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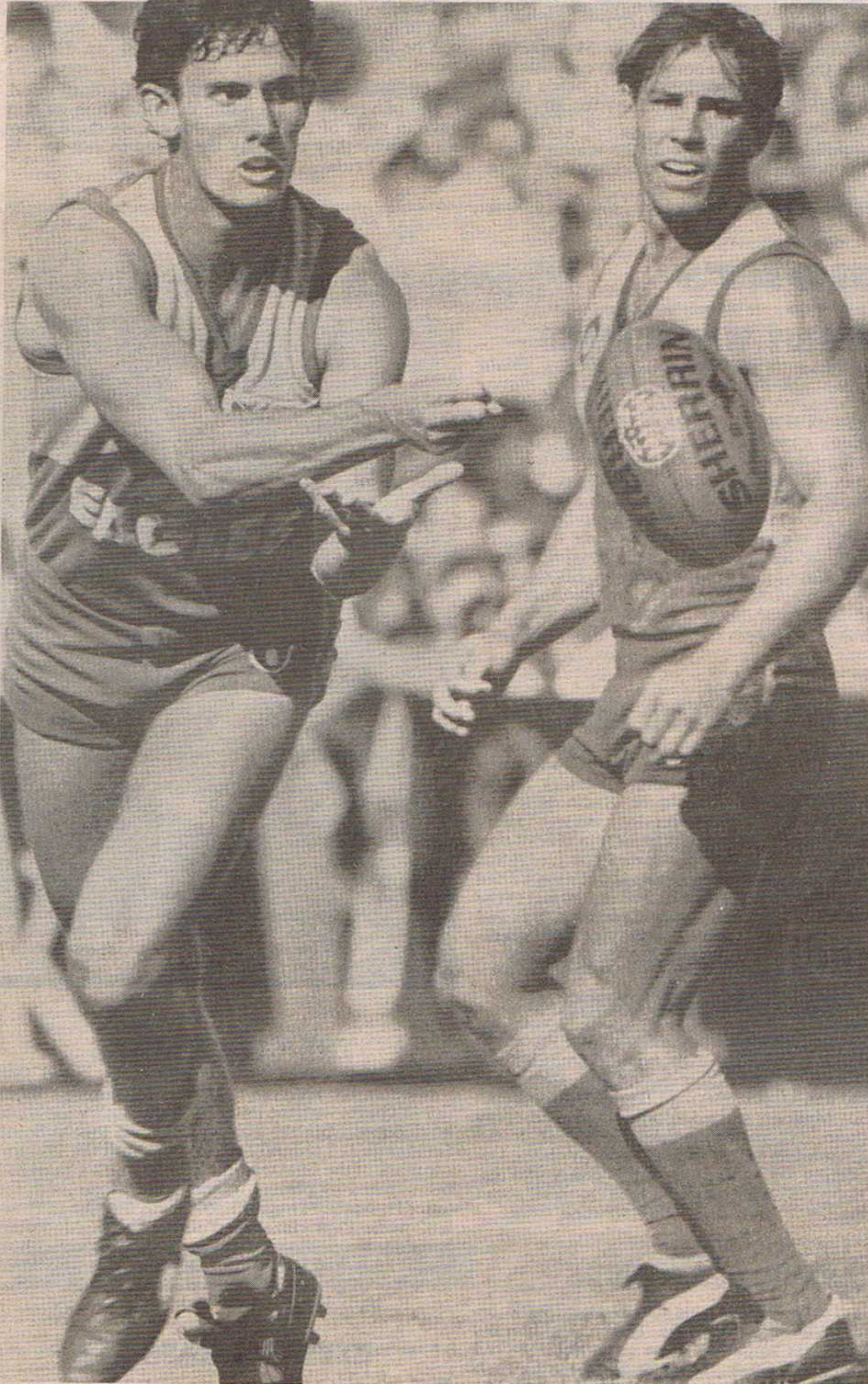
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MCG BUSTERS



Eagles primed to break Vic hoodoo

By George Temple

West Coast Eagles coach Mick Malthouse says his players are "cherry ripe" to bust the MCG hoodoo which has plagued WA teams for decades.

No West Australian has won a qualifying match on Australian football's sacred turf, but Malthouse says the time is right for his players to grab the glory.

The Eagles play Richmond tomorrow night in a match which will give the WA team another yardstick to measure their 1990 form.

"We have got to continue winning games, no matter who we play or where," Malthouse said.

CONFIDENCE

"We know that Richmond are on a high and will be difficult but we have three straight wins and will go in to the match with a lot of confidence."

In recent weeks the Eagles have had confidence-boosting victories over Footscray, Carlton and the Sydney Swans.

But Malthouse has no misconceptions and fully acknowledges his side has not yet beaten its Melbourne jinx, so there are no 'certainties'.

"We have to perform consistently in Melbourne and we've just got to beat Richmond whether it's at the MCG or not," Malthouse said.

"We've got some tough games coming up and we'll have to be cherry-ripe to win them."

"We can't afford to read too much into our sole Melbourne win this season — over Footscray at the Western Oval — because the Eagles have beaten the Bulldogs there over the past three seasons."

"I'll have a better idea of our progress after the next two games, which are away to Richmond and Melbourne."

"From there I'll be able to gather if we've got a bit better at the close in, tough football and whether we stay direct."

DWAYNE Lamb, the West Coast Eagles most experienced campaigner with 201 league games to his credit, keeps a watchful eye on rookie goalsneak Brett Heady. The 20 year-old's form in his first two games for the AFL club have been sensational considering he only had played 34 league games with Subiaco before Mick Malthouse called for his services. Westside Football photographer JULIAN COWAN caught Heady firing out a sharp handpass during the Eagles-Sydney Swans clash at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

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Eagles face double trouble at MCG

How good are the Eagles? Perched in third place on the premiership ladder they look set for a top season after crushing wins in four of their five matches.

But the next two games at the MCG against Richmond and Melbourne will show whether they are still lions at home and lambs away.

While most believe the Eagles will beat Richmond in Melbourne on Friday night they will have to do something no other WA has done in a dinkum match - win on the MCG. And that includes State sides.

If that's not enough they front up to Melbourne on the same ground the following Friday.

There is a certain irony in these two matches as they are the two sides the Eagles played when they went closest to winning on the MCG. They lost both by less than a goal.

On performances this season the Eagles appear to be a far more formidable side than in their previous three years.

But the fact remains — they will have to start to win

games regularly in Melbourne before they can say they have turned the corner.

There's no point, as has been the case, winning decisively at home if they get rolled almost every time they play in Victoria.

No doubt Mick Malthouse will be playing down their poor away record.

But it can't be ignored.

There is a barrier the players have yet to crash through. Some would like to say it's psychological. I don't believe that's the case. Just as visiting sides have trouble adapting to the wide expanse of Subiaco Oval so the Eagles find it difficult to adjust to the heavier and smaller Victorian grounds.

So it's no coincidence that they have never won a qualifying or State game on the MCG.

But that has to change sooner or later. Most players have been in the AFL long enough to have adjusted to the Victorian playing conditions. But it needs to be remembered that it takes a big effort for any AFL team to win away matches.

Despite their mediocre start to the season, Richmond won't be easybeats. And if the Eagles are to be

by
**Robert
Bennett**
of the Sunday Times



taken seriously as a finals contender they will not only need to win this match but put up a good showing against league leaders Melbourne, who look as though they will be unbeaten when they meet the following week.

Though they won by 10 goals against the Sydney Swans the Eagles weren't convincing.

It was a match they were never going to lose. But they failed to hammer the Swans when they had them on the ropes at half-time.

As Malthouse said after the game, there were aspects of the Eagles game that need to be rectified if they are not to become easy prey for opposing sides.

Three scoring shots in the third quarter is an indication of how the Eagles can lapse. And in Melbourne it can be fatal as one quarter of football can decide a match.

Malthouse has the Eagles in a mean frame of mind. If the players show the same determination as they have in most of their games this season there is not reason why they can't lay the bogey to rest on the MCG on Friday.

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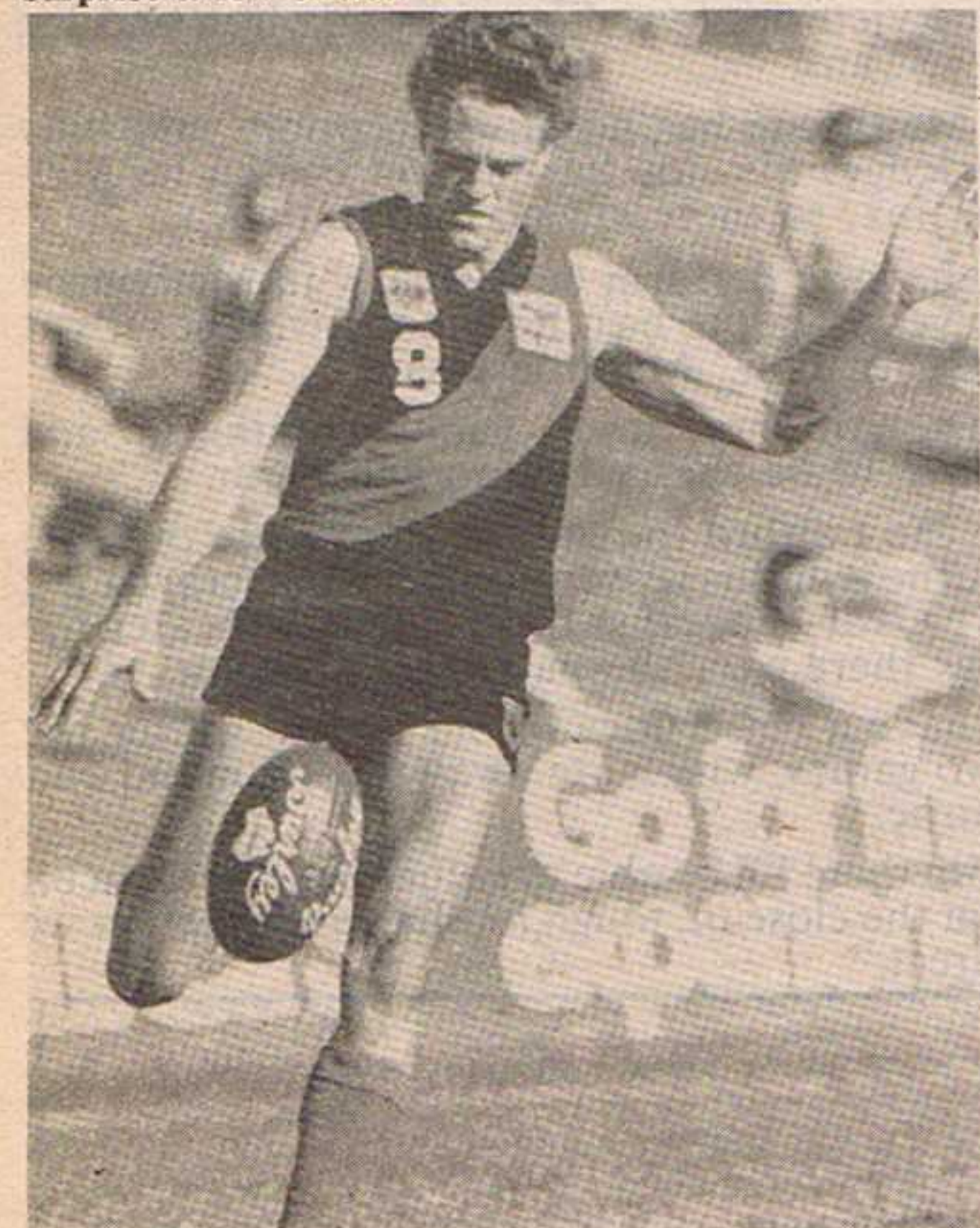
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Footy Rumours

GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

PEAKE SHOULD RETIRE!

CHAMPION former West Coast Eagles and North Melbourne star, Ross Glendinning has likened embattled former East Fremantle utility Brian Peake to WA's great fast bowler Dennis Lillee. "They both hung on too long," said Glendinning on Radio 6PR's Footy Forum last Saturday morning. "I was comfortable with my decision to finish playing football and I'm certain, after a time, Brian would too. East Fremantle should have encouraged Brian to quit at the end of last season, or even at the start of 1989. Just like Dennis Lillee late in his career, Brian's kept going too long." Dual Claremont premiership coach Gerard Neesham thinks otherwise. Following Glendinning's comments, the General told 6PR listeners: "Bomber still has a great capacity to play a forward role. He loves a challenge and he wants to become the first player to play 400 matches. He's only got 11 (it's now 10) games to go and he'll surprise a few critics."



Kim Fancote...sidelined for four weeks after feeling the wrath of the tribunal on Monday night

GET TOUGH

THE SFL tribunal is going to adopt a "get tough" policy with reported players. Suspended sentences will stop following complaints by the umpires, who claim the tribunal has not been supporting them. From now on players found guilty will be suspended for whatever period the tribunal thinks the offence merits. This will apply to all players, regardless of their previous record.

POBBOY WAS SHUNNED

SOUTH Fremantle ruck-rover Chris Pobjoy should have been a Shark. Pobjoy, whose father, Alan, played for East Fremantle in the 1960s, quit the Sharks in 1985 when Ron Wilcox - then the under 19s coach and Alan Pobjoy's former team-mate - failed to select the 17-year-old for a single game. "I went and played with Willetton in the Sunday League for three years before joining South Fremantle in 1988," Chris Pobjoy said. History has shown that Wilcox went on to become the Sharks league coach, while Pobjoy is now an integral member of the league side at neighbouring South. Pobjoy (22) played four games last year, but rates the recent derby - his first - as the most satisfying ever. "It was fantastic to beat them," he said. "I've won a few premierships with teams, but that win was heaps better than those."

AN EYE FOR THE FUTURE

IT'S easy to see why the West Coast Eagles opted for former East Fremantle champion Trevor Sprigg as a selector - he can see into the future. Sprigg let the secret out while commentating on Radio 6PR last Saturday. Co-commentator Percy Johnson was calling the action and in the excitement he couldn't recall how many goals Swan Districts ruck-rover Peter Hodyl had kicked. As Hodyl lined up, Sprigg told Johnson he had five goals and the next would be his sixth. In fact at the time he only had four goals - that one made it five - and within a minute Hodyl proved Sprigg right with another major.

TONGUE-TIED TOM

THERE were a few anxious moments in the Perth Social Hall last Saturday night when Demons coach Tom Mullooly slipped up during his aftermatch speech and had his side playing Claremont in consecutive weeks. Mullooly started talking about regrouping before their next match against Claremont at the WACA Ground on Saturday afternoon. With the Demons suffering a 97-point loss to the Tigers that day the last thing the weary players wanted to think about was facing them again in another six days time.

SPUD TURNS SOUR

ROUND TWO of the David and Goliath battle between ABC TV commentators Trevor Jenkins and Keith Slater was fought out at on air at Subiaco Oval last Saturday afternoon. The pair had been on their best behaviour since their Leederville Oval episode last season but words were flying in the rematch when they begged to differ over an umpire's decision. Slater put Jenkins in his place with a below-the-belt snap about his lack of a league football career - well Keith, he's never been a jockey either but he is one of the State's top racecasters!



Angelo Del Borrello...the only Falcons player to kick a goal whose name didn't start with the letter 'H'

THE GOALKICKERS

WEST Perth rover Angelo Delborrello could find himself in the reserves next week because his name doesn't begin with the letter H! Well, that's what could be deduced from the Falcons 65-point loss to South Fremantle at Leederville Oval. Up until the 20-minute mark of the final term all of West Perth's goals had been kicked by players whose names began with the letter H. Nathan Higgins had two, as did Gavin Howlett, while Paul Hazell had three. Paddy Madaffari had done the right thing - his name didn't start with an H and he kicked four points! Other players who could have scored goals included Garry Holden, Derek Hazell, Richard Higgins and Paul Hasler.

