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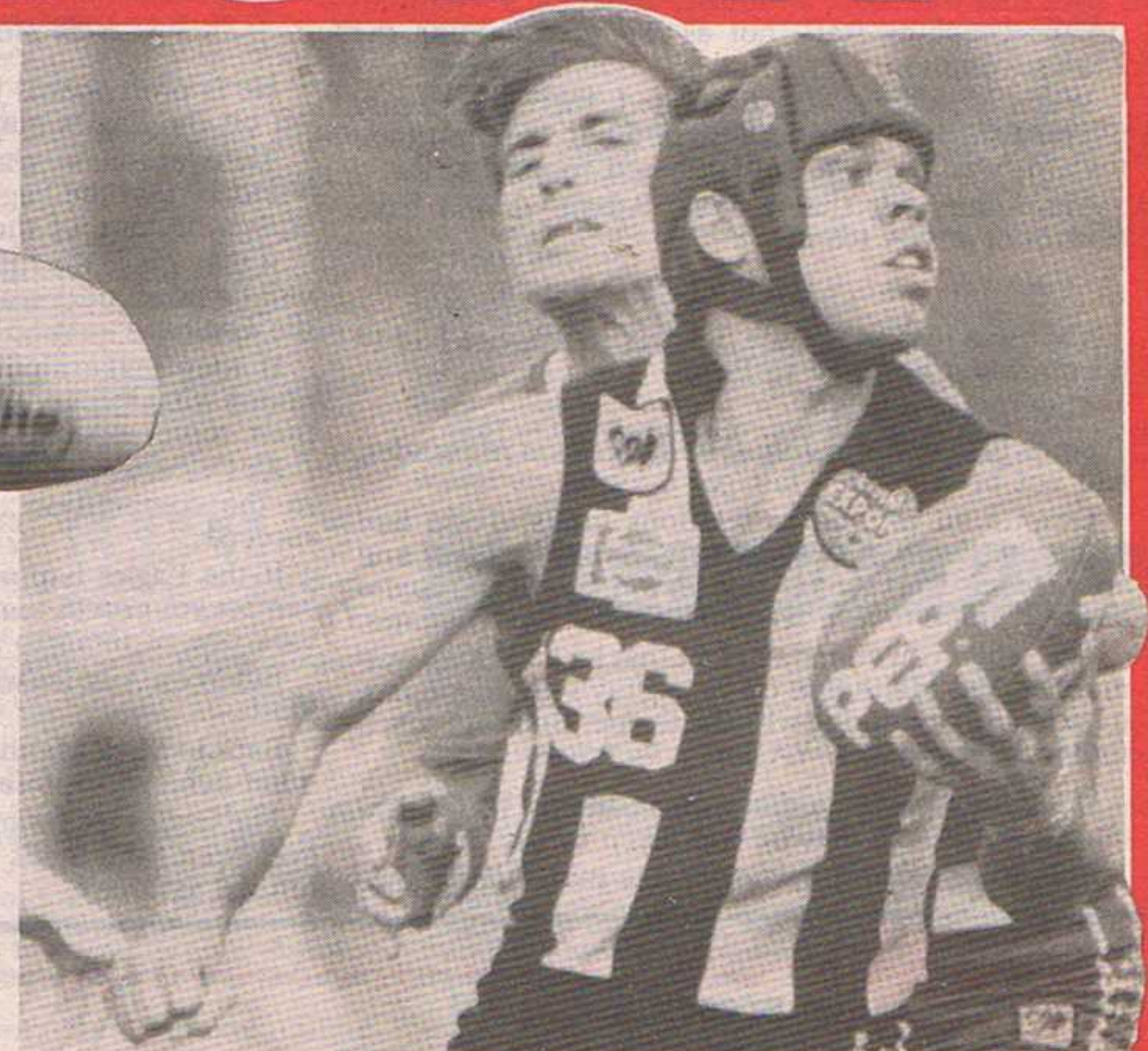
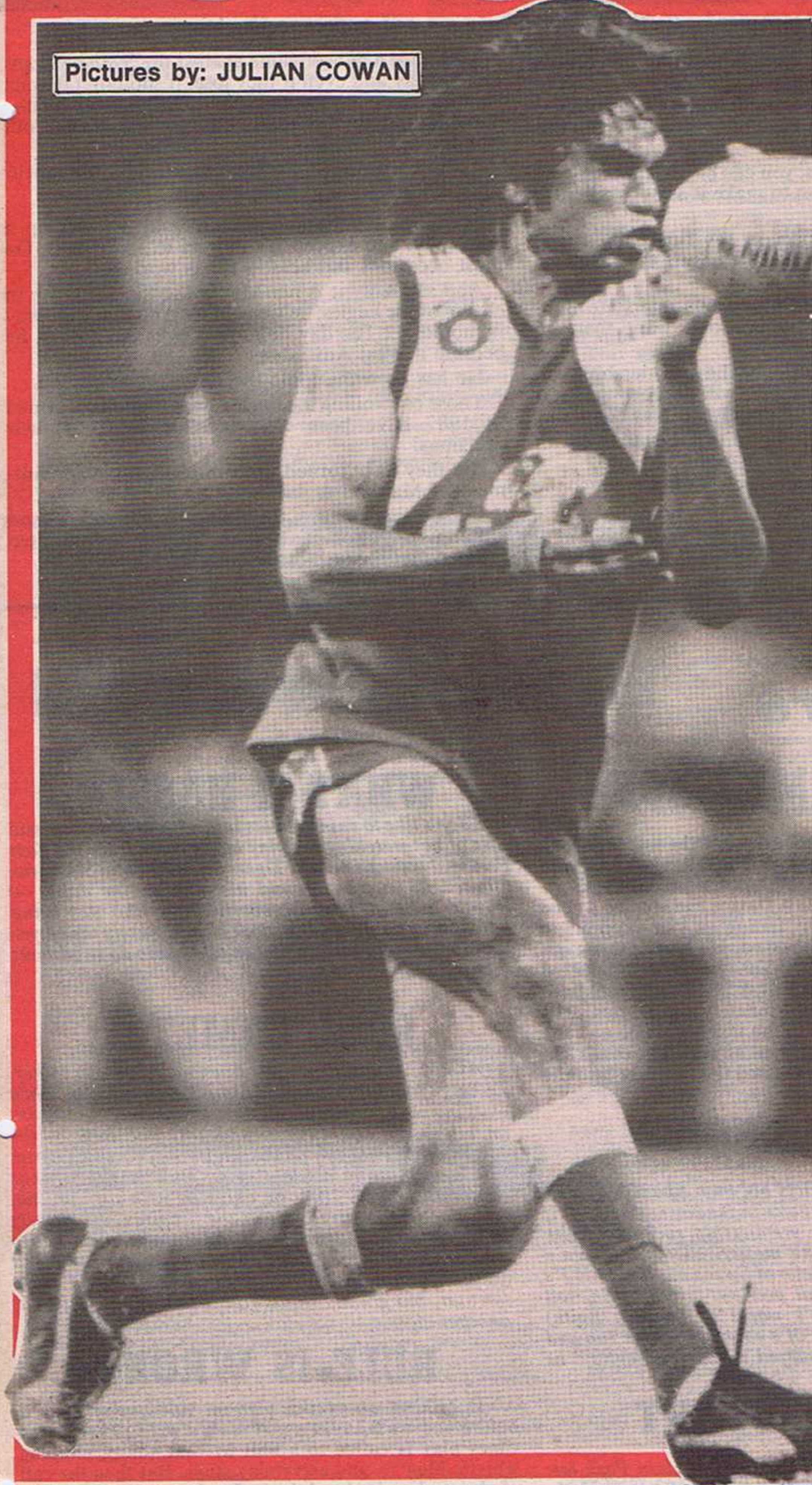
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# SHOWDOWN

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CHRIS Lewis (left) and Phil Narkle (above) are two midfielders with important roles to play on different sides of the country this weekend. Lewis will be part of the West Coast Eagles line-up hoping to end their win-less run against the Sydney Swans at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday, while Narkle — playing his 200th game — will feature in Swans Districts Saturday fight to keep their second semi-final berth secure

## Swans and South in battle for second spot

See match preview page four

## MALTHOUSE LIFTS EAGLES

says Rob Bennett on page 2

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# MICK'S MAGIC

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**Coach's potion works with our beloved Eagles**

## MICK Malthouse, magician?

Not quite. But he has certainly worked wonders with the West Coast Eagles this season.

Last year I suggested in this column that the Eagles would never be a real threat to Melbourne-based teams till they recruited a Victorian coach.

But that was more a thought of having a Victorian on the coaching staff, not as the man guiding the Eagles fortunes.

When Malthouse was appointed, there was plenty of resentment in WA because of a parochial attitude towards our West Australian-based football team.

Many fans felt that a West Aussie should have control of a WA team.

### BARRIER

That was just one of the barriers Malthouse had to hurdle when he came to Perth.

There were others.

Some believed that John Todd, like Ron Alexander, had not been given a fair go.

Despite all his public relations faults, Todd had taken the Eagles into the finals in his first year and after a disastrous start to last season, he got the Eagles back on track to win five of their last seven games.

And when you added the fact that he had twice outmanoeuvred Malthouse on Footscray's home ground, it left many wondering why the former Bulldogs coach should have got the WA job.

It all added up to a daunting challenge for Malthouse; but it's one that he has taken in his stride.

And that probably says what the man is all about.



Mick Malthouse moods... (left) jubilation after a win and motivating his charges



He is professional to the core and that has rubbed off on the Eagles players.

