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300 UP

THIS is Westside Football's 300th issue — and to celebrate, WA's only football newspaper is honouring 14 of this State's all-time great footballers.

It was back in April, 1979 that Westside Football first hit the news-stands and in those 300 editions, we have witnessed the footballing feats of many champions.

To commemorate our 300th edition, Westside has inaugurated a 300-game medallion to be presented to a group of outstanding West Australians — those 14 men who have reached the magical 300-game milestone.

Five of our champions have played 300 games in Western Australia. Seven have passed that target with games in the Victorian Football League and two others have

added South Australian games to their tally.

A special presentation today (Thursday) will honour those 14 footballers and mark down a significant day in West Australian football history — the day the State's football newspaper reached a major milestone and acknowledged the feats of some truly West Australian sporting giants.

Inside this week's edition, Westside acknowledges some good wishes from our major advertisers — and presents a special four-page feature on football over our 300 editions.

But the people who should be thanked most of all are YOU — the readers. Keep up your support and we'll break the 400-edition barrier.



Well done, Westside
 "The staff of WESTSIDE FOOTBALL must be congratulated for producing such a well-balanced, informative newspaper that plays a vital role in the sport in WA. The paper covers all facets of the game — from juniors, through to the country leagues, amateurs, Superules and the major State and national competitions. I don't even mind when the paper criticises football officialdom — that's important for the game — to keep itself in perspective."
 — Dr Peter Tannock, Chairman of the WA Football Commission.

300 GAME PLAYERS

BARRY CABLE
 382 games
 Perth (1962-69, 1971-73, 225 games)
 North Melbourne (1970, 1974-77, 116 games)
 East Perth (1978-79, 41 games)

BRIAN PEAKE
 374 games
 East Fremantle (1972-80, 1985-90, 304 games)
 Geelong (1981-84, 66 games)
 Perth (1990, 4 games)

MEL WHINNEN
 371 games
 West Perth 1960-1977

GRAHAM FARMER
 356 games
 East Perth (1953-61, 176 games)
 Geelong (1962-67, 101 games)
 West Perth (1968-71, 79 games)

STEVEN CURTIS
 345 games
 East Perth (1973-82, 215 games)
 Port Adelaide, SA (1983-88, 130 games)

BILL DEMPSEY
 343 games
 West Perth 1960-1976

GRAHAM MOSS
 342 games
 Claremont (1969-72, 1977-83, 253 games)
 Essendon (1973-76, 89 games)

JACK SHEEDY
 340 games
 East Fremantle (1942-55, 210 games)
 East Perth (1956-63, 122 games)
 South Melbourne (1944, 8 games)

PETER FEATHERBY
 332 games
 Subiaco (1970-74, 1977-79, 1984-88, 197 games)
 Footscray (1975-76, 42 games)
 Geelong (1980-83, 93 games)

GRAHAM MELROSE
 322 games
 East Fremantle (1967-74, 140 games)
 North Melbourne (1975-79, 111 games)
 Swan Districts (1980-83, 71 games)

BRYAN COUSINS
 312 games
 Perth (1970-74, 1980-87, 240 games)
 Geelong (1975-79, 72 games)

RON ALEXANDER
 308 games
 East Perth (1971-75, 98 games)
 Fitzroy (1976-81, 133 games)
 East Fremantle (1982-85, 77 games)

TOM GRUJUSICH
 307 games
 South Fremantle (1960-64, 1968-76, 258 games)
 Central District, SA (1965-67, 49 games)

BILL WALKER
 305 games
 Swan Districts 1961-1976

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State League has plenty of queries

by
Robert Bennett
of the Sunday Times



TWO burning questions are posed for the football critics — just how good are Swan Districts and are Claremont kidding?

After a one-sided start to the season, the State League is shaping as one of the most interesting in years.

Swans could easily be undefeated with just one tight loss, while Claremont — after looking as though they were going to carry on from last year's premiership — have become erratic.

The improved form of East Perth and resurgence of West Perth (after a pathetic start) has spiced up the competition.

DIFFICULT

With a third of the season gone, it is difficult to pick which two teams will make the grand final, let alone win the premiership.

Are Swans as good as their position on the premiership ladder indicates?

At this stage they deserve to be premiership favourites, but there is still a long way to go.

Will it be a case of early-ripe early-rotten? I doubt it.

Unlike last year, when they were dumped from the four in the last qualifying match, Swans can make an impact in this year's finals series and should contest the second semi-final.

Claremont, who have won two of the past three premierships, are the enigma of the competition.

They have looked very ordinary at times this season, yet are laced with talent.

As I said earlier this season, the outcome of the premiership battle could be decided on the availability of West Coast Eagles players in the finals.

And Claremont could have a heap of those to select from, should they make the four.

NEESHAM'S ROLE

But is it a case of coach Gerard Neesham bringing the Tigers along slowly this year — or is it a case of them struggling to adapt without him on the playing field.

Neesham certainly wouldn't be too concerned at seeing the spotlight swing onto Swans at present, rather than on his team.

East Fremantle are another side who are difficult to assess on their current form.

Like Claremont, their performances tend to oscillate between good and ordinary.

This Saturday will provide an indication as to whether they are on course for a second semi-final appearance.

They have the players capable of winning the flag, but in recent seasons the Sharks have failed to find the right recipe in their team selection and balance.

They seem susceptible against some sides, yet they have an abundance of mobile men to choose from.

Subiaco are another side who are difficult to assess.

The only team to have beaten Swans this season,

they look at times as though they could be a premiership contender. But it wouldn't surprise if they miss the finals.

It must be frustrating for coach Haydn Bunton to have a team that is so inconsistent after two recent premiership flags.

South Fremantle are probably the biggest disappointment of the season.

After last year's second semi-final win, the Bulldogs appeared ready to usher in a new era. But they have played this season the same way they did in the grand final — like a team of stumblebums.

They would need to make a marked improvement if they are to go as far as last season. In fact, they are in danger of not making the finals.

ROYALS PRESSURE

West Perth are on a run at the moment and it will be interesting to see if their talented players will be able to handle the pressure likely to be dished out by East Perth this week.

The outcome of this game could decide which of these two teams will give the most cheek for the rest of the season.

One thing seems certain. If neither side make the four, they should both help shape it.

And Perth? Well the only thing certain about them is that they will be a contender for the wooden spoon.

However, the way the season has been going, it would not surprise if they popped up for a win against South Fremantle on Saturday.

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Footy Rumours

GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE CLUBS



Dashing Brisbane Bears defender Mark Zanotti was certainly at his eye-catching best when he lined up against his former Eagles team-mates at Subiaco Oval last Sunday. The 1986 Subiaco Simpson Medallist won his battle with ace Eagle forward Peter Sumich when he was moved to full-back and he produced some typical runs out of defence (above left). And on one occasion (above right), he showed the Eagles more than a clean set of heels!

KEEN LISTENERS

RADIO 6NR found themselves broadcasting to a captive audience at Subiaco Oval last Saturday. The community-service station cover football very extensively, but their effort at the Subiaco-East Perth game took some topping. Every time the match commentators crossed to Colin Minson for a boundary-line report on his roving microphone, the public address system picked up the conversation!

DARE SEES PROBLEMS

BRISBANE Bears coach Norm Dare is certainly the reluctant coach when it comes to national football. Dare, press-ganged into the Bears job this year with the upheavals in the club, told members of the Coaches' Association in Perth on Sunday that while he loved the job, he wished that sacked coach Peter Knights was still there. "Knights had a tough job, but he did it well," said Dare, who came over as laid-back, but a straight-shooter when it came to coaching. "He had a bunch of misfits and it was hard pulling them together."

UMPS TOO SOFT

FOOTBALL veteran and volatile commentator John Hayes always played the game tough. That's why he got annoyed on Radio 6NR on Saturday when umpires Peter Repper and David Johnson kept finding "soft" infringements as the Lions devoured the Royals. "Body contact is allowed, you know" said Hayes in a plea to the umpires. "It's a physical game, but you wouldn't think so the way they are umpiring."

BROWNIE WAS RIGHT!

CONTROVERSIAL football critic and State selector Mal Brown hit the nail on the head when previewing the West Coast Eagles/Brisbane Bears clash on Radio 6PR last Saturday. Brown said the Eagles could give the Bears a quarter start and still win, which is exactly how the match panned out. The visitors managed 9.9 for the game — two points more than the home team's half-time total of 8.13. By the end of the third quarter, the Eagles had rattled up 14.19 to prove Brown's prediction correct.

CONFUSED CARMEN

WHO does Premier Carmen Lawrence think she's kidding? She had the audacity last week to compare Parliament with a football match, with disgraceful heckling, name calling and outbursts. That's an insult to football — at least our spectators are intelligent, dedicated, loyal and know exactly who they're barracking for, who to abuse and who they want to win.

CONFUSION REIGNS

LEAGUE headquarters must have some sort of exception status when it comes to rules and regulations affecting football. The recent ruling by the WA Football Commission that spectators must keep off the ground at quarter-time was blatantly ignored at Subiaco Oval last Saturday. And the number of kids wandering through the Little League game as tomorrow's stars tried to play was disgraceful.

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SUB STANDARD

THE issue of whether a South Australian team should join the expanded Australian Football League is the nation's most controversial topic at present. The SANFL has opted to stay out of the AFL till 1993 and then only join if a number of conditions are accepted. The decision has been criticised, both within SA and externally. Westside Football's equivalent newspaper in Adelaide, Football Times, has been outspoken on the issue and these two prominent SA columnists sum up the situation.

Adelaide journalist **MIKE ROBINSON** says ...

SOUTH Australian football is in a mess — and our football media can take a big share of the blame for it.

If anything rammed home the extent of the mess, it was the recent events surrounding South Adelaide (who have declared themselves virtually insolvent). The Panthers' plight descended into farce.

The most comical moment was a story in The Advertiser (Adelaide's morning newspaper) suggesting that South Adelaide would join North Melbourne to form an AFL team.

How could this absurd concept ever get into print without some obvious questions being raised?

MEDIA WEAKNESS

But that is the football media's weakness in SA. It does not do enough questioning of the direction and leadership of SA's football.

For a start, it is hopeless to expect much from the electronic media.

SA's football television commentary is blighted by toadyism, sycophancy and nest-feathering.

In a season when SA football's standard has sunk to its nadir, there are no bad games. They are all "great games" or "the big match" according to the Channel 9 team.

It is in their vested interests to talk up football, no matter how appalling the standard of many games.

It is the ABC's Mark Aiston who must get the nod for the most unthinking remark of the past few seasons. He declared after last year's great mid-season clash between Port Adelaide and North Adelaide that it should quieten those critics who said the standard of SA football was falling.

What piffle! The level of SA football skills continues to plummet. Three or four sides are managing to set

Football legend **DICK JONES** says ...

LEAGUE football in SA needs someone to grab it by the scruff of the neck and pull it into gear before more clubs find themselves in an advanced state of rigor mortis.

But just what is all the shock and horror about concerning the latest football fiasco?

How anyone with an ounce of football knowledge and only half a deck of business brains to play with, could not see the writing on the wall for league football in SA absolutely amazes me.

How can struggling clubs, with the administration overheads they carry plus player payments, remain solvent when only a handful of spectators go to the games and more sports want a slice of the leisure dollar?

COMPETITIVE

How can the same clubs, with no more than six (some even less) league-standard footballers, attract sponsors

SA cops blast for remaining isolated

some sort of standard; they are carrying the rest.

In the print media, only one writer has dared to constantly criticise the standard of SA football and the way it is run — Football Times veteran Dick Jones, who has caused some well-deserved ripples of discomfort among the Football Park hierarchy.

I don't agree with Jones' over-riding view that South Australia should have a team in the AFL. But I agree with him that SA football is close to becoming a joke.

PERSISTENCE

And I admire his persistence. It is a persistence that should be matched in the other media.

If all the column metres devoted to the trivial drivel of tribunal hearings were used to hammer away at the league, the message would get through.

The message is:

"SA cannot have it both ways. If it does not join the AFL it has to restructure its own league to survive."

That restructuring requires leadership. The media plays a vital role in questioning leadership in other areas of life such as politics.

It is about time it questioned SA football's leadership.

Or maybe the media has to provide the leadership. If so, part of the media has to work out a vision for SA football and pursue that vision with terrier-like persistence.

It was interesting to see an article by Geoff Roach in The News the other day calling for the SA league to be reduced to six teams. I wrote an article for the Football Times Yearbook on the same concept. That was in 1980!



That opportunity was there in 1980. The SA league would not have been in today's mess if it had been taken.

But, no, the media tagged along as football took a new turn.

Suddenly, the idea of a national league was being pushed hard and strong.

National league? A Victorian plot!

No, it was not Victoria who wanted a national league in the early Eighties. In fact, the Vics did not want a bar of it.

There was only one State pushing like mad to have its own team join the VFL — South Australia!

and raise money when it is impossible for them to be even competitive, let alone successful, on the playing field?

Interest payments on borrowings against unproductive assets, which in some cases are not even on land owned by the clubs, often amount to more than the income generated.

Common logic will tell you that when expenditure exceeds income, then the massage liniment (or some other substance) must hit the fan. Common logic tells you SA does not have the population to carry 10 clubs.

PREDICAMENT

SA football has only itself to blame for the predicament in which it now finds itself...and the blame lies firmly at the doorstep of the administrators.

Why clubs have not acted to rectify the situation only they can answer.

There must have been someone other than the past general manager of South Adelaide who realised that the club simply could not carry on.

Yet nothing was done to bring the situation into the open in an attempt to rectify matters.

The problem is that members were always hearing how great their clubs were and how financially strong they were — and they believed it.

So the "yes men" and "brown noses" of football must take the blame for continually telling the football follower that there is nothing wrong and that the game is great — and they will continue to operate that way because when the league tells them to jump, they simply ask how high and never question why.

Unfortunately, it is the clubs and the game that have landed in the substance that hit the fan — and it surprises me that it took so long for that to happen.

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SHARKS CAN STOP TODD'S TOP SWANS

EAST Fremantle have the capacity to bounce back from their Leederville Oval setback last Saturday to end table-topping Swan Districts three-match winning streak.

That's the opinion of quick-thinking Sharks defender Shane Ellis.

"We'll get back to our best form on Saturday," said Ellis.

"We didn't play well against West Perth, but going into the match we were on a four-match winning streak of our own.

"The next game is a totally different proposition — it's another week and another team."

East Fremantle will need to be big improvers for Ellis' confident prediction to become a reality. Numerous Sharks let the side down in many areas at Leederville — one was commitment for the ball and that is Swans big strength.

Swans move the ball swiftly through the midfield and into the forward area where key position players Shaun Davey and Shane Stempel have been dominant.

Defenders Paul Gow, Don Langsford and Brendon Retzlaff, who can also be used in the centre, have been in good form and their prospective opponents have difficult tasks ahead of them.

Versatile key position player Clinton Browning could be the man to turn the match East Fremantle's way, but he'll need more than the support of Billy Krakouer, Glen Moir and Darren Hammond, who were among the few Sharks to emerge from last Saturday's match with their reputations intact.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

CLAREMONT and Subiaco players are bracing themselves for what should be an enthralling encounter at Claremont Oval on Saturday.

In recent seasons, meetings at Tigerland between these two sides have been close, hard-fought matches with the final outcome hanging in the balance until late in the last term.

This clash should be no exception with both teams recording wins last Saturday.

Claremont have shown uncharacteristic signs of weakness this season which should test the fourth-placed Lions, who crept into the top four following their round eight win over East Perth.

Subiaco ruckman Shane Cocker can dominate at centre bouncdowns and around the ground and he will be well supported by in-form Garry Kemp, Wayne Golding and skipper Brian Taylor.

The Tigers, who beat 1989 grand final opponents South Fremantle last Saturday, have a lot of ball-winners in good form.

Joe Cormack has settled in well since his arrival from Swan Districts and John Annear and Don Pyke are showing glimpses of their top form.

TIGHT PERTH DERBY

MORE than pride will be at stake in the Perth derby when East and West clash at Perth Oval on Saturday.

Sixth spot on the premiership table and a chance to stay in touch with the top four is up for grabs for both sides, while a loss could leave the loser two games adrift of a finals spot.

West Perth — a hat-trick of wins behind them — have match-winners in all parts of the ground.

Craig Turley (if he doesn't get a recall to the West Coast Eagles) could provide the inspiration, especially if he gets support from midfielder Malcolm Williams, wingman Paul Mifka and ruckman Basil Zempilas.

The Royals should welcome back ace centreman George Giannakis from injury and Glen Bartlett provides a focal point in attack at full-forward.