NEESHAM RAPS AFL

WITH Gerard Neesham again, the Claremont coach does not rate the AFL competition too highly. Neesham said the bottom eight sides in the AFL could not beat the top two teams from the WASFL and certainly could not hope to match the top four WA sides from the early 1980s. "The competition's pathetic," he said.

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BOUNCY BALL...

by Alan East

TO err is human, so they say and for that reason umpires do make mistakes. But they seldom admit them!

Such is the case with WA's leading umpire, the affable Mike Ball, who recently notched his 250th senior game, a milestone that was hardly heralded with headlines, despite the meritorious achievement.

A glance into the Ball umpiring casebook reveals very little controversy and even though he has survived for 14 tough seasons, he struggles to recall one incident that has left him with a football enemy.

He doesn't ever recall being physically threatened; he has no long-lasting ill-feeling towards any players and he has no major regrets about decisions that may, or may not, have been called in the heat of battle.

INCIDENTS

But he does have a couple of regretful incidents.

"I felt really sad the day that I had to report East Fremantle president Merv Cowan for abusive language," says Ball.

"He was a much-respected club official and a man with an excellent contribution to football. But it was an ugly incident at Claremont Oval one day and we had no option but to report him." (The report was upheld and Mr Cowan was fined for abusing an umpire).

"I also felt sorry for Bryan Cousins — I reported him and he was suspended right at the end of his career. He had been a really fair player, but this day I saw him strike another player and had no option but to report him.

"I guess on the other side, I was probably a little pleased when Stephen Michael got off a charge of unduly rough play that I laid — and he went on to win the Sandover Medal that year."

While Ball does have a couple of big scalps on his belt, he doesn't have a reputation for frivolous reports. In fact, he has been sus-

Mike's milestone is worth a mention



pending three or four times himself for not reporting players.

It took a lot of prompting, but finally the innocent-looking umpire admitted that there was one game, in the distant past, where a last-quarter decision could have altered the result.

"It was at Subiaco Oval and I sort of hesitated over a possible push in the back to a Subi player near the goal. I let it go and realised afterwards that a free kick probably could have helped them win the game," he says.

"But you can't worry about things like that. You call them as you see them and I honestly don't think I've ever deliberately penalised players or teams for anything other than breaches of the rules.

"I did have a running battle with Rod Lester-Smith when he was at East Fremantle. He always seemed to be the first player I gave a free kick against, but we got on great off the field, so it was just one of those strange things."

PRESIDENT

Ball, now the president of the Umpires Association and into his second full season with the AFL, is 35 in November, but says he is fitter than ever and, despite what the one-eyed fans feel, is probably umpiring as consistently as any senior whistle-blower could hope for.

A boiler-maker who has graduated to a production foreman with Westrail, he has survived 14 pretty tough seasons in a workplace where umpires are spared no mercy.

But he thrives on the banter that footy fans reserve for the men-in-white.

"I don't get into any serious arguments," he says.

"I love talking about the game and I'll always talk about decisions to people; but generally I just put my point of view and they're happy."

Ball, married to Liz and a father to Jamie (9), Kasey (8) and Kendell (4), loves umpiring as it is his means to be involved in Australia's greatest sport.

"I had to give footy away at under-17s because there wasn't a team in my age group in the Hills area and I wasn't able to travel to anywhere else," says the slightly-built former half-forward.

"I love footy and Peter Pustkuchen, who had been a league umpire and lived near me, suggested I try umpiring to keep involved."

RAPPORT

Ball has developed an admirable rapport with most of the league players he comes into contact with and he believes that many of the comments on-field, especially abusive language, just have to be shrugged off.

He does concede that too many umpires are easily provoked by players and that there should be less confrontation between umpires and players on the field.

On the question of football club loyalties and career highlights, Ball is hard to pin down. But he does concede that his family "once followed Swans" and he clearly recalls his first league game — at Bassendean Oval in 1976 when Bill Walker played his 301st match and Swans opened their new clubrooms.

Some other reflections from a man who has no plans to retire include:

- The two-umpire system: "It does have some drawbacks, but it's necessary with today's football. One umpire just couldn't keep up."

- Keeping your cool: "It's often hard to maintain concentration when things get hot, but the main thing is not to get sucked into any arguments with players."

- Voting for fairest and best awards: "Yes, umpires should be the people to decide the major awards, but with input from someone else. We generally invite all the umpires and even the observer to give us their opinion on best players."



The man in charge...veteran umpire Mike Ball (from left) calling order; caught red-handed with an extra football; explaining a tactical point to Tigers coach Gerard Neesham and nose-to-nose with Allen (Shorty) Daniels.

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LIONS MUST STOP GLEN JAKOVICH

SOUTH Fremantle will need to eliminate basic errors in their game to beat Subiaco at Fremantle Oval on Saturday, says their mercurial veteran Maurice Rioli.

"We made a lot of basic mistakes against West Perth last week and we need to work on that," he says.

"There's a lot of room for improvement in our side at the moment - we seem to be a little inconsistent, though the number of changes to our team against the Falcons didn't help our cause.

"It's good to win when you play that poorly, but we can't expect to get away with it every week."

If the Lions use this Bulldogs performance as a base for their match-plan this week, they will know the key to stopping Stan Magro's team is cutting out his exciting centre-half-forward Glen Jakovich.

The 17-year-old is in sparkling form and was easily best-afield last Saturday, gathering 13 marks and 20 kicks.

Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton is likely use former State defender Clinton Brown on Jakovich. Brown was in outstanding form against Shaun Davey, after quarter time last Saturday.

Magro will again look to in-form youngsters Greg Turner and Willie Rioli to spark the midfield, while the defence should be well-marshalled by Ned Fimmano, John MacDonald and rookie John Porter.

The Lions, who ended Swan Districts unbeaten run last Saturday, have ruckman Shane Cocker, hard-working ruck-rover Garry Kemp and elusive full-forward Wayne Golding in fine form.

CLOSE CONTEST

SWAN Districts and East Perth will be eager to return to winning habits when they do battle at Bassendean Oval on Saturday.

Both sides lost closely contested matches last week and this shapes as a great clash.

Swans and the Royals are two of the most improved teams in the SFL, with the likes of black and whites Shane Stempel, Shaun Davey and Len Gandini and East Perth's Brian Stanislaus, George Giannakis and Craig McGrath all grabbing media headlines this season.

The Royals imposing goal-to-goal line of Gavin Rose, McGrath, Giannakis, Peter Melesso and Glen Bartlett will give the visitors the edge in the big-man department, but Swans strength has been their running brigade of Len Gandini, David Callow, Mick Grasso, Joe Ahmat and Andy Holmes.

TOUGH TASK

EAST Fremantle face the daunting prospect of travelling to Claremont Oval — the home of the rampant Tigers.

Claremont have inflicted some heavy losses on West Perth and Perth in consecutive weeks and coach Gerard Neesham rates his side alongside some of those in the national competition.

And with players the calibre of Todd Ridley (15 goals in two games), Tony Evans, Joe Cormack, John Annear and Scott Edwards in great form, it's hard to make a case for the Sharks.

Ron Wilcox's East Fremantle have been inconsistent this season, though their 11-point win over East Perth should have been a confidence booster.

Sunday Football League recruit Garry Smallridge continues to improve and impress and forward Andrew Lockyer is returning to his best form.

Neil Lester-Smith is a top goalsneak for the Sharks' and young Craig MacLean was again in their best players' list last Saturday.

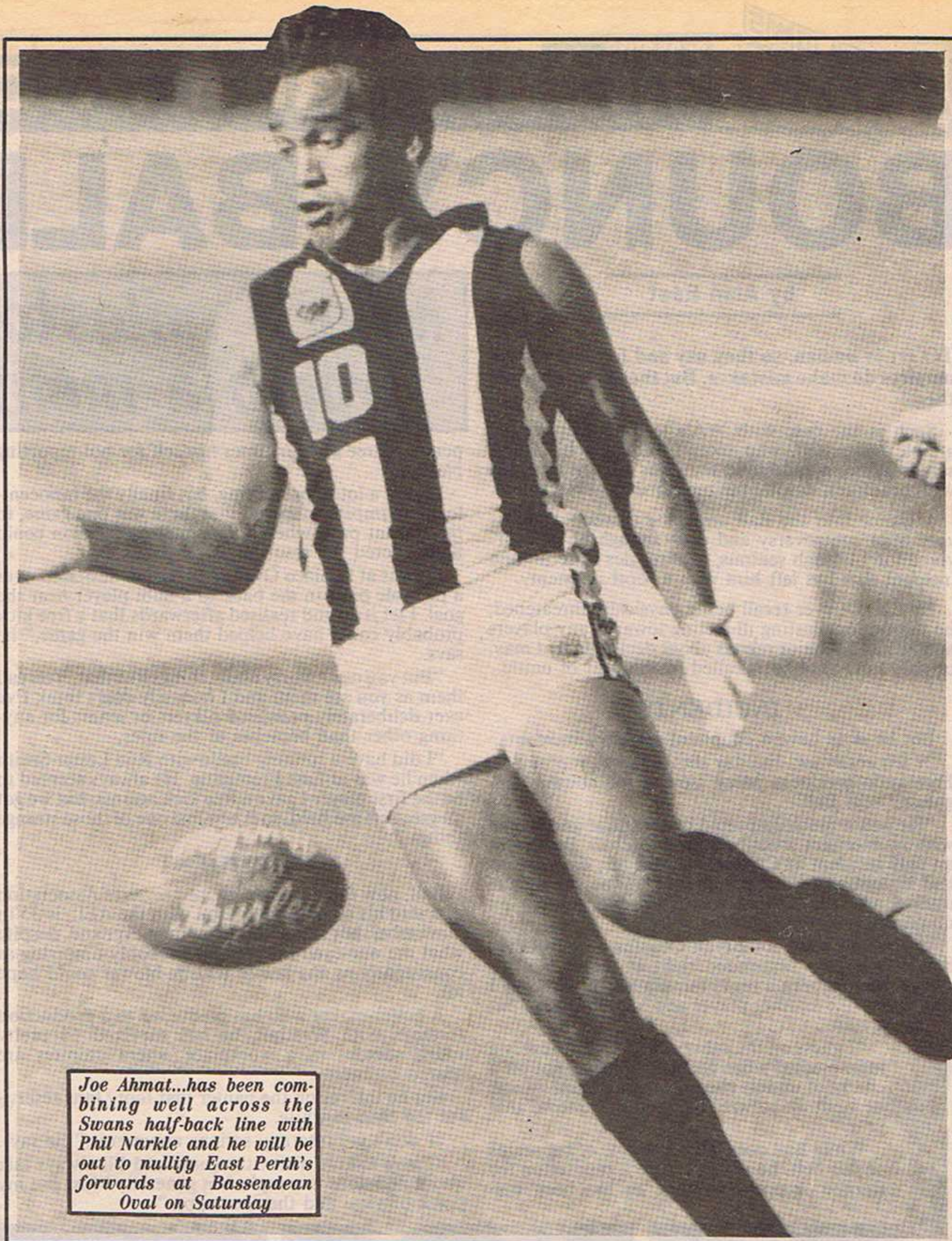
PERTH DERBY

ON Saturday at the WACA, bottom sides Perth and West Perth will fight out their derby.

Both sides were comprehensively beaten last weekend and are in desperate need of a morale-boosting win.

Ian Newman continues to be the Demons best player and unless rookie Basil Zempilas has recovered from an ankle injury, he will call most of the shots.

Experienced Roger Kerr and Steve Turner could provide Perth with the lift they need, while the Falcons will look again to skipper Paul Hasler, Wayne Dayman and David Palm for direction.



Joe Ahmat...has been combining well across the Swans half-back line with Phil Narkle and he will be out to nullify East Perth's forwards at Bassendean Oval on Saturday

STATE LEAGUE FORM GUIDE

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

EAST FREMANTLE W(86), L(23), L(21), W(20), W(11)
WEST PERTH L(86), L(24), L(66), L(159), L(65)
SWAN DISTRICTS W(3), W(23), W(66), W(32), L(15)
PERTH L(3), L(52), L(50), W(30), L(97)

CLAREMONT W(7), W(57), L(15), W(159), W(97)
SOUTH FREMANTLE L(7), W(52), W(21), L(32), W(65)
SUBIACO W(105), L(57), W(50), L(20), W(15)
EAST PERTH L(105), W(24), W(15), L(30), L(11)

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*Tally does not include AFL tips	Tally	Perth v W. Perth	Swan Dist v E. Perth	Claremont v E. Frem	S. Frem v Subiaco	Richmond v Eagles
RON ALEXANDER	13	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
ROB BENNETT	10	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	12	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont	South Fremantle	Richmond
TANIA ARMSTRONG	10	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST	13	West Perth	East Perth	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	11	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	12	Perth	Swan Districts	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	13	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
GEORGE TEMPLE	12	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont	Subiaco	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	11	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	12	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles

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THE DECLINING STANDARD THREATENS THE FUTURE



John Scott...seeing stars

Scott gets full points

I'm still smiling about an incident in our match against Subiaco a few weeks back. I was critical of John Scott's kicking out from goal. In fact, more specifically I was critical of his vision, or lack of it.

At one stage he kicked the ball to one small Claremont player who was opposed to three Subi players while Steve Malaxos was on his own on the other side of the ground. I quickly sent the runner out to let him know my feelings and nothing more was said.

When I confronted Scotty about the incident he showed me his forehead. One straight black line ran from the top of his nose to the top of his forehead where the goal umpire had hit him (accidentally I presume) with his flag. Scotty stated all he could see was stars and the Subiaco full-forward having a quiet laugh to himself.

A great deal of discussion has taken place over the developmental role of sporting bodies.

One of the main areas of any sporting development is competition. This is the view of many of our international sportsmen who feel the distance factor robs them of competition and accounts for differences in standard between Australian and the European countries

Australian Rules Football has had three main elite competitions in existence over the past 100 years — the VFL, SANFL and WAFL.

Our eight-club competition in Perth meant that players such as Polly Farmer, Barry Cable, Ross Glendinning, Graham Moss and Maurice Rioli could move to Victoria after four or five years in a tough local competition.

The Eagles are still reaping the benefit of this competition by having in excess of 40 players available to them who have developed in the eight-club system.

The danger now exists that this competition is in decline. My first seven opponents in league football were Mel Whinnen, Maurice Rioli, Robert Wiley, Peter Spencer, Gary Buckenara, Stan Nowotny and Russell Reynolds.

There was no respite. Each week you would play on somebody of note, no matter what position you occupied.

If something is not done to stop the further decline of our once elite local competition, it will disappear with only one more AFL club left to show for it

West Australian football writer Greg Denham was very hard in his criticism of the skill level of East Perth and East Fremantle.

Now, not having been in the game, I cannot say whether he was right or wrong, but it was ludicrous to insinuate that the players should watch the extended VFL competition and learn how it is done.

The same person wrote glowing reports about the Eagles game against Footscray and they deserved them, but he failed to mention that the opposition could not kick, mark or tackle or man-up to the level that would suit Sunday League. Greg, be critical across the board, not just at SFC level because it suits.



Ross Glendinning...former star at full-forward

Viewpoint



with
Claremont Coach

**GERARD
NEESHAM**

WESTSIDE WINNERS

FOOTBALL supporters at Leederville Oval last Saturday shared in some fantastic prizes in Westside Football's \$10,000 Footy Bonanza Give-Away.

Rosa Townsend, of Balga, was the lucky winner of a dinner for two at Franco's Restaurant in Perth and T. McAlister, of Scarborough, won an autographed West Perth football.

John Walden, of Coolbellup, collected a carton of Pepsi Cola and K. Tompsitt, of West Perth, will enjoy a carton of Fosters Lager.

More liquid refreshments went to Mrs D. Stewart, of Coolbellup, who won a pack of quality Angoves Wines; Russ Turley, of Balga, was rewarded with a long-sleeved West Perth dress pull-over; R. McMahon, of Koodoola, won a free membership of the Falcons and Kevin Stewart, of Floreat Park, received two double Friday and Saturday night passes to Club Rumours.