There are many claims, particularly from critics in Victoria, that the Eagles have had a favoured run this season because of the draw.

If they make the finals, you can be certain that steps will be taken next season to make it a lot tougher for the Eagles.

If they make an impact in the finals, then who knows what steps will be taken to ensure the Eagles get their come-uppance.

As I've said before, the AFL wants interstate clubs in the competition...but they don't want them to succeed.

If the Eagles happen to win the premiership, you can bet your socks that the Vics will be crowing that it took one of them to show us how to play football.

But West Aussies would be quite happy to live with that!

Back to Mick Malthouse — he's been very much the quiet achiever this season.

The Eagles are far more competitive than they have ever been...and that's not just because they beat Carlton on Saturday.

They face a danger game against the Sydney Swans this Sunday and even if they lose, it shouldn't detract from the way the Eagles have learnt to fight for the hard ball and not wait for the easy one to be dished out to a loose player.

There's nothing like success to lift the team spirit.

### GAME PLAN

Malthouse is the complete general; he sets up a game plan and expects his players to abide by it. On most occasions this season it has worked.

And suddenly it is not Malthouse the Victorian in charge of the Eagles; he's one of us. And that's the way it should be. The day he moved over the border, he became a West Australian.

He has been the tonic the Eagles have needed.

Those controlling the Eagles since they were formed in 1987 have been criticised for some of their decisions.

But they have turned up trumps with the appointment of Malthouse.

Irrespective of how the Eagles finish this season under his direction, it's obvious the club has recruited someone with exceptional coaching skills.

Let's hope it culminates in a premiership.

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## Footy Rumours

### GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

### VERY BEWILDERING

THERE were plenty of disgruntled Swan Districts players and fans after some strange umpiring decisions at Bassendean Oval last Saturday. Though both parties will admit that Swans deserved to lose to West Perth, they did get some rough treatment from the men in white. As one fan said: "We're capable of losing by ourselves." Two decisions in particular raised the chagrin of the Swans. The first was disgraceful. After being penalised for holding the man while not in possession, aggressive Swans forward Peter Hodyl handballed the ball directly to Falcon Malcolm Williams, who promptly ducked the pass and let it go over his head — and received a 50-metre penalty. The second came in the final term with Swans staging a desperate fightback. With the ball rolling towards the goal-line, veteran defender Don Langsford dived and apparently punched the ball over the line for a minor score. However, the umpire saw it as a throw — there must have been 10 legitimate throws missed in the afternoon — and gave a free-kick against him. West Perth forward Paul Hazell had no problems in converting the goal.

### TOUGH DECISION

IF ever an umpire took the spirit out of a team's performance it was Greg Scroop at Perth Oval on Saturday. The Royals, outclassed in the skills department by Claremont, were making a tough go of it early. But when rover Peter Miller was blatantly pushed in the back and ridden into the turf right in front of Scroop just 35-metres out of goal — and no free kick eventuated — you could feel the players drop their spirits. Scroop went on to record an umpiring performance that would make interesting reading in the observer's report!

### BLUNT MESSAGE

WEST Perth rover Chris Davies got the message loud and clear when coach George Michalczyk issued him with some stern instructions seconds before the quarter-time break last Saturday. Davies had spoiled a good Falcons attacking move by failing on four attempts to pick the ball up while unmarked. He luckily came out with a free-kick when the Swans opponent anticipated that Davies would pick the ball up and he was penalised for holding the man. Unfortunately for Davies, Michalczyk had come down to the boundary line and the mistake happened right in front of him. The coach ran out to the touchline and screamed the message into the rover's ear.

### DRAFT CHOICE

VERSATILE Swan Districts big man Shane Stempel would be the Eagles first choice in the November draft if former black and whites premiership ruckman Keith Slater had any say in the matter. Slater was again singing the praises of his beloved Swans on Radio 6WF's Saturday morning football preview. "At 6ft. 6in. tall (that's 198cm in today's world of metrics, Keith) Stempel has all the skills of a rover, as he can run and turn and he should be snapped up by the Eagles," he said.

### CASUAL START

LEADING ruckmen had it easy at Lathlain Park last Saturday when goals were few and far between in the first term. They only had to front up for one bounciedown other than the one to start the game. Perth had five points on the board and Subiaco three before Perth's Gavin Whittington goaled after a 50-metre penalty 25 minutes into the match.

### WHAT A HASSLE

WE don't like to put the boots into umpires, but a classic case of not watching the play again came from the East Perth-Claremont match. Tigers defender John Scott was allowed to play on around his man on the mark — Royals forward Tony Stubberfield — who was being harassed by another Claremont player. Surely the player standing on the mark should be allowed to do so without interference.

### COOL COMETTI

YOU have to admire WA's talented television talker, Dennis Cometti, for the way he keeps his cool when working with former Hawthorn tough guy, Don Scott on big-match commentaries. Scott, who took to the media after a not-too-flash stint in the coaching world, just keeps putting his foot in his mouth with strange comments. Every time he chips in with an "oh, no, that's not right" as a shot at the umpires, the viewers generally see it differently — and Cometti often has to correct his colleague. Scott's comments last week about Steve Silvagini, when he tried to compliment the Carlton star, but got his words round the wrong way, was another classic.

### RULE IS WRONG

AND talking about the play-on rule...we've said it before and we'll say it again — it's wrong! Too many times play is called to a halt by that sharp, piercing whistle-blow — and everybody stops. But then the call of play-on is voiced and the lucky player with the ball is first to react and dashes away; often some metres away from where the incident happened. That's simply not fair. Players are aware that if they don't obey the whistle immediately, they could forfeit a 50-metre penalty. They just can't win.

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# Bye, bye Bucky...

**GARY** Buckenara was always going to be a national football star — but he was never in any real hurry.

It was back in 1979 that Buckenara was a late graduate from amateur football ranks and tackled the WA Football League at the ripe old age of 21.

He was an instant success and signed up by VFL giants Hawthorn just 10 games into that season. But he was in no hurry to cross the border and the Hawks had to wait another three seasons before they paraded the skills of Buckenara before the Victorian public.

That's Bucky; now retired, but ready to tackle any number of new challenges ranging from coaching to getting his golf handicap down to scratch — and maybe even professional cycling, a sporting love he has developed in his long rehabilitation programmes.

## OPERATION

His fifth knee operation has curtailed the career of one of WA's favourite football sons; a highly-skilled player with sure ball-handling, an incredibly safe mark and a brilliant kick. A man who loved big games.

Buckenara captained the Sandgropers in the State-of-Origin arena, where he produced some of his most magical performances and was a hero for Hawthorn, where he wrote his own piece of history.

The 11-year career has many highlights and while he never played in a finals match with Subiaco, he more than made up for it when he switched clubs to Hawthorn and notched 154 injury-plagued games.

He will long remember just one kick — that fabulous 45-metre drop-punt from a comfortable angle at VFL Park just before 5pm on Saturday, September 19, 1987. It sailed through for a goal after the final siren and put Hawthorn into the grand final.

"That's always going to be a kick to remember," says Buckenara, now 32 and quite adamant that his retirement decision is final. "But those four winning grand finals with Hawthorn are my proudest moments."

That 1987 match-winning kick led to disappointment a week later when Carlton proved too good in the grand final. But it also led to Buckenara's best season in VFL ranks, the following year when he was a consistent star for the Hawks and helped them win the 1988 flag.

"We had so much to go for that year; there was so much driving the blokes that nothing was going to stand in our way," he says.

## FIRST FLAG

Buckenara doesn't recall a lot about his first VFL premiership, 1983, his second year in Melbourne. He celebrated Hawthorn's win over Essendon in hospital; his team-mates took that cherished premiership cup to his bedside after he had been carried off with a knee injury in the opening minutes.

He was part of the 1986, '88 and '89 premierships and feels that missing the mates he has made at Hawthorn will be the hardest thing to accept on his retirement.

The Woodlands youngster trained at the Churchlands Teachers College, but he never took up the profession; football was to prove too demanding.

It was back in August, 1979 when I first interviewed

*...and thanks for some great footy*



Gary Buckenara...bowing out after an illustrious career

Buckenara, the rookie of the season in WAFL ranks. He said then that his modest ambitions were to play for WA and see Subiaco do well.

He was overwhelmed at his instant success with Subiaco — even though he had always wanted to play with West Perth. He was also an A-grade cricketer and he had no idea then that football could make him a household name.

## 'BIT SLACK'

He admitted that his late entry to league football was probably because he was 'a bit slack.'

"In amateurs, you can take it a bit easy," he said. "I found the discipline a bit hard to accept at Subiaco, until I learnt it had to be that way."

It was those training years at Churchlands that helped equip him for a successful football career. While studying there he was content to play D-grade amateur football, representing the State twice and winning the Amateur League's fairest and best award.

When he graduated from college, he also graduated to Subiaco and was an instant success, earning selection in the WAFL side to play South Australia, but then coping with the disappointment of being 21st man. He more than atoned in subsequent interstate games and shared a Simpson Medal with fellow WA-player Jim Krakouer in the 1981 clash with SA.

That was his only material honour from his senior football career — but he certainly deserved more.

There were many times when he was the inspiration behind a WA victory, especially under the State-of-Origin concept which he loved and how he never won a fairest and best award at either Subiaco or Hawthorn is amazing. He was runner-up in his three years with the Lions and filled second, third and fourth places at Hawthorn.

So it's over and the man who soared through the air like a bird; kicked goals over his shoulders from incredible angles; had a bullet-like pass to team-mates and a football brain the envy of many a coach, will thrill us no longer.

