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BIRTHDAYS ALL ROUND



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It will be a case of best wishes all around in the West Coast Eagles changerooms next week when birthday boy Dean Laidley (left) and the new chum in town, Craig McGrath, arrive for training. Laidley will celebrate his 23rd birthday next Tuesday and Fitzroy recruit McGrath will settle permanently in Perth after tying up some loose ends in Melbourne this week. McGrath had a rapid introduction to the Eagles side when he arrived in Perth last Friday and lined up for his new side in the practice match against Hawthorn on Saturday.

"It was a bit hard," admitted the handy utility player who knew very few of the Eagles players before being drafted a week ago.

"It was strange playing my first game, having to remember names and so forth. I relied a bit on hand, mouth and eye contact to let the other guys know where I was!"

Laidley has been a star in pre-season workouts after completing a term of suspension from last season ... and that's one of his birthday wishes — to keep out of harms way from the umpires!

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REDEMPTION

TWO of WA's best-credentialed coaches, Ron Alexander and Mal Brown, are the WAFC's Mission Impossible team for 1990.

It is up to this highly-decorated duo to repair WA's lost prestige in the interstate football arena.

WA has two interstate appointments this season — a State-of-Origin clash with Victoria (with all AFL players available for selection) at the WACA Ground on Tuesday, June 26 and a WASFL battle with South Australia in Adelaide on Sunday, July 8.

WA were comprehensively beaten by Victoria in the State-of-Origin fixture last season and it is unlikely that a WAFL team could have made much headway against South Australia had we played them.

Alexander, the 1985 East Fremantle premiership coach who has a two-one win/loss record at the helm of the State team, remains in charge, while Brown — a champion player, Sandover Medallist and WAFL premiership coach in his own right — has been re-appointed chairman of selectors.

EXPERIENCE

WA State Football League general manager John O'Connell says that the WAFC was pleased the two men were again available because of their extensive experience.

"It's important that we get continuity in these vital areas of organisation," he said.

Alexander admitted that it would be tough for WA to overcome South Australia or Victoria, but he and Brown had already laid the groundwork for WA victories.

"We have skilled players such as John Worsfold and Chris Lewis who are clearly able to match the Victorians," said Alexander.

"Our preparation against South Australia will start six to eight weeks before the July 8 clash in Adelaide, rather than the usual couple of weeks."

Alexander said the fact that WA were underdogs could be a bonus.

"We weren't expected to beat South Australia in Adelaide in 1985, but we did and that's where we're playing them this year.

"Anything can happen in a two-horse race - just look at what happened in the Buster Douglas-Mike Tyson world heavyweight title fight.

"Tyson lost in a big upset and now he says he's returning to his old style of training.

"It's obvious from that decision that he had slackened off before the fight and was a victim of complacency.

"The best team on the day will win and we're aiming to field a very competitive side."



State coach Ron Alexander is planning revenge on South Australia.

IN THE LOCKER ROOM

Footy gossip from the changeroom

BE A BRICK!

EAST Fremantle have launched a Brick Pledge to help with the club's 1990 finances. The \$50 donation entitles the donor to have a plaque bearing their name mounted on a brick in the club's main hall.

BEAT THE QUEUES

THE West Coast Eagles have an attractive offer for fans intending to watch their home games this season. The "Q-Jumper" ground entry season pass costs adults just \$58, which is almost half price. It also saves the holder the dull task of queuing at the turnstiles. Concession season passes are \$26, squadron passes (children under 15) are \$8, while family passes come in at \$116.

ROYAL BARGAINS

EAST Perth will celebrate their return to Perth Oval with a huge Swap Meet this Sunday, with plenty of bargains on sale. Sellers can set up their own stalls from 8am and buyers will be flooding through the gates soon after. There will be a host of other entertainment on the day.

Kickett plea

COLOURFUL Carlton footballer David Rhys-Jones claims that Fitzroy rookie Dale Kickett has received too many headlines. The 1987 Norm Smith Medallist said that too much publicity for a youngster was not good for them. "His team-mate Gary Pert said after one game that Kickett could be the answer to Fitzroy's problems in Richard Osborne's absence," Rhys-Jones said. "I don't think that Pert should have said that because it places too much pressure on Kickett. Too many players are built up early, only to be shot down." Kickett was a priority choice by Carlton after being a key member of Claremont's 1989 premiership side.

GUERNSEY DAY

THE West Coast Eagles have invited everyone to their jumper presentation and family day at Subiaco Oval this Sunday (March 25) between 11am and 2pm. It's free entry and entertainment includes a dunking machine, chocolate wheel and handball and kicking competitions. Kids can get their picture taken with their favourite Eagle and there's Squadron (under 15) passes for the first 100 kids through the gate and free Peter's Icecreams to the first 500.

CROWDS ON THE UP

THE crowds are coming back. Attendances boomed in 1989, with 61,680 more fans watching WAFL club football last year compared to the previous season. In 1989, 342,373 fans attended the qualifying rounds, compared to 309,219 in 1988 — an increase of 10.7 per cent. Helped by the first semi-final draw between East Fremantle and West Perth, finals figures jumped from 72,097 in 1988 to 100,633 — a 39.6 per cent increase — last year. The percentage increase for the entire 1989 season over the previous year was a healthy 16.2 per cent. Round nine was the best attended with 24,108 fans. In addition, 20,219 spectators watched the West Coast Eagles play Hawthorn at Subiaco Oval the following day. While South Fremantle enjoyed the biggest home ground following (53,837 patrons), it was Swan Districts who had the largest increase in fans. Their attendances went up by a staggering 45.3 per cent over 1988, while West Perth and East Perth's leapt by 24.3 per cent and 19.4 per cent respectively. With the WA Football Commission replacing its league clubs dividends scheme this season, in preference for the SFL clubs keeping their own gate receipts, it will be interesting to see how the less-successful clubs cope with their finances.

ANGOVE'S.... Pick a fine wine

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Barry Cable's juggling antics bring a smile to the faces of these teenagers at the Longmore Training Centre.

Cable spreads the message

FOOTBALL legend Barry Cable never misses an opportunity to promote the game that has been his life and he bobs up in some unusual places.

With the support of football sponsors Burley Sekem, Cable gave football enthusiasts at the Longmore Training Centre a kick-start to the 1990 season.

The sporting goods firm donated two complete sets of jumpers and socks and seven club footballs to the centre after media reports indicated that their footy team was in desperate need of gear.

The boys, all juvenile offenders, take part in regular training sessions with Cable, one of the game's all-time greats who works as a promotions officer with the Town and Country Football Development Trust.

PROBLEM

One of the real problems at Longmore is the limited size of their quadrangle — which means that footballs are often kicked over the fence and lost.

Burley Sekem manag-

ing director Kevin McIntyre said that his company was pleased to help out in such a situation.

"Footy provides excellent constructive disciplines and an energy outlet," he said.

"These factors are extremely important for the young people in Longmore, which is why football coaches and players from the West Coast Eagles and the eight league clubs contribute to the centre's training programme."

Footy's drastic changes off the field

FOOTBALL off the field will adopt some drastic changes as the games goes into the 1990s.

The first major step will come towards the end of April when football's senior administration moves out of Subiaco Oval, its headquarters since 1956.

The administration of the West Coast Eagles, WA's four-year-old national team, will move into League Headquarters at Subiaco Oval.

The administrative staff of the newly-formed WA Football Commission, which has now assumed overall control of football, will move to the recently-renovated Freemason's Hall in Subiaco Road, almost opposite Subiaco Oval.

The Town and Country Football Development Trust will also move there — it's second move in a year after being established initially at the Mt Claremont Superdome.

These changes signify the new look of football in the 1990s, with the Eagles being given prominence as WA's elite football organisation and finally being able to establish itself as a genuine club with a permanent home base.

The off-field financial crisis that has plagued most of the eight clubs in the domestic competition is also set for a boost with the administrative restructuring at the top of football's tree.

GATE TAKINGS

The WA State League clubs have now been given the right to retain their own gate takings — a bone of contention for many years, especially among the successful clubs who have always drawn the biggest crowds.

In previous years, the WAFL has collected gate receipts and paid out a yearly dividend — with the big crowd-pullers receiving as much as the less-popular clubs.

Now, with gate receipts going direct to the clubs and WAFC dividends nonexistent, the pressure is really on the eight clubs to perform at home.

This decision has also led to negotiations between the clubs and their local

New names at the top

FOOTBALL administration is now basically on three levels.

The WA Football Commission is at the top of the table, with Dr Peter Tannock, Kevin Edwards and John Fuhrmann comprising the board. Jeff Ovens is the interim chief executive.

The West Coast Eagles still has its own management and board of directors, under the chairmanship of Terry O'Connor, with Murray McHenry, John Adams, Bill Kerr and Dwane Buckland making up the board and Brian Cook as general manager.

The Eagles are intended to come under the WAFC banner with a still-to-be-formalised 75/25 profit-sharing agreement.

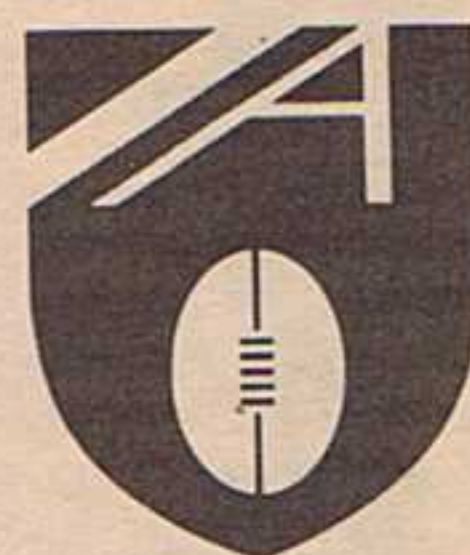
The President's Council is the go-between body between the WAFC and the eight clubs comprising the State Football League.

Heading the SFL administration is Football Manager John O'Connell, while the Town and Country Football Development Trust is managed by Grant Dorrington.

by



Alan East



The new AFL logo

authorities — with some noticeable improvements in rent agreements being achieved.

Swan Districts, for example, have renegotiated their arrangement with the Bassendean Town Council, obtaining freehold rights to their extensive premises — among the best in Australian football — and obtaining a drastic reduction in interest repayments.

East Perth, back at Perth Oval after an unsuccessful two-year stint at the WACA Ground, have also obtained new rent arrangements with the Perth City Council.

And the WAFC's biggest breakthrough has been the virtual agreement with the State Government and the Subiaco City Council for a 99-year lease on Subiaco Oval — a move that gives football greater control over its major stadium.

SURVIVAL

The gate receipts change is probably the key factor in the survival of domestic football.

As Jeff Ovens, the acting chief executive of the WAFC says:

"The onus is now on the clubs to guarantee their own survival.

"The financial responsibility now rests with each club and they know that if they cannot fit into this year's budget, their future can be reviewed.

"We certainly don't want to lose any of our clubs, but we had to tighten the financial situation.

"It is now in the club's own interest to promote the game."

THE VFL IS DEAD

THE legendary Victorian Football League no longer exists.

The 93-year-old VFL has been renamed the Australian Football League to cater for the expanded national competition, with teams in Brisbane, Sydney and Perth.

New logos have been drawn up for the AFL and the traditional big V is now missing from the guernseys of players in the 14 AFL clubs.

The name Victorian Football League has been retained by the AFL as a commercial title and the Victorian State-of-Origin side is expected to retain its traditional Big V guernsey design.

Royals on revival course

EAST Perth are tackling 1990 with the slogan "Fighting for our survival" and there's no shortage of action in the camp.

Back at Perth Oval after two years at the WACA Ground, more than 60 Royals volunteers, administrative staff

Jumper nights at six clubs

THE traditional presentation of guernsey ceremonies at football clubs are a great opportunity for members and supporters to get to know the new faces before the first bouncdown.

Six of the eight WA State Football League clubs will hold jumper presentations this weekend.

Perth will hold a special day at Lathlain Park on Saturday, with former premiership coach Ken Armstrong addressing players and special guests.

The guernsey presentation will start at 7pm with guest presenters including former Sandover Medallists Pat Dalton and Ian Miller, veteran time-keeper Len Waldoock and former administrator Jack O'Dea.

SUNDAY SHOWS

Five other clubs will hold their presentations on Sunday.

Subiaco's will get underway at 9.30am and West Perth will also be early starters at 11am.

South Fremantle's will begin at 3.30pm, East Perth's will follow their Swap Mart and Gala Day on Perth Oval with a 4pm ceremony in the social hall and East Fremantle's will also start at 4pm.

Claremont and Swan Districts have no official functions planned.

and players have been putting the polish on facilities to get the club's former home back into shape.

Two years of football action away from home left the facilities in need of a brush-up, but now they are better than ever, with gallons of blue and black paint splashed around on seating and signs.



Royals general manager Alex Wilson.

East Perth are also holding a Survival Raffle which is important for the club's financial success.

Drawn on March 31, the first prize is \$10,000, with 10 money-back prizes of \$100.

TERRIFIC

General manager Alex Wilson described the effort shown by everyone as terrific.

"Coming back to Perth Oval has brought a lot of our former members out of the woodwork," he said.

"They can't do enough to get the ground ready for the first league game on March 31."

Mr Wilson suggested that members should form a syndicate if they couldn't afford a raffle ticket on their own.

"There are still some tickets left and if members contact us we can help them organise their syndicate if they have no-one to team up with," he said.



Dean Kemp...speedy newcomer

Eagles fare well in draft

THE West Coast Eagles have done very well in the Australian Football League draft system — as their talent-laden squad now confirms.