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Interstate Update

with RICHARD CAMM



Lockett joins elite goal-kicking club

St Kilda's Tony Lockett became the third player in the last two rounds of the AFL matches to reach a career tally of 500 goals.

Lockett's seventh goal, just before the final siren at the MCG on Saturday, was his 500th in 117 games for St Kilda, since making his debut in 1983.

Lockett, Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall, and Essendon's Simon Madden have all joined Collingwood's Brian Taylor as the only present-day players to have kicked over 500 goals.

Geelong's Gary Ablett looms as the next player in line to reach the milestone. He has kicked 435 goals in 121 games for Hawthorn and Geelong.



By outscoring the Eagles in the third quarter of Sunday's game, the Sydney Swans became the first side to outscore the Eagles in a quarter in Perth since July 23 last year.

In the Eagles—Sydney round 16 clash, Sydney outscored the Eagles by 5 points in the second quarter. No other side had managed to win a quarter since then, until the third quarter on Subiaco Oval on Sunday.



Richmond's Anzac Day win over Fitzroy broke a run of 12 consecutive losses that commenced in round 15 of 1989. Their last win was a 25-point win over Sydney at the MCG on July 8, 1989.



Melbourne's fifth consecutive win, over the Brisbane Bears at Carrara, has allowed the Demons to equal their best winning run since they stormed into the finals at the end of 1987.

Melbourne finished in 1987 qualifying rounds with a run of six wins, which continued with victories in the elimination and first semi-finals, before the Demons' run was halted by Hawthorn in the preliminary final.

Melbourne have now spent the past three weeks at the top of the ladder.

The Demons still have a long way to go to match their best-ever start to a season — they won their first 13 games in 1956.

How WA players performed in AFL

Team	Player	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
BRISBANE BEARS	David Bain	18	8	8	—
	John Gastev	6	—	5	—
	Brad Hardie	11	4	2	3.3
	Alex Ishchenko	10	7	10	—
	Mike Richardson	8	2	7	—
CARLTON	Brad Rowe	12	3	6	3.3
	Mark Zanotti	11	6	6	—
COLLINGWOOD	Michael Christian	10	5	7	—
	Craig Starcevic	13	7	8	1.5
	Derek Kickett	12	4	5	1.1
ESSENDON	Darren Bewick	17	5	2	2.3
	Peter Cransberg	12	3	2	1.0
GEOLOG	Ray Sterrett	11	4	8	—
	Earl Spalding	13	7	5	2.0
HAWTHORN	Darren Bennett	10	8	2	6.2
	Earl Spalding	13	7	5	2.0
MELBOURNE	Mark Hepburn	10	3	4	0.3
	Michael Mitchell	12	8	1	3.2
NTH MELBOURNE	Mark Hepburn	10	3	4	0.3
	Michael Mitchell	12	8	1	3.2
RICHMOND	Ian Dargie	2	—	1	—
	Paul Harding	10	10	10	—
ST KILDA	Jim Krakouer	15	1	8	0.1
	Nicky Winmar	13	—	9	0.1
SYDNEY SWANS	Brad Tunbridge	5	4	5	2.0
	Wayne Henwood	9	2	4	—

HIT OUTS: Brad Tunbridge (Sydney Swans) 12; Alex Ishchenko (Brisbane Bears) 11; Mark Hepburn (North Melbourne), Paul Harding (St Kilda) 7; Jon Dorotich (Carlton) 6; Wayne Henwood (Sydney Swans) 4.

LAIDLEY BOUNCES BACK

DEAN Laidley has shown a remarkable ability to recover from injury in recent weeks.

The hard-tackling West Coast Eagles defender was helped from the ground at Subiaco Oval last Sunday by trainers after getting knocked unconscious.

Nine days earlier, at the WACA Ground, trainers again had to help Laidley to the interchange bench when he injured his shoulder in a collision with a Carlton forward.

On each occasion, when it looked as though Laidley's participation in the match might be over, he has returned to be among the Eagles best players.

Last Saturday, Laidley flew for a mark over big Swans forward Wayne Henwood only to come crashing to earth, landing on his shoulder.

Laidley lay still for at least one minute while trainers attended him and after the match he confessed it was his own fault.

"It was hitting the ground and not Henwood that knocked me out," Laidley said.

"I don't think I was completely out, but nearly. Right now I've got a king-size headache."

The Eagles defence is reputedly the best in the AFL, having conceded the least number of points (377) so far this season.

Their fierce tackling, epitomised by Laidley's fearless approach, has been the base of West Coast's four wins this season.

"We're a tight unit, Bluey (Guy McKenna), Rancey (Murray Rance), Woosha (John Worsfold), Monkey (Michael Brennan) and I," Laidley said.

"It's not that Mick (Malthouse) has had us doing a lot of extra tackling practice, we just all want to do well as a team.

"I guess it comes down to attitude."

SAINTS SO POPULAR

THE improved form of St Kilda has been acknowledged by football officialdom — the club's clash with Collingwood last Saturday was accorded MCG status because of the bigger crowd expected.

The Saints are one of the AFL's most-improved teams this season and the clash with the Magpies could have accommodated only 28,000 people at Moorabbin.

The move certainly paid dividends because more than 67,000 attended the clash which Collingwood won by a solitary point.

It didn't take the Saints long to accept the invitation to switch venues when they added up those extra dollars.

Mainy's change of plans

DASHING Eagles star Chris Mainwaring had to change his thinking last week after being named in the West Coast team for the Sydney Swans match.

After missing two games with injury — both winning efforts by his club-mates — he was fully expecting to come back through the State League, as skipper Steve Malaxos had done earlier.

But Mainwaring's exciting style of football was obviously enough to convince coach Mick Malthouse that he could come straight back into the Eagles line-up and rover David Hart was the unfortunate player to be deleted on a week when there were no injuries.

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Dean Laidley was one of the Eagles best players afield last Sunday before he was escorted from Subiaco Oval by Eagles club trainers

Eagles draw the crowds

THOSE West Coast Eagles fans who joined the Q-jumpers at the start of the year and bought season passes are well-pleased with themselves.

The sell-out crowd at the WACA Ground two weeks ago didn't prevent season-pass holders from gaining admission, regardless of what time they arrived at the ground.

That crowd of 28,373 was the Eagles first full-house effort and a record attendance for any sport at the WACA Ground.

The Eagles good form has seen this year's total football attendances already exceed last year's comparative figure. The combined attendance of 44,332 for Round Four (Eagles v Carlton and the four Pepsi Cup SFL matches) was higher than any weekend in 1989 — including the Foundation Day long weekend in June when football on three days attracted 44,327 fans.

SUMICH ON FIRE

THERE'S no two ways about it — when Eagle forward Peter Smuich is hot, he's hot!

Smuich struck two purple patches against the Sydney Swans last Sunday which saw him kick eight goals in a display of top quality leading, leaping and accurate kicking for goal.

Smuich opened in fine style against Swans defender Wayne Henwood when he kicked three goals in the opening 10 minutes, including a brilliant 50 metre left-foot snap in front of a capacity two-tier Subiaco Oval grand stand.

Smuich was well held for the next two quarters until he let loose with five goals in the final term.

He kicked four goals in the space of five minutes against James West to take his match tally to seven and he capped off the day nicely with his eighth goal in time-on.

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Mick's on top of the world



APART from a minor hiccup against St Kilda in round two, Mick Malthouse would be over-joyed at his introduction to football in the West.

Everything has gone pretty well to plan, even the 61-point demolition of the Sydney Swans at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

Malthouse was disappointed with the way the Eagles won the game and that is sobering as the Eagles prepare for the clash with Richmond under lights at the MCG on Friday night.

To think that the Eagles won by 10 goals and played poorly is remarkable. And that should give the players every incentive to break a traditional hoodoo at the MCG.

Malthouse shrugs off suggestions of a hoodoo — he can see no reason why a WA team has never won at Australian sport's most historic venue.

On the face of it a contest with Richmond, the team ranked 13th on the premiership table, should hold no perils for the Eagles. But the Eagles have never beaten the Tigers in Melbourne and they have been near bottom of the table ever since the Eagles entered the competition.

MEMORIES

The Tigers do not have fond memories of their last night match — against North Melbourne in round two when the Kangaroos bounded away to kick a brilliant 32.17 to 9.14.

But since then Richmond have been very competitive.

A week after that hiding they provided some stiff opposition for Hawthorn, before fading to a 30-point defeat.

They then collapsed in the face of an Essendon onslaught, but opened their account on Anzac Day when they were too strong for Fitzroy.

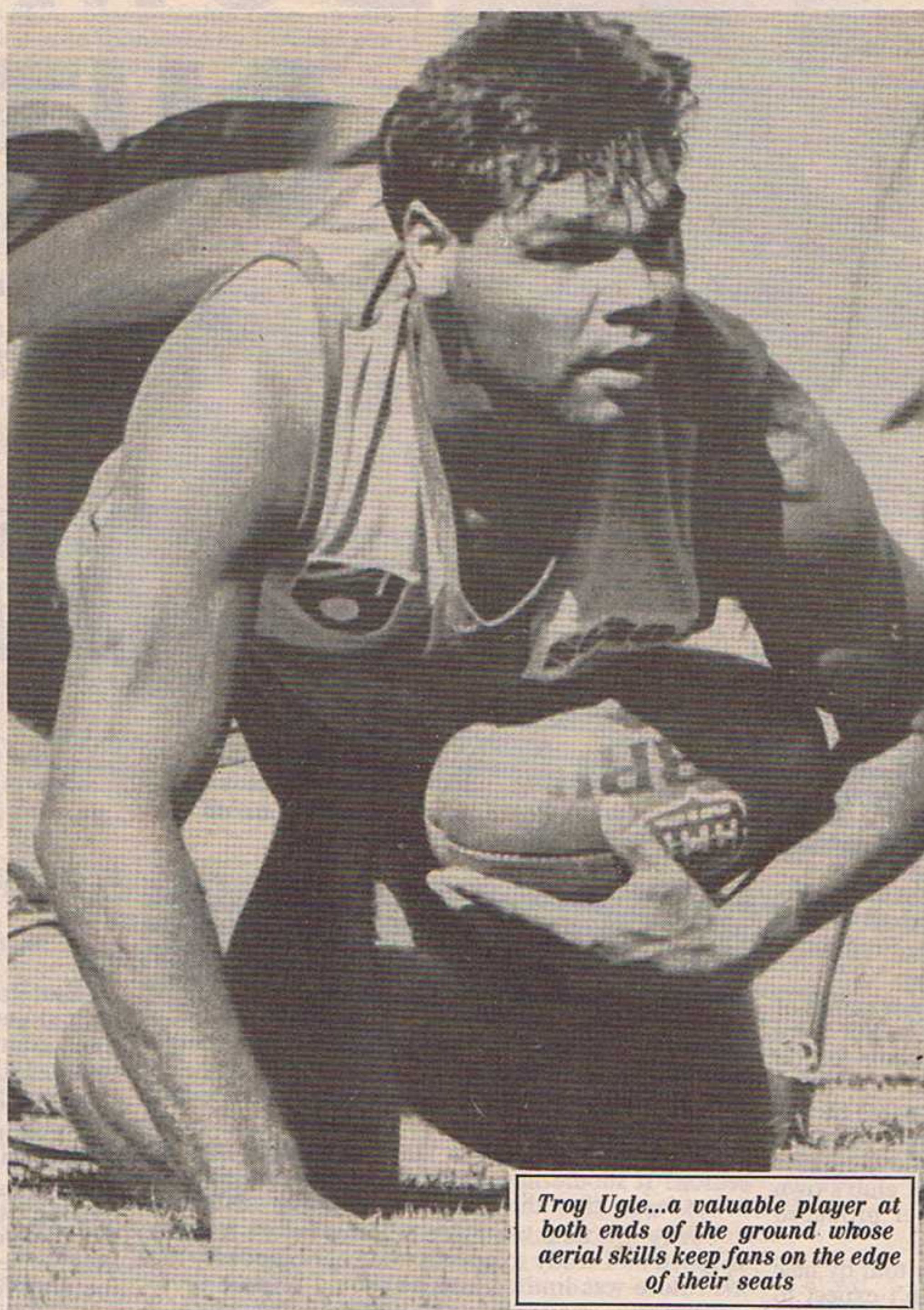
That means Richmond have a nine-day break between games while the Eagles have to come up for their second match in five days — a set of circumstances which offers great encouragement to the Melbourne club.

At the same time winning form is good form, even though Malthouse was a little disappointed with Sunday's effort.

He had every reason to be peeved at the team's inept third quarter when all the impressive elements in their game totally disappeared.

They failed to run and were subsequently missing from the contest at the fall of the ball, were consistently out-numbered midfield and their forward play was sloppy.

They were lucky that they chose a time when they led by seven goals to



Troy Ugle...a valuable player at both ends of the ground whose aerial skills keep fans on the edge of their seats

by

Gary Stocks

of The West Australian



AFL RATINGS

WEST COAST EAGLES

Player	V	V	V	V	V	TOT
	Col	SK	Foot	Carl	SS	
ANNEAR, John	6	4r	-	-	-	10
BREMAN, Todd	-	5	6	5	16	
BRENNAN, Michael	8	4	-	6	6	24
GWILLIAM, Brad	5	4	5	-	-	14
HART, David	-	7	4r	-	-	11
IRVING, Dean	5	4	3r	-	-	12
HEADY, Brett	-	-	6	6	12	
JACKSON, Stevan	-	5	5	5	15	
KEMP, Dean	7	6	7	8	7	35
LAIDLEY, Dean	5	6	7	7	6	31
LAMB, Dwayne	6	5	7	7	6	31
LANGDON, Karl	7	5	8	6	5	31
LEWIS, Chris	-	3r	-	-	-	3
LOCKYER, Andrew	4	3	-	-	-	7
MAINWARING, Chris	6	6	-	-	4	16
MALAXOS, Steve	-	-	6	6	7	19
MATERA, Peter	5	-	-	-	-	5
McKENNA, Guy	5	6	6	6	6	29
O'CONNELL, David	-	-	-	4r	3	7
PEOS, Paul	6	5	3i	-	-	14
PYKE, Don	4	5	-	-	-	9
RANCE, Murray	6	6	6	8	6	32
SCOTT, Phil	6	4	6	7	7	30
SUMICH, Peter	6	4	6	6	7	29
TURLEY, Craig	-	-	7	6	6	19
UGLE, Troy	7	6	7	5	5	30
WATTERS, Scott	-	-	6	5	5	16
WILSON, Peter	6	6	8	7	6	33
WORSFOLD, John	6	6	7	6	6	31

take a nap.

The Eagles will rely on former Tigers ruck-over Peter Wilson, captain Steve Malaxos, the hard-working Dwayne Lamb and wingman Dean Kemp to provide enough opportunities for Peter Sumich to continue his good form in attack.

Sumich now has 22 goals from the first five games and is the key to the team's attacking football.

Richmond are not without their stars and against Fitzroy it was their solid midfield players like Craig Lambert, Matthew Knights, Michael Mitchell, Trent Nicholls and Michael Pickering who set the standard.

Probably the Tigers' goal-to-goal line is a weakness, though full-forward Jeff Hogg is also a talented player who is yet to fulfil his enormous potential.

Tunbridge aims high

THE Sydney Swans players thought they had a "looney" in the camp when WA recruit Brad Tunbridge made a pre-season request.

When it came to handing out the guernsey numbers, the ruckman/forward demanded No.48 — the same number he wore at his former SFL club, East Fremantle.

"The other guys thought I was crazy," Tunbridge said after the Sydney Swans demoralising loss at the hands of the West Coast Eagles last Sunday.

"Usually players try to get the lowest number possible, but this is my number and I'm sticking with it."

A dejected Tunbridge added he was disappointed with his own performance last Sunday and that of the whole Swans team.

"I've been looking forward to this game since I moved to Sydney," he said.

"I really wanted to play well in front of the Perth crowd and my family, but we gave the ball away too much to win."