## LEGALITIES

"It's sad to finish this way," says Bucky, who will long remember his last game — against the club he could well have been playing for, the West Coast Eagles, if legalities hadn't stopped his planned return home in 1987.

Fittingly, that last game was in Perth, at the WACA Ground under lights on Friday, June 15 this year. Round 12 it was and part of another comeback that ended just before half-time when that troublesome left knee locked up.

"You've got to know when it's time and the time's now," he said on Saturday after officially telling Hawthorn that his playing career was over, but that he wanted to serve out the remainder of his contract helping the club in any way possible.

"It's disappointing, but I think I can look back with pride and satisfaction on what I've achieved."

Sure can, Bucky. Thanks for the memories.



Gary Buckenara at Hawthorn (left) and his early days at Subiaco.

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# Second place battle keeps fight alive

A PLACE in the second semi-final and a double chance at the grand final is up for grabs at Fremantle Oval this Saturday.

Swan Districts could give themselves a two-game plus percentage buffer over third-placed South Fremantle by beating the Bulldogs in their den — but the home side will be eager to win and draw level on points with the Bassendean invaders.

"We've made this game into a more important one than it need be," says Swans full-forward Brent Hutton.

"Our recent slump in form has allowed the other clubs to catch us and now we're in danger of losing our spot in the top two."

## DIRECTION

Swans have lacked midfield direction recently and last Saturday were well beaten in the centre, except for the third quarter when Hutton was provided with some good opportunities which he converted.

Utility player Peter Hodyl, ruckman Travis Edmonds and ruck-rover David Ogg must all lift their games.

Likewise, the Bulldogs will want better performances from defenders Cliff Collard and Ken Martin, ruckman Craig Edwards and utility John MacDonald after going down in the port derby.

Skipper Brad Collard and midfielder Scott Watters are in fine touch and should create attacking options for their side.

## SHARKS CRUISING

A STRONG summer of recruiting would normally have given this week's clash between Subiaco and East Fremantle top-billing as a vital series-three duel.

Instead, the Lions are propping the table up after barely raising a whimper and the Sharks are odds-on to take the four premiership points at League Headquarters.

Sharks defenders Jon Derecourt and Brad Read are posing problems for all forwards, while ball-getters Gary Smallridge and Glen Moir are real dangermen.

The Lions lacked scoring power last Saturday and must switch former WAFL goalkicking champion Todd Breman to full-forward to get the most out of their possession.

Wingman Damian Hampson and back-pocket Brian Taylor are other good players.

## PRIDE OF PERTH

PERTH and East Perth will be playing for personal pride at Perth Oval this Saturday.

Neither side can now make the finals — unless East Fremantle lose all four remaining matches — and the two Perth clubs want to at least finish fifth with the knowledge that they were the best-of-the-rest.

The Demons, with West Coast Eagle Adrian Barich making a good return after a lengthy injury spell, worked hard to beat Subiaco and players like John Zaikos, John Clarkson and Joe Santostefano are exerting solid influence.

East Perth succumbed meekly to Claremont last Saturday and coach Ian McCulloch will expect better performances from all players — with the exception of Lucio Baroni, Glen Bartlett and Stephen Hooper, who continue to work hard.

## FALCONS CHALLENGE

WEST Perth are going for the quinella on Saturday.

For the second consecutive week the Falcons find themselves pitted against the team leading the State League competition and after knocking Swans from their lofty spot last Saturday, they are fired up to end Claremont's winning run at Claremont Oval.

But it will be a mammoth task. The Tigers are running hot after dumping East Perth and engine-room runners Tony Evans, Joe Cormack and Peter Thorne are in overdrive.

## WASFL'S TOP GOALKICKERS

- 56.27 Glen Bartlett (East Perth)
- 50.31 Todd Ridley (Claremont)
- 44.20 Andy Holmes (Swan Dist)
- 40.31 Neil Lester-Smith (East Frem)
- 38.41 Peter Hodyl (Swan Districts)
- 36.23 Wayne Golding (Subiaco)
- 36.21 Shane Stempel (Swan Districts)
- 34.29 Derek Hall (West Perth)
- 33.24 Glen Jakovich (South Fremantle)
- 32.23 Joe Cormack (Claremont)



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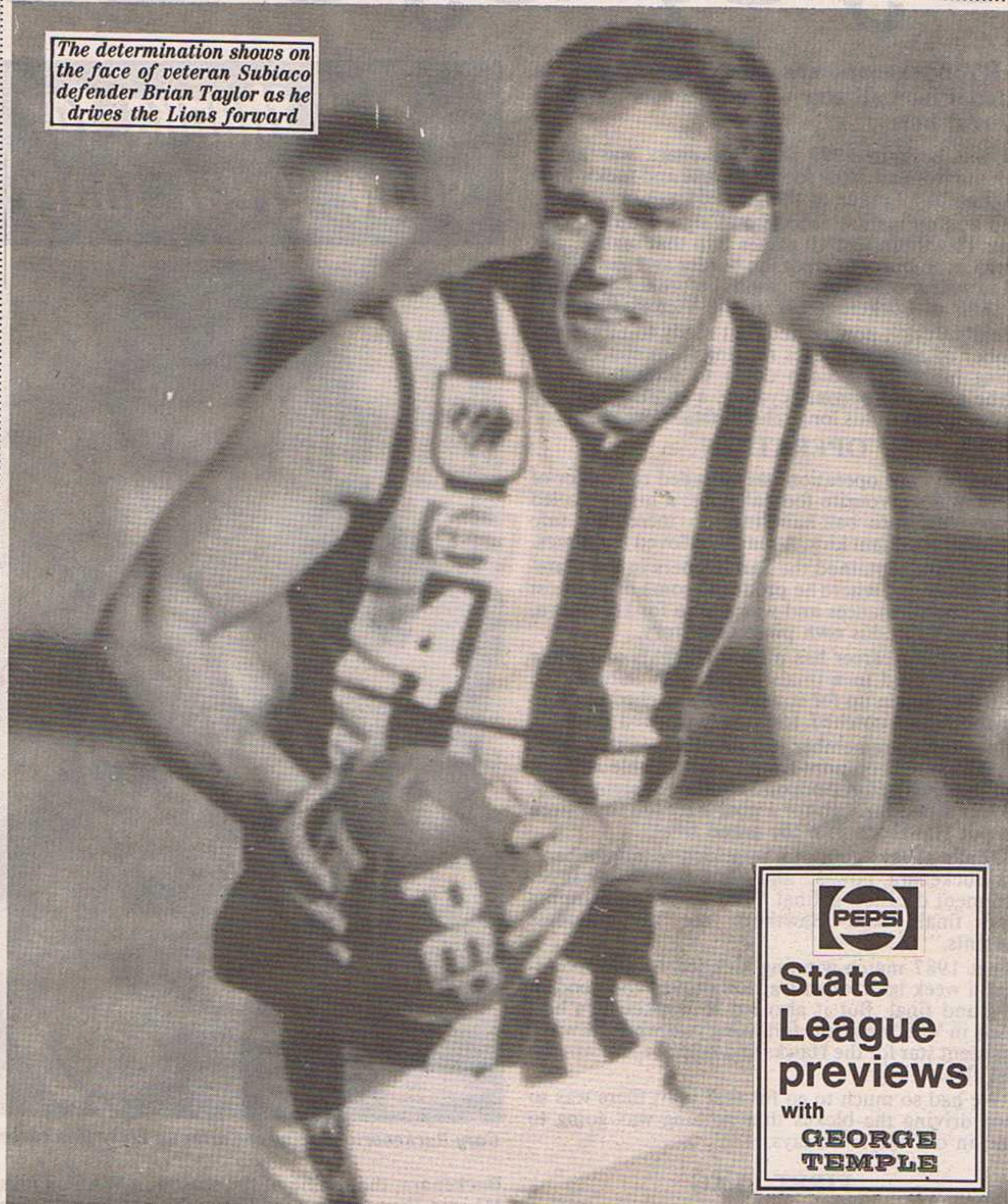
## STATE LEAGUE FORM GUIDE



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

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SOUTH FREM	L(7), W(52), W(21), L(32), W(65), W(5), L(51), L(10), L(25), W(13), W(8), W(29), W(10), W(8), W(29), W(34), L(54)
SUBIACO	W(105), L(57), W(50), L(20), W(15), L(5), L(4), W(17), L(64), W(14), L(32), L(44), L(10), L(69), L(42), L(38), L(18)
EAST PERTH	L(105), W(24), W(15), L(30), L(11), L(100), W(51), L(17), W(62), L(94), L(3), L(67), L(11), L(8), W(42), W(94), L(99)
EAST FREM	W(86), L(23), L(21), W(20), W(11), W(27), W(68), L(8), L(42), L(13), W(32), W(67), L(32), L(39), W(41), W(23), W(54)
WEST PERTH	L(86), L(24), L(66), L(159), L(65), W(16), W(4), W(8), L(62), W(41), L(112), L(29), L(35), W(69), L(41), L(94), W(27)
SWAN DIST	W(3), W(23), W(66), W(32), L(15), W(100), W(15), W(115), W(42), L(41), L(8), W(44), W(11), W(3), W(21), L(23), L(27)
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The determination shows on the face of veteran Subiaco defender Brian Taylor as he drives the Lions forward



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ROB BENNETT	37	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	40	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
TANIA ARMSTRONG	39	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	41	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
ALAN EAST	41	Claremont	East Fremantle	East Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
IAN MILLER	43	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	41	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	44	Claremont	East Fremantle	East Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
GEORGE TEMPLE	41	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	39	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles

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# REGRETS NOT COACHING

FOOTBALL often honours its former champions and the gathering earlier this season of some of the 300-game players from West Australian ranks was a night to cherish.

