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He's big... and determined

Nelson ready for Sharks trio



THE hulking frame of West Perth ruckman Craig Nelson stands between East Fremantle and a spot in the preliminary final.

The 193cm Falcon produced a super-human effort to end the Sharks winning streak when the two sides met three weeks ago.

Nelson rucked to the point of exhaustion that day against East Fremantle's big-man battery of Clinton Wolf, Brad Tunbridge and Guy Baxter ... and he's ready to do it again.

Big challenge

"I relish a challenge," says Nelson, a much underrated big man, but one who is seldom beaten in local football.

"I suspect our tactics will much the same this time as they were then when we decided to run the ball all day. But every game is different and we'll do as coach George Michalczyk asks.

"We've got a young and inexperienced side, but I'm confident we can beat them."

And Nelson will be hoping for cooler weather this time.

"It was pretty hot when we played them last time and that took it out of me," he said.

"It's a question of pacing myself and if I get tired I can always change with Ross Dunkeld, who plays in our forward line.

"Ross is quite capable of handling the ruck if he's needed."

Dramatic finish

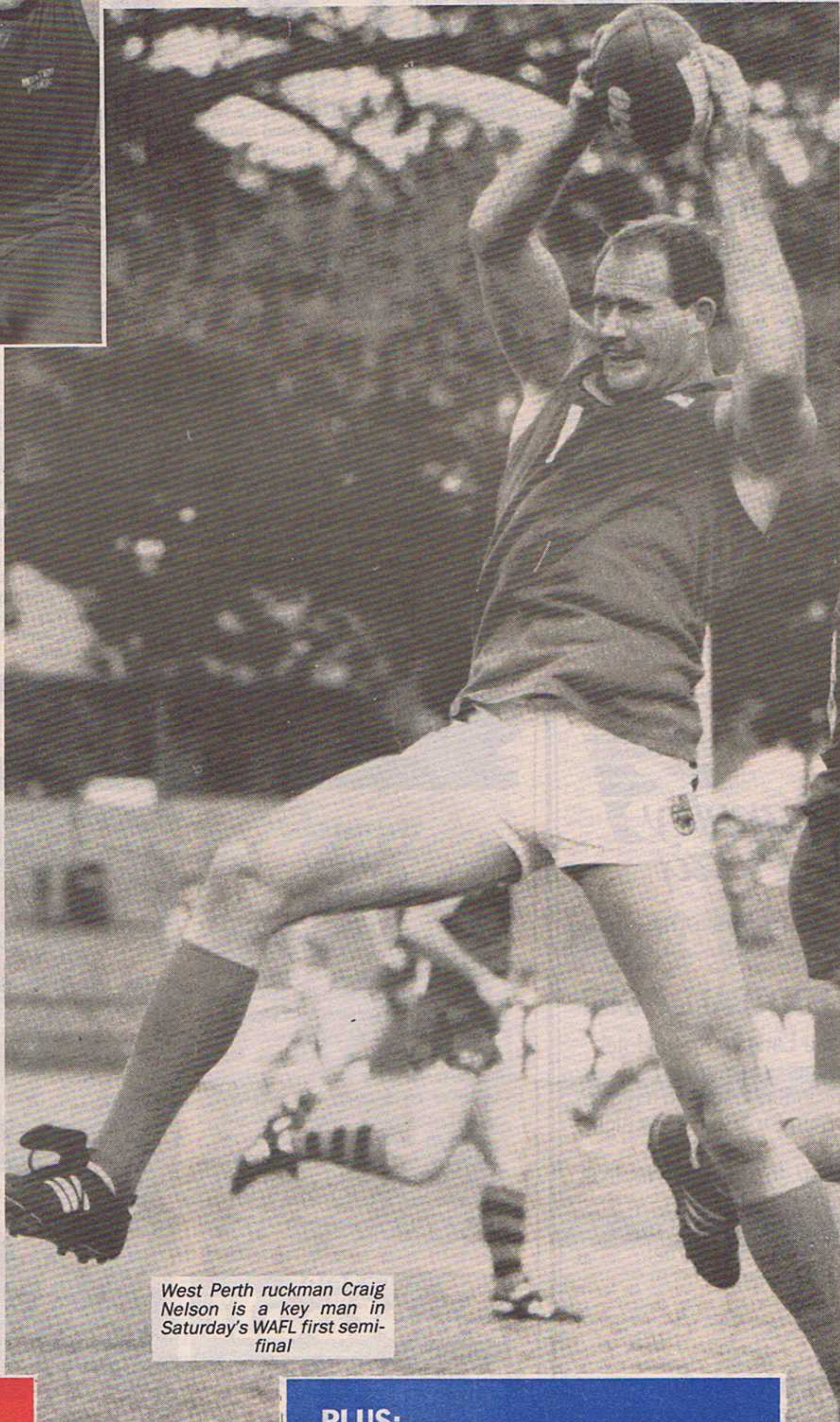
West Perth won five successive matches to snatch a finals berth away from Swan Districts in a dramatic final round.

Three games out of the four at one stage, they crushed Perth by 17 goals last Saturday to record a tally of 27.15 — their best total of the year.

But after making the finals when the cause appeared lost, will the Falcons be able to come down to earth in time to face the realities of finals-round football?

Nelson says yes.

"After working so hard to get into the finals we're not about to let it slip," he said.



West Perth ruckman Craig Nelson is a key man in Saturday's WAFL first semi-final

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TALK about being loyal to your footy team — Melbourne businessman Stan Schwartz must take some beating. He was among the 200 or so guests at the Langley Plaza on Sunday morning for the Carlton breakfast. . . after having flown to Perth via Singapore! Schwartz, who has missed seeing only two Carlton games in 31 years, added to his expensive weekend when he paid \$600 for a special Blues Champion Team plaque at the breakfast auction.

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Lewis cashes in

DYNAMIC Eagles ruck-rover Chris Lewis collected the cash and the kisses at the Eagles presentations on Sunday night. With his best effort for the season — a livewire display that produced 24 kicks, two handballs, eight marks and three goals — Lewis collected two best-player awards. Added to the cheer squad trophy was a kiss from cheer leader Pam Hynson — but not one from radio 6NR's Peter Vlahos, who presented the club's official award!

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Vital decision

THAT controversial 50-metre decision was the turning point in Sunday's clash between the Eagles and Carlton. The match was fairly tight at that stage, with the Blues on a roll after trailing five goals to one at quarter-time, but getting right back into the contest with the aid of a strong breeze. However, Sumich posted the Eagles seventh goal and that sparked a flurry of Eagles goals, several of which came from some great tap-ons to hard-running players in the forward zone.

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Sartori's future

IT seems as though talented West Aussie Peter Sartori might still be at Carlton next year after all — despite strong rumours to the contrary in recent weeks. The word has been out that if, only if, former Carlton coach Robert Walls lobs the West Coast Eagles job next season, he wants Sartori to come back West with him. But Carlton's current coach, Alex Jesaulenko, says that Sartori is required in the Blues camp next season. "There will be no player-departures," says the Carlton coach.



Blues will be black

CARLTON faced a tough week on the training track after their dismal showing against the Eagles. Blues coach Alex Jesaulenko told a Carlton breakfast at the Langley Plaza before the game that victory was paramount because they wanted to prove that they were the best side outside the top five. After the match he said that too many players were just going through the motions and waiting for the season to finish. "We can't afford such a slack attitude and they'll certainly work hard on the track this week," said Jezza after the 76-point thrashing.

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Rioli will play on

SOUTH Fremantle centreman Maurice Rioli delivered some bad news for other WAFL clubs after a best-on-ground performance to mark his 150th game with the Bulldogs on Saturday. He will continue playing in 1990. "It will depend on my fitness," he said. "The enthusiasm's still there, but I've had a lot of trouble with injury this year. However, I'll be striving to get fit for one more year." Rioli (who produced a 32-kick display) and ruckman Craig Edwards destroyed Swans finals aspirations last Saturday and his 150-game milestone (in addition to his 118 with Richmond) was a dream come true. "It was one of the goals I wanted to achieve when I came back from Richmond in 1988," the 33-year-old said.

Not all black news!

THERE was some good news for down-hearted Swan Districts coach Ed Blackaby last Saturday after his side had slipped out of the four on the eve of the finals. The Swans 1989 revival — still an amazing recovery despite their failure to make the finals — was greatly helped by the return of former premiership player Don Langsford. On Saturday night the battered and bruised 214-game performer said that he would be available in 1990. "I'll play if they want me," he said. The 30-year-old has been plagued by injury this year, but his character and on-field leadership qualities have rubbed off on the younger players as the team went so close to playing in the finals after last year's wooden spoon.

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Umps win over Bulldogs

SOUTH Fremantle coach Stan Magro believes that the Bulldogs greatly benefitted from their session with WAFL umpires last week. "We now better understand how they interpret the rules," said Magro. It was an elated Magro who congratulated his players after the 35-point win over Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval. "It's been a hard road and it started a couple of years ago," he said. "We've achieved what we set out to do by reaching the second semi-final. Swans threw everything at us today, but the players showed great composure to come back and finish them off." The Bulldogs and Swans are the two hardest-tackling teams in the WAFL and there was no room for the faint-hearted as they produced a classical display of old-style football. It was good, physical stuff, but fair.

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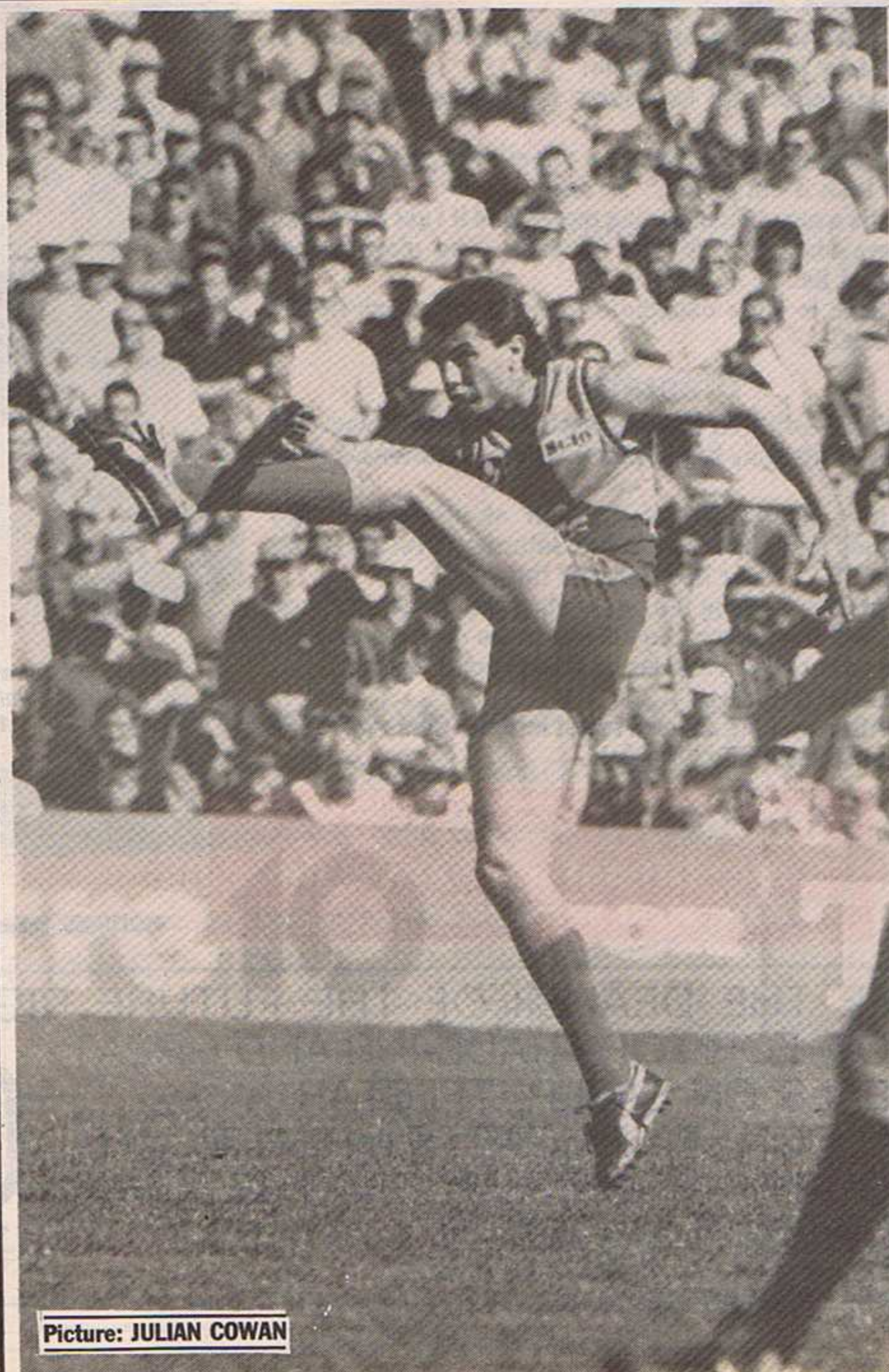
Volleyball candidate

EAGLES midfielder John Worsford must surely have qualified as a volleyball "thumper" extraordinaire with one of the best knock-ons you'll ever see on Sunday. Worsford was running onto a ball placed nicely out in front of him, but he had Blues centreman Glen Hawker hot in pursuit — and big Carlton defender Jon Dorotich bearing down from in front. Worsford punched the bouncing ball hard and high over Dorotich's head to land at least 35-metres away. . . in a waiting Jackson's arms. The Eagles 13th goal was then a formality.

PHOTO ACTION

Sumich on target

WEST Coast Eagles goalkicking ace Peter Sumich is readying himself to beat Collingwood almost off his own boot. Sumich needs seven more goals to achieve his target of 50 goals in his debut season. The 21-year-old Eagle, who took his total to 43 goals with four against Carlton on Sunday, has notched the Eagles club record of eight goals in a game this season, so seven is not beyond him. Sumich destroyed one of the game's best defenders on Sunday when he outplayed David Rhys-Jones in the second half.



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THE 1989 WAFL ALL-STARS

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FORMER State selector and interstate player Trevor Sprigg believes that the Emu Export/SGIO WAFL All-Stars team would be a very competitive side at the top level.

The All-Stars team, selected by Westside Football's critics, acknowledges the best 20 WAFL players in 1989 in the absence of a State fixture.

Sprigg, a 1988 selector and veteran of 19 State appearances for WA and Tasmania, says that the team is well-balanced and versatile.

"Had I been a WAFL selector this season, the All-Stars team is very near what I would have opted for," Sprigg said.

"There is the option of Craig Edwards, Lance Durack and Brad Tunbridge in the ruck, with Peter Thorne, Brad McDougall and Peter Matera to share the ruck-roving duties.

"Brad Rowe and Willie Riloi pick themselves as rovers, while you have the choice of Peter Menaglio, Ben Allan and Willie Dick for centremen.

"Tunbridge has been used effectively by East Fremantle at centre-half-forward and full-forward and would find good forward support in Claremont rookie Peter Mann.

"Stephen Edgar and Ned Fimmano would certainly get into my team. They've been two of the most consistent defenders in the WAFL this year.

"It's hard to argue a case against Sharks defender John O'Sullivan and his Tigers counterpart Mark Brayshaw, who have simply dominated all year.

"For that matter, it's hard to find a strong case against any of the players selected.

Turn to page nine for the final line-up and the entry form

Now Eagles will really take off

THE VFL Commissioners have ensured that the West Coast Eagles will be an extremely powerful force for the next few years.

The Eagles already have a fine group of players and now, having been given access to the best young talent in the West, they will quickly become established as a permanent fixture in the top three of the VFL.

An added bonus is that many West Australians playing with other teams in Melbourne have said they want to come home for family reasons.

If they wish to continue playing at top level, they have no alternative but to join the Eagles.

Television

The rationale behind the changes to the draft system appears to have been heavily influenced by television ratings.

The three interstate clubs have been treated more favourably than the teams from Melbourne and the Commissioners obviously regard it as essential that these clubs should perform well enough to guarantee good television audiences.

The Melbourne-based clubs must feel threatened by the clear advantages

ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

By State coach RON ALEXANDER



given to the Eagles, Sydney Swans and Brisbane Bears.

The Eagles easily disposed of Carlton on Sunday, yet they are going to be able to recruit more strongly than the Blues in 1990.

Young recruits

The Bears beat Fitzroy on the Lions' home ground, but regardless of this, the Brisbane club can select eight players for 1990 — one from each of the top eight clubs.

These players must be under the age of 25, have played 12 matches in 1989 and be injury-free.

Ironically, one of these players will come from the team they comfortably beat — Fitzroy.

Football is certainly being turned on its head and the domestic competitions of Melbourne, Perth and presumably some other cities will be a lot weaker as big business takes over the Australian game.

Now George's got a problem

WEST Perth have achieved their goal for season 1989 and have impressed everyone with their courage and persistence despite the critics ruling them out of the finals race.

Getting into the final four in the last qualifying match has been like winning a grand final for the Falcons.

The problem now confronting coach George Michalczyk is that it's extremely difficult to lift the players the week after a "grand final."

Regardless of what Michalczyk says to his team, deep down many of his players will be satisfied and feel that they have conquered the challenge that was thrown out to them.

Wilson would be a top recruit

PETER Wilson will make an ideal recruit for a club in Western Australia next season — but will it be our VFL team, or a WAFL club?

Wilson has indicated that he will be returning home ... but are the West Coast Eagles interested in him, or will he have to settle for a WAFL club?

Hopefully, the Eagles will draft Wilson, because he has plenty of good football left in him.

Some armchair observers have been quick to point out that Wilson has had a poor year with VFL club Richmond.

Competitive

They forget that before this season, he had enjoyed seven very good years and there isn't a more competitive or determined footballer in Australia. He was one of the two best players for WA in the last State of Origin match, so his ability is not in question.

Wilson becomes over-enthusiastic at times, but a good coach can direct that enthusiasm with positive results.

Wilson will have a great season in 1990 because he will want to make up for 1989.

Whoever coaches Wilson in 1990 will not have to do much other than give him the opportunity.



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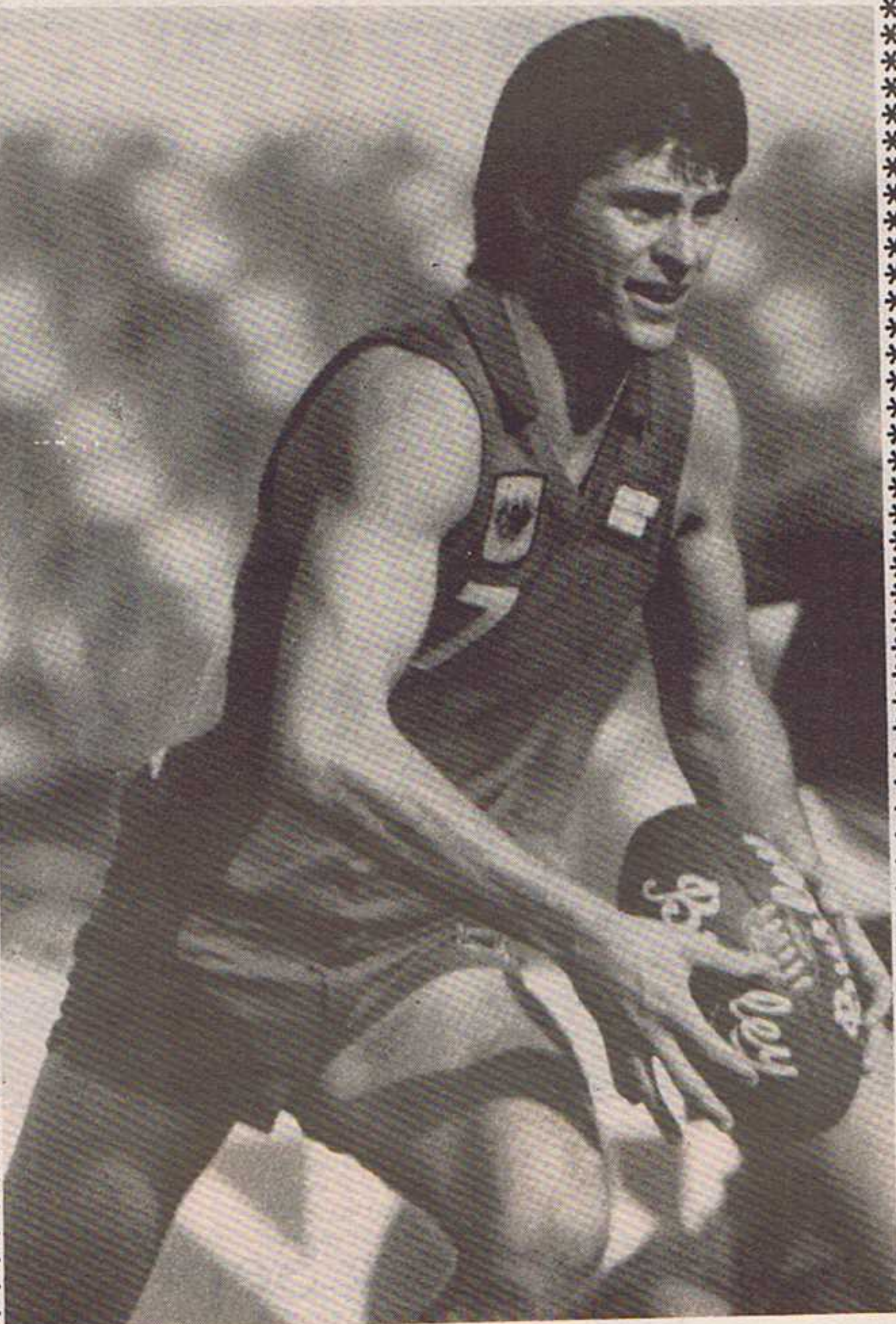
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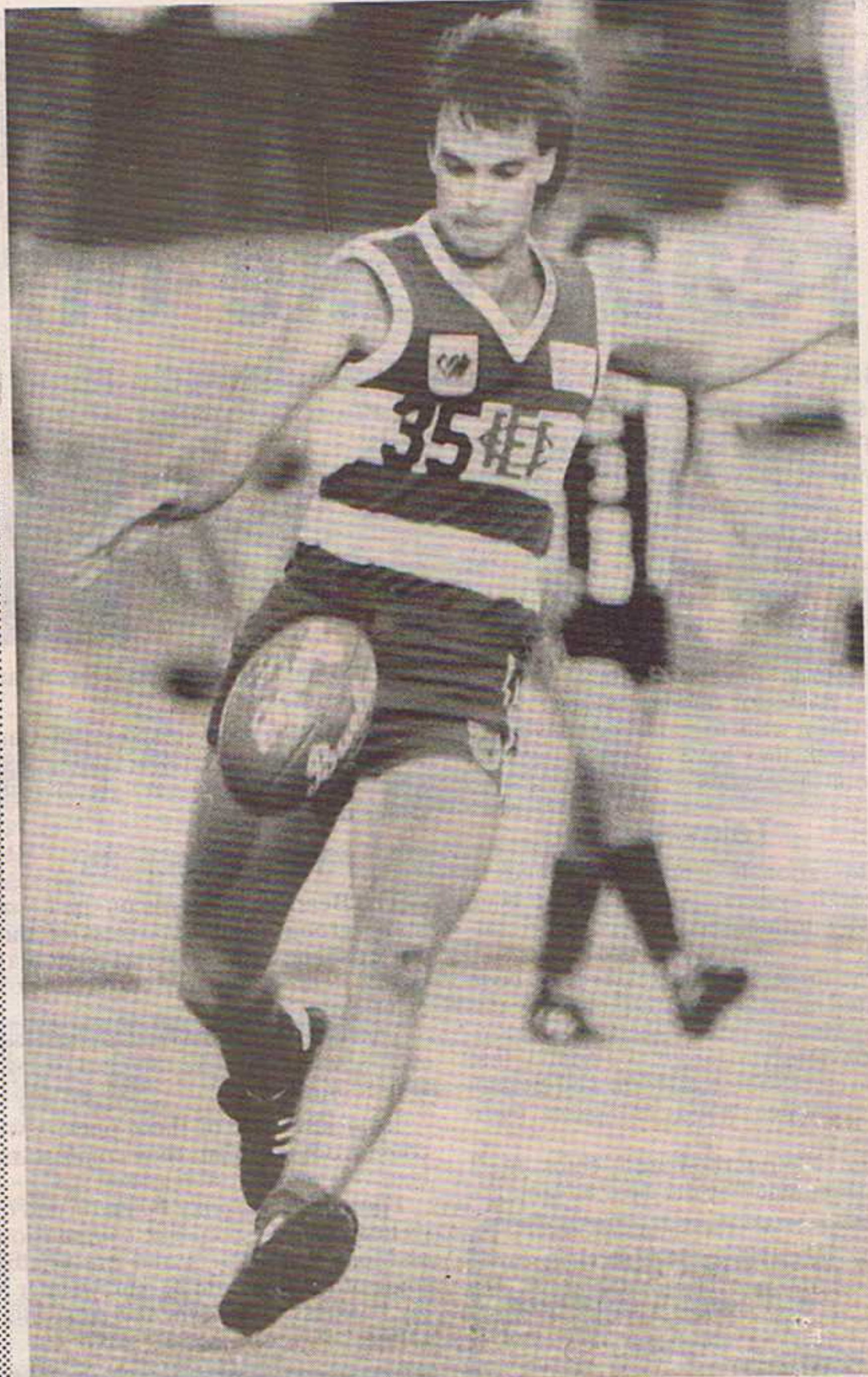
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**DARREN
 O'BRIEN**



