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Troy Ugle has been one of the sensations of the Eagles success this season...and his incredible leaps into the stratosphere have thrilled the fans. At the WACA Ground last Friday, Ugle captured Channel 7's AFL mark-of-the-round with this high-flying capture over Carlton duo David Rhys-Jones and Warren McKenzie

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Falcons slide is remarkable

by
Robert Bennett
of the Sunday Times



WEST Perth, the team that generated so much excitement at the end of last season, have become an embarrassment to the State Football League.

It seems ridiculous that a team that made last year's finals — and, with a bit of luck, could have been in the grand final — have become the easy beats in such a short space of time.

While West Perth have lost some significant players from last season, that's no excuse for them becoming the chopping block of the competition this year.

SURVIVED

Other teams have also lost stars — none more so than Claremont — but they survived and look where they are on the premiership ladder.

So what's wrong at West Perth? Is it an attitude problem?

They showed last year that they can be an exciting combination when they are firing. In fact, they breathed new life into the competition last season.

It's a pity that a club with a proud tradition such as West Perth's should

become the clown prince of the competition.

Pathetic is too kind a word to describe a team that managed only three paltry points in a half of football, as they did against Claremont.

While the reigning premiers are obviously a good side, they're not that good.

West Perth chucked in the towel and obviously coach George Michalczyk has a monumental job just making his team competitive.

At this stage West Perth don't look capable of winning a match this season — and that's not good for them or the competition.

ZONING QUERY

Perhaps the SFL should have a close look at the zones for the respective clubs.

Four teams have dominated the 1980s — Claremont (three premierships); Swan Districts (three); Subiaco (two) and East Fremantle (one).

It's no coincidence that Claremont and Subiaco have become powers in the competition. They were both in moribund residential areas. Since being given zones in the northern corridor, the State's biggest growth area, they have flourished.



Joyous scenes like this have been sadly missed at Leederville Oval so far this season

Swan Districts and South Fremantle are other clubs to benefit from growth areas.

It is a complete turn-about from the 1950s, 60s and 70s when the three Perth teams virtually had a mortgage on two, sometimes three positions, in the finals each year.

But in recent years Perth, East Perth and West Perth have more often been more near the bottom than the top of the premiership ladder.

While there will be a constant drain of players to the AFL from all top clubs, it is apparent this is not going to help the struggling clubs in the short term.

Making the State League more competitive is one of the major tasks fronting the WA Football Commission.

Perhaps it should dispense with zones and introduce a draft system.

Something has to be done to ensure that some teams don't become a liability to the League.



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Footy Rumours

GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

BLUES STAR'S QUIET NIGHT

IT'S no rumour, Stephen Kernahan WAS playing for Carlton last Friday night! The high-leaping Blues skipper had a night he would rather forget. Kernahan was beaten in the ruck by Phil Scott and barely got a kick against Eagles centre-half-back Murray Rance when switched into the forward line. Kernahan finished the night with six kicks, one mark and four handballs.

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PEAKE PUZZLE

THE Brian Peake saga certainly sent the fax machines buzzing with statements and denials from everyone concerned. East Fremantle were hot to trot when it came to denying that Peake was "axed," but it was hard to work out what else happened to the champion! Football veteran John Hayes felt that East Fremantle's handling of the affair had been a disgrace. Speaking on Radio 6NR, Hayes said that if the Sharks wanted Peake to retire, they should have made the decision five months ago. "The off-field team at East Fremantle should have a real good look at themselves," said Hayes.

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TRAFFIC CHAOS

THE parking and traffic woes of night games at the WACA Ground continued last Friday when the Eagles met Carlton and a ruffled Ken Casellas, Radio 6WF's meticulous stats man, stormed into the ABC box 10 minutes after the first bouncelawn. It had taken Casellas one hour and 20 minutes to make the usual 10-minute trip from Mounts Bay Road to cricket headquarters. As the chief cricket writer for the West Australian, you think that he should have a short-cut worked out by now!

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UNHAPPY EAGLES

THE West Coast Eagles were quite pleased to have a training run on the WACA Ground on the Wednesday before last Friday's clash with Carlton. But coach Mick Malthouse was furious when he found that the whole centre wicket area was covered and the players couldn't use the full ground. At one stage Mild Mick threatened to pull the covers off himself.



Eagles defender John Worsfold cut Blues forward Richard Dennis right out of Friday's battle with tough play like this

Nice guy's tough line

EAGLES 'nice-guy' John Worsfold loves to nuzzle his opponents behind the play. The versatile defender can often be seen pulling the guernsey of an opponent or lightly elbowing him — and he sees it as being all part of the game. "If it puts him off his game, it's great," Worsfold said. "But I get a few whacks for it sometimes." The 28,000 fans at the WACA Ground saw the clip around the ear that Simon Verbeek gave Woosha before the siren sounded to start to the second half last Friday — after he had worried Richard Dennis out of the game and onto the interchange bench. Umpire Peter Carey warned the Blues half-forward, but Worsfold claims there were a few others the ump didn't see. No matter what, all his opponents were put right off their game. "I'm possibly more mentally tuned to it than some other players," Worsfold said. "He'll drop off his game while mine stays the same."

Not too violent, please

IS ABC commentator Keith Slater promoting a tougher approach to our football? A caller to 6WF's Saturday morning Sportstalk show complained about Slater's commentary during the previous week's round. While two players were shaping up to each other, the former Swan Districts and State ruckman said: "They're hitting each other like a couple of girls." The listener felt that Slater was insinuating they should hit harder. This was vehemently denied by Slater and fellow panellists George Grljusich and Geoff Christian. "It's a man's game," they said. And Slater added: "I was just describing the incident and I think listeners understood what I was seeing through that analogy."

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GRABBING THE CHANCE

TWO players who stood out in Perth's surprise win over East Perth on Saturday were lucky to even be in the game. Ruckman Ian Newman, who had an incredible 41 hit-outs to dominate the big-man duels, was under threat of relegation if he didn't perform. Full back Steve Cummings was given the tough job to guard Royals skipper Glen Bartlett only after Mick Hanley had injured himself at training. Cummings did a great job, with 10 effective spoils and restricted Bartlett to two late goals.

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RESERVES PROPOSAL

THERE'S a move afoot to increase the State League reserves teams to 22 players, allowing for four interchange instead of two. With the bigger number of Eagles players moving to and fro in the league teams, reserves players are constantly being shuffled up and down also, so an extra two spots in the seconds line-up would help a lot of clubs to accommodate their footballers.

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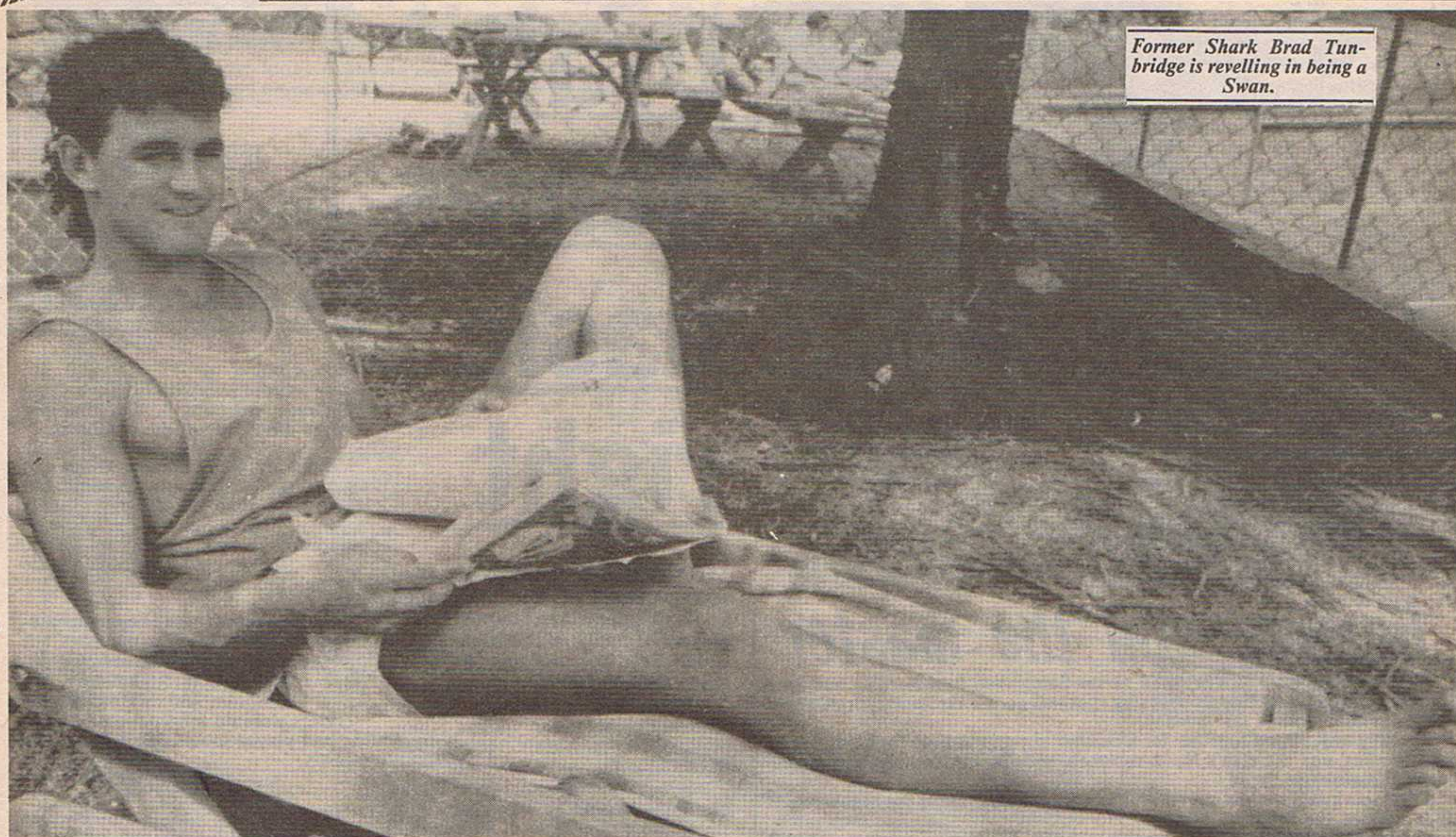
IN this day and age of football volunteers, even club presidents are not exempt from chipping in. It was great to see Perth president Vince Pental helping out, controlling the crowd around the coach and players at the quarter-time and three-quarter time breaks.



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Former Shark Brad Tunbridge is revelling in being a Swan.

TOWERING TUNBRIDGE MAKES HIS AFL MARK

From KEN PIESSE in Melbourne

BRAD Tunbridge towers over almost every player at his adopted AFL club, the Sydney Swans, but he says opposing team ruckmen often make him feel like "a midget."

At almost 198cm (6ft 6in) and 100kg (15st 11lb), Tunbridge possesses an imposing physique.

However, he's quickly realised in his early AFL matches that height and strength alone will not win him kicks.

"I have to take more marks and run around more," he says. "It's a lot tougher body-wise."

His promising displays have pleased his coach Colin Kinnear and vindicated his summertime decision to shift base across Australia after some promising seasons with East Fremantle.

His good form has relegated last year's No.1 ruckman, the emerging David Willis, to the reserves.

"I wasn't coming across here without doing what I wanted to do," said Tunbridge, who is originally from the WA wheatbelt town of Mullewa, 600km north of Perth.

"It's been my dream ever since I was a kid. I had the chance and I wanted to try my best."

"But I tell you what, I feel like a midget sometimes playing against blokes like (Justin) Madden. He's just massive."

Tunbridge, 26, was hoping to take a following role, or play at centre-half-forward, but the form of another interstater, strong-marking Jim West, denied him a forward line chance, forcing him to go all out for a ruck berth.

He had represented WA in 1987 and tried out with the Eagles in the 1988 pre-season before a serious knee injury forced him out of the game.

He made a good recovery, playing 20 games last year with East Fremantle and was ecstatic in November when named as the Swan's first draft choice.

On arrival, Tunbridge said: "I put it in my mind to do my best and see how it went."

He was confident of doing well at the top level — "otherwise I wouldn't have done it."

He had played 21 debut games with East Fremantle in 1986—87 before his knee problems forced him to rest.

"It was good to play most of the games last year," he said. "I was just looking after it (his knee). It's surprised me how good it's been."

He was excellent in his first game when Sydney defeated Carlton for the first time in 25 years at Princes Park, but like his team-mates, struggled in the second round against Footscray.

He said there was dead quiet in the rooms after the shock defeat.

"There wasn't a word said, except for Colin (Kinnear)."

Tunbridge, who is single, shares a house with senior team-mate Shane Fell and is currently working as a parks and gardens officer for the South Sydney Council.

He said his ambitions include to get better every game, play every match and help Sydney into the finals.

"Everything is topsy turvey at the moment. It looks like it's going to be pretty close at the end of the year for places in the five."

Tunbridge says his form has been "nothing flash, but I've got my best to give yet."