AFL GOALKICKERS

	Gls	Pts
	Yr	Yr
LOCKETT, Tony (St Kil)	35	16
BENNETT, Darren (Melb)	28	14
DUNSTALL, Jason (Hawth)	28	12
ABLETT, Gary (Geel)	24	16
SUMICH, Peter (Eagles)	22	13
LONGMIRE, John (N. Melb)	22	14
DAICOS, Peter (Coll)	19	7
GERMAN, Peter (N. Melb)	18	9
BRERETON, Dermott (Hawth)	18	6
GRANT, Chris (Foots)	16	13
WERNER, Michael (Ess)	13	8
CAMERON, David (Geel)	10	10

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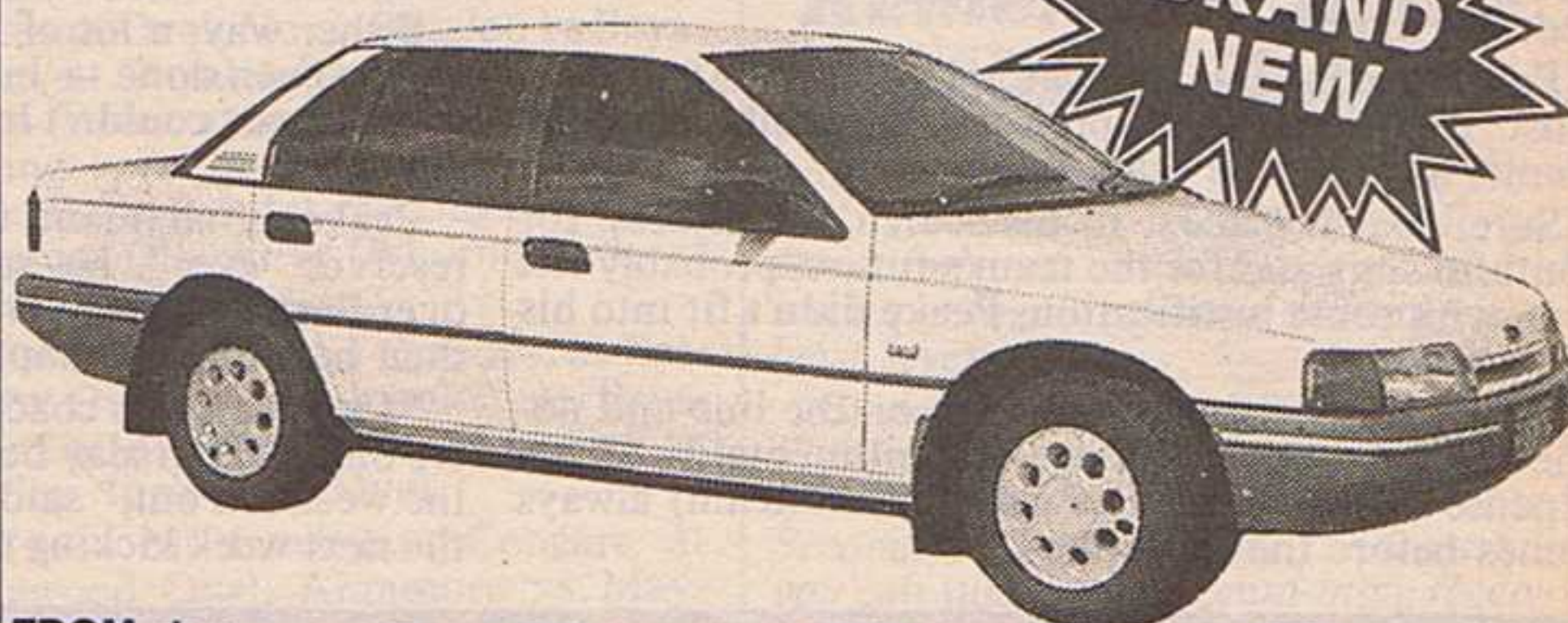
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BOMBED OUT...

The Peake legend deserved better treatment



Brian Peake...in mixed moods as an East Fremantle player.



THE Brian Peake saga is not a question of whether the veteran is too old for league football or not. It's a question of loyalty and East Fremantle didn't have the right answer.

Peake, a fit 36 and heading for 400 senior games of football, is East Fremantle's favourite son. But there are some who say that he has played the game for too long.

He tops their games-played honour board; he has won the club's fairest and best trophy more than any other player; he is the only East Fremantle footballer with 300 games to his credit and, by the club's own acknowledgement, is the best player ever produced from the Moss Street headquarters.

But two games into this season he was told by new league coach Ron Wilcox that he couldn't expect to play many of the remaining 19 games or so this year.

LEGEND

After 18 years of back-breaking, bone-breaking service — admittedly, occasionally tainted with some squabbles over player-payments and so forth — the club legend has been allowed to depart from East Fremantle Oval without due fanfare.

The haste with which Peake was cleared to Lathlain Park was indecent; almost as if the Sharks gave him two clearances in case he lost one.

There are obviously two sides to the argument; Peake hasn't been entirely blameless in the conflict. But you don't let legends or champions fall from their pedestal like that.

East Fremantle, long-regarded as one of Australia's most traditional and proudest football establishments, have let the team down.

Sure, coach Wilcox, in his search for success, for youthful stars and for the team's future, probably felt that, with some justification, Peake didn't fit into his 1990 plans.

That's his decision; it's his job on the line and no-one expects him to indulge in sentimentality at the expense of the team. The club (or the team) always comes before the individual.

The Brian Peake saga ranks as one of football's saddest parting of the ways between a champion and his club. ALAN EAST looks at the situation.

But the Sharks just didn't handle the Peake situation professionally enough.

Peake can ask these questions with some justification:

* Why was the decision made two games into the season? It should have either been before the season or, at least, after the first series of seven matches.

* Why was he taken aside minutes before training, stripped and ready to go and told cold-bloodedly that his future was limited and he should retire?

* Why, at three subsequent round-table meetings, wasn't some genuine attempt at a compromise sought to keep the champion at home?

In the crucial two or three days after the initial announcement, both parties obviously said things they really didn't mean — or didn't want to be preserved in print.

ACCUSATIONS

Peake was accused of walking out on the club; the club was charged with "sacking" Peake; the media were blamed for distorting the facts; the coach was accused of being unfair and the coach claimed he was misinterpreted.

Either way, a lot of hasty things were said — and maybe even done — but nothing that a cool head and a loyal heart couldn't have patched up within the next few days.

Peake is adamant that he didn't refuse to play reserves "ever". He says he wanted a week's break over Easter to get over the shock of the situation and then he would be happy to fight his way back.

"I told reserves coach Steve Hargrave and the players on the Thursday before Easter that I wanted to sit the weekend out," said Peake. "But I said I'd be back the next week kicking the dew with the resses and I'd

be determined to fight my way back into the league side.

"Those guys applauded me and seemed happy with that.

"But Ron Wilcox wasn't. He said my future was limited and I should retire. All I was asking for was some commitment that if I played okay in the reserves, I'd get back into the seniors."

Peake feels that Wilcox has not used him correctly this season; a common complaint from players in dispute with their club.

Peake has obviously slowed down; he doesn't quite trap the ball as crisply as he once did; his agility is not like the old days and now he often resorts to tactical experience to outwit his opponents — not forgetting the umpires — to get his kicks.

But he can still get kicks and he can still teach the rookies a thing or two.

TROUBLE-SHOOTER

Peake was earmarked pre-season by Wilcox as a team trouble-shooter; a player to be used in a pinch-hit situation when the time was ripe.

He's not a full-forward even though he once kicked seven goals for WA against Victoria as the State spearhead. But as a regular full-forward against all comers at full-back, the ploy is not always going to work.

"I can still mark as strongly as anyone in the league," says Peake. "But to play me at full-forward against a strong 6ft. full-back isn't always going to suit me. They kept coming over the top of me in the second game against Swans and I got killed.

"But I reckon I deserved another chance and there's plenty of other positions where I could be used."

Peake denies the oft-made suggestion that he's on standby to take over from the league coach. Since his return from Geelong, he's played under Ron Alexander, Graham Melrose and now Wilcox and the inference has always been there that he wants the league job.

In fact, he applied for the senior coaching role this year, but was overlooked; the board opting for Wilcox, who had graduated up through the team's minor-grades ranks.

"As soon as Ron was appointed, I discussed the whole issue with him," says Peake. "I said that I'd give him my total support if he wanted me to stay at the club. He said he did and I've never under-mined him, or even thought about it."

Peake's departure from East Fremantle to Lathlain Park means that he joins the club where he could easily have started his career back in 1972.

JUNIOR CLUB

As a product of the Manning Junior Football Club, one of Perth's best breeding grounds in recent decades, Peake was tied to the Demons. But he opted for East Fremantle under the father-son rule, following the footsteps of father Laurie, who played 95 games with Old Easts.

So he now resumes a league career recovering from an emotional shock that has left him a little heart-broken.

He didn't want to walk away from East Fremantle Oval and surely football, in today's modern age of sophistication, should have had enough emotion left in it to prevent such a tragedy.



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Heady days as Beers hits ton

LOCAL clubs have often questioned the value of recruiting players from Victorian clubs, but one former Melbournian who has given tremendous service since arriving here is Tony Beers.

He lobbed at Claremont in the initial stages of the 1984 season and was tipped as a clever half-forward after showing promise in the minor grades and playing one senior game with Collingwood.

The Beers family had strong links with the Magpies, because Tony's father, Brian, the chief executive of Tennis West, played in the club's last premiership in 1958.

As well Tony's younger brother Mark played a number of senior games for the Magpies.

These days, however, Beers spends most of his time at centre-half-back and has been the corner-stone of the Tigers defence.

This week Beers plays his 100th game for the Tigers and deserves to celebrate the milestone in the same fashion in which he has started this season.

Despite an interrupted program, Beers has continued to play his role in the Claremont defence and together with full-back John Scott organises the backline.

His form is quite remarkable, considering that just a few weeks before the start of the season he was in the US on business as part of his role as State sales manager for Reebok.

He was at a Sports Fair at Atlanta and then spent some time in Sydney at a special conference which meant he was absent at the important stages of the off-season preparation.

I know he worked extremely hard in Atlanta because I was there with him!



Toothless Tiger... Tony Beers, the likeable defender and former Claremont skipper, is looked on as a veteran at Tigerland at the ripe old age of 27

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49 Lance Durack (East Frem)
48 Chris Lewis (Eagles)
48 Scott Watters (South Frem)
48 Guy Baxter (Subiaco)*
47 Derek Collard (South Frem)
47 Cam Shepherd (Claremont)
**Denotes that the tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Guy Baxter — 5 Subiaco, 34 East Fremantle, 9 Perth.*

100 GAMES
99 Tony Beers (Claremont)
97 Andrew Macnish (Eagles)*
97 Steve Turner (Perth)
96 Brad Collard (South Frem)
95 Rod Willet (Subiaco)
94 Mark Hann (Claremont)
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150 GAMES
147 David Rankin (East Fremantle)*
145 Steve Malaxos (Claremont)
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Tigers will be no easy pickings

THE Eagles will put their mental attitude to the test this Friday night when they play Richmond at the MCG.

The players are well aware that no WA team has ever won at the greatest sporting venue in the country, but they also know they have so far equalled the best start to the season made by the club.

If they are to realise their vision of playing in the AFL finals they will need to break the hoodoo.

Richmond, despite their position on the premiership table, will not be easy pickings. They are tough, youthful and hungry for success after a few years in the cellar of the competition.

Their confidence would have been boosted by their first victory of the season, at the expense of Fitzroy on ANZAC Day, and they will want to atone for the hiding they received from North Melbourne in their first match under lights in the season proper.

The MCG is the major final round venue and it would be a psychological boost for the players if they manage to overcome Richmond on Friday night. The players have the chance to become part of history.

Swans in strife on and off the field

THE poor performance by the Sydney Swans at Subiaco Oval last Sunday supports rumours that all is not well in their camp.

Before the Swans arrived in Perth last week I heard a whisper the club was having a few internal problems and the team's on-field performance did nothing to dispel the claim.

You don't need to be a Rhodes Scholar to work out the Swans rely on too few players to maintain a high rating and that was again the case last Sunday.

There seemed to be a lack of cohesion and unity and now one of the competition's high-flying clubs is in real strife with just one win from their opening five matches.

They are really looking down the barrel now because they play undefeated Melbourne at the SCG on Sunday.

The Swans are usually tough to beat on the close confines of the SCG, but they have already lost important games to Footscray and St Kilda on home soil this season.

SUCCESSFUL

The AFL has really pushed to ensure the Swans are successful in a determined bid to break the strangle-hold that rugby has on the harbour city.

AFL commission chairman Ross Oakley and interstate clubs trouble-shooter Barry Capuano were both in town and they would have been disappointed with what they saw.

The Swans are really struggling up forward and could not find a focal point in attack while too much of the midfield work is left to Gerard Healy, Barry Mitchell and David Murphy, in the absence of champion centreman Greg Williams.

I can't help but admire the work of Healy, who is tagged every week.

On Sunday he was shadowed by Dwayne Lamb and you would have to say that Healy became the first player to combat Lamb this season, though Lamb also made a solid contribution for the Eagles.

Murphy had an interesting tussle with young wingman Dean Kemp and Mitchell was worried out of the game by Eagles captain Steve Malaxos.

PLAYERS REVUE

PERTH'S players and members wasted no time blocking out the memory of their poor effort against Claremont last Saturday.

The following day the annual players revue was held in front of a packed house.

I'm told captain Joe Santostefano, who showed encouraging form in the reserves last week and is well on the road to recovery after a nagging knee injury, and centre-half-forward Warren Nicholas stole the show with a rendition mimicking the Village People.

They got a rousing reception and even performed an encore!

Other stars of the stage were Tony Papotto, John Zaikos and Scott Spalding.

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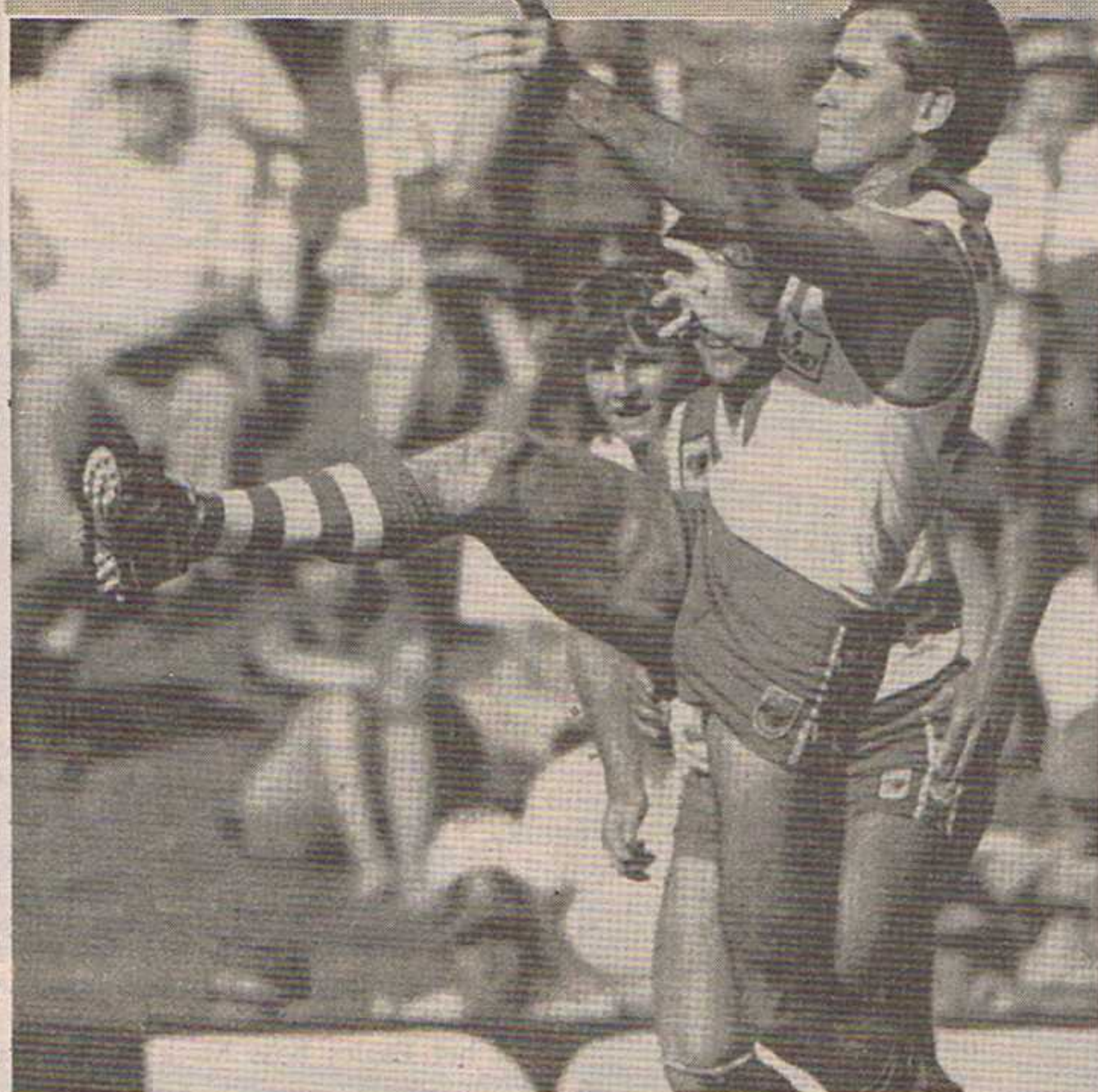
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Rob Solin...going out on a high note after leading the Bulldogs to a 65-point victory over West Perth last weekend

WORK SIDELINES SOLIN

RUGGED South Fremantle half-back Rob Solin went into semi-retirement on a high note.