Westside Football had gathered most of the players to reach that milestone and there were plenty of football memories and anecdotes.

As the players received special medallions from State League general manager John O'Connell — officiating on behalf of Westside, accompanied by some delightful words from football writer extraordinaire, Geoff Christian — a few words of response were called for.

It came as no surprise that these champions, who are obviously held in the highest esteem in the football world, were basically down-to-earth sportsmen, far from self-opinionated despite their success.

One man who caught my attention was Tom Grljusich.

## COMPETITOR

He may not have captured the imagination of the football public to the same degree as, say, Bill Walker, Barry Cable, Graham Farmer or Graham Moss. Yet he was a truly honest competitor who could be relied on to play with admirable consistency.

Grljusich spent most of his football life with South Fremantle, playing as a ruckman or at centre-half-back. He spent time in South Australia, where he played with Central District and represented that State also.

Now thriving in the real estate business on home territory around Spearwood, Tom still loves his football — but he confesses to only one regret...that he hadn't given himself the chance to coach.

"I had offers, but I had to pass them up because of business commitments," says Grljusich.

## CONFRONTATION

In the course of our reminiscing, he related a story concerning a confrontation he once had with the legendary Jack Sheedy, one of the real tough guys of the old-style game.

Tom smiles ruefully when he had recounted:

*"It was the only time I was ever scared on a football field."*

*"Being a bit cheeky, I was passing some uncomplimentary remarks to Jack and, to his credit, he took a lot of it before he pointed a finger at me and said that if I kept it up, my career would come to a sudden stop."*

*"I got the message and shut up."*



Tom Grljusich...a great competitor

*"I don't think too many players would have tangled with the Reverend Jack and I certainly didn't want to push my luck."*

The comment was interesting when you realise that Grljusich, a player not over-endowed with super skills but boasting plenty of perseverance, went on to reach that impressive 300-game milestone.

## ACHIEVERS

"I don't think we were all that much better than many other players," said Grljusich in relation to the 300-game achievers.

"It's just that we were the lucky ones who never copped any serious injuries."

## Viewpoint



With **BILL MATHER-BROWN**

Grljusich had a running style all of its own. He loped along maintaining a straight back and it looked a bit peculiar till you grew accustomed to the gait.

"Is that why they called you Turkey?" I asked.

"You could be excused for thinking that," he answered. "But the fact is Mal Brown gave me the nickname because of an incident that happened at a party while we were on a trip to England."

Interesting, eh? But he wasn't going on with any explanations!

Grljusich thinks deeply about his football and, I suspect, life in general.

For those reasons, he could be a good prospect for a coaching position.

Whether or not he has the time is another question, but as he harbours a regret of not trying coaching, then maybe he should give it a go before time passes him by.

## AMUSING

There was another sidelight to the 300-games night that really was amusing.

The legendary Polly Farmer was talking about how he had been asked to teach some of the West Coast Eagles players how to kick with a bit more finesse, particularly accurate kicks over short-to-medium distances — something Farmer was an expert at.

He had several sessions with players regarded as WA's elite and someone asked him who was the best kick in the squad.

"I was," the former champion answered with a wry smile.

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## MILLER'S MARK



East Fremantle's Brad Read stretches high for this great mark in Sunday's derby, despite the spoiling attempt from South Fremantle's Ken Martin

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# Interstate Update

with RICHARD CAMM



## SCG bogey for Eagles

THE West Coast Eagles have the opportunity this Sunday to record their first victory at the Sydney Cricket Ground — and they are the only club not to have won in Sydney.

The Eagles have played games at 12 different venues in their four seasons in Australia's premier competition. They have recorded victories at eight of those venues — but are yet to win at VFL Park, Windy Hill, Victoria Park and the SCG.

Their victory over Carlton on Saturday saw Princes Park become the third away ground — with Carrara Oval and the Western Oval — where the Eagles have won more than one game.

Carrara — the venue for the Eagles-Bears clash in round 21 — is the only ground where the Eagles have an unblemished record.

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THE Eagles score of 20.12 against Carlton was their highest tally in Melbourne, surpassing the 18.14 kicked against Footscray at the Western Oval in round three this year.

The Eagles highest score outside of Perth is 21.14, against the Brisbane Bears at Carrara, in round 20 of 1987.

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HAWTHORN'S win over the Brisbane Bears gave the Hawks consecutive victories for the first time since rounds 3-4-5. The last round that Hawthorn took so long to record consecutive victories was between round 14 of 1980 and round five of 1981.

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NORTH Melbourne will be seeking to stretch their current winning sequence to six on Friday night against Hawthorn.

The Roos last winning sequence of five — between rounds 12 and 16 of 1987 — was brought to a halt with a 97-point loss to Geelong at the MCG.

North Melbourne previously had won five games in a row, in rounds 6 to 10 of 1985. They faced Hawthorn then when seeking a sixth consecutive win — and fought out a thrilling draw at the MCG.

The last time that the Roos actually won six games in a row was in 1983 — from rounds seven to 12. That winning sequence was ended by a 150-point loss to Fitzroy.

### How WA players performed in AFL

Player	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score	Player	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
<b>BRISBANE BEARS</b>					<b>FITZROY</b>				
David Bain	27	4	13	2.0	Dale Kickett	6	2	9	—
Brad Hardie	13	2	—	4.2	<b>MELBOURNE</b>				
John Gastev	12	4	10	—	Darren Bennett	9	5	1	3.6
Mike Richardson	6	3	12	—	Earl Spalding	9	2	5	—
Mark Zanotti	6	1	4	—	<b>NTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Alex Ishchenko	7	10	9	—	Mark Hepburn	10	3	—	—
<b>CARLTON</b>					Mark Brayshaw	10	3	—	—
Peter Sartori	3	2	6	—	<b>RICHMOND</b>				
Steve Da Rui	7	—	2	—	Michael Mitchell	8	3	9	0.2
Jon Dorotich	6	4	4	—	<b>ST KILDA</b>				
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>					Nicky Winmar	7	—	7	4.1
Michael Christian	9	7	2	0.2	Paul Harding	10	2	5	—
<b>ESSENDON</b>					Jim Krakouer	7	—	7	1.2
Darren Bewick	23	4	7	0.3	<b>SYDNEY SWANS</b>				
Peter Cransberg	14	7	9	—	Wayne Henwood	4	2	3	2.1
Derek Kickett	17	5	12	1.1					

HIT OUTS: Alex Ishchenko (Brisbane Bears), Mark Hepburn (North Melbourne) 15; Paul Harding (St Kilda) 8; Michael Christian (Collingwood) 3; Peter Cransberg (Essendon) 2; Peter Sartori (Carlton), Wayne Henwood (Sydney Swans) 1.

# KEENE STILL FINALS HOPE

FORMER Eagles coach Ron Alexander believes that big ruckman Laurie Keene is only three games away from returning to the West Coast's line-up — and that would be a great boost for their finals campaign.

Alexander watched Keene's improving performance for Subiaco against Perth at Lathlain Park last Saturday and the big fellow grew in confidence as the game went on.

It was just his third game for the Lions after struggling to throw off an Achilles tendon injury and he's certainly feeling more optimistic.

"You wouldn't want to bring him back too early," Alexander said. "That would be the worst thing that could happen to him."

If Alexander's reasoning is correct, Keene could play in the Eagles last two qualifying games against the Brisbane Bears and Geelong before the all-important finals series.

## BARICH'S TARGET

NUGGETTY Perth and Eagles forward Adrian Barich is hopeful of returning to the winning Eagles line-up in time for the finals, despite not having pulled on a blue-and-gold jumper all season.

Barich returned to the Perth side on Saturday after two games in the reserves following a knee operation and he finished strongly to be among the Demons best.

Barich played an impressive second half, kicking two telling goals in the final quarter which helped Perth put the match beyond doubt.

"It took me a while to find my feet," Barich said. "I was more comfortable on a half-forward flank after being at full-forward for a while — I think I'm a bit short for that," said Barich, who stands at 177cm.

"My aim is to play with the Eagles in the finals and I've got four more games to prove myself."

## FREMANTLE FANS

THE Fremantle-bred Eagles contingent of Michael Brennan, Peter Wilson, Chris Mainwaring (East Fremantle), John Worsfold, Peter Sumich and Dean Irving (South Fremantle) were all keen spectators at Sunday's derby. However, they had to shrug off writers cramp as a result.

The group delighted children when they conducted an autograph session on East Fremantle Oval during the half-time interval and they were still surrounded by fans when both teams returned to the playing arena for the second half.

## HAPPY FELLOWS

STILL with Chris Mainwaring — wasn't that a great bit of football humour when he received a free kick for a flying tackle around the neck laid out by Carlton's David Glascott in the third term? The Carlton wingman knew he had to put the Eagles man on the deck otherwise he had an open run into the forward line and the smiles between the two opponents as they faced each other on the mark shows that footballers are really human after all! Channel 7's commentator Dennis Cometti quipped: "It's a happy game out there."

## HAPPY EAGLES

IT was a happy bunch of Eagles who journeyed home from Melbourne on Saturday night after their convincing 31-point victory over Carlton.

The team was barred from drinking on their previous return flight after going under badly to Collingwood. But it was a different story on Saturday as the players were permitted to enjoy the spoils of victory.