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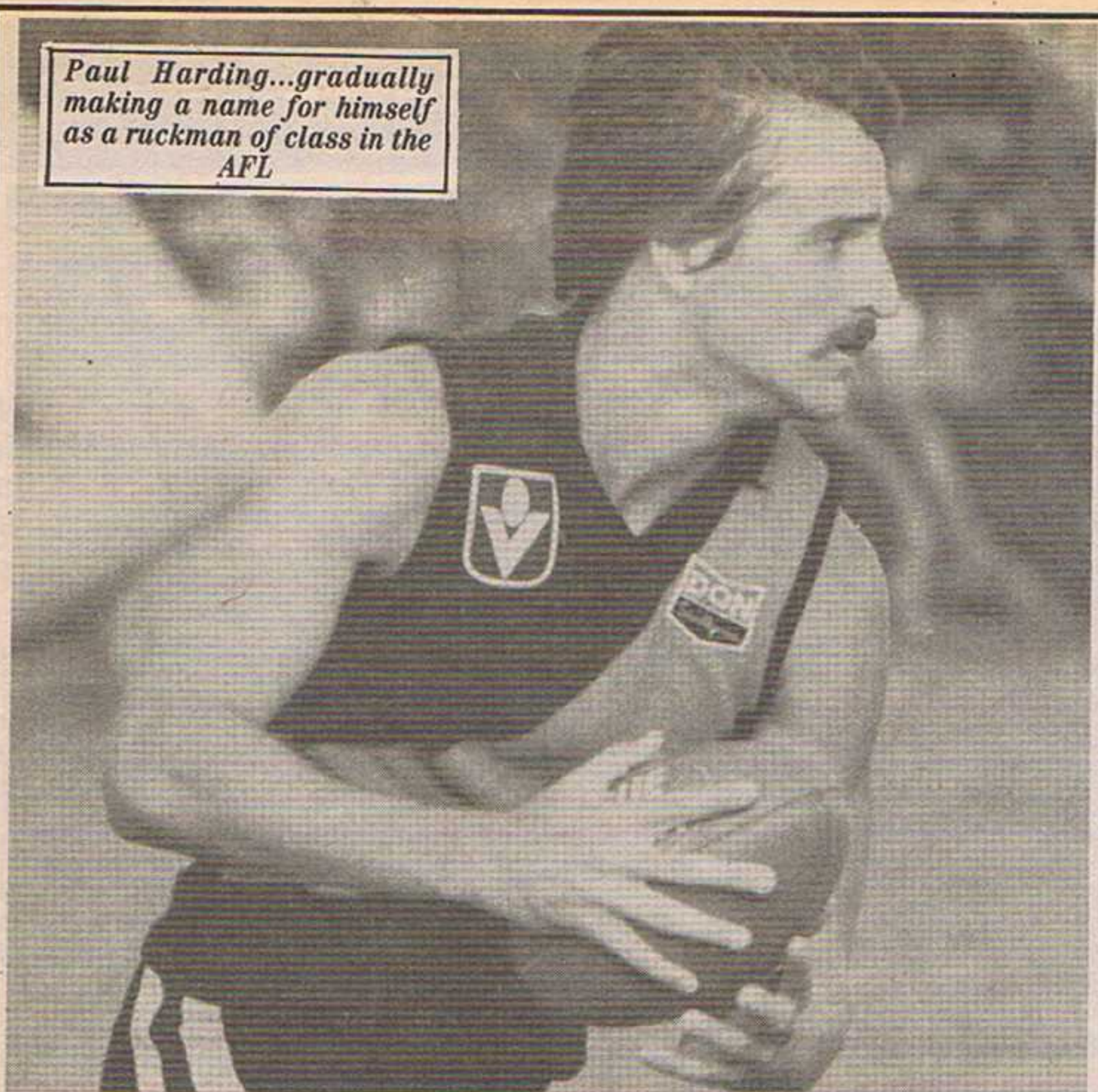
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Paul Harding...gradually making a name for himself as a ruckman of class in the AFL



Harding still the master

WAS it Shark versus Shark or Swan versus Saint when Paul Harding and Brad Tunbridge faced each other as opposing ruckmen across the centre-circle at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Sunday.

The two big men played together for a number of years at East Fremantle, when Paul Harding was the club's No. 1 ruckmen, with Tunbridge being an up-and-coming "apprentice."

And that was how it worked out on Sunday, with Harding taking the honours as St Kilda downed the Sydney Swans.

Harding is now a seasoned AFL campaigner, having had three years experience in the national league and the benefits are showing. His work around the ground makes him a valuable member of the ever-improving Saints.

Tunbridge is immensely strong and given a little more experience, he will give his former team-mate a lot more trouble at their next outing.

When they played in the same Sharks team back in 1986, they probably never dreamed of clashing with each other as they did on Sunday.

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RON ALEXANDER

— as was the case with Fitzroy's Craig McGrath, with both those destinations on the other side of the continent.

There are many arguments for and against the existing arrangements, but there have been no challenges to its legality. Any player who is unhappy and wants to fight for his own future, would face a very expensive battle through the courts.

The area that needs to be immediately addressed is when a player is cut from a league list after the March draft, as has happened to Richmond's Michael Thompson, who was told that his services were no longer required after he had played the second game of the season.

CONTRACT

Ironically, this was just three weeks after he signed his contract for season 1990.

Thompson is now unable to switch to another club until he goes into the next auction (draft) on June 30.

The player only gets paid for two games and misses out on playing first grade football (and match payments) for 2½ months. And even then he can't choose where he goes.

Perhaps an independent board should be formed to hear appeals under certain circumstances such as this case.

As things stand, the system is heavily biased in favour of the clubs, with the player — who is the performer, the person people pay to see — having little say in his appearances and no right of appeal.

THE current draft and contracting arrangements in the Australian Football League are destined to rob players of many of the basic rights experienced by workers in other industries.

The standard contract has been well criticised by Victorian veteran Simon Madden, the much-respected president of the AFL Players' Association.

But the problems associated with the drafting of players have generally been swept under the carpet in the name of national football league expansion.

Players can no longer nominate the club where they want to play; their choice of 'employer' if you like is not their own.

Unless a player is fortunate enough to be living in the district allocated to their club, they have to take what is offered to them. Players seeking to join the West Coast Eagles have even less chance as the WA club doesn't have its own zone.

ALTERNATIVE

When a player is in dispute with his AFL club and is not under contract, he still cannot choose his alternative. He must go into yet another draft (or player-auction if you like) and risk playing for a club which might be on the other side of town from his home or his job



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Smiling Demons Merv Kelly (left) and Warren Nicholas were key members of the Perth team that destroyed East Perth last week.

Lions face crucial challenge

SUBIACO skipper Brian Taylor rates Saturday's clash with Swan Districts as the most important of the season to date for the Lions.

"We want to win at least four games from the first series and we're currently two out of four," Taylor said.

"Beating Swans is worth eight points. They're already two wins ahead of us and we'll reduce the margin to four points if we win.

"But if we lose, they'll be 12 points ahead of us.

"If we don't get four wins in the first series, we'll be playing catch-up footy all year trying to make the four.

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"We're good enough to beat them too — we should have beaten East Fremantle last week after outplaying them for 3½-quarters. But we let them score five goals in a 15-minute spell and that cost us the game.

"If we can play consistently and keep the pressure on midfield, we'll stop Swans run."

Taylor believes full-back John Cooper will stop Swan Districts full-forward Shane Stempel, who heads the WASFL goalkicking list with 18 majors.

"He's been in our best-player list for the past two weeks, so he's on his game," Taylor said.

Swans are shaping up as a real premiership threat with four wins from four starts.

Midfielders Len Gandini, David Callow and Joe Ahmat are giving the black and whites good drive and they have a highly mobile forward line with Shaun Davey, Stempel, Mick Grasso and Todd Menegola in good form.

TIGERS TUNE IN AGAIN

PERTH broke the premiership-points drought with their 30-point win over East Perth, but Demons coach Tom Mullooly faces a tough challenge in notching back-to-back wins as they take on reigning champions Claremont.

Despite the match being at Lathlain Park, the Tigers are back on track after their surprise loss to East Perth in round three.

Midfielders Tony Evans and Mark Hann are at their sparkling best and Todd Ridley (10 goals last Saturday) and Brendon Barrows offer good focal points in attack.

The Demons have form players in Steve Cummings, Peter Zaikos, Gavin Whittington and Steve Turner (six goals last week) and look capable at both ends of the ground.

A feature of the match should be the ruck duel between Perth's Ian Newman (41 hit outs last Saturday) and West Coast Eagles squad member Ryan Turnbull, who has been in the Tigers best almost every game.

Bulldogs look better

SOUTH Fremantle should bounce back to winning form and easily account for West Perth — but beware a dangerous Falcon under threat of extinction.

The Falcons are struggling and skipper Paul Hasler has been their most consistent performer, but a lot of soul-searching after last week's debacle will make them more competitive.

Though Bulldogs coach Stan Magro could find himself without key ruckman Craig Edwards (hamstring) and forward Glen Jakovich (ankle), he has enough running players in Willie Rioli, Chris Pobjoy and Greg Turner to account for West Perth.

INTRIGUING BATTLE

THE battle at East Fremantle Oval between East Fremantle and East Perth looms as the most intriguing clash of the round.

The Sharks bounced back to winning form last Saturday, but only with one brilliant burst of football; while the Royals, who beat champions Claremont a week earlier, faltered badly at home to Perth.

East Fremantle will look to the likes of Clinton Browning and Andrew Lockyer for big-man strength and Lance Durack, suspended for the first three rounds, could make a return to the senior side.

They will have the Royals strength trio of Glen Bartlett, Peter Melesso and Craig McGrath (if his Eagles call-up is postponed) to combat.

STATE LEAGUE FORM GUIDE

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

EAST FREMANTLE W(86), L(23), L(21), W(20)
WEST PERTH L(86), L(24), L(66), L(159)
SWAN DISTRICTS W(3), W(23), W(66), W(32)
PERTH L(3), L(52), L(50), W(30)

CLAREMONT W(7), W(57), L(15), W(159)
SOUTH FREMANTLE L(7), W(52), W(21), L(32)
SUBIACO W(105), L(57), W(50), L(20)
EAST PERTH L(105), W(24), W(15), L(30)



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*Tally does not include AFL tips	Tally	Perth v Claremont	E. Frem v E. Perth	W. Perth v S. Frem	Subiaco v Swan Dist	Eagles v Sydney Swans
RON ALEXANDER	9	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Subiaco	Eagles
ROB BENNETT	7	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	8	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Subiaco	Eagles
TANIA ARMSTRONG	8	Claremont	East Perth	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
ALAN EAST	11	Claremont	East Perth	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
IAN MILLER	8	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	9	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	10	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
GEORGE TEMPLE	10	Claremont	East Perth	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	9	Claremont	East Perth	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	9	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles



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Eagles suffer in free kicks

SINCE the birth of the West Coast Eagles, most Western Australian Football followers have considered the Eagles to have been hard-done by as far as free kicks are concerned.

In 1987, their first season in the VFL competition, the Eagles actually fared better than their opposition, picking up 52% of the free kicks awarded in 22 home and away games.

The story has been rather different since the start of the 1988 season. Less than 46% of the free kicks given in the 49 games played by the Eagles have gone to the Eagles. Opposition teams averaged four free kicks per game more than the Eagles in 1988 and exactly 5 1/2 free kicks more per game than the Eagles last year.

So far this season, the Eagles average of nearly 24 free kicks per game compares to their opposition's average of over 29 free kicks.

THE West Coast Eagles 50-point win over Carlton on Friday night was their fifth four-quarter win in their last nine matches.

The Eagles have outscored their opposition in every quarter of football that they have played in Perth since round 18 last year. In that time, they have recorded victories over Richmond, Geelong and Carlton (in 1989), and Collingwood and Carlton this year.

ON Saturday, Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall and Essendon's Simon Madden joined the group of players to have kicked over 500 goals in league football. Their feat is likely to be matched shortly by St Kilda's Tony Lockett.

Dunstall kicked his 500th goal two minutes into the third quarter of Hawthorn's game against Brisbane. He has now kicked 504 goals from 113 games.

Madden's 501 goals have been scored in 330 games, in a career that began in 1974.

THE Brisbane Bears score of 5.8 against Hawthorn on Saturday was their highest in three matches against the Hawks in Melbourne.

In the two previous encounters between the two clubs in Melbourne, the Bears had kicked scores of 2.5 and 4.11. They have averaged a total of 30 points a game, compared to Hawthorn's average of 102 points.

How WA players performed in AFL

Players	Kicks	Marks	H/Balls	Score	Players	Kicks	Marks	H/Balls	Score
BRISBANE BEARS					GEELONG				
David Bain	10	1	4	—	Ray Sterrett	13	5	10	1.3
Kevin Caton	5	1	1	0.1	MELBOURNE				
Brad Edwards	6	2	—	—	Darren Bennett	7	4	1	2.1
John Gastev	7	—	—	—	Alan Johnson	6	3	1	1.1
Brad Hardie	10	3	2	2.2	Earl Spalding	4	3	4	—
Alex Ishchenko	11	7	4	—	NTH MELBOURNE				
Mike Richardson	15	7	4	0.1	Mark Brayshaw	3	1	2	—
CARLTON					Mark Hepburn	10	2	3	—
Wayne Blackwell	9	3	13	—	RICHMOND				
Richard Dennis	5	1	1	1.0	Michael Mitchell	10	1	6	1.2
COLLINGWOOD					ST KILDA				
Michael Christian	18	5	6	—	Paul Harding	9	9	6	—
ESSENDON					Jim Krakouer	20	5	7	1.2
Darren Bewick	19	4	5	2.1	Nicky Winmar	15	6	3	4.4
Peter Cransberg	13	6	7	1.0	SYDNEY SWANS				
Bill Duckworth	10	5	3	—	Brad Tunbridge	5	8	7	—
Derek Kickett	13	11	14	0.1	Wayne Henwood	5	4	5	—
FITZROY									
Dale Kickett	7	3	6	0.1					

HIT OUTS: Alex Ishchenko (Brisbane Bears) 22; Paul Harding (St Kilda) 12; Brad Tunbridge (Sydney Swans) 11; Mark Hepburn (North Melbourne) 10; Darren Bennett (Melbourne) 2; Richard Dennis (Carlton), Earl Spalding (Melbourne), Dale Kickett (Fitzroy) 1.

Eagles new chums prove their worth

THE new boys in the Eagles nest are really turning it on this season.

Richmond (and East Fremantle) recruit Peter Wilson turned in a good game against Carlton despite having a bout of the flu, while rookies Dean Kemp and Brett Heady proved their worth at the top level.

Kemp has been a consistent performer in the opening four AFL rounds and was arguably best-on-ground last Friday night. He did the hard things — shepherding and digging the ball out from the bottom of packs — while gathering 20 possessions and disposing of the ball immaculately.

Heady had a slow start in his debut game. Coming off the interchange bench, he took a while to pick up the pace of the game, but then he showed some good skills, kicking two goals, including one in the second quarter when the game hung in the balance.

"It was an experience I will never forget," he said afterwards.

"The pace is a lot quicker and you can never stop working at this level. You've got to watch your man all the time, otherwise he could get away — even if you only give him a few yards."

MICK'S ON A HIGH

NEW Eagles coach Mick Malthouse is all smiles over the performance of the team's defensive unit.