Date of Birth: **22/3/69** Place of Birth: **Collie**
 Height: **182cm** Weight: **72kg**
 Age Started Playing: **6**
 Previous Club/s: **Collie Junior Club: Collie**
 Marital status: **Single**
 Residence: **Yokine**
 Occupation: **Boilermaker-welder**
 Other Sporting Interests: **Cricket**
 Favourite Position: **half-forward** First Position: **wing**
 League Debut: **1988** Versus: **Swan Districts**
FAVOURITES:
 Actor: **John Cleese**
 Drink: **Beer**
 TV Show: **Fawlty Towers** Food: **Roast Beef**
 Movie: **The Untouchables** Music: **U2**
 Holiday Resort: **Bangkok**
 Ground: **Leederville Oval**
 Your Car: **Holden Torana**
 Favourite Car: **Holden Torana**
 Career Highlights: **1986 Teal Cup, first league game**
 Worst Moment in Football: **Losing the Teal Cup grand final**
 Hard Things in Football: **Training**
 Football Idols: **Malcolm Blight**
 Toughest Opponent: **All tough**
 Most Respected Opponent: **Peter Matera**
 Most respected umpire: **All of them**
 Most Memorable Game: **1987 South West grand final**
 Ambitions: **To win a premiership with West Perth and to play VFL**
 What do you like about Football: **Meeting different blokes and comradeship**
 How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: **Listen to music**
 Who Influenced Your Career: **My father, Dennis**
 Guernsey Number: **7** Any Reason: **It was given to me**
 Any Superstitions: **None**
 Worst Injury: **Nothing too bad**
 Luckiest Break: **Being asked to play for West Perth**

**ROBERT
 WEBER**



Nickname: **Rolly Why?: Newspaper misprint**
 Date of Birth: **25/9/66** Place of Birth: **Subiaco**
 Height: **180cm** Weight: **75kg**
 Age Started Playing: **6**
 Previous Club/s: **— Junior Club: Ardross/Karoonda**
 Marital status: **Single** Girlfriend's name: **Claire**
 Residence: **Ardross**
 Occupation: **Sales representative** Place of work: **Tubemakers Metal Centre**
 Other Sporting Interests: **Tennis, surfing, windsurfing and golf**
 Favourite Position: **Centre** First Position: **wing**
 League Debut: **1987** Versus: **Swan Districts**
FAVOURITES:
 Actor: **Clint Eastwood**
 Drink: **Beer and Kahlua**
 TV Show: **Comedy Company** Food: **Seafood and Mexican**
 Movie: **Top Gun** Music: **Angels, INXS and Hoodoo Gurus**
 Book: **The Coach** Holiday Resort: **Hopfgarten, Austria**
 Ground: **WACA Ground**
 Your Car: **Mitsubishi Sigma**
 Favourite Car: **BMW**
 Career Highlights: **League debut and 1987 reserves grand final**
 Worst Moment in Football: **Losing the reserves grand final**
 Hard Things in Football: **Training**
 Football Idols: **Maurice Rioli, Malcolm Blight and Robbie Flower**
 Toughest Opponent: **All of them**
 Most Respected Opponent: **All**
 Most respected umpire: **Grant Vernon**
 Most Memorable Game: **First derby 1988 which we won by 10 points**
 Ambitions: **To continue playing league football**
 What do you like about Football: **Comarardery and winning**
 How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: **Relax on Friday nights**
 Who Influenced Your Career: **Ted Minotti, Greg Bennett and Graham Melrose**
 Guernsey Number: **35** Any Reason: **It was given to me**
 Any Superstitions: **I always have two pairs of everything in my bag**
 Worst Injury: **Broken jaw**
 Luckiest Break: **League debut**

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Falcons can't relax now

FIVE weeks ago there were just 21 people who considered West Perth could make the finals.

Only George Michalczyk and his players believed they still had a chance to replace Swan Districts in the top four.

That same belief in their own ability makes them a dangerous foe for East Fremantle in Saturday's first semi-final.

The Falcons go into the game knowing they can beat the Sharks. After all it was that performance three weeks ago which really put them in the hunt for a first semi-final appearance.

The danger for the Falcons is that, having achieved their objective of making the four, they could sit back, relax and reflect on a job well done.

They were devastating against Perth last Saturday and will meet an East Fremantle combination that had to endure some heavy work in disposing of Claremont.

Efficient

East Fremantle have moved quietly into the first semi-final.

While the spotlight has focussed on the battle between West Perth and Swan Districts, the Sharks have efficiently worked towards their premiership quest.

With the prospect of Bradley Rowe and Clinton Browning returning to the Sharks this week the task becomes difficult for the Falcons.

There is no doubt East Fremantle missed the explosive pace and ball skills of Rowe, who was out for five matches with hamstring problem.

His return to form is essential to East Fremantle's hopes of progressing further.

One of the prime factors in West Perth's return to form in the past month has been the personal achievements of pencil-thin rover Malcolm Williams.

He was back to his sensational best against Perth last Saturday, after his fine display against Swan Districts a week earlier.

With Gavin Howlett, one of the unrecognised stars in the Falcons line-up, Paul Mifka, Peter Menaglio, Craig Nelson and Darren O'Brien also making

valuable contributions, West Perth are in a dangerous mood.

Tough contract

The clash of Nelson against East Fremantle's three-pronged ruck battery of Clinton Wolf, Brad Tunbridge and Lance Durack will go a long way towards determining the winner.

Nelson has been an outstanding player all season for the Falcons and now he faces one of the toughest contracts of his career.

The West Perth defence also has a major responsibility, particularly O'Brien and full-back Brad Gwilliam.

O'Brien looms as the likely opponent for the league's leading goalkicker, Neil Lester-Smith, and Gwilliam could have the task of curbing the experience of either Clinton Browning or Colin Waterson.

The East Fremantle defence is one of the strongest units in the game, with John O'Sullivan, Stephen Edgar and Jon Derecount in fine touch.

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RON ALEXANDER	60	East Fremantle	Collingwood
ROB BENNETT	66	East Fremantle	Collingwood
PETER BOSUSTOW	59	East Fremantle	Collingwood
DAVE CLEMENT	60	East Fremantle	Collingwood
GRANT DORRINGTON	59	East Fremantle	Collingwood
ALAN EAST	55	East Fremantle	Collingwood
IAN MILLER	58	East Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	56	East Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	65	East Fremantle	Collingwood
GEORGE TEMPLE	64	East Fremantle	Eagles
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WHO PLAYS WHERE

Flashback...

The three previous clashes between this week's first semi-final opponents have been in rounds 5, 12 and 19, with the following results (home team mentioned first):

May 6 — East Fremantle 19.14, West Perth 14.19 — East Fremantle by 25 points.
June 24 — West Perth 15.13, East Fremantle 23.13 — East Fremantle by 48 points.
August 12 — East Fremantle 16.19, West Perth 20.10 — West Perth by 15 points.

1989 FORM GUIDE

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

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MAURICE THE MAGICIAN

THE West Australian Football Commission's decision to televise the Swan Districts-South Fremantle match from Bassendean Oval last Saturday was a blessing for the entire football public of this great state.

The decision, which copped plenty of flak before last Saturday, placed on full display to a wide viewing audience the magical skills of one of the finest ambassadors the game has known, Maurice Rioli.

Even at the tender age of 32 (he turns 32 this Friday), the legendary skills of the one we call Mr Magic are still apparent.

Rioli, along with big Craig Edwards who also turned on his flair and class last Saturday, is the key to South Fremantle's premiership hopes.

When Rioli plays at his best, the South youngsters have the ability to ignite into a combination capable of beating any side in the finals series.

Perfection

The multi big-game award winner, Rioli has timed his run to this finals showdown with a touch of perfection to match his touches of class on the football field.

He has been constantly troubled with leg injuries throughout this year and yet, on the eve of the finals and in a game that had a finals atmosphere about it, Rioli found his classy best.

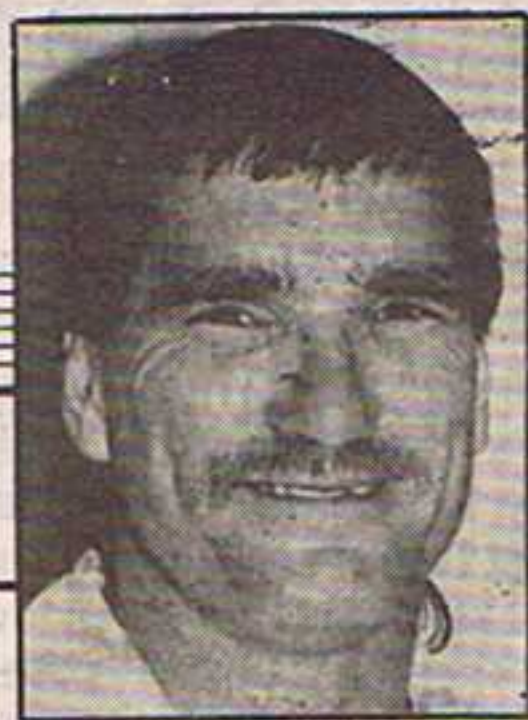
The popular Rioli has never hidden the fact that the bigger the game, the better he plays.

His mantelpiece is full of Simpson and Norm Smith Medals; testament enough to his liking for the big occasion.

Last Saturday was a loud and clear warning to Claremont, East Fremantle and West Perth that they are in for a torrid time from the classiest footballer in the game.

In a game that meant everything to Swans and South had to win to retain that all-important second chance in the finals, Rioli was at his magical best.

He has even added a dimension not so evident in his previous 268 WAFL and VFL games (118 with Richmond). He has taken a liking to finishing his quality mid-field work with some tidy goals.



THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant
PETER BOSUSTOW

But in all the poise and grace of Rioli — that can for a few hours take your mind off any worries the world might have, there is that daunting feeling that it is all about to end.

Rioli is currently considering a move back to his home state of Northern Territory.

He has been offered a number of coaching jobs in Darwin and over the next month, Rioli must decide whether to leave WA and accept a new set of goals in his football.

It was fitting that South repaid Rioli with a sterling win over a desperate Swans as it was his 150th game for the Bulldogs.

Talented

It will be fitting too, if Edwards, Rob Solin, Willie Rioli, the Collard brothers Brad, Cliff and Derek and talented forwards Peter Matera and Richard Geary can repay that life membership-earning service of Rioli with a premiership finale to 1989.

While Rioli remains the classiest footballer in the WAFL, he will not win a premiership from his own boot. If there is a deficiency in his game right now, it is his battle to run out four quarters at top pace. He needs total support from Edwards and the crop of stars of the future.

Rioli is what football is all about. He is a champion; an ambassador and is a model sportsman.

Win or lose the grand final, South Fremantle and the Australian football public have been the winners for the quality performances they have witnessed from Rioli for the past 14 years.



Now, just who is umpiring this game, you may ask! Tigers captain-coach Gerard Neesham has reversed the roles as he seems to be telling umpire Grant Vernon where to go! Neesham has got some pretty formidable support as big Peter Melesso looks on and ruckman Peter Higgins storms into the fray

IGNORE THE PEST!

SWAN Districts tried a new method of curbing South Fremantle magician Maurice Rioli at Bassendean Oval last Saturday. They thought that if they ignored the problem it would go away. At least that's how it looked because there was rarely a black and white guernsey within cooeee of the football wizard. After starting in the centre at all bouncings, Rioli drifted out onto a half-forward flank where he remained unmarked and wreaked havoc. Even if Swans didn't want to tag Rioli, someone still had to mark him.

OFF TARGET

THE scoreboard at the highly-expensive WACA Ground had more than its share of problems last Saturday. Even though the clash between East Perth and Subiaco was of no major importance, the paying public were still entitled to know the scores. Twice in the game an East Perth goal was credited to Subiaco — in the second and third terms — and fans had to wait till the end of the quarter before the goal umpires could correct the scoreboard error. The Royals were having enough trouble as it was kicking goals, but to see their majors credited to the opposition was hard to swallow!

FOOTBALL POLITICS

INJURED Swan Districts utility player Kevin Caton must be readying himself for a political career, judging on the 24-year-old's responses on Radio 6PR's Football Forum show last Saturday. The former West Coast Eagle who was picked up by Fitzroy in the VFL draft, managed to cleverly sidestep any leading question. When quizzed on who he would rather play for — a Melbourne-based VFL side or the Eagles, he answered diplomatically: "Swan Districts".

COACHING PLOY

HOW do you work coaches out? Almost everyone at Subiaco Oval on Sunday could see that Peter Sumich was carving up a slow and overweight Jon Dorotich, while the in-form David Rhys-Jones was being wasted opposed to resting ruckman Phil Scott. But did Blues coach Alex Jesaulenko make the switch? Not for a might long time, he didn't!

RUNNING AMOK

THE incident involving Eagles star Karl Langdon and the Geelong runner two weeks ago highlighted, yet again, the problem surrounding the message-men. This columnist has continually said that runners should keep out of the way — or have their team penalised when they interfere with the play. At the WACA Ground last Saturday, big Royals runner Wayne Duke got in the way several times and actually had to duck once as the ball passed over his head. Surely, in this modern day and age of intelligent human beings, players don't have to be constantly told by the runners what to do!

TELLING WORDS

TOUGH utility player Scott Rowland is really enjoying his football at Claremont after switching from East Fremantle mid-season — and he told listeners to radio 6WF's show about his new lease of life on Saturday. When asked about the difference between the two clubs, he said simply: "At East Fremantle we'd often go out onto the field without any special instructions; no game plan. But at Claremont, everyone knows exactly what's expected of them... and if you don't do what you're supposed to, you are in big trouble."

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FURIOUS FALCON

ONE West Perth player who never wants to hear about the pilots' strike again is half-forward Steve Bradmore. He had to go to Sydney for personal reasons last week... and was stranded there by the wealthy airline strikers. Determined to be in the Falcons line-up for the coming finals, he caught a bus home — only to be held up in Port Augusta as Saturday's game got under way.

ABSENT GUEST

FOOTY fans who tuned into Radio 6PR's Saturday morning Sports show were expectantly waiting to hear special guest Bill Kerr, the chief executive of the West Coast Eagles, come on line to explain the ramifications of the latest VFL draft proposals. The Eagles had requested some air time on 6PR for Mr Kerr to outline details of the rather confusing draft arrangements and compere Gary Carvolth promoted the upcoming interview several times during the morning. However, it never eventuated... even though listeners to the rival sports show on 6WF had the privilege of hearing Mr Kerr's wise words. Let's hope the fact that 6PR's studio guest for the morning was none other than Rox Alexander — the man Mr Kerr sacked as coach two years ago — had nothing to do with the non-arrival of the expected telephone call.

ON WRONG TRACK

THE Eagles players were quick to chide David Hart (lightheartedly, of course) when he kicked the wrong way in the third term on Sunday. Half-kicked actually, because he looked as though he realised what he was doing half-way through the kick and pulled it up. He looked set to make amends pretty well straight away when he figured in a brilliant passage of play and raced goalwards, only to hit the post with his shot. But injured team-mate John Annear was also "kicking the wrong way" at the presentations when he awarded the goal-of-the-day to John Worsfold, but suggested that he should give half of it to Stevan Jackson. In fact, it should have been the other way round — Worsfold didn't kick a goal in the game, but he did set up Jacko's third with a brilliant tap-on.

TECHNICAL HITCH

Talking about the Karl Langdon incident, he was fortunate to get off on a technicality, but good luck to him. Several Eagles players have reported hearing the Geelong runner (Dean Schutz) telling a Cats player that he would "block" for him — in other words, he would deliberately get in the way of an Eagles player. The bop on the nose from Langdon was not only well-aimed, but well-deserved!

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BACK TODD AGAIN...

That's the opinion of Sydney Swans star

JOHN Todd deserves a third year as Eagles coach ... that's the tribute from one of Australia's greatest footballers, Sydney Swans Brownlow Medallist Gerard Healy.

Healy says that he has always appreciated Todd's "warts and all" approach.

"It's guaranteed to upset a few people," says Healy. "But people in the West must realise that he's conditioning the Eagles to playing Victorian-type football."

"His methods are the only way to go. "With six wins out of the last seven games, people must realise that he's on the right track."

Healy makes no apologies for admitting that he's a Todd man.

Gaelic teams

He played under Todd's coaching when Australian teams clashed with Ireland in the Gaelic football Tests and he says it was a great experience.

"The WAFL competition is the closest thing to basketball you'll ever see," says Healy. "And that's one of his problems, re-educating his local born-and-bred players into the national league style of play."

"There's a huge transition to make. "The VFL is a close-checking, high-pressure code. "Melburnians learn to handle the pressure from an early age — some better than others."

"WA kids run wide and you rarely see the close clinches that footy has in the east."

"Their Victorian counterparts adapt from a younger age to a far more physical, closer game."

Diplomacy

"Todd knows the limitations of the WA-trained boys. He speaks the total truth at all times — he's not a huge believer in diplomacy."

"That has tended to get him off-side with a number of people and that could ultimately cause his downfall."

"However, I believe his strong coaching methods will show dividends as did the Ron Barassi coaching influence at Melbourne."

"The 64-dollar question is whether Todd will be around to reap the rewards?"

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



ON THE EAST COAST



John Todd...he's on the right track

HOUGHTON WINES
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IN THE EAGLES NEST
with Alan East

Turley's dilemma wasn't so hard

CRAIG Turley played himself out of a finals appearance when he lined up for the West Coast Eagles last Sunday.

The dashing West Perth player had been recalled to the Eagles for the first time in eight weeks — costing him a place in West Perth's team that dramatically snatched fourth place last Saturday.

Even though he knew that a solid display for the Eagles would probably help him retain his spot for the final qualifying match of the VFL season — and keep him out of West Perth's finals appearance this Saturday — he wasn't holding back.

"I was determined to play well even though I knew it might cost me a finals game," said Turley after his 19-kick effort that put him among the Eagles best players.

"My first commitment this year is to the Eagles and to succeed in the VFL."

"Even though I've enjoyed West Perth's fight for the finals, my major objective was to do well with the Eagles."

Change of role

A STRANGE twist of fate led to Eagles defender Geoff Miles posting his best VFL goal tally when he kicked five majors against Carlton.

Miles, one of the team's most consistent defenders, was switched to the forward line when Carlton's big ruckman, Justin Madden, went down to the back pocket for a spell early in Sunday's game.

Miles was over-shadowed by the giant ruckman — but not over-awed. However, he wasn't surprised to find David O'Connell heading down to take up station against Madden, forcing Miles into attack.

"I stayed there for just about all of the game," said Miles. "I certainly enjoyed the afternoon."

Hardie after 50 goals

BRAD Hardie, the redoubtable West Aussie who won Tassie and Simpson Medals playing out of a back pocket, is enjoying a new lease of life — at full-forward!

The red-headed wonder is set to pass the 50-goal milestone — the first time he's reached the half-century since his earliest seasons at South Fremantle.

The Bulldog turned Brisbane Bear has been playing at full-forward in the absence of Warwick Capper in the second half of the season.

He's kicked 47 goals so far, including three last weekend.

Finals hope

Hardie believes that the Bears can make the top five in 1990, given a fresh impetus of talent via the latest draft proposals.

"If we can pick up three or four handy players from other clubs and a couple we're chasing from Adelaide, it'll make a big difference," he said.

"We need to get stability within the side. Right now we're pretty low down on our stock, but we're still winning."

OPERATION FOR ALEX

FORMER Eagles ruckman Alex Ishchenko will have an operation on a nagging knee complaint and return home to Perth for some "R & R" before continuing his VFL career in Brisbane.

"I've had problems with it for two years now," he said. "I want to get everything fixed up so I can get on with playing."

Ishchenko has played 12 debut games this year after being unloaded by the Eagles.

Blues use the most players

CARLTON have used the most players coming up to the final home-and-away round of season 1989.

The Blues went through 42 men, Richmond 41, Footscray, Collingwood and North Melbourne 40.

The Eagles used 38, including my selection as the rookie of the year, Stevan Jackson.



Eagles star Dwayne Lamb is besieged by fans during their autograph-signing session after Sunday's big win over Carlton

Rance tough it out

EAGLES coach John Todd was full of praise for his skipper Murry Rance after the big man had curbed Carlton's danger-man Stephen Kernahan on Sunday.

Rance, reportedly suffering from injured ribs for most of the season, put in a typical hard-working game to earn Todd's coach's award.

"He set a great example as captain and fought back magnificently," said Todd.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER WINE MAKER



with **RICHARD CAMM**



Winning feeling for Turley

CRAIG Turley played in a winning Eagles side for the first time in his 10-game VFL career on Sunday, as the West Coasters thrashed Carlton at Subiaco Oval.

Turley was the most experienced Eagles player not to have been in a winning side. The only other players in the Eagles three-year history to have played more than five games before tasting victory are Peter Sumich and Todd Breman, who played eight and seven games respectively before being part of a winning side.

In contrast, David O'Connell's first six games last year were won by the Eagles, as were David Hart's first five games in 1987.

THE Eagles have now won 31 games since entering the VFL competition. The only player to have played in all 31 winning sides is Geoff Miles, while Dwayne Lamb has missed only on Eagles victory.

Five players have been part of all of the Eagles seven wins this season — Miles, Lamb, Stevan Jackson, Dean Turner and Chris Mainwaring.

IN the six games since Andrew Macnish returned to the side after a two-year absence, the Eagles have recorded five victories.

Macnish has the best win/loss record among those players to have appeared in more than one game for the Eagles. The Eagles have won 13 of the 20 games he has played.

The only players to come close to Macnish are Troy Ugle (eight wins in 13 games) and Don Holmes (13 wins from 22 games).

THE Eagles 76-point win equalled their biggest win since round three of last season, when they defeated the Brisbane Bears by 118 points at the WACA Ground. In round seven of 1988, the Eagles defeated St Kilda by 76 points.

It was the third time this season that the Eagles have outscored their opposition in all four quarters of a game.

HAWTHORN on Saturday became the first team this season to outscore Footscray in all four quarters of a game.

The Hawks are now the only side not to have suffered such a loss this year.

The last time that Hawthorn were outscored in each quarter of a game was in the opening game of 1988, when they lost to Carlton in a replay of the 1987 grand final.

Saturday's win was the sixth time this year that the Hawks have increased their lead in each quarter of a game.

Confident Eagles can bow out in style



Eagles stars David Hart (left) and Andrew Macnish might have been watching at the end of Sunday's win over Carlton, but they will be key players against Collingwood

STRONG victories against Geelong and Carlton in the past fortnight must give the West Coast Eagles great confidence for finishing off the season on a winning note.

Sure, they will play in front of the most hostile crowd Australian Football can offer.

Sure, they must beat a team which is assured a place in the top five.

But the Eagles will be keen to throw a spanner in the works when they play Collingwood at Victoria Park on Saturday.

Since the Eagles were introduced to VFL competition in 1987 they have played Collingwood four times and the score is level at two wins each.

The Eagles see this as a golden opportunity to take the lead in the head-to-head battle.

It would certainly do the prospects of coach John Todd no harm either, after guiding the team to victories in five of the last six matches.

The only disappointment was the loss to Fitzroy at Princes Park a couple of weeks ago.

Dangerous

But the Eagles have performed brilliantly in their last two matches, wiping the floor with both Geelong and Carlton.

With key forwards Peter Sumich and Stevan Jackson in good form, suddenly the Eagles look dangerous in attack.

As well the running players are getting to the fall of the ball and converting when opposing defenders nullify the marking skills of either Jackson or Sumich.

The midfield play is starting to bind together again, with Chris Mainwaring

continuing his outstanding form with strong support coming from Dwayne Lamb, Steve Malaxos, David Hart and, last week, Craig Turley, things are starting to look bright.

Unfortunately for the Eagles it has all come too late.

To beat Collingwood it is imperative that the midfield players again eliminate the opposition dangermen.

Outstanding

That's where Dean Turner fits into the plan. He gave an outstanding performance against Craig Bradley last Saturday.