The club's initial draft choices last November were excellent and the squad was topped off in last week's internal draft with the selection of Craig McGrath, Phil Narkle, Warren Dean and Bret Hutchinson.

McGrath, at 26 years of age and with 58 games at Fitzroy, has the ability to play at both ends of the ground and on the ball. He adds depth and height to the side and will be a valuable utility player.

Narkle is a class player who, injury free, will be a real bonus as a midfielder, while Dean is probably a more long-term prospect as he recovers from injury. But he is a proven performer and a good goalkicker.

Hutchinson was something of a surprise choice, but a handy player with good skills and pace.

Many fans were probably unaware of the restrictions placed on the clubs in regard to the internal draft, with no new players able to be nominated. Those drafted had to be former VFL players or players left off club lists.

ASSESSMENT

When it comes down to the final assessment of players, clubs have to answer questions like this:

- (1) Can the player fit into the salary cap?
- (2) Why has he been left off his own club list?
- (3) What is his medical history?
- (4) What are his ambitions?
- (5) What's his playing history?

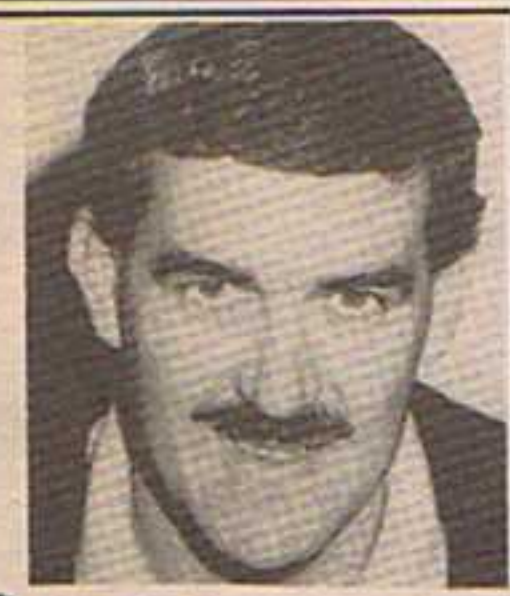
Players like Jim Krakouer (who went to St Kilda) and Derek Kickett (to Essendon) can revive their playing careers and will be good value. They both have plenty of match-winning football left in them.

At the other end of the scale, veteran David Cloke returns to his original club Richmond to cap off a most illustrious career.

by

Ian Miller

Former player, coach, commentator and now West Coast Eagles selector



New role is a challenge

BEING a member of the West Coast Eagles match committee is certainly a new experience and I'm enjoying the role. It's good to be back involved in football at club level.

We have a very diverse group headed, of course, by coach Mick Malthouse, with Trevor Sprigg as chairman, Tim Gepp and myself as selectors, plus support from team runner Rob Wiley and Football Manager Trevor Nisbett.

The season hasn't really started yet, but I can assure you that Wiley, Gepp and yours truly have been fully tested on the training track...and there are still some touches of the past on display!

New faces first up

WHILE it is early days yet, the practice form of the Eagles has been most promising, creating pressure for almost every position in the 20 for the season-opener on April 1 against Collingwood.

The form of some of this year's newcomers in Peter Wilson, Dean Irving, Dean Kemp, Peter Matera and Brad Gwilliam has been most impressive.

Irving, Kemp and Gwilliam were certainly not expected to be so prominent early in the season and it just proves that football is a game of opportunity and these three are making the most of their early chances.

Eagles look good...again

SO what's new? Yet again the West Coast Eagles are looking like finals certainties as we warm up in the pre-season activities.

So will this season be any different?

Practice match form is a notoriously bad guide in assessing a team's chances once the REAL season starts.

If you were to run a book on pre-season form this year, then Hawthorn and Geelong would be at pretty liberal odds, while it would be hard to set a decent price about the Eagles.

But you can forget about what has happened so far this season.

Hawthorn will be there when the finals come around and Geelong won't be far behind them.

So who will join them in the finals?

IMPROVERS

Carlton are strong finals possibilities after the way they performed under Alex Jesaulenko last season and Essendon look big improvers with premiership expert Kevin Sheedy still in charge.

Which leaves one berth open — and remember, Melbourne have had a mortgage on a finals place in recent years...and don't forget Collingwood.

So, if form runs true, then it would appear that there is no place left in the finals for the Eagles.

But I believe the Eagles will be there — and they will get a flying start to the season by steamrolling Collingwood in their opening encounter at Subiaco Oval on April 1. Sorry, Doug Riky but you're in for an April Fools joke if you believe otherwise! The Gollivogs will probably win more matches than they lose, but I don't see them as a finals contender.

The Eagles had a pretty ordinary start to last season, but finished it off in WA in the fashion we've come to expect.

I don't think Mick Malthouse is going to make a heck of a difference to the Eagles this year, but I do believe there will be a big difference in the way they performed after last season.

A contradiction? Not really.

The Eagles simply have to get better the longer they perform in the AFL.

They have far more depth this season. Some of the younger players, such as Peter Sumich and Stevan Jackson can only improve as they learn. More importantly, the Eagles have recruited judiciously this year.

In the past they have tended to rely on a handful of players to carry the side. But the move I like and, in fact, suggested in this column last year, is the better use of Guy McKenna.

While he is an outstanding defender, he can be an even bigger asset to the Eagles in an attacking role.

EMPHASIS

It's going to take time, but eventually the AFL emphasis is going to be prised away from Melbourne.

The Eagles and Brisbane Bears got a raw deal when they joined the competition.

But they have both shown, along with the Sydney Swans, that they will be tough nuts to crack at home.

And this will have a big bearing in shaping the finals.

Even the top sides will find it hard to win in other states, so the gap between the top and bottom sides could be quite pronounced this season.

St Kilda and North Melbourne appear the only other Melbourne-based sides who might give the finals a nudge. But the Saints need Tony Lockett firing all season and despite good pre-season form, I wonder whether North are as good as they have shown so far.

The Sydney Swans will again be knocking on the door and the WA-bolstered Brisbane Bears could be

by

Robert Bennett

of the Sunday Times



the surprise packet, but I don't see them being as good as the Eagles.

Overall, it looks as though it will be an absorbing season.

At full strength, Hawthorn will again be the side to beat for the premiership. Their two main challengers will probably be Geelong and Carlton and the Eagles should win enough games at home to guarantee a passage into the finals.

If they do get there and front up on a dry day, who knows how far they might go.

Tigers still the team

THE football battle on the home-town front looks like another case of who can beat Claremont for the premiership.

It's hard to draw a line because a lot will depend on which Eagles players will be available for SFL games, but the Tigers look strong again and it should be a raffle for the other three positions in the finals.

East Fremantle will make the finals, South Fremantle should be there again and Swan Districts, under John Todd, are likely to consolidate their position in the four.

West Perth and Subiaco (especially if they get good use out of Laurie Keene) look the best of the others...which just leaves Perth and EastPerth; sorry folks!



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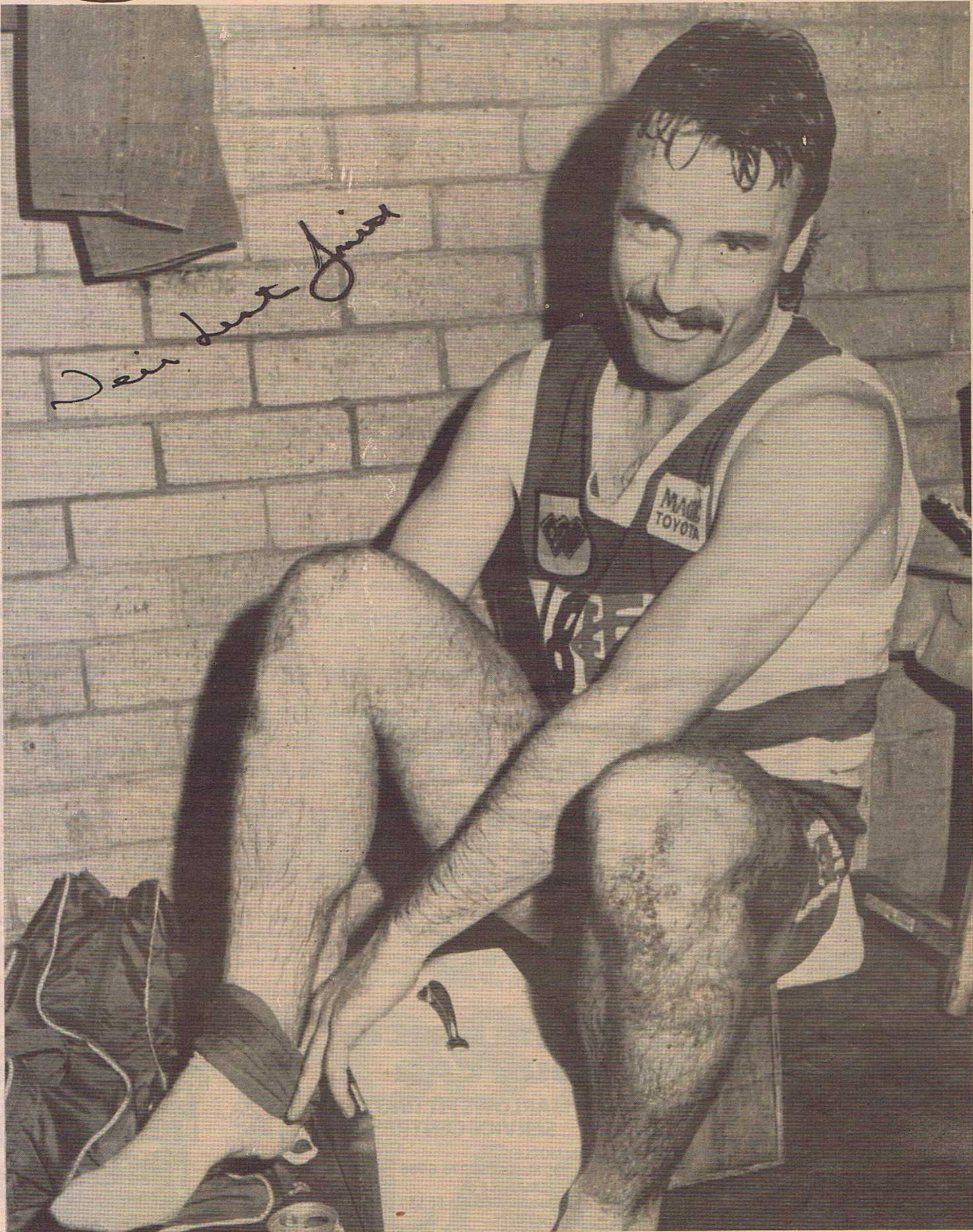
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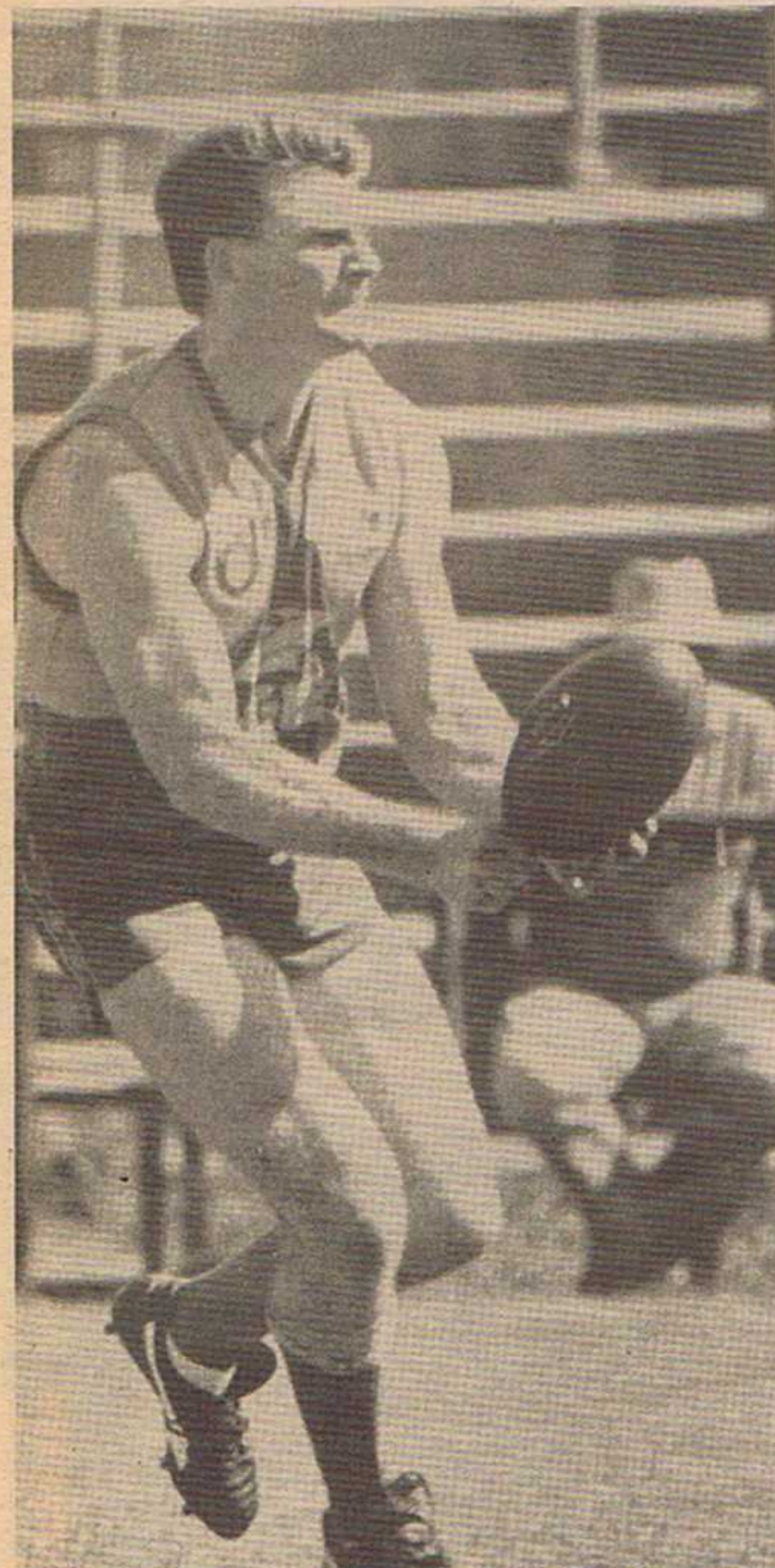


MALTHOUSE IN CHARGE

New coach has Eagles on target



The 1990 season heralds the start of the renamed Australian Football League and the West Coast Eagles go into the year with a new coach, MICK MALTHOUSE, a former tough VFL player and disciplined coach. The Eagles season kicks off on Sunday, April 1 and after just a few months in charge, Malthouse is confident that the WA side will be a force to be reckoned with. After wins over 1989 grand finalists Geelong and Hawthorn in recent weeks, the Eagles are primed for a finals assault of their own. Westside Football's GEORGE TEMPLE pinned the fast-moving Malthouse down for a pre-season question and answer session.