"Except for the St Kilda game, we've limited our opponents to a conservative score everytime," Malthouse said after the Eagles 50-point win over Carlton last Friday night; a victory he rated as the team's best this season.

"We conceded eight goals against Collingwood, seven at Footscray and 10 against Carlton.

"They are putting it together really well. We never allowed Carlton to rebound from a couple of flat spots.

"There was some rather ordinary football at times, but we fought hard and when we made errors, we turned them around and rebounded forward.

"I'm not happy with some certain errors, but we're getting closer to the game style I want."

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LAMB ROASTS BRADLEY

WHO was tagging who — that's the question Carlton coach Alex Jesaulenko would have asked star midfielder Craig Bradley last Friday night.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse assigned 200-game veteran Dwayne Lamb the role of tagging Bradley, who hardly got a kick all night. In desperation, Jesaulenko finally took Bradley away from the centre and hid him on a half-back flank.

Lamb, who successfully tagged Collingwood's Peter Daicos and St Kilda's Jimmy Krakouer in earlier rounds, picked up 26 possessions and kicked one goal. "I hope I've done my penance now," quipped Lamb.

"Maybe someone will tag me next time."

Mixed fortunes

EAGLE forward Stevan Jackson felt the highs and lows of football within the space of a few seconds last Friday night when he kicked a difficult goal and was immediately dragged from the ground by coach Mick Malthouse. At the 11-minute mark of the third quarter, Jackson kicked a goal from the boundary line after a kick by Carlton's Wayne Blackwell had gone out on the full. But the message from runner Rob Wiley had already gone out for an earlier indiscretion and Jackson ran through the interchange with his left fist still raised triumphantly in the air.



Messages of fire

THERE was a definite "fiery" theme to the two banners offered by the West Coast Eagles and Carlton cheer squads last Friday night. Carlton's banner read, "The team we love, the team we admire, is here to set your night on fire," while the Eagles message was simple: "Give them Hell."

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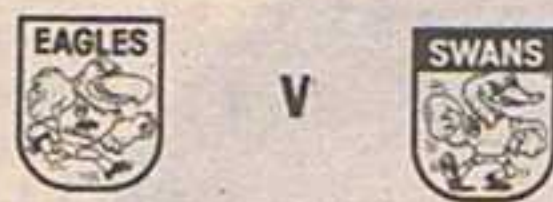
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Swans — minus their engine — are still a danger




THE Sydney Swans soar into town this Sunday missing one half of their dynamic duo. That sounds like an easy assignment for the home-town heroes; but the buoyant West Coast Eagles need to be wary of complacency.

Sydney will sorely miss the impact of former Brownlow Medallist Greg Williams, but it is a dangerous practice to label a club a two-man team.

Williams is probably the man who most symbolises what the Sydney Swans are about and, along with Gerard Healy, has made a great contribution to the first club located outside Melbourne.

His quick thinking and sleight of hand more than compensates for a lack of pace and he sets up many of Sydney's attacking moves on the compact SCG ground.

His absence must make the Eagles strong favourites to collect another four premierships points and move to a 4-1 win/loss record after the opening five rounds to be right on target for a place in the finals.

by  **Gary Stocks**
of The West Australian

The Swans still boast plenty of talent in rover Barry Mitchell, Healy, himself a Brownlow Medallist, Terry Thripp, a fitter and trimmer Wayne Henwood and strong-marking recruits like Shane Fell and Jim West.

Whether they have the ability to overcome the skill and desire of a confident Eagles combination on their favoured home turf at Subiaco Oval remains to be seen.

But one thing is for certain — it would be a mistake to under-estimate the Swans.

That is unlikely to happen because Mick Malthouse has shown a capacity to keep his troops level-headed.

CONTRIBUTORS

The Eagles have had many outstanding contributors in the opening four rounds, but perhaps the men who have excelled most consistently are Dwayne Lamb, Dean Kemp, Murray Rance and Dean Laidley.

The absence of Williams will help Malthouse in one regard — he won't need to make a decision on who Lamb should tag.

Lamb could have been assigned the shadowing role on either Healy or Williams, but will now escort Healy round Subiaco Oval.

Much of the Eagles drive has come from their defensive unit where Laidley, Rance and Guy McKenna have been brilliant in the opening rounds and that trio will again have a key role to play.

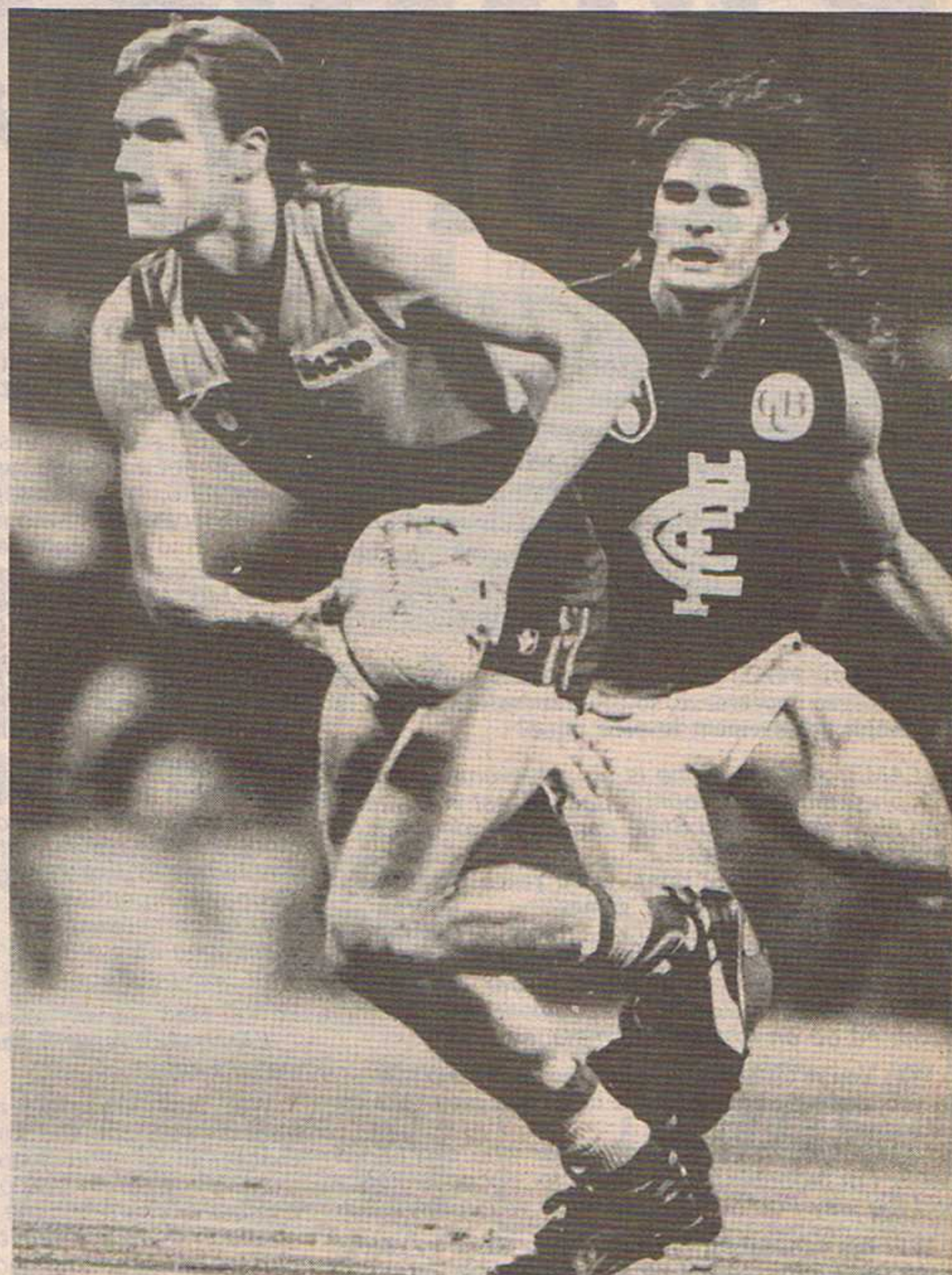
ESSENTIAL

There is no such thing as an easy game in the AFL and the Eagles are well aware of the importance of victory. Early wins are essential in entrenching them in the upper half of the premierships table.

The Eagles will also rely on players like Steve Malaxos, another brilliant performer last week, Craig Turley, Kemp and Brett Heady, who made a fine debut and offers great ball-carrying capacity, with fine disposal.

In attack, the Eagles have looked far more dangerous with Stevan Jackson combining with Peter Sumich, one of the most exciting players in the competition.

The Eagles certainly have the personnel and the football system to eclipse the Sydney Swans and that should further enhance their record for the 1990 season.



Dashing defender Dean Laidley was one of the Eagles best players against Carlton and here he shows Blues star Tom Alvin a clean set of heels

AFL RATINGS

WEST COAST EAGLES

Player	Col	SK	Fool	Carl	TOT
ANNEAR, John	6	4r	-	-	10
BREMAN, Todd	-	-	5	6	11
BRENNAN, Michael	8	4	-	6	18
GWILLIAM, Brad	5	4	5	-	14
HART, David	-	-	7	4r	11
IRVING, Dean	5	4	3r	-	12
HEADY, Brett	-	-	-	6	6
JACKSON, Stevan	-	-	5	5	10
KEMP, Dean	7	6	7	8	28
LAIDLEY, Dean	5	6	7	7	25
LAMB, Dwayne	6	5	7	7	25
LANGDON, Karl	7	5	8	6	26
LEWIS, Chris	-	3r	-	-	3
LOCKYER, Andrew	4	3	-	-	7
MAINWARING, Chris	6	6	-	-	12
MALAXOS, Steve	-	-	6	6	12
MATERA, Peter	5	-	-	-	5
McKENNA, Guy	5	6	6	6	23
O'CONNELL, David	-	-	-	4r	4
PEOS, Paul	6	5	3i	-	14
PYKE, Don	4	5	-	-	9
RANCE, Murray	6	6	6	8	26
SCOTT, Phil	6	4	6	7	23
SUMICH, Peter	6	4	6	6	22
TURLEY, Craig	-	-	7	6	13
UGLE, Troy	7	6	7	5	25
WATTERS, Scott	-	-	6	5	11
WILSON, Peter	6	6	8	7	27
WORSFOLD, John	6	6	7	6	25

AFL GOALKICKERS

Player	Gls	Pts
LOCKETT, Tony (St Kil)	28	13
DUNSTALL, Jason (Hawth)	27	12
BENNETT, Darren (Melb)	22	12
ABLETT, Gary (Geel)	22	11
LONGMIRE, John (N. Melb)	21	13
DAICOS, Peter (Coll)	17	3
GERMAN, Peter (N. Melb)	15	7
SUMICH, Peter (Eagles)	14	9
GRANT, Chris (Footsc)	13	11
BRERETON, Dermott (Hawth)	12	5
WERNER, Michael (Ess)	12	6
MINTON-CONNELL, Simon (Carl)	10	5

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DWAYNE THE DESTROYER



DWAYNE LAMB has been one of the West Coast Eagles most consistent performers in the club's four-year history. He's Mr Reliable wherever he plays and no matter what task he is assigned, LAMB has earned the respect of his peers, opponents, team-mates, the media and the fans. Westside Football's **GEORGE TEMPLE** had this interview with the tough ruck-rover just hours before he played Carlton's Craig Bradley out of the game at the WACA Ground last Friday night.

WESTSIDE FOOTBALL: The Carlton game is your 200th league appearance, so congratulations — and is it a major achievement in your mind?

LAMB: Any milestone is an achievement, though it's one I thought I probably passed last year with all my night games and State games included, but not everyone counts those.

WF: Did you ever think you'd reach this level of football or play this many games?

LAMB: Not as a junior; I was never an outstanding player then. I picked up a few trophies along the way, but never the top ones as a best player. I thought my first league game was an achievement, so no, I didn't think I'd go on to play 200 matches.

WF: You're often described as the ideal team man — do you agree that you're more of a team man than an individual?

LAMB: I'm not the sort of player who can turn a game; I'm probably known more for my consistency and the way I do my job and work within the team.

WF: It's unusual for players of your ilk to be recognised with fairest and best awards; yet, in fact, you notched three with Subiaco. What made you stand out there?

LAMB: I got a bit of an early start with Subiaco. I won the first one playing out of a back-pocket because in those days a lot of play was down that end of the ground! The other two were under Haydn Bunton, who turned me into a ruck-rover playing a kick behind the play. I gathered a lot of possessions and stood out more than I would have if I'd stayed in a back-pocket. Certainly, in Subi's better years that helped me a lot.

WF: Throughout your career you've been used in a variety of roles — ruck-rover, half-back, back-pocket, wing and even a forward pocket. Where do you like playing best?

LAMB: Now I would have to say ruck-rover. You're in the play all the time and get the best opportunities for possessions, while at the same time playing on some quality players. My personal aim is to get a game each week, but I would prefer to line-up as a ruck-rover.

WF: Down the years your goalkicking has borne the brunt of a few jokes. Have you worked on it at all?

LAMB: At the start of each season I work on two things in particular — my goalkicking and my right foot. My right foot only gets used occasionally and goalkicking, I feel I'm improving there. I've kicked 21 or so with the Eagles in three years, which is more

than I kicked with Subiaco in seven years. Kicking goals is always a highlight.

WF: One of your best assets is your strength and imposing physique. What sort of reputation do you have in AFL ranks?

LAMB: I suppose I'm seen as a fairly strong player, but I'm not an over physical player. I play the game fairly hard, but others probably just see me as a consistent worker who is hard to get a kick against.

WF: Had it not been for the Eagles, would you have ever ventured to a higher level of football?

LAMB: After picking up my first fairest and best at Subi, I always aimed to go onto the VFL. I had some contact with the Sydney Swans in 1985 and there was a chance I would move there, but with the advent of the Eagles, I was happy to stay home and represent a WA team in the competition.

WF: Why didn't you join the Swans in 1985?

LAMB: It was the year that the flamboyant doctor, Geoff Eddelston, was in charge and they were having trouble fitting players into their salary cap and they wanted me to play a few games with a club in the local Sydney competition first. I didn't see that as the ideal way to go because you perform at the level you're competing at. So if you're playing at a lower level, your sport suffers.