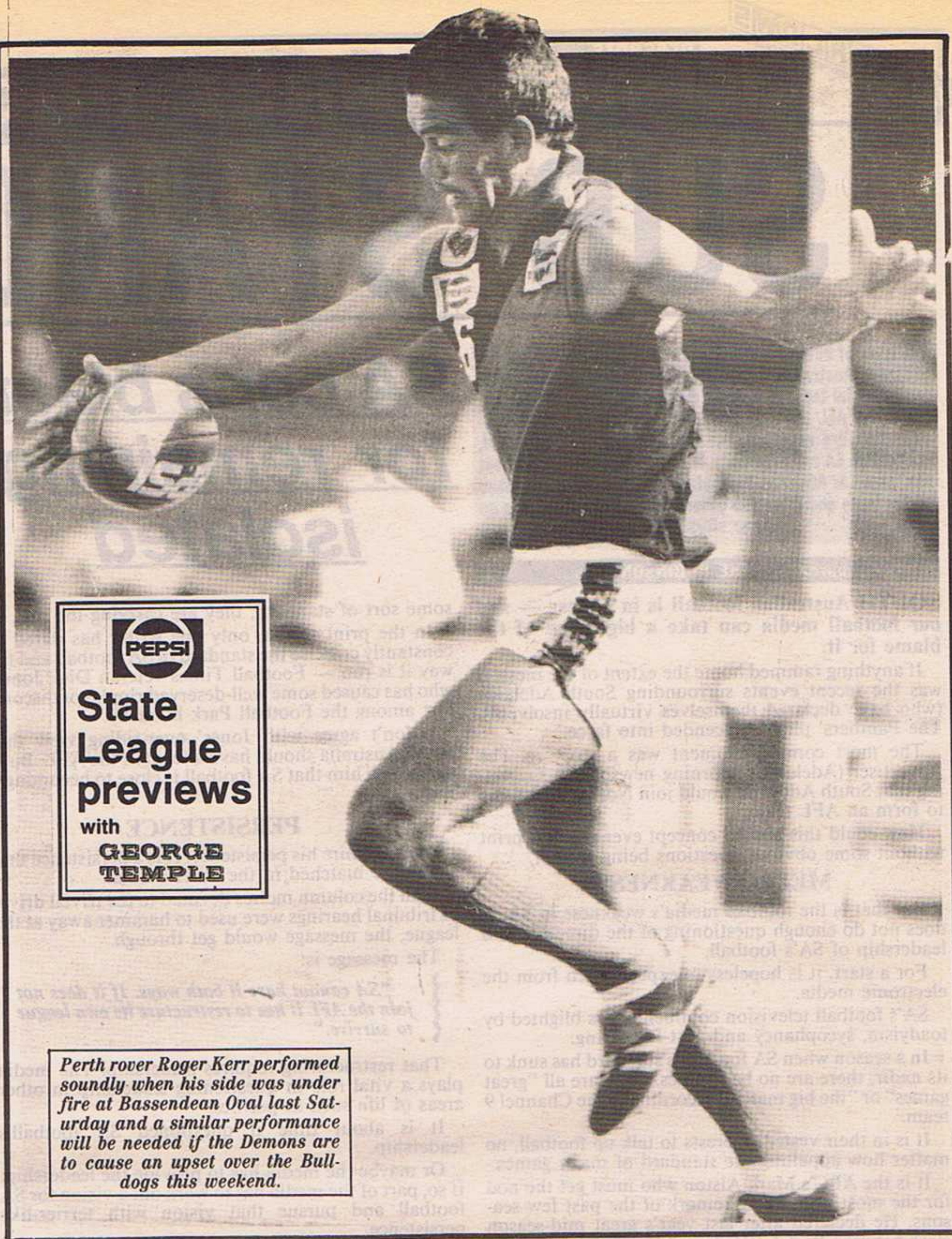
BULLDOGS LOOK GOOD

IT IS extremely hard to make a case for Perth beating South Fremantle even though the battle is at Lathlain Park.

The Demons were comprehensively beaten by Swan Districts last Saturday, while the Bulldogs are smarting from their narrow loss to Claremont.

The ruck combination of South's Dean Irving and Craig Edwards should be too strong for the Perth duo of Ian Newman and John Gavranich and their little men — David Hart, Merv Dellar and Cliff Collard — will be too swift.

The Demons are down in the dumps and it will be left to Mark Watson and Roger Kerr to inspire them.



PEPSI
State League previews with **GEORGE TEMPLE**

Perth rover Roger Kerr performed soundly when his side was under fire at Bassendean Oval last Saturday and a similar performance will be needed if the Demons are to cause an upset over the Bulldogs this weekend.

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), W(27), W(68), L(8)
 WEST PERTH L(86), L(24), L(66), L(159), L(65), W(16), W(4), W(8)
 SWAN DISTRICTS W(3), W(23), W(66), W(32), L(15), W(100), W(15), W(115)
 PERTH L(3), L(52), L(50), W(30), L(97), L(16), L(68), L(115)

CLAREMONT W(7), W(57), L(15), W(159), W(97), L(27), L(15), W(10)
 SOUTH FREMANTLE L(7), W(52), W(21), L(32), W(65), W(5), L(51), L(10)
 SUBIACO W(105), L(57), W(50), L(20), W(15), L(5), L(4), W(17)
 EAST PERTH L(105), W(24), W(15), L(30), L(11), L(100), W(51), L(17)

Emu Export present ... WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS



*Tally does not include AFL tips	Tally	Claremont v Subiaco	E. Frem v S. Dist	E. Perth v W. Perth	Perth v S. Frem	Eagles v Geelong
RON ALEXANDER	19	Claremont	Swan Districts	East Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
ROB BENNETT	16	Claremont	East Fremantle	East Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	18	Claremont	East Fremantle	East Perth	South Fremantle	Geelong
TANIA ARMSTRONG	16	Claremont	Swan Districts	East Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST	20	Claremont	East Fremantle	East Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	17	Claremont	Swan Districts	East Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	19	Claremont	East Fremantle	East Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	19	Claremont	Swan Districts	East Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
GEORGE TEMPLE	17	Claremont	Swan Districts	West Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	16	Claremont	Swan Districts	East Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	18	Claremont	Swan Districts	East Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles

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THE plight of football in Australia is definitely one thing — disjointed.

If this state of affairs continues, we will face some bad long-term effects.

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standard of football.

Yet despite those positive points, we have clubs losing huge amounts of money — the Brisbane Bears \$26 million in three years for example — and at least five of the 14 clubs currently in an unfinancial position.

STRATEGIES

Across the border, South Australia have put some strategies in place which see them currently own their stadium, Football Park, valued at \$38 million — plus they have a bank account boasting more than \$1.5 million, thanks to some smart marketing.

But they are still losing good players to the AFL — and they are not playing in the national league, which must be a concern for them.

Come further West across the Nullarbor Plain and you'll find the club that should be one of the most successful AFL teams in Australia for the next 10 years — if they survive financially.

DISASTROUS

After a disastrous initial three-year period from a financial point of view (squandering at least \$7 million in funds) things appear to be on a steady footing... and that foot is squarely in the middle of the back of the local State League.

With the three main bodies of football in Australia pulling in different directions, sports such as soccer and basketball will erode the great base we have built up over 100 years.

They are already accessing a greater slice of the sponsorship dollar, the television coverage and the participators

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pie. Add to this their ability to recruit players world-wide and it seems obvious that football needs a united front.

Until we change the Australian Football Council from being solely Victorian-based, no truly national view can be sought and for that reason alone, we will remain disjointed.

The first question passed at the national forum in Melbourne last November was: "Do we want a national league?"

To a person (WAFL, WAFC, SANFL, AFC, ACTFL, VFA, TNFL, NTFL etc, etc) the answer was 'Yes'. But from that point onwards, nothing was agreed to.

Viewpoint

with
Claremont Coach

**GERARD
NEESHAM**



WESTSIDE WINNERS

SEVEN lucky winners have won some magnificent prizes in Westside Football's \$10,000 Footy Bonanza competition at Subiaco Oval last Saturday.

Mark Sweeney (Woodlands), L. King (Marangaroo) and L. Renton (Balcata) have all won a pack of Houghton's premium wines.

Pat Heady, of Mullaloo will become an official member of the Subiaco Football Club, while P.C.Gorman collects a carton of Pepsi-Cola.

Riverton's W. Gleeson takes home a pack of Angove's quality wines; Andrew Hartill, of Como, won two double passes to Club Rumours; Scott Bruins, of Duncraig, wins a Lions club V-neck jumper and a Lions territory sign went to Jennie Willimott, of Dianella.

Winners can collect their prizes from the Subiaco club office.

Let's upgrade Fremantle Oval

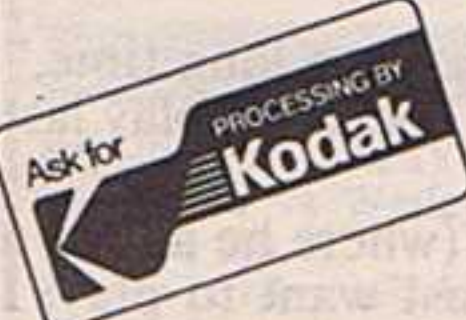
IT'S time our local football broadened its horizons and elevated Fremantle Oval in stature as a major venue.

Having spent all my life in the Fremantle area, I'm obviously a little biased, but I'm convinced that the Bulldogs headquarters could succeed with a higher profile.

It has great atmosphere and is a tremendous venue to play at. With some minor adjustments to the ground, it would be suitable for a first semi-final or double headers.

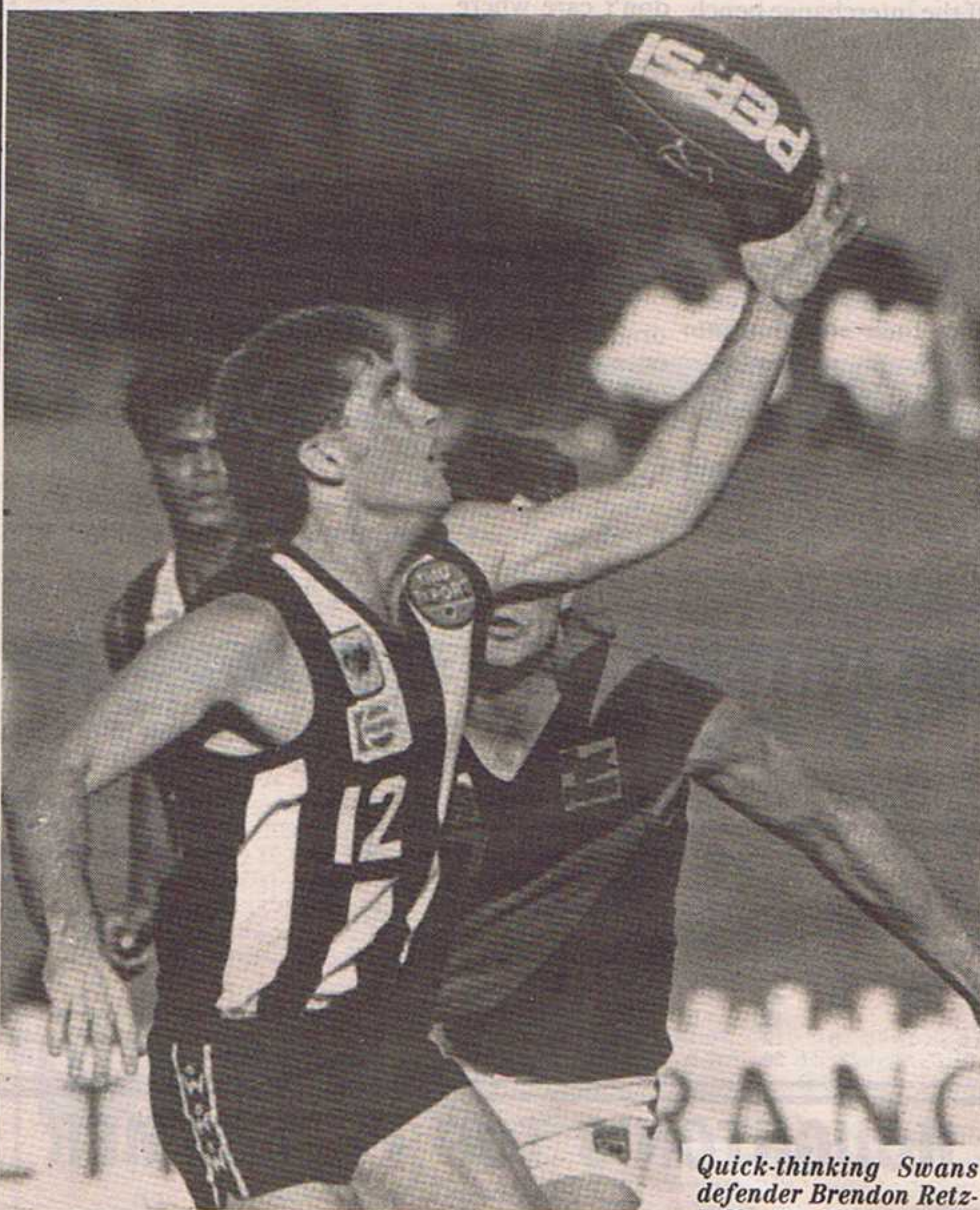
There are requirements for sponsors with seating, signage and so forth. But these could be overcome and playing in front of 20,000 people at Fremantle Oval is something only a few people have experienced.

The atmosphere would bring people back to football — at football's home, the Port!



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PHOTO ACTION



Quick-thinking Swans defender Brendon Retzlaff was back to his punishing best at Bascendean Oval when the Swans demolished Perth. Retzlaff has outstanding skills on both sides of his body and combines well in the centre with Len Gandini.

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Geelong in trouble

TIMING can be everything in football and at the moment it seems to be favouring the West Coast Eagles.

Normally, a clash with Geelong would send shivers down the spine and would represent a game the Eagles would be lucky to win.

But this Sunday, the injury-riddled Cats, beaten grand finalists last season, come to Perth as the underdogs.

With just four wins from the first eight rounds — including a morale-crushing defeat by the Sydney Swans at the SCG last Friday night — things are not going so well for the boys from sleepy hollow.



To be fair, Geelong have been on the receiving end of some terrible luck with two of the game's most exciting players, Gary Ablett and Andrew Bews, out of action for long periods.

Ablett is making a steady recovery after being forced to have a knee operation just a few weeks ago and Bews is out for the rest of the season with a similar problem.

BRILLIANCE

Take the sheer brilliance of Ablett and the ball-winning ability of Bews out of any team and they would feel the pinch. As well, 1986 Sandover Medalist Mark Bairstow, a prime mover in the club's push to the grand final, has returned to the family farm near Lake Grace.

The loss to Sydney last Friday night was surprising.

That was a match Geelong budgeted on winning and now they face an interesting clash with the Eagles who, though they won, were not totally convincing against the Brisbane Bears last Sunday.

But the Eagles have enough of their midfield players in good touch — Guy McKenna leading the way in the centre last Sunday, with solid support from the likes of Dean Kemp, Brett Heady and Peter Wilson.

As well Dwayne Lamb, the team's No. 1 negator, has been outstanding all year and will probably get the chance to add the scalp of last year's Brownlow Medallist Paul Couch to his already impressive belt.

The defence, still the meanest in the competition despite a thrashing by Melbourne a fortnight ago, has been superb.

John Worsfold, Murray Rance and the very much under-rated Michael Brennan are a tight-knit bunch with great understanding.

GOALKICKERS

And they are sure to get plenty of opportunities to figure in the action against the Cats who, even without a couple of superstars, have some great goalkicking talent.

Bill Brownless, Bruce Lindner, Gavin Exell and Ken Hinkley all have the ability to wreak havoc on an opposition defence.

The Eagles looked good up forward last week with either Peter Sumich or Geoff Miles at full-forward and Stevan Jackson at centre-half-forward, but the biggest difference was the emergence of Phil Narkle.