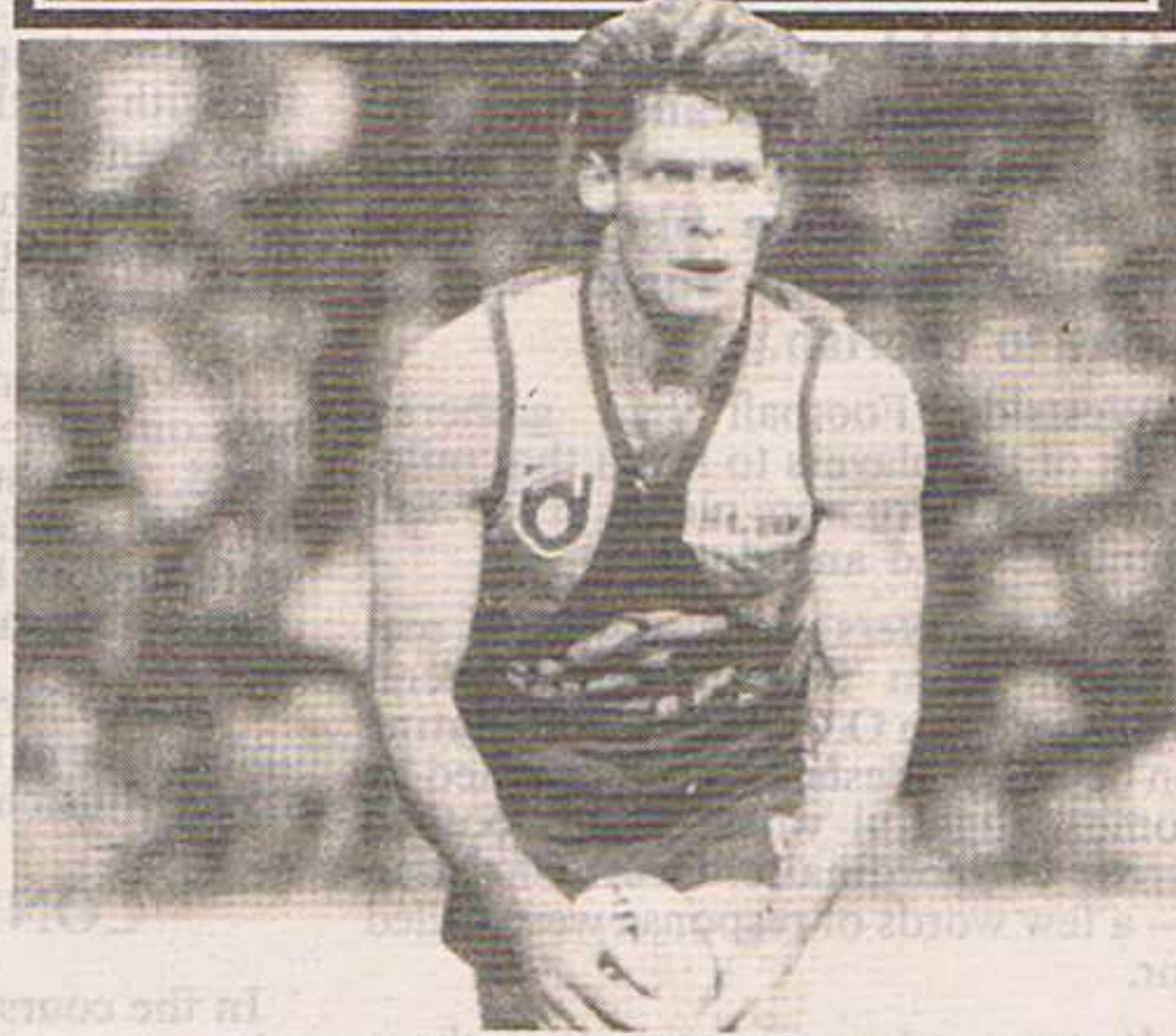
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## TURLEY'S SPOILS

EAGLES utility player Craig Turley took the Emu Export player-of-the-match award after a solid four-quarter effort against the Blues.

Turley, who is slowly establishing himself as a valuable member of the side, collected the award for the second week running. Other post-match prizes went to centre-half-forward Craig McGrath, Chris Lewis, Dwayne Lamb and Steve Malaxos.

## TOUGH DECISION

YOU had to feel sorry for electrifying Eagles star Chris Lewis when he was the victim of an umpiring foul-up that gave Carlton a goal last Saturday.

Eagles wingman Dean Kemp had legitimately tapped the ball out of the pack, Lewis grabbed it and raced goalwards — unaware that the unsuspected umpire ruled Kemp had thrown the ball (when he watches the TV replay he'll shudder!).

The whistle-blower then implemented the longest 50-metre penalty you've seen this season and Mil Hanna goalied from just outside the goalsquare!

## EAGLES RATINGS

Player	Col	SK	Fo	Car	SS	R	Mel	BB	Ge	NM	Es	Ha	Fi	Col	SK	Fo	Car	Tot
ANNEAR, John	6	4r	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
BEGOVICH, Tony	—	—	—	—	—	—	3r	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	—	21
BREMAN, Todd	—	5	6	5	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	3r	—	—	—	—	34
BRENNAN, Michael	8	4	—	6	6	6	5	6	7	5	5	7	7	6	6	7	7	98
GWILLIAM, Brad	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
HART, David	—	7	4r	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	7	7	6	7	7	6	59
IRVING, Dean	5	4	3r	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	7	6	5	5	6	6	52
HEADY, Brett	—	—	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	5	8	7	5	5r	—	—	—	76
JACKSON, Stevan	—	5	5	5	7	6	6	6	5	3r	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63
KEMP, Dean	7	6	7	8	7	6	5	8	7	5	—	6	6	7	—	—	—	91
LAIDLEY, Dean	5	6	7	7	6	7	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42
LAMB, Dwayne	6	5	7	7	6	6	7	6	5	—	6	6	4r	5	7	5	8	95
LANGDON, Karl	7	5	8	6	5	7	6	5	7	5	5	4	6	3	7	6	—	92
LEWIS, Chris	—	3r	—	—	—	—	5	5	6	6	4	7	8	8	6	6	7	78
LOCKYER, Andrew	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
MAINWARING, Chris	6	—	—	4	5	—	5	8	4	7	6	—	—	8	6	7	7	72
MALAXOS, Steve	—	6	6	7	6	7	6	6	5	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	99
MATERA, Peter	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25
MCGRATH, Craig	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	6	—	5	4	7	29	
MELESSO, Peter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
MILES, Geoff	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5r	4r	3	—	—	—	—	—	4r	6	33
MCKENNA, Guy	5	6	6	6	6	7	4	7	6	5	6	6	7	6	6	6	7	102
NARKLE, Phil	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	7	4	6	6	5	4	—	—	—	—	38
O'CONNELL, David	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
PEOS, Paul	6	5	3r	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
PYKE, Don	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
RANCE, Murray	6	6	8	6	6	5	6	5	4	5	4	5	4	5r	—	—	—	76
SCOTT, Phil	6	4	6	7	7	8	5	5	4	5	6	6	5	6	5	5	5	95
SUMICH, Peter	6	4	6	6	7	6	5	4	5	5	3r	6	7	4	4	6	—	84
TURLEY, Craig	—	7	6	6	6	4	—	—	—	—	6	5	6	4	5	7	7	69
TURNER, Dean	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	5r	4r	13
UGLE, Troy	7	6	7	5	5	—	—	—	4r	5	5r	6	6	6	4	6	7	77
WATTERS, Scott	—	6	5	5	—	—	—	—	3r	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	28
WILSON, Peter	6	6	8	7	6	6	5	6	4	—	5	6	6	6	5	5	7	94
WORSFOLD, John	5	6	7	6	6	6	8	7	7	—	5	6	6	6	7	7	6	102

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# NOW IT'S SYDNEY'S TURN

THE 1990 winter of football contentment has created many break-throughs for the West Coast Eagles and this Sunday the team can achieve another first.

The Eagles have never beaten the Sydney Swans at the Sydney Cricket Ground and Sunday is the ideal time for the WA club to break down that barrier.

Not only have the Eagles failed to fly out of Sydney victorious, but their record against the Swans has been dismal.

Only once in four clashes have the Eagles managed to topple Sydney — and that was at Subiaco Oval on July 22 last year when the Eagles won by 42 points.

## BIG MARGIN

Up till that game, the Eagles had lost to Sydney by an average of 63 points — including one of the most embarrassing losses in the club's history on July 19, 1987 when the margin was 131 points.

Last Saturday the Eagles gave one of their most impressive performances when they eclipsed Carlton for the first time at Princes Park.

That victory followed stirring wins over St Kilda, when the Eagles recovered from a 50-point deficit early in the second quarter and an emphatic victory against Footscray.

Earlier in the season the Eagles also won for the first time at the MCG when they beat Richmond in a night match.

Last Saturday's win against Carlton is the best so far for the Eagles on the eastern seaboard, but they will not want to bring that victory undone by dropping this match.

## DANGER GAME

And that is a real danger.

After celebrating a fine victory against Carlton, it is important that the players now capitalise on that performance and fix their minds on the task ahead.

In the past it has been said that to

## Eagles to end SCG hoodoo

stop the Sydney Swans an opposing team need only curb Gerard Healy, Greg Williams and Barry Mitchell.

Of that trio only Williams will play on Sunday, because Healy and Mitchell are out for the season with serious injuries.

But that does not guarantee victory.

There have been previous matches where the Swans have overcome the absence of Brownlow Medallists Healy and Williams and Victorian State rover Mitchell to produce wins of great character.