WF: Had you any offers from other clubs?

LAMB: Not really. I had spoken to people, but no definite offers.

WF: How unsettling has it been for the Eagles players with all the coaching and administrative changes in its short history?

LAMB: Naturally you prefer the same coach for a number of years and the same administration, but in all clubs there's a fair turnover of personnel. The players get used to it and their job is to play football and they go about it in the best possible way. Certainly at Subiaco I saw some coaches come and go, which is part of football. Hopefully, we now have a long-term group at the Eagles; the coach seems to have settled in and the administration looks to have steadied.

WF: What changes has coach Mick Malthouse introduced to the Eagles game?

LAMB: All coaches have different ideas and Mick is very specific about the way we play to his tactics. He's got an answer for everything and a particular way to do things. He's brought across a few Victorian ideas and is insisting that we become more direct and physical in our game.

WF: You must be pleased the Eagles have finally found a home and that it's Subiaco Oval?

LAMB: The lack of a home ground has not been a real bonus. Now we've lobbied at Subiaco, it's great. It's a wonderful place to train and training on the ground where we play most of our home games perhaps gives us an advantage over other clubs. We can also set bits of our own gear up; it's a home and that's important.

WF: You play four games at the WACA Ground and Malthouse says there's no advantage in playing there. What do the players think?

LAMB: I quite enjoy playing at the WACA because it gives us the weekends off and also it's a good



Dwayne Lamb...ever-reliable Eagle

spectacle. But, as Mick says, we only got to train on it the Wednesday before the match, so it doesn't have the advantage for us that Subiaco does.

WF: Is the atmosphere of a night game better than an afternoon match?

LAMB: It's a different crowd. You get a lot of business people who come down after work. Having the lights makes it a good spectacle, but I wouldn't say it's anything better than Subiaco on a Sunday.

WF: What's it like having the parochial Victorian crowds so vehemently against you?

LAMB: It can be used to your advantage by charging yourself up on their criticism. It's nice playing in front of a home crowd; it's vocal and they give us a lot of support and I suppose an extra leg.

WF: How is the Eagles squad shaping up this season?

LAMB: The bigger squad has given us the depth we haven't had in the past. The players going back to State League clubs each week are playing well and keeping the pressure on the guys in the Eagles side. That is what a good club is all about. Last year, with our injury run, we had to pick a team from 24 players, which is not the ideal situation.

WF: Getting away from football, you seem to thrive on tackling unusual holidays, can you tell me about them?

LAMB: My wife and I both work in the travel industry and we've had a couple of great holidays, the highlight being a canoe safari down the Zambesi River in Zimbabwe. It was a six-day trip paddling our own canoe, sleeping on the islands and seeing a lot of wildlife. Other than that, we've seen a lot of the world — Canada, Europe and the US — and we've done a lot of snow skiing, which I love. We've been to Canada for the past four years skiing.

WF: What about the modelling?

LAMB: That goes back to the days when I was tied up in advertising with the Western Mail newspaper. I used to use myself as a model because of my involvement with football perhaps more than anything else.

WF: You are a sales consultant with Australian Airlines; how important is your work?

LAMB: Perhaps if we didn't call it work, but another interest. There are a lot of highs and lows in football and when the lows come along it's good to have another outlet, be it your family or work. At the moment it gives me something else to concentrate on and work out of the lows in my football life. Quite obviously, football is where I get most of my income. It's not a long-term income, it's only short-term and I've only got a few more years left in the game. I've got to look at setting myself up in something else to last me until the ripe old age of 60.

WF: You're 28 years of age now, do you think about retirement?

LAMB: I'm contracted for another two years following this one and I'll reassess my playing career then. It depends on my form, whether I'm healthy and if I'm getting a game in the top side.



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NEWMAN SHOWS TRUE GRIT

PERTH ruckman Ian Newman is starting to show the tough side of his football character.

The lanky Demon produced a best-on-ground performance against East Perth last Saturday — but, more importantly, he showed signs of mental and physical toughness.

Many loyal Perth supporters who have followed Newman's rather slow progress over the last eight years must have left Perth Oval hopefully believing that this could be the big man's graduation year.

The tall and talented Northam product has long been destined to be a dominant player, but never quite achieved that status.

Some big men take many years to mature and Newman, who celebrated his 25th birthday the day after the De-

mons victory, is surely now ready to blossom after making his debut back in 1983.

STRENGTH

He used his 200cm height to out-reach his Royals rivals and he tapped the ball beautifully to rovers Roger Kerr and Mark Watson. Newman also worked well around the ground, showing good marking strength and body work.

Newman has always been a little 'soft' in football terms and it was pleasing to see him come back strongly after leaving the ground in the third term from a knock to the eye.

He went into the rooms for stitches, but returned to resume the battle.

Big men have to take punishment and pain and now that Newman has tasted such success, he should continue on in that mood.



Ian Newman...the Demons in-form ruckman whose talents are starting to blossom

JEZZA'S GOT THE BLUES

CARLTON coach Alex Jesaulenko is really going to feel the heat in the hot seat in the next few weeks.

The Blues left town last weekend with just one win from their opening four games after a fairly unpleasant thrashing from the Eagles.

It would have been a long flight home, especially as Jesaulenko was quietly banking on a victory to restore pride and confidence.

Carlton, a proud and successful club, showed no compassion when they sacked premiership coach Robert Walls after a poor start to last season. They handed the job over to club legend Jesaulenko, but the Blues finished the season out of the finals for the first time in 17 years.

The Carlton hierarchy will not take kindly to this season's poor start and the next few weeks will be tense times for the club.

The heavy reliance on key players Stephen Kernahan and Craig Bradley is proving too much without support. Eagles pair Murray Rance and Dwayne Lamb did superb jobs in cutting those players out of the game and with the exception of David Rhys-Jones, Stephen Silvagni and Tom Alvin, the Blues struggled.

There were flashes of form from a couple of newcomers, especially Mark Majerczak and Adrian Bassett, who both have plenty of ability.

Lamb's great milestone

EAGLES negator Dwayne Lamb could not have written a better script for his 200th league game — his 66th for the Eagles after 134 with Subiaco.

The big win over highly-rated Carlton in front of a record WACA Ground crowd was a great milestone reward...and to be one of the team's best players was an added bonus.

The diligent and hard-working Lamb is producing some of the best football of his career in his role as the team's No. 1 tagger, or minder of key opponents. While Lamb's stamina and fitness is never questioned, it is his great mental attitude and concentration that makes him so successful.

'Fatty' Lamb has taken out some big names already this year such as Peter Daicos, Tony McGuinness and Craig Bradley and there are more challenges ahead.

But it's not only Lamb's great capacity to stop players that is valuable for the Eagles, but he can launch attacks and gain many possessions himself as well.

Eagles get good value from their draftees

THE Eagles 3-1 win/loss record is impressive — but it's interesting to note that the team has used a high number of 29 players, including five draft choices.

Rookies Dean Kemp, Dean Irving, Peter Matera, Brad Gwilliam and Brett Heady, who made a great debut against Carlton, have all earned their position with performances either pre-season or in SFL games.

Injuries have caused several Eagles team changes and it is pleasing to see many players becoming available again for selection after some minor injuries. The way the Eagles players are performing with their State League clubs is heartening — and good for the local competition.

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- 47 Guy Baxter (Subiaco)*

*Denotes that the tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Guy Baxter — 4 Subiaco, 34 East Fremantle, 9 Perth.

100 GAMES

- 99 Tony Beers (Claremont)*
- 98 Tony Beers (Claremont)
- 97 Andrew Macnish (Eagles)*
- 96 Brad Collard (South Frem)
- 96 Steve Turner (Perth)
- 95 Rod Willet (Subiaco)

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150 GAMES

- 146 David Rankin (East Fremantle)*
- 145 Steve Malaxos (Claremont)


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200 GAMES

- 195 Murray Rance (Eagles)*
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Time out, please Bomber!

BRIAN Peake — you're a real champion and no-one can take that away from you.

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That's my message to one of the game's all-time greats in the midst of what must be a fairly upsetting conflict between Bomber and his once-beloved East Fremantle.

No-one likes to see top sports stars publicly embarrassed at the finish of their outstanding careers and this is what's happening to Peake.

After an illustrious 18 years of brilliant football, it's sad to see him in the middle of a media slanging match with East Fremantle.

Peake just wants to play football, but there comes a time for every champion to face the facts about their future. Decisions have to be made and maybe Peake has played that one year too many.

Irrespective of the what the individual wants, the team always comes first.

Peake was a member of the East Fremantle league squad and, like any other player, was liable to be dropped from the seniors if his form wasn't up to standard.

He has to cop that situation sweet.

Bomber should now retire gracefully; forget his thoughts of playing at Perth for the remainder of this season just to reach that 400-game milestone.

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Phil Narkle stars on the comeback trail

FORMER West Coast Eagles coach and now Swan Districts boss John Todd is planning Phil Narkle's return to AFL football.

Todd has taken the talented wingman off the centreline and put him in a back-pocket to help rebuild his form and confidence.

"Phil's only played about 12 games of footy in four years and midfield pressure is too great for him," said Todd.

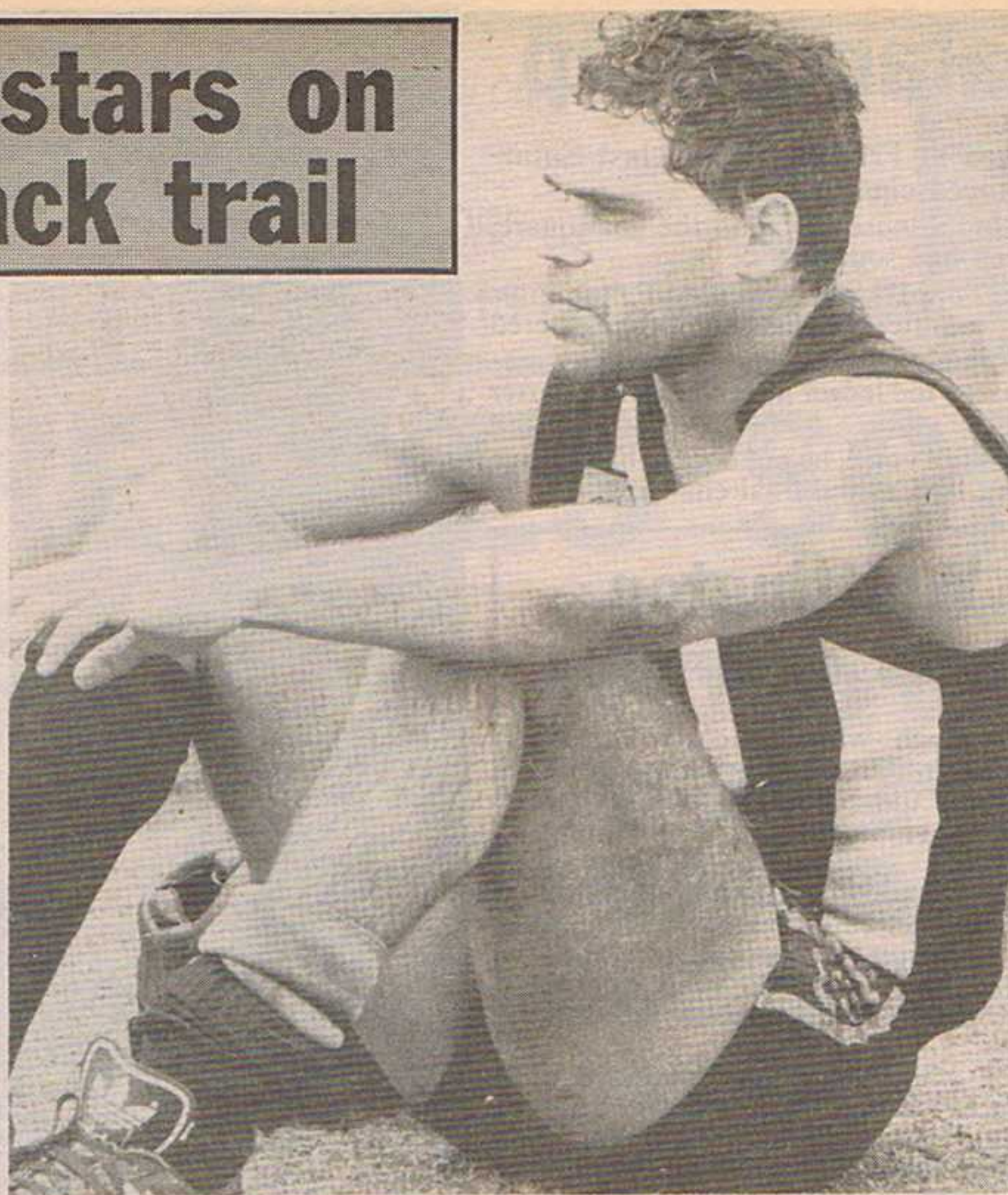
"Narkle needs to play some games to toughen himself up so we can get him back into the AFL.

"He can play a back-pocket role easily and it allows us to release Mick Grasso to play elsewhere."

Narkle admitted after Swan Districts upset South Fremantle last Saturday that he's not up to playing midfield.

"In the first game of the year, players kept jumping into the back of me and I couldn't handle it and ended up pulling a hamstring," he said.

"This is the first time in a long while that I've got through a game and now I want to string a few together."



Phil Narkle...heading for an AFL return?

TEAM-MATES ARE NOW RIVALS

TWO of the most talented 18-year-olds in West Australian football made their league debuts at League Headquarters last Saturday — and that is not where the similarities stop.

Kane Morphett and David Snow, former Christ Church and Teal Cup team-mates, both progressed from reserves football on the same day and played against each other for the first time in their football careers.

All-Australian State Schoolboys and Teal Cup ruck-rover Morphett played his first game for East Fremantle, while the nuggety Snow started on Subiaco's interchange bench.

Snow captained Christ Church's Alcock Cup side last season, while Morphett acted as his deputy and both travelled to Melbourne with the 1989 Teal Cup side.

Morphett played a sound game in the centre and will grow in confidence from the outing, while Snow tried hard in Subiaco's defence, but had his work cut out against an in-form Clinton Browning and high-leaping rookie Brendan Krummel.