"It was a great honour," Solin said. "It's also the first and last time I'll probably ever do it - at least I'll remain undefeated as skipper."

The defender, whose opponent hardly got a touch last Saturday, hopes to be back in league action in time for the finals.

"The Fire Brigade will probably let me play towards the end of the course, which should give me some time to get back into the game," Solin said.

"I'll probably play another season or two before retiring."

Solin, who will spend most of the next 15 weeks on a Fire Brigade training course, is not allowed to play league football during that time and last Saturday he captained the Bulldogs to a 65-point win over West Perth.

"They (the Fire Brigade) don't want me to play in case I get seriously injured," Solin said.

Solin was made skipper in the absence of captain Brad Collard and vice-captain Craig Edwards

HASKETT LOOKS FOR A CHANGE OF LUCK

EAST Perth utility player Lloyd Haskett must be wondering when his luck will change for the better.

His injury woes have continued with strained shoulder ligaments which means that he faces yet another long stint on the sidelines.

Royals coach Ian McCulloch had big plans for the versatile Haskett as he shone out on the training track during a tough summer preparation.

RECONSTRUCTION

Haskett had beaten off two injuries — a should reconstruction at the start of the year and then a broken thumb which forced him to miss the last eight games. He managed 12 games for the season (to take his tally to 14) and he was determined to build on that this year.

But the 21-year-old over-did things in his enthusiastic approach to summer training and sustained a hamstring injury just before this season opened.

But after one reserves game, he was quickly slotted back into the seniors and his role as a ruck-rover gave Royals fans great heart as he showed strength and skill.

However, he was injured in the next game and his spirits have slumped.

"I was pretty pleased to get back into the team so quickly," says the product from the Morley Police and Citizens Youth Club football team.

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Lively Subiaco forward Andrew Macnish bounced back to top form against Swan Districts after spending a week on the sidelines with a hand injury. His six goal performance inspired the Lions and Eagles selectors will keep a watchful eye on his progress in the coming weeks.

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DON'T be surprised if the West Coast Eagles come crashing to earth against Richmond at the MCG tomorrow night.

I've been following the Eagles game and watching the replays from Melbourne of other AFL sides and I don't think our boys play the right kind of football.

The other teams know how to play on the Victorian grounds and the Eagles will continue to get caught out just like they did against St Kilda a few weeks back.

Melbourne sides fire out two or three quick handballs to get themselves out of confined spaces and then a long one to send themselves into attack.

The Eagles, however, dwell on the ball too long and then get nailed.

The other teams know West Coast are suspect when the pressure's on so they try and exploit that fact.

SMALL OVAL

Our brand of football is fine on the wide open spaces at Subiaco Oval or the WACA Ground, but not on their small ovals, particularly when it's wet.

The Saints turned the heat up in round two and we got hammered and unless coach Mick Malthouse does something about it, these thrashings will continue to happen again and again and again.

I know the Eagles beat Footscray in Melbourne, but the Bulldogs played like un-weaned pups — I've never seen such a shocking display by a club of their supposed standard.

The Eagles have continued in vain to play their WA-style of football in Mel-

bourne since their 1987 inception and it's failed on most occasions.

So take a hint and change.

Why they haven't is the proverbial \$64,000 question. Whether the players aren't up to it or what, I don't know.

But if they want to remain in the top five and be a viable force in the finals, they've got to change because the September rounds aren't played in Perth.

TRAVELLING

Maybe the travelling has got something to do with it?

I remember when I was at Carlton, the hour-long flight up to Sydney used to knacker me out, so what does three hours in a plane do to these blokes?

They should try some alternative departure times — even leaving a couple of days before match-day to let themselves get acclimatised.

Maybe too, the Eagles and Wildcats basketball team should get together and compare notes. The Wildcats seem half a pace slower when playing away so there must be a common factor involved.

On a positive note, the performances of Dean Laidley have been outstanding.

His aggression and disposal have been like a breath of fresh air.

There have been some other good players too like John Worsfold, Brett Heady and Dean Kemp.

The latter two are only rookies, but they're playing as well as the guys who've been in AFL ranks for years.



John Worsfold...unrelenting in defence

Guest columnist

former Perth and Carlton star



PETER BOUSUSTOW

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CLAREMONT are awesome.

No matter how many players Gerard Neesham loses each year, he always turns up with a good squad the next.

He must shake them out of a tree or something.

Todd Ridley is as good a full-forward as I've seen in the SFL for years and the Eagles player, Tony Evans is a devastating rover.

I bet Eagles boss Mick Malthouse wishes he could select Evans for his side.

I know I would in his position.

I watched the Perth players test his temperament with some and rough play last Saturday, but he stood up for himself and soon shook them off.

I like that — a player who stands his ground. His Eagles team-mates should take a leaf out of his book.

And Ridley, he led well, marked strongly and has a good kick. Unfortunately for Gerard, he'll probably lose him too at the end of this season.

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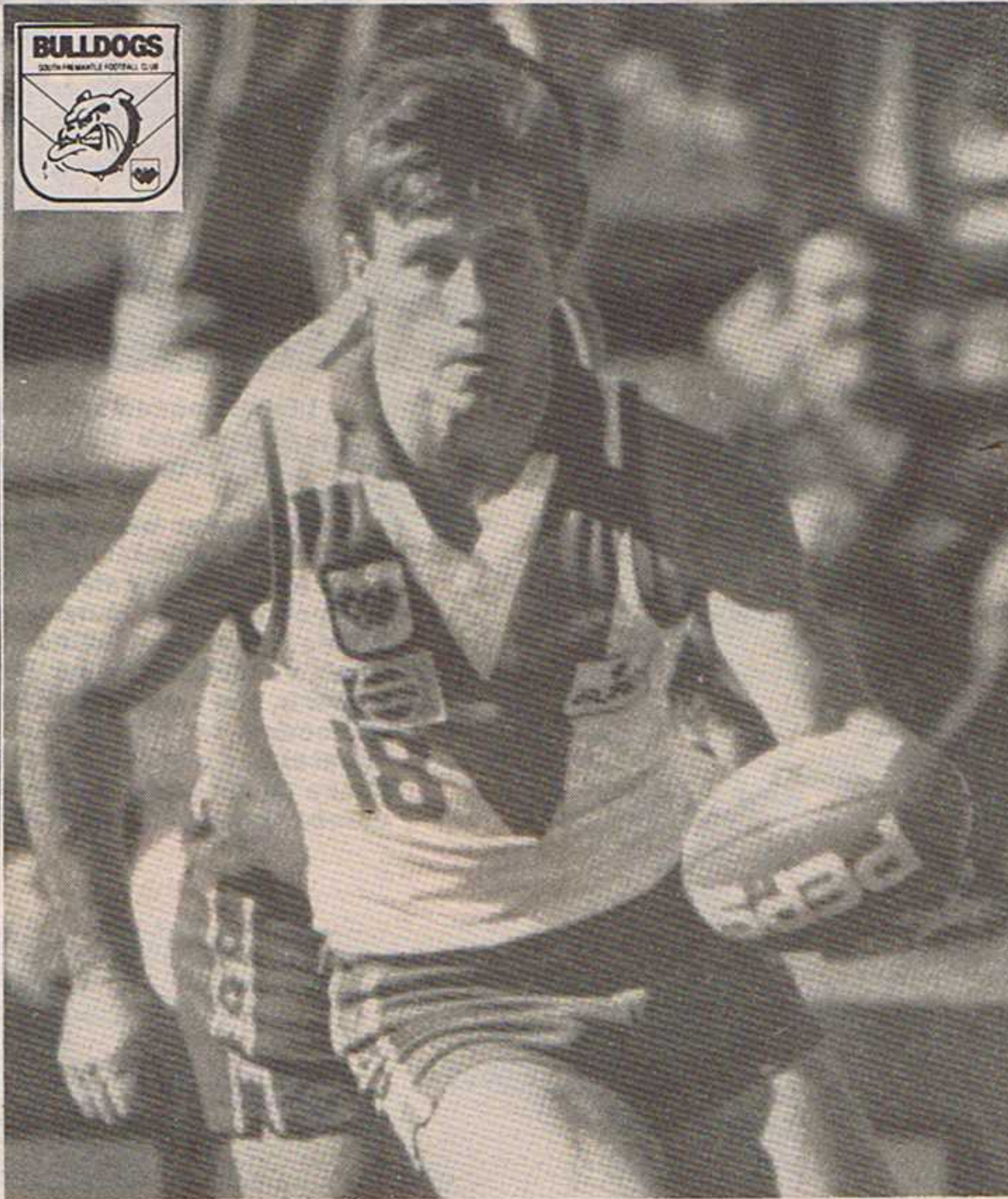
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PLAYER PROFILES

Peter Worsfold



Nickname: Woosha, shadow **Why?** After my brother, John
Date of Birth: 11.7.70 **Place of Birth:** Subiaco
Height: 175cms **Weight:** 81kgs
Age started playing: 6
Previous club/s: South Fremantle Junior Football Club **Junior club:** South Fremantle Junior Football Club
Marital status: Single
Girlfriend's name: Phillipa
Residence: Beaconsfield
Occupation: Customs clerk **Place of Work:** FJ Sherborne, Fremantle
Other sporting interests: Cricket, fishing
Favourite position: Centre **First position:** Ruck-rover
League debut: 1987 **Versus:** Subiaco

FAVOURITES:

Actor: John Candy
Drink: Beer
TV show: Wide World of Sports **Food:** Fruit
Movie: K-9 **Music:** U2
Holiday resort: Dunsborough
Ground: Fremantle Oval
Your Car: Mitsubishi Cordia
Favourite car: Fore-runner
Career Highlights: Captain Teal Cup side 1987, grand final with South Fremantle in 1989
Worst moment in Football: Losing 1989 grand final
Hard things in Football: Early Sunday morning training
Football idols: Mark Bairstow, Poss Glendinning
Toughest opponent: —
Most respected opponent: All
Most respected umpire: All
Most memorable game: 1989 grand final
Ambitions: To win a premiership, to play AFL
What do you like about football: Friendship among teammates
How do you mentally prepare for a game: Relax
Who influenced your career: My father — Ted, my family
Guernsey number: 18 **Any Reason:** —
Superstitions: —
Worst injury: —
Luckiest break: Playing with South Fremantle

Phil Scott



NICK NAME: Scottie
FAVOURITE POSITION: Ruck
CURRENT POSITION: Ruck
NUMBER: 12
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 17.1.61 Perth
RECRUITED FROM: Subiaco
HEIGHT: 193cms **WEIGHT:** 95kgs
FIRST SENIOR GAME: 1982 Subiaco vs East Fremantle
GAMES PLAYED: 47 Eagles, 79 Subiaco
FOOTBALL HONOURS: Eagles Best Club Man 1988
MARRIED: Yes
OCCUPATION: Research officer
SCHOOL'S ATTENDED: Scarborough PS, Churchlands SHS
CAR: Pajero
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Surfing
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian

FAVOURITE DRINK: Water
FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS): Surfing
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Many
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: ABC News
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Sex, Lies and Video Tapes
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Haydn Bunton, father and Greg McDonald
MOST ADMIRED FOOTBALLER: Bill Dempsey
OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE: Simon Madden
MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Relax, listen to music
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Injuries
FOOTBALL INJURIES: Broken wrist, broken thumb, hamstring
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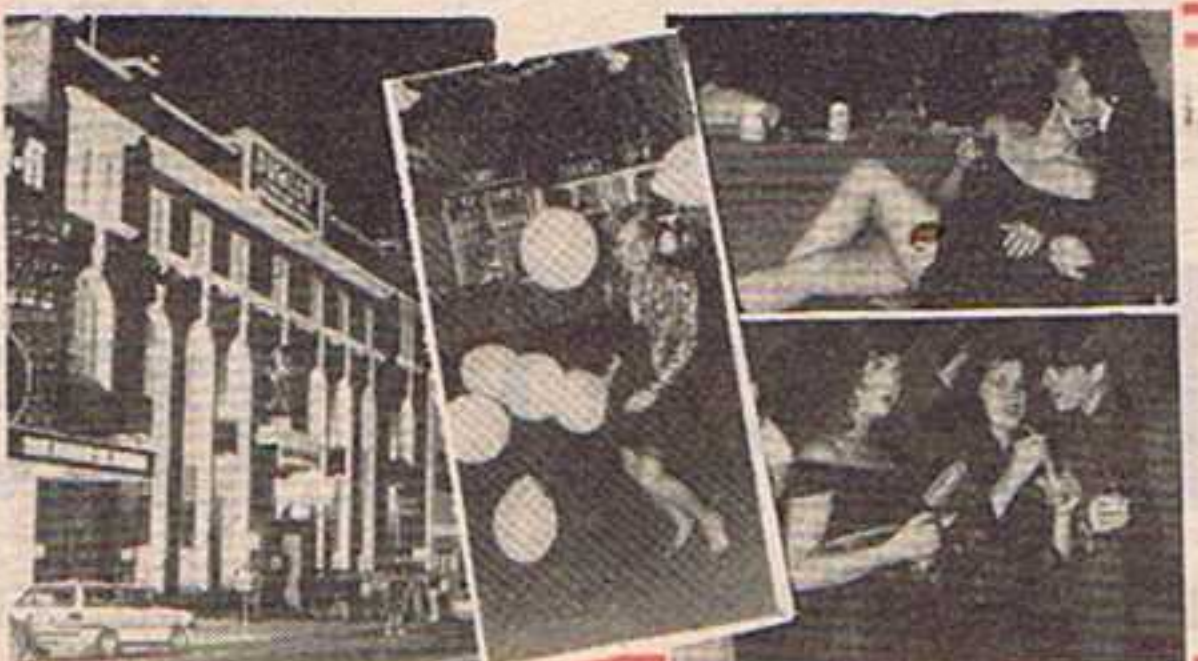
THE Lions roared loud and long at Su Saturday when they came from bel Swan Districts off their previous perch.

Subiaco were one of the form sides, winning two premierships under master Buntun and they showed last week with a force to be reckoned with this season. There are a host of new faces in the team with veterans Brian Taylor, Mick Le Brown, they provide the youth and experience needed to win games.