The Eagles can go a long way towards entrenching themselves in the top three with a win on Sunday — an essential factor in the club's long-range plans.

by **Gary Stocks**



of The West Australian

EAGLES RATINGS

Player	Col	SK	FT	Carl	SS	R	Mel	BB	TOT
ANNEAR, John	5	4r	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
BEGOVICH, Tony	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3r	3
BREMAN, Todd	-	5	6	5	6	4	-	-	26
BRENNAN, Michael	8	4	-	6	6	6	5	6	41
GWILLIAM, Brad	5	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	14
HART, David	-	7	4r	-	-	-	-	-	11
IRVING, Dean	5	4	3r	-	-	-	-	-	12
HEADY, Brett	-	-	6	6	6	6	6	7	31
JACKSON, Stevan	-	5	5	5	7	6	6	7	34
KEMP, Dean	7	6	7	8	7	6	5	8	54
LADLEY, Dean	5	6	7	7	6	7	4i	-	42
LAMB, Dwayne	6	5	7	7	6	6	7	6	50
LANGDON, Karl	7	5	8	6	5	7	6	5	49
LEWIS, Chris	3r	-	-	-	5	5	6	19	19
LOCKYER, Andrew	4	3r	-	-	-	5	5	-	17
MAINWARING, Chris	6	6	-	4	5	-	5	26	26
MALAKOS, Steve	-	6	6	7	6	7	6	38	38
MATERA, Peter	5	-	-	-	-	5	6	16	16
MILES, Geoff	-	-	-	-	-	5	5r	10	10
McKENNA, Guy	5	6	6	6	6	7	4	7	47
NARKLE, Phil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
O'CONNELL, David	-	-	4r	3	-	-	-	-	7
PEOS, Paul	6	5	3i	-	-	-	-	-	14
PYKE, Don	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
RANCE, Murray	6	6	6	8	6	6	5	6	49
SCOTT, Phil	6	4	6	7	7	8	5	5	48
SUMICH, Peter	6	4	6	6	7	6	5	4	44
TURLEY, Craig	-	7	6	6	6	4	-	-	29
UGLE, Troy	7	6	7	5	5	5	-	-	35
WATTERS, Scott	-	6	5	5	-	-	-	3r	19
WILSON, Peter	6	6	8	7	6	6	5	6	50
WORSFOLD, John	6	6	7	6	6	6	8	7	52

AFL GOALKICKERS

	Gls	Pts
LOCKETT, Tony (St Kilda)	45	24
BENNETT, Darren (Melbourne)	42	20
DUNSTALL, Jason (Hawthorn)	41	19
SUMICH, Peter (Eagles)	34	23
LONGMIRE, John (Nth Melb)	33	22
DAICOS, Peter (Collingwood)	28	13
BRERETON, Dermott (Hawthorn)	25	10
ABLETT, Gary (Geelong)	24	16
GRANT, Chris (Footscray)	24	19
GERMAN, Peter (Nth Melb)	20	9
FELL, Shane (Sydney Swans)	19	11
HOGG, Jeff (Richmond)	16	10
BEWICK, Darren (Essendon)	16	11
WERNER, Michael (Essendon)	16	8
BARWICK, Doug (Collingwood)	15	7



MILLER'S MARK

High-flying Eagle Geoff Miles came off the interchange bench to take this spectacular mark against the Bears as former Swan Districts player Mike Richardson can only watch.



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OUT ON A WING

CHRIS Mainwaring has been one of the success stories of the West Coast Eagles. A member of their inaugural squad in 1987, he emerged from the shadows of more accomplished teammates to be one of the VFL's most exciting wingmen. He became one of the national competition's hottest properties and has twice been runner-up for the Eagles fairest and best award. Mainwaring, equally as flamboyant off the field, took time out from his busy schedule for this interview.

Mainy thrives on hard work



teams are copping the same treatment that we get when we go away. It was hard in the first year because the public didn't know who to barrack for.

WESTSIDE: You've cultivated an image for yourself, appearing in TV and newspaper advertisements. Do you enjoy the publicity or do you find it intrudes on your private life?

MAINWARING: It does intrude on your private life, but it's part and parcel of the game...and it helps the work I do outside of football. Notoriety can be inconvenient when you want to go out and have a quiet night with friends without being hassled. The TV commercials are on behalf of our Eagles sponsors, while the other is another avenue where I'm able to make a bit of a career for myself outside of football and insurance work. A football career doesn't last long and it makes sense to capitalise on the benefits when they're there.

WESTSIDE: Has your football image had a positive effect on your business life?



Chris Mainwaring...copes well with his high profile life-style

WESTSIDE: The Eagles start has scared the purists in the Eastern States, who are already talking about preventing them from winning a premiership. Does that bother the players?

MAINWARING: I'm not sure if the players realise how badly affected we are by the stipulations the AFL have placed on us. It's not something that's brought out in a group discussion. The AFL make it very difficult for us and every time we start to win a few games, they want to change the rules and that stinks. They wanted our money and for us to be part of the competition, but that's all — which is what Bernie Quinlan said on television the other day. They're very hypocritical. South Australia have been cheeky with the stipulations they want to join the AFL. But they know they'll struggle if they go in on AFL terms. South Australia were wise to sit back for a few years and learn from our mistakes.

WESTSIDE: Your football career blossomed after the Eagles inception in 1987. You're now in the superstar class. Did you ever believe you would be such a well-known personality in the game?

MAINWARING: It came as a shock. It's like anything, one day you're in the country, the next you're in the city and then you're in the AFL. It's been a pretty immediate rise, but it's nothing that anyone plans. You put in a lot of effort and in terms of playing good football and getting there, it's something that you've worked for. This year hasn't been the best for me with injuries and illness, but hopefully all that hard work I've done will hold me in good stead.

WESTSIDE: How hard was it being dropped last week?

MAINWARING: With the depth we've got this year, I have to realise that just because I played well in previous seasons doesn't necessarily guarantee me a spot in the team. Players are pressing for selection every game and it's a matter of pushing hard every week.

WESTSIDE: Would you like to get back on the wing?

MAINWARING: I'd love to get back there. I've been on the wing for most of the last three years and I'm accustomed to that position.

WESTSIDE: What was it like being an inaugural Eagle in 1987 and how do you see today's image of the Eagles and the public's perception of them?

MAINWARING: At the start it was almost like Hollywood with the ritzy glamour. It was very up-market with all the publicity, flights to Melbourne, the media attention and the high-flyers. It was enjoyable, but that could have had a detrimental effect on the side because we thought it was going to be easy. It didn't take us too long though to work out that it wasn't going to be all plain sailing. Over the years the players have slowly got used to that. It's no longer a novelty hopping onto a plane and going to Melbourne. Now that we're playing good football, the public support in Perth is turning towards us. People who used to follow the Victorian sides are starting to cheer us on and become more loyal to the West Australian team. It's good to see the loyalty in the fans here because the opposition

MAINWARING: Yes and no. People don't run to you in the insurance game, but being a well-known identity helps because they tend to be more friendly when you ring them for the first time. However, you've still got to get out there and prospect for business.

WESTSIDE: You're involved in a few things now, what are they?

MAINWARING: There's the football and promotional work, the insurance business Langdon-Mainwaring and Associates and the Beachside Function Centre, on Scarborough foreshore. I'm in Beachside with two other partners and it's available for seminars, weddings or any general functions. Those ventures should do me for the moment. Karl (Langdon) and I have set ourselves a three-year goal with the insurance company — that's also when our Eagles contracts run out — and we'll reassess our situation then.

WESTSIDE: You said things haven't gone right for you this season. What did you mean?

MAINWARING: A few things. I started well in the first two games, but then copped a fractured vertebrae in my back which put me out for two weeks. I then came down with an illness, which sapped my energy and it took me a while to get back to top fitness. Because the side is so strong, I was on the bench a few times and it was hard to get into the swing of things. Everyone goes through a bad patch and maybe this is my time. It's only been a month, but people have asked the question: "what's gone wrong with Chris Mainwaring." You don't lose your talent overnight and it won't be long before I'm back to the form people are used to.

WESTSIDE: You copped a bit of publicity over the early-season drinking episode. Did that affect your form?

MAINWARING: It did, because the reporting of it was totally out of context. The fact that I was with Paul Peos didn't mean I was out drinking all night. I just happened to be with him. There was no evidence that I had been wayward, which shows bad journalism as far as I'm concerned. Unfortunately, the person concerned has got it in for me. It's up to him what he writes — I'm more concerned with the young kids who look up to me. My true friends know what I'm like, but unfortunately media can make you out to be someone you're not. I've got to live with that. Another footballer got caught for drunken driving the other day and he was on page 15 of *The West Australian*, not the back page of the *Daily News* like me.

WESTSIDE: Has Mick Malthouse spoken to you about it?

MAINWARING: He said I let the side down, which is probably true. As I said, the story wasn't accurate. But we're professionals and maybe we should not have been out that night. However, I still have a private life to lead. That's past history now.

WESTSIDE: Was it hard to motivate yourself to play for East Fremantle?

MAINWARING: It was, considering I hadn't worn a blue and white jumper for three years. Initially, it was easy to motivate myself because I wanted to get back into the Eagles side. But once I got out there, it was a different style of game, which made it hard. That's not to put East Fremantle down — they play a good style of football and the players really encouraged me; they said it was good to have me back, but they wanted to see me back in the Eagles side, which was magnificent.

WESTSIDE: What are your hopes of being selected in the State-of-Origin side to play Victoria.

MAINWARING: Going on present form the selectors would have their doubts about me. The one thing in my favour is that I've won the best player award for Western Australia for the past three years. Those coaches have been Ron Alexander and Mal Brown, who are coach and selector this season. Hopefully, they will look at my past record. A few years ago, Alex Ishchenko was chosen to represent WA when he wasn't even in the Eagles side at the time. I've got three more weeks to play myself into the team and hopefully they will see me in the same light as Gary Buckenara, who is chosen because he's a big-game performer.

WESTSIDE: Has WA improved enough over the past 12 months to get near the Vics?

MAINWARING: A few of the West Australians in the AFL are starting to show their form. Guys like Darren Bennett and Nicky Winmar have improved a lot and Brad Rowe is playing as well as any of the Victorians. We'll give the Vics a run for their money, especially with the new State-of-Origin rules preventing the likes of Jason Dunstall from playing. There's also some guys in the State Football League who will press strong claims for inclusion.



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Royals boast young talent

EAST Perth are proving to be something of a puzzle for coach Ian McCulloch and I can understand why.

On the two occasions I've seen the Royals this year, they have been disappointing — against Perth and Subiaco, going down both times.

They rely on too few players to carry the work load and look ordinary when those key players are pressured out of the game.

But, unlike previous years, there are signs of exciting young talent emerging.

Players such as defenders Matt Clape and Jeremy Silcock and forward Marcus Seacamp are good ball players, skilled and prepared to work hard.

Former Subiaco player Andrew Slade did a good job of tagging Subiaco's Miel Lee out of the game and Royals ruckman Stephen Hooper showed that he can wield influence when he concentrates on football.

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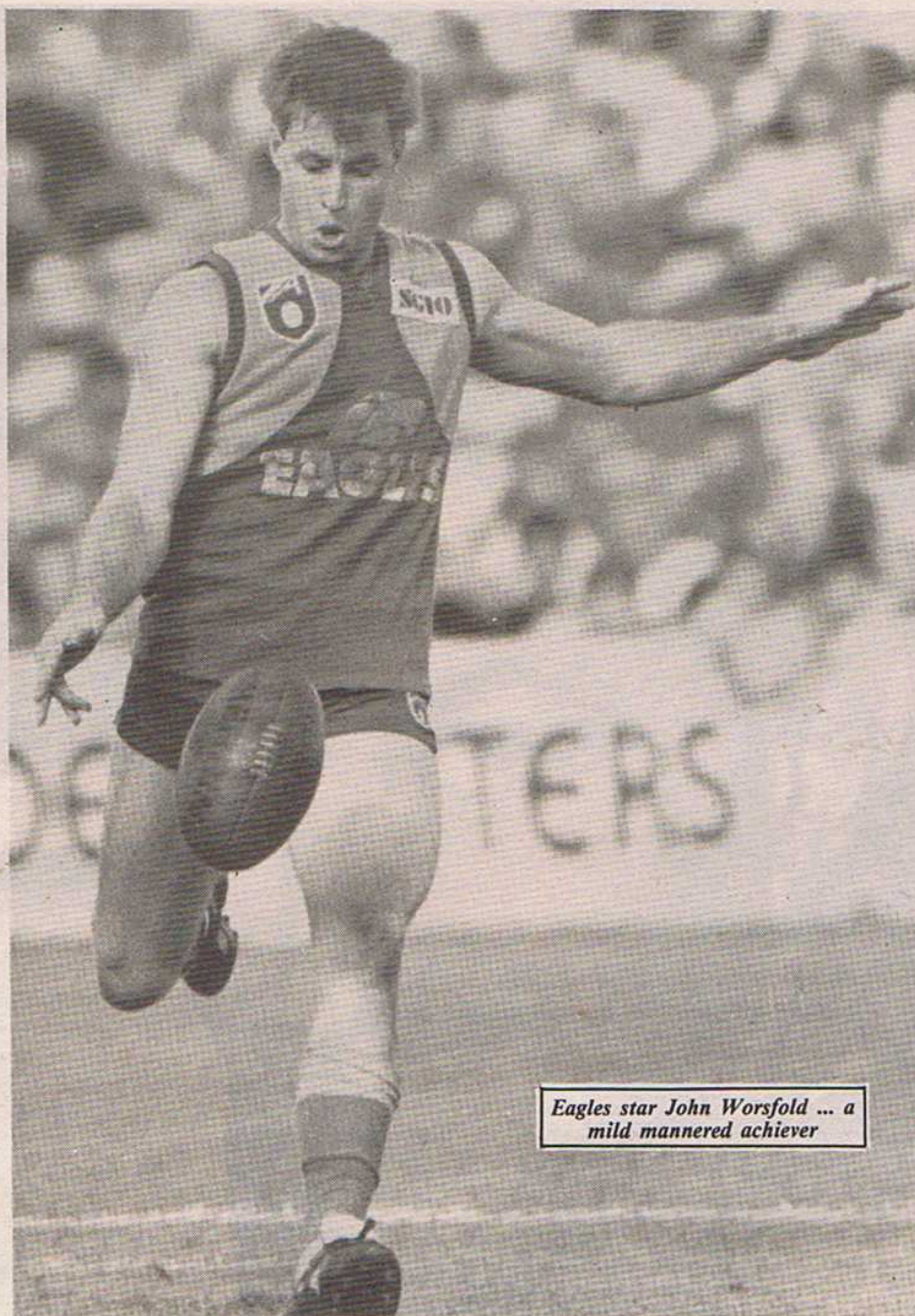
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THEY call him Superman — and it's no wonder when you see him perform!

John Worsfold, the mild-mannered bespectacled pharmacist, becomes one of the game's mean-machines when he dons his West Coast Eagles cape.

Worsfold has been in great touch this season and is one of the Eagles genuine competitors every week. He is strong, aggressive and highly-skilled and is a superb team-man.

He just shrugs and smiles when people ask him why he becomes so mean and even nasty as soon as he crosses that white line. It's not even in his passive off-field nature to indulge in a debate about his tactics!

GREAT DUEL

His duel with Brisbane Bears danger-man Brad Hardie was a great one last Sunday.

People who go to the football to see the one-on-one contests must surely have enjoyed that enormous tussle.

Worsfold and Hardie seldom left each other alone and while the Eagle took the points, the former WA champ wasn't far from showing his best form after a frustrating summer of decision-making about his playing future.

Former Eagles pair shone out

THE Brisbane Bears might have folded against the West Coasters last Sunday, but two of the best players on the ground were former Eagles in big Alex Ishchenko and dashing Mark Zanolli.

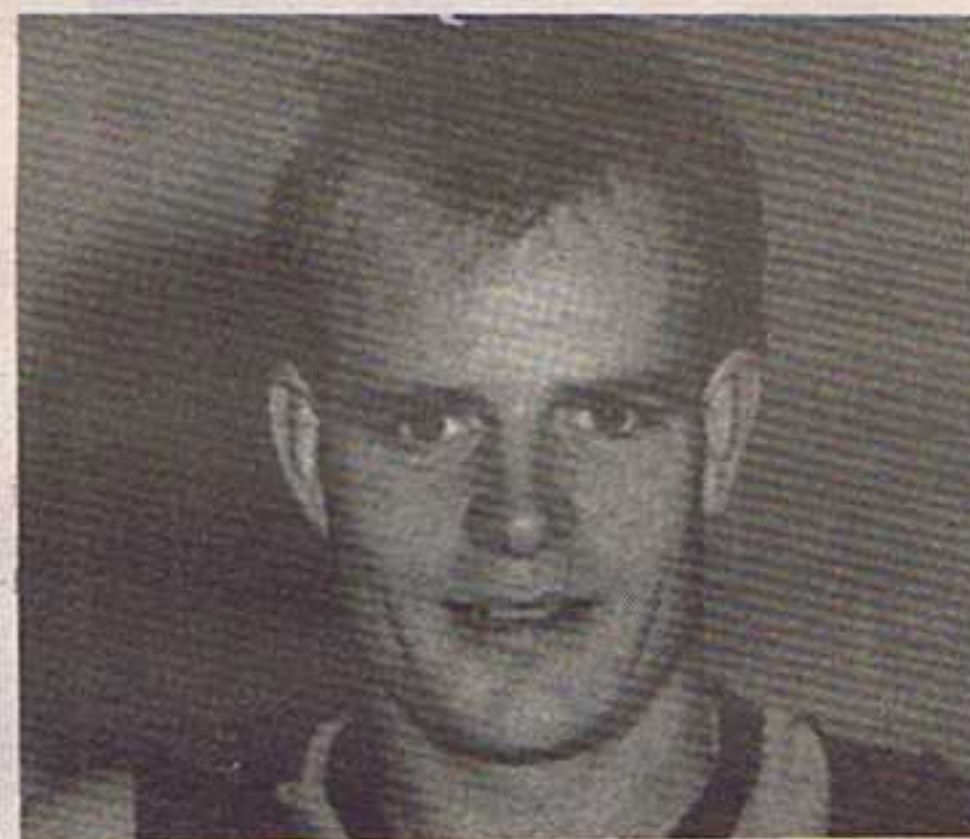
Both played significant roles for the Bears and obviously revelled in the challenge of their return to Subiaco Oval.

