufficiently well to give the jockey's ride an unbiased judgement.

The champ had gone down and the rider was to blame.

The fact that the horse stormed home after almost being knocked down once and then badly interfered with didn't bother them. His belated, albeit awe-inspiring, dash to finish just behind the placegetters was unforgivable in their eyes.

The long winning run was forgotten. Mulley was yesterday's hero and the connections replaced Mulley in the saddle.

### Sorry tale

Mulley, naturally upset, unfolds the whole sorry tale in his book, *---itals---* Gentlemen of the Australian Turf, *---ends itals---* and talks about how he was accused of "pulling" Bernborough, how he "held it up" till it was too late and so on. Taking all things into consideration, he felt that Bernborough's losing run was one of the champ's best and that his ride was hard to fault.

West Coast Eagles coach John Todd must know how Mulley feels.

Todd's charges, the champs of WA footy, raced home brilliantly last season and based on that run, were odds-on chances to make this year's finals.

We're all pretty disappointed with this year's poor run, but they've been knocked around a bit, particularly with serious injuries.

Todd has seldom had anything near a full-strength side to line-up and, more importantly, he's still building a team that will, in the next season or two, be a handful for any Melbourne club.

### Standards

He has weeded out or overlooked players who have not met his standards and he has been criticised for it. Naturally, it was sad to see Murray Wrensted go to Collingwood because he is a good player and David Bain is proving to be a rover of class with the Brisbane Bears.

But most of the other omissions are justified — there's nothing wrong with the swaps of Alex Ishchenko, Mark Zanotti, John Gastev and Wally Madera for Peter Sumich, Stevan Jackson, Don Pyke and Shane Ellis.

The latter might be in "veteran" class, but the others are outstanding "up and comers" who will more than adequately complement the type of player that Todd is developing.

Players like Guy McKenna, Murray Rance, Steve Malaxos, Chris Main-

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## Todd doesn't deserve to be sacrificed



John Todd ... he's got what it takes.

waring, Phil Scott, Andrew Lockyer, Dwayne Lamb, Chris Waterman and Dean Laidley, plus a few others, have a determined doggedness and flair about them which instils confidence for the future.

If the Eagles make the mistake of sacking Todd this year, you can bet London to a brick on that the team will perform better next year no matter who coaches them. The trying and testing has been done; the strength upon which a premiership might be hung has emerged.

Todd might not be the easiest person to get along with, but for the life of me, he doesn't have to be.

Providing he comes up with a team that is successful — and he will — then how he does it is his own affair.

Officials can expect co-operation from him on a lot of matters, but they should never lose sight of the fact that they, like the players, owe the coach as much loyalty as they expect him to give them.

The Eagles made an exciting run for the lead last season; they have received a nasty check this year and dropped to the tail of the field. But now Toddy is balancing them up before making another concerted effort to collar the leaders next time out.

Get your money on in 1990!

Hoof-note: Eagles chief Bill Kerr has said that they want to talk a few things over with Todd at the end of the season and I get the message that the odds favour the current coach keeping his job.

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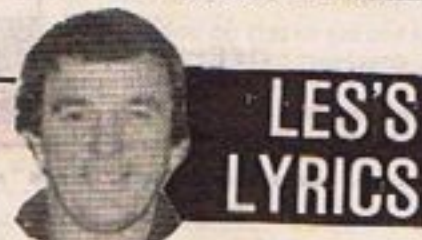
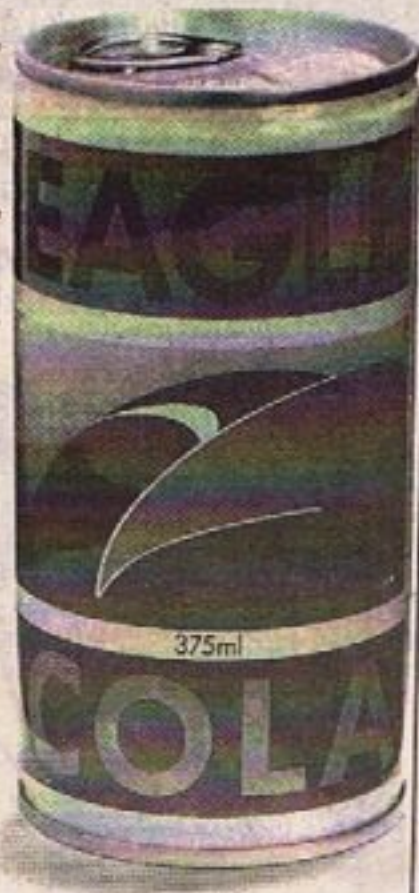
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# REVIVING A FOOTY CLUB

by  
Alan East



AS mothballs time arrives for half of the competitors in the WAFL one club can sit smugly on their success.

Swan Districts might not yet be definite about playing in this year's finals, but they have certainly achieved a remarkable turnaround in their club fortunes ... on the field, that is.

For the first time in football history, a club that finished last in the league, reserves and colts one year should contest all three finals the next season.

That amazing revival is put down to many, many factors — but all of them stem from the sheer ruthless determination of one man and the sheer stubborn perseverance of another.

Bill Walker, highly-decorated player, wealthy businessman, ruthlessly-determined football administrator. He was the man who commanded the revival ship.

Ed Blackaby, courageous player, football addict. He was the skipper of the ship.

That ship was sinking in mid-1988 as Swans struggled to win games; lost games terribly badly, in fact.

Blackaby, the rookie coach, was in the hot seat; almost as hot as Walker's

seat. After all, Walker had gambled on the selection of the man to replace John Todd, the club's successful coach of the previous decade.

"There was never any suggestion at all of us replacing Ed," says a forthright Walker now.

"Even if he had offered to resign, I wouldn't have accepted it. I never doubted his coaching ability, but we just didn't have the cattle last year."

So the rebuilding started.

Much has been written about Swans scouring of the countryside for new talent; old talent; any talent. The numbers game was on.

## Recruiting

Blackaby and Walker were steered together in their search for player-strength. Walker fired the orders, Blackaby set up the recruiting network and put in the leg-work. Country games, amateur games, Sunday league, more country trips.

For a man whose health problems had taken him to the brink some years before, his sacrifice to the game was enormous. Much was chronicled about his decision to quit a full-time, well-paid job with the national transport company to take on the part-time

coaching role. Little was written about how his staunch wife Suellen picked up the employment shortfall even though she has had her own health problems to contend with.

"I knew I hadn't given it my best shot, my full commitment, in those first few months," says Blackaby. "I wanted to coach; badly wanted to be a good coach. I couldn't walk out. I had to concentrate more on coaching and that's why I gave up work."

Walker was stunned when Blackaby quit his job. "I told him he was mad; coaching didn't pay that well," says Walker.

Blackaby's spirit rubbed off onto everyone particularly the players. Experienced men like Don Langford, Brad Shine and Peter Hodyl to rookies like Brendan Retzlaff were all so impressed by his sincerity that returning to Bassendean was easy. He had a one-track mind to erase the bitter memories of '88 and put the club that had given him so many chances, a real chance to revive their reputation.

## Commitment

"A lot of people were hurt last year," says Blackaby. "There's a lot of feeling up here at Bassendean and everyone worked together to make up for last year."

Walker and Blackaby both admit that mistakes were made last year; too much emphasis was put on restructuring the club's finances; to make sure that, above all, the club didn't sink further into debt.

"We didn't worry enough about the playing strength — and the depth — of the club," says Blackaby.

"We took a lot of things for granted; things just didn't happen like they used to," added Walker, referring to the drastic cut-down in football staff as they replaced the full-time Todd and a football development officer with the part-time Blackaby and handed most of the development work to Brian Close,

who doubled up as general manager, marketing manager and whatever else had to be done.

Blackaby's football problems were compounded by Eagles players coming and going; a Bunbury-based group of travellers and a diminishing crop of youngsters coming up through the grade.

"I realised I was in trouble one Monday when I called a team meeting after a bad loss and only eight blokes turned up," he said.

"A lot of players went back to the country before the June 30 deadline when they could see our situation. They could get more money in the bush."

## Feeling

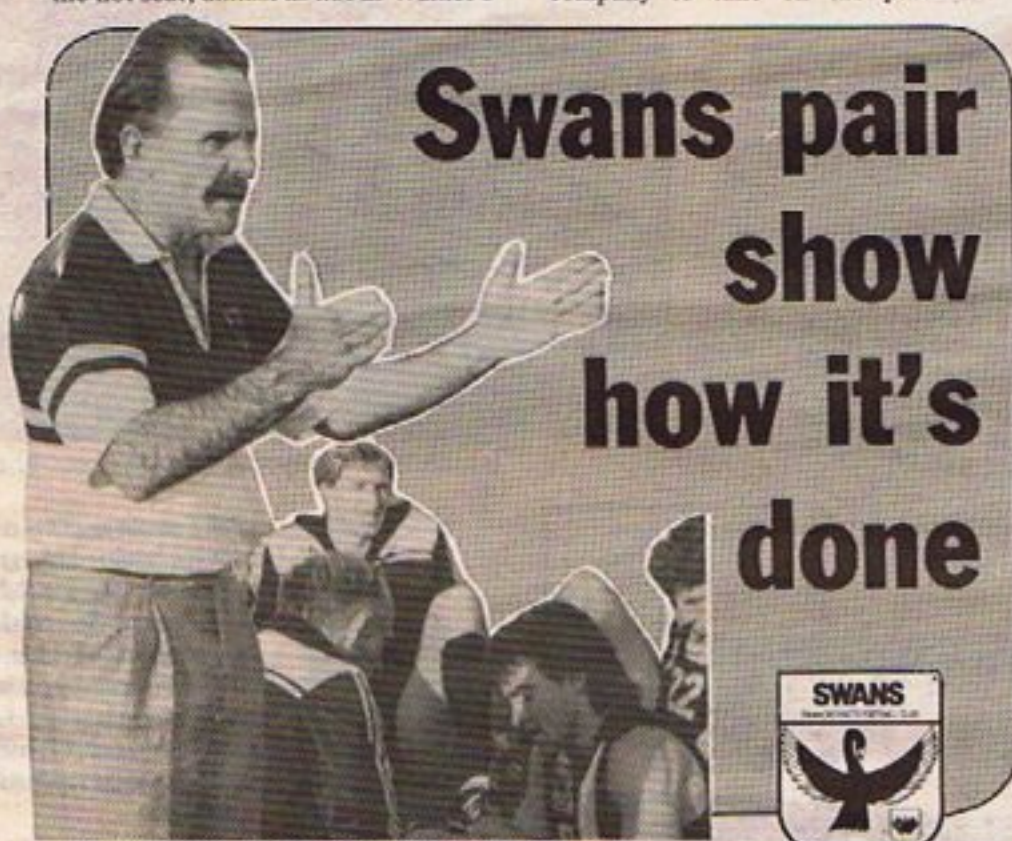
"This year, we got a commitment from every player that they would see the full season out — or not join us at all."