Royals coach Ian McCulloch

Royals coach seeks support

EAST Perth coach Ian McCulloch was a puzzled man on Saturday night after the team we down to Perth — just five days after toppling reigning premiers Claremont.

"Football is certainly a funny game," he told Royals members.

"I've got no idea why we played like that today compared to Monday's game. If anyone's got any ideas, I'd like to know."

To prove that football is not only a funny game, but that the fans are fickle people, the Royals social hall was far from packed for the trophy presentation. Just five days earlier, it was almost impossible to fight your way to the bar!

Swans forwards are a bonus

THE revamped Swan Districts forward line, with Shaun Davey and Shane Stempel in the key positions, has paid huge dividends for the Bassendean brigade this season.

Davey, used on a half-back-flank for much of last season, is a deceptively strong player as South Fremantle and West Coast Eagles ruckman Dean Irving discovered last Saturday.

John Todd's Swan Districts side lacks a little height and it was left to Davey (182cms tall and weighing 84kgs) to contest the boundary throws with the 200cm tall Irving.

While the big Souths ruckman had an advantage in reach, Davey, in the style of Irving's Bulldogs team-mate Craig Edwards, used his body to out-position his opponent.

Davey often emerged out of the middle of packs with the ball firmly clasped in his hands, proving his good body strength.

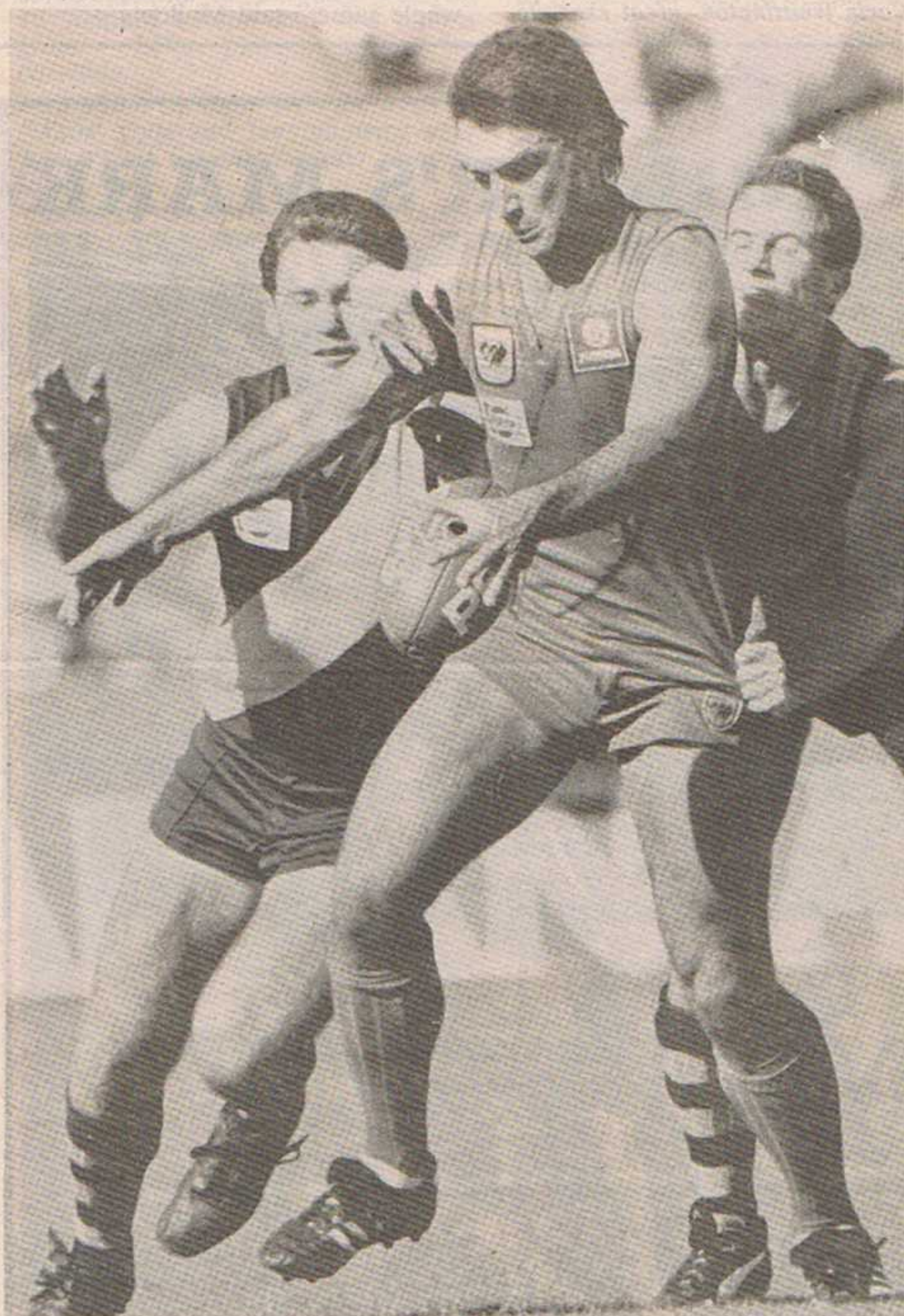
Stempel, taller at 197cms, had a great tussle with South Fremantle rookie full-back John Porter, who may have just taken the honours, but not before the young Swan kicked 4.2.

In the third quarter, Todd switched Stempel into the ruck and the 21-year-old from South Bunbury proved a big asset as Souths tried to fight back in the final term.



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West Perth's Paul Hasler found this to be a common situation for his Falcons last Saturday — outnumbered 2-1 by Tigers rivals.



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Goals were balanced up

THERE were two contentious goals kicked at Fremantle Oval last Saturday...and fortunately the scales were balanced equally.

South Fremantle forward Peter Ball, chasing a loose ball into the goalsquare, kicked it between the tall posts after the siren had sounded.

However, the screaming Bulldogs supporters apparently prevented the umpires from hearing the siren and only blew quarter-time after the goal had been registered — giving Souths a one-point advantage at the short break.

Swan Districts utility Brendon Retzlaff squared the ledger after the three-quarter time siren had sounded.

In full-flight and with the Swans supporters in full voice, he put boot to ball to give the black and whites an unassailable 30-point lead at the final change.



Gavin Whittington...great example

Whittington sets example

THE tough win-at-all-costs attitude adopted by Perth in their successful bid to down the high-flying Royals last week was summed up in one final-term example.

The Demons had been playing well in their three earlier games, but lacked concentration and coach Tom Mullooly had urged them to keep working hard and thinking about the little things.

The whole team was reminded of that early in the last quarter when nippy little East Perth rover Nicky Yarran grabbed the ball on the boundary line and headed goalwards.

He had eluded a couple of Demon tackles, but big defender Gavin Whittington wasn't going to let all his earlier good work go to waste with some slack defence and he ran down Yarran and brought the speedy rover to ground with a great tackle.

"That was the sort of commitment we had asked of each other for the whole game," said Mullooly.



Eagles recruit Craig McGrath has settled in well with the Royals

McGrath is on the improve

by Alan East

EAST Perth fans who are pleased with the good form of their bonus recruit in Craig McGrath are wondering just how much longer he will stay in the Royal-blue ranks. The former Fitzroy big man has been in the team's best players in the last two weeks — with a near best-on-ground performance in their big win over Claremont — and must be close to an Eagles call-up.

McGrath is a handy utility player, capable of filling in as a ruckman or in any key position and as the Eagles first choice in the pre-season draft, is obviously highly-regarded by the West Coasters.

TRANSITION

McGrath (26) has made a remarkable transition in his football and personal life by slotting into the Royals camp in such smooth fashion.

He played his first game with his new team-mates just a day or so after arriving at the club in time for the season's opening and his form has improved each week as he gets to know and understand the local scene.

Against Claremont, McGrath not only did well in the ruck, but played strongly around the ground and was an integral factor in East Perth's victory.

"I feel as though I'm getting the hang of it all," he said.

"I've settled down into my own home and now I'm getting used to the different style of game.

"The game here is a lot more open than in Victoria and running isn't my go. I like it close and tight where I can use my strength to advantage."

EAGLES HOPE

McGrath played 58 games with Fitzroy and he certainly hasn't abandoned hopes of adding to his tally in the AFL.

He's working towards making his Eagles debut and he believes that persistency and his improving form will earn him a spot in the Eagles team shortly.

"I certainly won't be giving up thoughts of making it into the Eagles, despite their good form," says McGrath.

"I think I'm getting closer to my best form and I'll keep working on it. But in the meantime it's great to be part of the Royals."



MILLER'S MARK

Tigers ruckman Ryan Turnbull marks strongly in front of Falcons rival Paul Mifka



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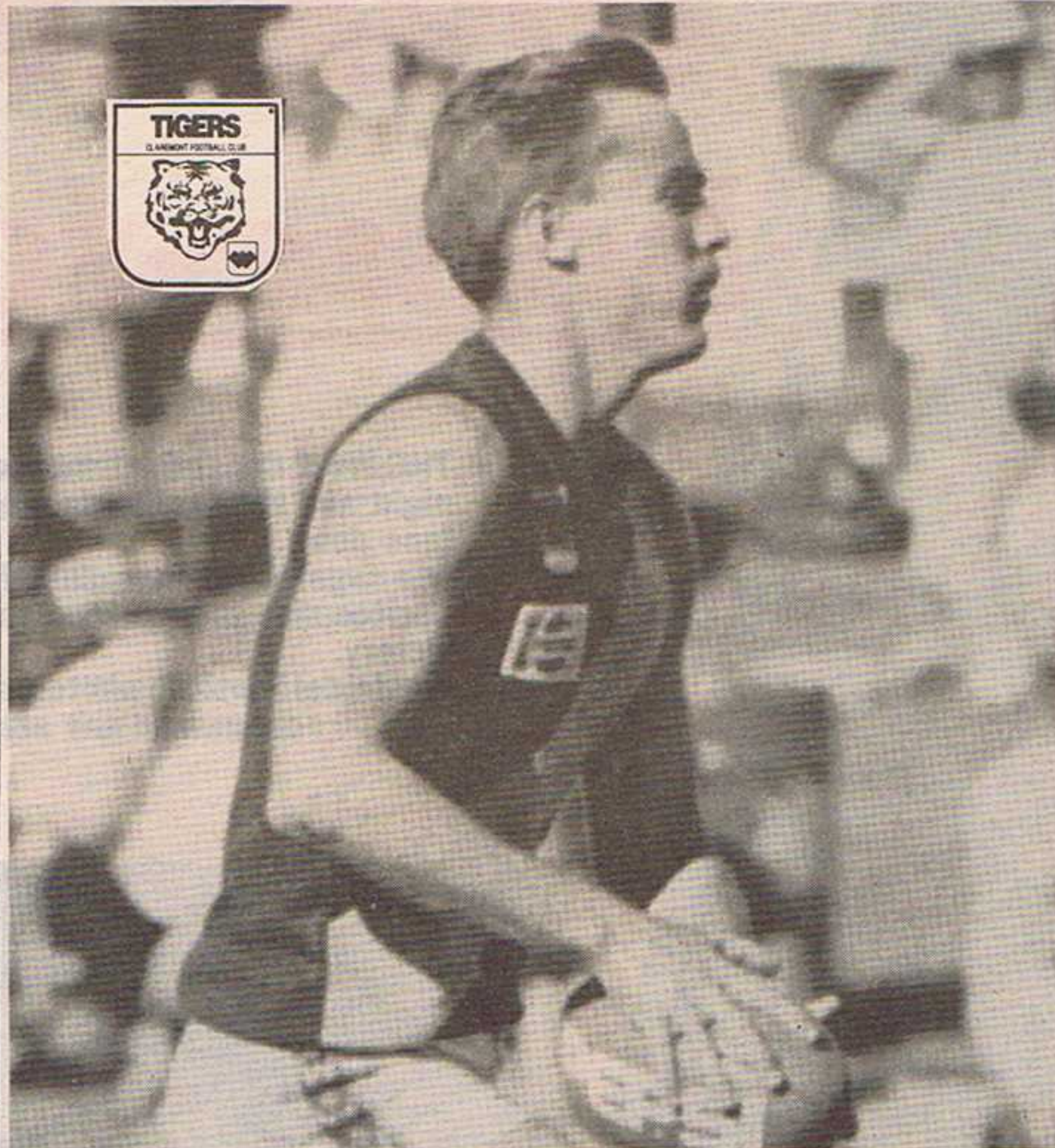
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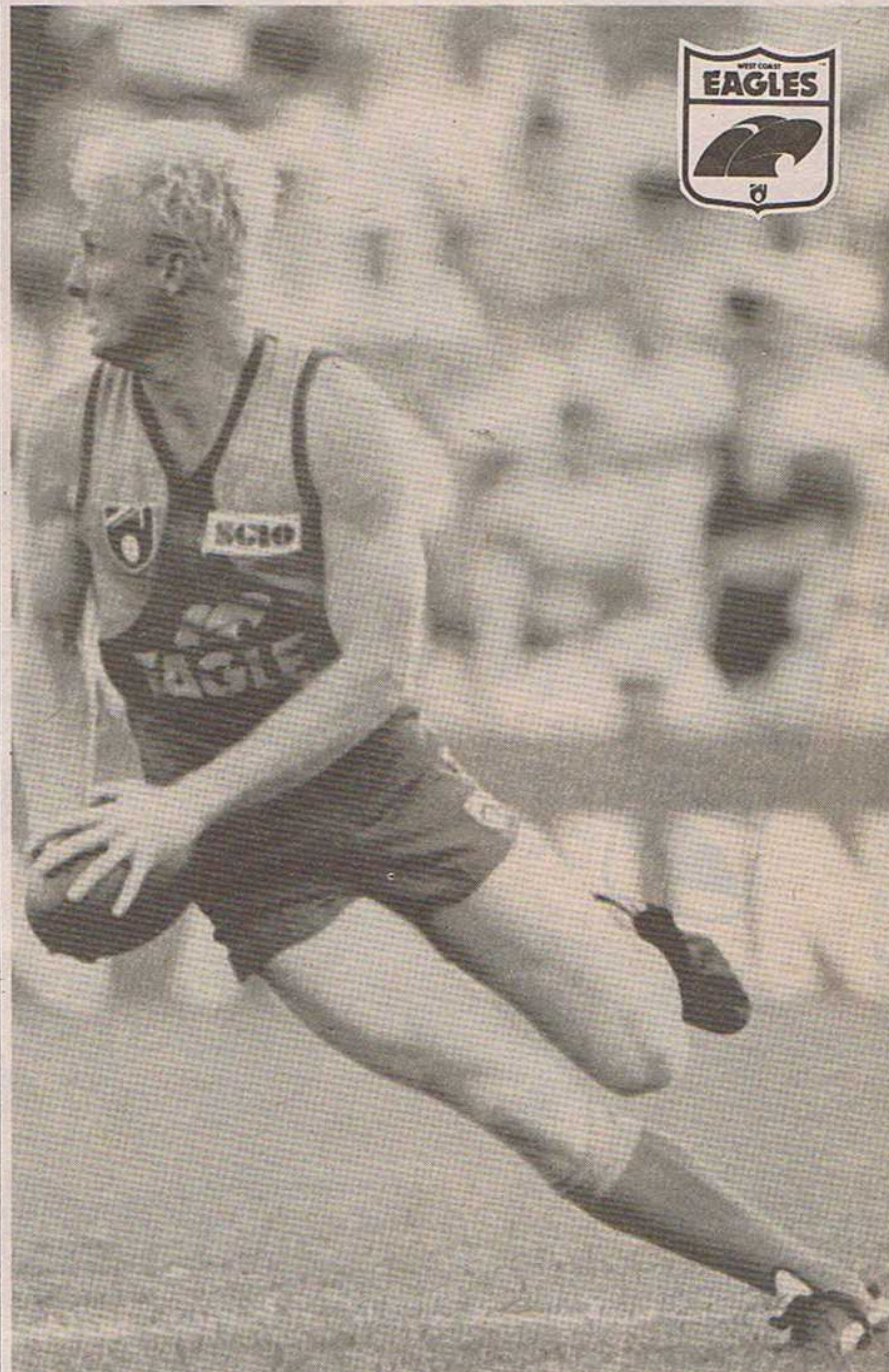