Ishchenko controlled the ruck and was especially effective playing a kick behind the play, where he marked strongly and used his possessions to advantage.

Zanolli was super-fast across the half-back line and then tight and effective at full-back when he out-played Peter Sumich with excellent defensive work. He used his pace to advantage and set up many attacking moves.

Both players have been in fine touch this season and didn't do their claims for the State-of-Origin game any harm. It was pretty obvious why State League general manager John O'Connell was chasing their Gold Coast telephone numbers after the match!

Kemp mark II in fine touch



Garry Kemp...dominant midfielder

THE name Kemp is synonymous with good football this season, — Dean with the Eagles and Garry with Subiaco.

Every time I've watched Subiaco this year, Garry has been a significant difference between the teams.

He has the enormous ability to turn a game with his genuine pace and skills.

Because of injury problems, Kemp's fitness level may be down a little at present, but he continues to be a key to Subiaco's midfield play and their success for 1990. He should be a State player later this season.

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THE MAGIC IS BACK

ONE of the real bonuses for the Eagles camp last week was the return of Phil (Mr Magic) Narkle to national football after such a long absence.

The decision to re-draft Narkle after a two-year injury break was a gamble, but he showed last Sunday against the Bears that he still has plenty to offer the game.

Players don't gain high reputations easily and Narkle's ability to win the ball and use it constructively was most evident.

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Falcons in fine tune

THE West Perth changerooms were the scene of ecstatic joy after the Falcons notched their eight-point win over East Fremantle last Saturday.

Two choruses of the club song were separated only by some motivational words from coach George Michalczyk, who was elated by the team's performance.

"Things are so much sweeter now than they were in the first five games," Michalczyk told his players.

"You had to put up with a lot of rubbish then and now you've won three games in a row and you're proving all the critics wrong.

"There have been some real pleasing aspects in your game. You were four goals down against Subiaco, but bounced back to win and you did the same thing today.

"Now we've got to continue on with it and push for a place in the top four."

SHARKS ROOMS

It was a different story in the East Fremantle rooms.

The players copped a 15-minute blast from bitterly-disappointed coach Ron Wilcox, who said that the team had not been able to cope with West Perth's kick-and-rush style of game.

"There were too many players wanting to play the game as if we were winning it," Wilcox said.

"Too few of them were prepared to do the burrowing that Darren Hammond, Glen Moir and Gary Smallridge did. They wanted to be receivers of the ball.

"We spent the day chasing the backs of players, as West Perth just booted the ball anywhere into their forward line."



West Perth coach George Michalczyk (centre) with his happy Falcons

Hat-trick time for Falcons

IT WAS a big day for West Perth last Saturday.

The Falcons, struggling near the bottom of the table in all three grades, managed a hat-trick of wins over East Fremantle — a club whose top two sides were in the top two of their respective premiership tables before Saturday.

West Perth beat the Sharks by eight points in the all-important league clash, the reserves won convincingly by 50-points, while the under 19s got home by 22 points.

Kemp is a Medal fancy

SUBIACO'S Garry Kemp is an early favourite for the 1990 Sandover Medal, according to unofficial book-making sources.

Kemp's odds of winning WA's most coveted individual prize are 5/1, closely followed by South Fremantle's Glen Jakovich at 6/1 and East Perth's George Giannakis, the Lions Shane Cocker and East Fremantle's Clinton Browning, all at sevens.

Grand final reunion

MANY old rivalries will be renewed at East Fremantle Oval this Saturday — but mainly in the comfort of the sponsors lounge.

The Sharks have invited members of the 1965 East Fremantle and Swan Districts grand final teams to a special luncheon and pre-match parade to promote their top-four clash.

"The way things are shaping up, we could be playing Swans in this year's grand final," said East Fremantle general manager Bob Uittenbroek.

"It was way back in 1965 when we last clashed with Swans in a grand final and as the two clubs have always enjoyed a good relationship, we thought we'd get the players down here for the day."

East Fremantle are also planning a special gate promotion which will give one lucky spectator a week in sunny Exmouth.

Everyone going through the turnstiles will get a free ticket in a draw for one week's accommodation at Exmouth's Potshot Hotel Resort, which includes a day's deep-sea fishing and a trip aboard the Ningaloo Coral Explorer.

NEARLY A RECORD

ROYALS skipper Glen Bartlett almost kicked himself into WA football history last Saturday when he had posted all six of his team's goals against Subiaco as the game neared an end.

But at the 27-minute mark of the final term, team-mate Daymon Port robbed him of the unique achievement by kicking East Perth's seventh major.

The most goals kicked by a sole scorer for a WA league team is four — ironically in an East Perth-Subiaco clash in 1918 when a Lions player named Sampson kicked all of Subiaco's goals.

In 1963, another Lions player in Reg Hampson (father of current player Damien), kicked all three of his team's goals against West Perth.

LAMB HOPES NOT DASHED

ONE of the saddest sights in football is to see a player who has fought back from serious injury, carried from the ground.

Such was the case when East Fremantle forward Colin Lamb, who returned to league ranks in round four after almost a two-year absence from the game, was lifted by trainers into the Sharks locker room last Saturday.

It looked as though it was the end of Lamb's road as his troublesome knee gave way again.

But it was a more confident player who spoke about the incident earlier this week.

"I'll just see how things go, but it doesn't seem too bad," Lamb said.

"When it happened I thought that was it for me. But it's not as bad as we thought.

"Now it's just a matter of seeing if I'll be out for one, two or three weeks."

Lamb sliced a knee cartilage in round eight of the 1988 season and that had to grow back before he could resume training this year.



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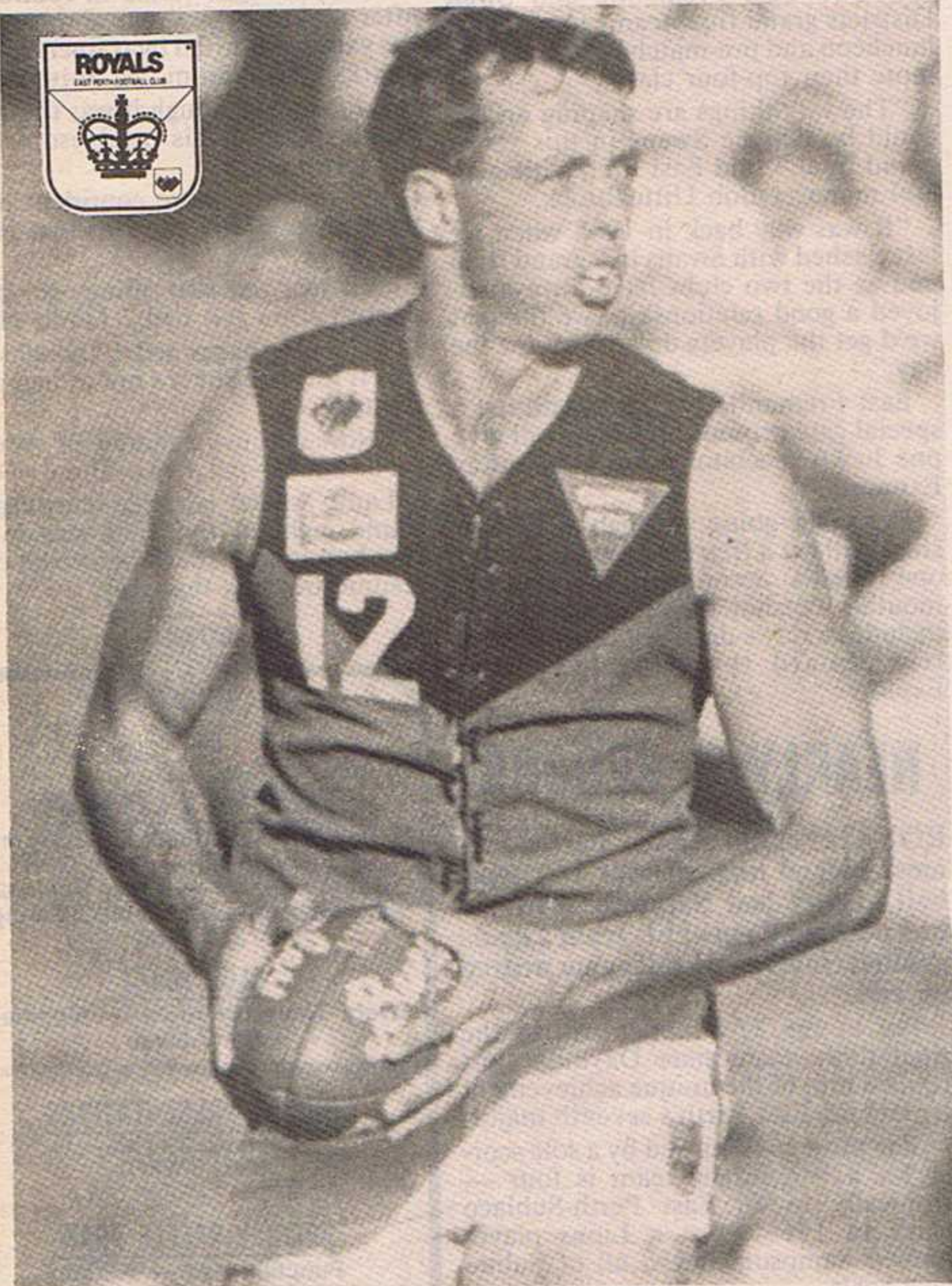
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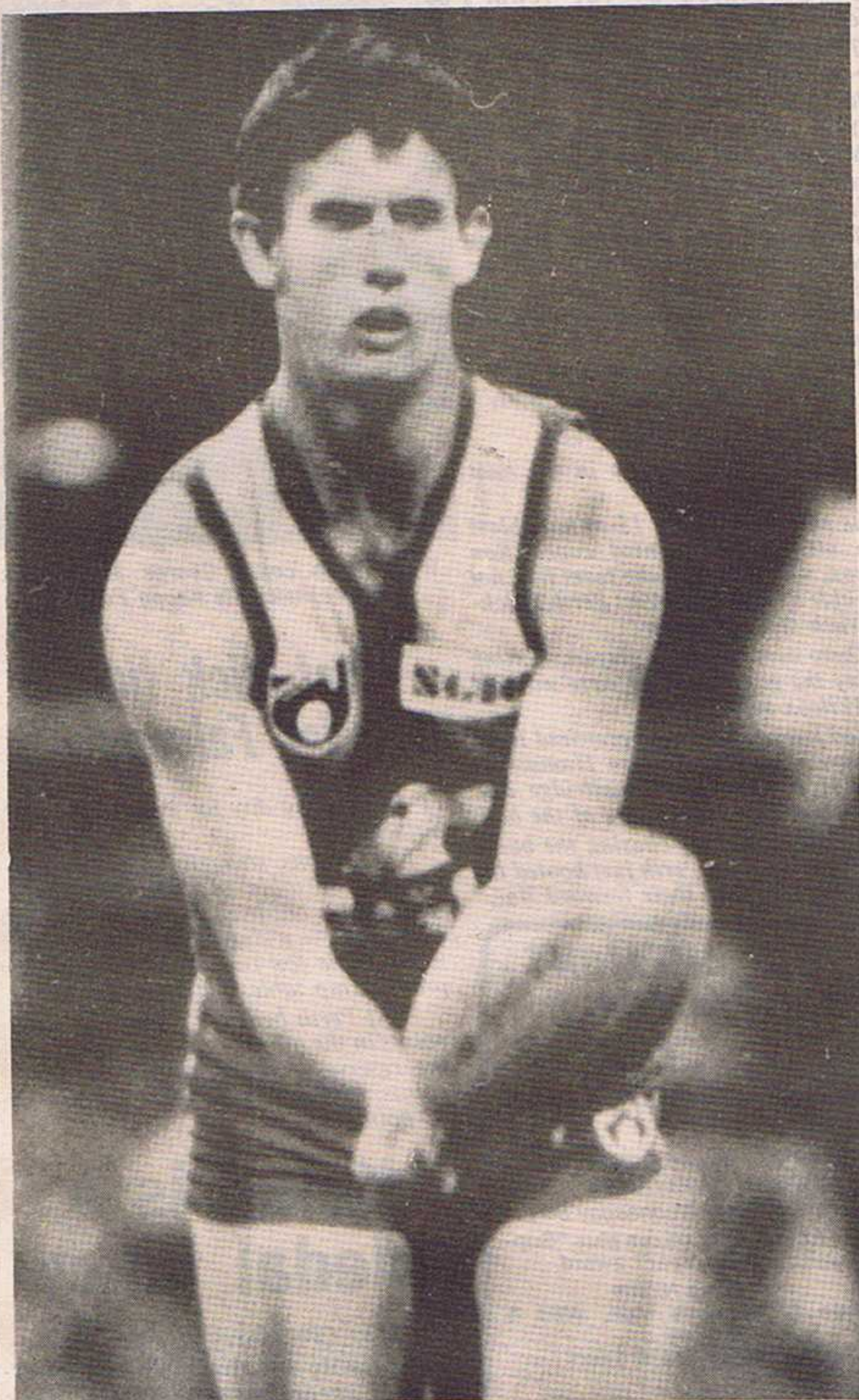
Nickname: Mellon
Date of Birth: 10.1.66 **Place of Birth:** Moora
Height: 190cms **Weight:** 92kgs
Age started playing: 5
Previous club/s: Bindi Miling, East Fremantle Junior club:
 Bindi Miling, Wesley College
Marital status: Single
Residence: Miling
Occupation: Farmer **Place of Work:** Miling
Other sporting interests: Cricket, scuba diving, basketball,
 tennis
Favourite position: Centre-half-back **First position:** Back-
 pocket
League debut: 1986 East Fremantle **Versus:** West Perth

FAVOURITES:

Actor: John Cleese **Drink:** Milkshakes
TV show: — **Food:** Seafood
Movie: The Odd Angry Shot, A Fish Called Wanda
Music: Jimmy Barnes, Bob Seger **Book:** Born To Win
Holiday resort: Busselton Ground: Claremont Oval
Your Car: Statesman **Favourite car:** Chev Corvette
Career Highlights: First league game with East Fremantle
 which we won by two points
Hard things in Football: Travelling
Football idols: Peter Moore
Toughest opponent: Brian Peake
Most memorable game: Beating Claremont in April, 1990
Ambitions: To play in a premiers side with East Perth
What do you like about football: The people you meet, it's the
 ultimate sport
How do you mentally prepare for a game: Keep busy, try to keep
 my mind off football
Who influenced your career: My father, Des, previous coaches
Guernsey number: 12
Worst injury: Shin soreness
Luckiest break: Playing my first league game at East
 Fremantle because Michael Brennan was injured.



Brett Heady



NICK NAME: It couldn't be printed in a
 newspaper!
FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre
CURRENT POSITION: Half-forward-flank
NUMBER: 39
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 4.1.70
 Osborne Park
RECRUITED FROM: Subiaco
HEIGHT: 184cms **WEIGHT:** 78kgs
FIRST SENIOR GAME: 1988 Subiaco vs
 West Perth, 1990 Eagles vs Carlton
GAMES PLAYED: 5 Eagles, 34 Subiaco
FOOTBALL HONOURS: Teal Cup 1987
OCCUPATION: Human movement student,
 UWA
SCHOOL'S ATTENDED: Our Lady of Grace
 PS, Sacred Heart College
CAR: Toyota Corolla sedan
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:
 Relaxing at the beach
FAVOURITE FOOD: Lasagne, roast chicken
FAVOURITE DRINK: Choc Milk

FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS):
 Golf, tennis
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Bruce
 Springsteen
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Growing Pains
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Crocodile Dundee
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My
 father — Brian, family
MOST ADMIRED FOOTBALLER: Steve
 Malaxos
OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE: Brad Gwilliam
MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Relax, listen to
 music, always put my left boot on first
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Dislocating
 my shoulder during the 1988 grand final
FOOTBALL INJURIES: Shoulder, ankle
BIGGEST THRILL: First league game,
 winning 1988 grand final with Subiaco
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Eagles-
 Sydney Swans match this year
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To be a regular
 member of the Eagles side, to win a
 premiership with the Eagles

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That was in 1979, WA's 150th year of celebrations and the year when the West Aussies won the inaugural State-of-Origin football carnival.

Issue No. 1 of Westside made it out on April 28, four games into the season with eventual premiers, East Fremantle unbeaten and Phil Kelly, the surprise winner of the 1978 Sandover Medal, opening the year in sparkling form to be the leader in Westside's unique ratings system.

The newspaper was launched by football journalist Alan East and printer and publisher Peter Poat, who was also editor of WA's long-running football publication, the Football Register.

Westside reaches No. 300

Just 16 pages made up the first edition, with "strange" photographs of Ron Boucher and Simon Beasley on the front page — Boucher wearing a plaster cast of a mask that was to be a facial protector for him and Beasley wearing a special nose guard protector.

Graham Campbell, a Victorian who had been one of WA's most enthusiastic coaches during his reign at West Perth, was the paper's leading columnist. Joining him was football historian Dave Clement, radio personality Gary Carvolth and Umpires Coach Ray Scott.