Walker never flinched in his support of Blackaby; he'd seen the tough-as-nails John Cooper stand by John Todd in all sorts of crisis moments and set up a hat-trick of premierships. And Walker remembers that his own coaching days at Swans weren't exactly highlighted with unyielding support at board level.

The cost of their revival hasn't been cheap; they haven't slumped back into huge debt, but while attentions have been focused on playing-strength, other areas have been sacrificed.

"But I won't accept a deficit," says Walker, who was doing hard-nosed business deals as a rookie country lad in his first year down at Bassendean Oval — way back in 1961 — and many claim he still has his first hard-earned dollar.

"We have several projects in hand that will keep us viable this year. They have to."



## Swans pair show how it's done



Swans coach Ed Blackaby...preaching the word

## The one that got away

THERE is strong talk that one or two VFL clubs will go out of existence this or next year.

Since the VFL was formed in 1897 only one club from the competition has been disbanded.

University went under in 1915 after seven years, during which they won only 27 of their 126 matches.

## The man they called "Specs"

NOWADAYS it's rare to see league players appearing on the field wearing glasses, as most who are short-sighted wear contact lenses.

As far back as 1890 a Melbourne player wore glasses while playing.

Needless to say John Bernie was nicknamed "Specs."

He used to take six pairs of glasses to the ground each week, give the spares to the field umpire and collect a replacement pair when they were broken.

In more recent times Essendon full-forward Geoff Blethyn kicked 107 goals in 1972 playing with glasses.

Blethyn later played for Claremont.

## Goal jackpot

IT WAS back in round 19 in 1979 that the same teams that meet this week produced the highest scoring round in WAFL history.

The games resulted Swan Districts 40.11 to Subiaco 20.7, East Perth 23.18 to Perth 13.18, Claremont 18.19 to South Fremantle 12.12 and East Fremantle 32.23 to West Perth 19.12.

## FOOTBALL FACTS

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That represents 1182 points for the afternoon.

Top goalkicker that day was Swans Mark Olsen with 13.

## Rare species

TOP goalkicker in league football Australia wide last week was Fitzroy's Richard Osborne with 11 goals.

Double-figure goalkickers don't come too often at Fitzroy.

In 1978 former Swan Districts player Bob Beecroft became the first ever with 10 majors against South Melbourne and the following year equalled the feat against Melbourne.

Super Boot Bernie Quinlan kicked 11 for Fitzroy in 1984.

## MORNING GAMES

YES, league football has been played in the morning.

In 1912 two games — West Perth v East Perth and Perth v North Fremantle — were programmed to allow their followers to see the Subiaco v East Fremantle game in the afternoon.

Twice the VFL experimented with morning games, the first in 1920 and again in 1938.

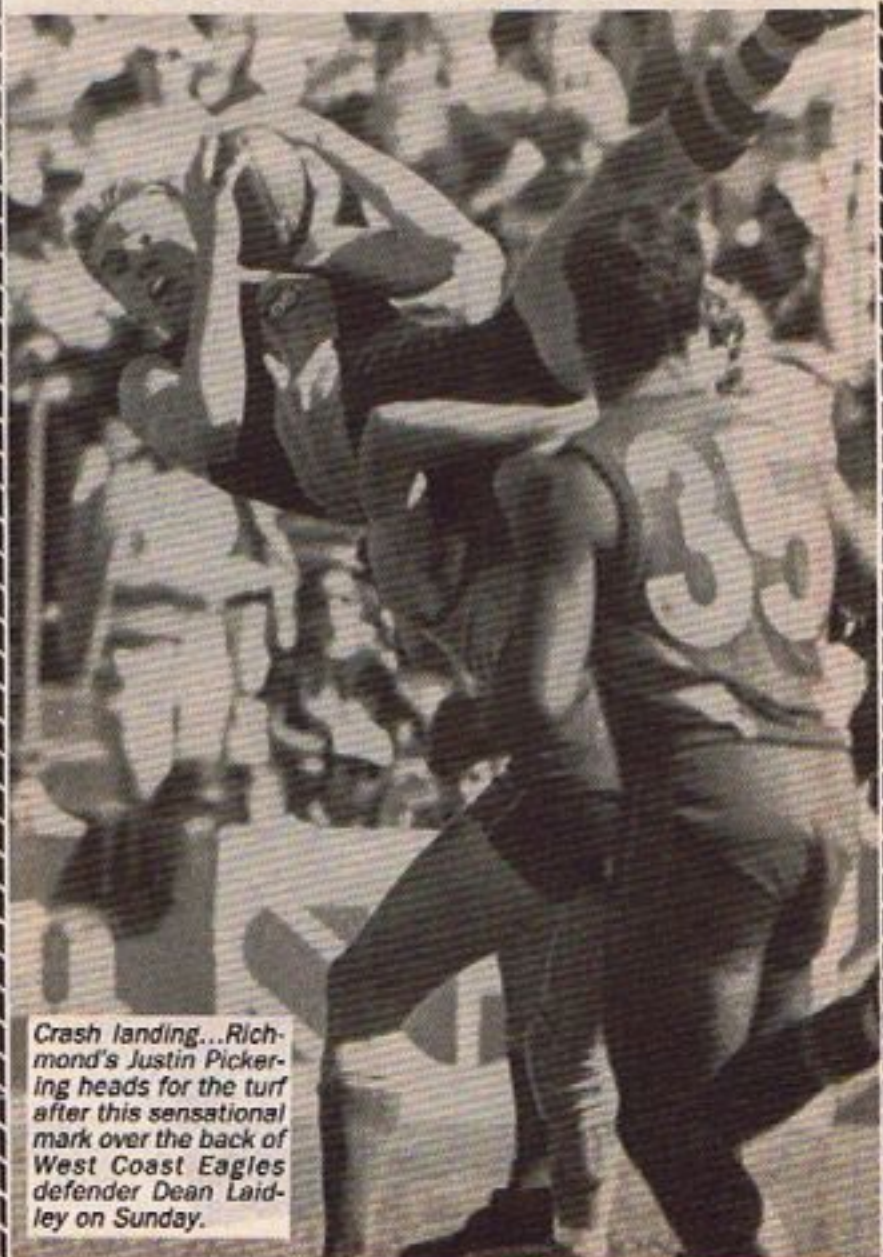
## ALL SQUARE

THE match between Perth and East Perth at Lathlain Park this week looks an even money bet.

They have met there 44 times and the score is 22 wins each.

The Royals had a good run there early, winning the first five times they played there. Then Perth won two straight with identical scores 13.14 to 12.14.