Nickname: Bero **Why?** Surname
Date of Birth: 28.9.67 **Place of Birth:** Perth
Height: 178cms **Weight:** 82kgs
Age started playing: 9
Previous club/s: Christ Church Grammar Junior club:
Dalkeith/Nedlands
Marital status: Single
Girlfriend's name: Jenny
Residence: Dalkeith
Occupation: UWA Law student
Other sporting interests: Swimming, golf
Favourite position: Half-back-flank **First position:** Rover
League debut: 1987 **Versus:** East Perth

FAVOURITES:

Actor: Harrison Ford
Drink: Bourbon
TV show: LA Law **Food:** Fettucine
Movie: Planes, Trains and Automobiles **Music:** James Reyne, INXS
Book: Bonfire of the Vanities
Holiday resort: Dunsborough
Ground: Claremont Oval
Your Car: Volvo
Favourite car: Honda Prelude
Career Highlights: 1989 premiership
Worst moment in Football: Broken ribs in 1988, losing 1985 under-19s grand final
Hard things in Football: Training, maintaining fitness
Football idols: Ken Hunter
Toughest opponent: Willie Rioli
Most respected opponent: All
Most respected umpire: Greg Scroop
Most memorable game: 1989 grand final, 1987 reserves grand final
Ambitions: To win back to back premierships at Claremont
What do you like about football: Mateship, winning
How do you mentally prepare for a game: Watch Video Hits, listen to music
Who influenced your career: Rex Townsend, Gerard Neesham
Guernsey number: 9 **Any Reason:** Lucky number
Superstitions: —
Worst injury: Broken ribs
Luckiest break: First league game

Karl Langdon



NICK NAME: Langers, Boris
FAVOURITE POSITION: Half-forward
CURRENT POSITION: Half-forward
NUMBER: 19
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 28.3.68
 Quairading
RECRUITED FROM: Subiaco
HEIGHT: 191cms **WEIGHT:** 89kgs
FIRST SENIOR GAME: 1986 Subiaco vs Swan Districts
GAMES PLAYED: 32 Eagles, 31 Subiaco
FOOTBALL HONOURS: 1986 premiership with Subiaco
MARRIED: No
OCCUPATION: Investment and superannuation consultant
SCHOOL'S ATTENDED: Guildford Grammar
CAR: Capri
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Cricket, golf, beach
FAVOURITE FOOD: Mexican
FAVOURITE DRINK: Iced coffee

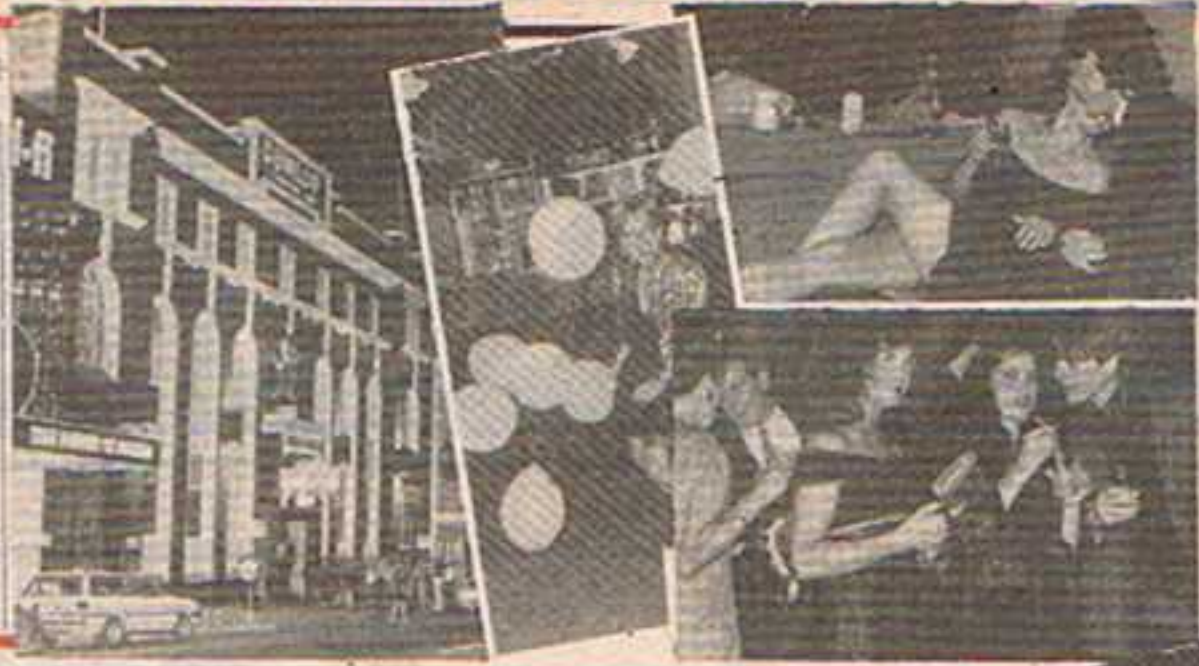
FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS): Cricket, fishing, golf
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Jenny Morris
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Wide World of Sports
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BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Haydn Bunton
MOST ADMIRED FOOTBALLER: Malcolm Blight, Ross Glendinning
OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE: Tony Lockett
MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Same as every other day
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing 1987 grand final with Subiaco and losing 1988 elimination final with the Eagles
FOOTBALL INJURIES: Neck
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning 1986 premiership with Subiaco
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1986 WAFL grand final, 1988 elimination final
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THE West Coast Eagles drew a record crowd last night and the spotlights were right on the home fans down.

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Westside Football photographer JULIAN COOPER captured the action...and the after-match jubilation.

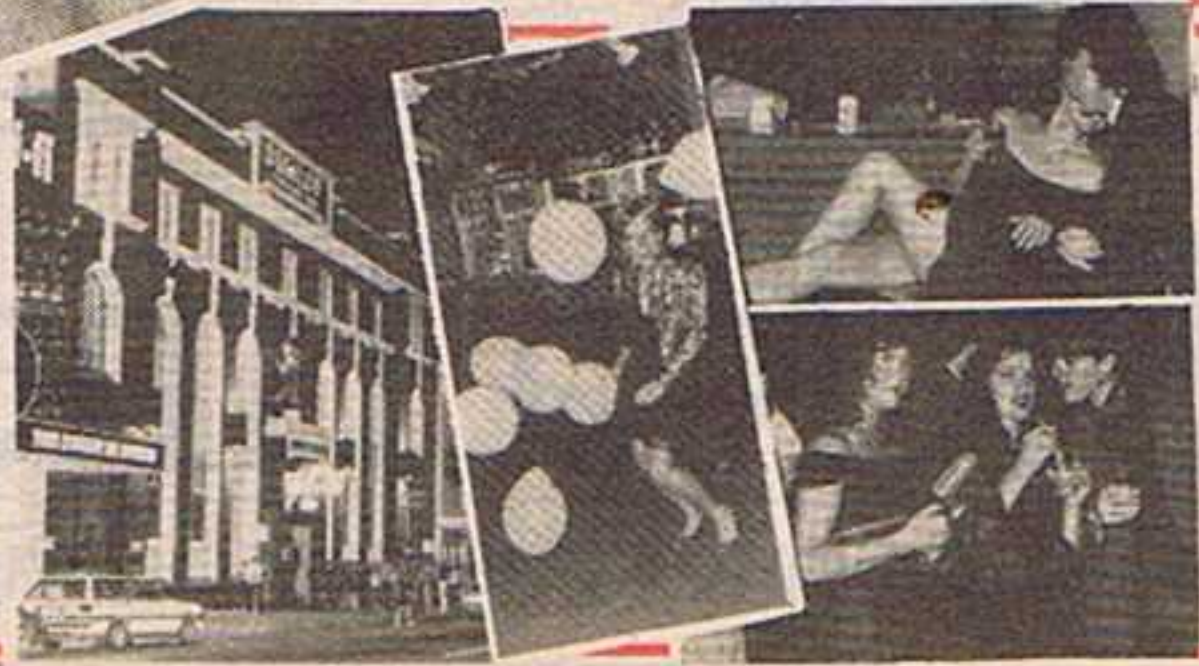


TOP: Carlton coach Alex Jesaulenko racking his brain for a solution. ABOVE: (L-R) Peter Sumich and Dwayne Lamb boast some wide winning grins while Craig Turley reflects on the side's victory. LEFT: Scott Watters celebrated with his own water fountain



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LEFT: Brett Heady (left) and Todd Breman...former Subiaco team-mates enjoying a victory with their AFL club



ABOVE: (L-R) John Worsfold, Guy McKenna and Karl Langdon show their winning smiles. LEFT: Peter Wilson holds his injured right eye

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse stresses a point



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MICHALCZYK LOOKS ON THE POSITIVE SIDE

TAKING the tag of WA's Rookie Coach-of-the-Year from last season into this year's competition was a title that didn't bother West Perth's George Michalczyk.

But going into this Saturday's Round 5 without a 1990 success, the former cool-headed veteran player could be excused for pushing the panic button.

Michalczyk, who retired from playing in 1986, took over as coach of the Falcons at the start of 1989 and moulded his side into a strong combination that made a late run for the finals, evicting Swan Districts from fourth spot in the last qualifying game.

That first-up coaching performance by Michalczyk was naturally going to lead to hopes of further glory this year, but success has eluded the camp.

Michalczyk is a calculating coach who searches for answers, not excuses and he calmly points out that West Perth's first round draw has not been in favour of his Falcons.

HOME GAMES

In the first month of football action, the Falcons have only played one game on their hallowed Leederville Oval turf, compared with arch rivals East Perth, who have had played three out of four at Perth Oval and every other side has had at least two home games.

"No-one's had a tougher run up to the fifth game than we have," Michalczyk said.

"Everyone's already written us off, but last year we won three out of seven

in the first round and made the finals. This year we've got a better run home to finish the round."

Michalczyk describes himself as a positive thinking coach who enjoys his role and he says that enjoyment is the most important part of his job.

"I get a lot of enjoyment from coaching, just as the guys have to enjoy playing — if you don't enjoy it, you don't get the best out of yourself," he said.

Getting senior Falcons players match fit is high on Michalczyk's list at present with key performers such as Denis Repacholi, Paul Mifka, Gavin Howlett, Wayne Dayman, Darren O'Brien and David Palm all underdone.

"They've all been playing, but they missed a lot of pre-season training and pre-season matches."

Derek Hall and Basil Zempilas have been Michalczyk's best finds so far this season and Glen Bewick, Paul Hazell and Richard Higgins have all shown promise.

ASSISTANT'S ROLE

Peter Curley has been assistant coach of the Falcons throughout Michalczyk's reign and sees his role as one of producing young players for league ranks.

He had limited success with his reserves side last year and is yet to coach a winning team this season, but there have been many young players develop under his control and stake a claim for league ranks.

"I enjoy coaching, though it can be very frustrating at times," Curley said.