The paper was produced as a privately-owned part-time operation in the Morley printing firm of Poat's Action Press and was very much a "love" job by the people involved. In fact, well-known football photographer Richie Hann worked without pay for the first year to help the paper survive.

ADVERTISING

Advertising was always a major problem for the paper, with football sponsors finding it difficult to decide whether the publication had any real worth when it came to selling their products.

But as circulation slowly, but surely, grew, the major sponsors in football came to the paper's support.

While advertising has continued to be a tremendous challenge, some of WA's most prominent firms have remained stalwarts of the newspaper.

McInerney Ford, the Morley dealership owned and run by football fanatic Denis McInerney, was prominent in the first edition and has not missed any of the subsequent 299 issues.

Miller's Sports — run by the footballing family of father Bob and sons Ian and Peter — were there also.

Ian Miller, former player, coach and media commentator and now an Eagles selector, had a column as the president of the Players' Association and has continued to this day as a regular columnist.



FLASHBACK...Royals trio (from left) George Michalczyk, Phil Kelly and Peter Jamieson read the first edition of Westside Football back in April, 1979.

The Westside Ratings system — where every player in the eight clubs is rated out of 10 for weekly performances — was introduced successfully and has been maintained, proving to be an excellent reference source, not only as a form guide to players, but as a tally for games played.

AUTHORITATIVE

An editorial written by Peter Poat promised that the paper would aim to be "authoritative, informative and constructive" and those ideals have always remained.

Westside provides a most extensive coverage of all facets of football, from the national AFL competition to the State League, all grades of the Amateurs League, the Sunday Football League, many country associations and the wide spectrum of junior and under-age football, particularly the activities covered by the Town and Country-sponsored Football Development Trust.



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THE MASKE

Who are these mystery men of football? The men behind the masks are two key members of one of WA's up and coming clubs. Turn to page 3 for the answers.

ARNOLD - A VFL HOPE

It was only a matter of time...

Big East Perth ruckman-cum-forward Paul Arnold has finally attracted the attention of the roving VFL eyes. Sports administrator Wayne Reid, whose latest venture is to take over as president of the Melbourne Football Club, most impressed with Arnold and would like to get him to Victoria.

Reid, the man who resurrected the fortunes of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia and restored Australian tennis to its previous high status in the world scene, hopes to do the same with football.

Player like Arnold would be a huge asset in Victoria. He has loads of talent - 6ft, 3in, and 15st, his ability to kick the high ball, particularly in the ruck, would make him an ideal player.

Reid, who has only played 45 games in Perth, who has nurtured him through his early years and the 22-year-old survivor, who grew up in the shadows of Perth Oval, should be expected to repay the club with a few more years of service.

Westside Football's first edition way back

THE YEAR OF 1979

- ★ Football sponsorship jumped up when the Town and Country Permanent Building Society joined the WANFL to provide \$60,000 in sponsorship money.
- ★ The WANFL increased admission prices to \$2.30 for adults and 80¢ for pensioners — and gave field umpires a rise to \$90 per match.
- ★ The Marlboro Company joined the WANFL as major joint sponsors, also injecting \$60,000.
- ★ Football legend Barry Cable reached the 400-game mark (including State games) on August 11, when 16,000 people at Perth Oval saw him lead East Perth to an easy victory over his old club, Perth.
- ★ W.A. won the inaugural State-of-Origin carnival played at Subiaco Oval as part of the State's 150th year celebrations.
- ★ The million mark in attendance at WANFL matches was reached for the first time, with 1,013,615 people attending the qualifying games and a record crowd of 52,781 set for the grand final.
- ★ Barry Cable was near-death after a tractor accident on his Orange Grove Farm.

No.1 AGAIN ... but the Vics still don't want us

WESTERN Australia are the Australian Champions again — but the Victorians still don't want to play us on the MCG.

By Kim Hagdorn



For the first time in the history of Australian football, WA have won the national championship in sponsorship money — and they did it not a long time ago. The Vics to accept on their own initiative. VFL president Dr Alan Ayles, sounded the message out loud and clear after Tuesday's memorable win by Perth.

Dr Ayles said: "It was a great day for football in general, but Western simply hasn't got the space in the schedule for an interstate game in the Victorian calendar for the Victorian Championships."

The ground response for State games comes from a small minority in Melbourne and Western Australia. WA's great win, we will certainly must cater for the masses.

It is enough that we get the direct telecast of the game from Perth and it is an important step to WA that the game is played in the West.

Dr Ayles, who presided over the VFL, said: "The Victorian players for providing the NFL, and the VFL, also presided over the NFL, and the Victorian players were far from humiliated in their efforts."

"I thought last year's game was the best I had ever seen. But this year's was definitely the best game of football I have ever seen in 22 years."

Two young men who accepted the challenge and were named in the VFL's 'All Stars' team, the Victorian players were far from humiliated in their efforts.

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THE YEAR OF 1980

- ★ The Federal Court ruled that clearance rules for footballers were a restraint of trade and found that the WANFL's refusal to clear West Perth's Brian Adamson to Norwood was invalid in law.
- ★ South Fremantle coach Mal Brown quit the job, blaming umpires as a major reason for his decision, but he withdrew the resignation six days later.
- ★ Football champion Barry Cable was winning a battle to survive after a tractor accident at his Orange Grove farm, but he continued as East Perth's coach.
- ★ Swan Districts won a \$20,000 incentive from league sponsors Marlboro for winning 12 games in succession.
- ★ The \$4 million two-tiered grandstand was opened at Subiaco Oval. The word "National" was dropped from the WANFL title.

THE YEAR OF 1981

- ★ Former Perth president Vincent Yovich was elected president.
- ★ East Perth pulled off one of football's biggest transfers Peter Spencer, Ross Glendinning and Phil Kelly, all joining Perth.
- ★ Mal Brown became involved in one of football's longest practice matches, claiming the game was out of control.
- ★ The WANFL preliminary final was played on a Sunday to avoid the grand final.

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CLAREMONT'S Michael Mitchell sprang into the air to head a goal during the 1979 grand final at Subiaco Oval. The picture above captures Mitchell's leap for the high above the goal at Subiaco Oval last Saturday.

The picture above captures Mitchell's leap for the high above the goal at Subiaco Oval last Saturday.

Mitchell's mark was captured on film by only one other photographer at Subiaco Oval last Saturday.

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Claremont and Subiaco finished on the top two spots of the WANFL ladder after the 15 preliminary rounds and their draw at Claremont Oval on May 24 was one of the most exciting encounters of the year.

The grand final puts the rivals against the victors.

The Lions are making their third successive grand final appearance and coach Harold Bunker has 25 years of coaching experience to call on.

Claremont finished fourth in 1980 and under coach Gordon Neesham they have been moulded into the tightest and most skilful combination in the league, despite the loss of stars to the VFL.

Either way, the grand final promises to be a game to watch.

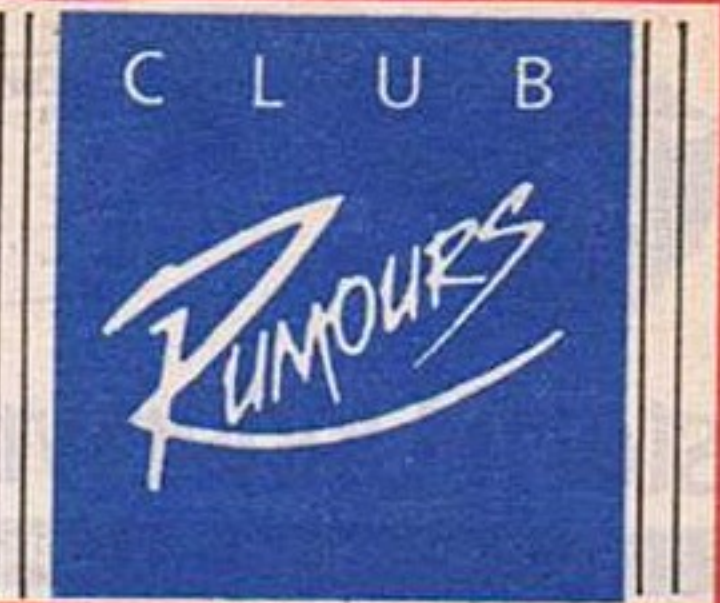
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CAMPBELL'S CHATTER
Former West Perth and Fitzroy coach Graham Campbell is our leading columnist. In his opening burst on page 5 he casts doubts about one of his favourite footballers to be able to succeed in the VFL.

COACHES CORNER
Our league coaches have plenty to say to their players... day after day they are cajoling them into producing the goods. Some of our coaches will be talking to you, the football public, as well. See what Graham Moss, coach of the Tigers, has to say on page 5.

GARY'S GOSSIP
Everyone knows that Gary Carveth is the man-about town for rumours. Gary seems to dig up football tips everywhere. And he is remarkably close to the scene. This week he has some interesting things to say about the West Perth business. See page 7.

SCOTT SAYS
Ray Scott is the man in charge of the men in charge — the umpires. Quite often the umpires often come under criticism — from the public the media or the coaches. They cannot defend themselves or their policies. But Ray Scott can. On page 7 he talks about the not controversial rule.

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a Sunday to allow for the telecast of the VFL.

THE YEAR OF 1983

- ★ The State Government announced a three-man Task Force comprising Bill Mitchell, John Horgan and Peter Collins to prepare a report on the structure of football in W.A.
- ★ A new format was introduced for the Australian championships, with matches to be played in Adelaide and Perth. W.A. beat Victoria at Subiaco Oval in front of 44,213 people on a Tuesday afternoon to win the Carnival title.
- ★ West Perth announced steps for the club to join the VFL and East Fremantle said they would change their nick-name from Old Easts to the Sharks.
- ★ The early-season Emu Export two-day carnival was a failure with only 12,000 people watching the weekend action, with East Fremantle winning the series.
- ★ W.A. won successive Australian Carnivals with a victory at Subiaco Oval over Victoria.
- ★ The count back reform was dropped for the Sandover Medal — after John Ironmonger had beaten Bryan Cousins on a countback.

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THE YEAR OF 1982

- ★ An electronic scoreboard costing \$200,000 was installed at Subiaco Oval.
- ★ The nation's first draft system for football was introduced by the VFL, compelling W.A. clubs to clear players interstate at a set fee of \$40,000.
- ★ The adult admission price for football rose to \$4, with children going to 60¢, but pensioners remained at 80¢.
- ★ A \$300,000 pre-season knockout carnival was introduced for WAFL teams, sponsored by Red Rooster and resulting in victory for West Perth, who earned \$10,000 prizemoney.
- ★ W.A. veterans Graham Melrose and Graham Moss reached their 300th league games, including their VFL matches.
- ★ Swan Districts sent a reserves side to Melbourne to play Richmond in the VFL-sponsored Escort Championships in protest at their bad draw.
- ★ West Perth changed their nick-name from Cardinals to Falcons despite protests from many members.

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THE YEAR OF 1984

- ★ The Task Force inquiry into WA football recommended the appointment of an independent board of directors to run the WAFL. WAFL president Vincent Yovich become chairman of the board, supported by Roy Annear, Swane Buckland, Peter Fogarty, Richard Colless, Bill Mitchell and Tom Stannage. John Walker was appointed chief executive of the WAFL, with the resignation of general manager Peter Bowler.
- ★ WA retained the Australian championships crown with a four-point win at Subiaco Oval, 21.16 to 21.12 after leading by 44 points at one stage.
- ★ The Sandover Medal count was open to the public for the first time, but poorly attended at the Perth Entertainment Centre. The Medal resulted in an historic three-way tie with Peter Spencer, Michael Mitchell and Steve Malaxos all receiving medals.

THE YEAR OF 1985

- ★ Peter Bowler resigned from the WAFL after 15 years as general manager and marketing manager.
- ★ WA celebrated its Centenary Year of Football with a number of special promotional events throughout the year.
- ★ The Sandover Medal voting system changed to a 5-4-3-2-1 procedure and the \$25,000 prizemoney dropped after seven years.
- ★ Roy Annear was elected chairman of the WAFL, replacing Vincent Yovich, who was elected president of the National Football League.

THE YEAR OF 1986

- ★ The WAFL voted to join an expanded VFL. The 12-2 vote was reached at a meeting of the eight club presidents and the WAFL Board of Directors. Indian Pacific Ltd was formed as the public company to run the new team, with John Walker switching from the WAFL to the company as chief executive. Peter Cummiskey, a Canberra public servant, was named chief executive of the WAFL.
- ★ The name West Coast Eagles was given to WA's team in the VFL, with the colours of blue and gold. Ron Alexander was the initial coach.
- ★ WA won the Australian Championships with victories over South Australia and Victoria.

THE YEAR OF 1987

- ★ Perth moved their home games back to the WACA Ground.
- ★ The West Coast Eagles debut in the VFL attracted nearly 24,000 people to Subiaco Oval, resulting in a 20.13 to 16.23 victory over Richmond.
- ★ The public float to finance Indian Pacific Ltd fell short and five businessmen — Richard Colless, Mark Hohnen, Murray McHenry, Neil Hamilton and Robert Armstrong — each subscribed \$1 million to fill the float.
- ★ John Walker stepped down as chief executive of Indian Pacific Ltd and Richard Colless resigned as chairman of the company, to be replaced by his business partner, Neil Hamilton. Bill Kerr was appointed chief executive of the Indian Pacific Ltd.
- ★ Harry Morgan became chairman of the WAFL Commissioners on the resignation of Roy Annear.
- ★ The Football Development Trust was formed.

THE YEAR OF 1988

- ★ Inaugural West Coast Eagles coach Ron Alexander was replaced after one season by Swan Districts premiership coach John Todd.
- ★ Malcolm Brown was appointed as a Commissioner of the restructured WAFL.
- ★ A special Bicentennial pre-season carnival in Adelaide saw Victoria (and NSW) beating WA, but South Australia took the championship by downing Victoria.
- ★ An interstate double-header in Perth saw a WAFL team beat the VFA, but the VFL beat WA in the State-of-Origin clash.
- ★ The WAFL umpires went on strike for the fixtures on April 23, with former players taking the whistle.
- ★ The West Coast Eagles became the first VFL team based outside Melbourne to make the finals, reaching the elimination final, but losing to Melbourne by two points.

THE YEAR OF 1989

- ★ Peter Cummiskey resigned as WAFL chief executive.
- ★ An independent football commission was appointed comprising lawyer Terry O'Connor, WAFL chairman Harry Morgan, Treasury representative Ross Bowe, businessman Peter Rowney and Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr. This was later rejected by the eight clubs. Finally, in June, all parties agreed on a new commission headed by former player and Catholic Education Department chief Dr Peter Tannock, former umpire John Fuhrmann and lawyer Kevin Edwards.
- ★ West Perth and East Fremantle drew their first semi-final match.
- ★ Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr resigned. Coach John Todd was replaced by Victorian Michael Malthouse.



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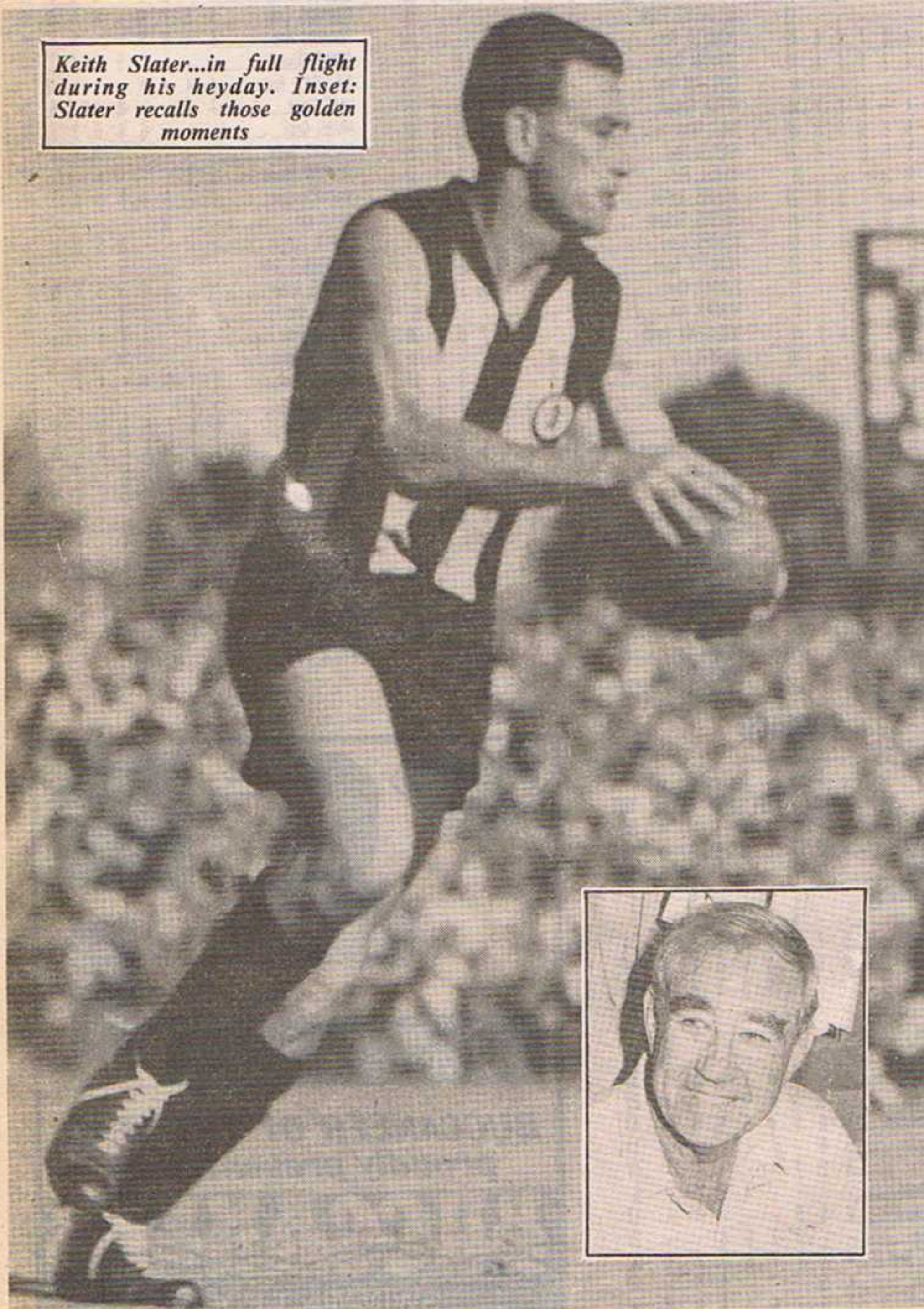


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Slater starred in golden age

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Keith Slater...in full flight during his heyday. Inset: Slater recalls those golden moments



KEITH Slater ranks as one of the game's foremost football achievers, on and off the field. But despite being a key factor in the original golden era of Swan Districts, he cringes whenever he watches television replays of the 1960s matches.