Westside Football photographer Julie there to capture the football action and celebrations in the Subiaco changer



ABOVE LEFT: Rookie defender David Snow was all smiles. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Andrew Macnish...battered and bruised after bagging six goals. **RIGHT:** (L-R) Happy trio...Shane Cable, Fintan Maguire and John Cooper. **BELOW:** Glory, glory Subiaco...the Subiaco players were in full voice when they linked arms to exercise their vocal chords.



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ABOVE LEFT: (L-R) Aaron Zampogna and Wayne Golding...two newcomers to the side.
ABOVE RIGHT: Wayne Golding in full flight in the Lions ruckman line. BELOW RIGHT: Spindly Lions ruckman Shane Cocker shows his juggling skills.



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LIONS PROSPER UNDER BUNTON

Know your club

by Tania Armstrong



SUBIACO coach Haydn Bunton contemplated giving up coaching in 1983 — but Lions' fans and football lovers in WA are thankful that he had a change of heart.

Bunton, 53, coached for eight consecutive years at SANFL club South Adelaide between 1975 and 1982 before taking a break in the 1983 season.

And there was a strong possibility that he wouldn't return to the game that made him famous.

"I came over to Perth for one of the finals that year and Michael Carlile (then club president) approached me while I was here and I decided to think about it," Bunton said.

Think about it he did and he has gone on to take Subiaco through one of the most successful periods in the club's history. Since taking on the league coaching job at the start of the 1984 season, his impact on the club, the players and the record books has been immense.

PREMIERSHIP

His side finished in seventh position on the premiership ladder in 1984, shot up the table to second in 1985, only to lose the grand final to East Fremantle by five points.

Revenge was sweet in 1986 when Subiaco walloped the Sharks to take the flag and Bunton took them to the grand final again in 1987. They collected their second premiership of the decade with another grand final victory in 1988.



Haydn Bunton...veteran coach



Bryan Cousins...Bunton's apprentice



Mick Fuller...coaching rookie

Bunton began his playing career in South Australia and on top of his 162 games across the border (54 North Adelaide, 97 Norwood, 11 SA), Bunton played 89 games for Swan Districts between 1961 and '64, captain/coaching the black and whites to three consecutive flags in 1961, '62 and '63, he played 59 games with the Lions between 1968 and '72. He also played 11 State games for WA, earned All-Australian selection in 1956 and won the Sandover Medal in 1962.

There is no doubt that Bunton was a decorated footballer and he says his recent success as coach of Subiaco

means just as much to him as any of his other achievements.

"There's a lot of people at Subiaco who I've known over many years so I guess there's a lot of sentiment associated with the grand finals here," Bunton said.

Bunton's offside throughout the years of success was Wayne Loxley who stepped aside this year when former Perth veteran Bryan Cousins began assisting the master coach.

CONSISTENCY

Cousins (36) played 240 games with Perth and 75 with Geelong before retiring in 1987. He is building his reserves side into a solid combination, although they have lacked consistency in the opening games.

Cousins is enjoying his first season of senior coaching after a stint as a State selector and he says Bunton is a good teacher.

"It's a big advantage for me starting my coaching career under Haydn because he and John Todd are the most experienced coaches in WA," Cousins said.

Cousins had been happy with his reserves side's progress up until Saturday when they were well beaten by Swan Districts after half-time.

"Until Saturday we had won two out of four and we had been competitive in the other two games that we had lost," Cousins said.

"We are real final four competitors and hopefully we won't play too many more like that this season!"

Under-19s coach Mick Fuller, has a

hard act to follow after taking over the reigning premiers from long-time coach Eddie Pitter.

Fuller was Pitter's assistant for three years and his side has started the season well, losing their first game of the season last Saturday.

"We're sitting in second position on the ladder so I'm very pleased with how everything is going," Fuller said.

First-year players Gavin Bell (16) and midfielder Darren Von Bergheim (17) have been two of Fuller's finds so far and the more mature under-19s like Nathan Spilcker, Ray Riches and Paul Miller are continuing to develop.



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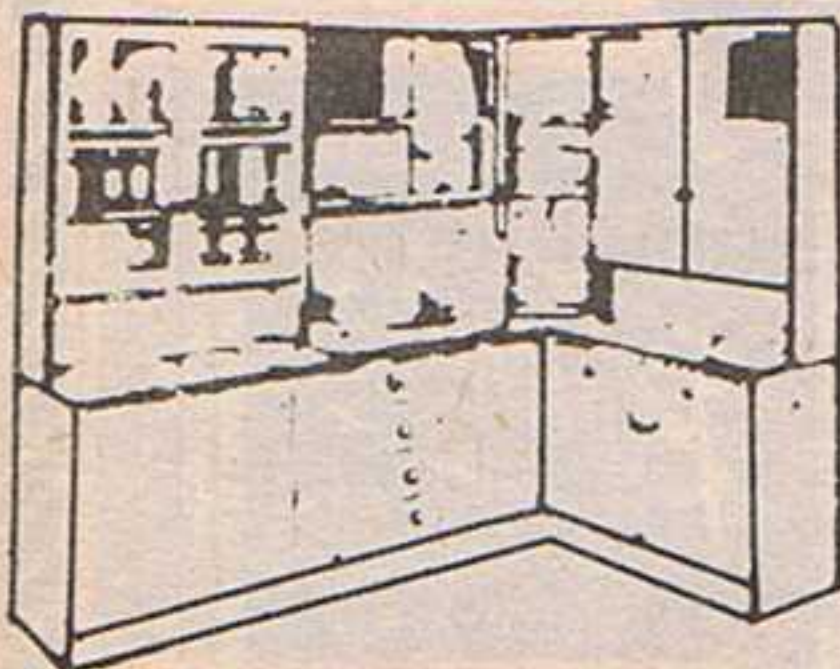
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NEW ERA DAWNS AS WILCOX REBUILDS



Sharks coach Ron Wilcox...confident about the future

EAST Fremantle coach Ron Wilcox has a message for Sharks fans — don't be too worried by the club's inconsistent start to the 1990 campaign.

Perennially tagged with the mantle as favourites, East Fremantle failed to fulfill their billing in almost every season in the 1980s.

They came up trumps in 1985 under Ron Alexander, but the remainder of the 1980s were disappointing. Wilcox plans for the '90s to be better.

Many big-name key players such as Brad Tunbridge, Brian Peake, Stephen Edgar, John O'Sullivan and Brad Rowe have now gone and Wilcox is rebuilding.

"This will be a transition year for us," Wilcox said.

EXPERIENCE

"This season we plan to test a lot of untried players and youngsters in their early 20s with limited league experience.

"We could be a bit inconsistent, especially early on, but I won't count us out as premiership contenders.

"A premiership is the aim of every side and we'll be in the four come September and from there we'll try and win the flag."

FUTURE STARS

Wilcox said the club's future rests with the likes of Brendan Krummel, Kane Morphett — an All Australian Teal Cup player — Michael Taylor, Garry Smallridge and Laurence Winmar, all of whom have made their league debuts already this season.

Krummel, Morphett and Taylor showed promise in their round four debuts against Subiaco, while Smallridge has been a consistent performer on a half-back flank from the first game.

Winmar, who showed good skills in round one, has since been sidelined with a hamstring injury.

"Krummel competed a lot at full-forward, but you can't expect a guy of 17 to come into the side as a ready-made league player," Wilcox said.

"Everybody is suggesting that Morphett will do big things in the game and

**Know
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club**
by George Temple



I agree, but he too must learn his craft and we have to be patient.

"Michael Taylor has come through the ranks and in any other club would have probably made his league debut earlier.

"He's had to bide his time and he's now got his opportunity and we must wait and see what happens.

"Smallridge is a hard, uncompromising type of player and he's just what we need to give our half-back line a bit of bite.

"Garry's also versatile enough to be played in other positions. But right now that's where he's needed.

"I rate Winmar as an excellent player; he's highly skilled, with a lot of pace, is honest at his game and is hard-working — you can't ask for much more than that."

PERSUADED

Wilcox had to be virtually persuaded into the league coaching role when Graham Melrose resigned last season.

"I didn't think I wanted to be a league coach," said Wilcox.

"But Ron Alexander, the guy I thought should get the job, encouraged me, along with a lot of other people, to go for it so I did.

"It's funny though because I never wanted the under-19s job in 1985 either.

"I had been helping Melly (Melrose), who had the job the year previous and when he took over the reserves, Len Anderson (a club director) rang and told me I had the job.

"It's funny because I never applied for that either."

Steve Hargrave, a key member of Perth's 1976 and '77 premiership teams, is Wilcox's assistant.

Hargrave had success as coach of Sunday Football League club Gosnells last season, winning the premiership and taking them through the season undefeated.

"My objective here isn't to win a premiership at this stage, it's to get as many of my players promoted to the league side as possible," Hargrave said.

"There's only two or three of last season's reserves premiership team left, but there's a good crop of young players coming through.

"The average age of the forward line is about 20. But as for assessing stars of the future, it's a bit hard to tell at this stage."

Richard Morphett, the father of league rookie Kane, was asked to take on the under-19s squad because of his long association with the players.

He began coaching East Fremantle combined sides when his son was 11 years old and has followed most of the boys through their junior years.

"I wasn't particularly interested in a coaching position initially," says Morphett.

"But I watched Ric Evans with the 1987 State schoolboys and then Greg Brehaut and Grant Dorrington with the Teal Cup sides of 1988 and '89 and their work with the boys impressed me.

"When East Fremantle asked me to do this job, I thought it was a chance to do my bit to help the flow on of footballers from junior to senior ranks."



Steve Hargrave...looking for young stars



Richard Morphett...following the juniors

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Red hot Demons!

Perth reserves blitzed Claremont with an 11-goal second term at Lathlain Park to record their second win of the season.

Former Demons under-19s fairest and best runner-up, Stephen Pears, booted eight goals and relegated league defender Hank Yarran was best-on-ground.

A promising sign for the Tigers was the outstanding form of John Hutton who worked hard around the ground and chipped in with four handy goals.

However, with the brilliant display put on by the Claremont league team, Hutton may find it hard to slot back into the league team.

REIGNING premiers East Fremantle moved to the top of the Pepsi Reserves table when they won their fourth game out of five with a victory over East Perth on their home ground.

The 77-point winning margin to the Sharks knocked the Royals off their perch at the top of the ladder and they struggled against an impressive East Fremantle unit led by Ron Adams with seven goals and best afield, Geoff Wilson.

WEST Perth broke their losing hoodoo when they downed South Fremantle at Leederville Oval to win their first game of the season by a lucky 13 points.

Coach Peter Curley was a relieved man after the game and he said it was a very good result for the side and the club in general.

"We ran the ball very well and had Souths chasing us for a change, instead of us doing all of the chasing," Curley said.

The Falcons were bolstered by the presence of former Claremont player Brian Sutherland, who was cleared last week and the experienced John Riggs, who will travel down from his teaching post in Jurien Bay each Saturday to play.

Paul Sanzone, who was on the verge of league selection, was West Perth's best until he left the ground with a hamstring injury and Darwin recruit Damian Daby combined well with Sanzone in the centre and on a half-forward flank.

Coaches must have a nice side

THERE has been considerable comment in the Golden West, particularly by columnists in Westside Football, about the merits of coaches and their ability to coach generally and capitalise on the talent available to them.

An obvious target is Michael Malthouse — an "Easterner" graduating from a broke, battling and working-class club in Melbourne's western suburbs and taking on the elite of WA football.

Malthouse is a good bloke and I'm confident he will satisfy all the requirements necessary to be a good coach. Unless I'm badly mistaken, he will prove co-operative and pleasant to work with as far as administrators, sponsors, officials and players are concerned.

This is the area where many coaches — and some people who pass judgment on coaching performances — are off cue.

PLEASANT

They fail to realise that the administration and coaching of a football team (like any other gathering of personnel) must be undertaken in a pleasant atmosphere.

Sport — and Australian Football in particular — should not be used as an excuse for people to make themselves act unpleasantly.

One of the greatest achievements by any coach is to conduct his business in a harmonious atmosphere. Unfortunately, many coaches are knowledgeable in team-preparation, tactics and skill teaching. But definitely not psychology.

Some coaches let themselves down and do irreparable damage by being unnecessarily unpleasant. They rant and rave, insult and sulk — mainly because they are immature and insensitive people — and then wonder why their victims take umbrage at their actions.

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The national view



by JOHN WARREN

Over the years I have seen many examples in all environments, from country club to national-league level, where clubs and teams have degenerated into almost total mediocrity because of the performances by a brilliant footballer turned hopeless coach.

In theory, the coach might have had all the knowledge required to guide a successful and talented team.

But by abusing people, playing favourites, arguing with officials, denigrating umpires, over-ruling club doctors and trainers, loading the match committee with "yes" men and becoming totally belligerent and irrational is not a desirable scenario

HARMONY

One of a coach's chief requirements is to generate happiness, harmony and a spirit of camaraderie.

If he goes around snarling at everything in sight, there can only be trouble. If he is not able or prepared to be reasonably pleasant, all the other attributes he may have are of little consequence.

Coaches need to be nice.

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PEPSI UNDER 19s

Swans in charge

SWAN Districts emerged victorious when the fight for top place in the under-19s was staged at Subiaco Oval last Saturday.

The standard of football matched the billing of the contest, but Swans found greater success in midfield to account for Subiaco by 11 points.

Matthew Poultney continued his outstanding form from the previous week, kicking three goals, and he found strong allies in Chris Peel, Brett Walker and Michael Sidebottom.

South Fremantle moved into third place when they scored an exciting three-point win over West Perth at Leederville Oval.

Promising utility player Nick Caputti capped off another outstanding display with three goals and he was well

supported by Dean Rummer, Gerrard Paganini and Greg Wootton.

Claremont, traditionally one of the power teams in the under-19s have made a slow start to 1990, but showed promise of things to come with a hard working 17-point win over Perth at Lathlain Park.

East Fremantle marched to the biggest winning margin of the day when they brushed aside East Perth at East Fremantle Oval.

Glen Davies, Graham Kerr and Carl Cicanese led the Sharks to their convincing win and the Royals had good performers in Mark Faithful and David Maroni.

The Sharks' win was their second of the season and they will be looking to continue their winning run when they play Claremont this week.

Trainers owe thanks to Roy Ennis

This weekly column is presented by Smith and Nephew and Elastoplast for the WA Trainers and Propertymen's Association.

AS football right across Australia heads into the 1990s and the start of a new national era, it's time to reflect on the history of the WA Trainers and Propertymen's Association.

The Association was formed about 1944 when trainers were associated with football clubs, but had no association or body to be affiliated with.

The founding father of the Association was Roy Ennis, who is still an active member.

Roy recalls how he and the late Allan Lyons went to Melbourne for a football carnival and were invited to attend a Trainers Association (VFL) meeting at the Collingwood Town Hall.

SUPPORT

On returning to WA, Roy and Allan decided to form an Association and had no problems in receiving support from trainers at the local football clubs that comprise today's WASFL.

The Association held monthly meetings throughout the football season, formed their own constitution and encouraged people to become trainers — functions that the Association still carries out.

Roy and his fellow members received a mere pittance for the long and arduous hours they put in over the years and the irony of their plight is still reflected today.

RECOGNITION

Unfortunately, the majority of trainers are the poor relations of football clubs and, like the ever-faithful dog, are always there to help out without complaint. However, things are changing and today's trainers are starting to receive some recognition for their efforts, thanks to Roy's unselfish contribution so many years ago.

Smith and Nephew, the manufacturers of Elastoplast and associated medicines, are sponsoring the Association through Lance Clark, their State man-

ager. We thank them for their foresight and contribution and trust that the association is a long and fruitful one for both parties.

The administration of the sponsorship is handled by the WASFL, the respective football clubs, including the umpires' trainers and the Town and Country Football Development Trust. We thank Mick Pember, of the FDT, for his negotiations and implementation of the Elastoplast sponsorship.

The league club trainers and also those attached to the umpiring fraternity are carrying the Elastoplast banner on their uniforms.