Experienced forward Peter Wilson will add depth to the Eagles forward line.

WESTSIDE FOOTBALL: How would you assess your first months with the Eagles...has it been better or worse than expected?

Malthouse: It's as expected.

WF: You put the players through a rigorous pre-season weights programme. You obviously felt that in the past they have not stood up to the contact aspect of the game?

Malthouse: Not quite right. I've not done anything this year to assess them on previous years. I believe that a thorough weight programme is essential. In this case a lot of players have indicated they have undertaken other weights programmes, but probably not as intensive. We will continue to do this throughout the year. It builds up body strength and it must give you bigger bodies because of the different muscles you develop.

WF: Do you think it has improved the confidence of any players?

Malthouse: I think that every player benefits by doing this sort of thing.

WF: Any examples?

Malthouse: I said every player!

WF: How would you assess the Eagles player strength this year compared to last?

Malthouse: It's obviously better because we've got 52 players compared to 42 last year.

WF: You also seem to be more injury-free this year than in previous years?

Malthouse: That certainly appears to be the case. I would like to think that the programmes we've undertaken have reduced what I call self-inflicted injuries such as the hamstring, groin, calf and thigh strains. Most of those are caused by poor preparation in warm-up and I would like to think there are less of those because the players do the warm-ups under far greater supervision now than before.

WF: The addition of Peter Wilson, Warren Dean and Phil Narkle and the performances of Guy McKenna and Troy Ugle must be heartening?

Malthouse: The draft players we picked up are very good - so far the indications are that they're going to be fair players for us. The performances of Ugle have been outstanding over three weeks and McKenna has found his feet in the centre and played better football than he did in the earlier games this year.

WF: What is the likelihood of McKenna starting in the centre against Collingwood?

Malthouse: He's a definite chance. But we must also remember that Steve Malaxos will be coming back into the side for that game.

WF: Why did you pick Steve Malaxos as skipper and do you feel he was hard done by at Hawthorn?

Malthouse: I can't answer that - the pros and cons as to why Hawthorn don't pick blokes is not up to me. He's the skipper for a number of reasons. He has vast experience; he's got a healthy on-field respect from the other players; he's a doer; works hard at his game and I believe he's the type of captain that we need.

WF: How important is the first five matches for the Eagles remembering that they won just one in the first five last year?

Malthouse: I don't worry about round five or round four, round three or round two. I believe the biggest problem is getting over round one and once we do that we can assess who we play next week. The most important thing to realise is that we go one week at a time and one quarter at a time.

WF: Where did the Eagles go wrong in 1989?

Malthouse: That's not for me to say! It's too easy to pick problems looking in from the outside.

WF: Do you feel you've instilled a more direct style to the Eagles game? They have been criticised in the past for being too short with their passing and for using the flanks too often.

Malthouse: I haven't yet, but it's got to be the way. Yes, we are endeavouring to get a quicker avenue to goal than mucking around with the footy. That does take time because under real pressure players tend to go back into their older habits. It's going to take time. Yes, it's one of our plans, but it hasn't been implemented yet. I think we certainly used it well against Geelong and Hawthorn. We haven't been doing it on a week to week basis.

WF: I guess the form of your forwards must be worrying?

Malthouse: I think the problem with the forward line in general, if you can call it a real worry, is that we have a number of players who can play in various positions. I'd like it a bit more settled than what it is. I'm sure that will come with a bit of patience and a bit of time.

WF: What decisions have you made regarding your travelling schedule to Melbourne? Earlier in the year you said you had friends in the United States who were better used to travelling.

Malthouse: We've elected to leave the day before and stick to eastern standard time. The professionalism in the team is fantastic, so I've no doubts that this is the best combination. The eating and drinking and

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WF: Do you think you're a successful coach considering your record with Footscray?

Malthouse: The side I had recorded a 51 per cent win/loss ratio, which was the best the club had achieved - ever! Successful? I guess you'd measure success by premierships, so therefore I'm obviously chasing success.

WF: You're the third coach the Eagles have had in four years. Do you think they've made the right decision in replacing John Todd with yourself?

Malthouse: That's not for me to answer. The job was offered to me and I took it. That's an administrative function and not mine to comment on.

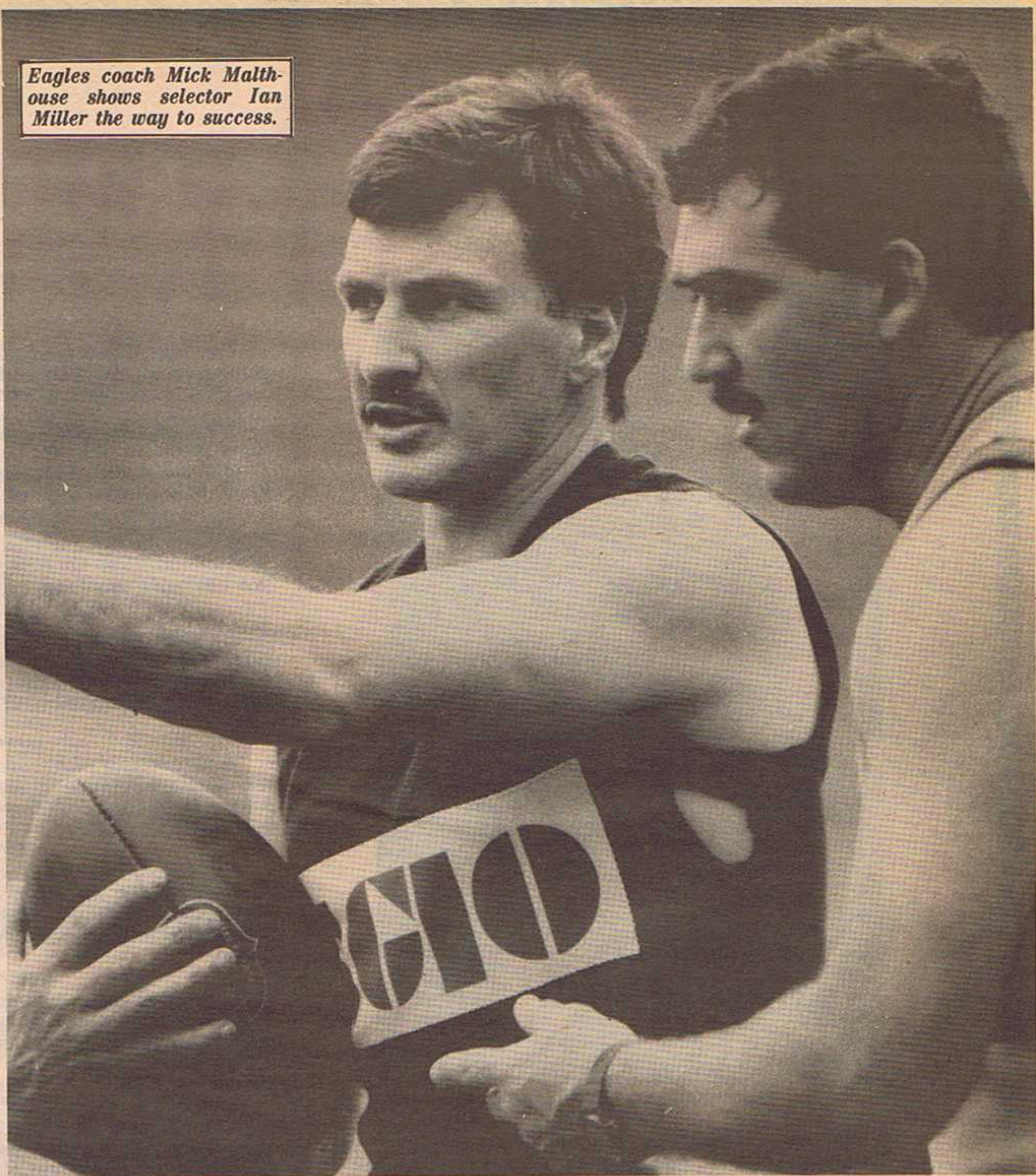
WF: Still on your predecessor. He didn't always handle the media too well after a game if he lost. How do you handle a loss?

Malthouse: I look at it this way. You've got to take the good with the bad. Win, lose or draw you've got an obligation to talk to the press because we can't do without them and they can't do without us. It's part and parcel of the system.

WF: How do you perceive the role of the media?

Malthouse: We can play as many games as we like, but unless the press blokes bump it up and discuss the game the way it should be, we'd be hitting our heads against a brick wall. We need good press and we need good journalists who know the game. ends

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse shows selector Ian Miller the way to success.



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Couchie the garbo doesn't plan to clean-up

THE lure of the big dollar has not changed the man who took out football's most prestigious award last season.

Quietly-spoken Geelong star Paul Couch was a worthy winner of the 1989 Brownlow Medal and the likeable centreman has not let the success go to his head.

Couch has shunned several lucrative business deals in preference for the simple life following his one-vote win over Hawthorn ace John Platten.

Couch still rates his occupation as a "garbologist" and he believes his job as a garbage collector with the Geelong City Council is a formula to success.

He starts work at 5am, enabling him to be finished by 1pm, giving him the afternoon off for a rest and a fresh approach for training.

Added to that are the built-in benefits of a 10km run as part of the daily routine — and the extra time this committed family man gets to spend with his wife, Geraldine and the kids.

CELEBRATIONS

His Brownlow win last season led to plenty of celebrations and after a few days of handshakes, ticker-tape parades and functions, it was Couch who had the task of community cleaning up.

He finished three hours late on the day after the Medal count — held up by his many fans emerging early in the dawn to offer their congratulations...but he loved it.

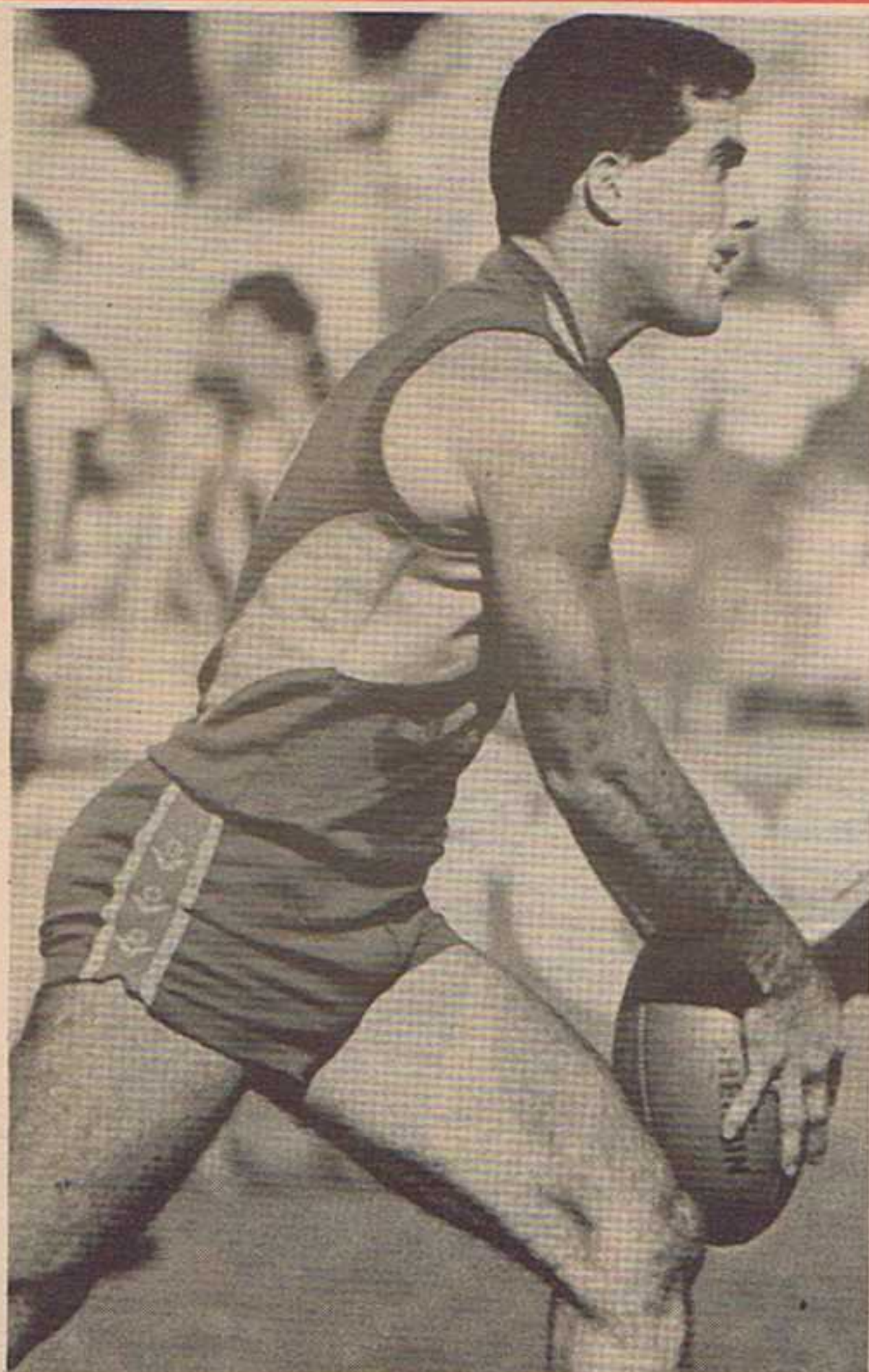
The changes in the Geelong man's life are cosmetic. Couch has swapped his Subaru ute for a Ford Fairlane, he has some new adidas equipment in the wardrobe and his dream of owning a new house with a pool is closer to fruition than ever before.