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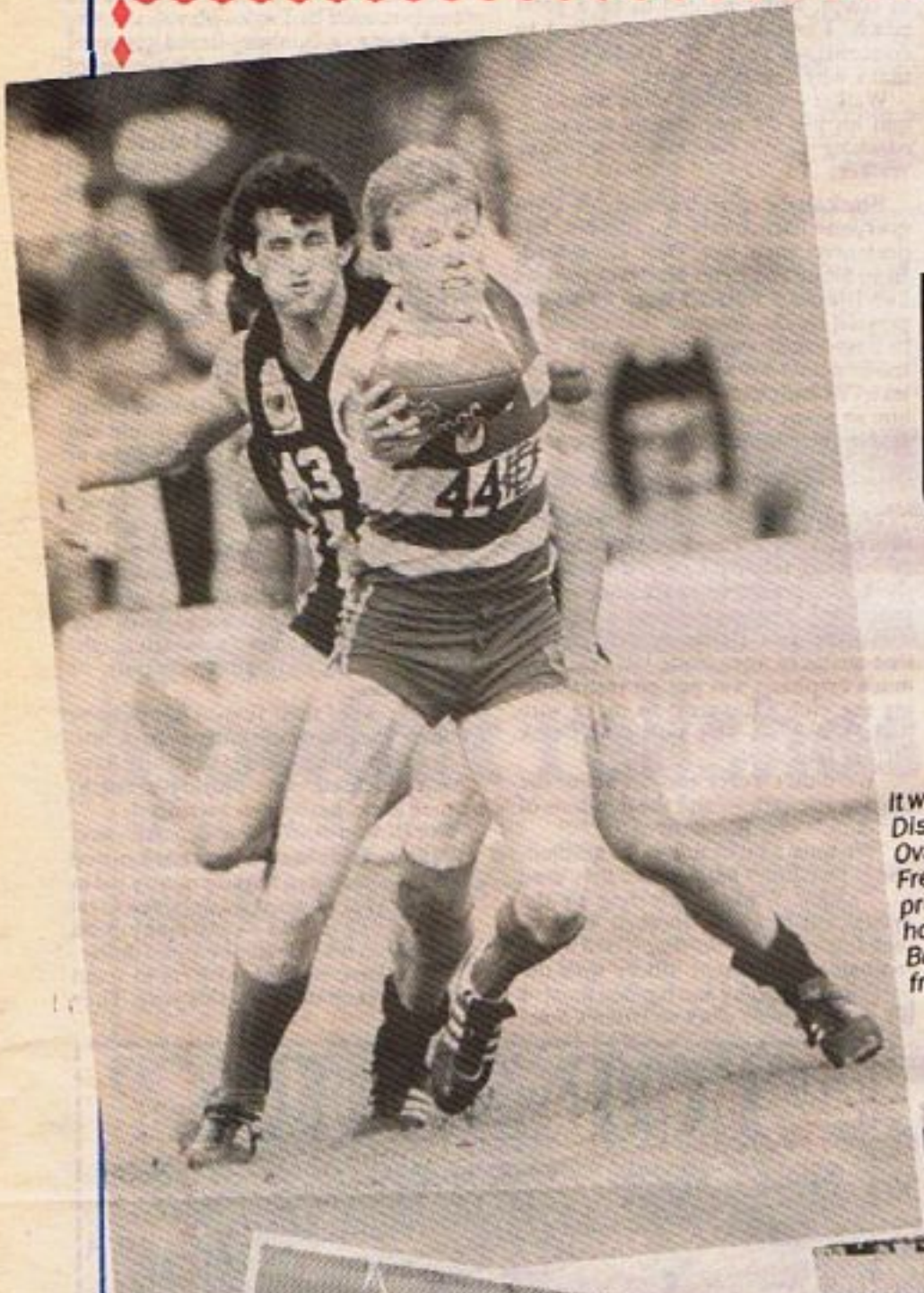
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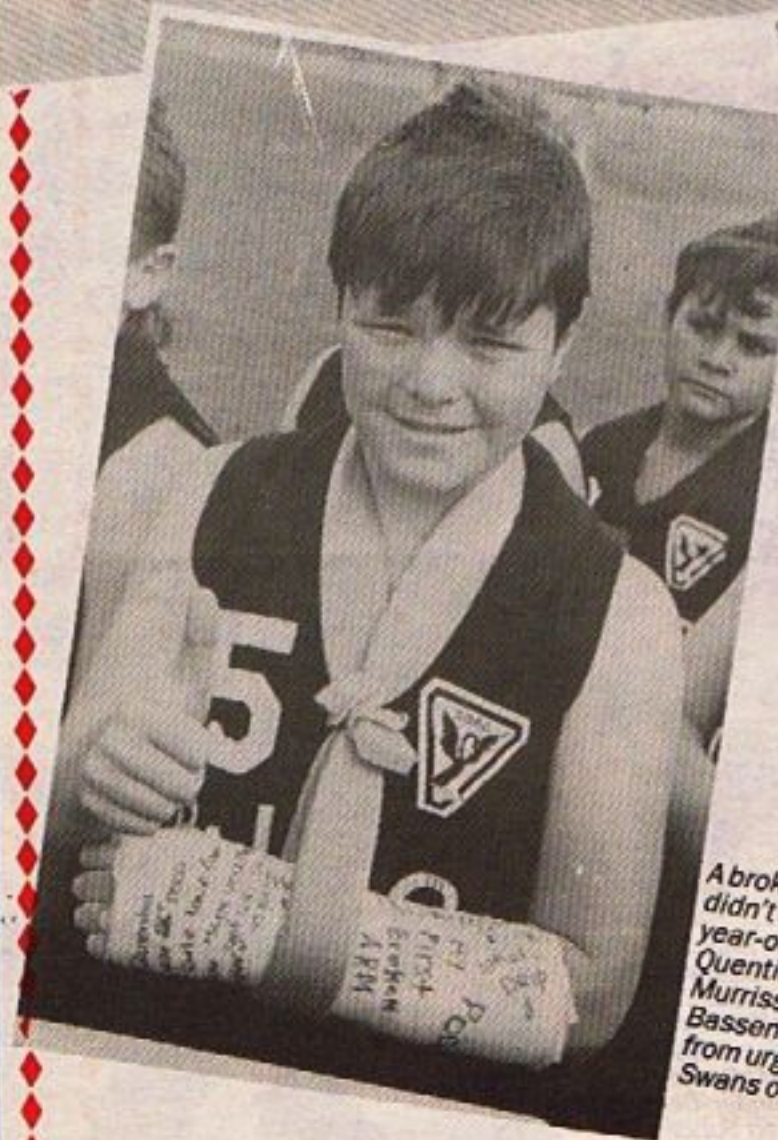


It wasn't all Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval; in fact, East Fremantle took the four premierships home and here Michael Broadbridge has the front spot on Paul Gow



Bassendean Mayor John Cox (centre) congratulating Paul Gow

It was a day of tribute to their social rooms and the John Todd Pavilion. A parade of local juniors provided the pre-match entertainment. Swans stars were starstruck. Though the football was planned, the Bassendean day was a photographer's dream.



A broken wrist didn't stop 11-year-old Quentin Murrisey, of Bassendean, from urging Swans on



John Todd tosses the coin, but Sharks skipper George Christie called correctly



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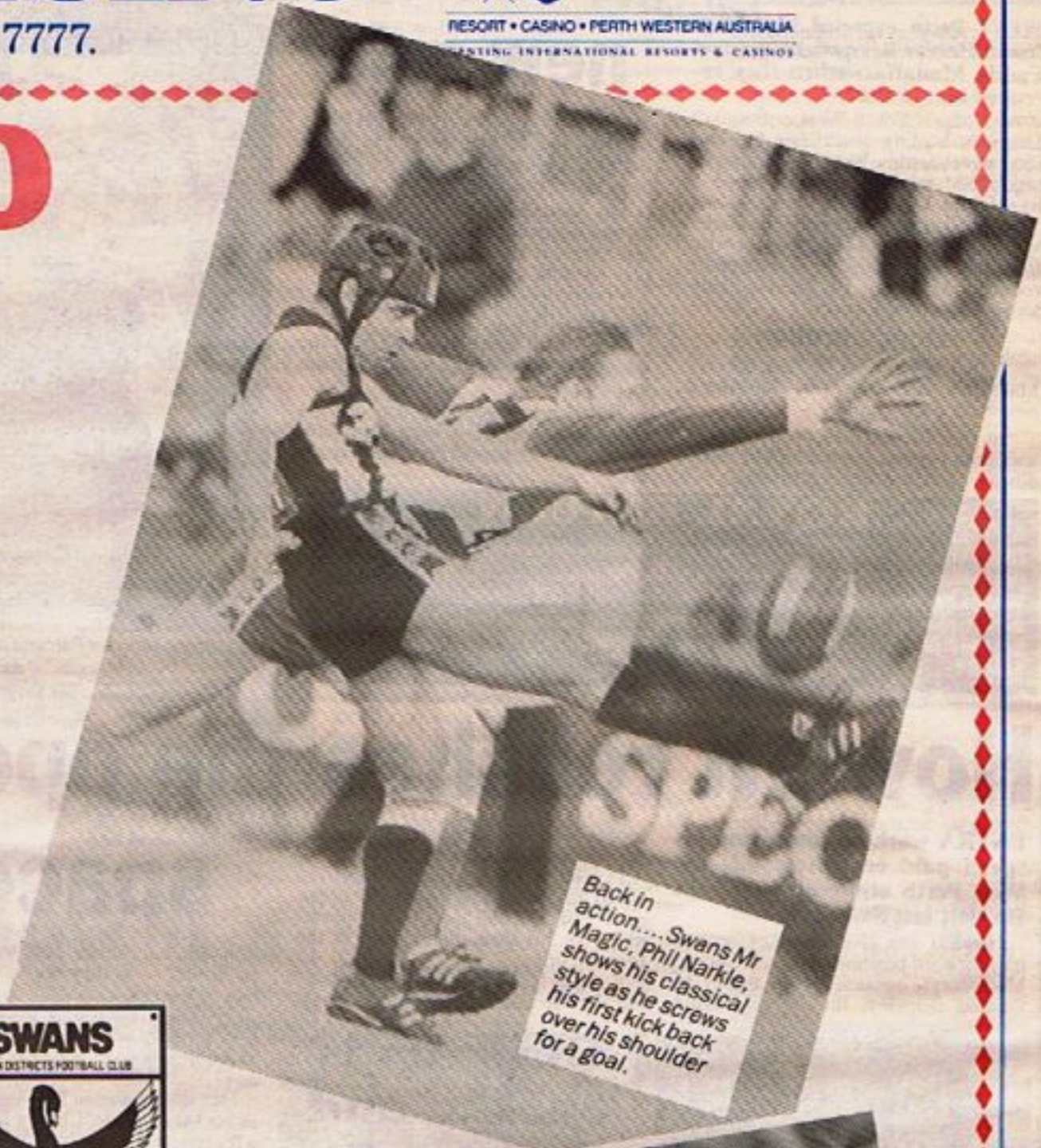
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...es John Todd and John Cooper