Lesser players have come to the fore and contributors like Wayne Henwood, David Bolton, Steve Wright and David Murphy — all fine players in their own right — represent danger for the Eagles.

In past appearances at the SCG, the Eagles have fallen into the trap of playing wide. As is the case at all venues, the shortest route to goal is straight down the middle and that is even more applicable at Sydney's cricket headquarters.

## CONFIDENCE

With greater consistency in the key attacking positions, the Eagles should have more confidence to attack down the middle.

Even without Karl Langdon and Peter Sumich, the Eagles produced their biggest score of the season with some alternative sparkle in attack and a more even spread of goalkickers.

The Eagles get strong drive through their midfield with the likes of Dwayne Lamb, Steve Malaxos, Craig Turley, Chris Lewis and Chris Mainwaring in brilliant form.

The defence has been held together strongly by Michael Brennan, John Worsfold and Guy McKenna and there are always alternative options waiting their chance on the interchange bench.

*Bootnote: If the end of the season marks a six-month spell of putting up with the droll comments of Channel 7's Don Scott, then roll on summer. The Vics claim that WA's ABC commentator George Grljusich sees it only one way, but he's got nothing on Scott. At least Grljusich is not involved in a coaching role at a club. Scott is Melbourne's ruck coach and was particularly annoying last week when he felt that great tackles by Chris Mainwaring and Dean Irving should have gone unrewarded.*



Michael Brennan...steady in defence

AFL preview

by

**Gary Stocks**

of The West Australian



## EAGLES FACT FILE

Name	Games		1990 Total	1990 Kicks	1990 Mkts	1990 H/B	Score
	1990	Total					
ANNEAR, John	4	166	32	2	19	2.5	
BEGOVICH, Tony	4	4	25	10	16	2.1	
BREMAN, Todd	7	21	65	17	30	5.2	
BRENNAN, Michael	16	72	102	36	66	3.0	
GWILLIAM, Brad	4	4	15	6	9	0.0	
HART, David	9	65	112	18	46	10.4	
HEADY, Brett	12	12	181	62	58	15.13	
IRVING, Dean	10	10	67	32	44	1.1	
JACKSON, Stevan	13	29	103	53	49	14.9	
KEMP, Dean	14	14	157	40	111	1.2	
LAIDLEY, Dean	7	38	93	23	45	1.0	
LAMB, Dwayne	16	78	211	33	111	5.6	
LANGDON, Karl	16	44	145	58	85	26.23	
LEWIS, Chris	13	60	179	31	71	9.7	
LOCKYER, Andrew	4	54	17	6	12	0.1	
MAINWARING, Chris	12	71	200	49	80	4.9	
MALAXOS, Stephen	15	68	200	65	158	7.1	
MATERA, Peter	5	5	45	16	16	3.3	
MCGRATH, Craig	5	63	63	22	23	4.6	
MCKENNA, Guy	17	55	166	71	162	2.3	
MELLESSO, Peter	1	3	5	2	1	2.1	
MILES, Geoff	7	99	54	10	9	5.4	
NARKLE, Phillip	7	64	48	10	44	9.9	
O'CONNELL, David	2	27	11	8	7	0.0	
PEOS, Paul	3	30	29	6	18	1.0	
PYKE, Don	3	19	31	0	16	3.4	
RANCE, Murray	14	93	108	40	73	1.1	
SCOTT, Phil	17	59	127	61	53	2.4	
SUMICH, Peter	16	35	146	96	21	66.37	
TURLEY, Craig	12	23	135	38	80	12.6	
TURNER, Dean	3	107	18	2	8	2.1	
UGLE, Troy	14	28	103	56	82	20.12	
WATTERS, Scott	6	9	54	14	40	1.1	
WILSON, Peter	16	70	212	55	99	16.12	
WORSFOLD, John	16	68	161	54	119	0.2	

## TIGERS BREAKY

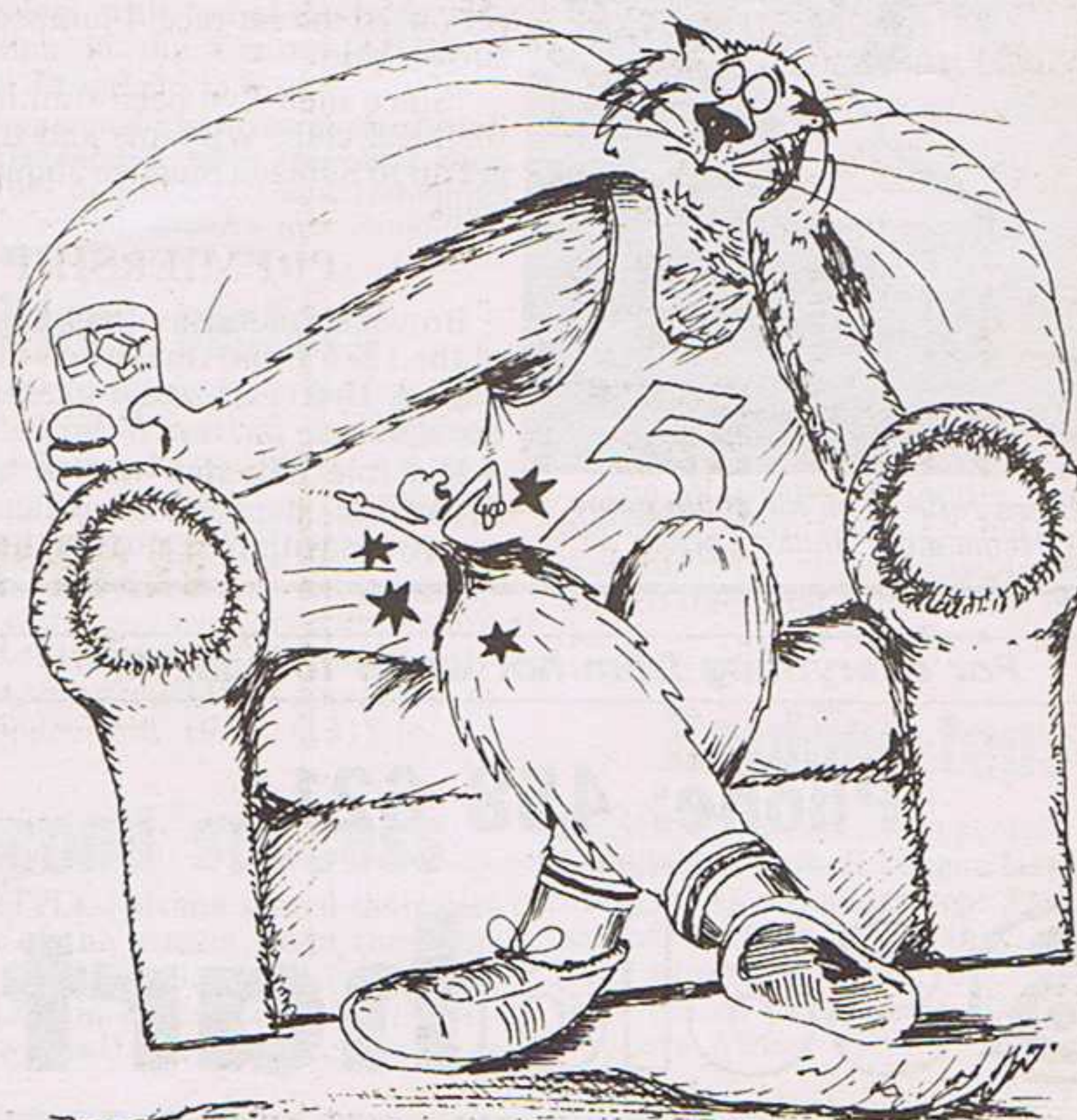
RICHMOND are hosting a champagne breakfast and panel show on the morning of their August 12 clash with the West Coast Eagles at Subiaco Oval.

The Tigers show — nearly a sell-out last year — will be held at the Quality Langley Plaza Hotel, in Adelaide Terrace and features the respective coaches and former Richmond team-mates, Kevin Bartlett (Tigers) and Mick Malthouse.

Other guests will include the outspoken trio of John K. Watts, Percy Johnson and John Hayes.

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## AFL GOALKICKERS

Name	Scores
LONGMIRE, John (Nth Melb)	78.43
DAICOS, Peter (Collingwood)	68.33
SUMICH, Peter (Eagles)	66.37
BENNETT, Darren (Melbourne)	64.38
LOCKETT, Tony (St Kilda)	55.27
DUNSTALL, Jason (Hawthorn)	52.25
KERNAHAN, Stephen (Carlton)	51.31
GRANT, Chris (Footscray)	49.29
ABLETT, Gary (Geelong)	45.29
LOEWE, Stewart (St Kilda)	43.21
ROOS, Paul (Fitzroy)	43.31
BRENETON, Dermott (Hawthorn)	42.14
BROWNLESS, Bill (Geelong)	32.21
BEWICK, Darren (Essendon)	32.20
HARDIE, Brad (Bears)	29.33



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# Brown exceeds his early ambitions

CLINTON Brown is one of football's quiet achievers and last Saturday his tireless efforts were rewarded with membership of football's elite 200 Club.

In the modern game, where players move between clubs far more regularly, it is going to be rare to see players reach this milestone with the one club.

Brown started as a Subiaco half-forward in 1980, but was transformed into a defender by coach Haydn Buntton after five seasons — a move he now believes enabled him to achieve that 200-game milestone.

By George Temple

"Bunts told me I was a selfish forward because I used to blast away at goals — and generally miss — when I could have used team-mates in better positions," Brown said last week in some reflections on his 10-year career.

"I didn't agree with him naturally, but he was the coach and I became a defender.