But he still keeps his occasional bet on the horses to a minimum; enjoys a drink after a match and never misses a club function.

Brownlow Medal champion Paul Couch is unaffected by his acquired VIP status. Forever smiling, he remains Couchie to everyone — even those he doesn't know.



Geelong's Paul Couch . . . a modest champion.



Steve Malaxos...terrible accident

"We have learned a lot. We'll be back next year".
Losing grand final coach Stan Magro.

"I'm not keen on playing with the Eagles; I'd rather play with a Melbourne-based club." Claremont's Simpson Medal winner, Ben Allan.

"This has gone on for too long; I'll be seeking a clearance if it's not resolved immediately." East Perth skipper Glen Bartlett on his pay-contract dispute with the Royals.

"I've no plans to retire, I'll continue next year." Hawthorn coach Allan Jeans after guiding the Hawks to the VFL premiership over Geelong.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge; I believe the Eagles have some outstanding players and great potential." Newly-appointed Eagles coach Mick Malthouse.

"We're having a look at the contract and we expect to see Phil back on the training track." Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr on claims that the club faced a payout of up to \$384,000 to injured wingman Phil Narkle.



Laurie Keene...lot of work

"I'm bitter; that's football and I'll be staying in the game somewhere." Sacked Eagles coach John Todd.

"We'll have him back if he's interested." Swan Districts president Bill Walker, confirming that John Todd would be offered the league coaching role with Ed Blackaby's contract expired.

"Some of our existing WAFL clubs will not survive if local authorities do not ease ground rental payments." WA Football Commission chairman Dr Peter Tannock.

"He deserves the chance to move up to the league side after outstanding performances in our reserves and under-19s." East Fremantle president Hans Beyer confirming the appointment of Ron Wilcox as league coach.

"We are blessed with some great tradition and some very loyal and influential supporters. It's time to emphasise the positives." Newly-elected East Perth president Bob Pearson.

"We wanted Peter Matera, but it was a flip of the coin between him and Brad Rowe." Eagles coach Mick Malthouse after the WA club picked Matera as their first draft choice, leaving Rowe to go to the Brisbane Bears.

"They seem to be willing to take a gamble with young kids, hoping they will turn into good players and perform as soon as they get there." Sandover Medallist Craig Edwards, overlooked in the VFL draft because of his age — at 28.

"Coach Gerard Neesham will have to rebuild the club all over again." Claremont president Lew Mutch on the club's loss of eight players in the VFL draft.

"It is essential that we have a permanent home base and we can make it at Subiaco with a minimum of cost." Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr announcing plans to set the club up permanently at Subiaco Oval.

"It's a wait and see situation for all of us here, but it's very unsettling." Brisbane Bears star Brad Hardie on the club's ownership and financial problems.

"It's good for the game and should help clubs increase their sponsorship packages." WAFL chief Brian Cook on moves to allow the ABC to telecast club games live to the metropolitan area in 1990.

"Subiaco have hit the panic button after finishing sixth last year and they are pilfering from the weaker clubs like East Perth." Royals president Laurie Kennedy.

"I've spoken to the Eagles and I'm keen to start training and hopefully play with them again." Injured wingman Phil Narkle, dropped off the Eagles list last season.

"Quite frankly, the club isn't worth saving unless the WA Football Commission changes its stance on a National Football League." South Fremantle president Wayne Ryder on the club's serious financial shortfall.

"If you pick me, you're stupid. I'm staying in Perth." Defiant ruckman Paul Harding in a message to St Kilda after his move back to WA.

"It is the beginning of a new era of co-operation between the Football Commission and the clubs." East Fremantle president Hans Beyer after a meeting between the WAFL clubs and the WAFC to resolve administrative procedures planned for 1990.

"It would be different if all you had in your life was football — then I'd play for as long as possible. But my future is on the land." Former South Fremantle and Geelong star Mark Bairstow on his decision to retire to his family farm — and play football with Lake Grace.

"Barry has been at Perth for five years now and has played only a handful of league games. It's only natural he wants a change of environment and if he moves, Shane will go as well. We're a close family." Football legend Barry Cable on planned moves by his two sons.

"I enjoyed it over there, but they have put themselves in the mud with me. I've come home to live; if I play with the Eagles, that's good, if not, it's not the end of the world. Paul Harding, turning his back on St Kilda and returning to live in Perth.

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"It would be great to have a player like Glendinning back, but that's not practical and certainly not our intention." Eagles coach Mick Malthouse, confirming that former skipper Ross Glendinning would help out in a skills coaching capacity only this season.

"I would be ecstatic if the players were totally geared by round one, but my strategies are different and will take time for the players to come to grips with." Eagles coach Mick Malthouse after the team's first major intra-club practice match.

"We would not expect him to play every week, but he would be very useful coming off the interchange bench in crucial games." Claremont president Lew Mutch suggesting that Tigers coach Gerard Neesham might continue playing this season.

"A lot of players died hard and that is exactly the way the club has got to be." Eagles coach Mick Malthouse after the team's three-point loss to Essendon in a Foster's Cup match.

"The bottom line was the small financial return for the vast amount of time and effort that you put in — plus the physical risk." Eagles forward Don Holmes announcing his retirement.

"I could be gone tomorrow or in five years. It's up to Mr Pelerman." Brisbane Bears coach Paul Feltham after the takeover of the club by Gold Coast millionaire Reuben Pelerman.

"It's disappointing to go after he told me that he's happy with what I've done and that I would be staying on." Bears coach Paul Feltham (a day later) after being sacked by new owner Reuben Pelerman.

"It is difficult trying to make a name for yourself when you have a famous father." Eagles player Shane Cable confirming that he and brother Barry would switch to Subiaco.

"This is all news to me; we've never seen or been promised any money." Brad Hardie on AFL claims that Footscray had offered a \$50,000 cheque to his girlfriend if he quit the Brisbane Bears.

"Our first obligation is to Claremont; with 14 players in the Eagles squad we could find ourselves having to change our whole team balance on a Thursday night." Claremont president Lew Mutch announcing that the Tigers would not comply with the ruling that Eagles players relegated back to their clubs must play in the league team.

"It's a damn shame because I've always liked the club, but they appear to have made up their mind they don't want me." North Melbourne star Jim Krakouer on quitting the Kangaroos.

"I have done a lot of work in an attempt to get back into the game and the pain that is there now is probably something I'll just have to live with." Injured Eagle Laurie Keene after almost 12 months out with an Achilles heel problem.

"I am not asking for big money, but club officials seem concerned that my knee won't hold up." Melbourne forward Warren Dean on suggestions that he will be dropped from the Demons list.

"I felt that it was in the best interests of everybody — players, officials and supporters — associated with Footscray and football in general if I returned to Brisbane." Brad Hardie quitting Footscray after one training session.

"There is a group of half a dozen or so players who are holding a gun at the club's head." East Fremantle president Hans Beyer criticising Sharks players not prepared to accept a pay cut under the new salary cap.

"It's amazing to be away for a couple of years and come back to see the exceptional talent that is coming through." Deposed Eagles coach John Todd back at Swan Districts.

"I felt this searing pain and looked down to see the stake coming out the top of my foot." Eagles captain Steve Malaxos after stepping on a wooden garden stake at Cottesloe Beach.



Ben Allan...a real challenge

"It would have been difficult to support my young family on the cut into my three-year pay contract." North Melbourne's Derek Kickett nominating himself for the pre-season draft.

"It is not true that Footscray pleaded guilty to any charges." Footscray president Peter Gordon denying that the club was guilty of breaching the player-draft regulations over the attempt to recruit Brad Hardie, for which the AFL fined them \$10,000.

"He's glad it's all over; he just wants to get back to playing footy." Brisbane Bears general manager Shane O'Sullivan on Brad Hardie's \$5000 fine for breaching the player-draft rules.

"I'm rapt. I see a big opportunity for myself and an even bigger opportunity for the Eagles this season." Fitzroy reject Craig McGrath, surprisingly snapped up by the Eagles in the internal draft.

"There's no doubt in my mind that he was the best player in the draft." Eagles coach Mick Malthouse on the decision to re-recruit Phil Narkle.

"I've lost my enthusiasm to train and play." West Perth veteran Peter Menaglio on his retirement decision.



Gerard Neesham...change of tactics

Player losses hit Tigers

by



Tania Armstrong



George Giannakis...another Book Medal

THE loss of playing strength at Claremont, the reigning State Football League premiers, is evidenced by the departure of the top four placegetters in their 1989 fairest and best count.

Dynamic rover Peter Thorne (31) won Claremont's Kyle Trophy and Cook Medal with 189 votes, but has since announced his retirement after 94 league games with the Tigers.

He won a Simpson Medal in Claremont's 1987 grand final victory and a second Simpson for WA against the VFA in 1988. Thorne represented the State three times and also played 34 games with East Perth and 27 with Melbourne, in the VFL.

The three minor Claremont placegetters were drafted into the AFL.

Dale Kickett, runner-up with 167 votes, was snapped up by Fitzroy and equal third placegetters with 149 votes, Mark Brayshaw and Ben Allan, were drafted by North Melbourne and Hawthorn respectively.

Winners of the Tigers minor grades awards were Paul Burton in the reserves and David Muir in the under-19s.

FALCONS TIE

The closest result in last season's counts was at Leederville Oval where veteran centreman Peter Menaglio and talented ruckman Craig Nelson both finished with 63 votes.

Captain Menaglio won the Breckler Medal on a countback from Nelson, having received 11 first votes to Nelson's nine.



Danny Penny...narrow winner

The two drawcards will also be missing from local grounds this season as Menaglio (31) has announced his retirement and Nelson will continue his football career with South Australian club West Torrens.

Talented youngster Darren O'Brien finished a long way back in third place with 39 votes and winner of the reserves and under-19s awards were John Hunter and Trevor Green.

COMFORTABLE

Last year's Sandover Medallist Craig Edwards was the most comfortable winner of a club fairest and best award when he took the Hughes Medal at South Fremantle by an incredible 117 votes.

The big ruckman finished with 224 votes from dashing defender Ned Fimmano on 107, seven votes clear of Westside Football's 1989 Rookie of the Year, Willie Rioli.

All three players will line up for the Bulldogs again this season as Edwards was overlooked in the AFL draft and Rioli has returned from a season with Warratahs in the Northern Territory.

Winner of the Bulldogs reserves fairest and best award was Chris Pobjoy, who will be looking to secure a regular league position this season. Souths under-19s fairest and best was Greg Wooten.

SECOND WIN

The Butcher Medal is the reward for the fairest and best player at Lathlain Park and the 1987 Sandover Medallist, Mark Watson, earned his second club champion title.

Watson, who finished 18 votes clear of nearest rival Tony Papotto, will line-up with the Demons again this season, though he has been absent from their pre-season games.

A narrow third in the count was John Clarkson, who finished with 80 votes. Tony Tomizzi collected the reserves award and Russell Thompson won the under-19s trophy.

ROYAL DOUBLE

East Perth's courageous George Giannakis was also crowned club champion for the second time in his career.

Giannakis polled 140 votes to add another Book Medal to the one he collected in 1987.

Giannakis will remain with the Royals, though runner-up Mal Bennett, who polled 122 votes, has departed for Narrogin.

Promising rover Peter Miller finished third with 87 votes. Nathan Brooks was fairest and best in the reserves, while Ben Stewart won the

under-19s champion award.

Competition for the Swan Medal at Bassendean Oval was fiercely competitive before Danny Penny snuck home by six votes.

Penny finished with 69 votes to collect Swan Districts fairest and best award from Mick Grasso with 63, while Peter Hodyl finished in third spot with 61.

David Ogg took out the reserves award, while under-19s winner was Derek Markwell.

SHARKS STAR

East Fremantle's top trophy winner for last season, Stephen Edgar, has already made his name in the AFL, playing impressively with Carlton in pre-season matches.

Edgar won the 1989 Lynn Medal with 139 votes and it came as no surprise when he was snapped up by the Blues in the draft.

John O'Sullivan, who finished runner-up with 133 votes, has also moved on, playing in the SANFL, but ruckman Lance Durack, who was third on 111 votes, stays in the Sharks camp.

Bradley Read took the reserves award in the premiership-winning side and under-19s trophy winner was Graham Ralph.

OUTSTANDING

Subiaco's Brad McDougall took out the club's Outridge Medal when he finished 58 votes clear of his nearest rival.