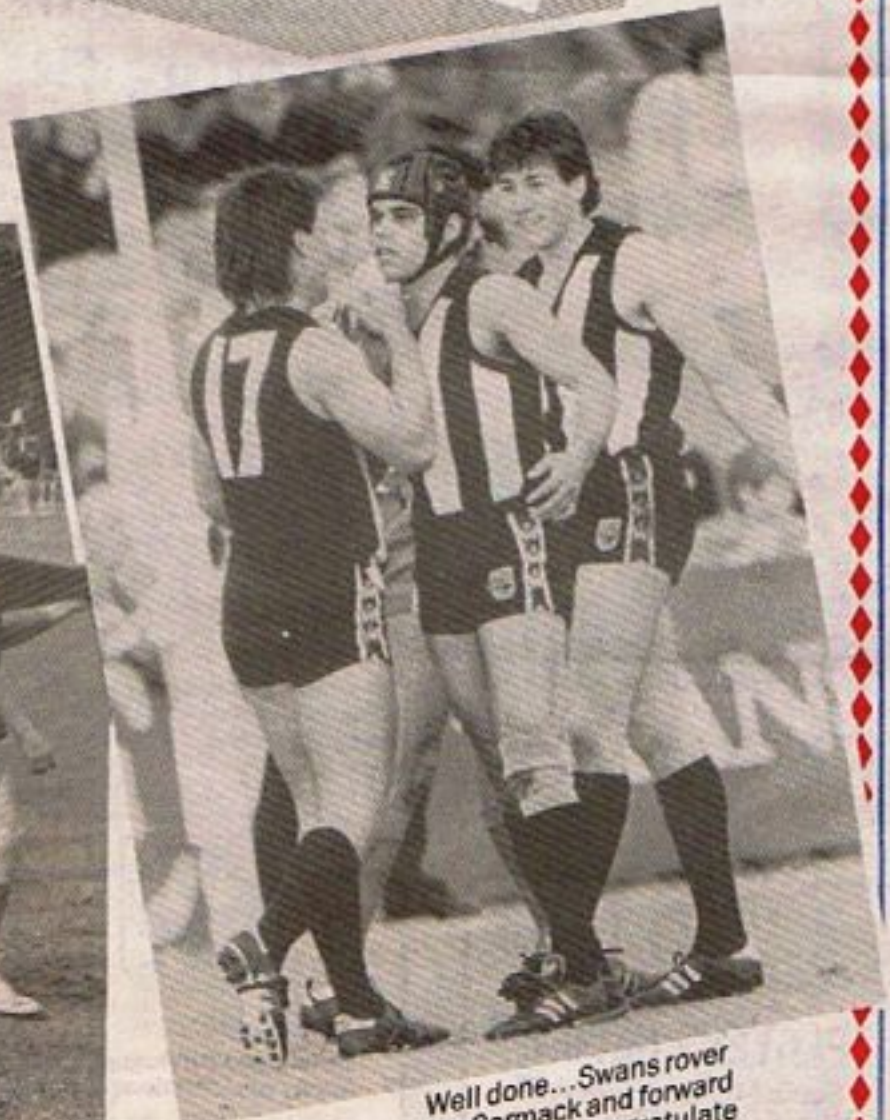
When Swan Districts officially named their new administration block the John Cooper Administration Block at Bassendean Oval last Saturday. The occasion was a festive affair, mixed with some vintage cars, a classic atmosphere and a host of former players attending by to watch the unveiling. The match didn't go the way Swans had hoped as the Seaside Boys will live to fight another day. **COWAN** was there to capture the big



Back in action... Swans Mr Magic, Phil Narkle, shows his classical style as he screws his first kick back over his shoulder for a goal.



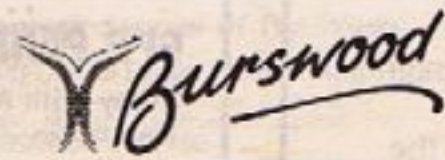
The Swans reserves look on as the juniors parade their talent



Well done... Swans rover Joe Cormack and forward Rod O'Neil congratulate Phil Narkle on a great goal

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# Madaffari thrives in new role

WEST Perth expected big things from Harvey/Brunswick product Paddy Madaffari when they recruited him in 1987.

As the South-West Football League's leading goalkicker for two successive seasons, he had quite a reputation and was expected to prove a handful for WAFL defenders.

After 50 games, that belief has been vindicated, with 134 goals, mostly from the half-forward line, but, more recently, Madaffari has been making his name as a ruck-rover.

### Concentration

"I like playing as a ruck-rover," Madaffari said after last Saturday's milestone performance.

"In the forward line, you have to wait long periods for the ball to come down — you lose concentration.

"But as a ruck-rover, you get more touches and as long as you're doing things to create goals, then it's got to be a better position."

The Madaffari clan — friends and former teammates — travelled to Perth last Saturday to watch the 23-year-old play his 50th game.

"That's the first hurdle crossed," said Madaffari.

"I was a bit worried coming from the country that I wouldn't make the team in 1987.

"But once I got into the team, I didn't look back. I've been here three years now — I almost feel like a veteran!"



Autograph time for Falcons star Paddy Madaffari ... and a pat on the back from skipper Peter Menaglio.

## ROYAL RETURN

EAST Perth midfielder Peter Wright was well-pleased with his return to the league side last Saturday — two years since his previous senior appearance. The 26-year-old from Victoria has been plagued by hamstring muscle injuries this season, having to wait till the latter half of the season to regain full fitness. Wright missed the last five games of the 1987 season with similar injuries and then spent all of 1988 touring overseas to have a break from football.

# Howlett relishes the open space

EXTRA work on improving his speed paid real dividends for West Perth utility player Gavin Howlett last Saturday.

Howlett was given the key centre-half-forward position by coach George Michalczuk because of an injury to Damon Buckley, the former Tigers

rookie who had cemented himself in the role in recent weeks.

Howlett was able to use his improved speed to break away from his opponent, mark the ball and create opportunities for his team-mates deep in the forward line.

Formerly known as "mad-dog" Howlett because of his fearless aggres-

## space

sion, his team-mates now refer to him as "frolic" — as they say he's a tireless ball of energy.

And Howlett certainly showed a passion for hard work during the Falcons 35-point win over Subiaco last Saturday.

The duel between Howlett and Subiaco's Mr Reliable, Clinton Brown, was a feature of the Leederville Oval clash.

The battle see-sawed with Brown taking some powerful marks over his shorter opponent.

But Howlett is noted for his doggedness and he continued to contest fiercely.

### Open space

It was in the second half when West Perth opened up their forward line and the 185cm forward did the damage. He was given plenty of space to lead into and numerous forward options were created.

He kicked four goals for the game — including a memorable soccer off the ground — and was involved in numerous others.

"Once the forward line opened up I was able to move about," Howlett said amidst the post-match victory celebrations.

"Because I'm not really tall enough to be a centre-half-forward, I needed the space to run around in.

"It was only the second time I've played there and it was much better than being in a forward pocket."

## Gwilliam is back ... and fighting fit

WEST Perth defender Brad Gwilliam has recovered from a mystery injury and is readying himself for the finals in September.

The Falcons might be out of the top four with three matches remaining, but Gwilliam echoes the sentiments of the camp when he says: "We'll be there."

"No-one has given us a chance of making the finals all season, but we'll play a part in them."

Gwilliam dominated the Subiaco forwards at Leederville Oval last Saturday, showing no ill-effects from the thigh injury which sidelined him for five weeks.

"I got what I thought was a cork in the upper thigh, but the next day I had a huge lump just above the knee," he said.

"It must have been a blood clot, but no-one really knew what it was. I thought I'd be out for one week and instead it was five."



Cheers...Falcons winners Brad Gwilliam (left) and Gavin Howlett

# Owens times his return just right

CLAREMONT defender Peter Owens hasn't been throwing his arms up in jubilation much this year... in fact, he's hardly been able to lift his arms above his shoulders.

But, fortunately, that's all changed as a shoulder operation has cured a nagging injury problem and he's now back in league action.

Owens, a State player last year, had the shoulder operation on the eve of this season after dislocating it in a practice match.

### Reserves

The late operation saw him miss the first half of the year, returning to reserves action mid-season and then back in the league side three games ago.

"It's been frustrating, but at least I know it's right now," he says.

"I left the operation a bit late, so I've had a lot of work to do to catch up. But it's pleasing to be back in action at the right time of the season."

Owens gives the Tigers yet another trump card in their already tight and experienced defensive network and his work opposed to strong Royals skipper Glen Bartlett last week was an outstanding match duel.

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# Falcons optimism still survives

A WAVE of optimism swept through the West Perth camp the day George Michalczyk was appointed as coach.

It has been 14 years since the Falcons last won a premiership and the club felt that a youthful candidate like Michalczyk was the type of person to end their barren run.

With just three qualifying games remaining this season, West Perth still cling to a slim chance of making the 1989 finals — and that optimism remains, with the directors, the supporters and in Michalczyk's mind.

The Falcons have shown their faith in their coach by appointing the former East Perth and West Perth player for a further two years.

By GEORGE TEMPLE

"There are still some matches to be played and won," says Michalczyk.

"Anyone who examines the fixtures closely will see that we still have an excellent chance of reaching the finals."

### Final games

West Perth certainly have a better run home than their fourth-spot rival, Swan Districts, with matches against East Fremantle (away), Swans (home) and Perth (home). Swans, who are four points and percentage ahead of the Falcons, must play Subiaco (away) and South Fremantle (home) in addition to meeting West Perth at Leederville Oval.



All eyes on the action ... the Falcons bench with coach George Michalczyk out in front.

"I'm certainly looking forward to that game — providing we're still in the hunt," Michalczyk said.

Pre-season Michalczyk was always confident the Falcons would have a September fixture in 1989.

"Given the players the other sides had lost, compared to our minimal losses and who we had gained, I felt that we would be a big chance this year," said Michalczyk.

### Key games

"Two games, in particular, stick in my mind as the difference between us being in or out of the four.

"The first was against Swan Districts when we lost by one point. We should have won easily, but even then we missed a chance of snatching the points with the final kick of the game.