"The game's changed a lot since then," says Slater, who has maintained his football involvement since retiring in 1967, working as a media commentator and critic.

"You just get used to the new way of things, so when you look back, the game looks old fashioned."

Slater, who played a major role in Swans 1961-62-63 hat-trick of premierships, makes some interesting observations on football in the 1990s.

"The handball plays a far greater role in today's faster style of game," said Slater. "We used to move the ball with the drop-kick and there were a lot more marking contests."

MORE INJURIES

"The quality of the game is a lot higher these days, because the players train longer and harder. But there's also more hamstring, groin and knee injuries than there used to be, which is only natural considering the extra work players put in."

"National football was the way to go, but something must be done about the situation in Melbourne. That city, with its population base of six million people, is only capable of financing five clubs."

"The other six clubs must be rationalised or relocated."

Slater marvels at the resilience of the WA State Football League.

"No matter how many players progress through to the national competition, the local league always bounces back," Slater said.

"There's just so many young, talented footballers about."

LEAGUE DEBUT

Slater made his league debut in 1956 after taking an unconventional route to Bassendean Oval.

After showing promise as a 12-year-old, he turned his back on football for six years before playing half a season with Midland Amateurs.

But that was enough to earn Slater selection in the 1954 State Amateur side and he played the last five games of the year under Frank Sparrow in Swans reserves team.

Slater debuted in round two the following season and though he won the club's fairest and best award in 1956, it wasn't until Haydn Bunton junior arrived at Bassendean Oval in 1961 that the big man's career blossomed.

Slater played a major role in WA beating Victoria in the grand final of the Australian championships in Brisbane and then, in a Simpson Medal winning performance, he guided Swan Districts to the premiership.

The 190cm tall Slater was a vital member in Swans subsequent premiership teams, before he moved to Subiaco as captain-coach.

Know your club
by George Temple



Though predominantly a ruckman, he played a lot of his State football at centre-half-forward, where he gave many outstanding performances.

He once kicked six goals from the key forward position to save the Sandgroppers from an embarrassing defeat at the hands of Tasmania. But his greatest highlight was captaining WA to wins over all the major football States — Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.

Slater played 167 games for Swan Districts, 52 for Subiaco and 17 for WA. He finished third in the Sandover Medal count three times and was Swan Districts fairest and best player in 1956-57-60.

On his retirement, Slater took over as general manager of Chrystal Agencies, a well-known Perth sporting goods firm and he retained his link with the game through television and radio football commentary with Channel 7 and 6IX.

Since 1972, he has worked for ABC Radio and television and in 1978 opened a Midland sports store with long-time friend Kevin Gartrell.

That business has since flourished and new partners Ray Solomon and Bruce Yardley have joined the team.

NO REGRETS

Slater said he had no regrets about missing out on big-money football.

"I played in the best era and there's no way I would want my time over again," he says.

"The greats like Bill Walker, Barry Cable, Graham Farmer, Jack Clarke and Ted Whitten — possibly the best footballer I ever saw — were all playing then," Slater said.



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Homer still thrives at Leederville Oval



THERE are only two things that haven't changed in football territory north of the city — Leederville Oval and Ray Schofield.

While West Perth have changed their nickname; the traditional West Leederville railway station has disappeared and the Freeway alters traffic habits going to the footy, Schofield remains unmoved.

The West Perth champion of the 1950s is setting records for longevity as he continues to serve the club that has been his life for five decades.

A key member of the Cardinals side that beat South Fremantle for the 1951 premiership, Schofield has been a trainer at Leederville Oval since his retirement in 1958.

And, in typical modesty, he says there's only one reason for his continuing involvement which has now spanned more than 30 years since he hung up his boots.

"I just love it, that's all," said the quietly-spoken champion who succeeded at both full-forward and full-back.

GOALKICKER

Schofield joined West Perth in 1943, debuted the same year and after a stint with the Royal Australian Air Force during the war years, he picked up where he left off in 1946. In 1947, he topped the club's goalkicking list for the first time with 48 goals — and 10 years later he repeated the achievement with 57 goals.

Coach Stan 'Pops' Heal switched him to the other end of the ground in 1948 and though he was only 177cm (5ft. 10in.) tall, he excelled and earned a place in the last line of defence for WA against Victoria that year.

Nicknamed Homer, Schofield gave his Victorian opponent a seven-inch

advantage that day, but what he lacked in height, he made up for with his good spoiling tactics. Schofield also had one of the safest pairs of hands around when going for a mark.

Schofield turns 65 on October 13 this year and he will have even more time to devote to his beloved West Perth in August when he retires from his work in the vinegar trade, a job that goes back to 1939. Since the age of 14 (a year after he started to play junior football) Schofield has brewed vinegar at the Yeast Company of Australia in Subiaco.

CHAMPIONS OF THE PAST

Schofield has seen a lot of change over the years and says football clubs are naturally more professional these days, as players performed for the love of the game in his era, with no jet-setting all over the country.

Schofield's haul of five fairest and best awards at Leederville Oval in 1948-50-53-54-55 (and three-times runner-up) is second only to the legendary Mel Whinnen, who topped the award nine times.

The highlight of Schofield's 297-game career (277 with West Perth and 20 for WA) was West Perth's 1951 premiership, when they downed Souths by three points, 13.10 to 12.13.

The Cardinals were an impressive unit with Schofield at full-back; Ray Scott, the WANFL's leading goalkicker that year and again in 1955 and eight-time club leading goalkicker, at full-forward; Fred Buttsworth at centre-half-back and centre-half-forward Don Porter, who collected the Simpson Medal for the grand final.

South Fremantle went into the big game as hot favourites after finishing minor premiers and beating West Perth in the second semi-final and Schofield recalls how they upset the Bulldogs celebrations.

"They had a big premiership dinner all ready and waiting for them down in Fremantle, but we came out and upset everything."

Schofield captain-coached the Cardies to the 1958 first semi-final, only to lose to Perth.

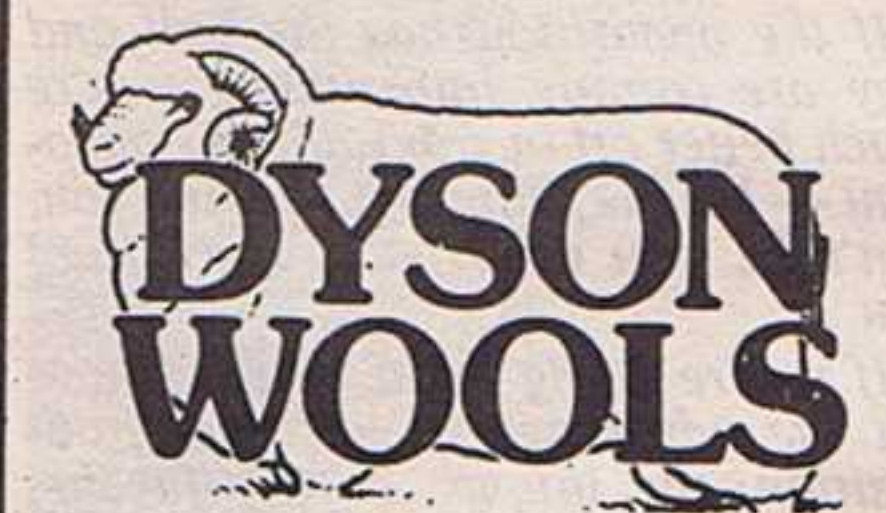
But he says coaching was not his scene and he retired after a tough season, taking up the off-field trainer's role the following year. He continued to play Sunday league football for another seven seasons.

Schofield is regarded by many football followers as one of the best players in the State never to win a Sandover Medal, but he says he would put his team-mate and coach Pops Heal first on that list.

Homer lives in Joondanna with his wife Thelma and says he Leederville Oval will be his second home for a long while yet.



Ray Schofield...showing determination in his playing days. Inset: Schofield looking content at Leederville Oval.



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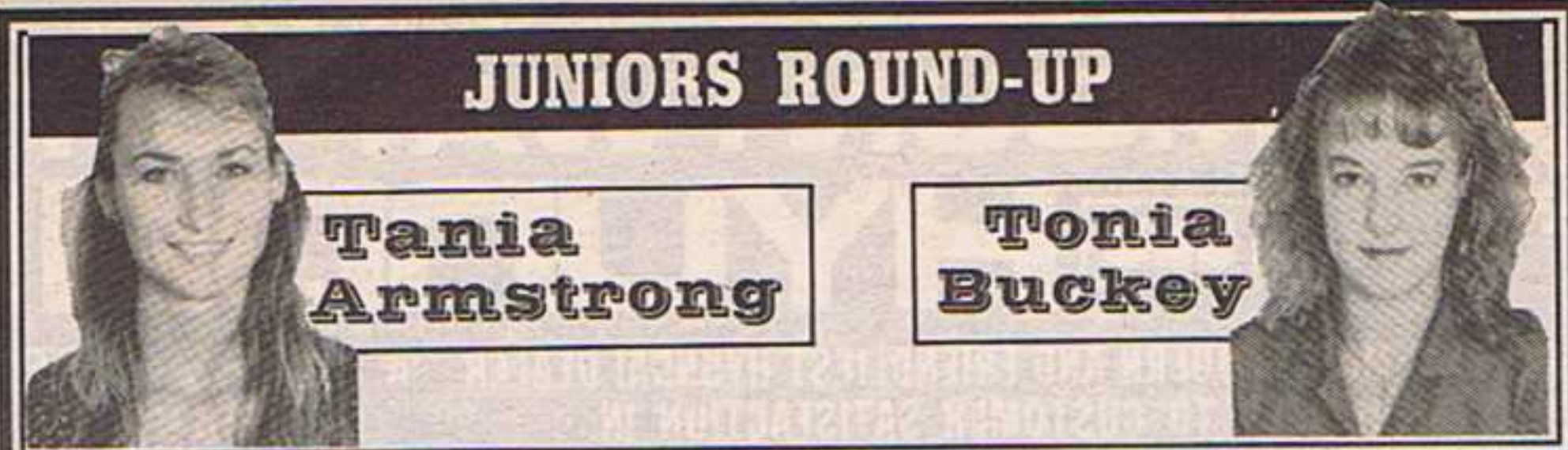


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Bulldogs win country carnival

SOUTH Fremantle won their second consecutive PIBA Cup when they downed East Fremantle in the country 17s grand final at East Fremantle Oval last Sunday and the Bulldogs will be reaping the rewards from their country zone in the years to come.

Souths also won the country carnival in 1988 before the Primary Industry Bank of Australia took over sponsorship of the event, which sees hundreds of children forming country combined sides and travelling to the city to represent their WASFL club.

The bulk of the South Fremantle side travelled from Narrogin and Katanning and other regions in the Upper Great Southern and Central Great Southern Football Leagues.

FAVOURITES

The grand final was fought out by the two favourites as East Fremantle are well represented by a Geraldton-oriented contingent and after a tight first half, when only three points separated the sides, the Bulldogs broke away late in the last half to win 6.3 (39) to 3.6 (24).

Perth defeated Claremont to take third spot from the Tigers, Swan Districts and West Perth fought it out for fifth and sixth position with Swans taking the honours and Subiaco beat East Perth for seventh and eighth position respectively.

All players tried hard to impress selectors over the weekend as the cham-

carnival

pionships double as country Teal Cup trials and a squad of 26 was selected to battle for positions in the final squad this weekend.

The PIBA country all-stars will play the city all-stars (selected from previous trial games) at Leederville Oval at 9.45am this Sunday and the Teal Cup squad to travel to the national championships in July will be finalised after the game.

THE SQUADS

The city all-stars squad — Swan Districts: Chris Peel, Peter Kelly, Troy Foote, Rory McAllister. Perth: Matthew Brockman, Wayne Clarkson, Clint Marshall. East Perth: Bruce McKnight, Michael Prior, Jarrod Malland, Jamie Wall, Rod Wheatley. West Perth: Dean Brunton, Shane Liddle, Todd Curley, Craig Rinder, Anthony Peou, Brett O'Neill. Claremont: Michael Rogers, Anthony Clatworthy. South Fremantle: Glen Jakovich, Kurt Shepherd, Darren McQuat, Michael Porter, Bevan Jones. East Fremantle: Stuart Hayward, Craig Doyle, Marcus Wilkinson. Subiaco: Shaun Healy, Matthew Teeuwisen, Michael White, Gavin Bell, Simon Blick, Matthew Garnaut, Garry Hodge, Darren Van Bergheim.

Subject to fitness: Shane Mauger (Swan Districts), Jarrod Lofts (Perth), Simon Ness, Chris Headland (Claremont).

The PIBA country all-stars — Swan Districts: Anthony MacShane, Austin Kelly, Daniel Gidgup. South Fremantle: Derick Woods, Darren Hardy, Daniel Marshall, Shane Bayley, Brett Spinks, Brad Wisewould, Tim Mazurek, Scott Robinson, Craig Hitshert. Perth: Wade Freestone, Drew Banfield, Steven Crute, Aaron Thorne. West Perth: Neil Lancaster. Claremont: Rodney Kelly. Subiaco: Wayne Stewart, Darren MacDonald. East Fremantle: Clinton Patterson, Jeremy Wasley, Garrick Morgan, Danny Stokes, Nathan Williams, Wayne Barnden, Joe Corlett.

Top sides in curtain-raiser

POWERFUL Toyota Tigers Cup sides West Coast and Marist will take the spotlight at Subiaco Oval on Sunday when they play in the curtain-raiser before the West Coast Eagles-Geelong clash.

Marist were last year's Tigers Cup minor premiers, while West Coast played in the final. The game will begin at 10.15am and a representative from Prestige Toyota in the city will make a presentation on the oval after the game.

Thornlie show fighting spirit

THORNIE Senior High School showed they have taken on some of the fighting qualities of their coach Paul Mountain by winning their first Quit Cup game of the season over Lynwood SHS last week.

Thornlie beat Lynwood 8.7 (55) to 5.9 (39), inflicting Lynwood's first loss of the season.

Best players for the winning Thornlie side were forward Ricky Kamana, Brendon Long, in the ruck and David O'Hallaran in a back-pocket.

Milestone for girl

A 12-year-old girl from Ballajura notched something of a first in junior football last week.



Renea Croll became the first girl to play 50 games of Australian Rules football and she qualifies for a special Milo Milestone achievers award.

She started her career with the Central Cougars Junior Football Club in 1986, but is playing her last season of junior football this year as regulations prevent girls from competing in the 13s competition.

Renea will continue her involvement with football through umpiring.

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Shark has fun

EAST Fremantle rookie Steve Bilcich injected a heap of fun into his football last week.

The Sharks youngster conducted a series of Super Clinics for about 500 primary school children in the club's metropolitan area.

Bilcich and Sharks football manager Clinton Pike demonstrated the advanced skills of Aussie Footy at 20 primary schools.

"The Super Clinics were a fun way of learning the finer points of Australian Rules," he said.

East Fremantle will hold more clinics in the near future.

This week's coaching hint

PICKING UP THE BALL

ONE of the real skills in football is being able to pick up the ball while you're running flat out — and with either hand, right or left.