The defence was also superb, with Murray Rance closing out Stephen Kernahan and good work also being contributed by the ever reliable Guy McKenna.

Obviously the challenge ahead of the Eagles is one of the toughest that can be given to a football team. Playing at Victoria Park is something many teams would rather forget.

And with the Magpies keen to take winning form into the finals, the task intensifies.

Collingwood have stars like Peter Daicos, Paul Hawke, Gavin Croisica, Tony Shaw, Craig Starcevic and Michael Christian in good touch and obviously they will be tough to beat.

Shaw and Daicos are the prime movers and the two champions with contrasting styles can ensure the Magpies are victorious.

HOW THE EAGLES HAVE PERFORMED

	1989	1989	1989	1989
	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
John Anear	170	49	57	6.4
Adrian Barich	100	23	50	2.4
Todd Breman	143	48	58	10.14
Michael Brennan	148	49	52	2.4
Clinton Browning	25	12	6	5.1
Shane Cable	4	2	3	0.0
Joe Cormack	8	2	2	0.1
Shane Ellis	79	26	32	8.4
Richard Geary	1	1	2	0.0
David Hart	240	60	82	9.22
Peter Higgins	13	8	3	0.0
Don Holmes	29	6	11	3.1
Brent Hutton	33	19	8	0.1
Stevan Jackson	124	55	63	35.19
Laurie Keene	15	8	4	1.0
Dean Laidley	116	40	60	0.3
Dwayne Lamb	218	67	120	8.7
Karl Langdon	114	46	45	12.6
Chris Lewis	237	77	82	17.13
Andrew Lockyer	122	53	47	4.7
Andrew Macnish	60	31	40	9.8
Chris Mainwaring	316	87	131	3.18
Stephen Malaxos	163	55	90	6.7
Guy McKenna	184	113	184	1.1
Peter Melesso	5	4	0	1.1
Geoff Miles	157	70	65	12.5
David O'Connell	148	95	56	2.8
Paul Peos	47	25	19	1.7
Don Pyke	194	52	67	14.15
Murray Rance	128	63	82	1.3
Phil Scott	140	60	43	14.8
Peter Sumich	186	86	24	43.25
Craig Turley	115	34	38	5.6
Dean Turner	204	57	64	7.15
Troy Ugle	36	11	31	3.4
Chris Waterman	110	42	38	10.3
Scott Watters	35	7	20	3.0
John Worsfold	247	97	119	6.5

VFL PREVIEW

by **GARY STOCKS**
of The West Australian



How WA players performed in VFL

	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	SCORE
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	15	6	5	1.3
MELBOURNE				
Earl Spalding	14	10	5	1.0
Darren Bennett	2	2	1	0.1
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Mark Hepburn	3	2	7	—
Derek Kickett	1	1	1	0.1
ST KILDA				
Nicky Winmar	19	10	1	9.3
Ian Dargie	2	1	1	0.1
Paul Harding	15	4	6	—
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	4	3	3	0.1
BRISBANE BEARS				
David Bain	9	3	5	—
John Gastev	12	4	3	1.1
Brad Hardie	5	3	2	3.0
Alex Ishchenko	3	2	1	—
Mike Richardson	15	5	3	2.0
CARLTON				
Richard Dennis	9	3	2	1.1
Jon Dorotich	13	6	4	—
Peter Sartori	7	5	5	1.0
Steve Da Rui	8	4	5	—
COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	7	5	3	—
Craig Starcevic	3	—	1	3.0
ESSENDON				
Darren Bewick	13	5	2	3.4
FITZROY				
Brett Stephens	4	4	9	—
Wally Matera	13	1	3	—
GEELONG				
Mark Bairstow	21	7	4	2.1

VFL leading goalkickers

Jason Dunstall, Hawthorn	117.67
Tony Lockett, St. Kilda	78.24
Richard Osborne, Fitzroy	68.43
Gavin Exell, Geelong	59.26
Stephen Kernahan, Carlton	57.40
Gary Ablett, Geelong	54.32
Brad Hardie, Brisbane Bears	47.42
Brian Taylor, Collingwood	44.26
Peter Sumich, Eagles	43.25
Nicky Winmar, St Kilda	40.31
Robert Scott, Geelong	40.21
Bill Brownless, Geelong	36.26
Paul Salmon, Essendon	36.14
Stevan Jackson, Eagles	35.19
Paul Roos, Fitzroy	34.14
Jeff Hogg, Richmond	33.32
Dermott Brereton, Hawthorn	32.20
Simon Madden, Essendon	30.12
Barry Stoneham, Geelong	29.11
Ian Fairley, North Melbourne	28.27
Darren Bennett, Melbourne	28.27

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FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian DAVE CLEMENT



LAST week's dramatic climax to the WAFL qualifying round was reminiscent of the final game of the 1938 season.

With one game to go, East Perth were lying third with 10 wins and a draw, while Swan Districts and South Fremantle were equal fourth with 10 wins.

South lost to Subiaco and fourth spot went to Swans, who narrowly defeated West Perth in a high-scoring game.

Goalkickers

There had been a great goal-kicking duel that year.

South's Bert Chandler had kicked 114 goals and led West Perth's Ted Tyson (109) with one game to play.

Chandler booted six in the last game, but when the news came through from Leederville that Tyson had collected 17 out of his team's 18 (the highest total ever kicked in a losing side in Australia) there were innuendos that Swans and West Perth had made a deal!

As Swans needed a percentage booster, it appeared quite silly to allow the bottom side a big score by their champion forward.

Souths still finished with a better percentage than Swans and as East Perth lost by two points to top team East Fremantle, the Bulldogs could still have made the four with a win.

Tyson's effort

The following week, the Football Budget had this to say about Tyson:

"He kicked 126 goals for a team that won only three games. Whatever the merits of his 17 goals last Saturday does not alter the conviction that this is one of the finest performances ever recorded in our game."

Old rivals

THE two oldest clubs in the league, West Perth and East Fremantle, meet for the 26th time in a final this week.

They were last opposed in the 1977 preliminary final when Old Easts, as they were then, won by 16 points.

The only survivor from that encounter is the present coach of Claremont, Gerard Neesham.

East Fremantle and West Perth last met in a first semi-final in 1966, when the Cardinals (as they were then) won by six goals; in the days of the playing coaches, with Bob Spargo and Bob Johnson the on-field leaders.

Early finals controversy

FINALS in WA football were first played in 1904 — before this, the team on top at the end of the season was the winner.

They played two semi-finals and a final, but who played who was always a contentious issue.

This was usually decided a few days before the finals were played and sometimes the top team played the fourth side, but on other times first played third and on one occasion first played second!

The team that finished on top was deemed minor premiers and if beaten in the finals, they had the right to challenge the winner.

The percentage system we use today would have produced a different minor premier several times in the 1920s.

Tails departure end of an era

THE end of an era is always of interest with regard to what that particular era contained...and who featured in it.

With the departure of Subiaco's Neil Taylor from the playing arena, so goes the link with a colossal struggle of a club that wrestled itself out of financial strife and on-field embarrassment.

Tails had survived that tough period and gained the greatest accolade of all as a footballer when he held the WAFL Premiership Cup aloft in September, 1986.

He displayed the grit to stick at a club when others found it difficult to tough it out; he possessed great skill with both feet and hands and, above all, was a true sportsman.

His desire to win was terrific, but win or lose, the outcome was always accepted humbly.

STRAIGHT TALKING

With Claremont coach GERARD NEESHAM



Neil Taylor... he'll be looking on in future.

Rioli one of the greats

THERE is some speculation that Maurice Rioli could retire, though he dispelled that a little after Saturday's best-on-ground effort for South Fremantle.

The gifted left-footer from Melville Island has shown all of Australia the talent he possesses in football — and many years ago he gave me a quick taste of his other sporting love!

Maurice and I started our careers at the same time and it's fitting that we could end our playing days opposed to each other in the finals.

He has been fortunate enough to go through a South Fremantle era when they were a strength and they could

easily have won another couple of premierships.

Rioli's greatest attribute is his ability to gain possession in seemingly impossible positions and virtually walk out of the tangle with the football.

A couple of Claremont's younger players have commented on the problem of putting a hand on him, let alone a tackle.

The real sign of a truly great sportsman is the one who performs well under the greatest pressure.

Rioli has shown through his efforts in State games, grand finals (both here and in Victoria with Simpson Medals and a Norm Smith Medal) that he is one such player.

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The deadline for entries has been extended to first mail Tuesday (September 5).

The full squad is:

Brad McDougall (Subiaco), Mick Grasso (Swan Districts), Ned Fimmano, Craig Edwards, Peter Matera, Willie Rioli (South Fremantle), Stephen Edgar, Brad Tunbridge, Lance Durack, Brad Rowe, Neil Lester-Smith, John O'Sullivan (East Fremantle), Mark Brayshaw, Mark Hann, Ben Allan, Peter Thorne, Peter Mann (Claremont), Willie Dick (Perth), Peter Menaglio (West Perth) and Glen Bartlett (East Perth). The coach is Gerard Neesham (Claremont).

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MEDAL MAN

Winner should come from top two teams

PLAYERS from the WAFL's top two teams, Claremont and South Fremantle, will dominate Monday night's Sandover Medal count at the Burswood Convention Centre.

Unless, of course, the umpires have put a cat among the pigeons!

Hopefully not, because no-one likes to see a surprise Medal winner, especially when a player like Craig Edwards has collected all the other awards this season.

The Tigers and the Bulldogs, along with East Fremantle, have dominated proceedings all season and this should be reflected in the Medal votes.

Players in dominant teams generally have to share votes and next Monday night the umpires' judgement will go under the public microscope.

There are always a few roughies to emerge in the Medal race, but this is how I see the result:



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(1) Craig Edwards (South Fremantle). Runner-up last year and the most dominant big man in the WAFL competition; he has had an outstanding and consistent season.

(2) Mark Brayshaw (Claremont). Proved to be a dashing defender at centre-half-back, where his strong marking should have caught the umpires attention.

(3) Peter Matera (South Fremantle). An outstanding first half of the season; he is a fast, skilful vote-catcher, but maybe not sufficient enough to win.

(4) Ben Allan (Claremont). A class centreman with great skills, he has had another good year, but maybe not as eye-catching as past seasons.

(5) Willie Rioli (South Fremantle). A tremendous debut year; a real vote-catcher, played his best football early in the season.

(6) Stephen Edgar (East Fremantle). A dashing half-back, especially in his noticeable long-sleeved guernsey. A consistent year and a definite vote-getter.

Other hopefuls from those three clubs would be Dale Kickett, Peter Thorne and Tony Begovich (Claremont), Ned Fimmano and Maurice Rioli (Souths) and Sharks pair John O'Sullivan and Brad Rowe.

It's hard to see anyone from the bottom five clubs grabbing the award — even though East Perth's David Bain proved that possible last year.

However, other prospects could include:-

West Perth — Peter Menaglio, Paul Hasler, Craig Nelson.

Swan Districts — Andy Holmes, Shaun Davey.

Subiaco — Garry Kemp, Brad McDougall.

Perth — Willie Dick.

East Perth — George Giannakis.



Could it be a South Fremantle Sandover Medal quinella with hot favourite Craig Edwards (right) and team-mate Peter Matera.

Blues face a battle

FORMER Subiaco and Carlton star Mike Fitzpatrick, now chairman of the match committee with the VFL Blues, is enjoying his role back at the club, teaming up with his old coach, Alex Jesaulenko.

Fitzy says that the players have responded to Jesaulenko's methods (despite Sunday's debacle) and the club was building towards 1990.

He conceded that there was a heavy reliance on too few players, especially captain Steve Kernahan and ruckman Justin Madden.

Carlton looked pretty ordinary against a good Eagles combination on Sunday, but they were missing senior players such as Steve Silvagni, Mark Naley, Ian Aitken, Wayne Blackwell and Wayne Johnston.

However, Fitzpatrick and Jesaulenko have plenty of work to do over summer if the Blues are to return to the top five next year.

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50 GAMES

- 48 Scott Watters (South Fremantle)*
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- 47 Andrew Lockyer (East Fremantle)*
- 48 Brad Gwilliam (West Perth)
- 46 Andrew Brice (Subiaco)
- 46 Alex Rattray (Subiaco)*
- 45 Merv Dellar (South Fremantle)

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Scott Watters — 46 South Fremantle, 2 Eagles; Andrew Lockyer — 47 East Fremantle, 49 Eagles; Alex Rattray — 40 Subiaco, 6 East Perth.

100 GAMES

- 99 Todd Breman (Eagles)*
- 98 Tony Beers (Claremont)*
- 97 Andrew Lockyer (Eagles)*
- 95 Andrew Macnish (Eagles)*

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Tony Beers — 91 Claremont, 7 Collingwood; Andrew Lockyer — 47 East Fremantle, 50 Eagles; Todd Breman — 85 Subiaco, 14 Eagles; Andrew Macnish — 75 Subiaco, 20 Eagles.

150 GAMES

- 148 Laurie Keene (Subiaco)

300 GAMES

- 299 Brian Peake (East Frem)

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Tails was all smiles

SUBIACO veteran Neil Taylor was a man of mixed feelings after Saturday's win over East Perth — but a big smile dominated his facial expressions!

Tails was chaired off the WACA Ground as his 260-game career came to a winning end.

And he admitted later that he was relieved that it was all over.

"I feel great," he says. "It's been a strain coming to this decision, but now that I've made it, there's no regrets and no going back."

Taylor retires with Subiaco's games-played record in his keeping after a 15-season career ... a target that will be hard to catch.



The mighty Falcons...now they're finals contenders

The ecstasy ... and the agony

THE scene at Leederville Oval on the final siren last Saturday saw two coaching extremes on the rival benches.

Falcons coach George Michalczyk was ecstatic and rightly so at having made the finals with five successive wins on the way home.

But 50-metres along the boundary line, Perth's Robert Wiley, in his last game as league coach, had seen his Demons humiliated by their 102-point defeat.

There was hardly a Demons wimper in the effort and Wiley, one of Perth's

favourite sons, deserved a better finish than that.

Michalczyk achieved his target for the day — to win by 16 goals after asking the players to outscore Perth by four goals a quarter.

And now he will look to repeat the determined effort this Saturday when they clash with East Fremantle in the first semi-final; a feat they achieved three weeks ago in the turning point of their season.

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Eagles can build on young stars

CARLTON coach Alex Jesaulenko could not have paid them a bigger compliment.

The former star player and the mechanic who was brought in to put the Carlton machine together after a disastrous start to the season, said that Peter Sumich and Stevan Jackson were two of the best young players he had seen.

High praise indeed and an indication of where the West Coast Eagles future lies.

Last Sunday against Carlton, the Eagles were back to the form that made them such a difficult side to beat in Perth in their initial two seasons.

When the last game, against Collingwood this Saturday, is over it will be time for the post mortems.

It will also be a time to decide who will coach the Eagles.

Whoever it is — and that includes current coach John Todd — will be taking over a team that looks destined to be a real force in the VFL.

Forwards

And that can be attributed to the fact that in Sumich and Jackson, they have two of the most promising forwards in the competition.

The way these two players have matured as the season has progressed is the story of the Eagles this year.

The Eagles started without a reliable key forward; Sumich was green and Jackson was still in the WAFL.

The way the two out-manoeuvred and out-thought players of the ability of David Rhys-Jones and Jon Dorotich on Sunday indicated that they have come a long way in their initial season.

They should be thrown into a weight-training course as soon as the season ends to build up their strength and physical presence.



Eagles star goalkickers Peter Sumich (left) and Steve Jackson

These two players have taken a lot of pressure off Todd. On the Eagles' form in recent weeks, you would expect Todd to survive as coach.

The team has really come together since being humiliated by Essendon at Windy Hill on July 15.

But Todd's future is more political than whether he has the ability as a coach to succeed in the VFL.

It is essential that if Todd is given the flick, the Eagles come up with an outstanding replacement.

If not, there will be the kind of reaction that followed Ron Alexander's sacking.

The club does not need that kind of debate as it could have a debilitating affect on the team.

Mediocre

Footscray Coach Mick Malthouse has been banded around as a coach. But how can you make a case for him; he has had only mediocre success with his club and Todd has outcoached him the four times they have clashed ... and two of those games were in Melbourne.

If the Eagles are to realise their full potential, then it is important that in the post-mortem on why they had an abortive season, they give a lot of thought to the kind of players they need to recruit next season.

On current form, it would appear that they don't need too many players — particularly if they get Laurie Keene back and also pick up Mark Bairstow and maybe Peter Wilson.

Contracts

But a lot will depend on how many of the current players decide to renew their contracts with the Eagles.

If they maintain their stars, then it will really be a case of recruiting sufficient back-up as a cushion against injuries.

A lot of thought should be given to two positions — another rover and a versatile VFL-hardened defender who has height and vigour.

Michael Christian would be the ideal defender and Brad Rowe could be the answer as a rover.

On the face of it, the Eagles look set for a bright future, despite finishing down the ladder this year.

But a lot will revolve around the kind of personnel they have pulling the strings next year.

Tough Ed takes it on the chin



A worried Swans coach Ed Blackaby (centre)

IT was 5pm on Saturday and I felt like an intruder on sacred soil when I quietly slipped into the Swan Districts locker room at Bassendean Oval.

I had just watched Swans lose their gallant 1989 finals bid at the hands of a strong, fast-running South Fremantle side. The mood in the Swans changerooms was predictable — almost morgue-like, in fact.

Faces on players were long and barely a word was being spoken.

But the most heart-twisting sight of all was beaten coach Ed Blackaby — the man who had given up his highly-paid job to devote himself to the resurrection of Swans as a football power.

by
**GEORGE
TEMPLE**



With his head resting in his hands, his elbows on his knees, it was obvious that Blackaby was bitterly disappointed.

After being in the top four for 20 weeks, his side had been edged out in the final qualifying match.

But the measure of a big man is his ability to cope with pain.

Blackaby acknowledged my presence and the painful interview (for him) began.

It was not hard to tell that he would have preferred to be somewhere else. But he politely replied to the probing media questions.

Blackaby discussed his plans to put the season's football disappointments behind him and go bushwalking with his wife and family after the finals are over ... and he congratulated his players on a terrific year.

"They tried their guts out," he said. "Full credit to them."

"We have to say that we had a good year because we won 10 games after winning just four last year."

"But we would have preferred to have played in the finals, even if we lost the first game."

"We can look back at Dampier (where they lost to bottom side East Perth) and Perth (who crushed Swans at Lathlain Park in the final series of fixtures) for excuses."

"I feel terrible," he did confess.

Difficult

Blackaby added that Claremont would find the Bulldogs a difficult proposition when they meet in the second semi-final next weekend.

"South really impressed me because of their mental and physical toughness," he said.

"They'll give Claremont a run for their money."



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BRIAN "BOMBER" PEAKE

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"Pop" ... and he's now in legend

THEY call him "pop" around East Fremantle Oval nowadays. And it's no wonder when you realise that there are a couple of players in the Sharks line-up who hadn't even started kindergarten when Brian Peake made his league debut.

But that doesn't worry Peake. Call him "pop"; call him "Bomber"; call him early in the morning before he takes off for a day's work as a plumber and he'll still talk about the game he loves.

It's all part of football life for the wily old veteran who celebrates his 36th birthday on December 4 this year, but, more importantly, changes football history this Saturday.

At 2.20pm, Peake will lead his beloved blues-and-whites out through a banner for yet another milestone achievement — his 300th game for the club.

And that puts him in real legendary class; he becomes just the fourth West Australian footballer to reach the triple century for the one club. He joins West Perth pair Mel Whinnen (371 games) and Bill Dempsey (343) and Swan Districts Bill Walker (305) in the elite 300 Club. And don't forget that Peake also has 66 games to his credit with Geelong.

"I guess that's a pretty good little trio to join," says a modest Peake, who admits that he seldom reads newspaper articles about himself these days; which is a pity because the critics are still laud-

by **Alan East**

class

ing his praises as he proves that age and experience is still compatible with the youth and enthusiasm that props the changing WAFL scene up.

Peake's sister used to keep his football scrapbook, but that dropped off a little when he moved interstate in 1981 — he still recalls his arrival at Geelong, by helicopter, mid-season amidst a great publicity splurge — but he'll certainly keep a few cuttings from this week's press.

"I've never really worried what the scribes write about me," says Peake.

"Working out and about as a plumber, down on the wharves and so forth, there's plenty of blokes who'll tell you what's happening; what they're saying about you.

Ribbing

"I cop enough ribbing round the club and at work to keep me going; I don't have to read what the critics say as well."

In two decades of watching and covering football I believe that Peake is the best player I've seen; yes, even compared to the greats — Barry Cable, Graham Farmer and Stephen Michael.

Pound for pound, Peake could do anything; play anywhere.

He says that the only position he hasn't played in is as a ruckman, but I



Brian Peake...his kicking style is still magnificent

can remember a day when he won a ruck tap-out on the half-forward flank at East Fremantle Oval — and that's good enough for me to classify him as a "part-time" ruckman as well!

He's a classical centremen; hard-working with ample skills on both sides of his body to deliver the ball out of the

middle. He's a strong-marking forward, good enough to play at full-forward in a State match and kick seven goals against the Vics. He's played in defence, as a tough, mean half-back who can cut his dangerous opponent out of a game ... and he's played on the ball, running all day and creating consistently out in the open spaces.

Peake, a product of my old club, Manning Junior Football Club (they've just celebrated their 30th year and that probably explains my Peake bias) really only had one ambition when he moved to East Fremantle Oval, apart from making it in league ranks, of course.

Milestone

His father Laurie had played 96 games for Old Easts and Peake wanted to better that.

"I set my sights on 100 games, so I could just top him off," says Peake.

That milestone was a long while ago (1977 in fact) and Peake has soldiered on magnificently since then; a Sandover Medal, a Tassie Medal, six club fairest and best awards; three East Fremantle premierships, club captaincy at both East Fremantle and Geelong and some magnificent interstate games for WA. How he's never added a Simpson Medal to that mantlepiece is a football mystery.

Peake is often being touted as a WAFL coach and he's often been linked with rival WAFL clubs. But he's not giving anything away about his future.

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Sharks have built up slowly

EAST Fremantle started their 1989 campaign slowly, gradually gathering momentum as the year progressed for their assault on the flag.

Rated as pre-season favourites, it appeared at one stage that the tag was going to be too much of a burden for them to carry.

But the Sharks regrouped and counter-attacked with such ferocity that they almost stole the second semi-final spot away from Port rivals, South Fremantle.

East Fremantle won 12 of their final 14 matches, including a morale-boosting eight-point win over minor premiers Claremont last Saturday.

Blemishes

Their only blemishes were against Claremont, in round two and Saturday's opponents, West Perth — a game which arguably cost them the double bite at the cherry...and let West Perth get into the finals.



Sharks pair Craig Maclean (left) and Clinton Browning

That loss stung the Sharks and at League Headquarters they will attack the Falcons with a barrage of long, high balls aimed at their big forwards.

Each team has its on-field leaders, or play-makers and there are those that command specific areas of play and those who just follow orders.

THE SHARKS ARMY

THE GENERAL:

Evergreen Brian Peake, playing his 300th league game for the Sharks, is their most instrumental player.

"Bomber" Peake can be used by commander-in-chief Graham Melrose in a variety of roles, either in the centre, as a ruck-rover or in the forward line.

IT'S WAR!

THE battle lines have been drawn and East Fremantle and West Perth are ready to leave their trenches for the do-or-die first semi-final.

Football fans can expect an all-out war at Subiaco Oval on Saturday in a clash of David and Goliath proportions.

West Perth (David) are far smaller in stature and less experienced in finals football than the towering East Fremantle (Goliath) side.

Both teams have their leaders; their organisers; their workers. It's like an army going to war.

Here's how the two camps shape up.

The 35-year-old veteran totally outwitted the Falcons defence at Leeder-ville Oval in round 12, when he was shifted to full-forward.

And when they clashed in round 18 at East Fremantle Oval, he again left them shaking their heads as he inspired the Sharks final-term revival. Though they did not win the game, the Sharks recovered from an eight-goal deficit to get within a few kicks of victory.

THE LIEUTENANTS:

Skipper George Christie and centre-half-back John O'Sullivan are battle-hardened veterans of several finals campaigns.

Christie is an inspirational leader who has the respect of all his players; he can ruck-rove or be used as an aggressive half-forward.

The 27-year-old Shark is always quick to assess a crisis and takes on the responsibility to rectify the problem.

O'Sullivan is the cornerstone of East Fremantle's defence. He dominates at centre-half-back and can usually gain front position to take telling marks. If not, he spoils well from behind and can rebound the Sharks into a lightning fast counter-attack.

A State player, he marshals his troops well and very few sides have kicked a big score against them this season.