"The other bad game was against East Perth at the WACA Ground. Kicking with a four-goal breeze in the final term, we lost by six points."

Michalczyk said that West Perth would be seeking recruits over summer from their country zone as well as the amateur and Sunday leagues.

"We are undermanned compared to the top three sides," he said.

"They have 12 players capable of winning a game off their own boot, while we only have five.

"There isn't a lot of depth in our reserves side to draw on either, but I feel that six of the under 19s could come into the team next year.

### Impressed

"A number of league players have impressed greatly this year.

"Craig Nelson is a credit because of the way he has maintained his consistency; Peter Menaglio has had his most consistent season ever; we took a chance on Dennis Repacholi and he came good; David Ross is someone we want to build the team around in the future and Darren O'Brien has developed into a key player."

West Perth have an intensive summer programme mapped out for their players.

"The programme will concentrate more on the individual needs of the players, rather than everyone working as a group and doing the same things," Michalczyk said.

"Some will do professional running, others boxing, weights or endurance work."

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## Lions slip...but they'll be back

AFTER four consecutive grand final appearances, Subiaco's bubble has burst and they will be merely spectators when the business end of the season gets under way in September.

The Lions, who won premierships in 1986 and '88, seem destined to finish sixth on the premiership ladder, which is at least three spots below what coach Haydn Bunton had anticipated before the season began.

"I had expected to be taking part in the finals again," Bunton said. "But there have been a lot of contributing factors in our downfall."

### Forwards

"The number of games we played away from home in the first series of fixtures didn't help the team settle down and the inconsistency in the forward line prevented us from winning several close games."

"We didn't have the likes of Todd Breman, Laurie Keene and Karl Langdon firing for us — they are the types of players who are hard to replace."

Subiaco played just two games out of the first seven at League Headquarters, with two of the away losses occurring at non-WAFL grounds — to South Fremantle at Kalgoorlie and West Perth at Wanneroo.

"The backbone has held together well for us all season," said Bunton. "I have

### by GEORGE TEMPLE

been particularly impressed with the form of Clinton Brown. He has been transferred to Williams and is driving up at weekends for matches.

"It's a credit to him that he has remained so consistent throughout the year."

Ace centreman Brad McDougall, brothers Garry and Dean Kemp, rookies John Cooper and Paul Cox and ruck-rover Brett Heady are others that Bunton singled out as solid performers.

"Brad's worked hard on his attitude and that's the big difference between his game this year than in other years," says Bunton.

"Garry Kemp has worked hard for us this year, his brother Dean and Brett Heady have both had good years and John Cooper is a player for the future; he can be used at either end of the ground and looks a promising big man."

### Players

Bunton has already started thinking about 1990 and says the club will sit down as soon as the season is over to see what players are needed — and where they can come from.

"It's pretty difficult even then to know what you need, because you don't know who you'll lose to the Eagles or in the draft," he says.

"Every year you can be certain that some players will be moving on and this year we could lose four or five."

One player almost certain to be absent in 1990 is veteran Neil Taylor, who seems likely to retire after breaking the Lions games-played record earlier this year.

Taylor, 32, has given several hints about the boots being put away, though nothing official has been announced.

"There are several areas that we need to cover," said Bunton.

"We need some taller players, especially in defence."

Bunton is always quick to pay tribute to the people around him when he talks about Subiaco.

"It's not a one-man job," he says.

"People like Football Manager Trevor Nesbitt — who will soon join the West Coast Eagles in the same capacity — reserves coach Wayne Loxley, selectors Neil Randall and George Young, who is also my league runner and head trainer Albie Hawkins and his team all play big roles.

"No coach can make it without the help of those type of people."



Worried looks from Lions coach Haydn Bunton (right) and runner George Young.

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# Kicking football into the future



## Accredited coaches will be rewarded

A NEW incentive scheme for coaches will reward all accredited Level 1 coaches with admission passes to WAFL games next year.

Only current coaches in the system will receive the passes, in the plan announced by Town and Country Football Development Trust general manager Grant Dorrington at a South Fremantle Junior Football Council dinner last week.

An added bonus for Level 1 coaches in the South Fremantle junior structure was the announcement by the South Fremantle Football Club that all active Level 1 junior coaches will receive honorary club membership in 1990, which sets a precedent for other clubs to follow.

Both announcements were major breakthroughs and they will acknowledge the invaluable work that coaches provide.

Rewards for these volunteers have been lacking in the past and the news was well received by the 156 coaches and guests who attended the dinner.

da and India supported this, saying that coaches must share ideas as he believes the better the opposition becomes, the better you (the coach and the team) become.

### Recognition

The SFJFC has been leading the way in new coaching ideas and their efforts appear to be gathering momentum and recognition.

At a coaches meeting after the dinner, coaches agreed to conduct a "bring a mate along week" with the aim of increasing the number of children playing football.

Players in the 10s and 12s will receive a hand-out inviting a friend to attend training, which will hopefully result in a re-assessing of numbers and a re-draw

with increased numbers of teams playing in the following week.

As well as increasing numbers, the concept is aimed at eliminating the large number of reserves in some teams, giving more kids a chance to play football instead of sitting on the sidelines.

The hand shaking policy of the 10s and 12s will be extended to the 14s and 16s, making hand shaking before after games compulsory for players, coaches, runners and umpires.

Coach accreditation courses were attended by 44 of South Fremantle's junior coaches this year and with the new incentives and encouragement received from many areas, numbers are sure to increase and the voluntary base of football in this State will continue to grow.

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



## SCHOOLBOYS IMPRESSIVE IN WARM-UP

THE State schoolboys squad continued their impressive warm-up to the August 19 Commonwealth Bank Australian Championships when they beat Christ Church's first 18 side last Saturday.

In a game of fluctuating fortunes at Christ Church, the lead changed hands several times before the squad won 14.6 (90) to 12.9 (81).

The schoolboys came from behind in the last quarter and kicked the last three goals to run out nine-point winners.

"I was especially pleased with the way they adjusted to the slippery conditions and the way they handled a side physically stronger and taller than them," said coach Ric Evans.

### Sparkling

The squad's goalscorers were in sparkling form, with centre-half-forward Chris Waddingham kicking four goals, while rovers Drew Cornelius and Chris Batka, along with Clayton Falkingham, kicked two each.

Tony Miller, Neville Rodgers and Peter Kelly also scored, while wingman Michael Rogers was the side's best.

Centreman David McManus battled well on All-Australian Teal Cup player Kane Morphet and the squad's other best were Waddingham, Cornelius, Brad Piotrowski at half-back, Batka and Chris Love in the ruck.

Morphett, also a former All-Australian schoolboy and Jason Cooley were Christ Church's best.

Next Tuesday afternoon, the WAFL past players and officials will put on a function at Leederville Oval for the boys and their families and State guernseys, provided by Tip Top Bakeries, will be presented to the under-15s.

The squad leaves for the Northern Territory on Thursday, August 17.

## Whitfords into knock-out



Winning Whitfords....the jubilation shows with the successful Toyota Cup team

### TOYOTA CUP

WHITFORDS became the first Toyota Cup team to make it through to the knock-out competition when they were 11-point winners over Warwick at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

In a West Coast Eagles-Richmond curtain-raiser, Whitfords were crowned Lions Cup champions when they beat Warwick 11.12 (78) to 9.13 (67).

Warwick got away to an early lead when they kicked the first two goals, but Whitfords, who went into the game undefeated, fought back by kicking the next six goals.

### Determination

The close contest continued into the last quarter and Warwick's determination saw them hit the front.

However, Warwick were left one man short when a player was sent off and Whitfords regained the lead in the last five minutes.

Peter Coppini, Gary Burden, Andrew Grieve and Blair Bolland were best for Whitfords, while Warwick were well represented by Mark Slatter, Frank Anderson and Leigh Dunn.

Whitfords will meet the other five zone champion teams in a knock-out competition on August 19 and 20 and the two grand finalists will play for the Toyota Cup on August 27 before the Eagles-Carlton game at Subiaco Oval.

### Attendance

Sport Minister Graham Edwards told the meeting that the excellent attendance reflected the kind of support that junior development was receiving at South Fremantle.

Australian Olympic coach Richard Aggiss also spoke at the dinner and he commented on the enormous responsibility that coaches have.

Coaches at South Fremantle have been meeting once a month and Aggiss, who has also coached in Cana-

### EVP history

THE East Victoria Park Junior Football Club is hoping to publish a book on the history of the club and would appreciate anyone with any information to phone Errol Ward on 277 2303.

They will also be holding a cabaret reunion for past players and officials on Saturday, August 26.

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# Tigers just outside top four

**Prime RESERVES**

CLAREMONT moved to within half a game of the Prime Reserves top four when they over-ran East Perth by 40 points at the WACA Ground last Saturday.

The Tigers won 15.16 (106) to 9.12 (66) to close the gap on Swan Districts, who are on a dangerous slide, losing their last three games.

"The way the boys are playing we have a good chance of making the finals, but we have to keep winning," said Claremont coach John Dimmer.

Dimmer has welcomed the return of some experienced players from injury and he said it was "pretty good" to have Gerard Neesham in the side.

"He's certainly part of the reason why the boys have been winning Dimmer said.

### Injuries

"In the second round we were hit hard by injuries.

"Though the boys who replaced them were good players — and will be in the future — they didn't have the experience to finish off the game.

"We tended to lose a lot of games in the second half."

Last Saturday, the Tigers forward line was given a boost with the return of Warren Ralph, who kicked five goals in his first game for six weeks.

Todd Riddley continued his good touch in the forward line and Tony Beers returned to form in the backline and is now pushing for a league berth in the lead-up to the finals.

Beers' experience gave Claremont's consistent backline the edge on Saturday.