Westside Football have provided space in their publication for this column and future will cover such things as — Trainers Association meetings; continuation training through the ASMF; medical lectures by sports medicine professionals; interstate and AFL support by Association trainers; training activities associated with tours such as State schoolboys and Teal Cup; Quit Cup training and match support and inter/intra district junior football activities.

MEETINGS

It also imperative that as many members as possible attend the monthly meetings. At least one member from each club should attend meetings to take back to other members what business has been conducted.

Bill Sutherland and Kevin Richardson are thanked for their contributions as President and Secretary respectively. The two men have stood down from office as we are about to embark into a new era. Our new secretary is Dave Firstenberg, who has slotted into the position admirably and is an excellent off-sider.

The Association's next meeting is Thursday, May 3.

Vic Carbone, President
WA Trainers and
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Kicking football into the future



by Tonia Buckey

Esperance schools are targeted

ESPERANCE will be invaded by Town and Country Football Development Trust personnel when the next Level One coach accreditation course is held in the southern town on May 11 and 12.

targeted

FDT coaching co-ordinator, Gerard McNeill and promotions officer, Barry Cable, along with a Swan Districts player and West Coast Eagle, Chris Waterman, will spend two weekdays in the schools in the area before the course begins.

Former East Perth and Subiaco footballer Alex Hamilton, a teacher in Esperance, is co-ordinating the visit from his end and the four will visit training sessions at senior clubs in the evenings.

Cost of the course is \$30 and interested coaches can book by phoning McNeill at the FDT on 381 5599 or Gary Harman on (090) 71 1776.



Chris Waterman...heading for Esperance

PLAYERS HELP OUT

PERTH Pepsi Under-19s players, Wayne Clarkson and Steve Kendall, will be helping youngsters at the Longmore Training Centre with their football skills when they accompany Barry Cable on his weekly teaching sessions throughout May.

Cable, a promotions officer with the Town and Country Football Development Trust, is a regular visitor to the centre and players from each State League club are used as assistants on a rostered basis.

Under-19s players are preferred to older league players as they are closer to the age of the juvenile offenders and are easier for them to relate to.

The trio will spend an hour at the centre every Wednesday afternoon, conducting skill demonstrations and having an informal chat about the game.



Quit Campaign representative Joan McFarlane presented the match football to Mazenod captain Chris Peel after the game

QUIT CUP WIN TO MAZENOD

MAZENOD College put on a powerhouse performance in their victory over Kelmscott Senior High School at Subiaco Oval last Sunday to win the first metropolitan Quit Cup curtain-raiser of the year.

Playing before the West Coast Eagles-Sydney Swans clash, Mazenod kicked 11.6 in the first 25-minute half to put Kelmscott completely out of the game. They ran out winners 19.13 (127) to 1.0 (6).

Half-forward Scott Cummings capped off the side's good early work when he kicked four goals in the second half and James McLeod, at full-forward, kicked three majors late in the game.

The crowd was right behind Kelmscott when they finally got the ball past their half-forward line at the 14-minute-mark of the second half.

Tall Kelmscott wingman Peter Byrne kicked his side's solitary goal from the forward pocket, 40 metres from goal.

Best players for Kelmscott were Phil Harbour, Tom Burke and Russel Whitecross.

The two sides are competing in the South-East region Barry Cable Division of the first XVIII schools competition and both have been prominent in school football in recent years.

The match was the first of the Quit Cup final round which began this week after a two-week break over the school holidays.

Shark attack

EAST Fremantle players and officials will embark on an extensive midwest coaching trip this weekend when they leave Fremantle turf for the sands of Geraldton early on Sunday morning.

Graham Kickett and Elders regional development officer Mike Knuckey are co-ordinating the trip from the country zone and taking part in the mass exodus from Perth will be EFFC football manager Clinton Pike, general manager Bob Uittenbroek, officials Oscar Howard, Jack McManus, Wilson Onions, Ron Renfrey and Tony Nicholas, along with players Peter Quill, Cadel Buss, Clinton Wolf, Michael Taylor, Paul Quarrell, Stephen Bilcich, John Lawrence and Ron Adams.

Super clinics

The group will watch Great Northern Football League matches after they arrive on Sunday afternoon and they will conduct Hungry Jacks super clinics and lightning carnivals in 10 local primary schools on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Geraldton SHS's CIG Shield team will benefit from a training run under specialist guidance and players will watch a Quit Cup match between Geraldton and J. Wilcock high schools.

Everyone is invited to meet the visiting Sharks when they make special appearances in the Geraldton Hungry Jacks store on Monday and Tuesday evenings, between 5.30 and 6.30pm.

Milestone for Armadale's Little

ARMADALE'S Mike Little played his 150th game when Armadale clashed with Gosnells in last Sunday's round of Toyota Cup matches.

However, the 17-year-old's achievement failed to inspire his side and they lost to strong South Suburban performers Gosnells whose defenders didn't give an inch - and they didn't even give a goal away either.

Fremantle Districts sides Riverton and Willetton fought out the closest game of the round when Riverton snuck home by three points, 11.22 (88) to 12.13 (85).

The final margin would have been greater had Riverton kicked straight - they had eight more scoring shots, 33 to 25.

Last Sunday's Toyota Cup results were:

Tigers Cup - Hawks 14.5 (Snowball, Wilkinson, Schwann) d Karrinyup 9.12, Marist 13.11 (Ham, Newell, Cook) d North Beach 9.15, West Coast 9.10 d Hamersley/Carine 5.9.

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TOYOTA CUP

Fremantle Districts - Melville 21.10 (Clancy, Crofts) d Coolbellup 16.8 (Helmsman, Jones), Riverton 11.22 (G.Harboard, Hayward) d Willetton 12.13, Applecross 13.9 (Thompson, Mott) d Cockburn 6.11 (Kennington, Kirkward), Bullcreek 16.12 (MacDonald, Merks) d Rossmoyne 12.20 (Skepper, Reid).

Swan Districts - Swan View 30.13 (Haynes, MacPhearson, Arvino) d Kalamunda 0.1, Bassendean 29.13 (C.Kelly, Matsón, Borg) d High Wycombe 2.1 (P.Kelly, Ferris, O'Connor), Carlisle 12.6 (Tonge, Brehaut, Miller) d Eastern Hills 10.9 (Jankauskas, Murphy, Allen).

East/West Perth - Morley 10.8 (Lawrence, Tegois, Cunningham) d Noranda 7.8 (Tain, Sergi, Wilson), Bayswater 10.19 d Cougars 9.5 (Burgess, Fiest), North Innaloo 8.16 (Dawe, Donaldson) d Bombers 6.7, Osborne Park 19.10 (Green, Fallows, Peou) d Balga 10.9.

South Suburban/Perth - Gosnells 7.19 (Carter, Horan, Couper) d Armadale 0.7 (Brown, Coppins, Little), Forrestfield 13.12 (Nagel, J.Grant, C.Grant) d Rolleston 7.2 (Ellis, Rubery, Mort), Thornlie d Kelmscott.



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COACHES GET A SPONSOR

THE Town and Country Football Development Trust's coach education programme was given a boost this week when the Insurance Exchange of Australia announced its sponsorship of all accredited coaches and coaching courses in WA.

Sponsorship is the name of the game in modern day sport and from now on IEA will be associated with all coaching courses and seminars conducted by the FDT and the Australian Football Coaches Association.

Some 20 courses will be held during the year in both the country and metropolitan areas and the AFCA will be continuing with its high profile seminars for coaches.

Events already on the agenda are 'An evening with AFL umpires coach Bill Dellar' and a game analysis of the West

Coast Eagles — Brisbane Bears clash, with special guest Norm Dare, at Subiaco Oval on Sunday, May 20.

AFCA coach-of-the-Year awards will also be sponsored by IEA and presentation of the JJ Leonard Medal will be at the annual general meeting at the end of the season.

Nominations for the IEA coach-of-the-year will be accepted throughout the season and it is hoped that all junior and senior clubs recognize the tremendous work done by the coaches by rewarding them with a nomination for the award.

All FDT or AFCA coaching enquires should be directed to Gerard McNeill, the IEA director of coaching on 381 5599. All coaches are urged to use the many coaching resources housed at the FDT office on the ground floor of the Fremason's Hall, Roberts Rd, Subiaco.



This junior shows how its done in the Town and Country Little League match at Subiaco Oval

Town and Country Little League

SUBIACO were the only home team to win in last week's clash of the Town and Country Little League.

Aaron Kennedy, Christian Mackay and Christian Joder led the way for the Lions when they beat Swan Districts.

Best players for Swan Districts were Christopher Blake, Andrew Hardeman and Lejo Oawendek.

East Perth dominated against East Fremantle at Fremantle Oval with good performances from East Perth's Ben Castle, Stephen Western and Russell Cowle, while the Sharks Mathew Hayes, Stephen Phillips and Toby Foster all tried to push East Fremantle ahead.

The Bulldogs outlasted the Falcons at Leederville Oval with strong performances from South Fremantle's Michael Hickcock, Michael Mingivini and Damien Nella while Brett Richards, Kevin Gojak and Joh Buchanan were best for West Perth.

Claremont overcame home-side Perth at Lathlain Oval with Frank Delaney, John Lyon and Michael Mackenzie dominating competition while Craig Greig, Benjamin Graham and Joel Forsyth performed well for the Demons.

Coaches turn out

FOURTEEN country coaches made the most of their chance to earn Level One coach accreditation when Town and Country Football Development staff visited Port Hedland last weekend.

Eight senior coaches from the North Pilbara Football League attended including league coaches Stewart Egan (Karratha Kats), 'Boppo' Simpson (South Hedland) and Steve Mulhall (Rovers).

The good response was largely due to some hard work by NPFL President Adrian Marshall and the NPFL's efforts towards improving the image of the game in the Pilbara.

Kardinya show the way

KARDINYA dominated last weekend, winning four of their respective age groups in the South Fremantle Junior Council competition.

Their first two wins of the day were in the 10s North division when they

beat both Coolbellup and South Coogee B.

Kardinya again led the way in the 12s with a 37-point win over Baldivis, 10.11 to 5.4. The 14s competition saw Kardinya 10.20 (80) defeat Safety Bay 4.6 (30).

Other South Fremantle results were: 10s South — Kwinana 6.7 d Warnbro 5.7 (M. Fraser, C. Greene); Rockingham 11.15 (team effort) d Safety Bay 2.2.

10s North — Kardinya B (R. Moreno, A. Clode) d Coolbellup B; Fremantle Hawks 8.2 (G. Ellis, A. Pauli) d Coolbellup W 4.6; Kardinya G 10.6 (J. Mezzina, A. Brunett) d South Coogee B 5.5; Willagee 9.2 (J. Johnson, P. Stotten) d South Coogee W 4.3.

12s — Kardinya 10.11 (C. Meiers) d Baldivis 5.4; Warnbro 5.5 (N. Johns, A. Voges) Kardinya G 4.1 (P. Farmer, C. Johnson); Rockingham 15.7 (J. Brown, M. Dickson) d Lakes 1 4.0; Willagee 16.10 (R. Howard, D. Doyle) d Safety Bay 1.5.

14s — Kardinya 10.20 (T. Lowery, L. Maffie-Taylor) d Safety Bay 4.6; Rockingham W 11.15 (J. Donaldson, J. Capolicchio) drew Rockingham R 11.15 (K. Western, P. Ellmers); South Coogee 16.7 (D. Plunkett, J. Hughes) d Willagee 9.12 (J. Leighton).

16s — Cockburn 24.12 (S. Shuttleworth, S. O'Brien) d South Coogee 5.6 (G. Miller, N. Perna); Rockingham 30.18 d Kwinana 0.

Fixtures for Saturday, May 5 are as follows:

10s South — Baldivis vs Kwinana R, at Baldivis Oval; Kwinana B vs Warnbro, at Calista Oval; Rockingham vs Safety Bay W, at Anniversary Park.

10s North — Cockburn B vs Willagee, at Davilak Reserve; Cockburn G vs Lakes 2, at Davilak Reserve; Fremantle Hawks vs Coolbellup B, at the Hilton Park; Kardinya G vs Coolbellup W, at Morris Buzacott Reserve; South Coogee B vs Kardinya B, at Santich Park; South Coogee W vs Lakes 1, at Santich Park.

12s — Baldivis vs Kardinya G, at Baldivis Oval; Cockburn B vs Fremantle Hawks, at Davilak Reserve; Cockburn G vs Coolbellup W, at Davilak Reserve; Kardinya B vs South Coogee W, at Morris Buzacott Reserve; Kardinya R vs Lakes 1, at Calista Oval; Lakes 2 vs Kwinana B, at Nicholson Reserve; Rockingham vs Willagee, at Anniversary Park; Safety Bay vs Warnbro, at Georgetown Oval; South Coogee B vs Coolbellup B, at Santich Park.

14s — Cockburn vs Rockingham R, at Davilak Reserve; Fremantle Hawks vs Kardinya, at Hilton Park; Kwinana vs Willagee, at Calista Oval; Rockingham W vs South Coogee, at Anniversary Park; Safety Bay vs Coolbellup, at Georgetown Oval.

16s — Cockburn vs Kardinya, at Davilak Reserve; Fremantle Hawks vs Coolbellup, at Hilton Park; Kwinana vs South Coogee, at Calista Oval; Rockingham vs Warnbro, at Anniversary Park; Safety Bay vs Mandurah, at Georgetown Oval.

HUNGRY JACK'S THE HUNGRY JACK'S WHOPPER CLUB



By Guy McKenna

THE Football Development Trust's Aussie Footy program kicked-off to a great start when more than 18,000 children participated in Whopper clinics in the metropolitan and country areas during the first school term.

Aussie Footy co-ordinator Mick Pember estimates that a total of 70 schools received Whopper coaching clinics, which operate under the conditions of modified rules, equipment and smaller playing fields.

Whopper clinics will continue through the second school term in conjunction with Hungry Jack's Super clinics which are conducted in schools involved in the Aussie Footy program.

Super clinics run for an hour and concentrate on advanced Aussie Footy skills. All Super clinics will be organised by league development managers and conducted by an Eagles or WASFL player.

All super clinics will be conducted over the next school term leading up to a series of lightning carnivals in WASFL zones.

This week's coaching hint

LEARNING TO HANDBALL

TO execute the handball properly, the ball must be gripped firmly underneath with one hand and punched with the other fist, clenched tightly with your thumb outside (not inside) your fingers.

Make sure the ball is pointing at your target and your fist should connect right on the end. You should stand almost side-on to allow the punching arm to swing through freely.

For a right-handed handball, the left foot should be forward and vice-versa for a left-handed handballer. The hand holding the ball is known as the 'platform' and should be slightly bent. The punching arm is also bent at the elbow.

East/West sides are back in action

THE East/West junior council produced some good performances last weekend, as the 13s, 14s and 15s all resumed normal competition.

A consistent effort from all clubs saw a different team in each division pick up premiership points.

The East/West competition results:

13s — Ballajura 9.13 9B. Stubb-Mills, K. Duong) d Noranda 3.8 (P. Beaman, P. Cristin); Cougars 12.8 (Keely, Woodley) d Morley 3.6; Mt Lawley 27.18 d Bayswater; Aranmore 9.8 d Balga 8.6.

14s — Morley 18.22 d Swanleigh.

15s — North Innaloo 16.10 d Bombers 6.11; Bayswater 27.14 d Cougars 1.1 (Vaughan, Harvey); Noranda 10.5 d Morley 4.3; Osborne Park 25.16 d Balga 4.0.

Fixtures for Saturday May 5 are as follows:

9s — Morley vs Ballajura (Gold), at R. A. Cook Reserve 2; Bombers vs Cardinals, at Coolbinia Oval; Ballajura (White) vs Cougars (White), at Ballajura Oval; North Innaloo vs Bayswater, at Birralee Park; Mt Lawley vs Balga (Blue), at Inglewood Oval; Balga (Orange) vs Maylands, at Keemore Park; Balga (white) vs Cougars (Blue); Ballajura (Black) vs Osborne Park, at Ballajura Oval.