THE SERGEANTS:

Maintaining control out in the battle-field and helping rally the troops are non-commissioned officers Clinton Browning, Stephen Edgar and Brad Tunbridge.

Part-time West Coast Eagle Browning is a versatile forward who can be used in either of the key attacking positions.

His secret is his mobility and high leap which enables him to mark against taller opponents.

Edgar has been used exclusively on a half-back flank. A State player in 1988, he is coolness personified and an excellent foil for O'Sullivan.

Undoubtedly Edgar is the Sharks quiet achiever — he goes about his work with calculated effectiveness. After winning the ball he rarely wastes his disposal which makes him an ideal link-man.

Tunbridge began his football almost exclusively as a ruckman, but has been a key forward in his comeback season.

He spent 1988 sidelined with a serious knee injury and this year the 25-year-old has returned with vengeance. In the second half of this season he has been one of the deadliest forwards in the WAFL.

Tunbridge has stood like Ayres Rock at centre-half-forward, pulling down many powerful marks while, one and sometimes two, opponents try to spoil the ball.

He is a real dangerman and the Falcons will be wary of his presence.

THE INFANTRY:

They are more like storm troopers than infantry at East Fremantle. The talented Sharks swarm around the ball and have many back-up options.

They have the likes of Clinton Wolf, Guy Baxter and Lance Durack as well as Tunbridge to lead the ruck; rover Brad Rowe is devastating around the packs and is now supported by the electric skills of Billy Krakouer; Neil Lester-Smith is a goalkicking dynamo; Craig Maclean has earned his stripes as a ruck-rover and Revis Ryder is an excellent ball-winner in defence.

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West Perth's line-up

1. CRAIG NELSON

26yrs 193cm 90kg
Games played 115
Lion-hearted ruckman who has developed the stamina to stay on the ball for most of the game. A key factor in the team's midfield.

7. DARREN O'BRIEN

20yrs 182cm 72kg
Games played 38
After a promising debut last season, the Collie youngster has made light of the so-called second-year blues to be a top-class half-back.

8. CRAIG TURLEY

24yrs 185cm 80kg
Games played 66*
A member of the West Coast Eagles this year, the versatile utility player will probably miss the game after a top effort against Carlton last week.

9. PETER MENAGLIO

30yrs 175cm 72kg
Games played 234
One of the game's classiest players; controls West Perth's midfield play from the centre and leads the side by example.

10. WAYNE DAYMAN

28yrs 177cm 77kg
Games played 77
A tough and relentless back-pocket specialist whose form in the last line of defence has been outstanding.

11. MALCOLM WILLIAMS

19yrs 178cm 72kg
Games played 38
A highly-skilled player whose form on a wing in the last half of the season has been sensational. Can rove and also kick great goals.

16. STEVE BRADMORE

23yrs 180cm 78kg
Games played 7
Should return to the half-forward line where his creative running has been a key factor in goal-scoring.

18. NEIL JACKSON

24yrs 188cm 87kg
Games played 37
An outstanding defender who can play anywhere across the half-back line, depending on where Paul Mifka is utilised.

20. SHANE O'NEILL

21yrs 188cm 78cm
Games played 4
Is on standby as a relief forward, but has to stand aside for in-form Warren Taylor in front of goals.

21. WARREN TAYLOR

23yrs 187cm 74kg
Games played 35
Has settled in at full-forward, where his fast-leading gives players something to aim at; but he needs to kick straighter.

22. ROSS DUNKELD

20yrs 190cm 77kg
Games played 20
Plays out of a forward pocket, where his goal-kicking is a bonus and he also relieves in the ruck.

25. CHRIS DAVIES

26yrs 167cm 70kg
Games played 21
Has returned to WAFL ranks after a long spell in Sunday football and his roving stamina is hard to match. Great ball-getter.

26. BRAD GWILLIAM

22yrs 189cm 75kg
Games played 48
The league's most under-rated full-back; strong and determined in the air and adopts a mean approach to forwards.

28. DAMON BUCKLEY

19yrs 195cm 92kg
Games played 5*
Is an ideal centre-half-forward with his size, but the Falcons have opted for the fast-running Gavin Howlett in the key position and he may miss out.

29. GRAHAM HAMPSON

20yrs 177cm 75kg
Games played 23
A handy back-up utility player who can fill in on a wing or at half-forward.

30. ORAL McGUIRE

25yrs 175cm 74kg
Games played 10*
After a slow start to the season at his second league club, he has flourished on a wing in recent weeks, with his disposal immaculate.

33. GAVIN HOWLETT

23yrs 185cm 83kg
Games played 33*
The key to the team's revival in recent weeks; running and creating from centre-half-forward.

34. TIM ADAM

22yrs 188cm 78kg
Games played 28
Finally forced his way back into the 20 last week after several long stints on the bench. Is an ideal versatile interchange.

36. PADDY MADAFFARI

23yrs 181cm 73kg
Games played 53
Playing as a ruck-rover this year, he has improved enormously; still a dangerous goal-kicker, but equally effective mid-field.

37. PAUL MIFKA

24yrs 186cm 81kg
Games played 108*
Returned to centre-half-back when Neil Jackson was injured and outplayed East Fremantle's key forward, Brad Tunbridge, at their last meeting.

44. DAVID ROSS

22yrs 175cm 82kg
Games played 13
Back-up ruck-rover or half-forward who has shown plenty of potential in his first season.

46. PAUL HASLER

24yrs 183cm 82kg
Games played 59
One of the team's strongest players on a half-back flank. Runs the ball out well and seldom concedes the advantage.

47. JON RIGGS

26yrs 183cm 76kg
Games played 15
A speedster who has been used in a variety of midfield positions and shows the benefit of senior football experience in Victoria.

48. DENIS REPACHOLI

19yrs 188cm 79kg
Games played 14
Has emerged mid-season as a tough back-pocket specialist guarding much taller opponents. Always willing to thump the ball away.

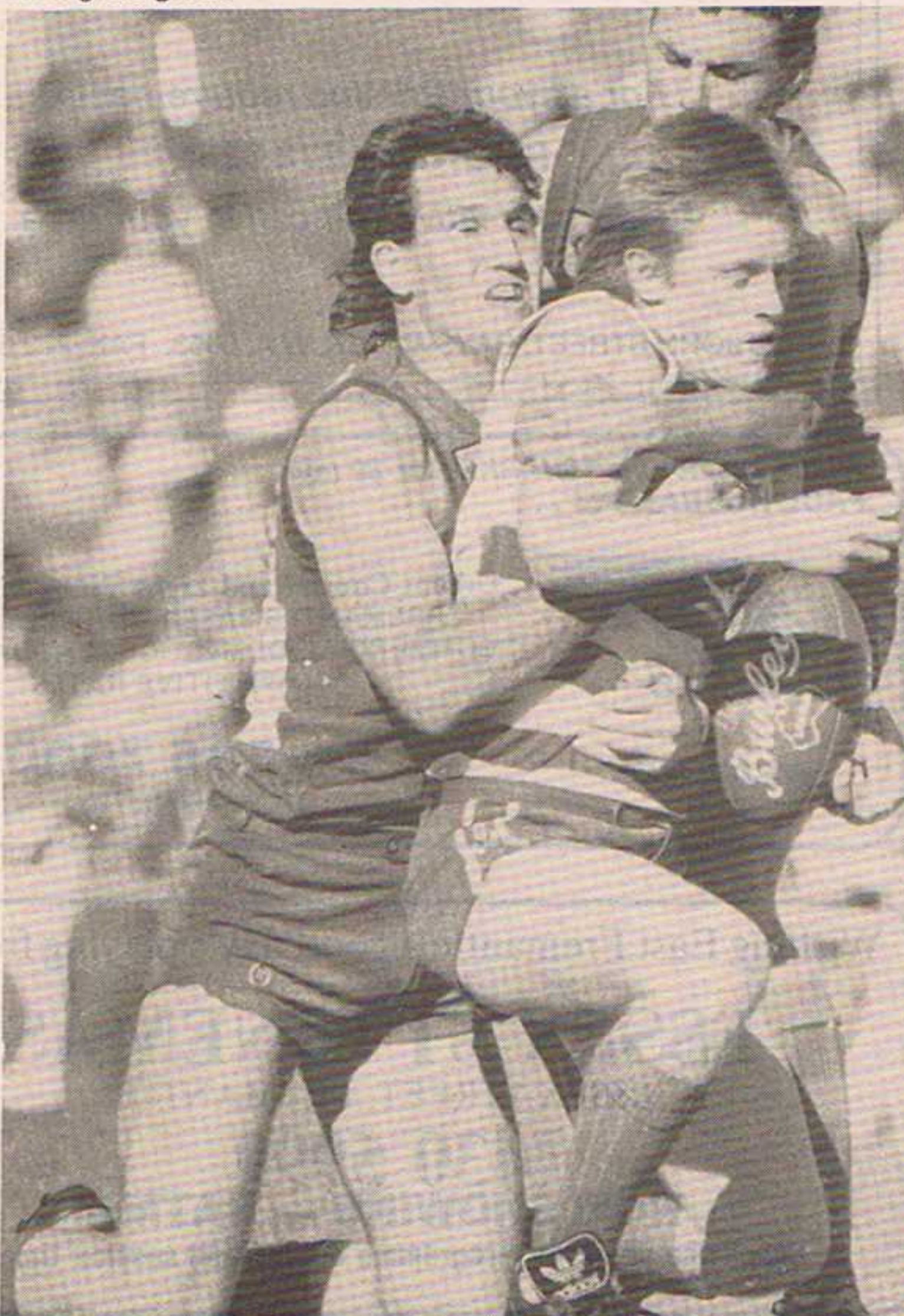
54. NICK TANA

21yrs 178cm 72kg
Games played 8
Another versatile defender who will probably miss this week's team, but plays with enormous desperation and courage.

*Denotes additional games played with other clubs as follows: Craig Turley 10 Eagles; Damon Buckley 1 Claremont; Oral McGuire 38 Perth; Gavin Howlett 5 East Perth; Paul Mifka 1 Eagles.



That Falcons feeling...Brad Gwilliam (left) and Gavin Howlett



GOTCHA... West Perth's Ross Dunkeld, helped by team-mate Denis Repacholi, has a good hold of Sharks Michael Broadbridge



East Fremantle's line-up



2. DEAN COLE

21yrs 171cm 70kg
 Games played 23

Dashing little rover who provides life around the packs and is a capable goalscorer.

4. DAVID RANKIN

29yrs 172cm 73kg
 Games played 132*

A talented utility player coming out of retirement; would add finals-round experience if used.

6. ERIC COOPER

28yrs 175cm 70kg
 Games played 27

A gutsy centremen who coach Graham Melrose rates highly for his ball-getting ability.

7. BRIAN PEAKE

35yrs 177cm 86kg
 Games played 299*

Football legend who adds sparkle and experience wherever he plays; enormous influence on the team.

8. PETER QUILL

20yrs 179cm 69kg
 Games played 38

Highly-skilled wingman or half-back whose long-striding runs into the forward line are often dangerous.

9. JON DERECOURT

21yrs 185cm 83kg
 Games played 61

Tough and unrelenting in defence; is at his best on the half-back line, but can blanket any opponent.

10. CLINTON BROWNING

27yrs 188cm 79kg
 Games played 150*

Likely to return to full-forward; now an Eagles squad member, but can be a Sharks flag-winner.

11. JOHN O'SULLIVAN

24yrs 185cm 79kg
 Games played 95

Reigns supreme at centre-half-back; the team's foundation for their strong defence.

13. STEPHEN EDGAR

22yrs 175cm 76kg
 Games played 54

One of the game's most dashing half-backs; his rebounding into attack sets up many scoring moves.

16. BRADLEY ROWE

19yrs 178cm 64kg
 Games played 19

An electric rover who will return to action after a five-week injury break.



Sharks utility player Geoff Sims

7. CRAIG MACLEAN

18yrs 180cm 74kg
 Games played 16

Talented ruck-rover who has cemented a place in the side in the latter half of the season.

18. NEIL LESTER-SMITH

25yrs 180cm 71kg
 Games played 78

The league's leading goal-scorer and a danger-man anywhere in the forward line.

19. GLEN MOIR

25yrs 170cm 70kg
 Games played 7*

Has emerged in recent weeks as a handy versatile player, giving the mobile squad some strength and aggression.

20. COLIN WATERSON

30yrs 193cm 89kg
 Games played 120*

Has returned from retirement and presents himself as a key big man in attack, but injury keeps him out of this game.

21. DAVID ROWE

20yrs 188cm 70kg
 Games played 18

One of the many talented back-up men in the Sharks camp; handy on the ball.

23. BEVAN GRAY

26yrs 182cm 75kg
 Games played 9

Has returned to front-line action as a midfielder after a long break through injury. Very quick and dangerous.

24. SHANE ELLIS

28yrs 186cm 86kg
 Games played 170*

Gives the defence great stability with his experience and ability to curb dangerous forwards.

26. CLINTON WOLF

20yrs 197cm 93kg
 Games played 11

Has suddenly re-emerged as a key ruckman after spending most of the year in the reserves.

27. GUY BAXTER

27yrs 193cm 91kg
 Games played 34*

Yet another of the Sharks big-man brigade; great work-horse, but could miss this team.

30. BRYCE FORMAN

28yrs 190cm 78kg
 Games played 88*

A versatile player who offers plenty of options if he takes a spot on the interchange bench.

34. BILLY KRAKOUER

22yrs 170cm 65kg
 Games played 6*

Has added sparkle and goal-kicking potential to the Sharks since switching mid-season from Claremont.

35. ROB WEBER

22yrs 180cm 74kg
 Games played 26

Has played consistently on a wing this season, where his drive into attack produces many scoring avenues.

37. GEOFF SIMS

24yrs 184cm 82kg
 Games played 21*

A strong ruck-rover who provides ideal back-up if needed; has plenty of experience.

39. CHRIS WATERMAN

20yrs 180cm 77kg
 Games played 41*

A talented young Eagle who has qualified for East Fremantle's finals bid; plays strongly off a wing or at centre.

40. GEORGE CHRISTIE

27yrs 174cm 70kg
 Games played 125

The hard-working skipper who leads by example, either on the ball or in defence.

42. MICHAEL LITTLE

21yrs 180cm 70kg
 Games played 10

Fast-running wingman currently in the reserves, but adds pace and creativity if called on.

44. MICHAEL BROADBRIDGE

21yrs 186cm 78kg
 Games played 39

One of the team's best half-backs; a long-striding strong-marking player who can also move into attack.

47. GLEN SYMONDS

19yrs 175cm 72kg
 Games played 83

A handy half-forward type who has forced his way into the side towards the end of the season.

48. BRAD TUNBRIDGE

25yrs 193cm 93kg
 Games played 38

The key big man; can dominate in either of the key forward positions and is a strong back-up ruckman.

50. LANCE DURACK

25yrs 193cm 88kg
 Games played 46

One of the game's most outstanding big men; rucks strongly, but his form in the last line of defence is often brilliant.

53. REVIS RYDER

25yrs 188cm 80kg
 Games played 24

Back pocket specialist who loves to run the ball right into attack; marks strongly and doesn't lack aggression.

56. DARREN HAMMOND

25yrs 177cm 85kg
 Games played 7

Another of the Sharks versatile mobile players; has done well in limited opportunities.

W AFL games played tallies only. Asterisk (*) denotes games with other clubs as follows: Glen Moir 29 Perth; Guy Baxter 9 Perth; Bryce Forman 12 Perth; Billy Krakouer 16 Claremont; Geoff Sims 23 South Fremantle; Clinton Browning 4 Eagles; Shane Ellis 10 Eagles; Chris Waterman 17 Eagles; David Rankin 10 Fitzroy; Brian Peake 66 Geelong; Colin Waterson 13 Richmond.



Big Brad Tunbridge...a key forward

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Football fans can expect an all-out war at Subiaco Oval on Saturday in a clash of David and Goliath proportions.

West Perth (David) are far smaller in stature and less experienced in finals football than the towering East Fremantle (Goliath) side.

Both teams have their leaders; their organisers; their workers. It's like an army going to war.

Here's how the two camps shape up.

Falcons prove coach right

THE words of West Perth coach George Michalczyk were vindicated when the final round of WAFL qualifying matches concluded last Saturday.

The rookie coach could not believe that the Perth media didn't rate his young Falcons as finals contenders — most critics, in fact, had the Leederville boys among their bottom three when they predicted how the eight clubs would finish in 1989.

And the way things started, it appeared as though the critics would be right and that Michalczyk was whistling dixie.

However, the West Perth coach never lost faith in his charges and gradually they turned the corner.

Convinced

With one full series of fixtures remaining, Michalczyk was convinced he was on a winner; but still few people believed him.

"The fixtures favour us," he said with five games remaining. And they did, because the Falcons bounced back from being three games out of finals contention with five successive wins to snatch fourth spot in a photo-finish from Swan Districts.

A fast-flowing brand of football fired West Perth's rear-guard action. Their opponents found it too hot to handle and even Saturday's enemy succumbed in their own Port territory.

The Falcons might not be big, but they are mobile and they are led by one of the best thinkers in the game.



Peter Menaglio...classy

THE FALCONS ARMY

THE GENERAL:

Veteran centreman Peter Menaglio was talked out of retirement by commander-in-chief Michalczyk and it's a decision he will never regret.

The wily Menaglio is the on-field brains in this camp. He has few peers in the WAFL and he can inspire the team with his courageous leadership. He quickly reads the ball off hands and gets it out of the centre with lightning efficiency.

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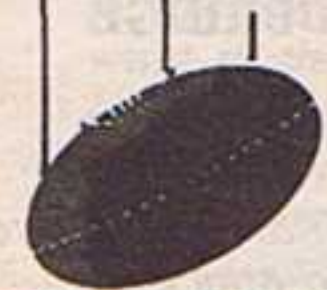
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Michalczyk stuns the critics

On several occasions this season he has burst from the centre and kicked goals from the 50 metre line.

Menaglio commands respect and his team-mates respond to his cool leadership.

THE LIEUTENANTS:

Ruckman Craig Nelson and defender Paul Mifka are West Perth's most experienced players after Menaglio — in fact, the only regular players with more than 100 games behind them.



West Perth's Wayne Dayman...solid support

Nelson's form this season has been a godsend for Michalczyk.

Prone to inconsistency in previous years, he has developed into one of the game's best big men.

The 193cm ruckman has height and reach over most other leapers in the competition and he uses his powerful 90kg frame to good effect around the ground.

Nelson works hard and loves nothing better than to take marks under pressure and then feed the ball out to a running little man.

Mifka could be a match-winner for the Falcons in this clash. He was a stand-in centre-half-back when these two sides last clashed and he totally dominated Tunbridge, whose power was expected to overwhelm West Perth.

Mifka is also a tireless worker. He abounds with energy and it is this trait that encourages his subordinates to keep going when the chips are down.

THE SERGEANTS:

Midfielder Malcolm Williams; forward Gavin Howlett and half-back Paul Hasler have the dual ability of being able to work hard under pressure, but also create goalscoring opportunities.

Second-year player Malcolm Williams is the most dangerous. Built like a pin, Williams has brilliant pace and is not afraid to contest the ball in the air or at ground level. When he gets possession, it's danger-time for the opposition.

A rover who has now been converted into an attacking wingman, he loves to run with the ball and his disposal into the forward line to big Ross Dunkeld or fast-leading full-forward Warren Taylor hits their chests with a thud.

Howlett has emerged as a big-hearted worker in this line-up.

Centre-half-forward has been a trouble-spot for Michalczyk all season, but since Howlett was switched there against Subiaco four weeks ago, West Perth (and Howlett) have never looked back.



Paul Hasler....a tight defender

He fights for the hard ball, marks well and makes it his business to create opportunities.

The sure-marking Hasler has given the Falcons half-back line added stability. He has rarely been beaten all season and he totally negated the league's leading goalkicker, Shark Neil Lester-Smith, when the two sides last clashed.

Hasler is a great reader of the game and is often in position before his opponent.

THE INFANTRY:

West Perth have an evenly-balanced crew of willing workers led by defenders Darren O'Brien and Brad Gwilliam; two of the Falcons top performers this season, often negating more renowned opponents.

Then there's ruckman/forward Ross Dunkeld, full-forward Warren Taylor, rover Chris Davies, defenders Wayne Dayman and Dennis Repacholi and goalkicking ruck-rover Paddy Madafari.

They might be small, but Michalczyk's men are ready to run East Fremantle all the way back to East Fremantle Oval.



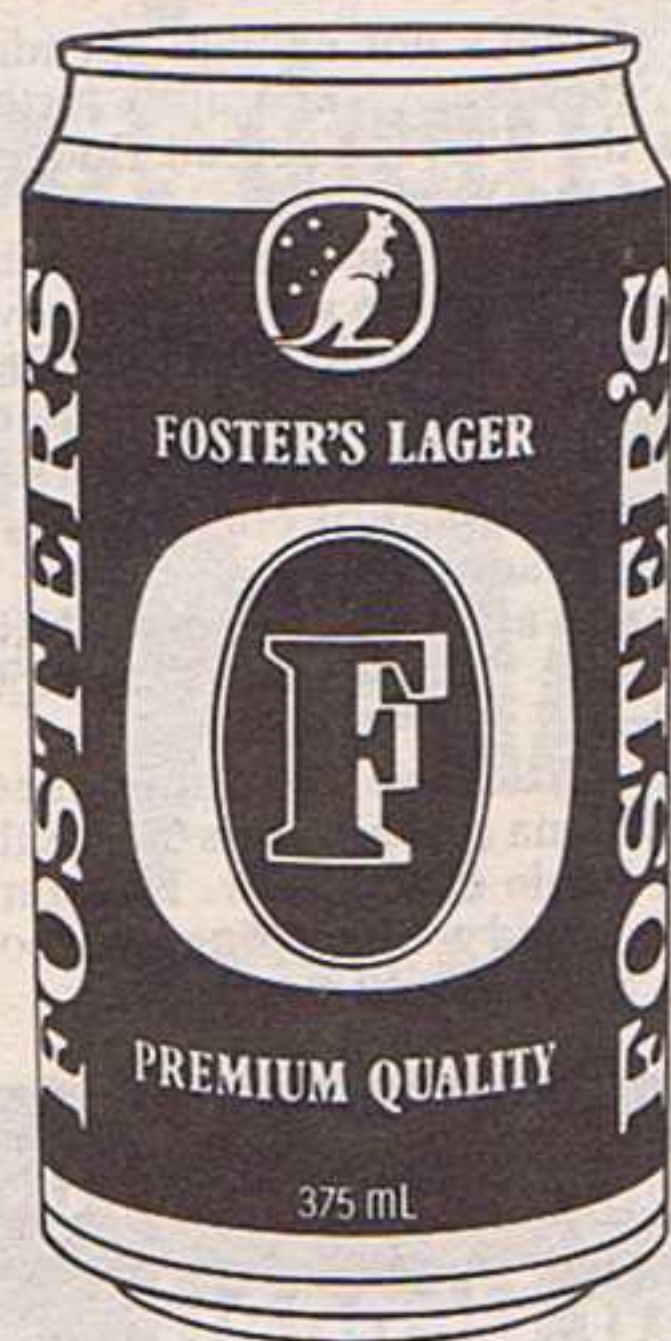
Livewire Falcons winger Malcolm Williams



Falcons rookie Denis Repacholi on the attack

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THERE were some ominous signs for the other three clubs in the race for the premiership when South Fremantle beat Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval last Saturday.

The genius of Maurice Rioli was back to somewhere near its best.

Remember that Rioli fires up for big games and Claremont, East Fremantle and West Perth will have enormous problems when, and if, they play the Bulldogs in the finals.

Three Simpson Medals and a Norm Smith Medal, for the fairest and best player in the 1982 VFL grand final, testify to that.

Last Saturday Rioli played his 150th game for South Fremantle and the big occasion again brought the best out in the genial and brilliant centreman.

As he approaches his 32nd birthday, Rioli showed he can offer plenty to the Bulldogs for this premiership campaign by picking up 31 kicks and 10 handpasses in a classic display.

During his career Rioli has made a habit of achieving his ambitions

Now he says he wants to play for a couple more seasons, by losing weight over summer. If he really wants to do it, he will.

Rioli has carved out a reputation as one of the greatest players ever seen in WA and it would be a boon for the game locally if he can continue for two more years.

On the eve of his personal milestone, Rioli revealed that he still has the zest so essential for being successful in football.

Rioli's ready for finals fling

It was in 1975 that Rioli followed his brother Sebastian to Perth to try out with South Fremantle, but had it not been for the influence of Malcolm Brown, WA football might never have seen him blossom into a great champion.

At the end of the 1978 season Rioli was considering his options and was thinking seriously about staying in Darwin until Brown convinced him otherwise.

Rioli could easily have been lost to football at a much earlier age.