"In hindsight, Bunts was right because I became a better player for it.

### AMBITION

"I never thought about playing 200 games in those days. My ambition was to make 150 league appearances, represent WA and play in a premiership team.

"I played my 150th in 1988 and after winning a premiership in 1986 and donning a WA guernsey in 1987, I started to look ahead at my 200th game.

"As for the 250, I'll be thinking about that over summer. I've got family considerations now (he and wife Michelle added daughter, Jodie to the Brown household five weeks ago) and maybe it's time I put them first."

Brown, who joined the police force in 1985, has been living and working in the country town of Williams since 1988 and travelling up for matches and some training sessions.

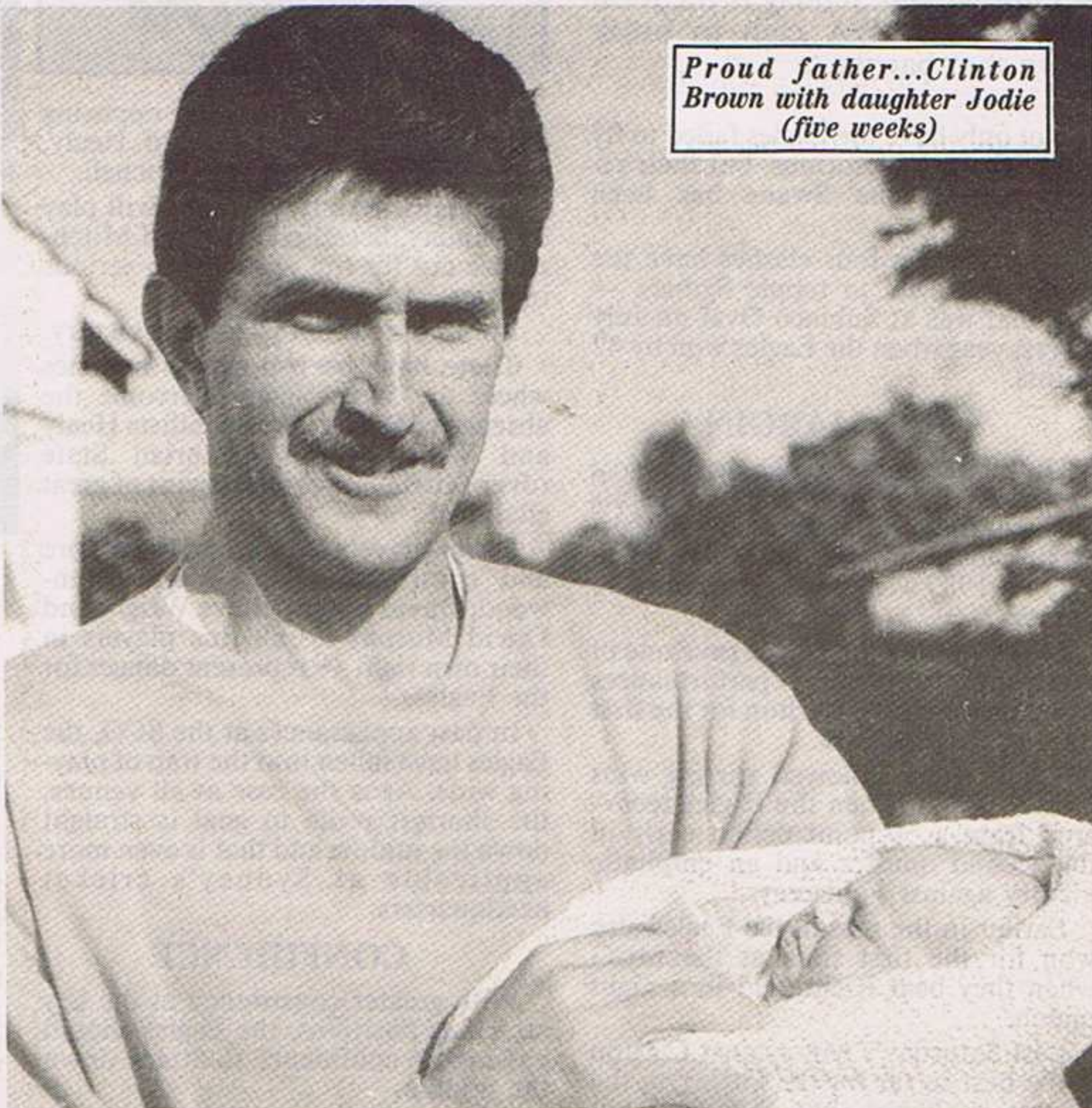
"I had been working in the law courts and when the chance came up to get out of the rat-race, I jumped at it," Brown said.

"Since then I've been training with the local club, Williams and trying to get up to Subiaco practice about once a week."

### PREMIERSHIP

Brown's fondest football memory is of the 1986 grand final when the Lions ended their 13-year premiership drought.

His role that day was to tag East Fremantle dangerman Brian Peake and it was with pleasure that he escort-



Proud father... Clinton Brown with daughter Jodie (five weeks)



Clint Brown reflects on his 200th game with team-mate Shane Cocker

ed Bomber to the boundary line late in the first term, when the Sharks star was relegated to the interchange bench.

"I've watched that match a few times on video and I don't know if he was maybe sick or injured, because he didn't have much influence on the game," said Brown.

"David Bushell was my next opponent and after that East Fremantle kept switching them all day before Peake came back onto me in the final quarter.

"That grand final was also the last big one before the inception of the West Coast Eagles, which saw so many of our top players join the expanded VFL competition.

"After losing the second semi-final, we weren't expected to win the grand final. But we gave it everything and the game was virtually over by half-time."

### WORST MOMENT

Brown's worst moment in football came a year earlier when East Fremantle accounted for Subiaco by five points.

"At the time I wished it had been by 10 goals," Brown said.

"To get so close and not win was heart-breaking."

"After missing the second semi-final and the preliminary final through inju-

ry, the grand final was my first finals match and after all those bad years, I really wanted to win."

As for Subiaco's 1987 grand final loss to Claremont, Brown has no complaints.

"We were beaten by the best team in the league," Brown said. "But to make up for it in 1988 was sweet."

The stalwart defender ranks the premierships ahead of his two State appearances against South Australia.

### EAGLES FORMATION

"Apart from the fact that we lost both State games, they came after the Eagles formation, when some of the better players had left the local league," Brown said.

"I would have preferred to represent WA when those guys were still in the competition."

Did Subiaco's loss to Perth last Saturday spoil his milestone?

"We had 75 per cent of the play and couldn't finish the moves off," he said.

"It would have been nice to win, but it was almost to be expected — we seem to falter on big milestone games.

"We lost the day Phil Lamb and Neil Taylor played their 200th games and again when Peter Featherby played his 300th."

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# 1990 WASFL ALL STARS

SELECTING the 1990 Emu Export Westside Football All-Stars team is a difficult task.

Many players have performed brilliantly at stages of the State League season, establishing strong claims for inclusion in the All-Stars line-up.

There have been others who virtually picked themselves because of their consistency and high skill level.

Over the next four weeks, Westside Football will announce the Emu Export All-Stars team — and their coach — starting with this week's quintet of Brad Collard, Gary Smallridge, Glen Bartlett, Tony Evans and Craig Edwards.

Once the full squad is announced, the public is invited to try their hands at being a selector and place the players in their positions, as chosen by the selectors.

The first two correct entries drawn from the barrel will receive VIP treatment for the 1990 SFL grand final.

Winners will stay overnight at the Quality Langley Plaza Hotel in Adelaide Terrace, plus enjoy being seated in a VIP box at the grand final, with all the trimmings.

Here are the first five players:



**BRAD COLLARD (South Fremantle):** Collard has been outstanding on a wing for the Bulldogs. He is fearless in the tackling department and once he gains possession, can find team-mates in the forward area with deadly-accurate passes. It was these qualities that made him one of WA's top players in his interstate debut against South Australia last month.

**GARY SMALLRIDGE (East Fremantle):** Smallridge burst onto the State League scene this year after winning the Sunday Football League's fairest and best medal last season. He is an aggressive centreman with a deft left-foot kick that has been the downfall of several opposing teams this season. Smallridge was also a member of the WA team against South Australia.



**GLEN BARTLETT (East Perth):** Bartlett is the State League's leading goalkicker with 56 majors to his credit. Since making his debut in 1983, Bartlett has mainly played as a defender, but he is now proving to be a top forward, as his strong marking for WA against the Croweaters in Adelaide confirmed.

**TONY EVANS (Claremont):** Critics acclaim Evans as the best rover WA has produced in many years. Drafted by the West Coast Eagles last season, he is eligible for the Emu Export All-Stars because he elected to stay in the State League this season, but his arrival in AFL ranks is eagerly awaited by the WA-based team.



**CRAIG EDWARDS (South Fremantle):** Edwards was the 1989 Sandover Medallist and though he started this season slowly, his form has picked up in recent weeks. Edwards, who is highly mobile for his 100kg frame, uses his strength to dominate around the ground and in the marking duels and has worked hard to retain his ranking as the State's No. 1 ruckman.

## EAGLE IN A HURRY

DASHING Eagles player Paul Peos is a man on a mission — much to the woe of opposing players.

Peos is determined to win back a place in the West Coaster's line-up and he has approached his football with East Perth in the last two weeks with enormous ferocity.

"There was no point in going in soft," said Peos after a tough afternoon putting his suspect knee under continual stress.

"I've been out for most of the year and if I'm going to get back into the Eagles, I have to do it quickly."