Nathan McIntosh, Dale Govan and Brad Smith are all around 20 years of age, while John Jarzabek and Paul Burton are only 19 and together they form a backline with a promising future.



By TANIA ARMSTRONG

Perth forward Damian Gordon, who has been in great touch in recent weeks, continued his top form by kicking six goals and helped Perth to a 34-point victory over South Fremantle, at Fremantle Oval 15.13 (103) to 10.9 (69).

At Leederville Oval, West Perth held Subiaco to one goal in the last Quarter while they kicked seven goals to overcome a 12-point deficit and run out 28-point winners 15.12 (102) to 10.16 (76).

East Fremantle finished their demolition of Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval with a nine-goal burst in the last quarter to run out big winners, 26.11 (167) to 11.5 (71).

### UNDER 19s

## Subiaco storming to finals

THE Subiaco under-19s have made up for a mid-season slump by winning the first four games in the final series.

In the past month Subiaco have accounted for Claremont, Perth, South Fremantle and West Perth and are in top form at the right time of the season.

"We couldn't be peaking at a better time," said coach Eddie Pitter.

"Hopefully, our good form will continue and we'll have a good run home." The Lions slump saw them slid down the ladder from second to sixth, though they made up some lost ground on Saturday when they leapt to third and they now have the highest percentage in the competition.

Pitter put his side's drop in form down to the loss of players.

### Leaders

Stephen Lester, Craig Hunter and Scott Kettlewell have all graduated to the league side this year after starting in the colts and Pitter says new leaders are starting to emerge.

A confident Subiaco side over-ran West Perth at Leederville Oval, 18.16 (124) to 5.2 (32).

"The scores were one-sided, but it wasn't that way at all," Pitter said.

"The first half was very tight. West Perth worked hard and they also tackled aggressively.

"We have performed better in the last two or three weeks, than we have all season.

"But you never know from one week to the next this year, because the standard of competition is the best I've ever seen in 18 or 20 years."

In the closest game of the day, Perth snuck home by eight points against South Fremantle at Fremantle Oval. 7.12 (54) to 6.10 (46), to move into second spot.

East Perth kept one game clear on the top of the ladder when they beat Claremont at the WACA 13.10 (88) to 7.8 (50).

At Bassendean Oval, East Fremantle continued their good form when they caused an upset win over Swan Districts 9.14 (68) to 5.9 (39).

# Swans recruit now helps the Sharks



Sharks man Clinton Pike...looking for talent

EAST Fremantle's development manager, Clinton Pike, hails from Collie — which is now West Perth territory after being initially zoned to Swan Districts.

Pike, 27, played all of his junior football for Mines Rovers, in the South West and was playing league football for the club at the age of 15.

Swan Districts recruited the promising youngster and placed him at Trinity College, where he played PSA football, as you must when attending a private school.

Pike continued to travel south on Sundays to play in Collie's premiership winning under-19s side and, at 18, he played one game of league football for Swans.

In 1984, he was cleared to East Fremantle — but not until the second series and he finished the season well by playing the last 10 games.

### Policy

He started as development manager in January 1985 and that spelt an end for his league football career, part of the Town and Country Football Development Trust's policy.

"As a pre-requisite for the job, you weren't allowed to play league football — it just wouldn't do justice to the job," said Pike.

Also a promising fast bowler until a back injury slowed him down, Pike played State under-16s and 17s cricket and was selected as an under-17s All-Australian.

He was enticed to the Mt Lawley A-grade club by Frank O'Driscoll, club president who was vice-president at East Perth Football Club as well.

In his first year at Trinity College, Pike played alongside school friend Tim Zoehrer and recalls that about eight of the schools' 12-man team were already playing A-grade cricket.

"It was exciting times in school sport in those days," Pike said.

At East Fremantle Pike plays a semi-football manager role and as well as handling the club's juniors up to the under-19s, he assists in senior recruiting.

### Pressure

Pike says that there is a lot of pressure on junior football because of the options available and when he was a junior, he had only one aim in mind.

"When I played junior football, all I wanted to do was play league football — now there's just so many different activities to choose from," Pike said.

"The WAFL is not as high profile in WA as it should be.

"When I was in Victoria with the Teal Cup side recently, the Teal Cup pushed the Test match and Wimbledon off the back page of the paper ... and that was even before the Victorian country team had won."

Pike spends a lot of time working with elite junior squads, the metropolitan and country Shark Packs and East Fremantle's juniors are flourishing this year.

The under-15s won the Tip Top junior football championships, the under-14s went through undefeated, but failed to make the finals, the under-13s took third place and the country under-17s finished third in the PIBA championships after being early favourites.

## Aranmore too strong

ARANMORE Catholic College beat three-time East Perth champions Trinity College in last week's CIG Shield quarter finals to move through to a semi-final date with Carine Senior High School.

Aranmore West Perth's champion team, beat Trinity 10.2 (62) to 8.8 (56) in a game where the lead changed hands several times, with Trinity four points in front at the last change.

Aranmore tackled hard in a game which saw both sides kick some great goals and take some skilful marks.

### Support

Ruckman Craig Thomas was Aranmore's best, well supported by ruck-rover Martin Harris and Steven Cafano on a wing.

For Trinity, Troy Zafer performed well in the ruck and Daniel Arcaro kicked four goals at full-forward.



Perth's champion team Northam Districts set up a country semi-final meeting with South Fremantle's Narrogin when they overpowered Thornlie at Toodyay.

Northam Districts beat Thornlie 13.13 (91) to 1.8 (14) and now play Narrogin at Beverley.

Narrogin beat Cyril Jackson (Swan Districts) when they clashed in the quarter-final at Armadale.

Narrogin won 11.10 (76) to 6.3 (39) to be one of the four teams with the chance of progressing to the August 18 CIG Shield grand final at the WACA Ground.

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# AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

## Magpies back to top form

B-GRADE

by PETER RUSH



**NORTH Fremantle bounced back from last week's loss to completely outplayed Dianella and record a 19-goal victory in Saturday's B-grade.**

The Magpies destruction was so complete that they only allowed Dianella to score two goals, both in the second term.

Norths defence played strongly, with Dave Houston and Kim Robertson leading the way. Centreman Steve Jenkins was in brilliant form, receiving solid support from wingman Paul Farrell.

Others to show out for the Magpies were Brett Timewell, Rob Biondillo and lively forward Grant Nelson, who kicked five goals.

### Thriller

Maylands won a thriller with the last kick of the day against Bayswater, who were unlucky to lose as they outplayed the Rams for most of the game.

Ruckman Dave Mueller gave another quality performance, while Peter McKell, Glen England, and Rob Burns did well.

Burly Maylands ruckman Mark Sheedy played well all day and kicked the winning goal. Others to perform for Maylands were Ossie Dikolli, Gary McNamara and Wayne Eades.

Collegians Old Scotch were far too good for C.B.C., running out 38-point victors. The Lions were well led by rugged half-flanker Shaun Tillbrook, who easily repelled C.B.C.'s forward thrusts.

Centreman Micheal Fairclough dominated his position while ruckman Chris Souness was the dominant big man in the game. Big forward Adam Holyoak kicked four goals, while Mark Nairn, Sam Zocco and Simon Whybrow were contributors.

Mt Lawley jumped back into the five with a huge win over Curtin, while Cockburn Lakes ended Swan Athletic's finals aspirations with a good victory.

### Fixtures

Bayswater will be fighting for their football life against Collegians Old Scotch in this week's game of the day.

Blues won the first round clash and must win this one to play in the finals fight. Cockburn Lakes have a chance to enter the five if they can beat Mt Lawley, C.B.C. should be too good for Curtin, Maylands will beat Dianella and North Fremantle will account for Swan Athletic.

# North Beach sizzle as Yarran burns

**NOPRTH Beach half-forward Alex Yarran dazzled the opposition with another outstanding display, kicking seven goals to set up a 15-goal demolition of Scarborough in Saturday's A-grade.**

A-GRADE

by TREVOR SCHORER



The Tigers big-man department was a dominant factor, with Dave Higgins, Mark Kiely and Paul Bidstrup bringing others like Ian Halley, Mark Decble and Yarran into the game.

North coach Corry Bewick must be well pleased with his side's form coming up to the finals, as they would be first pick for the premiership at the moment.

Scarborough once again were disappointing and indicated the lack of depth in the club, leaving them second last after being up near the top all season.

### Narrow win

Trinity-Aquinas kept their hopes alive with a two-point win over bottom side Innaloo and are only one game off fifth spot.

The Old Boys again recieved great service from the experienced Richard Joyce and Phil Green, two of the most creative players in the competition.

Innaloo were unlucky not to take the points and with Jackubans, Horwood and Uglow playing so well, they have shown good form in the last three weeks.

Mt Lawley won a tight finish, running out victors by two points over Wembley.

But the cost of victory was high as three key players in Lee Spryan, Bill Armstrong and Brad Stevens were all badly injured, ending their 1989 season.

This severely dents the Hawks premiership chances, as all three players have been catalysts in many victories in the last five years.

The Hawks can thank Anthony McAleer, Kevin Copeland and Darryl Cox for this win, as they all lifted when the pressure came on following the exit of the injured players.

Wembley also had good players in Kevin Symonds, Mark Maxwell, Grant Ryan, Brad Roberts and Simon Proud, with captain-coach Rod Alderton producing a few timely goals.

### Runners

West Coast, with their runners in top form, ran out comfortable 43-point winners over University.

Full back Nick Rule set the example with a polished display of defensive football, cutting down Simon Lill to a few possessions for the game.

Rule was well supported by Mark Jones, Ian Hill, Ric Toovey and Mark Taylor, the latter two capping off the midfield work up forward.