When at school Rioli and most of his classmates played football in the wet season (our summer) and rugby league in the dry season.

"The competitions just ran into each other," Rioli said. "Early in my high school days I made a Northern Territory rugby league representative side and we played at the SCG in a curtain-raiser to the Australia-Great Britain match.

"Coming from Darwin everything seemed so big to me and it was a great thrill."

But Rioli decided to concentrate on football and one of his greatest attributes is his tackling, which Rioli says is a direct link to his rugby playing days.

There was one occasion last Saturday, at a centre bounce-down when the Rioli tackling skills were best highlighted.

In the scrimmage Swans should have moved the ball away from the middle four times. But four times the lightning reflexes and strength of Rioli in bone-crunching tackles prevented them from breaking away.

Rioli also dispelled a myth about his boxing prowess. For many years it has been stated with authority that Rioli was a Golden Gloves champion.

That's not the case. "I won Silver Gloves," says Rioli. "I fought for the Golden Gloves title and lost."

"Because there was a shortage of boxers I had to fight a bloke a couple of stone heavier and he beat me."

But the story about his run-in with Mark Jackson is true.

"When Jacko came over he was a character and he was tough," says Rioli.

"He was tough on the training track and tough in the intra-club practice matches."

"He hurt a couple of our boys."

"One night at Fremantle Oval he was boxing with Laurie Flanders and he called me a few names. I just shrugged it off to start with, but he enticed me into the ring."

"A couple of whacks and he went down. But we have a lot of respect for each other. He was certainly a good footballer and his antics were only an act."

"I wouldn't want to fight him now. He knows how to box."

Mullooly is ready for tough job

NEW Perth coach Tom Mullooly realises the enormity of the task that's facing him over the next seven months.

Perth finished seventh this year and the Demons Board of Management will expect improved results.

But, in true Mullooly style, he will meet the challenge head-on — a trait

that epitomised his 246-game career at Swan Districts.

The former hard-hitting full-back and premiership player was part of the Swans revival in the late 1970s and early '80s, mixing football with cricket and earning State selection as a fast bowler.

On his retirement, he took over as coach of Canning, in the Sunday Football League, three years ago and lifted them from 13th to fourth spot in one season.

Potential

"We've got a lot of potential at Perth, but that takes time to develop," Mullooly said.

"I'll tell the players what I expect of them and then I'll put them through a specialised pre-season designed for their particular needs."

Mullooly has served a two-year apprenticeship as the Demons reserves coach and is chasing back-to-back premierships this year with the club's second side.

"I'll start the league team training in October," he said. "We'll have three weeks off at Christmas and then work on into the new season."

Recruits

Mullooly, together with his predecessor Rob Wiley, has already had talks with numerous Sunday League players and he has invited a further 30 possible recruits from their country zone to have at crack at WAFL ranks.

"Centre-half-forward and full-forward have been our trouble spots all year and they will need to be filled," he said.

Mullooly would also be keen to pick up the services of former Perth ruckman Steve Turner, who has quit the VFL scene and plans to return home.



Tom Mullooly...top job

EDWARDS SCOOPS ALL THE AWARDS

SOUTH Fremantle ruckman Craig Edwards has made a clean sweep of all the major WAFL media awards in Perth this season.

The 1989 Sandover Medal favourite has picked up more than \$6000 in cash and trips abroad, which includes \$500 in Westside Football's unique Buccaneer-of-the-Year award, sponsored by Peter Borrello's Buccaneer Pools.

Giannakis is a favourite Royal

DASHING East Perth defender George Giannakis showed just how popular a player he is when the Royals fans, dispirited at their 18th loss for the season, produced an emotional standing ovation for his 100-game effort.

At the after-match presentations, Giannakis said that it had been a childhood ambition to just play one league game with East Perth.

"To play 100 games is just great," he said.

It has been an amazing performance of courage and consistency for the Manjimup product, as he has played the last 60 games straight — despite numerous head injuries leading to his latest nickname of Zipper.

The big Bulldog amassed 143 votes at an amazing average of 7.15 for his 20 league appearances. The Westside Ratings system rates each of the 160 weekly players with a score out of 10 and Edwards polled an incredible nine votes in three of his games.

West Perth's Craig Nelson shared second place on 138 votes with East Perth's George Giannakis and East Fremantle's Stephen Edgar.

Penang trip

Edwards wrapped up the Sunday Times MAS-Viva Footballer of the Year award well before the qualifying games ended and he and his wife Sue will soon enjoy a week in Penang.

Edwards (26 votes) finished 11 votes clear of Claremont's Ben Allan and Perth's Willie Dick.

Edwards polled 26 votes to win the Daily News Footballer of the Year award, a cash prize of \$2500, courtesy of major football supporters, McInerney Ford.

Allan was again second, five votes behind.

And if that's not enough spending money, Edwards picked up a further \$500 as the WAFL Football Budget's Player of the Year.

Edwards took the lead before the half-way mark of the season and never looked back. Though Subiaco's Brad McDougall and West Perth's Peter Menaglio remained in constant pursuit, Edwards never looked like relinquishing his advantage.

Edwards also won Radio 6NR's player-of-the-year award, a Teac \$1500 telly-video.

Radio 6NR have also announced Guy McKenna as their Chris Gogos the Jeweller Eagle of the Year. He won a \$1500 18ct solid gold key ring incorporating an Eagles emblem.

Courage award to Bennett

LION-hearted East Perth ruckman Mal Bennett has won the club's special courage award for this season.

Sponsored by former club president Mal Atwell, the award was based on weekly voting and confirms Bennett's great season.

He was talked out of retirement by the Royals for this season — and coach Ian McCulloch faces a similar challenge over summer.

Continuing leg injuries have hampered Bennett, but he has carried the ruck load magnificently.



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MACCA DESERVES ANOTHER CRACK

IT WAS a commendable decision by East Perth to give Ian McCulloch another 12 months at the coaching helm.

McCulloch has no doubt learnt a lot about league coaching this season after having had a stint in Sunday football following a spell as reserves coach with the Royals.

The reality of coaching a team which had genuine natural talent, but suffered from a lack of experience would have frustrated the former Royals tough man.

Having this season behind him should have given McCulloch the knowledge for recruiting players with the ability to overcome weaknesses in his team's structure.

McCulloch will be praying that reliable defender George Giannakis and talented big-man Peter Cransberg will remain in the West.

Grant Campbell's season was disappointing, due to a late start and a mid-season injury. But any talk of Campbell retiring after 207 games should be strongly opposed by East Perth.

Experience

Campbell provides valuable experience and height and though it's been a frustrating season for him, he must be given the chance to show his full worth again next season.

With a top-performing under-19s team this season, the Royals should be looking forward to promoting at least four youngsters to league ranks.

Colts football must produce players capable of competing at league level and a coach should be able to look forward to two or three league candidates emerging each season.

The Royals simply have to become more competitive in 1990.

DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



If at first you don't succeed...

SPORT provides a unique experience for people to witness the challenges of life.

Every athlete has to cope with highs and lows during a sporting season.

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Football has seen many players who were not over-endowed with natural talent, but were hungry to achieve personal goals.

They don't attract much media attention, but they do obtain the respect of everyone at their club for their perseverance and dedication.

Young Subiaco player Andrew Slade is one such player and he was recently selected for his first league match after several seasons in the reserves.

Slade is a true competitor who works hard at his game and all that effort was rewarded when he achieved his life's ambition by playing league football against East Fremantle.

His performance was good enough to suggest that with more hard work over the summer, he can take the next step and become a regular league footballer.

Well done, Andrew Slade.



Royals coach Ian McCulloch...plenty of young potential

Big night for clubs

ONE of Perth's most popular night clubs is coming to the financial aid of football in the West.

Club Rumours, a popular Murray Street venue for many footballers and their fans, will stage a special function on Tuesday, October 3 with all ticket sales and bar takings being distributed among the eight WAFL clubs.

Billed as the "WAFL '89 Fundraiser Farewell" club manager Dennis Barbarich says that it's an ideal way to say thanks to the players and clubs who have supported Club Rumours during the year.

Dress is formal and tickets will be \$10, which includes a chance to win a "mega" door prize, with all drink prices reduced.

There will be plenty of entertainment including "The Disappearing Women", "The Zucchini Brothers", an international dance revue and the amazing "Nick the Noise"...plus a big surprise act.

Contact your local football club or Club Rumours (481 1156) for details.

Something for the ladies...

EAST Perth, who haven't given their fans much joy this season, are hoping to compensate the ladies with a special evening on Friday, September 1.

A Ladies Night will be held at the Carlisle Hotel, organised by the players and with plenty of entertainment for the fairer sex.

Complimentary champagne, G-string waiters and plenty of male muscle will be served up, so if you want more details try Liz at the Royals HQ on 328 7900.

ALEXANDER THE EAGLE

SACKED West Coast Eagles coach Ron Alexander has revealed that he would have loved to have played for the Perth-based Eagles. "I loved Fitzroy, but I would have preferred to play for a team like the Eagles," the former East Fremantle, East Perth and Fitzroy star said. "It would have been great to play in the VFL and in front of a home-town West Australian crowd at the same time."

FOCUS ON THE WAFL MINOR GRADES

Swans sneak back into four

Prime RESERVES

WHEN the final siren sounded in the Prime reserves match at Bassendean Oval on Saturday to signal Swan Districts last-minute jump into the four, coach Alan Walker wasn't watching.

A desperate Swans bundled Claremont out of the four when they beat South Fremantle, but Walker was inside the rooms having an injured foot treated.

Walker, the league runner for Swans, is suffering from torn ligaments and had to leave with three minutes to go to prepare for last Saturday's all-important match.

Swans won, 16.15 (111) to 14.12 (96), in a typically even Swans/South clash.

The two sides will meet again this Saturday in the first semi-final.

The two sides drew at Bassendean Oval in series one and then they split the wins in the final two series.

Both sides are relatively young and Swans have used 66 players in the reserves this year to lift them off the bottom of the ladder.

"We're expecting a hard clash and we're going to go for it," Swans coach Alan Walker said.

Tigers lose

At East Fremantle Oval, Claremont learnt of their tumble out of the four after losing to East Fremantle 21.8 (134) to 12.12 (85).

Claremont had no match for the star-



Alan Walker... missed the finish. studded Sharks side, which included Clinton Browning and Brad Rowe.

The loss of Colin Waterson to the league side has not worried the Sharks, who are still kicking big scores.

East Fremantle added eight goals in the final term and they have made a habit of powering home in recent games. They will be hard for Perth to stop in the second semi-final.

East Perth also jumped up the ladder when they lifted themselves from the bottom with a win over Subiaco.

East Perth beat the Lions 24.20 (164) to 16.9 (105) thanks largely to a 10-goal second quarter and Subiaco, last year's grand finalists, were handed the wooden spoon.

At Leederville Oval, Perth had the only joy of the day for the Demons when they were 107-point winners over West Perth 24.20 (164) to 8.9 (57).

Falcons hold off finals challengers

THE possibility of a major reshuffle in the under-19s top four loomed as sides went into last Saturday's final game of the qualifying rounds.

Three teams in the bottom half of the ladder had faint hopes of making the four — but that wasn't to be.

The only change to the top four was West Perth's move from fourth to third.

South Fremantle made a late bid for fourth spot when they beat Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval in their first win in six weeks, but West Perth's win over Perth kept the Falcons safe.

The game was a disappointing end for Swan Districts, who looked final-four certainties when they had a strangle-hold on top spot on the ladder after the first series.

Turnabout

After finishing as wooden spooners last year, their turnabout was excellent even though they only won three games in the last two series, losing their nine games straight.

Last Saturday they lost to South Fremantle by 18 points, 11.8 (74) to 7.14 (56).

Subiaco recovered from a mid-season slump and beat minor premiers East Perth by 38 points at the WACA Ground 13.12 (90) to 7.10 (52).

Subiaco's wins this season have been the most convincing and they have the best percentage to show for it.

East Perth and Subiaco will clash again in the second semi-final in a fortnight and Subiaco will be hard to stop, having won every game in the last round.

Claremont's hold on the under-19s competition over recent years loosened last Saturday when the reigning premiers lost to East Fremantle, 11.9 (75) to 9.9 (63), at East Fremantle Oval.

By TANIA ARMSTRONG



UNDER 19s

West Perth and Perth will clash in an action replay of last Saturday's game when they meet in the first semi-final this Saturday.

West Perth beat Perth 14.5 (89) to 6.15 (51) at Leederville Oval and if Perth can kick straight this Saturday the result will be much closer.

The Falcons go into the do-or-die clash with a psychological advantage over Perth, having beaten them in the last two rounds.

Photo-finish in the colts

THE under-19 (colts) competition this season has been the best for years.

It has been such a close competition that the four has changed almost every week.

The bottom team has generally only been one game out of the four, while Swans ruled at the top of the table with nine wins from their first 12 games, only to crash out of the four with nine straight losses.

All clubs reported large numbers of young players trying to get a game with the colts and their all-round skill has been excellent.

With all the problems at senior level being continually highlighted, the colts competition sets the standard for things to happen in senior WAFL football in the future.

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Karoonda take out inaugural title

TOYOTA CUP

KAROONDA became Toyota Cup champions when they produced a second-half fightback to beat a gallant Bayswater/Morley side at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

Karoonda won the inaugural competition 6.16 (52) to 5.4 (34) after overcoming a nine-point half-time deficit.

The first half was played in wet and windy conditions and though Karoonda won the toss and kicked with a blustery westerly wind, they found the slippery ball and a close man-to-man checking from Bayswater hard to handle.

Bayswater's Jason Colbung kicked the first goal four minutes into the match and Karoonda's Brendon Mott soon replied with what turned out to be the Fremantle side's only goal in the first half.

The Bayswater defence was under immense pressure early on and they repelled well by winning most of the aerial contests.

Wasted

Goals from Victor Harp and Colbung gave Bayswater a half-time lead while Karoonda wasted valuable opportunities.

Karoonda came out firing in the third term, produced some good running and used handball to even the scores at the five minute mark.

John Mardell kicked the first goal for Karoonda and 10 minutes later, Ian Bransby put Karoonda in front.

Bayswater couldn't add to their score as Karoonda had all the play in their forward line and Karoonda peppered the goals with some inaccurate kicking to add 2.9.

Karoonda's fighting effort in the third quarter gave them a 12-point lead and early goals in the last quarter sealed the game for them.

Replies

Scott Thompson kicked the first, followed closely by David Barraclough. A late comeback by Bayswater looked

possible when Bradley Prowse and Sam Sabatino kicked quick replies.

A goal after the siren from Karoonda's Stephen Hall gave his side an 18-point win and they finished premiers out of 59 other teams throughout the metropolitan area.

"To come back from behind was really courageous," coach Garry Fuller said.

"It was a great fighting effort. The boys are absolute champions."

Fuller also congratulated Bayswater for their performance and said they gave them a real scare.

Best for Karoonda were Mott, Bransby and Marcus Benbow while Mark Fitzgerald, Colbung and Sabatino performed well for Bayswater.

Ron Bennett of Melville Toyota Magic presented the pennant and medallions to the premiers on behalf of Toyota Australia, major sponsors of the competition.



Karoonda captain Nicholas Litis receives the Toyota Cup from Ron Bennett, of Magic Melville Toyota



Toyota Cup winners Karoonda...in a happy mood

Strike hits Hamilton

THE pilots strike has thrown Hamilton Senior High School's planned Quit interstate challenge match this Saturday into chaos.

The Barry Cable Division champions are scheduled to meet Victoria's Quit champions, Assumption College, at Victoria Park in the first match of its kind as a curtain-raiser to the West Coast Eagles last VFL game of the season against Collingwood.

After weeks of fundraising for the trip, the clash was in jeopardy late this week and coach Ric Evans faced three options.

They could hope to get a flight — which is unlikely — on Wednesday as planned, travel by coach or postpone the game indefinitely.

"Putting it off for a few weeks would mean that it couldn't be played as a curtain-raiser and then there's the problem of billeting," he said.

"So much time and effort has been put into it, but there's nothing we can do about it."

Cougars on the move

COUGERS moved into the East/West Perth Toyota Cup zone preliminary final when they beat Bombers in a first semi-final thriller last Sunday.

Cougars scraped home by four points in the final, 15.11 (101) to 15.7 (97).

In an equally exciting South Suburban/Perth final, Gosnells were also four-point winners 7.12 (54) to 7.8 (50) over Belmont.

The two sides have been neck and neck all season and, along with minor premiers Kenwick, were vying for top spot on the ladder.

At East Fremantle Oval, Rossmoyne progressed to the East/South Fremantle preliminary final when they beat Kenwick by 31 points, 13.7 (85) to 8.6 (54).

Rossmoyne will now meet the losers of this weekend's second semi-final between Lynwood and competition champions Karoonda.

Last Sunday's Toyota Cup results were:

Toyota Cup grand final East/South Fremantle — First semi-final; Rossmoyne 13.7 (Hansen, Hart) d Kardinya 8.6 (White, Caputi).

South Suburban/Perth — Quarter final (A Division); Gosnells 7.12 (Jardine) d Belmont 7.8 (Netherway), (B Division); Kelmscott 9.16 d East Victoria Park (Fredrickson).

East/West Perth — First semi-final; Cougars 15.11 d Bombers 15.7 (Daddow).

SCHOOLBOYS SHOW FORM

THE West Australian State schoolboys squad redeemed themselves with two wins in a row after a poor start in the national carnival in Darwin.

The Commonwealth Bank Australian Championships saw Queensland win with six wins after a draw with New South Wales on the last day.

WA overcame three losses in a row to beat NSW and the ACT, who caused the upset of the carnival when they beat Victoria.

Final placings were — Queensland 13, Northern Territory, Tasmania, Victoria 8, New South Wales 7, ACT, WA and South Australia 4.

Intense

WA lost their final two games of the intense carnival to the Tasmanian surprise package and arch rivals Victoria.

Wesley's Rod Wheatley and Churchlands' Michael Rogers held the Sandgroppers together over the nine days and were rewarded with a place in the All-Australian under-15s side.

ROUND 4 — WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23
West Australia 6.10 (46) d New South Wales 6.8 (44).

Goals — Falkingham, Feddema, Kuzich, M. Rogers, Waddingham, Wheatley.
Best — M. Rogers, Wheatley, Thomas, Falkingham, Mohen.

ROUND 5 — FRIDAY AUGUST 25
West Australia 13.11 (89) d ACT 9.9 (63)

Goals — P. Kelly 4, N. Rodgers 3, Mohen 2.
Best — Batka, P. Kelly, Love, Thomas, M. Rogers.

ROUND 6 — SATURDAY AUGUST 26
Tasmania 13.9 (87) d West Australia 9.10 (64)

Goals — Cummings 5.
Best — Cummings, Thomas, N. Rodgers, M. Rogers, Batka.

ROUND 7 — SUNDAY AUGUST 27
Victoria 13.9 (87) d West Australia 3.3 (21)

Goals — Cummings, Mohen, Wheatley.
Best — B. Wall, Thomas, Love.

Coaching course

A LEVEL II coaching course, recognised by the Australian Coaching Council, is an offer for coaches who have taken the first step in coach accreditation and would like to continue.

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Wanneroo shape up for Gosnells battle

THE Sunday Football League clash of the season is looming this week after Wanneroo's 16-point win over Osborne Park in last week's qualifying final.

The impressive Roos now play unbeaten Gosnells in the second semi-final, with the victors becoming favourites to win the 1989 grand final.

Wanneroo had to pull out all their resources to shrug off a determined Osborne Park before winning 17.10 to 14.12.

The Saints had three quick goals on the board and it wasn't till the 18-minute mark of the first quarter that Roos forward James Waddell kicked their first goal.

Osborne Park held a nine-point lead at half-time and the start of the third

Sunday League							
	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts
GOSNELLS	18	18	-	-	2261	1104	204.801
WANNEROO	18	16	2	-	2714	1301	208.609
OSBORNE PARK	18	14	4	-	2084	1393	149.605
CANNING	18	11	7	-	1986	1638	121.245
WILLETTON	18	10	8	-	1605	1616	99.319
Applecross	18	10	8	-	1833	1951	93.952
Kelmscott	18	9	9	-	1816	1805	100.609
Armadale	18	8	10	-	1598	2045	78.142
Maddington	18	7	11	-	1829	1782	102.637
Kenwick	18	7	11	-	1671	1978	84.479
Kalamunda	18	4	14	-	1327	1851	71.691
South Perth	18	4	14	-	1322	2095	63.103
Mandurah	18	3	14	1	1502	2148	69.926
Thornlie	18	3	14	1	1333	2174	61.316

quarter they peppered the goals, but could only manage five behinds in 10 solid attacking minutes.

Rebounded

Wanneroo rebounded to kick seven goals straight and take a 26-point lead. The Saints tried hard in the final term, but with coach Gavin Carter playing well in defence, Wanneroo held on.

One disappointing aspect of Wanneroo's play was their slow starts in each quarter.

Against a team like Gosnells, who can maintain pressure constantly throughout a game, this could be the undoing of Wanneroo.

However, the hard run against Osborne Park last Sunday should stand them in good stead.

Wanneroo forward Tony Fraser presented himself well to his midfield players and finished with six goals. Other forwards in Waddell and Steve Hill contributed four goals each.

Best player

Waddell played consistently well over four quarters and finished as his team's best player.

Gosnells coach Steve Hargrave will think long and hard this week as to who will play on Waddell, who is a potential match-winner.

Hargrave will also have to contend with big ruckman John McElwee, rovers Mark Bonomelli and Tom Floyd and centreman Howie Collinge, who all missed the previous clash when Gosnells were 28-point winners in round eight.

All of these players have been in damaging form in recent weeks and McElwee, with his height and reach, will cause problems for the Hawks smaller ruck brigade.

Under-manned

Osborne Park now play Canning in the first semi-final at John Dunn Oval, Kelmscott.

The Saints went into the game against Wanneroo badly undermanned and will especially welcome back defender Brett Fullarton.

Outclassed

Canning completely outclassed an inexperienced Willetton combination by 65 points in the elimination final, but were off target, kicking 18.18 to 9.7.

Canning kicked 11 points in the opening term before bringing up their first major.



James Waddell... match winner

Former South Fremantle star Benny Vigona produced his best game since joining Canning and finished with four goals.

Willetton, who finished 10th in 1988, can be well-pleased with their performance in 1989 and a number of young players have gained valuable experience this season.

Dean Lewis, Brad Thompson, Darren Unwin and Daryl Pittman are all destined to be part of the Blues machine in future years.

The loss of Gavin Wake through injury did not help coach Don Haddow either.

Advantage

Canning hold an advantage over Osborne Park in this week's first semi-final as the Saints have not played at John Dunn this season, while Canning have used the venue twice in the past three weeks.

Canning coach Peter Bosustow will need to call on all his experience if the Tigers are to reverse their seven-point loss to the Saints in round 13.

Perhaps the extra games at John Dunn Oval will assist Bosustow in winning what is expected to be a tight game.

Saints coach Cam Shepherd will place heavy emphasis on curtailing Kevin Taylor's possessions. While Taylor might not be in peak form, he makes the most of his opportunities and tough Saints defender Andrew Komp may be given this important role.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

First semi-final, Kelmscott Oval, Kelmscott. 9.50am COLTS — Wanneroo v Kelmscott. 11.50am RESERVES — Osborne Park v Kenwick. 2.20pm LEAGUE — Osborne Park v Canning.

Second semi-final, Gosnells Oval, Gosnells. 9.50am COLTS — Applecross v Gosnells. 11.50am RESERVES — Applecross v Gosnells. 2.20pm LEAGUE — Gosnells v Wanneroo.

METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Preliminary final, Thornlie Oval, Thornlie. 10am COLTS — Pinjarra v Mundijong. Noon RESERVES — Kwinana v Midland. 2.20pm LEAGUE — Midland v Mundijong.

Pinjarra in grand final

PINJARRA coach Nigel Gilbert starred in attack to guide his side to a thrilling three-point win over Midland and advance to the Metropolitan Football League grand final.

Gilbert finished with six goals from the half-forward line and along with Graeme Waters, Chris Turner and youngster Lee Cox, helped Pinjarra hold on and win, 11.15 to 11.12.

Midland now clash with Mundijong in the preliminary final at Thornlie Oval this Sunday and will be keen to obtain a re-match with Pinjarra.

The closeness of the second semi was set earlier in the day.

Fremantle qualified both their colts and reserves teams for grand final appearances with a 13-point win over Pinjarra and a four-point win over Kwinana respectively.

Tough battle

This Sunday's League game should be a tough battle with little between the sides.

Mundijong showed by their good win over Kwinana that they have regrouped and cannot be taken lightly.

Centrals have a strong ruck division lead by Charlie Tenardi and a competent full-forward in Murray Hansen.