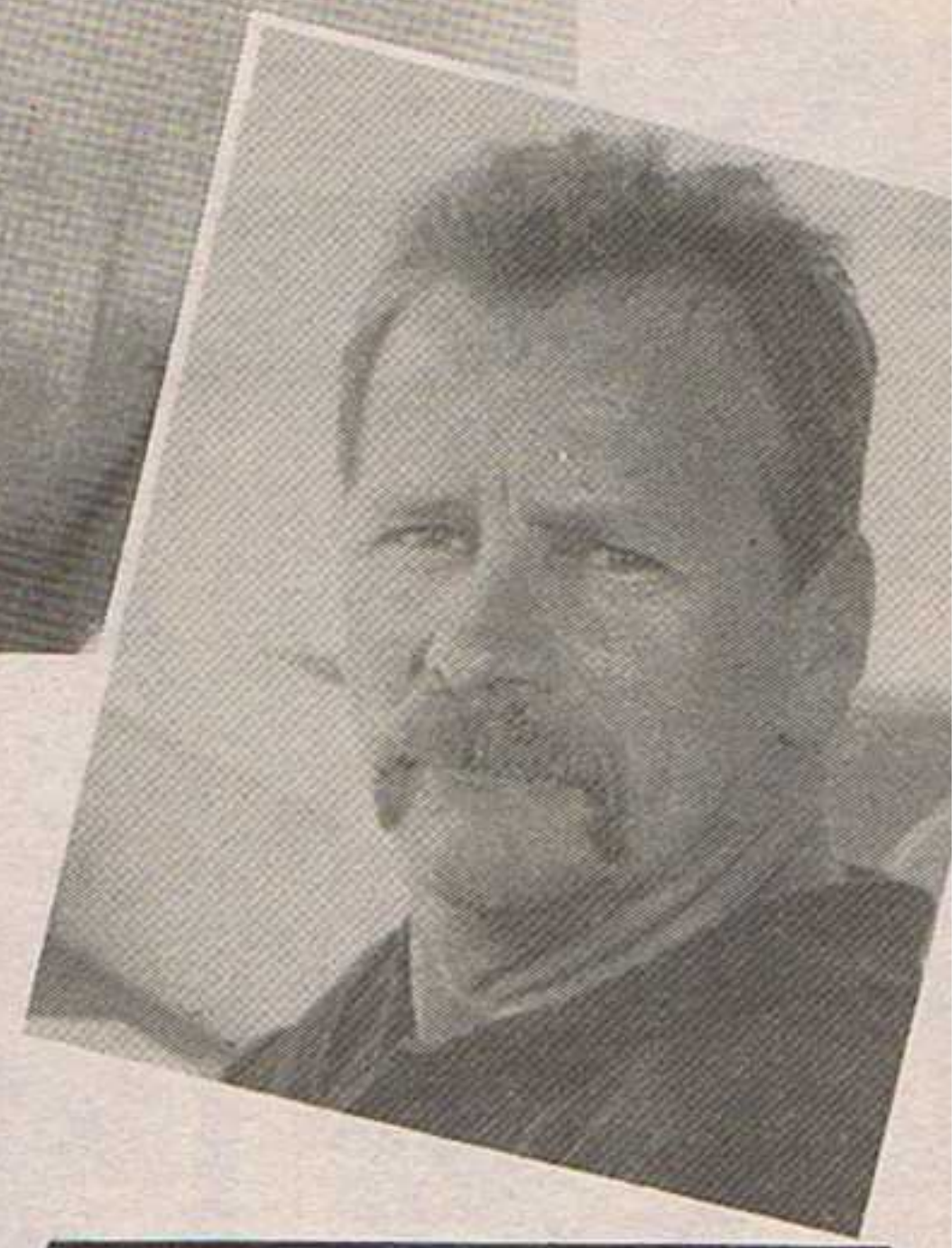
"It is hard to get a team spirit going with guys coming in and out of the side. But I enjoy seeing my players move up

Know your club

by Tania Armstrong



Falcons coach George Michalczyk is still in a confident frame of mind, despite the team's poor start. His assistant coach, Peter Curley (below) is proving to be an able deputy.



into the league side and when they are dropped back, it's my job to build their confidence up again.

"Developing league footballers is my job even though we all like to win from time to time."

There are a lot of new faces in Curley's side, which lacks big men and Burracoppin recruit Graham Kerse had been the team's outstanding player before he had a baptism of fire when he made his league debut against Claremont last Saturday.

Mike Patterson has been performing well, as has 17-year-old Hale School recruit Dale Warren.

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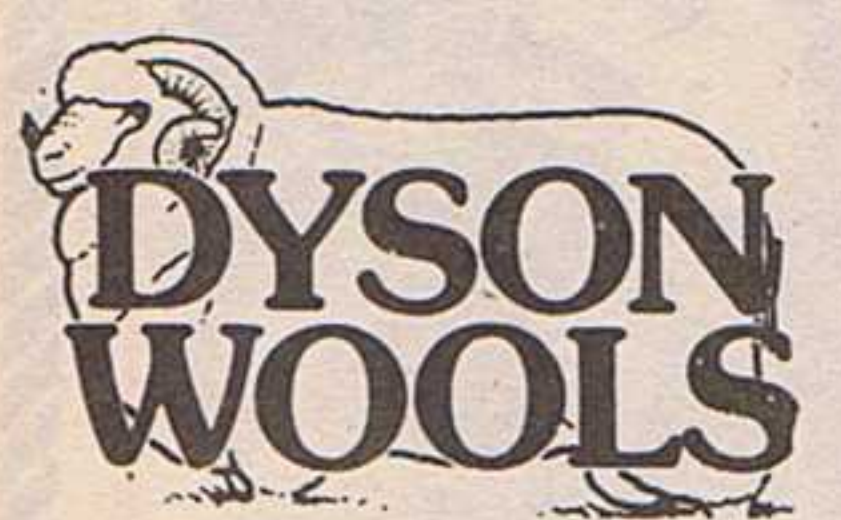
Falcons under-19s coach Jim Di Carlo is a West Perth stalwart who has become a regular contributor at Leederville Oval. After five years experience at junior level, he is now into his sixth season with the Falcons under-19s side...and displaying his usual enthusiastic approach.

The enthusiastic school teacher's love of the game is obvious and he is the only coach at the club who has recorded a win so far this season. His 1990 record could have been healthier had his side not faltered against the Royals in round two and salvaged a draw.

Di Carlo took his under-19s side to the finals last season before they were ousted by runners-up East Perth in the preliminary final.



Falcons under-19s coach Jim Di Carlo



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TODD REVIVES SOME OLD MEMORIES

IS history repeating itself at Basendean Oval?

The John Todd and John Cooper team, which engineered Swan Districts hat-trick of premierships in the early 1980s, is back together again.

And already the club has seen some familiar faces leave and an influx of new names into the league team—the formula behind the Swans premiership success almost a decade ago.



Swans coach John Todd...pleased with his player-depth

"We had to make some tough decisions about some players with an eye to the future," said Todd, following Swans fourth consecutive win last Saturday.

The Swans selection panel of Todd, Cooper (chairman), Peter Mahoney (the club's former recruitment officer), Alan Walker (reserves coach) and Bruce Douglas (under 19s coach) assessed the value of all of the players before trimming their respective squads.

NEWCOMERS

Into the league side this season have come David Callow, Travis Edmonds, Stephen O'Reilly and Shane Stempel — all 21 years of age or under.

Likewise, Stephen Eaton and Matt Stevens — also in that age group — are getting a look in, while midfielders Joe Ahmat, Len Gandini and David Ogg are having their careers revitalised under Todd's direction.

Todd returned to Basendean Oval this season after a two-year stint as coach of the West Coast Eagles.

After taking the Eagles into the VFL five for the first time in 1988, a horrendous run of injuries last season saw them finish in the lower half of the premiership table.

When Todd's contract expired, former Footscray boss Mick Malthouse was appointed to the job and Swans wasted no time in enticing their former coach of 11 years back to Bassendean.

"I bear no malice against Mick Malthouse," he said. "I'm glad to be still involved with footy, especially at Swan Districts."

"There's potentially some good players here and we'll do all right this season."

GOOD DEPTH

Todd believes the depth of playing talent will be Swans secret this season.

"We're undefeated, but our captain can't get a game in the side," he said.

"Brad Shine is still to come in, Danny Penny's suspended and guys like Matt Stephens and Stephen Eaton are going to be good players."

"It's good because this year players are having to fight for a spot in the top side. Last year I think a few of the blokes were getting games a little too easy."

ASSISTANT

Todd's deputy, Alan Walker, stepped into the reserves coaching job last season when Stan Nowotny had to declare himself unavailable at the last minute.

The former Claremont and Subiaco league player, whose career was curtailed by serious injuries, had eight members of his 1989 reserves grand final team in the league side last Saturday.

Know your club
by George Temple



"That's the job of the reserves coach — to get guys into a league guernsey," Walker said.

So far 11 of his grand final team have played league football this season, but he's not resting on his laurels.

"This is a new season and I've got to make sure the blokes in my team keep the pressure on players for spots in Toddy's side," he said.

Walker played 40 league games with Claremont and six with Subiaco between 1975 and '81. In total, he had seven operations on his body — two on an Achilles tendon and two on his groin — before playing gave way to coaching.

In 1983, he took over the Floreat-Marist colts and the following year was runner for the Subiaco reserves side.

Between 1985 and '88, Walker coached Scarborough to the A-grade amateur finals on three occasions.

JUNIORS

Douglas is the new face in the Swans senior camp, but he is well-known in the club's junior district, having



Bruce Douglas...stepping up to under-19s

coached Swan View 17s for the past decade.

"There's a number of promising players in the under-19s and by the end of the season they should be pressing hard for reserves spots," he said.

"Eight of the squad are left over from last year, but despite that, they're putting their game together rather well."

"Each week we're playing a few guys from outside the squad who play in our district competitions. It gives them some valuable experience and allows us to see how they're developing."



Alan Walker...grooming youngsters



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Micale enjoys win against Swans

PEPSI RESERVES



Jamie Brayshaw...dual sportsman

SOUTH Fremantle's six-point victory over Swan Districts held special meaning for Bulldogs coach Tony Micale as he just loves to beat the team he once coached.

Micale, a former East Fremantle player, coached the Swans under-19s side for three years and the reserves for one season before moving to the Port.

"It's always good to win, but it makes it a bit special when you beat your old team," Micale said.

"I've still got a lot of close friends at Swans and we all went out for dinner on Saturday night and they were pretty happy with the league team's win."

RIOLI STARS

Swans have performed strongly in the opening games, but the presence of Souths star Maurice Rioli in the centre was a huge boost for the home side.

"He looks fitter and is moving more freely than he did last year after a summer in Darwin," Micale said.

Harvey-Brunswick recruit Bruno Italiano, who was cleared from West Perth, was Souths best player with a hard working ruck-roving display.

Tall wingman Damien Lebeck gathered 28 possessions and used his height to advantage to take eight marks to be one of the Bulldogs best. He has tremendous stamina and Souths were able to direct the ball to their forward line through his wing.

ROYALS GOAL BURST

A 12-GOAL third term by East Perth put their reserves match against Perth beyond doubt and the 80-point win thrust the Royals to the top of the Pepsi Reserves premiership table.

There was only 10 points separating the two sides at half-time, but a powerful goal-kicking display by the Royals saw the margin blow out to an insurmountable 68 points at the last change.

Darren Christison kicked six goals for East Perth in an impressive display from Barrie Quick's young side and Anthony Stubberfield and Mark Cartier contributed five goals each.

Another Brayshaw in Tiger colours

WEST Australian cricketer Jamie Brayshaw swapped his creams for a Claremont football guernsey on Saturday when he lined up with the Tigers reserves side.

Brayshaw, a talented all-round sportsman, is hoping to take after father Ian, who combined league football at Claremont with State cricket in the late 1960's and 1970s.

This time last year, Brayshaw was playing cricket for Nelson, in England's Lancashire League. But on Saturday he performed well in a back-pocket for Claremont, having 16 kicks in their 44-point win over West Perth.

Rookie coach has winning feeling

PEPSI UNDER 19s

SWAN Districts continued their good form when they beat South Fremantle by 58 points in the Pepsi under-19s at Fremantle Oval on Saturday.

The talented Jason Ball continued his excellent form, along with teammates Chris Peel, Matthew Poultney and Peter Osmetti.

Swans coach Bruce Douglas was happy with his team's effort and the nine-goal haul from Poultney was a match highlight.

"We played well and now we have to go on with it," said Douglas. "We're confident about this week's game as well."

Douglas said his players were looking forward to taking on reigning premiers Subiaco at League Headquarters on Saturday, in what will help decide the team to beat.

UNBEATEN

The Lions continued their unbeaten run under new coach Mick Fuller when they were 21-point winners over East Fremantle, 12.13 (85) to 10.4 (64).

Subiaco's Adam Esposito was best-on-ground, while East Fremantle had some good performers in Beau McCormack and Jason Sweetman, who kicked four goals.

At Perth Oval, East Perth snuck home by four points over an unlucky Perth side. The Demons have now lost their last two matches by a kick, going down to Subiaco by two points in the previous game.

Mark Faithful continued his good form for the Royals and was ably supported by Jarrad Malland and Michael Prior. Shane Weir was best for Perth.

REBOUNDED

Claremont rebounded well from last week's loss to East Perth by downing West Perth by 58 points on their home soil.

Eagles under-19 recruit Ashley McIntosh kicked four goals in the Tigers forward line and Cameron Mitter was Claremont's best.

Umpire moves look to future

THERE is a rather cynical saying that "Australian Football progresses in spite of itself, rather than because of itself!"

This infers, of course, that Australian Football administrators commonly make serious mistakes. And I wouldn't argue with that.

One area, however, where our administrators are suddenly "kicking goals" and getting it right (after decades of apathy and even confrontation) is umpiring development.

The fact that sensible and practical structures are now being implemented is gratifying. That it has taken so long — and only after umpiring had become an endangered vocation — is an indictment on our administrative procedures.

PROFESSIONALS

Umpiring is now being accorded better status and attention because it is being administered by full-time professionals, backed by the substantial resources of the AFL.

Bill Dellar, as the National Director of Umpiring, can devote his total expertise to administering a national development program and is setting up State structures.

This has been particularly important in Queensland and New South Wales, where Neville Nash and David Levens, both former NFL umpires, are working full time.

A significant development in NSW has been the formation of a southern NSW Umpiring Council which comprises the Umpires Coach from the ACT, Albury, the Riverina and David Levens. This Council will be responsible for monitoring recruitment, coaching exchanges, development squads and resources.

There is also general support for the implementation of umpires accreditation in a similar vein to coaches accreditation.

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The national view



by JOHN WARREN

Included in the general philosophy of modern umpiring development are the Aussie Footy umpiring seminars in local junior leagues and clinics for boundary and goal umpires.

VIDEO TAPES

The emerging status of umpiring development has also been recognised by the National Sport Division of the Rothmans Foundation, who gave heavy financial support to the production of umpiring video tapes which feature such essentials as positioning, communication and techniques.

In the past, umpires and the vocation of umpiring have been isolated from the mainstream of Australian Football. Predictably, this has led to a "them and us" mentality with low self-esteem and a lack of enthusiasm being integral components of the umpiring fraternity.