If the ball is sitting still on the ground, run in slightly to one side, swing one arm down to scoop it up with your hand and the free arm comes in to help steady the ball as it is picked up.

Spread the fingers wide and try to come up underneath the ball. The two-handed pick up is slightly harder, but also done from the side.

If the ball is bouncing or rolling along, then you must approach it straight on, with your body right in line with the football. Crouch over the ball and widen your arms so it cannot bounce out of your clutches.

As you get hold of the ball, tuck your elbows into your stomach to make sure it doesn't fall out.

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By Guy McKenna

Whopper clinics

WHOPPER coaching clinics for the next week are as follows:

Monday, May 21 — North Lake, Beechboro, Inglewood, Infant Jesus, Armadale, Brentwood, St Munchins, Queen of Apostles, South Thornlie and Mosman Park, 12.30pm to 3pm.

Tuesday, May 22 — City Beach, Wednesday, May 23 — South Coogee, Orana.

Thursday, May 24 — Westminster, Hale, 1pm to 3pm.

Friday, May 25 — East Hamersley, St Thomas.

Monday, May 28 — Huntingdale, Medina, Rostrala, Willetton.

Wednesday, May 30 — East Greenwood, Cottesloe.

Mighty Milo says...



FRONT POSITION

Always try to take the front position.

The player in front has many advantages, especially when it comes to getting free kicks off the umpire.

If you are leading out, it's obviously better to be in front right from the start.

If the opposition has the ball and they are coming into attack, you're much better off in front of your opponent — but keep him right behind you, don't let him drop back away from you.

If you're going for a mark, you've got the advantage if you hold front position; the umpire always favours the man in front.

And, most important of all, if you're in front and your opponent comes into your back, you get the free kick. There's more chance of him pushing you in the back than you giving a kick away.

★★★★★

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

Can two goals be scored without the ball going back to the centre of the ground?

Yes. If, after the umpire has signalled all clear for a goal, he sees another infringement, then a free kick can be awarded.



St Norbert's too strong

THE Queens Park school team of St Norbert's College dominated to win the first CIG Shield curtain-raiser of the season over Maddington Senior High School at Subiaco Oval on Sunday.

St Norbert's thrashed Maddington 20.11 (131) to nil in a one-sided affair. Ruckman Adam Jongeling was the

More awards for country juniors

ESPERANCE teenager Neil Pecker was honoured for his commitment to junior football when he received a Niteroad Express football award from Barry Cable at a recent Esperance Senior High School assembly.

The 15-year-old won the award for his services to the school football side.

Cable journeyed to Albany last week to present the third of 14 awards to another 15-year-old in Mark Bird, of Albany SHS.

The northern coastal town of Dongara was next on Cable's list of visits where the Dongara Niteroad Express Award was collected by 14-year-old Shane Couper.

leading goalkicker with six, while Michael Giancola posted five and full-forward Mark Bin Swani four. Harjit Dhillon and half-forward Ken Watson had two goals each.

Commonwealth Industrial Gases State manager Denis Myler presented the match football to St Norbert's Damien Drake-Brockman, who was voted man of the match.

CIG have sponsored the lower school competition since 1983, when 33 secondary schools were involved.

The CIG Shield is now in its eighth year with a record 110 teams involved, including metropolitan and country schools.



CIG State manager Denis Myler presents the match football to Damien Drake-Brockman (St Norbert's), who is congratulated by Maddington skipper Brad Raymond.

Bulldogs firm in top spot

By GAVIN EBBS

the performance of every Bulldog and praised coach Kevin Cornell for his efforts with the team.

"We have the talent in the side and are now starting to produce our best form," Heathcoate said.

"On Saturday we applied pressure from the start and our hard-running game won it for us."

LESSON

Swan Districts handed out a football lesson to bottom side Perth, winning 22.10 (142) to 3.5 (23).

Swans coach Bruce Douglas was impressed with his players performance, especially the display from forward Wade Montgomery, who kicked nine goals against a lack-lustre Perth defence.

Michael Sidebottom put in a brilliant display and was ably supported by a machine-like Swans unit who never let-up on the sorrowful Demons.

Perth coach Ross Davis must be concerned with the hidings received in the past two weeks, with Swans and East Fremantle holding the Demons down to only three goals.

Heartening signs for the Demons,

PEPSI UNDER 19s

however, were the solid displays from David Stevens and Tom Burke.

TOUGH CLASH

East Perth emerged from their tough League Headquarters clash with Subiaco as 10-point winners, 14.10 (94) to 12.12 (84).

The Royals win lifted them to third place and they are within striking distance of the two top sides, South Fremantle and Swan Districts.

Jarrad Malland spearheaded the Royals attack, along with Bruce and Graham McKnight, while Nathan Spilcker and Shane Burch were dominant for the Lions.

At Leederville Oval, West Perth ran out winners over East Fremantle, 11.9 (75) to 7.11 (53).

West Perth were well-served by Dean Brunton, Justin Driffl and Nathan Howat, while best for East Fremantle were Clayton Anderson, Damien Clark and Jon Stag.

The Falcons 22-point win put them up to sixth place and they are now just one win out of fourth position, while the Sharks loss demotes them to second-last.

Eagles critics are premature

IT didn't take long for Melbourne football journalists to re-ignite the argument, originally promoted by Kevin Sheedy, that the West Coast Eagles would eventually prove too strong in the AFL.

The arguments were printed as soon as the Eagles topped the ladder after round five!

Obviously, the arguments are still premature — and will be until a few premierships go West.

There is a school of thought among the Victorian media that it's acceptable for a Melbourne club to win virtually any number of flags, but an abomination if an interstate team succeeds.

But you can't have it both ways. A national competition is just that and every team has the right to achieve the ultimate if they are good enough within the rules.

Personally, I look forward to the day when two interstate AFL teams play the grand final on the MCG — preferably my beleaguered Swans and the Bears!

What the critics of WA's perceived strength fail to realise is that HALF of the playing personnel of Australian Football, both senior and junior, is concentrated in Victoria. This is quite an amazing statistic and a reflection of the fanaticism with which Australian Football is regarded in the national code's "home" State.

EXPANSION

Despite the expansion of the game in spectacular fashion on the coastal areas of Queensland and New South Wales — and at junior level in the vast metropolis of Sydney — Victoria still provides half of the country's participants. Amazing!

This means that properly structured developmental programs are able to supply the necessary players for the 10 clubs which operate out of Melbourne.

SOUTH Fremantle cemented their place at the top of the Pepsi under-19s premiership ladder last Saturday when they stopped Claremont's winning run by 22 points, 14.13 (97) to 11.9 (75).

Claremont, led by Bradley Wira, Brendan Hendry and Michael Adams, played strongly but couldn't secure their fifth consecutive victory.

South Fremantle's team manager, Brian Heathcoate, was impressed with

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The national view

by JOHN WARREN
NAFC

In spite of bleats that the talent is spread too thinly, young players identified as possessing the necessary ability will quickly graduate into AFL teams given the opportunity.

Footscray are a prime example.

Written off as a team and broke until "rescued" at the last possible moment and generally denigrated as a socio-economic disaster area, the Bulldogs are suddenly a feared and respected AFL opponent.

Glen Coleman, born in Sydney and recently sacked by the Swans, is starting for them, while Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup All-Australians, Chris Grant and Leon Cameron, are also prime contributors.

Tony Liberatore, judged "too small" and oft discarded, is the gutsiest, hardest-tackling little gremlin one could imagine and several other unfashionable footballers such as Stuart Wigney, Greg Eppelstun, Steven Kolynick and the evergreen Terry Wallace are making notable contributions. The players are there.

The Eagles, under the present structure, are well treated in contrast to the original deal. It is now up to their heirachy to ensure the best possible player-selection.

If a single team from the West eventually proves embarrassingly strong, then obviously measures will need to be taken to redress the problem. This necessity is still years away.

Learning your body parts

Continuing the series on anatomy and injury and learning how the body parts function.

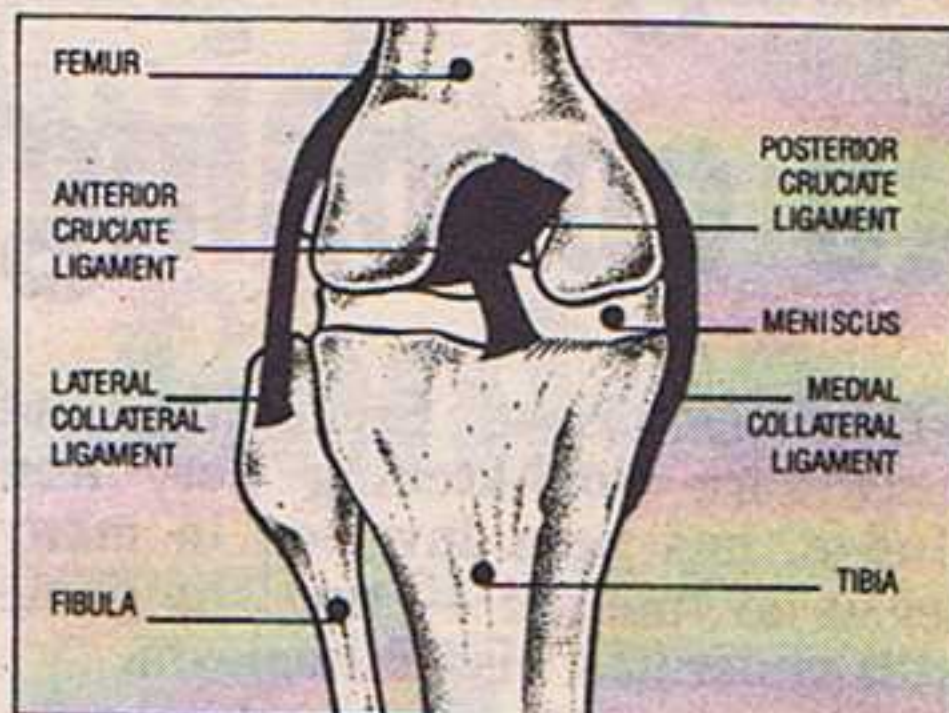
MUSCLES: are those fleshy body-bits that shape our bodies. Muscles lie across one or more joints, attaching their ends to the bones that form the joints. This helps hold the joint together, especially when the muscle tissue contracts.

The major feature of muscle is that it can produce movement to bones about the joints the muscle crosses.

When the muscle stops contracting the bone may return to its former position as the muscle relaxes.

TENDON: is a close relative of muscle, in fact it is an extension of the non-fleshy parts of muscle fibre that becomes the tendonous material attaching muscle to bone. If you bend your knee joint while standing, then feel either side and to the rear of the knee, you will feel the cord-like tendons of your hamstring muscles.

MOVEMENT: at a joint will occur if a muscle contracts, applying a force on



the bones it attaches to. Muscle contraction only happens if the muscle tissue gets a charge or "impulse" from a ...

NERVE: is a work-mate of muscle for without it muscles are useless. Motor nerves must fire the electrical impulse for muscle to contract and work. Where a nerve crosses a joint, the nerve may get damaged if the joint is damaged. If this happens the muscle-nerve partnership suffers and muscles become weak.

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Magpies bounce back powerfully

THE Wembley Magpies returned to the winning list with a powerful 32-point win over West Coast in Saturday's A-grade matches — and moved into third spot, a game clear of four other sides.

The defence was the key as they kept West Coast forwards to limited opportunities.

Best players for them were back pocket dynamo Shane Paddon, half-back David Creed and creative half-forward Glen O'Donnell.

West Coast still remain in second spot, but will need more from their creative runners such as Bernie Dunn, who will have to be utilised better.

Good performers for West Coast were Fisher, Hunter and Allen.

THRILLER

Maylands moved another step closer to the top five with a thrilling three-point win over Wesley-Curtin.

Star defender Hartley Hayward dominated and was the most significant difference between the two sides.

Veteran Hayward, twice winner of B-grade association fairest and best medals, has found A-grade an enjoyable challenge and is one of the early favourites for another medal.

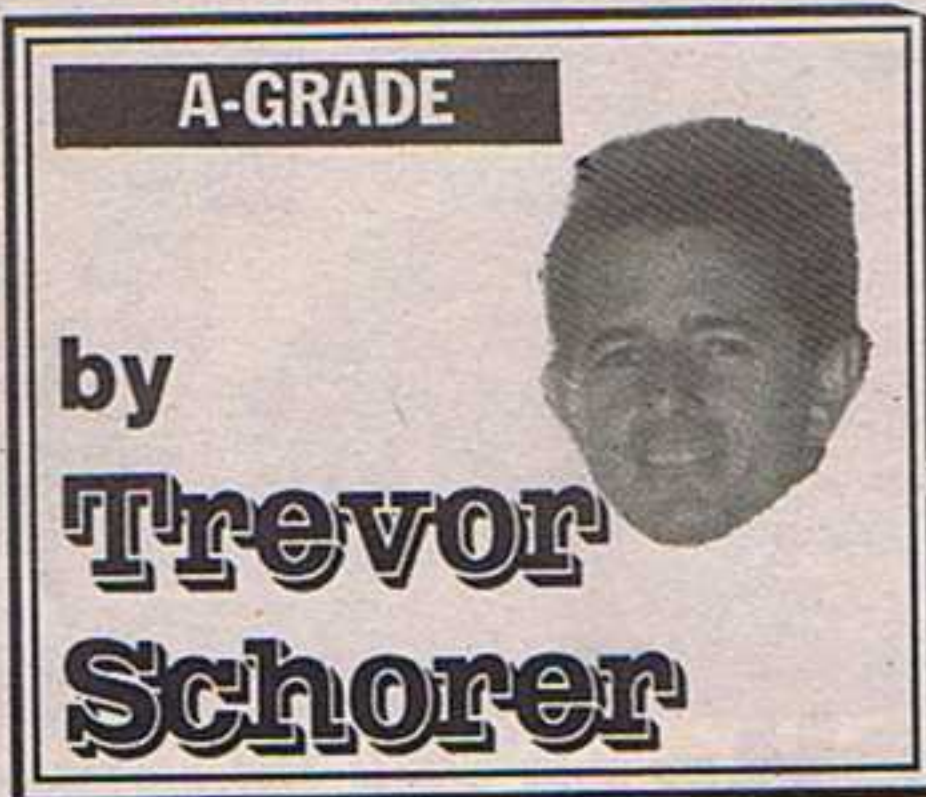
Defender Peter Cutler was outstanding for Wesley-Curtin and was well supported by the consistent Craig Dew.

Mt Lawley broke the ice with a sound 12-goal win over a lethargic Scarborough.

The Hawks' defence, led by toughman Geoff Horton, restricted Scarborough to only five major scores.

Utility player John Edmondson was in with good touch and wingman James O'Callaghan gave forwards Shaun Mulley and Darryl Cox plenty of opportunities.

Scarborough defenders Kim Booth,



Paul Kilgren and Simon Quayle worked overtime, but lacked support.

COMFORTABLE WIN

North Beach had little to worry about as they brushed aside Trinity-Aquinas by 52 points.

The Tigers ruckman Gary Tait produced his usual workmanlike performance, giving the small brigade an armchair ride.

Trinity-Aquinas had youngster Shaun Brown and veteran Phil Green working hard, but were outmaneuvered by the experience of North.

In an incident-packed game, Nollamara ran out 25-point winners over University.

Nollamara's combination of big Mick Rea and ace rover Wayne Otway proved a handful for the opposition.

University had good players in wingmen Mark Prendeville and Richard Caldwell and back pocket player Kempston Cowan.

Round seven should prove to be outstanding with North Beach (first) playing West Coast (second), University (fourth) versus Scarborough (fifth), Wembley (third) against Maylands (seventh), Nollamara (sixth) at home to Wesley-Curtin (eighth) and cellar-dwellers Trinity-Aquinas up against Mt Lawley.

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

Swan Athletic end the Lions run

A NINE-goal second quarter burst set Swan Athletic up for an upset five-point victory over previously unbeaten Collegians/Old Scotch in Saturday's B-grade.

The Lions came back strongly in the second half, but were unable to bridge the huge margin the Swans had established in the first half.

Andrew Sarich was best for Swan Athletic, while Andrew Hutton, Kim Thompson and Simon Wybrow were effective players for Collegians O/S.

After three even quarters, Osborne Districts piled on six goals in the final term to record a well-earned 36-point victory over Dianella and cement their position in the five.

Best for the Bears were Chris Chipman, Harvey Johnston and Andrew Rottigni, while for the Panthers, none were better than Craig Hillman, Paul Cispar, David Radford and veteran Kelvin Reynolds.

FIRST WIN

Agile ruckman Peter Smith was the catalyst in Bayswater's first victory of the season, beating Mt Lawley.

With Smith dominating around the ground, the Blues were able to set up a narrow lead by half-time. The Hawks kept in touch and led by two points with two minutes remaining.

But a late goal gave the Blues the game by four points and lifted them off the bottom of the ladder.

North Fremantle consolidated their position near the top of the table with a resounding eight goal victory over a disappointing Innaloo.