Midfield players in John Haynes, who shows great potential, Phil Daly and Ian Williams will take the game right up to Midland.

Experience could win out in the end and the two former Murray Districts teams in Mundijong and Pinjarra should play off in the grand final.

Metropolitan League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
PINJARRA	15	14	2	2190	1211	180.842	56
MIDLAND	16	11	5	2103	1204	174.668	44
KWINANA	16	11	5	1988	1336	148.802	44
MUNDIJONG	16	11	5	1892	1345	140.669	44
Fremantle	16	9	7	1492	1516	98.417	36
Manning	16	4	12	1165	1814	64.223	16
Mosman Park	16	2	14	1014	2074	48.891	8
Cockburn	16	2	14	1077	2421	44.486	8

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The national view



by JOHN WARREN

NSW bite bullet on coaching

ISN'T it interesting that Australian Football, at times has to rely on some of our less-developed affiliates to set an example.

IN this case I commend the progressive Commissioners in New South Wales.

They have "bitten the bullet" and decreed that ALL junior coaches in NSW must gain accreditation by May 1991.

They have quite sensibly allowed for a reasonable period in which coaches and their overseeing authorities can make arrangements to attend the relevant courses. But, importantly, the compulsion is in place on an official basis.

Western Australia, under the initiatives of former State Director of Coaching Brian Douge, were the first State to introduce this measure — and against early opposition.

This has now relented as even the most conservative football officials appreciate the benefits to be derived from coaches being aware of the latest findings associated with such subjects as psychological preparation, the laws, conditioning, dietary trends, weight training, injury prevention and treatment, tactics and training techniques.

NSW Director of Coaching Craig Davis, a level three coach, has been able to, by example and enthusiasm, instil the advantages of informed coaching into a sometimes hostile and in many cases naive environment.

Priorities

In turn, this commitment to improved coaching techniques, is resulting in Australian Football being able to cement a recognisable niche in the NSW sports scene.

Some knowledge of NSW sports priorities are necessary to appreciate such an achievement.

Imagine a WA or a South Australia where rugby league is about as popular as Australian Football.

Then substitute Australian Football for the present rugby competitions. Then try developing "our" game.

It is an extraordinarily difficult project in all areas other than the Riverina, where Aussie Rules was and still is easily the most popular football code.

Of course it is becoming easier as old prejudices die. Australian Football is no longer seen as "that Victorian game which is trying to oust our beloved rugby."

Rather, through television and the presence of the Sydney Swans, it is recognised as providing a non-threatening option for those who wish to kick a football rather than run with it and wrestle over it.

School authorities are also recognising that, while it is a tough contact sport, it doesn't create paraplegics as does rugby.

Compulsory accreditation will be adopted throughout Australia. It is a matter of when.

The NFL, for its role, has always been loath to make accreditation compulsory.

Rather it has relied on the various State authorities recognising the necessity of their own volition. Thankfully, this is gradually happening.

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A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

Tigers take sting out of Nollamara

NORTH Beach completely outplayed Nollamara and with Gary Tait taking Mick Rea out of the game, won by 57 points.

The first quarter was even with Dave Higgins, Dave Perry and Tait having an immediate effect for North Beach while Russell Henry and Chris White were doing many good things.

In the second term the Tigers moved into top gear with Perry, Clive Mitchell, Ian Linford and Tait working hard.

They added seven well-deserved goals to lead by three goals at half-time.

If the second quarter was good for North, the third was even better as they kicked eight goals to Nollamara's two and sealed the game.

Both sides failed to register a goal in the last quarter but North were already nine goals clear.

North have done everything right under Corry Bewick this season and go into the second semi-final straight into the grand final as they have beaten Mt Lawley both times this year.

Comeback

Wembley won the elimination final over University by 20 points in a remarkable comeback.

The first term was even as both sides sounded each other out and the scoreboard showed 15 points apiece.

University took a 16-point lead at half-time and with Simon Lill looking dangerous up forward and centre-half-back Nick Rohr dominating, they looked hard to beat.

Wembley fought back in the third term and got within three points at the close of the quarter.

University kicked the first two goals in the last term and were looking good.

Midway through the quarter an inspirational smother by Craig Dawson resulted in a goal and Wembley came alive with Luke Wundke, Greg Metcalf, Kevin Symonds and Grant Callaghan all playing well.

The Magpie defender played strongly as a unit and with Shane Paddon and Grant Ryan in goal touch for them, it was a good build-up for the clash with Nollamara.

A-GRADE

by
TREVOR SCHORER



RESULTS

A GRADE
North Beach 18.11 (119) b Nollamara 9.8 (62).
Wembley 13.9 (87) b University 9.13 (67).

B GRADE
North Fremantle 12.16 (88) b Collegians Old Scotch 9.3 (57).
CBC 25.9 (159) b Cockburn Lakes 13.11 (89).

FIRST SEMI-FINALS
C Grade — Carlisle 13.13 (91) b Whitfords 9.9 (63).
D Grade — Trinity Aquinas 17.15 (117) d North Beach 10.12 (72).
E Grade — John XXIII 19.9 (123) d Sawyers Valley 13.8 (86).
F Grade — Old Wesley 9.14 (68) d Victoria Park 8.4 (52).
G Grade — Collegians Old Scotch 20.19 (139) d Girrawheen 5.8 (38).
H Grade — University 8.18 (66) defeated Bassendean 7.9 (51).
I Grade — Bullcreek 16.8 (104) d Scarborough 6.9 (45).
J Grade — Morley 17.9 (111) defeated Bayswater 13.8 (86).
K Grade — Cockburn Lakes 14.10 (94) d Coolbellup 9.4 (58).
L Grade — Redcliffe 24.14 (158) d Girrawheen 15.14 (104).

SECOND SEMI-FINALS
C Grade — Osborne Districts 17.10 (112) d Bassendean 15.9 (99).
D Grade — Wembley 13.14 (92) d Scarborough 12.3 (75).
E Grade — Bullcreek 14.12 (96) d Hamersley 10.9 (69).
F Grade — West Coast 9.13 (67) defeated Mt Lawley 8.15 (63).
G Grade — Redcliffe 14.10 (94) d Wanneroo 10.12 (72).
H Grade — Wembley 11.16 (82) d Riverton 10.8 (68).
I Grade — Swan Athletic 16.11 (107) d RAAF 12.6 (78).
J Grade — Swanview 19.15 (129) d Murdoch 12.12 (84).
K Grade — Rockingham 17.14 (116) d Applecross 10.3 (63).
L Grade — John XXIII 15.15 (105) d Melville 9.6 (60).

This week's clash between Wembley and Nollamara promises to be a lively game with both teams well matched.

Nollamara coach Mick Rea will be looking for a big improvement from himself and his star-studded line-up.

The Roos' home-grown players have been more reliable and he will look to this season's recruits to lift dramatically.

If Wembley are to win they can do it with pace as they have a faster side.

Smooth Magpies down Old Scotch

B-GRADE

by
PETER RUSH



NORTH Fremantle marched into a second-semi final showdown with Maylands by downing an inexperienced Collegians Old Scotch for a 31 point victory in Saturday's B-grade

The Magpies had the edge for three quarters, but found themselves trailing by a point going into the last term.

John Olczyk set his side alive off a half-forward flank, kicking 3 goals as Norths over-ran their opposition.

Rob Looby was a tower of strength at centre-half-back closing out right throughout Simon Whybrow and with full-back Kevin Jones backing him up the defence kept the free-running Lions forwards at bay.

Collegians Old Scotch were hampered by the loss of experienced centre-man Shaun Tillbrook early in the game, his influence was sadly missed.

Mick Gill, Rob Biondillo, Drew Herrington and Dave Reed were other fine players for North, while Peter James, Rob Klub, Sam Zocco and Mick Fairclough were best for Collegians Old Scotch.

C.B.C. blasted Cockburn Lakes out of premiership contention with a nine goal first quarter.

The game was a non-event from then on as C.B.C. cruised to a 12-goal victory.

Ric Zumach (eight goals) and Graham Howard (four goals) formed a lethal forward line to which their opponents had no answer.

Nigel Rogers was the dominant ruckman in the first half, though his opponent, Peter Juhren, had a good second half.

Other winners for C.B.C. were Peter Ricci, Damon and lively rover Luke Grant.

For Cockburn Lakes none were better than captain-coach Max Ford, who signified that it was his last game in an illustrious career by leaving his boots in the middle of Fremantle Oval.

This week the four sides that have dominated B-grade face each other. At Lathlain Park, Maylands clash with North Fremantle in the second semi.

The game will see two sides with totally different styles, with Maylands hard-running by Harley Hayward, Ossie Dikolli, Rob Gray, Bruce Loo and Ross Cartenson up against North's tight defensive unit with Rob Looby,

AMATEUR PREMIERSHIP TABLES

A GRADE	
MT LAWLEY	18 14 4 1742 1291 134.93 58
NOLLAMARA	18 12 6 1783 1566 113.86 48
NORTH BEACH	18 10 8 1870 1565 119.49 40
WEMBLEY	18 10 8 1523 1414 107.71 40
UNIVERSITY	18 9 9 1513 1588 85.28 36
West Coast	18 8 10 1671 1721 97.09 32
Trinity/Aquinas	18 8 10 1447 1596 90.66 32
Old Wesley	18 7 11 1446 1601 90.32 28
Scarborough	18 7 11 1419 1724 82.31 28
Innaloo	18 5 13 1395 1743 80.03 20
B GRADE	
MAYLANDS	18 15 3 2311 1330 173.76 60
COLL/OLD SCTCH	18 15 3 2165 1313 164.89 60
NORTH FREMAN	18 14 4 1758 1269 138.53 56
CBC	18 10 8 1940 1700 114.12 40
COCKBURN LAKES	18 8 10 1711 1976 86.59 32
Mt Lawley	18 7 11 1469 1722 85.31 28
Bayswater	18 7 11 1383 1679 82.37 28
Dianella	18 6 12 1303 2033 64.09 24
Swan Athletic	18 5 13 1464 1763 83.04 20
Curtin	18 3 15 1201 1920 62.55 12

Kevin Jones, Darryl Wright and Drew Herrington leading the way.

The Rams have lost key players through injury and Garry Sidebottom with an eight week suspension and will struggle against the Magpies, who have won both encounters this year.

The C.B.C. and Collegians Old Scotch clash will be a close affair.

The Lions inexperienced young side have the enthusiasm, but seem to panic when the pressure goes on, while C.B.C. seem to be hitting their straps at the end of the season.

With Zumach, Howard, Rogers and Piggott firing, new coach Ross Reed should be confident of his side going a step further, through Collegians Old Scotch will be throwing everything at them.

FIXTURES

A-GRADE
Second semi — Mt Lawley vs North Beach, Perth Oval. First semi — Nollamara vs Wembley, Leederville Oval.

B-GRADE
Second semi — Maylands vs North Fremantle, Lathlain Oval. First semi — Collegians Old Scotch vs C.B.C., East Fremantle Oval.

PRELIMINARY FINALS

C-GRADE
Bassendean vs Carlisle, Inglewood Oval.

D-GRADE
Scarborough vs Trinity-Aquinas, Fremantle Oval.

E-GRADE
Hamersley vs John 23rd, Robinson Reserve.

F-GRADE
Mt Lawley vs Old Wesley, Hillcrest Park.

G-GRADE
Wanneroo vs Collegians-Old Scotch, Coolbinia Oval No. 2.

H-GRADE
Riverton vs Bassendean, Higgins Park.

I-GRADE
R.A.A.F. vs Bullcreek, Carlisle Reserve.

J-GRADE
Murdoch vs Morley, Ernest Johnson Oval.

K-GRADE
Applecross vs Coolbellup, Melville Reserve.

L-GRADE
Melville vs Redcliffe, Peet Park.

PREMIERSHIP RECORDS

UNIVERSITY hold the record for the most premierships in the WAAFL — they have won 45 pennants since 1929.

Wembley have won 23 premierships since being admitted in 1938, while Mt Lawley are fast closing the gap with 19 flags in only 27 years.

Other amateur clubs winning records are: North Fremantle 16; Scarborough 12; Carlisle, Collegians-Old Scotch 11; Innaloo 9; Maylands, Nollamara 7; WACA, Dianella, Osborne Districts, Swanbourne-Nedlands, Bayswater, Trinity-Aquinas 6; West Coast, Balcatta AICA, Cockburn Lakes, CBC 5; North Beach, WAIT, Forrestfield, Applecross 4; Hellenic, Swan Athletic, Whitford 3; Coolbinia-Yokine, Bassendean, Morley, Redcliffe, Girrawheen 2; Bullcreek, Hamersley, Melville, National Bank, Old Wesley, R&I Bank, St Norberts, ANZ Bank, Riverton, Mundaring, Navy, John 23rd, Rockingham 1.

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AMATEUR NEWS

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HIGHLIGHTS

D-GRADE:

NORTH Beach's No. 2 grand final aspirations came to an end at the expense of Trinity-Aquinas No. 2. Norths started well and led into the final quarter, but Trinity's eight-goal last quarter burst was decisive.

Best for the Tigers were Rohan Pugh, Chris Caicob, John Gelavis and Dean Jones.

Disappointed coach John Hind has turned around a team of also-rans into a formidable combination that has contributed to the rise of North Beach.

E GRADE

John XXIII accounted for archrival Sawyers Valley by six goals in the first semi final.

The architect of the victory was Paul Wallwork, who moved to the forward line in the second half and kicked five goals.

Richard Murphy was also dominant and Warren Johnson cut out his opponents very professionally.

F-GRADE:

WEST Coast won themselves a well-earned grand final berth with a determined four-point win over Mt Lawley after a four struggle that went down to the final siren. A crowd of around 300 watched an exciting football match that belied its F-grade stature.

West Coast showed they will be hard to beat for the premiership by withstanding all Mt Lawley could throw at them. Their composure was a sign that they are not easily upset under pressure as Mt Lawley continually peppered their goal in the final term, only to be thwarted at the last minute by aggressive defensive football from the Coasters full-back line.

Mt Lawley must now face up to a rejuvenated Old Wesley in a replay of their qualifying final clash. Old Wesley won easily over Victoria Park and will be fresher going into the sudden-death preliminary final, which could mean a different result for the previously unlucky Old Wesley team.

Mt Lawley have managed to survive so far with dogged determination and an abundance of spirit. However, they will need more than that to secure a grand final berth against a fresher and skilled Old Wesley side.

L GRADE

John XXIII showed their true class to dispose of Melville comfortably by 8 goals and advance to the grand final.

John McAuliffe returned to the side and had over 20 marks in an awesome aerial display.

John Sullivan took advantage of the winning ruck to play well all day and Adam Zambon was brilliant in the centre.

The Blues will be hard to stop in both grades as they are playing well at the moment.

MILESTONES

SIMON PROUD — 200 GAMES

AFTER starting his career in A colts in 1975, Simon Proud has emerged as one of the Wembley Football Club's most consistent players.

He captained A colts in 1976 and made his A-grade debut the following year and graduated to the State side in 1980; the first of many appearances for WA.

Proud won the club's fairest and best award in 1983 and was in their 1984 premiership side.

He has been fortunate to enjoy a virtually injury-free career, playing most of his football at full-back and is still a key member of the Wembley A-grade side.

GRANT CALLAGHAN — 150 GAMES

GRANT (Dobbie) Callaghan made his debut with the Wembley Football Club in their A colts side of 1978, reaching a grand final, but only to be runners-up.

He atoned by being in their 1979 premiership side and went to Subiaco for a season of reserves football in 1981.

On his return to Wembley, he graduated to the A-grade side and played in the club's 1984 premiership team.

He has won three fairest and best awards (1985-86-88) and played State football in 1986 and 1987.

ALAN CARTER — 150 GAMES

IT has taken Alan (Charlie) Carter a decade to reach his milestone with the Wembley Football Club, mainly because of several trips across the border to play with the Geelong amateurs.

After being captain-coach of the club's D-grade side in 1980, he moved to Victoria, but returned in 1982 before a second visit to Geelong in 1986.

He played in the club's H-grade grand final in 1982 and has proved to be an outstanding club man, playing either in the key defensive or attacking positions or on the ball.

GARY DIAL — 250 GAMES

A CAREER that started with the Wembley colts almost 20 years ago is still being pursued at the club by Gary Dial.

After graduating from A colts to A-grade, he has played in eight grand finals with the club, featuring in five winning teams — twice in B-grade and A-reserve and once in D-grade.

He has coached in several grades, been runner-up in fairest and best counts three times and has served on the club committee.

He plays mainly in defence and is currently in the club's premiership-seeking H-grade side.

ROD TAYLOR — 150 GAMES

IT HAS taken 10 years for Wembley's Rod Taylor to reach his life membership mark with injuries often restricting his career.

He started with the B colts side in 1979, playing in a variety of positions from ruck-rover to centre-half-forward and currently is on a half-back-flank in H-grade.

He gained A-grade selection in 1986 and earned State selection for the clash against Great Northern in 1987.

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ALL winning teams in the final rounds are requested to telephone the quarter by quarter scores in for publication in West-side Football.

The scores, plus best players and goalscorers (from both teams if possible) should be phoned to John Davies 447 3774 between 8am and 9.30am and after 6pm on Sunday.

WOMEN'S FINALS

THE Women's Football League start their finals on Sunday, September 3, at Fremantle Oval.

The first semi-final at 12.30pm is between Curtin University and Innaloo, while the second semi-final sees premiership favourites Carlisle play Mt Lawley.

The final premiership table for 1989.

SOUTH

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Carlisle	12	12	0	953	368	258.96	48
Mt Lawley	12	8	4	833	457	182.28	32
Innaloo	11	4	7	583	566	103.00	16
Curtin	11	4	7	489	782	62.53	16
Melville	12	1	11	349	1034	33.75	4

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COUNTRY PREMIERSHIP TABLES

Central Wheatbelt

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Southern Cross	14	14	0	1982	768	258.1	56
Beacon	14	11	3	2120	829	255.7	44
Bencubbin	14	10	4	1946	1128	172.5	40
Koorda	14	8	6	1475	1318	111.9	32
Mukinbudin	14	5	9	1061	1630	65.1	20
Towns	14	4	10	1052	1521	69.2	16
Kalannie	14	3	11	750	1733	54.2	12
Nungarin	14	1	13	791	2415	32.8	4

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Great Northern

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Railways	18	12	6	1857	1290	143.9	48
Towns	18	12	6	1861	1481	125.6	48
Mullewa	18	11	7	1675	1321	126.8	44
Brigades	18	9	9	1803	1747	103.2	36
Rovers	18	8	10	1335	1507	88.6	32
Northampton	18	9	10	1412	1678	84.1	32
CValley	18	4	14	1390	1873	74.2	16

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	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Ravens, Tigers	14	13	1	2025	876	231.1	52
Lakes	14	8	6	1409	986	142.9	32
Munglinup	14	6	8	1397	1618	86.3	24
Southerners	14	-	14	547	1898	28.8	-

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Upper Great Southern League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Boddington	16	14	2	2013	1190	169.15	56
Railways	16	12	4	1600	1362	117.47	48
Williams	16	11	5	1672	1203	138.98	44
Wickepin	16	11	5	1623	1343	120.84	44
Wagin	16	8	8	1510	1447	104.35	34
Towns	16	8	8	1416	1494	94.77	34
Pingelly	16	3	13	1421	1761	80.69	12
Lake Grace	16	3	13	1442	1879	76.74	12
West Arthur	16	1	15	1130	2147	52.63	4

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Ongerup

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Newdegate	14	12	2	2228	840	265.2	48
Jerramungup	14	12	2	1634	910	179.5	48
Gnowangerup	14	9	5	1505	1309	114.9	36
Kent	14	8	6	1359	1211	112.2	32
Borden	14	6	8	1039	1524	68.2	24
Pingrup	14	6	8	1093	1723	63.4	24
Ongerup	14	2	12	896	2030	44.1	8
Boxwood Hills	14	1	13	706	1911	36.9	4

Central Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Rovers	15	14	1	1969	857	229	56
Warriors	15	11	4	1837	995	184	44
Dalwallinu	15	9	6	1444	1135	127	32
Dandaragan	15	8	7	1272	1243	102	32
Bindi Milling	15	2	13	771	2018	83	8
Watheroo	15	1	14	791	1881	42	4

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North Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Dongara	12	11	1	1621	1097	147.7	44
Three Springs	11	9	2	1201	835	143.8	38
Mingenew	12	7	5	1328	953	139.3	28
Morawa	12	4	8	1072	981	108.2	18
Coorow-Latham	11	5	6	1068	858	124.5	20
Perenjori	12	3	9	877	1465	59.8	12
Carnamah	13	1	12	837	1756	47.6	4

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	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Tigers	15	13	2	2491	1082	230.22	52
Hill	15	11	4	2005	1337	149.96	44
Saints	15	6	9	1268	1451	87.38	24
Demons	15	6	9	1272	1539	82.65	24
Towns	15	5	10	1321	1610	82.04	20
Centrals	15	4	11	1168	2116	55.19	16

BUNBURY BAG BIG DOUBLE

BUNBURY football fans had plenty to shout about when their teams drew first blood in the opening South-West league finals.

Bunbury made short work of Donnybrook at Hands Oval to win the elimination final by 46 points.

At Payne Park it was no contest as South Bunbury steamrolled Collie by 81 points and extended their winning streak to eight games straight.

Collie will now meet Bunbury in the first semi-final while top side Harvey-Brunswick take on South Bunbury in the second semi.

Coach John Rogers watched Bunbury boost their confidence for the semi-finals with a 19.9 (123) to 11.11 (77) victory after Donnybrook had closed the gap to eight points at three-quarter time.

Mobility

Then Donnybrook's lack of final-round experience became apparent as Bunbury took charge with their marking strength and big-man mobility round the ground.

Good players for Bunbury were Mick Cleary, Russell Sparks, Wayne Davis and Kelvin Gribble.

Best for Donnybrook were skipper Peter Lunardi, John Rogers, Ian Trigwell and Allan Howlett.

In the Carey Park clash South Bunbury captain Peter Old led by example with an almost faultless performance. At the siren it was 17.16 (118) to Collie's 4.7 (37).

South Bunbury's backline was far too strong for an injury-depleted Collie.

Stars for South Bunbury were Old, Mark Valli, Gavin Thornton and Jamie O'Donohue.

Collie received good service from Simon Northover, Tony Edwards, Ian Massara and David Hollins.

Upset finals win for Falcons

FALCONS pulled off an upset first semi-final victory in the North Pilbara competition when they beat Rovers by 10 points on Sunday.

Falcons jumped into the four with a win over South Hedland in the final qualifying game and went on with that form, beating third-placed Rovers 18.12 (120) to 16.14 (110).

Best for Falcons were K. Osborne, D. Price and J. O'Meara with M. Melican kicking seven goals. Rovers best were B. Jupp, A. McPhee and R. Hockey, who posted five goals.

This Sunday's second semi-final at Dampier Oval will see top side Dampier opposed to Karratha.

Good start sets up semi victory

AN eight-goal opening quarter set up victory for South Mt Barker in the Southern Districts first semi-final on Sunday.

South Mt Barker proved too strong for North Mt Barker, winning 16.19 (115) to 7.5 (47).

Richard Ugle, Benny Leonetti, Murray Wallinger and Patrick Winmar all posted three goals for South Mt Barker, while Paul Garbellini was the only multiple goal-scorer for Norths.

Goldfields

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Kambalda	16	13	3	2040	1331	152.3	52
Boulder	16	12	4	1987	1337	148.6	48
Railways	16	10	6	2171	1316	164.9	40
Kalgoorlie	16	4	12	1367	1788	76.5	16
Mines	16	1	15	1017	2346	43.4	4

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South West League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Harvey-Brunswick	18	15	3	2503	1122	223	60
Collie	18	13	5	1952	1619	120.5	52
Sth Bunbury	18	12	6	2187	1620	135	48
Donnybrook	18	11	7	1629	1746	93.2	44
Bunbury	18	10	8	1974	1527	129.2	40
Carey Park	18	9	9	2004	1886	106.2	36
Boy-Capel-Dard	18	9	9	1786	1956	91.3	36
Mines Rovers	18	7	11	1697	2153	78.8	28
Busselton	18	4	14	1322	2059	64.2	16
Aug-Marg-Riv	18	-	18	1126	2492	45.1	-

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Wagin grab finals spot

WAGIN snared fifth spot in the Upper Great Southern League when they comfortably beat Pingelly 14.17 to 8.6 and Towns lost to Williams.

A strong half-back line, led by captain-coach Gavin Bolt and Greg Seaton, was the foundation for Wagin's victory while Gino Matera (five goals) was a strong contributor up forward for Pingelly.

Michael Davidson and Michael Page, returning from injury, were best, with Athol Jemma (five goals) the best of the forwards.