Defender Clinton Brown finished runner-up with 307 votes and Greg Carpenter, who has retired, was third on 213.

Reserves fairest and best winner was Andrew Slade and 1989 Teal Cup representative Tony Godden won the under-19s award.



Craig Edwards...yet another honour



Ed Blackaby...special guest in the country

New role for Ed Blackaby

LOWER South-West club Deanmill will be put through their training paces by former Swan Districts coach Ed Blackaby next week.

The 1987-88 Swans coach, who has moved to Sunday League club Osborne Park this season, will take charge of training at Deanmill Oval on Thursday, March 29.

Club president Ric Buckland said that it was the first time his club had obtained the services of such a prominent guest coach.

"I hope the players and supporters make an extra effort for what is a unique occasion for us," he said.

"The players should gain valuable experience from Blackaby's input, as will our league, reserves and colts coaches George Terpou, Hayden Rice and Leonard East.

"We will announce our league squad for 1990 at that training session and they will be presented with their guernseys, supplied by Total Eden."

Deanmill's first match is against Southerners on Sunday, April 1.

Two of WA's greatest football players and coaches were born and bred in Deanmill — John Todd, who has resumed in the league coaching role at Swan Districts and Sir Ross Hutchinson.

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BEWARE THE BOMBERS

THERE was an ominous warning from Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy following the Bombers 36-point win over North Melbourne in the Foster's Cup night series grand final.

Sheedy said many of his younger players had never played in a big-time grand final before and benefitted from the experience.

"This win will enhance our 1990 AFL prospects," he said.

And coming from a normally reticent Sheedy, other contenders to the premiership flag this season should beware.

He added that Essendon's preparation this season has been the best ever.

The Bombers powered away from the persistent Roos in the final term of the Foster's Cup final, kicking four goals, while restricting North Melbourne to 1.5.

Wayne Schimmelbusch's fast-running side bounced back twice after Essendon had broken away in the first and third quarters.

The scores were tied 4.4 at quarter

AFL WINDFALL

THE Australian Football League had a \$150,000 windfall from last year's overseas Foster's Cup series.

This came from license fees and television rights for the matches played in Toronto (Canada), London (England) and Miami (USA).

The series was also an outstanding advertisement for the Australian game.

More than 25,000 fans crammed Toronto's Skydome stadium, while a sell-out crowd of 12,000 watched Melbourne beat Essendon to win their second Foster's Cup at The Oval, London's famous cricket ground.

These matches are totally funded by the AFL's corporate sponsor Carlton and United Breweries.

time and the Roos jumped to a six-point lead early in the second term, but found themselves trailing by three goals at the long interval after squandering numerous chances.

Full forward John Longmire was the chief offender kicking out of bounds on the full four times, before he was changed to defence.

At three-quarter time, Sheedy's men led by 23 points. But a second goal from half-forward Andrew Manning and further majors to East Perth recruit Peter Cransberg and star South Australian wingman Greg Anderson sent North Melbourne to their first loss this season.

Talented Wayne Schwass, with 28 disposals, was one of North's better performers, but his team's hopes faded when forward John McCarthy dropped out of the game after three-quarter time.

He was the Roos sole avenue to goal, especially when rookie rover Andrew Krakouer went off the boil before half time.

DANGERMEN

Essendon skipper Tim Watson was at his constructive best at half-back and Anderson always created opportunities.

Sheedy also used giant Paul Salmon in the ruck and if he can maintain this destructive form, he poses a major threat to opposing teams.

Sheedy takes honours in Foster's Cup duel



Whenever there's sporting success, there's a politician on the scene . . . but at least Liberal leader Andrew Peacock is Essendon's No. 1 badge holder and was entitled to share their glorious win in the Foster's Cup. He's pictured with (from left) Michael Long, Michael Werner, Peter Cransberg and Simon Madden.

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RESERVES GET FOUR NEW FACES

Former league stars to coach

MORE than 570 games of league football experience will be injected into the Pepsi reserves competition with four new faces joining the coaching staff for the 1990 season.

Former players taking up roles as assistant coaches are a trio of Demons in Steve Hargrave, Bryan Cousins and Murray Couper, while Barrie Quick, who played with East Perth, South Fremantle and Subiaco, makes up the quartet.

It is encouraging to see that the trend of retired players turning to coaching is continuing in the WASFL and the reserves competition looks to be the perfect breeding ground.

Two assistant coaches moved up to league ranks after last season — East Fremantle premiership coach Ron Wilcox and Perth's runner-up Tom Mullooly.



John Dimmer...third season



Bryan Cousins...changing colours

Continuing on from last year are John Dimmer, in his third season with Claremont and Alan Walker (Swan Districts), Tony Micale (South Fremantle) and Peter Curley (West Perth), all entering their second season.

Hargrave, a key forward for the Perth premiership teams of 1976 and 1977, will take the helm at East Fremantle.

Hargrave had success as a coach, taking Gosnells to a Sunday Football League premiership in his second year with the club last year, going through the season undefeated.

He is looking forward to the challenge at East Fremantle and taking charge of the reigning premiers doesn't worry him.

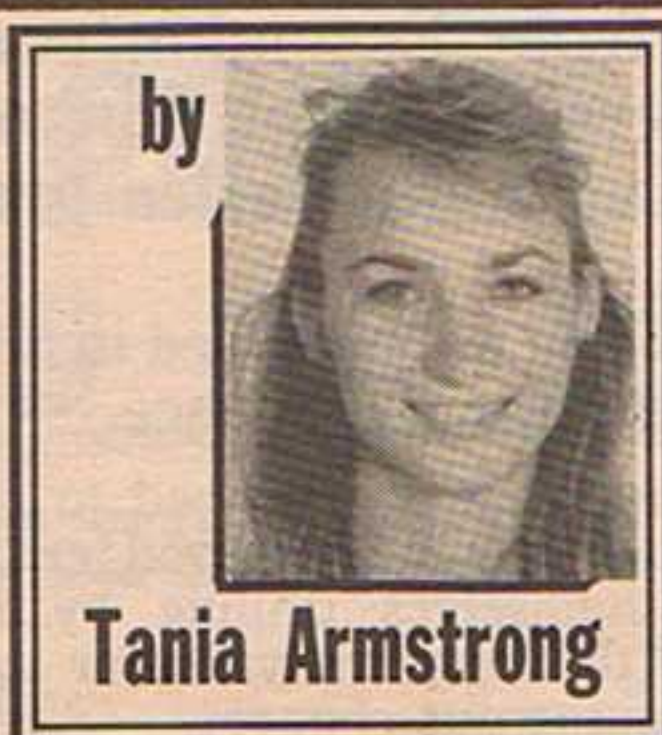
"I've got no ambitions to coach for a premiership at this stage," he said.

"Even though I hate losing week by week, the reserves is purely for development and I'll coach as Ron (Wilcox) does and bring on as many young kids as possible."

At Lathlain Park, Couper, the mercurial goalsneak of the 1970s and a team-mate of Hargrave's in the back-to-back Perth premierships, has made the switch from under-19s coach to assistant league coach.

Couper was the WAFL's leading goalkicker in 1975 and his appointment at the club where he played 134 league games is a natural progression after two seasons with the under-19s.

"I'm optimistic and the numbers at training are excellent," he said "In the long term, I'm aiming to help build depth at the club."



by Tania Armstrong

Cousins joins Subiaco after playing 240 games with Perth and 75 with Geelong.

Cousins (36) who was runner-up in the 1983 Sandover Medal has been devoting his time to State selection duties and junior coaching at Bullcreek/Leeming since he retired from football in 1987.

Cousins said that a new club and senior coaching were new experiences for him and he was pleased to be given the opportunity.

"After being with Perth for so long, it's interesting to find myself at a different club," he said.

"Subiaco has impressed me so far and, of course, they have different ways of doing things.

"I'm looking forward to helping the club produce some good young footballers, but I'm not into making predictions."

Quick, a big ruckman who played 41 games between 1978 and 1984, is returning to Perth Oval to coach the young Royals.



Tony Micale...Port specialist

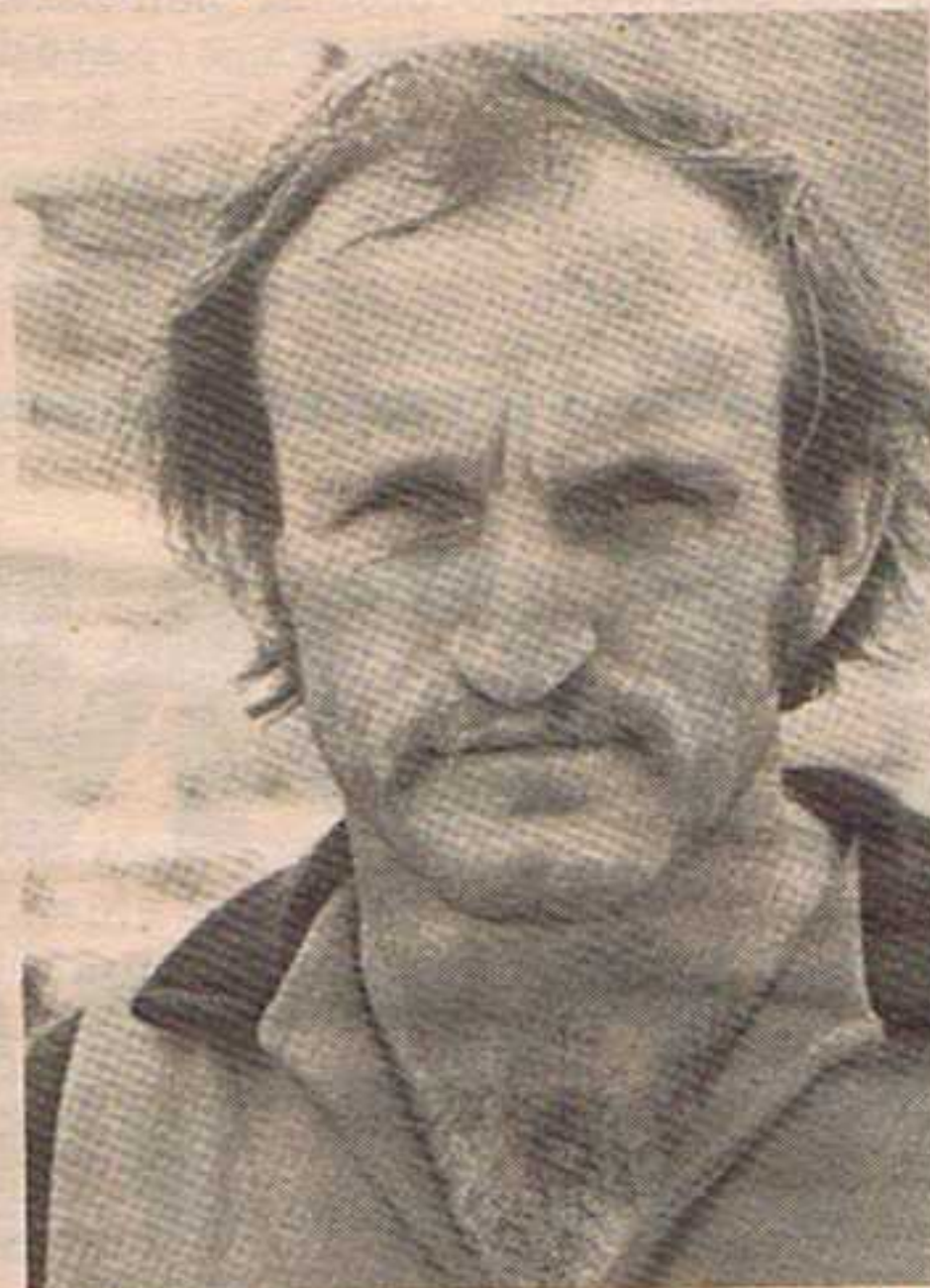
Quick had success with Amateur Football League side Old Wesley, taking them to the 1987 grand final and to the finals again in 1988.

Quick says that coaching is a real education process and he is optimistic about what lies ahead in the coming season.

"There is a fair bit to work with," he said. "The club has done a bit of recruiting and there are a lot of young juniors and guys from the country."

As assistant coach, Quick is not looking for overnight success — his plans are purely long-term.

"I'm there to assist the league coach and to help develop young guys into the league team for this year and the year after."



Murray Couper...Demons assistant

SWNFL umpires job to Green

Former WAFL umpire Brendan Green has been appointed Umpires' Advisor for the South West National Football League.

South West league president John Silcock said that Green's previous experience in this capacity and as an umpire made him the perfect choice.

He added that the league executive had been heartened by the number of quality applicants for the position.

"Brendan will not be officiating as an umpire and that will give him greater flexibility to observe on-field performances," Mr Silcock said.

The Malthouse message

YET another football season looms — accompanied by the annual euphoria at club level signifying the hopes of fans and administration for improved performances.

The West Coast Eagles make an interesting study, especially for an "Easterner". The club obviously possesses enormous talent in terms of natural football ability. Unfortunately, it has often been difficult to harness this talent into consistent winning.

CONDITIONS

Understandably, this leads to frustration and the inevitable witch hunts that, unfortunately, are an integral part of the Australian Football coaching scene.

The performance of the Eagles is interesting because they have to perform regularly under conditions which are totally foreign to them. Their opponents need to make a transition to West Australian conditions only once per season.

In recent discussions with Eagles coach Michael Malthouse, it was agreed that a prime priority with his coaching in the West had to be providing his players with conditions much closer to those prevailing in Victoria.

The average football fan, lulled by the extraordinary basic expertise of players, has little idea of the vast difference in conditions between venues at which games are now played in the AFL.