The Magpies six-goal second quarter blitz was the cornerstone of their win. Stars of last year's grand final side in Drew Herrington, Dave Heatley, Steve



Jenkin and Heath Nelson were best for North, while Craig Horwood, Craig Christian and James Fisher were the only Bulldogs to perform.

Paul Piggott confirmed the faith the State selectors have in him with an outstanding display in CBC's 34-goal demolition of Cockburn Lakes.

Piggott was unbeatable at centre-half-back, repelling all the Lakers forward thrusts in the first term as his side piled on nine goals to nil. From then on, the game was a non-contest.

Other good performers for CBC were former North Fremantle player Dave Reed and Tim Bovell.

FIXTURES

This week North Fremantle play Swan Athletic in the game of the day and should win. At any other oval beside Gil Fraser, the Swans would have a chance.

Innaloo and Dianella face each other in a crunch game, with the loser falling behind the leading bunch and this should help the Bulldogs win.

Osborne Districts have serious injury problems with seven players out of last week's side, but luckily they play Cockburn Lakes and Collegians/Old Scotch should bring Bayswater back to earth, while CBC play Mt Lawley at Fremantle Oval.

Judge turns to coaching

FORMER East Fremantle and Hawthorn goal-kicking ace, Ken Judge, has been involved in many levels of football — and the game still generates his enthusiasm.

Judge, now 32, made his league debut as an 18-year-old with East Fremantle in 1977 and after a successful career in WA and then Victoria, with one of Melbourne's power-teams, his talents are now focused on A-grade amateurs club, West Coast.

With four wins from their opening six games, Judge says he couldn't have asked for a better start to his coaching career.

Judge's 12-year playing career saw a premiership with East Fremantle in 1979 in his 120 games with East Fremantle, followed by a 72-game stint with Hawthorn. He then made a comeback in Brisbane, where he was one of the first players to wear a Bears guernsey, which he donned 17 times during 1987 and '88.

And his playing days aren't over yet.

EXAMPLE

Judge will lead by example at West Coast when he recovers from a groin injury obtained during a summer of cricket with Fremantle Mercantile side CBC.

"I'm still a few weeks away from playing," Judge said. "At my age, it takes a while to get over things!"

Former WA and VFL player Tim



Ken Judge...tackling a new challenge

Gepp, a work colleague of Judge's and now a West Coast Eagles selector, coaxed him out of retirement last season and he played the odd game with West Coast, who Gepp coached to sixth position on the premiership ladder.

Judge's media commitments with Radio 6NR only allowed him the occasional amateurs appearance, but he enjoyed the run. The media work will take a back-seat this season, though his football wisdom will still be heard when the Eagles play at home.

CONFIDENT

Former Subiaco player, Steve Leishman, is continuing as skipper and Judge is confident that his West Coasters can make the five.

"I think we'll go alright," he says. "We've got a few recruits so we can improve on last season's sixth position."

"It was especially pleasing to get off to a good start with a win over University."

Judge says the standard of the competition is good and he is looking forward to his first season of senior coaching.

Scarborough downed by Mt Lawley

by Chris Jeakings

COLTS ROUND-UP

MT LAWLEY continued their good form by beating the improved Scarborough side in last week's A colts matches.

The young Hawks fought courageously to confirm that they are the most improved side in recent weeks.

They were led by centreman Wayne Lynch, who was creative and set up many goals.

With two consecutive wins, Mt Lawley should now move off the bottom of the ladder.

OVERPOWERED

Maylands proved that their win against North Beach was no fluke after overpowering Wesley-Curtin by three goals.

The game could have gone either way going into the last quarter, with Maylands holding a slender three-point lead. The Rams finished stronger, keeping Wesley goal-less.

Anton Walker was dominant all over the ground and other good players for the Rams were Jason Brown, Dave Van-Ralt and hard working ruck-rover Jacob Bishop.

THRASHING

Wembley gave West Coast a football lesson by handing out a 15-goal thrashing.

Wembley had a good all-round performance from the team, with J. Taylor and Quail kicking four goals each and Pye and Schnider three each.

North Beach rebounded well to beat a determined Trinity-Aquinas side.

The young Tigers set up their win with a 10-goal first-half, but Trinity Aquinas came back in the third quarter with seven goals, giving them a glimmer of hope.

However, North Beach steadied and won comfortably. Best players for North were Dale Thompson, Brendan Sandercott, Justin Vost and Adrian Van Irsen, with Bruce Reynolds kicking four goals and Tim Wainwright three.

This week's matches should see Nollamara account for Wesley-Curtin; the much-improved Mt Lawley can beat Trinity-Aquinas in what promises to be a hard-fought match; University's unbeaten run will continue when they take on Scarborough; North Beach will prove too strong for West Coast and the match of the day will see Maylands and Wembley fight it out.

D COLTS

North Beach were overpowered by an aggressive Ocean Ridge side.

The young Tigers were unable to match the height and strength which Ocean Ridge displayed. Better players for North Beach were Paul Williams, Phil Ellis and Brendon Lynch, who all battled hard against the odds.

AMATEUR clubs with colts teams are asked to contact Chris Jeakings with any football news on Sunday evenings, between 8.30pm and 9.30pm, on 370 3772.

Best leads Boyanup charge

CAPTAIN Darren Best led Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup back into finals contention when they thrashed Busselton by 51 points in Sunday's South West league fixtures.

It was Best and courageous centreman John Western who set up the Cardies third victory in four matches, but this time they had support from forwards Michael Little, new recruit Frank Del Casale, Warwick Roe and Victor Lowe, who kicked 14 goals between them.

SOUTH'S WOES

South Bunbury's woes continued when they lost by seven points to Bunbury after leading at all changes, with a 21-point margin at three-quarter time.

Captain-coach Peter Old controlled the ruck all day, Rod Steele and Peter Amonini were solid in defence and Darren Kowal played brilliantly from the wing.

But their efforts were not enough to achieve their first win for the season. Bunbury switched fearless backmen Kim Harris into the centre for the last term and he provided enough opportu-

nities for Bunbury to snatch a last-minute victory.

Donnybrook's disastrous season continued when they were beaten by 11 points by third-placed Augusta-Margaret River.

The Hawks sewed the game up with an eight-goal second term when centre-half-forward Justin Cook, defenders Brett Nixon and Brad Kevill, centreman Alex Rattray and ruckman Shane Stiles were superb.

Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault maintained their perfect start to the season with another crushing win — this time by 113 points over Carey Park.

COLLIE DERBY

Collie, with Allen Daniels in superb form on the ball and Jeff Davidson bagging six goals on his return from injury, were comfortable 39-point victors over Mines Rovers.



Railways Kim Mayfield in action in their Southern Districts clash with Albany

RAILWAYS NEED UPSET WIN

THE battle for third and fourth position on the Southern Districts ladder this week will put the pressure on Railways, who have been disappointing so far this season.

Railways must score an upset win over unbeaten Royals if they are to consolidate third spot.

At present the Tigers are alternating the position with South Mt Barker.

An easy win over Denmark allowed Railways to reclaim third spot as South went down narrowly to North Albany.

This week South have the easy run as they tackle a dispirited North Mt Barker in what should be one of the least competitive derbies for some time.

North's lack of player numbers has seen the established role of the Mt Barker teams reversed and with a crop of injuries, victory seems remote for the Demons.

OPTIMISTIC

Railways can be more optimistic as they front Royals.

The return of Bevan and Rowe last week and the continuing good form of Thomson and Maroni boosts Railways form, but Royals are playing brilliant football.

No side has seriously threatened Royals and from the first bounce last Sunday against North Barker they played like a class side, supremely confident.

The game at Denmark should see North Albany, who have lost only one game this season, overwhelm the gallant Danes, who have struggled to get scores on the board and were no match for Railways last week.

TIGERS CLEAR

TIGERS moved two games clear of Lakes and Munglinup on top of the Ravensthorpe ladder when they were big winners over Lakes 22.15 (147) to 10.10 (70).

Munglinup dealt Southerners yet another big defeat when they ran out 80-point winners 19.16 (130) to 7.8 (50)

TOP SIDE LOSES

BODDINGTON remain the only unbeaten side in the Upper Great Southern after beating competition leaders Wickepin in an enthralling top-of-the-table encounter last weekend 14.18 (102) to 11.10 (76).

Glen Wilson and Brett Sherry were best for the reigning premiers, while goals were evenly spread among forwards Craig Sherry (four) with Ken Mutton, Brendon Ugle and Wayne Coles, in his first game for the season, each kicking three.

Best for Wickepin were Rod Fleay and Gavin Kerruish.

REVERSAL

In a remarkable form reversal, West Arthur rebounded from a 168-point drubbing last week to easily beat a disappointing Wagin 19.18 (132) to 9.13 (67).

A straight-shooting Lake Grace returned to the winning list by beating Williams, 18.8 (116) to 13.15 (93). Key defender Noel Bairstow was again best for Lake Grace and other strong contributions came from David Jones, Rodney Walker (five goals) and Craig Lee (four).

ROVERS SURVIVE

ROVERS held off a determined fight-back from Dalwallinu to run out 16-point winners, 10.12 (72) to 8.8 (56) and remain the only undefeated team in the Central Midlands League.

Dalwallinu outscored Rovers in the last quarter, but Rovers held on to win and move one game clear on the top of the ladder.

Dandaragan scored their second win when they beat Bindi Miling 16.12 (108) to 12.10 (82), as did Warriors when they downed Watheroo by 58 points, 18.13 (121) to 9.9 (63).

TABLE TOPPERS

MOORA Rovers moved to the top of premiership table when they beat Dalwallinu in the clash of the two unbeaten in the Central Midlands league.

The defences stood firm for both sides in the low-scoring, torrid affair, but Rovers greater desire gave them victory, 10-12 (72) to 8-8 (56).

Dandaragan beat Bindi Miling 16.12 (108) to 12-10 (82), with Phil Haywood (four goals), Mark West and Rob John (three goals) best for the winners.

Moora Warriors (18-13) beat Watheroo (9-9) with best players being Mike Shallow, Colin Watts and Terry Narrier (five goals) for the winners and Gavin Parfitt, Robbie Morton and Jamie Charlton for Watheroo.

This week's match of the day is at Moora where the Dally Bulldogs will endeavour to regain winning form when they play Moora Warriors. Bindi Miling play Moora Rovers at Miling and the Dandy Saints are at home to Watheroo.

TWO UNBEATEN

GOOMALLING and Gingin remain undefeated in the Mortlock Football League after five rounds and a four-way struggle has developed for the other two positions in the top four.

Goomalling hold top spot on percentage from Gingin after beating Dowerin 20.21 (141) to 7.5 (47) and an inaccurate Gingin beat Ballidu 18.23 (131) to 6.7 (43).

Country league action

ONGERUP sides Pingrup and Borden were two clubs on a mission last Sunday as they fought for their first win of the season. Pingrup came out on top when they scrambled home by two points, 8.7 (55) to 7.11 (53).

Boxwood Hill also had their first win when they downed Gnowangerup 24.13 (157) to 11.10 (76) and they climbed three positions on the premiership table.

The top-four clash between Jerramungup and Kent fizzled out into a tame one-sided affair with Jerramungup running out 94-point winners,

18.12 (120) to 3.8 (26) and claiming second spot.

The Newdegate-Ongerup clash turned out as expected with Newdegate tightening their grip on top spot, winning 19.15 (129) to 5.7 (37).

STRONG FINISH

A SEVEN goal last quarter from Kellerberrin put the result of their Avon Football Association match against Brookton beyond doubt and they ran out winners, 21.19 (145) to 9.4 (58).

Cunderdin overcame a slow start to win their fourth game when they beat Railways 15.10 (100) to 8.13 (61) after trailing Railways at the first break.

Tammin held an inaccurate York goal-less in the second term to put them on the road to a 51-point victory 12.13 (85) to 4.15 (34) and a 16-goal to four first half assured Federals of victory over Beverley 25.15 (165) to 13.12 (90).

DONGARA SURVIVE

DONGARA held off a spirited challenge from Perenjori, who are desperate for their first victory of the North Midlands season, to snatch a three-point win.

Dongara were well represented by Bryce Cooper and Mick Malland (three goals), while best for Perenjori were Brad Hodder and Les Spencer and goals came from Laurie Butler (three) and Alan Hardingham (two).

Eight goals from Three Springs Kent Broad kicked his side to a 41-point victory over Carnamah, 19.11 (125) to 12.12 (84). Wayne Green, Wayne Mutter and Steve Nielsen were best for the winners, while Carnamah's Neville Topham, David Grierson and Jason Ryan did well as Brad Langford kicked five goals.

Morawa moved into third spot when they were 12-point winners over Mingenew, 17.10 (112) to 15.10 (100).

Mortlock Football League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Goomalling	5	5	-	861	293	293.85	20
Gingin	5	5	-	655	387	169.25	20
Dowerin	5	3	2	463	477	97.06	12
Wongan Hills	2	3	3	511	459	111.32	8
Caligin	5	2	3	496	479	103.96	8
Wyalkatchem	5	2	3	313	516	60.65	8
Toodyay	5	1	4	437	571	76.53	4
Ballidu	5	-	5	231	746	30.96	-

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Ongerup

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Newdegate	3	3	0	466	133	350.37	12
Jerramungup	3	3	0	350	147	238.09	12
Kent	3	2	1	280	227	123.34	8
Boxwood Hill	3	1	2	273	340	80.29	4
Gnowangerup	3	1	2	226	326	69.32	4
Pingrup	3	1	2	179	280	63.92	4
Borden	3	1	2	194	348	55.74	4
Ongerup	3	0	3	179	346	51.73	0

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NORTH MIDLANDS

	P	W	L	Pts	%
Three Springs	3	3	0	162.27	12
Dongara	3	3	0	129.84	12
Coorow/Lthm	4	2	2	111.54	8
Morawa	3	2	1	102.39	8
Carnamah	4	1	3	91.94	4
Mingenew	4	1	3	75.99	4
Perenjori	3	0	3	71.27	0

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Clearance ban is a necessity

THE WA Football Commission should strongly lobby for a two-year clearance moratorium in the State Football League.

The competition must be protected because there are few players ready to graduate to the higher level of the AFL.

To add weight to this argument, consider how the 1989 draftees have performed for their AFL clubs.

Of the seven players who have joined East coast clubs this season, only three have been regular league players, three have been borderline performers and one has not yet played a senior game.

The majority of the players drafted last season are simply too young and inexperienced for the AFL. They still have a lot of learning to do at State League level and a look at the competition this season indicates that things are not improving.

There are some handy players and many emerging youngsters, but it would be suicidal to send some of them to the AFL at this early stage of their football lives.

Of all the clubs, the Eagles have performed the best with their draft rookies, with only Peter Mann, Ryan Turnbull and Tony Evans yet to play senior football of those drafted last November.

With Mann and Evans vowing they will not play for the Eagles this season, Turnbull remains the only youngster with a real chance to play, who has not been afforded an opportunity.

While some of the other clubs are calling for a review of the draft system, it seems it would be in the best interests of the sport to close ranks and completely reject recruiting from WA next season.

ADVANTAGES

The Melbourne administrators, nestled in their lounge chairs watching the Eagles demolish Brisbane last Sunday, will probably renew calls to stymie the WA club's draft "advantages".

It's strange how these calls for restrictions on the Eagles have come at a time when the invaders from the West are starting to make their mark on the competition.

The Vics believe the Eagles receive too many concessions and they will probably renew their plea to the AFL this week after watching the efforts of Dean Kemp and Brett Heady in Sunday's 59-point victory.

But the Melbourne clubs who are moaning loudest should have a look at their own recruiting staff.

The Eagles had two pre-draft selections last year for players aged between 16 and 19 and they selected Turnbull and Mann.

All the other players like Peter Matera, Dean Irving, Evans, Brad Gwilliam and Tony Begovich were available to the other clubs. But they had not done their homework and were unaware of the potential of those players.

The Eagles football staff deserve high praise for their effort.

Many people (including myself) did not think that Kemp, Heady, Gwilliam or Irving would be ready for AFL at this stage.

SURPRISING

It has been pleasantly surprising to see Kemp and Heady regularly appear in the Eagles best-player list and both were strong performers last week, with Kemp laying claim to being best-afield.

Irving and Gwilliam started well before losing form and being



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dropped, but both have shown they have a capacity to play an important role in the club's future.

It's amazing to consider that Gwilliam, Kemp and Begovich were the last three players picked up in the draft last season.

Even the Eagles would probably have rated them as long-term prospects and perhaps they have also surprised the club's football manager, Trevor Nisbett and recruiting officer, Mick Moylan.

Obviously coach Mick Malthouse had to rely on the judgement of Nisbett and Moylan because his knowledge of the youngsters could not match that of the locals.

THE COVERAGE

WHO PLAYS WHERE IN THE PEPSI CUP

West Australian State Football League
 Saturday, May 26
 (Round 9)

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East Fremantle vs Swan Districts, at East Fremantle Oval (broadcast by 6NR).

East Perth vs West Perth, at Perth Oval (broadcast by 6PR).

Perth vs South Fremantle, at Lathlain Park.



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