University were disappointing as the teamwork of their opponents often left them flat-footed.

However, without Mark Paganin, Roger Steinepries and "Fingers" McCarry, University would have been a lot worse.

Nollamara continued their march to the finals with another solid win over Old Wesley.

The Magpies had utility Chris White in sizzling form and with coach Mick Rea kicking eight goals and Dave Brown, Clay Lewis and Ray Smith all playing well, they were seldom troubled.

### Fixtures

This week West Coast cannot afford to take Innaloo lightly, but should win, Trinity-Aquinas look too good for Scarborough, Wembley cannot afford to lose to Old Wesley, while two injury-depleted sides Mt Lawley and University will do battle at Bassendean Oval.

The game of the day will be the clash between second and third placed Nollamara and North Beach, with top spot a real chance for the winner.

### FIXTURES

#### A-grade

**ROUND NO. 17 - 12 AUGUST**  
University vs Mt Lawley, Bassendean Oval  
Innaloo vs West Coast, Perth Oval  
Scarborough vs Trinity/Aquinas, Frem Oval  
Nollamara vs Nth Bch, Des Pen Res No 1  
Wembley vs Old Wesley, Henderson Park

#### B-grade

**ROUND NO. 17 - 12 AUGUST**  
Mt Lawley vs Cockburn Lakes, Lville Oval  
CBC vs Curtin AFC, Fremantle Park  
Bayswater vs Col/Old Scotch, Hillcrest Pk  
Dianella vs Maylands, Light St No 1  
Swan Athletic vs Bayswater, Bdean Oval

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## COLTS Round-up Uni into grand final

UNIVERSITY'S A-colts consolidated their rating with a hard-fought four-point win over Wembley to earn a grand final position.

Their opponents will be either Wembley or the much-improved Innaloo who finished fifth, but then beat Mt Lawley and Trinity Aquinas to earn a shot at a grand final berth.

Innaloo should find Wembley a lot tougher than Trinity or Mt Lawley and will have trouble beating their more-highly forward opponents.

**B-COLTS:**  
In a high-standard match, Swan Athletic beat Maylands to give themselves a chance of reaching the grand final.

Their preliminary final opponents will be Dianella, after the Panthers were well beaten by the powerful Collegians/Old Scotch combination.

Collegians must now be considered certain premiers after rediscovering their early-season form, as it appears doubtful that either Swan Athletic or Dianella have the all-round talent to match last year's premiers.

**C-COLTS:**  
A costly error by Lynwood Ferndale, when they had 19 men on the field in the third quarter almost certainly cost them the match against a lethargic Coolbinia/Yokine.

With the scores separated by just one goal, Lynwood's 19th man was discovered and their half-time score was consequently forfeited.

However, it appears there is little chance any team can beat the powerful Whitfords Warriors who disposed of University by 85 points.

**D-COLTS:**  
Applecross appear to be the team to beat for the premiership after the Numbals beat Wembley by 60 points in the second semi-final.

Wembley must now face Ocean Ridge in the preliminary final to earn themselves another shot at the powerful Applecross team.

### T.K. Naylor Championships

INTEREST is now centred on who will be premiers in each of the four colts grades — after which the teams will confront each other to determine who is the strongest side.

With the big margins between the winning and the losing teams in the second semi-finals in B-colts, C-colts and D-colts, the three winning teams will be competing for the T. K. Naylor Championship Shield and the title of best colts team in the amateur competition.



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**The national view**



by **JOHN WARREN**

**Coaches have many of the responsibilities**

MOST articles written about coaching and associated activities concentrate on the more traditional requirements for either individual or team preparation.

No matter what the sport, the subjects of psychological preparation, fitness and conditioning, tactics, medical necessities and physiological and dietary needs are considered (rightly) of prime importance.

A subject addressed far less often is a coaches responsibility to his chosen sport. It is certainly a subject that merits official attention and sanction from controlling bodies such as a Coaches Association.

In tandem with an overall process of coach development and education there should be included in all courses and seminars a component on enhancing the image of sport in general — and, in our case — Australian Football in particular.

**Market image**

With the pendulum now swinging definitely towards non-contact sports conducted in ultra-comfortable indoor facilities, our sport needs to ensure that it presents itself in the best possible manner in the "market place".

And that is exactly what it is — a marketplace, frequented by a multiplicity of other sports and activities, all of which offer options and attractions.

As a consequence of this, Australian Football coaches need to be aware of the necessity to not only make our great game enjoyable and exciting for players, but also to present it in the best light to spectators.

It is NOT acceptable for a coach to be satisfactory in his relationship with his players, but be totally hopeless in his role as an ambassador for the code. The swearing, frothing at the mouth, furniture kicking coach is dying.

It may in some areas be a slow death — but it is nevertheless a death.

**Questionable**

A coach who, in the present environment, uses gutter language within hearing of the general public, effectively torpedoed much of any other good work he may accomplish.

So too, a coach whose lifestyle in regard to the overuse of alcohol is questionable.

In the final analysis, a coach must accept that he has an example to set.

Junior coaches have the onerous additional responsibility of knowing that in some cases, they exert more influence on young personalities in their formative stages than do some parents and teachers.

It is a burden that should not be taken lightly. Unfortunately, sometimes it is not only approached in a cavalier fashion, but is not even recognised as a requirement.

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**SUNDAY SCENE**

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



**Vasoli shows that Bulldog spirit**

**KELMSCOTT**, after their big win over Kenwick, might still be one game plus percentage away from competing in this year's finals, but coach Paul Vasoli hasn't given up.

With two matches remaining, the Bulldogs are aiming to unseat Willetton from fifth place.

If Kelmscott defeat Canning at John Dunn Oval this Sunday and Willetton lose to Gosnells, the Bulldogs will draw level with Willetton, with possibly only a narrow difference in percentage.

Week 18 sees Kelmscott playing Armadale at Gwynne Park and Willetton at home against an improving Thornlie.

With both teams favoured in their last qualifying game, the victory margin will have a big bearing on who takes fifth place on the premiership ladder.

Previous game statistics favour Canning in their clash with Kelmscott. Since 1946 the Tigers have won 79 of their 100 encounters.

Canning should destroy Kelmscott's hopes for a finals berth.

Kelmscott won the game against Kenwick with a 13-goal second quarter.

The Bulldogs had no fewer than 11 individual goalkickers with full forward Mark Riley booting eight majors.

Riley has performed well against weaker teams this season and it will be interesting to see if he can continue his form against the strong Canning combination.

Kenwick's injury problems have had a big bearing on their recent demise and the situation was further compounded when coach Peter Ashworth was a late withdrawal from the game.

**HAWKS HOME**

**APPLECROSS** finished powerfully to beat Willetton by 79 points at Burrendah.

The Hawks recorded their ninth win for the season and stayed in the race for the finals.

Like Kelmscott, they are also vying for Willetton's place in the five.

The Hawks play Kalamunda this Sunday at Strickland Reserve and need to win by more than 80 points to lift their percentage on a par with Willetton and Kelmscott.

The Hawks will not find this easy. The Kalamunda defence has the best record of teams outside the current top six of restricting teams from kicking big scores.

Applecross play Osborne Park in the final qualifying match at Balcatta Reserve and this will be another hard task for the Hawks.

Willetton have disappointed since round ten when they were well beaten by Kenwick at home.

The Blues have won only two of their last seven games and can expect no respite this Sunday when they play league leaders Gosnells at Gosnells Oval.

Since 1979 Willetton have managed to win only four of 13 encounters against Gosnells.

They kicked only two goals in round four against Gosnells and if the Blues were to lose by ten goals their percentage would drop to around 100.

**ON TARGET**

**WANNEROO** forward Tony Fraser's bag of eight goals against South Perth lifted his tally to 88 for the season.

With two qualifying rounds to go, Fraser is well on the way to achieving

the magic ton and becoming the first player since the inception of the present league in 1984 to kick 100 goals in a season.

The league record of 120 goals was kicked by Kelmscott player Ray Witt in 1980.

Wanneroo slipped into top gear in the second half to win by a massive 133 points.

James Waddell, Mark Bonomelli, Tony Fullgrave and Peter Rogers continued their good form.

The Wanneroo combination will be at full strength for their big clash with Osborne Park.

South Perth coach Brett Symons put in another good performance with a five-goal haul. Lindsay Carter and Gareth Stewart were other good players for the Tigers.

South Perth should chalk up win number four when they host Mandurah at Forster Park this Sunday.

**TIGERS DISAPPOINTING**

**CANNING**, though 23-point winners over Thornlie, disappointed their supporters with a fairly inept performance.

The Tigers owed their win to Dean Johns and Peter Bosustow, who booted ten of the team's 13 goals.

Canning trailed by seven points at half-time but a good third quarter effort put the Tigers into contention.

The Lions had good players in Darren Brearley, Chrs Gibbons and midfielder Wayne Richards.

Thornlie finish the season by playing Armadale (home) and Willetton (away), two games that coach Paul Mountain can look forward to with some confidence.

**BULLDOZED**

**MADDINGTON** recorded their fifth win for the season with 44 points to spare over Mandurah.

The 1988 runners-up overcame a slow start to kick 18 goals after quarter time and ran away with the game.

Forward Paul Tolan continued his good form with six goals.

Rover Paul Bennett, a much improved player, and ruckman Craig MacGrath played well for the Bulls.

Mandurah have lost all nine league fixtures at Rushton Park this season. With wins in home ground games important in the 14-team competition, the Mandurah hierarchy will need to address this problem in 1990.

**DISMAL DEMONS**

**A DISMAL** first quarter virtually put paid to any chance that Armadale had of causing an upset against Gosnells.

The Hawks banged on 11 goals to the Demons' solitary point.