Generally, West Australian grounds are very much bigger than those in

Melbourne. This factor has been a catalyst in the production of a game style which is visually appealing and develops extreme skill in terms of the traditional techniques of marking, ball delivery, evasion and speed.

It is an unfortunate fact of life, however, that there are legions of unspectacular, but magnificently efficient Victorian players who, while not perhaps possessing the flair of their WA opponents, are capable of effectively nullifying them.

SURFACES

Ground surfaces are another telling factor. There is a vast difference between the height and velocity of the ball's bounce off WA surfaces in comparison with those of eastern Australian grounds — with the exception of Queensland and the SCG...when Sydney is not being deluged.

Even "dry" AFL grounds in Melbourne are spongy by WA standards during a normal winter. They do change during the average September — and that is why an AFL final played on a grass-shaved MCG surface is a "totally different ball game" to those prevailing in the preceding months.

And playing in actual mud, of course, is totally alien to Sandgroppers. Victorian and (particularly) Tasma-

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The national view



by JOHN WARREN

nian players love it! The level of skill exhibited in Melbourne by footballers sinking ankle deep in mud is marvellous.

It is also a fair observation that the exceptionally wide grounds in Perth have produced many footballers who are not aware of the advantages of "playing the corridor" and utilising the "football key".

A player can run and bounce, baulk and weave, jump and bump and "look a million dollars". The bottom line, however, is that the little bag of wind has to be kicked between the posts. This is what counts.

That basic requirement is going to be a fairly large part of Michael Malthouse's 1990 message.

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Kicking football into the future



Aussie Footy to invade 750 schools

THE 1990 football season will see the Town and Country Football Development Trust, in conjunction with sponsors Hungry Jack's, coordinate the biggest sports programme ever conducted in West Australian schools.

The Hungry Jack's Aussie Footy programme was instigated by the Australian Sports Commission in 1986 and involved all sports in Australia to help them adopted modified rules and equipment and smaller playing fields.

Newly-appointed Mick Pember is the co-ordinator of the Aussie Footy programme at the Football Development Trust and, in conjunction with the eight league development officers, will hold Aussie Footy clinics at primary schools all over the State.

Pember believes that the major objective of the program is to improve the frequency and quality of lessons conducted by the teachers.

The programme aims to improve teacher knowledge and the school's physical education, maximising the involvement and enjoyment for the children.

The FDT is planning to conduct more than 1000 clinics in 1990, visiting about 192 schools with Whopper Coaching Clinics and an estimated 560 schools with Super clinics and lightning carnivals.

As well as making football enjoyable, the Aussie Footy programme aims to provide children at an early age with a



New FDT member Mick Pember teaches the basics of Aussie Footy to WACAE physical education students with the help of WASFL players.

progressive sequence of modified activities and games to develop their skills and attitudes, which are basic requirements for future participation in Australian Rules Football.

CARNIVALS

The programme consists of three areas — Whopper clinics, Super clinics and lightning carnivals.

Whopper coaching clinics for Years 3 to 6 run for a full day, using a qualified instructor from the WACAE Department of Health and Physical Education and a prominent State League player.

Super Clinics for Year 7 students are

conducted after a school has qualified by completing the Whopper Coaching Clinic. Each Super clinic will be conducted by a State League or Eagles player.

Lightning carnivals will involve both metropolitan and country schools. The schools compete in a half or full day of non-stop football, with each school competing for the Hungry Jack's Shield.

The whole concept of Aussie Footy has been greatly supported and there is no doubt that the programme will help in the development of football right across the State.



Joanne Davies perfects her Aussie Footy skills

Footy in the schools

THE West Australian College of Advanced Education at Mt Lawley has become involved in the Hungry Jack's Aussie Footy programme.

WACAE students will be part of the Whopper coaching clinics to be run in hundreds of WA schools.

Third year health and physical education students are visiting schools in the metropolitan area with a football development manager from a local WASFL club, plus a league player.

Twelve students have taken time out to help improve the frequency and quality of lessons conducted within the schools physical education programme.

Les House, the co-ordinator of physical education and Aussie Footy at Mt Lawley WACAE, believes that the programme, especially the Whopper coaching clinics, will provide the students with the necessary skills to enable them to instruct and teach Aussie Footy in future years.

Demons lose their junior council

THE Perth Junior Football Council has disbanded after a season of struggle in 1989.

Clubs in the junior council have either stayed in Demons territory by merging and joining the rapidly-increasing South Suburban Junior Football Council or they have joined other junior councils.

Victoria Park and Centrals have merged to join the South Suburban JFC, which now has six teams, while lost to Perth are South Perth and Collier, who have joined East Fremantle JFC.

The Swan Districts JFC has been bolstered by the addition of Manning, Carlisle, Forrestfield and Queens Park.

Perth's Football Development Manager Gary Rogers says that the decision to disband the Junior Council was disappointing, but the loss shouldn't affect the club too much.

"Many of the players in our junior combined sides come from the South Suburban Junior Football Council anyway," he said.

Perth have named their coaches for teams in the State Junior Football Championships on June 2,3 and 4.

Tony Bender will take the 13s, Gary Hardingham will be in charge of the 14s and former Perth defender Ray Lawrence will coach the 15s, which serves as the State Schoolboys special squad.

Footy Week will kick

WITH the bouncedown to the new season just days away, Footy Week is being launched to get thousands of fans into the mood for football.

Footy Week is an annual event aimed at getting everyone with a love for football involved with the game through activities ranging from junior club events to AFL promotions with the Eagles.

Last year one of the most successful events was the Great Footy Breakfast, which saw hundreds of school children turn out on Subiaco Oval and a bigger and better breakfast is planned for Friday, March 30.

The breakfast will be held at Perth Oval to celebrate East Perth's return to their home territory after a stint at the WACA Ground and senior players will become cooks for a day during the Great Footy Barbecue.

Eating will not be the only thing on the agenda.

There will also be football clinics, kicking contests, give-aways, prizes

off season

and Radio 6PR's zany odd couple of John K. Watts and Peter Newman will broadcast live from the ground.

The biggest attraction of the week will be the Family Fun Day for the West Coast Eagles guernsey presentation at Subiaco Oval on Sunday, March 25.

The public is invited to attend the presentation on the oval, which will be alive with coaching clinics and stalls run by people such as women's football, Superules and the Peter's Junior Eagle Club.

Each day of Footy Week corresponds to a theme and the role of coaches, parents, umpires, administrators and sports trainers will all be emphasised throughout the week.

Footy Week will end when the real football action gets underway for the eight WA State Football League clubs on Saturday, March 31 and then the Eagles play Collingwood at Subiaco Oval on Sunday, April 1.

Pitter tackles Teal Cup role

EDDIE Pitter, Subiaco's long-serving under-19s premiership coach, has not been lost to West Australian football even though he has decided to call it a day as a coach with the Lions.

The Town and Country Football Development Trust has appointed Pitter as Teal Cup coach for 1990 and a State youth development squad has been training under his astute direction over summer as a build-up towards the under-17s championships.

The squad has been training once a week and Pitter's years of experience with the Lions under-19s side should contribute towards a successful Teal Cup carnival later year.

Coaching clinics are under way

THE Football Development Trust's high standard of coach education is continuing in 1990 and Level One coach accreditation courses are already under way.

Even before a ball has been bounced for the 1990 season, the FDT has held local coaching clinics for the Amateurs and metropolitan coaches, plus courses for coaches in Geraldton.

This weekend the Goldfields will be the centre of attention when Subiaco players take to the Kalgoorlie and Kambalda areas.

Subiaco's Football Manager Wayne Loxley and players Bill Monaghan and Matthew Burton will visit schools in the area on Thursday and Friday and FDT coaching co-ordinator Gerard McNeill and Eagles specialist coach Barry Cable will conduct a Level One coaching course over the weekend.

A Level One course will be held in Mandurah this Sunday and Merredin will be the next location on Saturday, March 31.

Smart takes on Tigers role

PHIL Smart, Claremont's part-time Football Development Manager from last year, has joined the full-time staff at Tigerland.

Smart became permanent in January and is busy dividing his time between Claremont's junior and senior players, as he is also Football Manager for the club.

Also juggling the two roles will be East Perth's newest "recruit" Cam Robbins, who has replaced Andrew Komp.

Robbins played his under-age football with Subiaco and is the son of well-known former Subiaco player Tom Robbins.

Wayne Loxley will continue his off-field role at Subiaco, but this year he

is Football and Development Manager after replacing Trevor Nisbett, who has moved to the West Coast Eagles.

A new name added to the list of people working in local football is Andre Gauci, who has been appointed part-time Football Development Manager at South Fremantle.

Gauci, a teacher at the Safety Bay Senior High School, has been closely involved with South Fremantle's junior council for a number of years.

Swan Districts have retained their off-field team under the supervision of General Manager Brian Close and Football Development Managers continuing at the other clubs are Clinton Pike (East Fremantle), Gary Rogers (Perth) and Steve Woodhouse (West Perth).

YOUR 1990 FOOTBALL FIXTURES

WEST AUSTRALIAN STATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND WEST COAST EAGLES

SERIES 1

ROUND 1
SATURDAY March 31
Claremont vs South Fremantle
East Fremantle vs West Perth
East Perth vs Subiaco
Perth vs Swan Districts
Sunday April 1
Eagles vs Collingwood (Subiaco)

ROUND 2
Saturday April 7
Subiaco vs Claremont
Swan Districts vs East Fremantle
West Perth vs East Perth
South Fremantle vs Perth

St Kilda vs Eagles

ROUND 3
Saturday April 14
East Fremantle vs South Fremantle
Swan Districts vs West Perth

Footscray vs Eagles
Monday April 16
East Perth vs Claremont
Perth vs Subiaco

ROUND 4
Friday April 20
Eagles vs Carlton (WACA)

Saturday April 21
Claremont vs West Perth
Subiaco vs East Fremantle
East Perth vs Perth
South Fremantle vs Swan Districts

ROUND 5
Saturday April 28
Perth vs Claremont
East Fremantle vs East Perth
West Perth vs South Fremantle
Subiaco vs Swan Districts
Sunday April 29
Eagles vs Sydney Swans (Subiaco)

ROUND 6
Friday May 4
Richmond vs Eagles
Perth vs West Perth (WACA)
Saturday May 5
Swan Districts vs East Perth
Claremont vs East Fremantle
South Fremantle vs Subiaco

ROUND 7
Friday May 11
Melbourne vs Eagles
Claremont vs Swan Districts (WACA)
Saturday May 12
East Fremantle vs Perth
East Perth vs South Fremantle
West Perth vs Subiaco

SERIES 2
ROUND 8
Saturday May 19
South Fremantle vs Claremont
West Perth vs East Fremantle
Subiaco vs East Perth
Swan Districts vs Perth
Sunday May 20
Eagles vs Brisbane Bears (Subiaco)

ROUND 9
Saturday May 26
Claremont vs Subiaco
East Fremantle vs Swan Districts
East Perth vs West Perth
Perth vs South Fremantle
Sunday May 27
Eagles vs Geelong (Subiaco)

ROUND 10
Friday June 1
North Melbourne vs Eagles

Saturday June 2
Claremont vs East Perth
West Perth vs Swan Districts
Monday June 4
South Fremantle vs East Fremantle
Subiaco vs Perth

ROUND 11
Friday June 8 (WACA)
East Fremantle vs Subiaco
Saturday June 9
West Perth vs Claremont
Perth vs East Perth
Swan Districts vs South Fremantle

Essendon vs Eagles
ROUND 12
Friday June 15
Eagles vs Hawthorn (WACA)

Saturday June 16
Claremont vs Perth
East Perth vs East Fremantle
South Fremantle vs West Perth
Swan Districts vs Subiaco

ROUND 13
Friday June 22 (WACA)
East Perth vs Swan Districts
Saturday June 23
East Fremantle vs Claremont
West Perth vs Perth
Subiaco vs South Fremantle
Tuesday June 26
State of Origin —
WA vs Victoria (WACA)

ROUND 14
Saturday June 30
Swan Districts vs Claremont
Perth vs East Fremantle
South Fremantle vs East Perth
Subiaco vs West Perth
Sunday July 1
Eagles vs Fitzroy (Subiaco — AFL Round 13)

Saturday July 7
Collingwood vs Eagles (AFL Round 14)
Sunday July 8 (Adelaide)
SA vs WA

SERIES 3
ROUND 15
Friday July 13
Eagles vs St Kilda (WACA)
Saturday July 14
Claremont vs South Fremantle
East Fremantle vs West Perth
East Perth vs Subiaco
Perth vs Swan Districts

ROUND 16
Friday July 20
Eagles vs Footscray (WACA)
Saturday July 21
Subiaco vs Claremont
Swan Districts vs East Fremantle
West Perth vs East Perth
South Fremantle vs Perth

ROUND 17
Saturday July 28
East Perth vs Claremont
East Fremantle vs South Fremantle
Swan Districts vs West Perth
Perth vs Subiaco

Carlton vs Eagles
ROUND 18
Saturday August 4
Claremont vs West Perth
Subiaco vs East Fremantle
East Perth vs Perth
South Fremantle vs Swan Districts
Sunday August 5
Sydney Swans vs Eagles

ROUND 19
Saturday August 11
Perth vs Claremont
East Fremantle vs East Perth
West Perth vs South Fremantle
Subiaco vs Swan Districts
Sunday August 12
Eagles vs Richmond (Subiaco)

ROUND 20
Saturday August 18
Claremont vs East Fremantle
Swan Districts vs East Perth
Perth vs West Perth
South Fremantle vs Subiaco
Sunday August 19
Eagles vs Melbourne (Subiaco)