A good all-round performance by Williams (15.12) enabled them to cement third position by beating Towns (10.8).

Peter Darroen and key defender Des Lavender showed the way for Williams, with forwards Tom Reidy (four goals) and Anthony Dowling (three goals) showing good form.

Towns relied heavily on Brendon Lynch and Kerrin Quartermaine, while Jim Adamson (three goals) made the most of limited opportunities.

Lake Grace (17.14) finished the season on a winning note by easily defeating wooden spooners West Arthur (10.17).

Mobile players Dean Carruthers and Noel Bairstow were best for the victors, while the competitions leading goal-kicker, Rodney Walker, bagged four majors.

West Arthur were best served by Brett Duffied (three goals) and centreman Mark Wunnenberg, with Nathan King (three goals) trying hard.

The top two sides met in a first-class match, with league leaders Boddington (11.10) narrowly defeating Railways (11.6) by four points.

Half-backs Richard Hardie and Darren Martinelli played strongly for Boddington, while Railways were best served by Sean Healy, Les Denholme and Chris Narkle (three goals).

In the elimination final this weekend, Wickepin are favoured to account for Wagin, while Railways should earn the right to meet Boddington in the second semi-final by defeating Williams.

Southern Districts League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Royals	18	13	5	1695	1372	123.54	52
Nth Albany	18	12	6	1579	1397	113.03	48
Sth Barker	18	11	7	2079	1338	155.38	44
Nth Barker	18	10	8	1569	1399	112.15	40
Railways	18	5	13	1475	1918	76.90	20
Denmark	18	3	15	1164	2137	54.47	12

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North Pilbara League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Dampier	15	12	3	1567	1058	148.11	48
Karratha	15	12	3	1573	1173	134.10	48
Rovers	15	10	5	1644	1407	116.84	40
Falcons	15	6	9	1167	1385	84.26	24
South Hedland	15	5	10	1447	1574	91.93	20
Wickham	15	0	15	1077	1878	57.35	0

Swan Gold

TIGERS showed that they will be a tough side to beat for the Fortescue premiership when they thrashed Hill by 80 points in Sunday's second semi-final.

Tigers stormed into the grand final with their 22.22 (154) to 12.14 (74) victory over Hill, who now face a confident Saints in this week's preliminary final.

The second semi was a tough contest up till three-quarter time, but then Tigers unleashed their power to kick 10 goals, keeping Hill to just two points.

Ruckman Mark Cunningham put in a best-on-ground effort, backed up by Peter Vance at centre-half-back and centreman Luke Ware.

Joe Biblos, Mick Edwards and Len Yarran were best for Hill.

Saints won a tough first semi-final, beating Demons 16.9 (105) to 12.15 (87). Best players were Hutton, Marantelli and Spark for the winners and Woodfield, Mason and Walker for the losers.

Sunday's preliminary final at Tom Price should be a close affair, especially with key Hill player Garry Keyser in doubt with injury.

Blakely tops S-W award

EXPERIENCED Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup centreman Mark Blakely could be considering a return to WAFL ranks after winning the Hayward Medal for the fairest and best in the South-West league.

The 25-year-old former East Perth player clinched the award in the final round of votes, providing a gripping climax to the medal count at the Lord Forrest Hotel.

Blakely became the 44th Hayward Medal winner and the first from the Cardinals since David Barnard in 1972.

He left East Perth last season after 60 league games, but he now appears to have regained his zest for football and his confidence and has youth on his side.

The Royals, the WAFL wooden-spoonists for 1989, would probably welcome Blakely back with open arms.

Clear margin

Blakely polled 28 votes to finish ahead of last year's joint winner Mark Skehan (Harvey-Brunswick) with 20, Collie's Peter Slater (18) and Harvey-Brunswick's Bernie Sloan (15).

"I suppose I had a lot to prove when I came down here," Blakely said after the medal presentation.

"It has been one of my most consistent seasons since I started playing football."

Mines Rovers' John Williamson won the Times Medal for the fairest and best in the SWNFL reserves competition.

The Collie Mail Medal in the colts went to Carey Park captain Joshua Gallop.

Leading vote-getters in the Hayward Medal poll:

RATINGS

Westside Football's weekly rating is Perth's only WAFL form guide for individual players. Each week we rate all league players on a score of 1-10. Injured players indicated with an "i" and interchange with an "r".



South Fremantle

	V				V				V				V				V				V				TOT				
	WP	EF	SD	P	WP	EF	SD	P	WP	EF	SD	P	WP	EF	SD	P	WP	EF	SD	P	WP	EF	SD	P					
ATKINS, Martin																													18
BALL, Peter																													125
COLLARD, Cliff																													119
COLLARD, Derek																													120
COLLARD, Brad																													67
DELLAR, Merv																													69
DITCHBURN, John																													143
EDWARDS, Craig																													123
FIMIANO, Ned																													12
FLUGGE, Ashley																													88
GEARY, Richard																													92
GRANT, Steven																													44
GIBB, Doug																													8
HART, David																													25
IRVING, Dean																													97
JACKSON, Steven																													19
JAKOVICH, Glen																													26
KICKETT, Graham																													36
LEBECK, Damien																													81
LYNCH, Richard																													119
MASKOS, Arthur																													4
MATERA, Peter																													62
MacDONALD, John																													3
MORGAN, Paul																													20
NALDER, Dean																													8
PINZONE, Steven																													123
POBVOY, Chris																													12
RIOU, Maurice																													88
RIOU, Willie																													92
RYDER, Wayne																													44
SAMBRAILO, Mark																													8
SAMBRAILO, Andrew																													25
SOLIN, Robert																													97
SUMICH, Peter																													19
TURNER, Greg																													26
WILSON, Paul																													36
WORSFOLD, Peter																													81
WILSON, Troy																													119
WILSON, Dean																													4
WYLIE, Darryl																													62



West Perth

	V				V				V				V				V				TOT								
	SF	EP	SD	P	SF	EP	SD	P	SF	EP	SD	P	SF	EP	SD	P	SF	EP	SD	P									
ADAM, Tim																													29
BIFFIN, Gavin																													26
BRADMORE, Steven																													3
BUCKLEY, Damon																													116
CROLE, Stuart																													7
DAVIES, Chris																													100
DAYMAN, Wayne																													28
DENTON, Barry																													7
DUNKELD, Ross																													100
GILLIAMS, Brad																													98
HAMPSON, Graham																													28
HASLER, Paul																													133
HOLDEN, Garry																													23
HIGGINS, Nathan																													34
HOLDEN, Ray																													26
HOWLETT, Gavin																													100
JACKSON, Neil																													82
JACKSON, Bruce																													19
KING, Sean																													79
LAIDLEY, Dean																													19
MENAGLIO, Peter																													137
MIFKA, Paul																													92
MADAFFARI, Paddy																													102
McGUIRE, Oral																													64
NELSON, Craig																													138
O'BRIEN, Darren																													106
O'NEILL, Shane																													17
QUALL, Kevin																													17
REPACHOLI, Dennis																													80
RIGGS, Jon																													87
ROGNETTA, Frank																													31
ROSS, David																													75
SADOWSKI, Steve																													4
SING, James																													21
STARR, Wade																													17
TANA, Nick																													61
TAYLOR, Warren																													52
TURLEY, Craig																													72
WILLIAMS, Malcolm																													119
WHATMORE, Neil																													8
WOODROFFE, Greg																													21



Swan Districts

	V				V				V				V				V				TOT								
	P	EP	SD	P	P	EP	SD	P	P	EP	SD	P	P	EP	SD	P	P	EP	SD	P									
BAZZO, Steven																													79
BELL, Ken																													116
BENNETT, Ian																													62
CATON, Kevin			</																										

YOUR 1989 FIXTURES



SERIES TWO

ROUND 8

Saturday 27 May

Claremont 9.7, Subiaco 12.19, Claremont. East Perth 8.13, East Fremantle 14.29, WACA. Perth 11.13, Swan Districts 24.10, Lathlain. South Frem. 6.11, West Perth 12.15, Fre.

ROUND 9

Saturday 3 June

West Perth 12.19, Claremont 27.9, Leederville. Subiaco 13.14, Perth 14.12, Subiaco.

Sunday 4 June

East Perth 15.15, Swan Dists 12.13, Dampier.

Monday 5 June

East Frem 21.14, South Frem 20.15, East Frem.

ROUND 10

Saturday 10 June

Swan Districts 13.18, Claremont 22.12, Bassen. Perth 12.10, East Fremantle 17.13, Lathlain. East Perth 15.16, West Perth 14.16, WACA. South Frem. 16.15, Subiaco 7.9, Frem.

ROUND 11

Saturday 11 June

Clarmt 21.11, E Pth 17.13, Clarmt. Perth 11.10, Sth Frem 18.18, Lathlain. Subiaco 8.16, W. Pth 14.21, Subiaco. E Frem 20.16, Swan Dist 16.10, E Frem

ROUND 12

Saturday 24 June

Sth Frem 16.13, Claremont 11.4, Frem W Perth 15.13, East Frem 23.13, East Frem East Perth 17.16, Perth 19.8, WACA. Swan Dist 14.17, Subiaco 14.11, Bass

ROUND 13

Saturday 1 July

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 14

Saturday 8 July

Claremont 16.13, Est Frem 11.17, Clarmt. Subiaco 22.17, East Perth 13.6, Subiaco. West Perth 17.18, Perth 16.11, Leederville. South Frem 14.10, Swan Dist 14.7 Frem.

SERIES THREE

ROUND 15

Saturday 15 July

Subiaco 15.12, Claremont 11.16, Subiaco. East Frem 20.19, East Perth 12.12, East Frem. Perth 22.6, Swan Districts 9.9, Lathlain. West Perth 11.14, South Frem 13.16, Leed.

ROUND 16

Saturday 22 July

Claremont 18.15, West Perth 3.12, Claremont. South Frem 14.15, East Frem 20.6, Fremantle. Swan Dist 21.13, East Perth 12.14, Bassendean. Perth 18.19, Subiaco 14.16, Lathlain.

ROUND 17

Saturday 29 July

Claremont 13.12, Swan Dist 9.15, Claremont. East Frem 27.15, Perth 3.11, East Frem. East Perth 8.14, West Perth 16.10, WACA. Subiaco 12.9, South Frem 13.14, Subiaco.

ROUND 18

Saturday 5 August

East Perth 17.14, Claremont 10.17, WACA. S. Frem 20.8, Perth 13.5, Fremantle. West Perth 18.11, Subiaco 13.10, Leederville. S. Dist. 12.10, E. Frem. 14.21, Bassendean.

ROUND 19

Saturday 12 August

Claremont 16.8, South Frem 12.11, Claremont. East Frem 16.19, West Perth 20.10, East Frem. Perth 16.20, East Perth 12.14, Lathlain Park. Subiaco 15.10, Swan Dist 23.26, Subiaco.

ROUND 20

Saturday 19 August

Claremont 15.17, Perth 7.15, Claremont. Subiaco 10.18, East Frem 21.10, Subiaco. South Frem 21.14, East Perth 7.4, Frem. West Perth 16.17, Swan Dist 12.16, Leed.

ROUND 21

Saturday 26 August

E. Frem. 13.17, Claremont 12.15, East Frem. East Perth 12.17, Subiaco 20.17, WACA. West Perth 27.15, Perth 10.15, Leederville. S. Dist 11.15, S. Frem 17.14, Bassendean.

ROUND 22

Saturday 2 August

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 23

Saturday 9 August

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 24

Saturday 16 August

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 25

Saturday 23 August

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 26

Saturday 30 August

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 27

Saturday 6 September

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 28

Saturday 13 September

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 29

Saturday 20 September

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 30

Saturday 27 September

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 31

Saturday 4 October

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 32

Saturday 11 October

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 33

Saturday 18 October

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 34

Saturday 25 October

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 35

Saturday 1 November

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 36

Saturday 8 November

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 37

Saturday 15 November

Perth 12.8, Claremont 16.13, Lathlain. E Frem 15.12, Subiaco 14.14, East Frem. E Perth 11.11, S Frem 19.16, WACA. Swan Dist 18.12, W Perth 15.11, Bass

ROUND 38

Saturday 22 November

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

SGIO WAFL LEAGUE

CLAREMONT	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	21	17	4	2376	1724	137.82	68
SOUTH FLEM	21	16	5	2336	1868	125.05	64
EAST FLEM	21	15	6	2537	1982	128.00	60
WEST PERTH	21	11	10	2195	2146	102.28	44
SWAN DIST	21	10	11	2236	2243	99.69	40
Subiaco	21	6	15	1971	2209	89.22	24
Perth	21	6	15	1968	2559	76.90	24
East Perth	21	3	18	1752	2640	66.36	12

WAFL PRIME RESERVES

EAST FLEM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST FLEM	21	15	6	-	2533	1925	131.48	60
PERTH	21	14	7	-	1447	1986	123.21	56
SWAN DIST	21	12	8	1	2415	2233	108.15	50
SOUTH FLEM	21	12	8	1	1994	1870	106.63	50
Claremont	21	12	9	-	2055	1905	107.87	48
East Perth	21	6	15	-	1995	2297	86.85	24
West Perth	21	6	15	-	1938	2486	77.96	24
Subiaco	21	6	15	-	1732	2408	71.97	24

WAFL UNDER-19s

EAST PERTH	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST PERTH	21	13	8	1483	1372	108.09	52
SUBIACO	21	12	9	1734	1275	136.00	48
WEST PERTH	21	11	10	1415	1352	104.66	44
PERTH	21	11	10	1305	1363	95.74	44
South Frem	21	10	11	1328	1603	82.84	40
Claremont	21	9	12	1531	1482	103.31	36
Swan Dists	21	9	12	1457	1582	92.10	36
East Frem	21	9	12	1483	1707	86.88	36

1989 VFL TABLE

HAWTHORN	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
HAWTHORN	21	18	3	-	2497	1657	150.69	72
ESSENDON	21	16	5	-	2132	1616	131.93	64
GEELONG	21	15	6	-	2754	1901	144.87	60
MELBOURNE	21	14	7	-	1787	1836	97.33	56
COLLINGWOOD	21	12	9	-	2087	1884	110.77	48
Fitzroy	21	11	10	-	1973	2044	96.53	44
Sydney Swans	21	10	11	-	1823	1865	97.75	40
Carlton	21	9	11	1	1851	1974	93.77	38
N. Melbourne	21	9	12	-	1968	2165	90.90	36
W. C. Eagles	21	7	14	-	1868	2118	88.20	28
St Kilda	21	7	14	-	2017	2321	86.90	28
Brisbane Bears	21	7	14	-	1687	2204	76.54	28
Footscray	21	6	14	1	1533	1759	87.15	26
Richmond	21	5	16	-	1639	2272	72.14	20

SANFL TABLE

PORTADELAIDE	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
PORTADELAIDE	20	18	2	2357	1582	148.94	36
N. ADELAIDE	20	17	3	2286	1383	165.31	34
CENT DIST	20	12	8	1931	1985	97.31	24
NORWOOD	20	10	10	1934	1820	106.24	20
GLENELG	20	10	10	1713	1869	91.62	20
West Torrens	20	9	11	1706	1993	85.62	18
Woodville	20	8	12	1789	1958	91.47	16
West Adelaide	20	7	13	1956	2129	91.88	14
South Adelaide	20	5	15	1571	2121	74.05	10
Sturt	20	4	16	1645	2048	80.34	8

SANFL GAMES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 (ROUND 21).

Glenelg v West Adelaide and Central v Norwood, double header at Football Park; South Adelaide v Woodville, at Adelaide Oval; Port Adelaide v North Adelaide, at Alberton Oval; West Torrens v Sturt, at Thebarton Oval.

WEST COAST EAGLES

1989 EAGLES FIXTURES

Friday 31 March (Round 1)
Eagles 14.12, Essendon 17.10 WACA

Sunday, April 9 (Round 2)
Geelong 26.19, Eagles 11.14 at Geelong.

Sunday, April 16 (Round 3)
Sydney 20.15, Eagles, 11.17, SCG

Sunday, April 23 (Round 4)
Eagles 10.12, Nth Melb 18.7, WACA

Sunday, April 30 (Round 5)
Bears 10.13, Eagles 19.11, Carrara.

Friday, May 5 (Round 6)
Eagles 12.9, Fitzroy 12.17, WACA

Saturday, May 13 (Round 7)
Richmond 13.14, Eagles 13.12, VFL Park.

Sunday, May 21 (Round 8)
Eagles 12.21, Melbourne 13.17, Sub.ao.

Saturday, May 27 (Round 9)
St Kilda 18.10, Eagles 12.11, Moorabbin

Sunday, June 4 (Round 10)
Eagles 15.15, Hawthorn 16.1, Subiaco.

Sunday, June 11 (Round 11)
Eagles 11.15, Collwd 17.14, Subi.

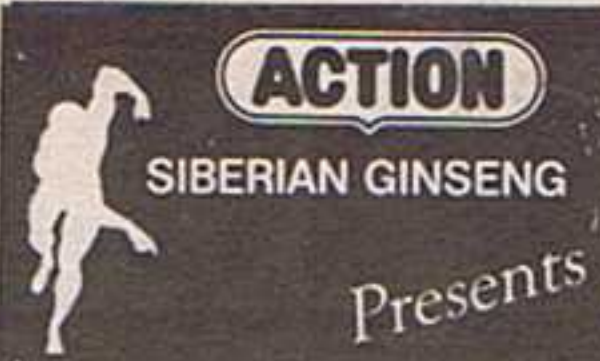
Friday, June 16 (Round 12)
Eagles 16.9, Fitzroy 11.11, WACA.

Saturday, June 24 (Round 13)
Carlton 9.10, Eagles 5.11, PcesPk

Saturday, July 8 (Round 14)
Hawthorn 19.27, Eagles 6.14, Princes Park.

Saturday, July 15 (Round 15)
Essendon 25.10, Eagles 1.12, Windy Hill.

Sunday, July 23 (Round 16)
Eagles 16.16, Sydney 9.16, Subiaco



NATIONAL SCOREBOARD

W AFL



SUBIACO	4.5	10.10	13.13	20.17	137
EAST PERTH	2.4	5.8	9.12	12.17	89
SCORERS — SUBIACO: Brown 6.2; Heady 3.4; Lee 3.2; G. Kemp 2; D. Kemp 2; N. Taylor 1.1; Cooper 1; Carpenter 1; Cocker 0.3; B. Taylor 0.1; 2 points forced. EAST PERTH: Campbell 2.2; Seymour 2.1; Cartier 1.3; Bertram 1.2; Miller 1.2; Crotty 1.1; Dawson 1; Yarran 1; Clape 1; Baroni 1; Hawkins 0.1; Seecamp 0.1; Maroni 0.1; 3 points forced.					
BEST — SUBIACO: Heady, G. Kemp, Brown, Jennings, N. Taylor, Golding. EAST PERTH: Cransberg, Giannakis, Seymour, Bennett, Bertram, Evans. Played at WACA. Umpires Sam Kronja, John Martin. Attendance 1876.					
WEST PERTH	6.2	14.5	21.6	27.15	177
PERTH	1.4	4.6	8.12	10.15	75
SCORERS — WEST PERTH: Williams 7.4; Madaffair 6.3; Taylor 3.3; Dunkeld 3.1; Davies 3.0; Howlett 2.0; Riggs 1.1; Menaglio, Adam 1; McGuire, Jackson 0.1; 1 point forced. PERTH: Findlay 2.2; Newman 2; Ryder, Clarkson 1.2; Cable, Gordon, Santosfelfano 1.1; Fancote 1; Gavranich, Jenkins 0.1; 4 points forced.					
BEST — WEST PERTH: Williams, Managlio, O'Brien, Davies, Gwilliam, Hasler. PERTH: Nicholas, Papotto, Clarkson, Fancote, Gavranich, Hanley. Played at Leederville Oval. Umpires Peter Repper, Greg Scoop. Attendance 4995.					
EAST FREMANTLE	6.6	9.8	9.11	13.17	95
CLAREMONT	5.4	6.8	10.13	12.15	87
SCORERS — EAST FREMANTLE: Lester-Smith 4.4; Cooper, Peake, Christie 2.1; Quill, Edgar, Broadbridge 1; Waterson 0.3; Krakouer 0.2; Moir, Weber, Tunbridge 0.1; 1 point forced. CLAREMONT: Brayshaw 3.2; Melesso 3; Thorne 2; Kickett 1.4; Park, Mitchell 1.1; Begovich 1; Rowland, Evans, Higgins 0.2; 1 point forced.					
BEST — EAST FREMANTLE: Edgar, Maclean, Peake, Wolf, Christie, Dercourt. CLAREMONT: Begovich, Evans, Melesso, Allan, Gavanich, Higgins. Played at East Fremantle Oval. Umpires Grant Vernon, Phil O'Reilly. Attendance 6060.					
SOUTH FREMANTLE	3.5	5.9	10.10	17.14	116
SWAN DISTRICTS	3.3	6.4	8.10	11.15	81
SCORERS — SOUTH FREMANTLE: Edwards 5.1; M. Rioli 2.4; Maskos, Matera, Geary 2; Irving, D. Collard, Jakovich 1.1; Nalder 1; W. Rioli 0.2; Delliar, Ryder 0.1; 2 points forced. SWAN DISTRICTS: A. Holmes 5.1; Smith 2; Grasso 1.1; Hastie, Grasso, O'Neill 1; Cormack 0.4; Hetherington 0.3; Hodyl 0.2; Langford, Bell, Menegola 0.1; 1 point forced.					
BEST — SOUTH FREMANTLE: Edwards, M. Rioli, MacDonald, Solin, B. Collard, Delliar. SWAN DISTRICTS: Davey, Smith, Grasso, A. Holmes, Partington, Bennell. Played at Bassendean Oval. Umpires Trevor Garrett, Glen Lee. Attendance 5739.					

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CENTRAL DISTRICTS	0.6	0.13	4.14	8.22	70
WEST TORRENS	2.4	3.7	6.10	8.10	58
GOALS — CENTRAL DISTRICTS: Coffee 2; Mandemaker, Gilbert, McAdam, Girham, Smith, Jones, Braddy. WEST TORRENS: Edmonds 3; Niemann, B. Lindsay, C. Lindsay, Payze, Smith.					
BEST — CENTRAL DISTRICTS: Coffee, Braddy, Kreis, Gilbert, McAdam, Lee, Jonas, Smith. WEST TORRENS: Athanasiou, Edmonds, Payzer, Clarke, Steve, Geyer, Spiel, Scott, Geyer.					
NORTH ADELAIDE	4.4	6.9	10.13	16.18	114
WOODVILLE	2.4	6.7	7.7	10.9	69
GOALS — NORTH ADELAIDE: Smart 5, Burton 5, D. Jarman 2, Sims, Hart, Craig, A. Jarman. WOODVILLE: Jakovich 4, Jolly 2, Haylock 2, Harper.					
BEST — NORTH ADELAIDE: A. Jarman, Smart, Burton, Craig, Tasker, D. Jarman, Hart. WOODVILLE: McDonald, Schwarz, Jolly, Totham, Dettman, Haylock, Jakovich.					
PORT ADELAIDE	3.1	5.4	7.8	11.11	77
GLENELG	3.3	4.4	7.11	9.11	65
GOALS — PORT ADELAIDE: Obst 2, Hodges 2, Mahney 2, Rizonico, Russell, Boyd, Settre, Johnston, Treganza. GLENELG: Garton 3, West 2, Hodgeman 2, Maynard, Marshall.					
BEST — PORT ADELAIDE: Obst, Abernethy, Ginever, Mahney, Treganza, Johnston, Settre. GLENELG: Garton, Mansell, West, Bartlett, Hodgeman, McDermott, Marshall.					
STURT	8.2	12.4	16.8	19.12	126
NORWOOD	3.2	7.5	10.9	12.11	83
GOALS — STURT: Welsby 5, Lennon 3, Paynter 2, Radbone 2, Lienert 2, S. Russell, K. Russell, Kitschke, Ey, Field. NORWOOD: Pascoe 4, Francis 2, Weeding, Visser, Muster, Fosdike, Thomas, Maynard.					
BEST — STURT: Paynter, Welsby, Lennon, Radbone, Kitschke, Whittesea, Field. NORWOOD: Pascoe, Staritski, Francis, Muster, Thomas, Aish.					
WEST ADELAIDE	2.4	6.7	11.10	16.13	109
SOUTH ADELAIDE	6.1	8.3	11.8	15.9	99
GOALS — WEST ADELAIDE: T. Fielke 4, Grosse 4, Herbert 2, Winter 2, O'Dea, Foot, Fitzsimmons, Murray. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Stoeckel 4, Butler 3, Bickley 3, McIntyre 2, Trevena, Mitton, Cross.					
BEST — WEST ADELAIDE: Grosse, T. Fielke, Winter, Fitzsimmons, Herbert, Ravesi, Murray. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Butler, Stoeckel, Bickley, Trevena, McIntyre, Winton, Dewhurst.					