After that the Demons were never in the hunt.

Defenders John Watson, Gary Smalridge and Gary Foster all played well for Gosnells.

**FIXTURES**

Maddington v Kenwick, Maddington Oval, Maddington. Kelmscott v Canning, John Dunn Oval. Kelmscott, Thornlie v Armadale, Thornlie Oval. Thornlie, Gosnells v Willetton, Gosnells Oval. Gosnells, Applecross v Kalamunda, Shirley Strickland Oval. Ardena, Osborne Park v Wanneroo, Balcatta Reserve, Balcatta. South Perth v Mandurah, Forster Park, Belmont.

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SFL — Saturday competition — second semi-final, Saturday, August 12, 2pm. Maddington v Osborne Park, Wyong Oval, Baldock Street, Bentley.

**Sunday League**

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
GOSNELLS	15	15	-	-	1388	1003	138.205	64
WANNEROO	15	14	2	-	2403	1182	203.299	56
OSBORNE PARK	15	13	3	-	1880	1215	154.733	52
CANNING	15	10	6	-	1784	1412	126.346	40
WILLETTON	15	10	6	-	1487	1403	105.987	40
Kelmscott	15	9	7	-	1598	1556	102.043	36
Applecross	15	9	7	-	1683	1727	97.452	36
Kenwick	15	9	7	-	1683	1727	97.452	36
Armadale	15	6	10	-	1406	1719	81.792	24
Maddington	15	6	10	-	1379	1874	73.586	24
Kalamunda	15	3	12	1	1389	1897	73.221	14
South Perth	15	3	13	-	1141	1833	62.248	12
Thornlie	15	2	13	1	1196	1993	58.506	10

Armadale coach Kevin Worthington used tagging tactics on some of the key Gosnells players.

However, it was the lesser lights of Gosnells that shone and took control of the game.

**HUNTLEY'S 150TH**

**KALAMUNDA** rover Mick Huntley celebrated his 150th club game for the Cougars with a best-on-ground performance against highly-rated Osborne Park.

Huntley received good support from centreman Ric Ellard and defender Brett Hagdorn.

The Cougars players' commitment to themselves and their club has improved immensely in recent weeks and it would not be beyond Kalamunda to cause an upset against Applecross this Sunday.

**Battle goes right to the wire**

**WITH** just one round of qualifying games remaining in the Metropolitan Football League, the composition of the final four can still change this Sunday.

Only Pinjarra, in top spot, are safely entrenched.

This weekend Midland meet Mosman Park at Bassendean and Kwinana play Mundijong at Medina and the outcome of those games will determine which club gets the double chance in the finals.

Kwinana should beat Mundijong. The Knights won a close encounter in round 11 by eight points and, with the home ground advantage, should continue their winning run.

However, Midland, currently in third position, should account for Mosman Park and leap into second place on percentages.

Knights coach Tony Morley would then have to fire his charges up for a repeat clash with Mundijong in the first semi-final at Thornlie Oval a week later.

**Key player**

Centrals ruckman Charlie Tenardi looms as a key player.

Tenardi is nominal favourite for the Beaver Medal as the fairest and best in the MFL.

The awards could result in a double for Centrals as full-forward Murray Hansen is odds on to head the goalkicking list.

Cockburn, who have shown vastly improved form in recent weeks, may record their second win of the season when they clash with Fremantle at Gil Fraser.

Cockburn were most competitive against league leaders Pinjarra last Sunday.

Pinjarra will complete the home and away season when they clash with Manning at Pinjarra.

**Metropolitan League**

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
PINJARRA	15	13	2	2030	1164	178.117	52
MUNDIJONG	15	11	4	1804	1234	146.191	44
MIDLAND	15	10	5	1869	1168	160.017	40
KWINANA	15	10	5	1877	1248	150.401	40
Fremantle	15	9	6	1359	1408	96.791	36
Manning	15	4	11	1118	1674	66.786	16
Mosman Park	15	2	13	978	1840	53.152	8
Cockburn	15	1	14	967	2318	41.717	4









## NARKLE MAGIC IS BACK

SWAN Districts might have lost the football match, but there were no shortage of smiles in the members' bar after Saturday's clash with East Fremantle.

That smile could be produced in the wake of that losing performance was not unreasonable, even though it meant Swans no longer had a mortgage on a first semi-final appearance.

The reason for the smiles was the return to action of one of the club's favourite sons, Mr Magic himself, Phil Narkle.

It was appropriate that Narkle, who has battled chronic knee and ankle injuries in the latter part of his career, should resume in league football on a day that John Todd and John Cooper were honoured by the club.

### Prominence

Narkle rose to prominence during the Todd era at Swan Districts, playing his first colts match in his early teens simply to ensure that he was tied to the club, so he could play alongside his brother Keith.

Narkle might have lost some of the blistering pace that was one of his greatest assets, but the magic still shows out.

His first kick back in league football was proof enough of that.

### TAKING STOCK

By GARY STOCKS  
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Narkle gathered the ball out on the half-forward flank and screwed the ball over his left shoulder to bring up full points.

Two further goals in the match were also stamped with class.

Narkle appeared to still favour a leg, but his genius around the goals created other opportunities for his teammates.

The 1982 Sandover Medallist will be a key player in Swans bid to initially get to the first semi-final and to then progress further. And they certainly have the ability to do both.

Suggestions that this WAFL competition is a three-horse race for the premiership are made without deep thought.

Swans might have lost their last two matches, but they have shown enough ability against both Claremont and East Fremantle to suggest they will have a great deal to offer the finals' series should they stave off the West Perth challenge.

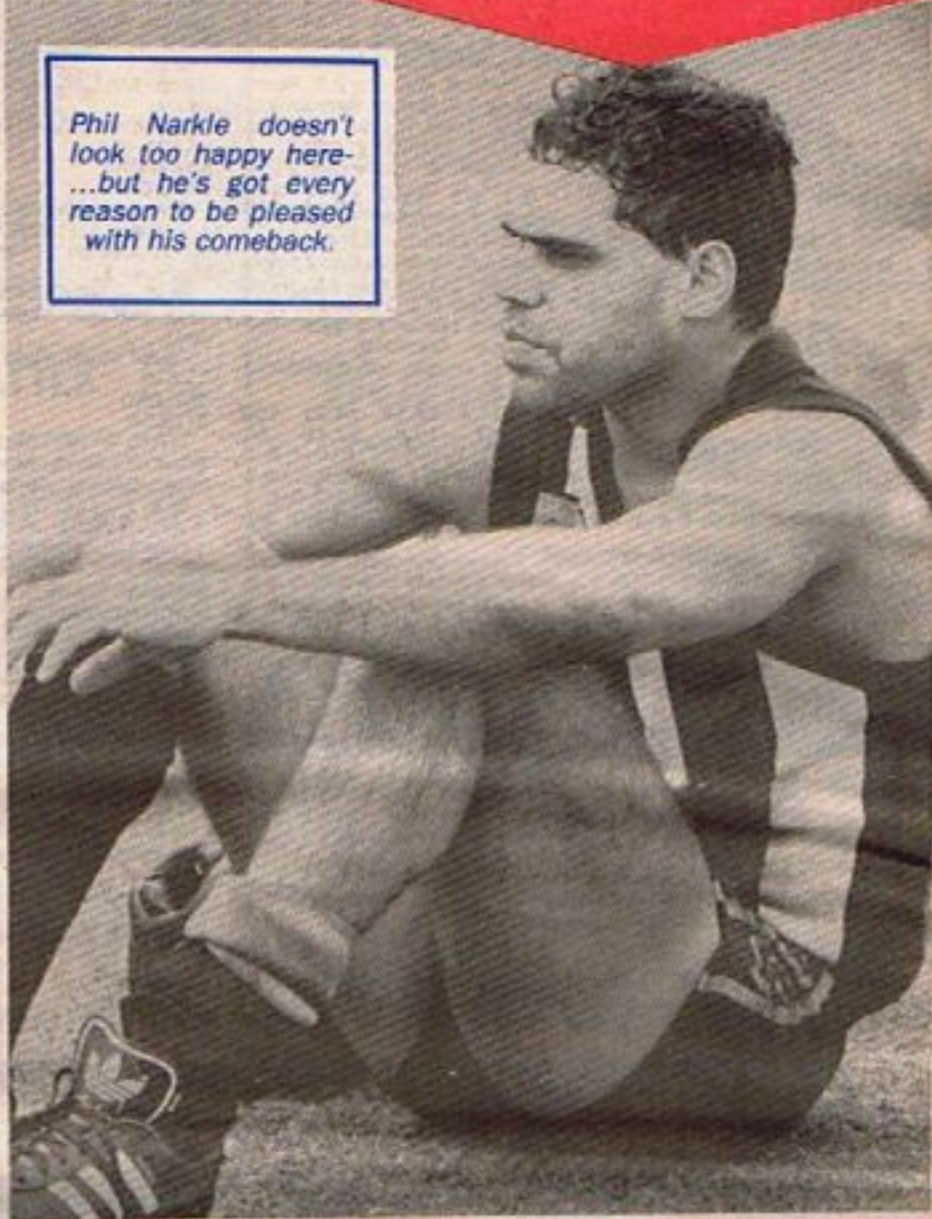
### Formidable

Narkle will only improve on his first outing in senior ranks and with the likes of Troy Ugle, Don Holmes and Andy Holmes ready to slot back into action, they will have a formidable combination.

As well Don Langsford is approaching the form which saw him selected in the State teams earlier this decade, and together with Narkle and captain Brad Shine, there is ample final round experience in the team.

All they need is to receive greater value for effort in attack.

*Phil Narkle doesn't look too happy here...but he's got every reason to be pleased with his comeback.*



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