10s — Ballajura vs Cougars, at Ballajura Oval; North Innaloo vs Bayswater, at Birralee Park; Mt Lawley vs Morley, Inglewood Oval.

11s — Mt Lawley vs Cougars, at Inglewood Oval; Aranmore vs Maylands, at Keemore Park; Bombers vs Morley, at Coolbinia Oval; Ballajura vs Noranda, at Ballajura Oval.

12s — Mt Lawley vs Cougars, at Inglewood Oval; Cardinals vs Bayswater, at Menzies Park; Balga vs Osborne park, at Keemore Park; Ballajura vs Noranda, at Ballajura Oval.

13s — Morley vs Ballajura, at R. A. Cook Reserve 1; Aranmore vs Mt Lawley, at Les lillyman Reserve; Cougars vs Bombers, at Des Penman 1 Reserve; Bayswater vs Noranda, at Houghton 1 Park; North Innaloo vs Balga, at Birralee Park; Osborne Park vs Maylands, at Jones Paskin Reserve.

14s — Bayswater vs Noranda, at Houghton 1 Park; Swanleigh vs Bombers, at Swanleigh Oval.

15s — Bayswater vs Maylands, at Houghton 1 Park; Balga vs Morley, at Keemore Park; Cougars vs North Innaloo/Aranmore, at Des Penman 1 Park; Noranda vs Swanleigh; Osborne Park vs Bombers, at Jones Paskin Reserve.

Mighty Milo says...



Remember these Golden Rules

Follow up seven paces: After handpassing or kicking the football, you should always follow it up. Don't stop and watch it float away; follow on in the direction of delivery for at least seven paces.

By doing this you serve two purposes. Firstly, if an error occurs you are quickly on the scene to help your team-mate. Secondly, if your delivery is successful, you can support your team-mate receiving the ball by shepherding or even running past as a loose man.

Juniors should practice this running on at training so that the follow-up becomes automatic in a game.

The main thing to remember is that you don't leave your team-mate in trouble because your handball or kick is a little off target.

And here's this week's brain teaser on the rules of football:

The receiver of a free kick is injured. What happens to the kick?

The umpire gives the kick to his nearest team-mate.

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MUMME STARS IN UNIVERSITY WIN

FORMER WA Teal Cup star Brad Mumme steered University to an 86-point drubbing over Wesley-Curtin in a one-sided match last Saturday.

Mumme, who quit his comeback plans with Claremont after suffering a debilitating knee injury two years ago, showed few signs of the problem as he dominated the match.

Frank Wilson, who played senior football with both East Perth and Swan Districts, controlled the aerial duels and made life comfortable for Mumme and the other University running players.

Peter Hudson and Richard Caldwell, who kicked seven goals, were other outstanding contributors for the powerful University team which made a mockery of the game which promised so much.

Wesley-Curtin have a tough job in front of them. Had it not been for the work of Rex Carlhausen, Geoff Miller and rover Rick York, the defeat could have been more demoralising.

Maylands proved they have definitely "arrived" in A-grade with another solid performance, disposing of the highly-rated West Coast by 17 points.

Wingman Dean Ninnette played strongly in the first half, prompting coach Wally Sidebottom to give him a roving commission in the second half. He welcomed the change to be best afield.

DEFENCE

Defenders Ray Wilkinson and the consistent Tony Underwood ran the ball well out of defence and used the experienced Andy Maher to channel the play into attack.

West Coast stalwarts Kevin Osborne and Mark Taylor maintained their high standards despite the club's defeat.

Wembley completely out-classed Mt Lawley on the way to an emphatic 91-point victory over one of the competition's traditionally powerful teams.

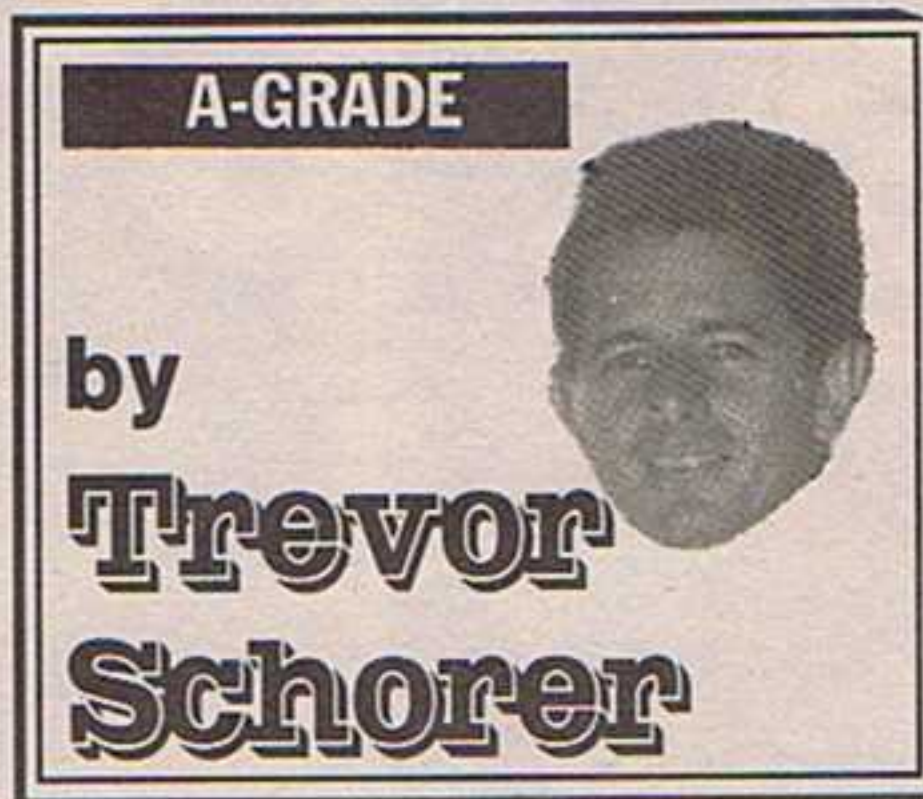
And that victory came after a less than convincing start which saw the Magpies trail Mt Lawley by about four goals at half-time.

At the break, Wembley captain-coach Gavin Biffin threw himself into the fray, took over in the centre and was the master behind an all-conquering second half.

His effort enabled the Magpies to steal the ball out of the middle and with the likes of Grant Morgan and Roger Piggott a constant annoyance for the opposition, Wembley gradually wrested control away from the Hawks.

Grant Callaghan and Peter Falconer also came alive and, along with centre-half-back Brad Roberts, continually thrust the ball forward with precision.

Mt Lawley welcomed the return of Phil "Porkey" Warren and he immediately showed he has retained a fierce competitive edge to his play.



A-GRADE

by
Trevor Schorer



Brad Mumme...back in top form

The Hawks are rebuilding and two young colts to play well were Lee Cahill and Darren Sumner, players expected to be an integral part of the club's long-term future.

Scarborough cemented their position in the top five with a 36-point win over Trinity-Aquinas.

Centreman Chris Conn, one of his team's most consistent players in recent years, was again one of the main contributors. Ruck-rover Andrew Frontino again showed his class out of the pivot.

Paul Kilgren, playing out of a back-pocket, was another major contributor for Scarborough.

A strained hamstring to star big man Jeremy McGrade unsettled the team balance of Trinity-Aquinas.

However, half-backs Brendon Kelly and Tom Parker, along with Mark Mulcahy in a back-pocket, played strongly and efficiently with strong rebound play from defence.

VICTORY

It was no surprise when North Beach downed Nollamara — but the victory wasn't as easy as expected.

The 35-point success was achieved with maximum effort as Nollamara, led by Mick Rea, applied the heat from the outset.

Rea, along with Phil Beattie and one of the most under-rated players in amateur ranks, David Brown, had the Tigers in trouble.

It was North's superb fitness which helped get them to the line.

The Tigers mental toughness instilled by coach Corry Bewick also allowed them to stand up to the challenge and remain undefeated.

Key forwards Paul Bidstrup and Paul Higgins showed their class and with former State captain Dave Perry created many problems.

This week North Beach should comfortably account for Mt Lawley; Scarborough are favoured in their clash with Wesley-Curtin; University will find Nollamara tough nuts to crack but should emerge with the points; and West Coast could rebound at the expense of Trinity-Aquinas.

TREVOR Schorer is continuing his up-to-the-minute half hour segment of amateur news, interviews and reviews on Radio 6NR on Sunday afternoons (except when the Eagles are playing at home) at 1.30pm.

AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

CBC snatch thrilling last-term victory

AN IMPROVED CBC staged a great recovery to come back from a six-goal three-quarter time deficit to 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.

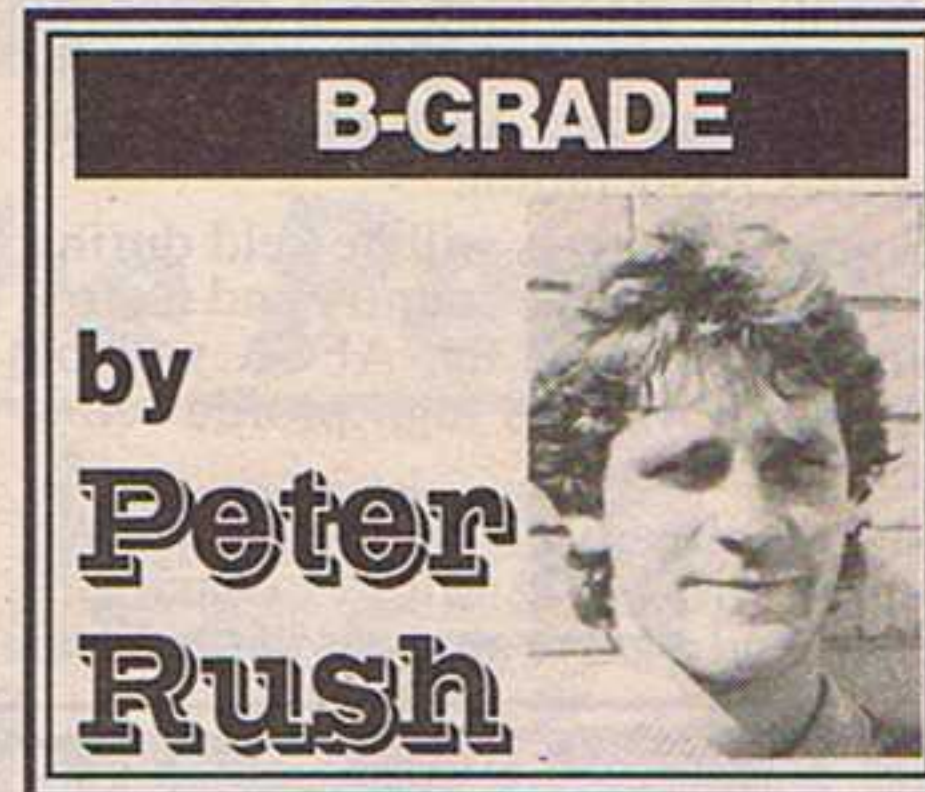
Graeme Howard continued his good form from last year, when he kicked over 100 goals, to weigh in with six majors, while John Ryan and Joe Lawrence were solid contributors.

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.

North Beach power on

by Chris Jeakings

NORTH Beach showed this week that they will be a side to be reckoned with after beating the powerful Nollamara outfit.

The scores were tied after a rugged first-half but North came out in the second-half full of confidence and determination.

Troy Verhoff showed the way as North Beach kicked eight goals to Nollamara's two.

North Beach showed plenty of skill in their running game and Nollamara were powerless to stop the onslaught.

Other good players for North Beach were Roger Perrie, John Malcolm and Bruce Reynolds.

Wembley easily accounted for an inept Mt Lawley by 12 goals. Wembley did as they pleased to cruise to an easy win with full forward David Dye kicking five goals. He was well supported by half-forward M. Schnider. Other strong players for Wembley were full-back C. Dennler and talented centre-man John Talbot.

CONFIDENCE

Maylands suffered another loss at the hands of West Coast. Maylands went into this game full of confidence after a fine win over Trinity Aquinas, but but the young Rams couldn't carry out the promise of another victory.

It was a hard fought game with West Coast having the edge throughout and repelling everything Maylands threw at them.

West Coast had fine players all over the ground while better players for Maylands were tough defender Darren Bray, midfielder Geoff Dean and Glen Yates.

University showed why they are favourites for the flag this year after thrashing Wesley Curtin by 23 goals. Wesley Curtin were never in the game from the first quarter after University took a seven-goal lead.

University had runners all over the field, while Wesley were lethargic.

In the other game, Trinity Aquinas

had their first victory over Scarborough.

This week's games should see North Beach easily defeat bottom side Mt Lawley; Scarborough should account for Wesley Curtin; University are fancied against Maylands; Trinity Aquinas will find it hard to defeat West Coast; and in the match of the day Wembley and Nollamara do battle.

In C Colts, Whitford Warriors had a resounding win over Wembley. Best players for Wembley were James Taylor and brothers Cam and Kevin Madden. Leading goalkicker was G. Kerr with three goals.

In D Colts, Applecross were big victors over a young number two North Beach side. Applecross set up victory with a nine-goal first quarter. Best players for North Beach were Graydon Van Der Wall, Paul Williams, David Lloyd and Warren Davies.

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Peter Wilson...ready to tackle his old club

Wilson key to Eagles power

FLAMBOYANT ruck-over Peter Wilson never has any trouble getting excited about his football.

But this Friday he could go completely over the top as he prepares for his first show-down with his former club, Richmond at the MCG.

Wilson left the Tigers under less than amicable circumstances after being dropped to the reserves by Kevin Bartlett last season.

Since heading home to WA he has been a key player for the Eagles and is one reason why the club has lost just one of its first five matches.

Wilson adds aggression, versatility, strength and pace to the Eagles line-up and he will be looking forward to a confrontation with his former team-mates.

He loves a challenge, responds to big matches and often provides that inspirational run or mark which lifts his side.

YARD STICK

In his three years with Richmond, when the club found games difficult to win, Wilson rarely allowed his own standards to drop. And if a player's performance in a losing team is the yard stick to measure ability then Wilson is dux of the class.

Even last year when the WA state-of-origin team was thumped by Victoria — and Queenlander Jason Dunstall — Wilson was one of the few stars.

The match will also mark a special moment for coach Mick Malthouse, who has fond memories of his time with Richmond.

When Malthouse returned to the Western Oval a few weeks ago the players responded with a brilliant performance against Footscray, completely out-pointing the Bulldogs.

Clearly they reserved an outstanding performance to ensure Malthouse savoured victory.

This time around they should reserve the same treatment for Wilson, who is sure to come in for plenty of treatment from the parochial and biased Richmond crowd.

Of the team which disposed of the Sydney Swans last season, Wilson is the only newcomer, apart from the injection to some young talent in the form of Subiaco pair Brett Heady and Dean Kemp.

So the role of Wilson in the rise

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of the Eagles should not be underestimated.

The biggest problem facing the Eagles remains winning games in Melbourne and that's where Wilson should also come into his own.

He was clearly the Eagles best player when the club lost to St Kilda at Moorabbin and he will feel at home when the boys play at the MCG on Friday night.

Obviously there are more variables in the improved form of the Eagles than the introduction of Wilson, but he remains a key in the situation.

The form of players like Dwayne Lamb, Kemp, Steve Malaxos and Phil Scott has also had a bit to do with the Eagles' fine start to the season.

It is significant that the Eagles have found themselves in a 4-1 situation only once before. That was in 1988 when they made the five for the first and only time in their brief history.

Ump collapses

BOUNDARY umpire Dominic White found the pace of the Claremont side too hot to handle at Lathlain Park last Saturday when the Tigers kicked 14 goals in an inspired first half.

White jumped the fence to retrieve a ball, collapsed and failed to return to the arena late in the second term.

Exhaustion was reportedly the cause. He rested for the remaining 10 minutes of the quarter and was back in position for the start of the second half.

It was a concern that the game went on for a few minutes on White's wing before emergency umpire Ray Zoch replaced him.



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