ROUND 21
Saturday August 25
Claremont vs Swan Districts
East Fremantle vs Perth
East Perth vs South Fremantle
West Perth vs Subiaco
Sunday August 26
Brisbane Bears vs Eagles

Sunday September 2
Geelong vs Eagles

WASFL — Finals at Subiaco Oval
September 1
1st Semi Final
September 8
2nd Semi Final
September 15
Preliminary Final
September 22
Grand Final

How they finished in 1990



SGIO WAFL LEAGUE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	21	17	4	2376	1724	137.82	68
SOUTH FREM	21	16	5	2336	1868	125.05	64
EAST FREM	21	15	6	2537	1982	128.00	60
WEST PERTH	21	11	10	2195	2146	102.28	44
Swan Dists	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

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST FREM	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 FREM	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

	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

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
HAWTHORN	22	19	3	-	2678	1748	153.20	76
ESSENDON	22	17	5	-	2240	1705	131.38	68
GEELONG	22	16	6	-	2916	1987	146.75	64
MELBOURNE	22	14	8	-	1876	1944	96.50	56
COLLINGWOOD	22	13	9	-	2216	1964	112.83	52
Fitzroy	22	12	10	-	2069	2125	97.36	48
Sydney Swans	22	11	11	-	1959	1958	100.05	44
Carlton	22	9	12	1	1921	2079	92.40	38
N. Melbourne	22	9	13	-	2061	2301	89.57	36
Brisbane Bears	22	8	14	-	1792	2274	78.80	32
W.C. Eagles	22	7	15	-	1948	2247	86.69	28
St Kilda	22	7	15	-	2108	2502	84.25	28
Footscray	22	6	15	1	1614	1855	87.01	26
Richmond	22	5	17	-	1725	2434	70.87	20

SANFL TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
NORTH ADELAIDE	22	19	3	2513	1585	158.52	76
PORT ADELAIDE	22	18	4	2529	1818	139.11	72
CENT DIST	22	13	9	2156	2187	98.64	52
NORWOOD	22	12	10	2180	1975	109.87	48
GLENELG	22	12	10	2033	2030	100.14	48
West Torrens	22	10	12	1879	2189	85.82	40
West Adelaide	22	8	14	2177	2301	94.62	32
Woodville	22	8	14	1985	2223	89.29	32
South Adelaide	22	6	16	1796	2352	76.36	24
Sturt	22	4	18	1781	2369	75.22	16

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ROUND 8

Match No. May 18, Friday
1 Sydney Swans v Geelong
May 19, Saturday
2 Carlton v Hawthorn (P)
3 Melbourne v Richmond
4 Fitzroy v Collingwood
5 St Kilda v North Melbourne
May 20, Sunday
6 West Coast Eagles v Brisbane Bears
7 Footscray v Essendon
May 22, Tuesday
"STATE OF ORIGIN"
— Venue to be determined

ROUND 9

Match No. May 26, Saturday
1 Hawthorn v Melbourne (P)
2 Richmond v Sydney Swans
3 Carlton v Fitzroy
4 Collingwood v North Melbourne
5 Essendon v St Kilda
6 Brisbane Bears v Footscray
May 27, Sunday
7 West Coast Eagles v Geelong

ROUND 10

Match No. June 1, Friday
1 North Melbourne v West Coast Eagles
June 2, Saturday
2 Collingwood v Melbourne (P)
3 Richmond v Carlton
4 Fitzroy v Hawthorn
5 St Kilda v Brisbane Bears
June 3, Sunday
6 Sydney Swans v Essendon
7 Geelong v Footscray

ROUND 11

Match No. June 9, Saturday
1 St Kilda v Geelong (P)
2 Hawthorn v Sydney Swans
3 Essendon v West Coast Eagles
June 10, Sunday
4 Brisbane Bears v Collingwood
June 11, Monday
5 Melbourne v Collingwood
6 Fitzroy v North Melbourne
7 Footscray v Richmond

ROUND 12

Match No. June 15, Friday
1 West Coast Eagles v Hawthorn
June 16, Saturday
2 Geelong v Collingwood (P)
3 Richmond v St Kilda
4 Carlton v Brisbane Bears
5 Essendon v North Melbourne
June 17, Sunday
6 Sydney Swans v Fitzroy
7 Footscray v Melbourne

ROUND 13

Match No. June 23, Saturday
1 Melbourne v St Kilda
2 Carlton v Geelong
3 Brisbane Bears v Essendon
June 24, Sunday
"STATE OF ORIGIN"
Victoria v Tasmania in Hobart
June 25, Tuesday
"STATE OF ORIGIN"
— Match and venue to be determined
June 30, Saturday
4 Hawthorn v Footscray
5 North Melbourne v Sydney Swans
6 Collingwood v Richmond
July 1, Sunday
7 West Coast Eagles v Fitzroy

ROUND 14

Match No. July 6, Friday
1 Richmond v Brisbane Bears
July 7, Saturday
2 Hawthorn v Geelong (P)
3 Melbourne v North Melbourne
4 Fitzroy v Essendon
5 St Kilda v Footscray
6 Collingwood v West Coast Eagles
July 8, Sunday
7 Sydney Swans v Carlton

ROUND 15

Match No. July 13, Friday
1 West Coast Eagles v St Kilda
July 14, Saturday
2 Collingwood v Carlton
3 North Melbourne v Richmond
4 Hawthorn v Essendon
5 Geelong v Melbourne
6 Footscray v Sydney Swans
July 15, Sunday
7 Brisbane Bears v Fitzroy

ROUND 16

Match No. July 20, Friday
1 West Coast Eagles v Footscray
July 21, Saturday
2 Fitzroy v Geelong
3 Richmond v Hawthorn
4 Carlton v St Kilda
5 Essendon v Melbourne
July 22, Sunday
6 Sydney Swans v Collingwood
7 North Melbourne v Brisbane Bears

ROUND 17

Match No. July 28, Saturday
1 Essendon v Richmond (P)
2 Melbourne v Fitzroy
3 Carlton v West Coast Eagles
4 Geelong v North Melbourne
5 St Kilda v Sydney Swans
July 29, Sunday
6 Brisbane Bears v Hawthorn
7 Footscray v Collingwood

ROUND 18

Match No. August 3, Friday
1 North Melbourne v Hawthorn
2 Melbourne v Brisbane Bears (P)
3 Fitzroy v Richmond
4 Geelong v Essendon
5 Collingwood v St Kilda
August 5, Sunday
6 Sydney Swans v West Coast Eagles
7 Footscray v Carlton

ROUND 19

Match No. August 11, Saturday
1 Hawthorn v St Kilda (P)
2 Melbourne v Sydney Swans
3 Fitzroy v Footscray
4 Essendon v Collingwood
5 Brisbane Bears v Geelong
August 12, Sunday
6 West Coast Eagles v Richmond
7 North Melbourne v Carlton

ROUND 20

Match No. August 17, Friday
1 Sydney Swans v Brisbane Bears
2 Hawthorn v Collingwood (P)
3 Richmond v Geelong
4 Carlton v Essendon
5 St Kilda v Fitzroy
6 Footscray v North Melbourne
August 19, Sunday
7 West Coast Eagles v Melbourne

ROUND 21

Match No. August 24, Friday
1 North Melbourne v St Kilda
August 25, Saturday
2 Richmond v Melbourne (P)
3 Hawthorn v Carlton
4 Geelong v Sydney Swans
5 Essendon v Footscray
6 Collingwood v Fitzroy
August 26, Sunday
7 Brisbane Bears v West Coast Eagles

ROUND 22

Match No. September 1, Saturday
1 North Melbourne v Collingwood (P)
2 Melbourne v Hawthorn
3 Fitzroy v Carlton
4 St Kilda v Essendon
5 Footscray v Brisbane Bears
September 2, Sunday
6 Sydney Swans v Richmond
7 Geelong v West Coast Eagles

FINALS

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 29

WEEK 1: Match No. 1 (Elimination Final) Team No. 4 v Team No. 5.
Match No. 2 (Qualifying Final) Team No. 2 v Team No. 3.

WEEK 2: Match No. 3 (First Semi-Final) Winner Match No. 1 v Team No. 3. Match No. 4 (Second Semi-Final) Team No. 1 v Team No. 2.

WEEK 3: Match No. 5 (Preliminary Final) Winner Match No. 3 v Loser Match No. 4.

WEEK 4: Match No. 6 (Grand Final) Winner Match No. 4 v Winner Match No. 5.

(P) Indicates matches to be played at Waverley

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Last year's grand final results

W.A.F.L.



CLAREMONT 4.6 9.10 11.13 15.16 106
SOUTH FREMANTLE 0.2 1.6 5.7 5.9 39
 GOALS — CLAREMONT: Brayshaw 5, Kickett 3.3, Evans 3.3, Thorne 2, Allan 1.3, Mann 1.1, Ralph 0.2, Burrows 0.1, Mitchell 0.1, Hann 0.1, forced 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: W. Rioli 2, Geary 1.2, Matera 1.2, MacDonald 1, Worsfold 0.1, Jakovich 0.1, Edwards 0.1, forced 2.
 BEST — CLAREMONT: Allan, Neesham, Brayshaw, Scott, Rowland, Evans. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Solin, Edwards, D. Collard, Nalder, W. Rioli, T. Wilson.
 Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Mike Ball, Dave Johnson. Attendance 38,198.
 Simpson Medallist: Ben Allan (Claremont).

HOW THEY LINED UP

CLAREMONT

Backs: Brian Beresford, John Scott, Peter Melesso
Half-backs: Neil Park, Tony Beers, Cam Lewis
Centres: Mark Hann, Scott Rowland, Scott Edwards
Half-forwards: Dale Kickett, Peter Mann, Gerard Neesham
Forwards: Tony Evans, Warren Ralph, Mark Brayshaw
Ruck: Ryan Turnbull, Ben Allan, Peter Thorne
Interchange: Brendan Barrows, Kevin Mitchell

SOUTH FREMANTLE

Backs: Mark Ryder, Matt Sambrailo, Ned Fimmano
Half-backs: Tony Solin, John MacDonald, Troy Wilson
Centres: Brad Collard, Maurice Rioli, Peter Worsfold
Half-forwards: Richard Geary, Dean Nalder, Peter Matera
Forwards: Arthur Maskos, Dean Wilson, Willie Rioli
Ruck: Craig Edwards, Merv Dellar, Derek Collard
Interchange: Glen Jakovich, Greg Turner

W.A.F.L. Prime Reserves

EAST FREMANTLE 6.3 13.9 17.12 27.19 181
SWAN DISTRICTS 5.3 5.8 7.11 10.14 74
 GOALS — EAST FREMANTLE: Bushell 10, Waterson 7, Lawrence 3, Moir 2, Cole, Rankin, D. Rowe, Sims, Buss 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: O'Neill 3, Hoycard 2, Ahmat, Gandini, Retzlaff, Ogg, Dehring 1.
 BEST — EAST FREMANTLE: Bushell, Rankin, Waterson, Gray, Taylor, Cole. SWAN DISTRICTS: Peck, Eaton, Kestel, Ogg, Markwell, Gandini.
 Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Trevor Garrett, Glen Lee.

W.A.F.L. Under-19s

SUBIACO 4.3 10.6 12.9 15.13 103
EAST PERTH 2.1 3.4 6.6 7.10 52
 GOALS — SUBIACO: Spilcker 4, Willison 4, Snape 2, Grieve 2, Dunn 1, Dohler 1, Buck 1. EAST PERTH: Walker 2, Rogers 1, Bagshaw 1, Frisina 1, Seecamp 1, Softley 1.
 BEST — SUBIACO: Spilcker, Buck, Dunn. EAST PERTH: Faithful, Stewart, G. McKnight.
 Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Greg Scoop, Adam Binks.

VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
HAWTHORN	8.4	12.9	18.13	21.18	144
GEELONG	2.0	7.2	13.7	21.12	138

GOALKICKERS — HAWTHORN: Dunstall, Anderson, Buckenare 4; Brereton; Curran 3; DiPierdomenico, Wittman, Morrissey 1. **GEELONG:** Ablett 9; Brownless, Stoneham, Hamilton, Cameron 2; Baws, Bairstow; Bruns, Flanigan.
BEST PLAYERS — HAWTHORN: Pritchard, Anderson, Buckenara, Mew, Collins, Brereton. **GEELONG:** Ablett (best on ground), Lindner, Flanigan, Hamilton, Yeates, Bews.
 Attendance: 94,796. At MCG.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Grand Final

Played Saturday, October 7.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
Port Adelaide	5.5	9.7	11.11	15.18	(108)
North Adelaide	0.2	0.3	1.6	1.8	(14)

GOALKICKERS — Port Adelaide: Hodges, D. Smith 4; R. Boyd, Obst 2; Hutton, R. Smith. **North Adelaide:** Burton.
BEST PLAYERS — Port Adelaide: Johnston, Phillips, Delaney, Obst, D. Smith, Tregenza. **North Adelaide:** Simmons, J. Riley, Hart.
 Umpires: M. Abbott, L. Argent. Attendance: 50,487.