VFL RESERVES

ESSENDON 15.23 (113) d SYDNEY SWANS 11.11 (77)
GOALS — ESSENDON: Parker 4, C. Danilher 3, Duckworth 2, Burns 2, Van Der Harr, Filander, Ezard, Clark. SYDNEY: No details available.
BEST — ESSENDON: Johnston, Bailey, Duckworth, Parker, Barnes, Flood. SYDNEY: No details available.
COLLINGWOOD 25.18 (168) d RICHMOND 7.4 (46)
GOALS — COLLINGWOOD: Taylor 11, Shephard 4, Perkins 3, Alexander 2, Atkins, Keays, Wrenstead, Tarpey, Way. RICHMOND: Pym 2, Elliott 2, Paul Bower, Clark.
BEST — COLLINGWOOD: Tarpey, Mrakov, Taylor, Richardson, Sinni, Atkins, Hecker. RICHMOND: Laffy, Clark, Paul, Bowden, Edwards, Mahony.
FOOTSCRAY 25.13 (163) d HAWTHORN 10.6 (66)
GOALS — FOOTSCRAY: Collins 4, Davies 4, Fitzpatrick 3, Williams 3, Palmer 3, Athorn 2, Cameron 2, Liberatore, Williams, Cameron. HAWTHORN: Bond 4, Bourke 2, Penny, Lovridge, Wittman, Gowers.
BEST — FOOTSCRAY: Collins, Davies, Fitzpatrick, Liberatore, Williams, Cameron. HAWTHORN: Bond, Bingham, Wittman, Lovridge.
MELBOURNE 24.6 (160) d ST KILDA 14.10 (94)
GOALS — MELBOURNE: Jackson 5, Beveridge 4, Power 3, Seow 3, Bailey 2, Chiron 2, Dean, Graham, Hawkins, Mahony, Stynes. ST KILDA: Lambert 3, Allen 2, Gotch 2, Turner 2, Hynes 2, Doyle, Foley, Freeman.
BEST — MELBOURNE: Beveridge, Bailey, Chiron, Power, Jackson, Febey, Howat. ST KILDA: Rundle, Lowther, Foley, Cummings, Taylor, Allen.
FITZROY 10.15 (75) d BRISBANE BEARS 9.12 (66)
GOALS — FITZROY: Scott 4, Cleary 3, Wheelton 2, Conlan. BRISBANE: Windsor 3, Dickson 2, Wagner, Handley, Wearne, Capper.
BEST — FITZROY: Edwards, Ironmonger, Woods, Brockhurst, Osborne, Cleary. BRISBANE: Fagg, Reynolds, Sim, Lawton, Wearne, Windsor.
GEELONG 32.17 (209) d NORTH MELBOURNE 8.3 (51)
GOALS — GEELONG: Hamilton 7, Umbers 5, Brown 5, Baldwin 4, Hinkley 3, Drum 2, Fletcher 2, Malakellis 2, Kol, Hungerford. NORTH MELBOURNE: A. Krakouer 2, Murphy, Hamilton, Harris, Carey, Mackenzie, Lumsden.
BEST — GEELONG: Hamilton, Baldwin, Alderice, Drum, Gurrle, Fletcher. NORTH MELBOURNE: Smith, Lumsden, Dwyer, Rock.

VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SYDNEY SWANS	4.8	7.11	11.17	15.20	110
ESSENDON	3.3	8.7	12.9	15.14	104
GOALS — SYDNEY SWANS: Toohy 8, Murphy 2, Wright, Bayes, McAsey, Teal, Higgins. ESSENDON: Antrobus 3, Bewick 3, Long 2, Foulds, Williams, Plain, Somerville, Spencer.					
GOALS — SYDNEY SWANS: Toohy 8, Murphy 2, Wright, Bayes, McAsey, Teal, Higgins. ESSENDON: Antrobus 3, Bewick 3, Long 2, Foulds, Williams, Plain, Somerville, Spencer.					
ST KILDA	7.5	9.7	13.8	16.8	104
MELBOURNE	4.2	5.3	8.6	10.12	72
GOALS — ST KILDA: Winmar 9, Bowey 2, Harvey 2, Barker 1, Dwyer 1, Loewe 1. MELBOURNE: Wilson 4, Spalding 1, Hughes 1, Viney 1, Wight 1, Flintoff 1, Rohde 1.					
BEST — ST KILDA: Winmar, Harvey, Sheldon, Burke, Bowey, Dwyer. MELBOURNE: Viney, Spalding, Wilson, Stretch, Febey.					
Played at the MCG. Umpires Peter Carey, Mike Sneddon. Attendance 19,645.					
HAWTHORN	2.4	8.8	11.16	19.20	134
FOOTSCRAY	2.3	6.7	7.8	8.11	59
GOALS — HAWTHORN: Dunstall 9, Brereton 4, Anderson 2, DiPierdomenico, Buckenarea, Dixon, Platten 1. FOOTSCRAY: O'Keefe 3, Atkins 2, James, Wigney, Ford 1.					
BEST — HAWTHORN: Dunstall, DiPierdomenico, Brereton, Ayres, Collins, Anderson. FOOTSCRAY: Hawkins, Atkins, Wallace, McGuinness, Wigney.					
Played at Princes Park. Umpires Ian Clayton, Andrew Coates. Attendance 10,178.					
BRISBANE BEARS	2.3	6.5	12.8	12.9	81
FITZROY	3.1	4.3	4.5	10.8	68
GOALS — BRISBANE BEARS: Hardie 3, Taylor 3, Richardson 2, Harris 2, Roberts 1, Gastev 1. FITZROY: Roos 2, Lynch 2, Broderick 2, Strooper 2, Gale 1, Baldwin 1.					
BEST — BRISBANE BEARS: Harris, Taylor, Gastev, Richardson, Bain, O'Keefe. FITZROY: Baldwin, Wynd, Armstrong, Bourke, Matera, Roos.					
Played at VFL Park. Umpires Chris Mitchell, Gary Forster. Attendance 6622.					
GEELONG	5.5	10.9	17.16	20.19	139
NORTH MELBOURNE	5.1	8.4	13.8	17.15	117
GOALS — GEELONG: Ablett, Exell 5, Bairstow, Scott 2, Couch, Morgan, G. Cameron, Bruns, Stoneham, Bews 1. NORTH MELBOURNE: Fairley 4, German, Longmire 3, Schwass, Larkin, R. Smith, McCarthy, Crocker, Romero, Love 1.					
BEST — GEELONG: Couch, Bourke, Ablett, Bews, Bairstow, Exell. NORTH MELBOURNE: Larkin, German, Schwass, Romero, Kickett, Steele.					
Played at Kardinia Park. Umpires Denis Rich, John Russo. Attendance 16,940.					
COLLINGWOOD	1.5	4.8	8.9	12.11	83
RICHMOND	1.4	1.8	2.12	4.13	37
GOALS — COLLINGWOOD: Starcevich 3, Millane 2, Hrysoulakis 2, Shaw 2, Wright, Brown, Cloke 1. RICHMOND: Ryan 2, Leys, B. Young 1.					
BEST — COLLINGWOOD: Brown, Wright, Crislica, Millane, Shaw, Kerrison. RICHMOND: Free, Lambert, Gzerkaski, Frangalas, Thomson, Pickering.					
Played at Victoria Park. Umpires Peter Cameron, Ron Thompson. Attendance 16,657.					
EAGLES	5.4	11.8	15.14	21.22	148
CARTON	1.0	6.3	9.9	10.12	72
GOALS — EAGLES: Miles 5, Jackson 4, Sumich 4, Turley 3, Lewis 3; Malaxos, Barich 1. CARTON: Verbeek 3; Dennis, Bradley, Herman, McKinnon 1; Sartori, Gleeson, McKenzie 1.					
BEST — EAGLES: Worsfold, Lewis, Sumich, Mainwaring, Rance, Jackson. CARTON: Kennedy, Verbeek, Bradley, Madden, Kernahan, Da Rui.					
Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires David Johnson, Mike Ball. Attendance 23,781.					

SUNDAY LEAGUE

ELIMINATION FINAL — LEAGUE	
CANNING	18.18 126
WILLETTON	9.7 110
GOALS — CANNING: Vigona 4, Schuling 3, J. Watson, D. Johns 2, Bosustow, D. Cook, S. Davis, Hunter, B. Johns, K. Taylor, A. Wisken. WILLETTON: Burton, George, Har-tree, Kujawski, Pittmann, Pontillo, S. Grambelluri, Unwin, Thompson.	
BEST — CANNING: Gordon Chadd, Benny Vigona, Shane Cook. WILLETTON: Tim Cullinane, Darren Unwin, Ivan Hartree.	

RESERVES	
KENWICK	9.10 64
WANNEROO	4.10 34
GOALS — KENWICK: P. Dalpasso 4, Beales, Morris, Thomas, Wilson, Crook 1. WANNEROO: Hedland, Pearce, Smith, Wilson 1.	
BEST — KENWICK: Shaun Chamberlain, Stephen Greenwell, Craig Morris. WANNEROO: John Stampalia, Neil Roach.	

COLTS	
KELMSCOTT	7.6 48
MANDURAH	5.10 40
GOALS — KELMSCOTT: J. Wood 2, Wrigley, Crispin, Kendall, J. Wood, Gaiger 1. MANDURAH: Sloan 2, Dovey, James, Lawson 1.	
BEST — KELMSCOTT: Andrew Brereton, Jeremy Devenish, Travis Wood. MANDURAH: Dean Williams, Jeremy Hogg, Tony Giekie.	

QUALIFYING FINAL — LEAGUE	
WANNEROO	17.10 112
OSBORNE PARK	14.12 96
GOALS — WANNEROO: Fraser 6, Hill, Waddell 4, Carter, Hathaway, Taylor 1. OSBORNE PARK: Gomm 5, Allen 3, Stephenson 2, Dawson, Cullen, Vanderlist, Woods 1.	
BEST — WANNEROO: Howe Colinge, John Hathaway, Ray Butler. OSBORNE PARK: Leon Moore, Murray Gomm, Kim Bevan.	

RESERVES	
GOSNELLS	15.14 104
OSBORNE PARK	9.17 71
GOALS — GOSNELLS: Ward 6, Evans 4, Smith, Billich, Preedy, Taylor, Lester 1. OSBORNE PARK: McAflister, Ippolo, Hart 2, Barac.	

Figlomeni, Morgan 1.
BEST — GOSNELLS: David Stephens, Neil Smith, Stan Ward. OSBORNE PARK: Frank Figlomeni, Gavin Barac, Brad Smith.

COLTS	
GOSNELLS	13.6 84
WANNEROO	9.13 67
GOALS — GOSNELLS: Zotti, Willis, J. Verwey, Wilkes 2, Bernadini, Douglas, Beales, Ware, Laurence 1. WANNEROO: Harmen, Birks 2, Roberts, D. Hill, Lawler, Beech, S. Hansen 1.	
BEST — GOSNELLS: Peter Billich, Richard Kelley, Nigel Wilkes, WANNEROO: Colin Birks, Gary McLennon, Matt Harman.	

RESERVES	
FREMANTLE	6.13 49
KWINANA	5.15 45
GOALS — FREMANTLE: Merindino 2, Abreu, Covich, Dimattia, Simich 1. KWINANA: C. Indich 2, E. Dawn, Hall, Lloyd.	
BEST — FREMANTLE: Clarence Ryan, George Corriea, Sam De Sousa. KWINANA: Malcolm Winmar, David Mathieson.	

COLTS	
FREMANTLE	7.2 44
PINJARRA	3.13 31
GOALS — FREMANTLE: R. Collica 3, Brown 2, Fuller, Watters 1. PINJARRA: R. Jones, Fletcher, Ruyter 1.	
BEST — FREMANTLE: Pringle, McDonald, Gilmore. PINJARRA: Maillo, Biluta, Gray.	

SECOND SEMI-FINAL — LEAGUE	
PINJARRA	11.15 81
MIDLAND	11.12 78
GOALS — PINJARRA: N. Gilbert 6, Cox 2, T. Triscari, K. Douglas, R. Douglas 1. MIDLAND: Keen 3, Hall 2, Narrier 2, Taylor, Brown, Waaka, Snedden, Oakes 1.	
BEST — PINJARRA: Nigel Gilbert, Graeme Waters, Phil Rozman. MIDLAND: Ray Keen, Scott Hall, Barry Moore.	

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FREMANTLE	6.13 49
KWINANA	5.15 45
GOALS — FREMANTLE: Merindino 2, Abreu, Covich, Dimattia, Simich 1. KWINANA: C. Indich 2, E. Dawn, Hall, Lloyd.	
BEST — FREMANTLE: Clarence Ryan, George Corriea, Sam De Sousa. KWINANA: Malcolm Winmar, David Mathieson.	

W AFL RESERVES

PERTH	5.4	10.9	18.16	24.20	164
WEST PERTH	2.2	6.3	6.6	8.9	57
GOALS — PERTH: Alvaro 5, Davis 5, Zaikos 3, S. Cable 2, Pears 2, Young 2, Fox 2, Moreschini 1, Bitmead 1, Cummings 1. WEST PERTH: O'Neill 3, Buckley 1, Starr 1, McAllister 1, Hunter 1, Houston 1.					
BEST — PERTH: Jackson, Kelly, Buck, Fox, Tomizzi, Hunter. WEST PERTH: Hunter, Bewick, Starr, Burns, Glynn, Sheppard.					
EAST PERTH	6.4	16.5	22.14	22.20	164
SUBIACO	4.2	6.4	7.5	16.9	105
GOALS — EAST PERTH: Moyse 6, Edmondson 3, May 3, Ewen 2, Glendinning 2, Cummings 2, Adam 2, Brooks 2, Stubberfield 1, Del Casale 1, Taylor 1. SUBIACO: Kettlewell 4, Combes 3, Keyser 2, Monaghan 2, Lester 2, Marriott 1, Piggott 1, Zampogna 1.					
BEST — EAST PERTH: Clark, Moyses, Williams, Stubberfield, Edmondson, Mayne. SUBIACO: Monaghan, Langdon, Sharpe, Dargie, Kettlewell, Combes.					
SWAN DIST	6.6	7.10	12.15	16.15	111
SOUTH FLEM	5.4	9.7	9.10	14.12	96
GOALS — SWAN DISTRICTS: Stone, Ahmat 3, Haycard, Dehring, Passeri 2, Edmonds, Stan-nage, Retzlatt, Pensini 1. SOUTH FLEMANTLE: Lebeck 3, Ball, Grant, D. Wilson 2, Kickett, Flugge, Salter, Pobjoy, Wyllie 1.					
BEST — SWAN DISTRICTS: Ahmat, Walker, Ogg, Peck, Retzlatt, Dehring. SOUTH FLEMANTLE: D. Wilson, Scott, Pobjoy, Kickett, Wyllie, Lynch.					
EAST FLEM	3.2	10.3	13.5	21.6	134
CLAREMONT	6.2	9.5	10.9	12.12	85
GOALS — EAST FREMANTLE: Bushell 7, Lawrence 3, Browning 3, Billich 2, Sims 2, Cole, Little, Adams, Rowe 1. CLAREMONT: Ridley 3, Barrows 2, Govan 2, Ralph 2, Thompson, Painter, Hann 1.					
BEST — EAST FREMANTLE: Read, Forman, Symonds, Baxter, Sims, D. Rowe, B. Rowe. CLAREMONT: Jarzabek, Ridley, Painter, McIntosh, Govan, Ralph.					

W AFL UNDER-19's

SUBIACO 13.12 (90) d EAST PERTH 7.10 (52)	
GOALS — SUBIACO: Burton 3, Grieve 3, Keeler 2, Hooper 1, Willison 1, Snow 1, Graham 1, Stokes 1. EAST PERTH: Gow 4, Softley 2, B. McKnight 1.	
BEST — SUBIACO: Riches, Buckley, Peden. EAST PERTH: Stewart, Gow, Walker.	
EAST FREMANTLE 11.9 (75) d CLAREMONT 9.9 (63)	
GOALS — EAST FREMANTLE: Travers 2, Morris 2, Ahola 2, Bambury 1, Ralph 1, Vandersen 1, Congleton 1, Anderson 1. CLAREMONT: Gerrey 3, Weir 2, Ham 2, Jones 1, Cunningham 1, Evans 1.	
BEST — EAST FREMANTLE: Cornish, Eves, Carradus. SWAN DISTRICTS: Ball, Foote, Geddes.	
SOUTH FREMANTLE 11.8 (74) d SWAN DISTRICTS 7.14 (56)	
GOALS — SOUTH FREMANTLE: Bassett-Scarte 4, Dowman 3, Collica 2, Mazurek 2. SWAN DISTRICTS: Stanley 3, Pollock 1, Sidebottom 1, Hannan 1, Ninnyette 1.	
BEST — SOUTH FREMANTLE: Cornish, Eves, Carradus. SWAN DISTRICTS: Ball, Foote, Geddes.	
WEST PERTH 14.5 (89) d PERTH 6.15 (51)	
GOALS — WEST PERTH: Jauncey 5, McDairmid 3, Smioth 2, Dean 1, Curley 1, Wynne, Green 1. PERTH: Ryder 2, Maindok 2, Williams 1, B. Smith 1.	
BEST — WEST PERTH: Dean, Curley, Elliott. PERTH: Thompson, Knipe, Burke.	

QUEENSLAND

QUEENSLAND Q AFL XXXX PREMIERSHIP	
Southport	12.17 (89) d Wilton Grange 9.10 (64)
Sandgate	15.8 (98) d Coorparoo 12.13 (85)
Morningside	35.20 (230) d Kedron 5.4 (34)
Windsor Zillmere	23.20 (168) d Sunshine Coast 5.8 (38)
Mayne	18.15 (123) d West District 8.12 (60).

VFA

VFA SUNDAY	
Werrabee	22.16 (148) d Camberwell 8.13 (61)
Frankston	30.7 (187) d Oakleigh 14.13 (98)
Port Melbourne	22.10 (142) d Prahran 19.15 (129)
Coburg	16.14 (110) d Preston 8.14 (62)
Box Hill	22.18 (150) d Sandringham 14.15 (99)
Brunswick	21.16 (142) d Dandenong 20.11 (131).

TASMANIA

TASMANIA TFL	
North Hobart	19.22 (136) d Hob

AT HOME AGAIN...

Falcons made it a pleasant afternoon

THE domestic airlines pilots strike produced at least one good side-effect last weekend.

Instead of having to jet across to a football oval on the east coast, I was on the bank at Leederville Oval.

It's always been my favourite spot to watch football from and with West Perth playing Perth for high stakes, the pilots timetable was for me (like them) selfishly okay.

In fact, last Saturday's game was the first I had seen in the WAFL competition this year.

But it wasn't without difficulty; my first hurdle was the lack of a Football Budget. They were all sold out well before the start of the match, so many of the players, par-

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ticularly Perth's, remain simply numbers to me.

After watching the game, it's obvious that George Michalczyk has done a marvellous job with the Falcons.

They showed plenty of feeling for each other and stuck to their game plan throughout.

It was a pretty simple plan...kick as many goals as possible, prevent easy goals and win by as much as possible.

At both ends of the ground West Perth went about their work with kamikaze-like zeal.

Tempo

Perth were very poor, but the most impressive feature of the Falcons game was the way they refused to slip back to their opponents level. They played the game at their own tempo and if the Demons couldn't keep up, it was their bad luck.

That's the hallmark of a well-drilled outfit.

It's interesting, for somebody who hasn't seen much local footy, to make comparisons with the games I've watched over the last few years.

The first thing that struck me was the lack of size among the players. West Perth looked smaller than

Perth and, by contrast with VFL clubs, they seemed tiny; not just in height, but in muscular development as well.

Players like Malcolm Williams, Paddy Madaffari, Brad Gwilliam, Neil Jackson, Tim Adam and Darren O'Brien are all rather slightly built.

Pacy Falcons

But what the Falcons lacked in power, they made up for with pace.

I made the point to fellow Channel 7 commentator Sandy Roberts at the Eagles game on Sunday that West Perth would beat Carlton by 10 goals if they could play on an oval twice the size of Subiaco.

They would run most teams off their legs and the Falcons skills, at full pace, were very impressive.

Of course, West Perth only just scrambled into the final four, so it follows that the sides above them on the ladder — Claremont, South Fremantle and East Fremantle — have all played pretty well this season too.

All in all, Saturday was an enjoyable and sentimental journey.

The players may have kicked the ball shorter than I recall players of even five years ago doing, but West Perth appeared a league quality team equal to most eras.

Perth didn't come close, which raises the question of East Perth below them on the table.

Still, the bank and the sunshine more than compensated.



Tough tussle

Former South Fremantle star Jon Dorotich wasn't exactly at home at Subiaco Oval on Sunday as he floundered against some classy Eagles forwards. The big defender had his hands full with Peter Sumich and Stevan Jackson and it wasn't a Sunday afternoon that Doro would like to remember. Jackson, particularly, seemed to relish the physical clashes with Dorotich and the form of the two young Eagles forwards augers well for the future.

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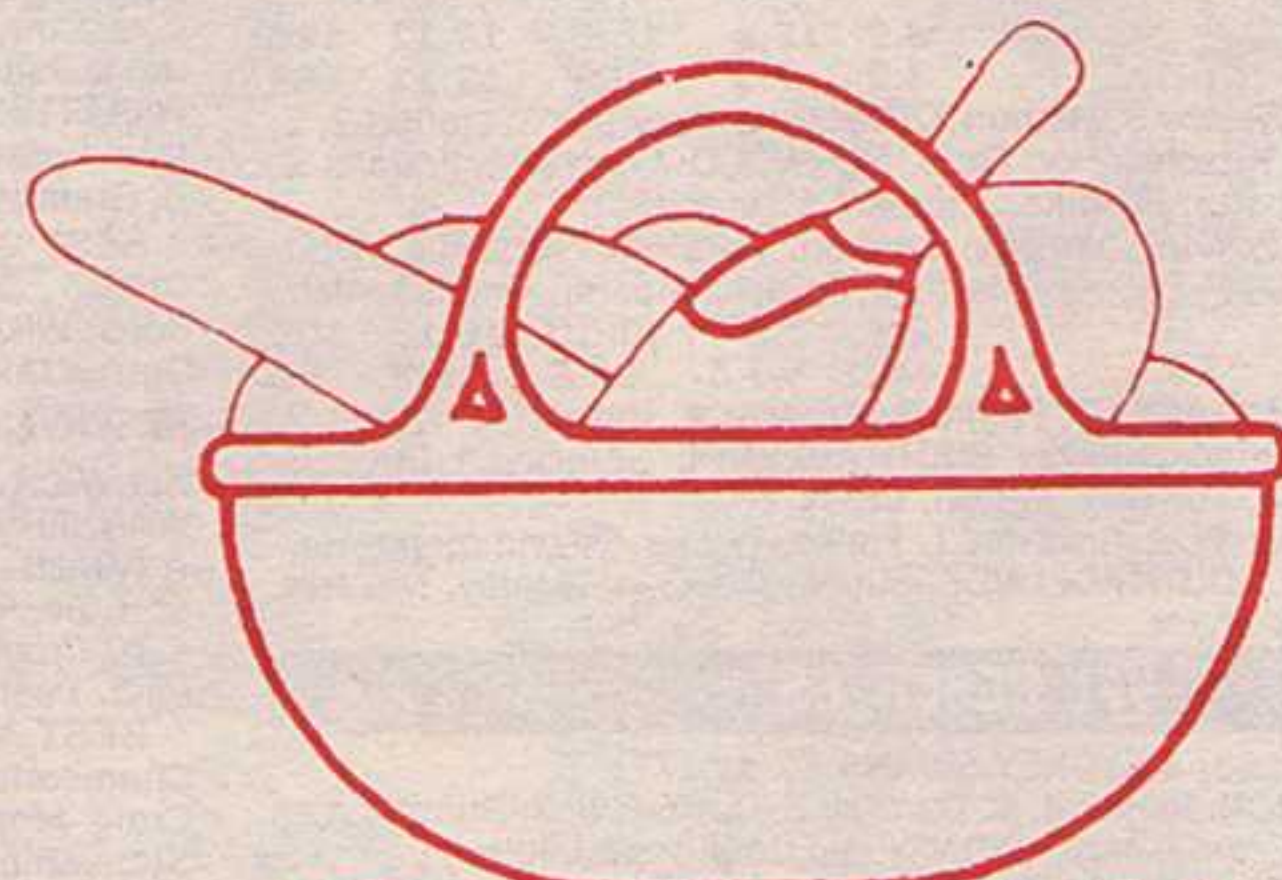
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