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Tonia Buckey

CIG kicks off into 8th year

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The CIG Shield is a successful secondary school competition introduced in 1983 for players in the 13 to 15-year-old age bracket.

Ross Luckman, co-ordinator of the CIG Shield, says that 109 secondary schools from both metropolitan and country areas will be involved this season.

Last year's winners, Narrogin Senior High School, made history when they became the first country side to win the CIG Shield, will be looking for a repeat performance.

The season starts on Monday, May 7, with the grand final played as a curtain-raiser to the Eagles v Richmond match at Subiaco Oval on Sunday, August 12.

Elders PASTORAL



Elders Pastoral's Paul Henry congratulates Terry Waldron on his appointment. They are flanked by (from left) Ian Barrow, Colin West and Mike Knuckey

Town and Country Little League

THERE were some impressive results when round five of the Town and Country Little League was played last weekend.

Matt Pedley, Ed Weston and Sam Morrison led the way for the Tigers when they beat the Falcons at Claremont Oval. Best players for West Perth were Joshua Mews, John Italiano and Michael Baltinic.

At Subiaco Oval, East Fremantle beat Subiaco with good performances from Rafael Baugh, Daniel Smith and Clinton Bickle, while Zecca, Hoskling and Byers were top performers for the Lions.

Swan Districts overcame home side South Fremantle, but not before some strong opposition from Justin Goddard, Steven Hardy and Brett Hall. Best for the Swans were Leigh Ward, Josh Benell and Daniel Gross.

The Demons outlasted the Royals at Perth Oval with strong performances from Perth's Steven Goode, Ryan Lanzone and Paul Konowalow, while Brent Newby, David Pitman and Shaun Byrne were best for East Perth.

QUIT CUP CLASH

SOUTH-EAST region Quit Cup sides Kelmscott and Mazenod will meet in the second West Coast Eagles Quit Cup curtain-raiser of the season at Subiaco Oval this Sunday.

The clash between the two Graham Farmer Division first XVIII sides will be played before the Eagles versus Sydney Swans clash and the bouncedown is at 10.50am.

Elders back country project

By Tania Armstrong

FOOTBALL in country regions has been given a great boost with the appointment of four full-time development officers, thanks to a major sponsorship from Elders Pastoral.

The Town and Country Football Development Trust launched the Elders regional football coaching programme at a special function last week when the four men were introduced.

Former Swan Districts footballer Colin West (33) will take charge of the South West region; Mike Knuckey (28), a former Sunday League player and one-time Westside Football writer, will develop the Mid West region; Terry Waldron (39), a former Claremont player and captain of the WA country cricket team, will be located in the heart of the Great Southern region and another former Tiger in Ian Barrow (23), will concentrate on the Lower Great Southern.

Elders Pastoral are part-sponsors of country cricket development programmes, with Knuckey and Waldron dividing their year into two parts, taking in both sports.

PART-TIME

West, who worked part-time with the Swan Districts development team and physical education graduate Barrow will focus solely on football and their employment runs for six months of the year.

The scheme centres around the belief that people in the country, including junior footballers, should have the same opportunities as people in the city and the four officers will liaise between the two areas.

Co-operation from many quarters helped achieve the scheme, including support from Elders Pastoral, the FDT, the State Government through the Education Department, country football leagues and country communities.

The country officers have been supplied with vehicles to help them spread the football word around with and they

will have a number of duties such as promoting football in schools and country football clubs, organising football clinics, special squads and camps and co-ordinating accreditation courses for coaches, umpires and administrators.

The quartet have already set to work in their areas and West said the programme was unique and exciting.

"It is a great challenge for all of us and I am really looking forward to it," he said.

"I have visited some of the schools in my area already and I believe that we can make an excellent contribution to football in this State."

Players required

THE Huntingdale Junior Football Club require players for the 1990 football season.

Enquiries may be made to:

Under 8s freeball coach — Paul Deakin 398 6789; 9s coach — Sam Faranda 398 5217; 11s coach — Barry Ward 490 2345; 13s coach — Howard Burton 398 7092; 15s B's coach — Mick Bateman 398 3855.

COLTS TEAM

THE Coolbinia Yokine colts football team urgently require 18 and 19-year-old players for this season.

Interested players should attend training at Coolbinia No. 2 Oval in Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, on Tuesday or Thursday or phone coach Kevin Andrews on 342 6152 after hours.

Magpies too good

THE visiting Collingwood under-17s buried East Fremantle's 17s combined side by 47 points last Thursday at East Fremantle.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, the Magpies proved their strength with a 9.9 (63) to 2.4 (16) win. The Sharks battled hard, but a seven-goal onslaught by Collingwood in the third quarter demolished any chances of a local reversal.

Best players for East Fremantle were Heath Nixon (Melville), Paul McNally (Thornlie) and captain Danny Craig (Willetton).

HUNGRY JACK'S THE HUNGRY JACK'S WHOPPER CLUB



By Guy McKenna

This week's coaching hint

OVERHEAD MARKING

THE overhead mark is not easy; don't let anyone kid you that it is. It takes a lot of concentration and practice.

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The ball should be firmly gripped by the fingers, rather than trying to clamp it in your palms.

Keep your thumbs back behind your fingers, not sticking out at right angles from your palm. Spread your fingers and thumbs as wide as possible and practice tossing the ball up to yourself and jumping up to reach it.

To help you practice, put a footy inside a string bag or some netting (even a pair of mum's panty hose will do!) and tie it up to something in the garage (or even the clothesline) and practice jumping up and grabbing it.



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Wembley move into top gear

THE Wembley Magpies displayed plenty of their potential with a strong 35-point win over Scarborough in last week's A-grade fixtures.

Coach Gavin Biffen showed his typical aggression and set a high standard for his players to follow.

Shane Paddon, Dobbie Callaghan and recruit Roger Piggott were other fine contributors for the Magpies.

Scarborough tried hard but with the exception of Ian Putt, Todd Bradshaw and Kevin Edwards, they didn't have enough support.

DOMINANCE

North Beach continued their dominance of the competition, giving a 20-goal drubbing to Wesley/Curtin.

Coach Corry Bewick was once again the main destroyer, being allowed to run loose and picking up numerous possessions.

The last quarter saw the Tigers kick 14 goals and completely demoralise their opposition.

Ruck-rover Dave Perry, along with Ian Larson and Mark Kiely, were the stars in an outstanding combination.

Captain Bryn Chute again showed that he is one of the best players in amateur football as he battled manfully all day against the odds.

Forwards Ken Pride and Michael Murphy were dangers and, along with Tony Cummings, formed a nucleus from which coach John McGuire can build on.

FIRST WIN

University notched their first win of the season, beating Mt. Lawley by 32 points.

The students worked hard and gained more value up forward, where Simon Lill was the prime target and the small men fed off him well.

University also gained many opportunities from their long kicking, allowing the runners to swoop on open goals.

Mt. Lawley didn't have any system up forward and crowded out their key position players.

Maylands, led by livewire rover Bruce Loo, ran out 14-point winners in a tough and close encounter with Trinity-Aquinas.

The game could have gone either way with only minutes left and it was the Maylands desperation that got them over the line.

For the second game in a row, Loo was clearly best afield and despite Trinity-Aquinas having ruck dominance through Sean Brown, he managed to leave the packs with possession many times.

Loo also received good support from Glen Dowling and Tony Underwood, while Dominic Dwyer, Mark Mulcahy and Brown were best for Trinity-Aquinas.

EASY WIN

West Coast had no trouble in beating Nollamara by 32 points.

The Coast are proving to be one of the top contenders and the clash between them and North Beach in four weeks' is sure to be the match of the season.

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A-GRADE

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Dave Perry...North Beach veteran

Freame seeks another premiership taste

By Alan East

TASTING the joys of a premiership victory is something that Daryl Freame has experienced — and he wants it again.

His premiership success was a decade ago at football's highest level, with Richmond in the VFL, on that Saturday in September when the Victorian Tigers thrashed Collingwood by 81 points, watched by more than 113,000 people at the MCG.

A ruck-rover, Freame came off the reserves bench to be part of that victory — and he now wants amateur side Scarborough to aim for similar success in the local A-grade competition.

Freame is in his second year as coach of Scarborough and aims to lift them higher than the second-last spot they filled last season.

INJURIES

"Last year we won six out of our first nine, but then we lost eight games in a row," says Freame. "Injuries hit us hard and that's always a problem."

"This year we have added a couple of new recruits and we're looking for some of our young guys to come on a bit."

Freame, who made his VFL debut with Richmond in 1977 and played 17 games with them before joining Perth in 1982, was troubled by injury himself. Damaged knee ligaments curtailed his league career after 32 games with the Demons and though he played the odd game in other leagues after his 1984 retirement, he never made a serious comeback.

"I actually played a couple of games with West Coast at one stage," says Freame. "I had some friends playing amateurs and I got involved and decided to have a go at coaching."

AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

CBC snatch thrilling last-term victory

AN IMPROVED CBC side staged a great recovery to come back from a six-goal three-quarter time deficit and snatch a three-point victory over a dogged Innaloo in Saturday's B-grade fixtures.

After an even first half, the Bulldogs kicked away in the third term, posting 7.5 to set up what seemed an unassailable break.

CBC coach Steve Cronin blasted his players at three-quarter time, which spurred the side on to a thrilling victory.

Graeme Howard continued his good form from last year, when he kicked over 100 goals, to weigh in with six majors, while John Ryan and Joe Lawrence were solid contributors.

Rugged centre-half-back Paul Piggott had a great struggle with former State player Craig Kettlewell before recording a narrow victory.


Innaloo coach Noel Knight has a lot of work to do if the Bulldogs are to be a force this year.

BOOM TEAM

Collegians/Old Scotch confirmed their boom team status with a desper-

B-GRADE

by
Peter Rush



ate four-goal victory over last year's grand finalists North Fremantle.

Dianella, coached by Terry Holtzman, easily accounted for an inept Mt Lawley, while Osborne Districts and Cockburn Lakes had good wins over Bayswater and Swan Athletic.

ADVANTAGE

This week's match of the day will be between North Fremantle and Dianella, at Light Street Reserve where the Panthers hold a distinct advantage.

Innaloo should gain some breathing space at Mt Lawley's expense and Swan Athletic have a chance to consolidate over Bayswater, who seem destined for the lower reaches of the ladder this year.

CBC should show Osborne Districts what B-grade football is all about at Robinson Reserve and Collegians/Old Scotch can beat Cockburn Lakes by a healthy margin at Dalkeith Oval.



Daryl Freame...chasing success with Scarborough

Craig Smith, a tall centre-half-forward and Geoff O'Brien, a speedy wingman, are two other young players with potential.

Scarborough have four teams with an A-colts side, D-grade and H-grade to back up their A-grade and Freame places great importance on being involved with the whole club.

"The colts are important for our future," he says. "Paul Clune coaches our colts side and we try to work closely together."

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POTENTIAL

In addition, Scarborough are looking at 19-year-old Simon O'Neill to improve as the season progresses; having won the best and fairest in the colts last year and showing enormous promise as a ruck-rover.

ROYALS ARE BACK

THE COVERAGE

WHO PLAYS WHERE IN THE PEPSI CUP

West Australian State Football League
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West Perth vs South Fremantle, at Lee-
derville Oval (broadcast by Radio-
6NR).
Subiaco vs Swan Districts, at Subiaco
Oval (broadcast by Radio 6PR and Re-
gional Radio West).



EAST Perth supporters need no reminding of the fact that life in the last decade has produced little joy.

Almost every year since the great day in September 1978, when the Royals scored a thrilling two-point win over Perth on an otherwise miserable afternoon, there has been great anticipation on the eve of a new season.

But as the 1990 season dawned, the hopes had waned. The most exciting thing happening at the club was the enthusiasm generated by those loyal volunteers who had orchestrated a return to their home ground at Perth Oval.

Once again, a number of senior players had drifted away from the club over summer. The most notable being Angelo Del Borrello, Steven Wasley and Frank Delcasale to West Perth and Gavin Hawkins and Grant Campbell to Subiaco, plus Gavin Howlett's change of mind about returning from the Falcons nest.

EXCITING

Then suddenly things started to turn. Eagles draftee Craig McGrath was placed in the care of East Perth in the State League. Then Peter Melesso was cleared from Claremont to the Royals so he could play regular league football and it was all capped off by the arrival of four exciting Darwin recruits.

Now a season which promised very little change, has become yet another of hope.

Despite losing to Perth last Saturday, the Royals have made a bright start and seem to have moulded together a team capable of causing more than their share of headaches for their Pepsi Cup rivals.

Membership is up by 365 on the same time last year and the Royals have backed themselves for \$40,000 to make the finals — a wager which isn't as silly as it might have seemed after East Perth were belted by Subiaco in round one.

With the promise of an exciting new era ahead, the Royals fans are rallying.

MOMENTUM

It would certainly be a bonus for the SFL if East Perth, a club with a proud tradition and a wide supporter base, can maintain the momentum.

It would also be pleasing to see East Perth continue to be competitive for at least two other reasons — tough utility player George Giannakis and powerful key position player Glen Bartlett.

Both have been a part of an era at East Perth which has been punctuated with a number of hidings and few moments worthy of celebration.

And both deserve to be part of a Royals revival.

Just as Phil Lamb and Neil Taylor endured some embarrassing defeats when Subiaco were wallowing at the foot of the premiership table, it was justice that they later played a part in some of the club's most rewarding moments.



by
**Gary
Stocks**
of The West Australian

While that sort of success is simply a dream for the Royals, after winning two of the opening four games, one can only hope that Bartlett and Giannakis, two loyal servants, are eventually rewarded.

TRADITIONS

Bartlett first played senior football with East Perth in 1983 and exemplifies the finest traditions of the club.

He has been a fighter and even when his career was under threat in 1985, when he had a kidney complaint, he fought through that difficult period and two years later was a member of the Eagles original squad.

Bartlett sets an exemplary on-field example and is now in his third season as captain.

Surprisingly, Giannakis, a fearless competitor with a vice-like tackle and an insatiable appetite for the game, has not yet been snapped up by an AFL club.

But he is still just 23 and with two club fairest and best awards against his name, it is not too late for him to realise his long-held ambition.

East Perth players are enjoying some overdue success after a positive summer of recruiting



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