FOSTER'S CUP RESULTS

ROUND 1 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Pts
FOOTSCRAY	2.7	4.9	6.12	10.15	75
RICHMOND	2.1	4.2	5.4	8.6	54

GOALKICKERS — Footscray: Campbell 4, Hawkins, McGuinness, Wallace, Coleman, Williams, Hogg. **Richmond:** Smith 2, James 2, Lambert, Egan, Nichols, Honeybun.
BEST PLAYERS — Footscray: McGuinness, Wallace, Campbell, Atkins, Hawkins. **Richmond:** Lambert, Knights, Smith, Pym, Weightman.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
ESSENDON	2.5	3.7	3.8	5.11	41
EAGLES	3.3	3.9	3.12	4.14	38

GOALKICKERS — Essendon: Duckworth 2, Manning 2, Plain. **Eagles:** Lamb 2, Lewis, Turley.
BEST PLAYERS — Essendon: Duckworth, Thompson, Ezard, Conside, Watson. **Eagles:** Lewis, Ugle, Worsfold, Peos, Mainwaring.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
FITZROY	12.13.85	d	ST KILDA	9.13.67	

GOALKICKERS — Fitzroy: Kickett 5, Roos 3, Lynch, Matera, Kappler, Clayton. **St Kilda:** Dwyer 3, Simpson 2, Winmar, Arnol, Owen, Kitschke 1.
BEST PLAYERS — Fitzroy: Kickett, Pert, Clayton, Kappler, Roos, Rendell. **St Kilda:** Loewe, Dwyer, Simpson, Winmar, Harvey.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
CARLTON	3.2	6.5	13.6	17.7	109
COLLINGWOOD	3.2	5.3	9.6	12.10	82

GOALKICKERS — Carlton: S. Kernahan 4, Johnston 4, Dorotich 3, Murphy 3, Dennis, Rhys-Jones, Minton-Connell 1. **Collingwood:** Taylor 4, Keays 2, Monkhorst, Hawke, Croisica, Daicos, Shephard, Tranter 1.
BEST PLAYERS — Carlton: Johnston, Bradley, Hawke, Silvagni, Brown, Edgar. **Collingwood:** Daicos, Millane, Tranter, Brown, Wright, Francis.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
SYDNEY	6.1	9.3	12.8	16.9	(105)
HAWTHORN	2.4	4.8	10.12	13.17	(95)

GOALKICKERS — Sydney: Fell, Toohey 5, West, Williams, Eustice, Bayes, Kelly, Potter. **Hawthorn:** Platten, Dickson 3, Brereton 2, Anderson, Wittman, Pritchard, Dunstall, Morrissey.
BEST PLAYERS — Sydney: Kelly, Bayes, Fell, Toohey, Healy, Wright. **Hawthorn:** Condon, Morrissey, Pritchard, Anderson, Platten.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
NORTH MELBOURNE	2.1	7.4	8.6	10.8	68
WEST COAST EAGLES	0.7	0.11	2.13	8.18	66

GOALKICKERS — North Melbourne: Carey 3, Longmire 3, McCarthy 2, Romero, Stevens 1. **Eagles:** Breman 2, Wilson 2, Irving 2, Mainwaring, Turner 1.
BEST PLAYERS — North Melbourne: Martyn, R. Smith, Romero, German, Pickering, McRae. **Eagles:** Irving, Pyke, Mainwaring, Matera.

ROUND 2 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
MELBOURNE	4.4	6.9	8.11	12.13	(85)
FOOTSCRAY	0.1	3.1	5.6	8.8	(56)

GOALKICKERS — Melbourne: Lyon 3, Newport, Wilson 2, Stretch, Eishold, Clark, Spencer, Beveridge. **Footscray:** Kolyniuk 3, O'Keefe 2, Davies, Hawkins, Williams.
BEST PLAYERS — Melbourne: Lyon, Beveridge, Lovett, Newport, Flintoff, Spencer. **Footscray:** Eppelstun, Kolyniuk, O'Keefe, Williams.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
ESSENDON	0.0	1.0	4.6	7.10	(52)
FITZROY	3.2	4.3	7.3	7.4	(46)

GOALKICKERS — Essendon: Plain 2, Salmon, Cransberg, Sporn, Werner, Madden. **Fitzroy:** Roos 3, Lyon 2, Dundas, Armstrong.
BEST PLAYERS — Essendon: Anderson, Thompson, Grenvold, Plain, O'Donnell, T. Daniher. **Fitzroy:** Pert, Bourke, Baldwin, Armstrong, Rendell, Stephens.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
CARLTON	2.6	7.6	8.9	9.13	(67)
SYDNEY	1.2	6.3	7.8	9.12	(66)

GOALKICKERS — Carlton: S. Kernahan, Gleeson 2, Dennis, Edgar, Alvin, Dunlop, Brown. **Sydney:** Fell 3, Kelly 2, Carroll, Ryan, Toohey, Murphy.
BEST PLAYERS — Carlton: Da Rui, Hawker, Edgar, Silvagni, Johnston, Blackwell. **Sydney:** Healy, Williams, Murphy, Kelly, Ryan, Carroll.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
NORTH MELBOURNE	4.5	7.12	14.15	20.20	(140)
GEELONG	2.3	3.5	6.7	12.8	(80)

GOALKICKERS — North Melbourne: J. Longmire, Romero 4, McCarthy 3, Crocker 2, Schwass, McRae, German, Carey, Rock, Pickering, Steven. **Geelong:** G. Cameron 4, Lindner, Ablett 2, Exell, G. Hocking, Kol, Brown.
BEST PLAYERS — North Melbourne: Pickering, Romero, Longmire, McCarthy, German. **Geelong:** G. Cameron, Brownless, G. Hocking, Kol, Malakellis.

SEMI-FINALS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
ESSENDON	3.3	6.6	12.8	14.12	96
MELBOURNE	3.4	4.5	5.8	6.13	49

GOALKICKERS — Essendon: Salmon 2, Burns 2, Werner 2, Antrobus, Anderson, Plain, Ezard, Madden, Manning, Filandia, Cransberg. **Melbourne:** Beveridge, Lyon, Spalding, Wilson, Stretch, Clark.
BEST PLAYERS — Essendon: Anderson, Long, Manning, O'Donnell, Watson, Madden. **Melbourne:** Clark, Beveridge, Styne.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
NORTH MELBOURNE	6.4	6.8	10.14	14.14	(98)
CARLTON	2.3	6.10	8.14	9.16	(70)

GOALKICKERS — North Melbourne: McCarthy 4, McDonald, Pickering, Carey 2, Larkin, Bryce, Crocker, Buckley, Carlton. **Edgar, Murphy 2, S. Kernahan, Dorotich, Johnston, Brown, Herman.**
BEST PLAYERS — North Melbourne: Buckley, McCarthy, Hepburn, German, Brayshaw, Carey, Bryce. **Carlton:** Brown, Blackwell, Hawker, Da Rui.

GRAND FINAL SATURDAY, MARCH 17

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
ESSENDON	4.4	8.5	13.8	17.10	112
NORTH MELBOURNE	4.4	5.5	9.9	10.16	76

GOALKICKERS — Essendon: Werner 4, Anderson, Cransberg, Madden, Manning 2, Salmon, Plain, Grenvold, Burns, Filandia 1. **North Melbourne:** A. Krakouer 2, Schwass, McCarthy, McRae, Allison, Longmire, Romero, Carey, Pickering 1.
BEST PLAYERS — Essendon: Anderson, Hamilton, Madden, Salmon, Plain, Watson. **North Melbourne:** Longmire, German, Romero, Schwass, Brayshaw.
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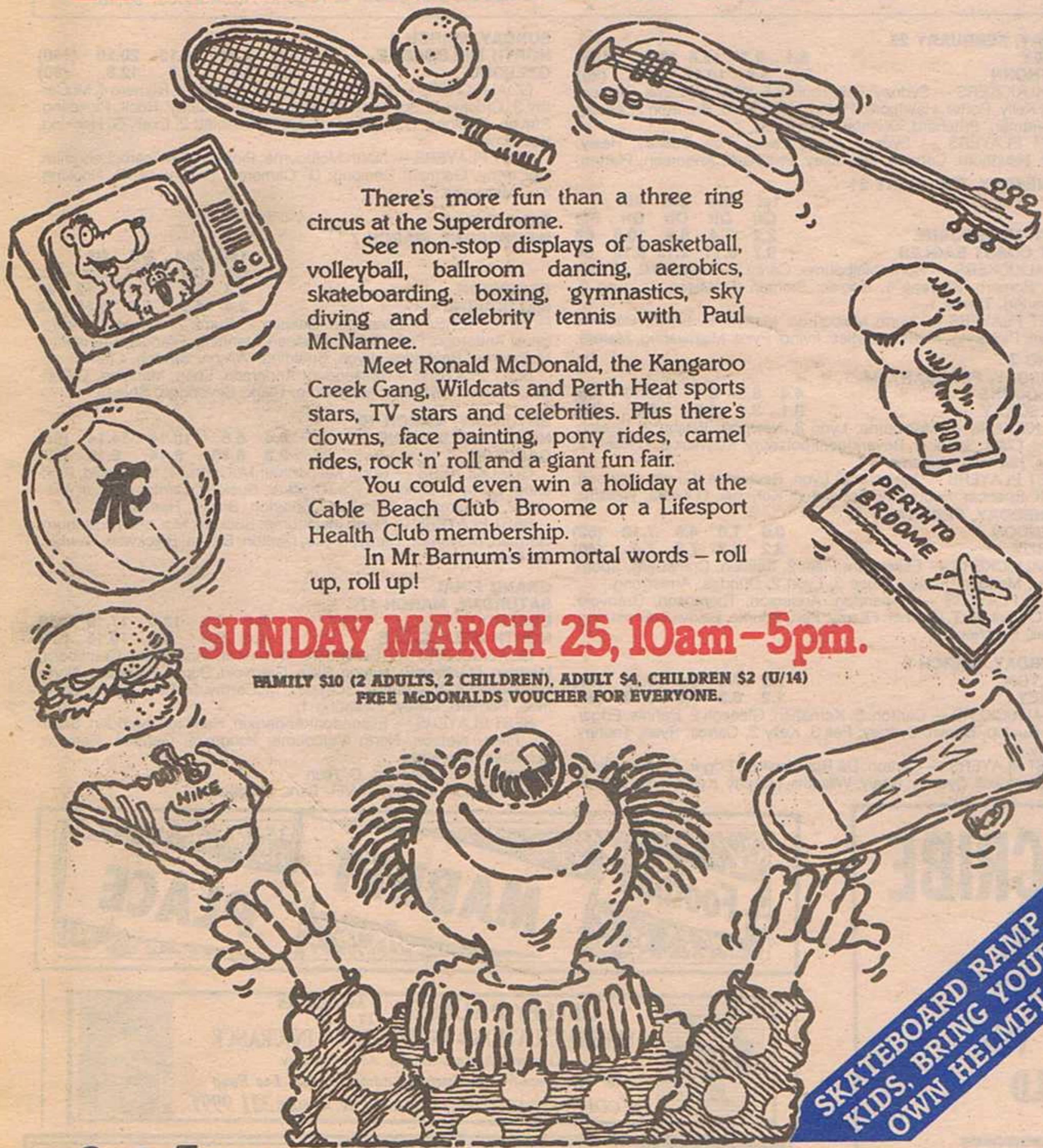
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AFTER six months in hibernation, the time has come to pull out the football historical records, the old Budgets and the year books.

Hibernation? Hardly.

The summer vacation period used to be just that - a six-month break from football as cricket and tennis held the sporting spotlight.

It was a time for clubs to head off on end-of-season trips to beach resorts like Bali, Penang or Pattaya...or maybe Mandurah if it was East Perth!

Now the players still go on holiday, but they pack their boots and head to Canada or London for a series of exhibition games.

For the players it never seems to stop. If a club qualifies for one of the promotional tours, it means the players are in training until early November and then they have to be ready for the first round of Foster's Cup matches in February.

DEMANDING

But it is not only demanding on the players. For club officials, the planning for the next season starts well before the all-important November draft - a meeting of the football managers of the clubs which goes a long way towards determining just how successful a team will be in the next season.

From when the West Coast Eagles season ended at the completion of the 1989 qualifying rounds to now, some of the biggest developments the sport has seen have been completed - well, almost.

To start the ball rolling with the off-season activities, the AFL took the first steps towards its undertaking to establish a truly national competition by announcing in October that Footscray would merge with Fitzroy.

The news shocked Bulldogs fans and their loyal supporters were not about to take the decision lying down. So they raised the necessary finance to stave off the club's closure and left the AFL commission red-faced.

EAGLES COACH

On the same day, the Eagles announced that Footscray's coach Mick Malthouse would not go down with the ship, but would replace John Todd as the WA club's coach.

That was significant because in doing so the Eagles recognised the need for a coach with previous VFL experience.

The next major announcement came from Mark Bairstow.

After three years with Geelong, the affable farmer decided that life on the land was more important than the glamour of VFL football and returned to his Lake Grace property to do his bit on the family farm.

Next came a couple of landmark decisions for WA football.

First came the announcement that the Eagles would have Subiaco Oval as a base and then the WA Football Commission assumed control of WA's elite club.

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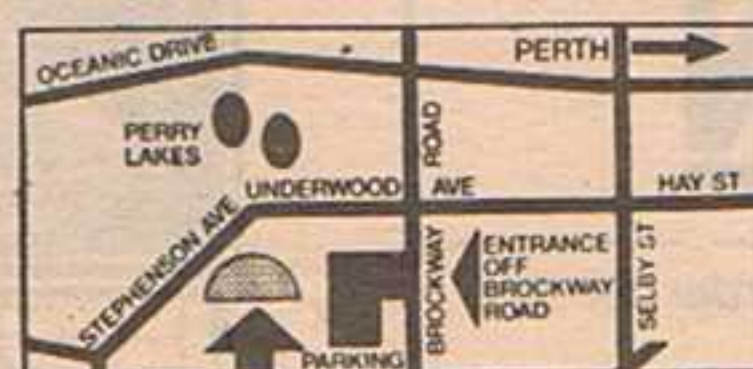
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