Peos was in great form for the Eagles in the opening three games, playing on a wing and his knee injury was a bitter blow.

He finally made it back to the Royals reserves last month and when he was called up for league duty two games ago, he wasted no time in stamping his mark on the arena.

Peos threw himself in hard and his strong tackling was a feature of the game. He has come through the two encounters without any knee trouble and is hopeful of an opportunity back in the Eagles line-up.



Paul Peos...in a determined mood

## Milestone victory

PERTH big man Steve Turner celebrated his 150th senior game last Saturday in the best way possible — with a win.

The Demons were inspired by Turner's milestone and withstood a last-quarter fightback from Subiaco to collect four premiership points and move further away from the bottom-of-the-ladder position.

"It wasn't the best game of football, but it was good to win my 150th anyway," the 29-year-old Turner said.

Turner joined Perth from Queens Park in the late 1970s and after making his league debut in 1979, he moved to Victoria for injury-plagued stints with Melbourne and St Kilda before returning to Lathlain Park this season.

It was his 106th game with Perth, added to his 32 with St Kilda and 12 with Melbourne.

## PLAY OF THE DAY



SUBIACO'S 200-game performer Clinton Brown didn't celebrate his milestone with a victory, but he did at least collect Radio 6NR's play-of-the-day award. Brown clinched the award in the second quarter when he won the ball in defence, laid off a handball to a team-mate, followed-up to receive a handpass, had a bounce and kicked deep into attack, where another Lion posted a goal. The winner of the 6NR play-of-the-day award wins a dinner for two at the Coachman Restaurant, in Rivervale.

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### Falcons go 'inside'

WEST Perth league players are currently visiting boys at the Longmore Detention Centre as part of a community goodwill programme.

David Palm, Angelo Del Borrello, Oral McGuire and Falcons football manager Matt Tweedie have attended the centre as part of a scheme introduced by Barry Cable to give the boys a sense of self-esteem.

"We hope that they can benefit by the interest shown in them by high-profile sporting personalities," says Tweedie.

WASFL clubs have been alternating visits since early in the season and Malcolm Williams will represent the Falcons next Wednesday.



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# PITTER—PATTER

**EDDIE Pitter** ended his playing career on a premiership note with East Perth in 1972 and since then he has been grooming players to seek a similar ultimate achievement. For nearly two decades, he has been at the forefront of junior coaching, starting with the Royals fourths side and culminating with Subiaco's premiership-winning under-19s side last season. This year he switched to the State arena, coaching the Town and Country WA Teal Cup side to third place in the Commonwealth Bank national 17s carnival in Brisbane. Westside Football's **TANIA ARMSTRONG** spoke with the former ruckman about his football career and his coaching philosophies.

**WESTSIDE FOOTBALL:** You have earned a reputation as a leading coach of young footballers, where did it all start?

**EDDIE PITTER:** I coached the East Perth fourths from 1973 till 1982 and in 1983 I concentrated on coaching the Teal Cup side because at that stage no-one even knew that the carnival existed. I moved to Subiaco in 1984 and coached there till 1989.

**WESTSIDE:** When did you realise that you wanted to become a football coach?

**PITTER:** It just happened really — I was talked into it by Malcolm Brown and Grant Dorrington at East Perth. I retired from the premiership side in 1972 and they said what about doing the fourths coaching job. At that time I said no way, I couldn't coach, but they talked me into it and I've continued ever since.

**WESTSIDE:** Do you mould your coaching methods around anyone in particular?

**PITTER:** The thing that I've learned from coaching is that it's just a lot of ideas from a lot of people. I use ideas from all sorts of coaches. I've picked up things from Haydn Bunton, Mal Brown, Kevin Sheedy, Grant Dorrington and anyone who coaches. Even Ray (Slug) Jordan has a few things that I think are great ideas and I implement them into my own coaching methods. But the way you put it over is your own. I really do believe it's a total team situation and that's the strength of a side. All the little things in football are so important and I really work on those aspects because I know as a player, the success that we had and the years when we had it, were done totally by the team and not one or two individuals.

**WESTSIDE:** Why did you stop coaching at Subiaco after winning last season's under-19s premiership?

**PITTER:** I took complete control of my transport business and that meant I had to put more time into it for the first one or two years, so I needed some extra time. There were quite a few changes happening at Subiaco and I would have had to put more time into the job. I'd been there for six good years; I thoroughly enjoyed the change, loved the club and the people and they are eras that come and go. As much as you like to hang on, if the chemistry's not right and the people aren't there at the right time, things don't happen. I could see that sort of change was taking place and it was just an amalgamation of my work and the gut feeling I had about it, so I gave it a break.

**WESTSIDE:** Do you have any aspirations to coach a league side?

**PITTER:** I did in those early coaching days, but there were several reasons why I never pursued it. The main reason was that I wasn't in the right occupation to have the time required to do the job. The second is that I thoroughly enjoyed what I was doing. Guys who had done the colts and gone on to a senior position, like Grant Dorrington and Don Haddow, are out of league coaching now. They say the most enjoyable times they had were coaching the juniors. Victoria Country's coach Ray Jordan has coached juniors for nearly 30 years, because it's enjoyable and he has got the same sort of attitude as I have. I'm enjoying

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what I'm doing, it's not a grind. At league level it's not enjoyable, it's an ego trip. At a senior level, you really have to want to do it; you're there for a very short period and if you ever make it, it's not what I would call enjoyable. I'm not one to handle the politics of the game particularly well — I haven't got the patience for that. I'm very happy with what I've done and if I could do it all over again, I'd do it exactly the same way.

**WESTSIDE:** WA finished a credible third in the 1990 Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup carnival. Did you achieve everything you set out to?

**PITTER:** You go to win the carnival, but I'm happy with the position where we finished. If you can't win it, then that was the next best thing considering the draw and the opposition.

**WESTSIDE:** Your first involvement with the Teal Cup was as coach in 1982; how has the standard of footballers in that competition changed over the years?

**PITTER:** The standard of the Teal Cup is at a very, very high level and it's getting better all the time because coaches are becoming better and that's the main reason. Accreditation of coaches is now higher than it's ever been and it has to keep getting higher. While that is happening, the players are the beneficiary; they learn from the training exercises and the level of competition. From 1982 to '90, the standard has picked up and the other States are being a lot more competitive from when they used to be walked over and belted by 30 goals. Dividing the carnival into three divisions has made it a lot fairer on other States, but it makes it harder to get success.

**WESTSIDE:** How many of the Subiaco premiership players of the 1986 and '88 did you introduce to the club?

**PITTER:** You never have instant success and when I went to Subiaco, the club was on its last legs in all grades. The main thing was to produce players to move onto league level. The first premiership was in 1986 and I had only been there two years, but players like Andrew Macnish and John Georgiades had been

## Eddie's No.1 at developing our juniors

with me in my first year in 1984. They were there, but it takes a few years for those players to come through. From 1984 to '89, there were a number of players who went on to league football and AFL level because of the draft situation. As an under-19s coach, if I could produce three players for the league coach every year, then I had done my job and in most years I've been able to do that, if not more. Looking at last year's under-19s premiership side for instance, there are nine players who have gone on to league football already this season.

**WESTSIDE:** What was the highlight of your playing career?

**PITTER:** I've had several and I've never picked out any one in particular. I would have to say the premiership years and grand finals with East Perth, but I've had several thrills since I started coaching. They don't always have to be when you win a premiership — that comes as a bonus. When you're coaching young people, there are moments that are pretty precious, just like beating Victoria in the last game of the Teal Cup carnival in Brisbane — that was one of those moments and that's what football has given me more than anything.

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Claremont late-starter Scott Rowland was in top form in the midfield against East Perth in only his second league game since returning to Perth after the cray-fishing season

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48 Chris Mainwaring (East Frem)  
48 Geoff Miles (Claremont)  
48 Peter Higgins (Claremont)\*  
47 Greg Walker (Swan Dist)

\* Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Peter Higgins 44 Claremont, 4 Eagles

### 100 GAMES

99 Geoff Miles (Eagles) \*  
99 Tony Papotto (Perth) \*  
97 Rod Willet (Subiaco)  
97 Gavin Whittington (Perth)  
96 Neil Lester-Smith (East Frem)  
92 Cliff Collard (South Frem)  
91 Wayne Dayman (West Perth)  
91 Kim Fancote (Perth)

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### 150 GAMES

147 Geoff Miles (Eagles) \*  
146 Rob Solin (South Frem)\*  
145 Steve Malaxos (Claremont)  
143 George Christie (East Frem)

\* Denotes that tally includes games with all clubs as follows: Rob Solin 29 South Fremantle, 75 East Fremantle, 42 East Perth; Geoff Miles 68 Eagles, 48 Claremont, 31 Collingwood.

### 200 GAMES

199 Phil Narkle (Eagles) \*  
196 Brian Taylor (Subiaco)  
196 Shane Ellis (East Frem)\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with all clubs as follows: Phil Narkle 16 Eagles, 48 St Kilda, 135 Swan Districts. Shane Ellis 186 East Fremantle, 10 Eagles

### 250 GAMES

248 Darrell Panizza (Claremont)\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with all clubs as follows: Darrell Panizza 174 Claremont, 74 Woodville.


IT was a desperate win by the West Coast Eagles over Carlton last Saturday — and set up well in advance by everyone in the camp.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse was at his best in a thorough preparation for the game, but it's fair to say that the players really set themselves for victory.

The real challenge was simply to win in Melbourne again.

The feeling in the rooms as the players warmed up was tremendous and none of that emotion was left in the changerooms. It was an infectious feel-

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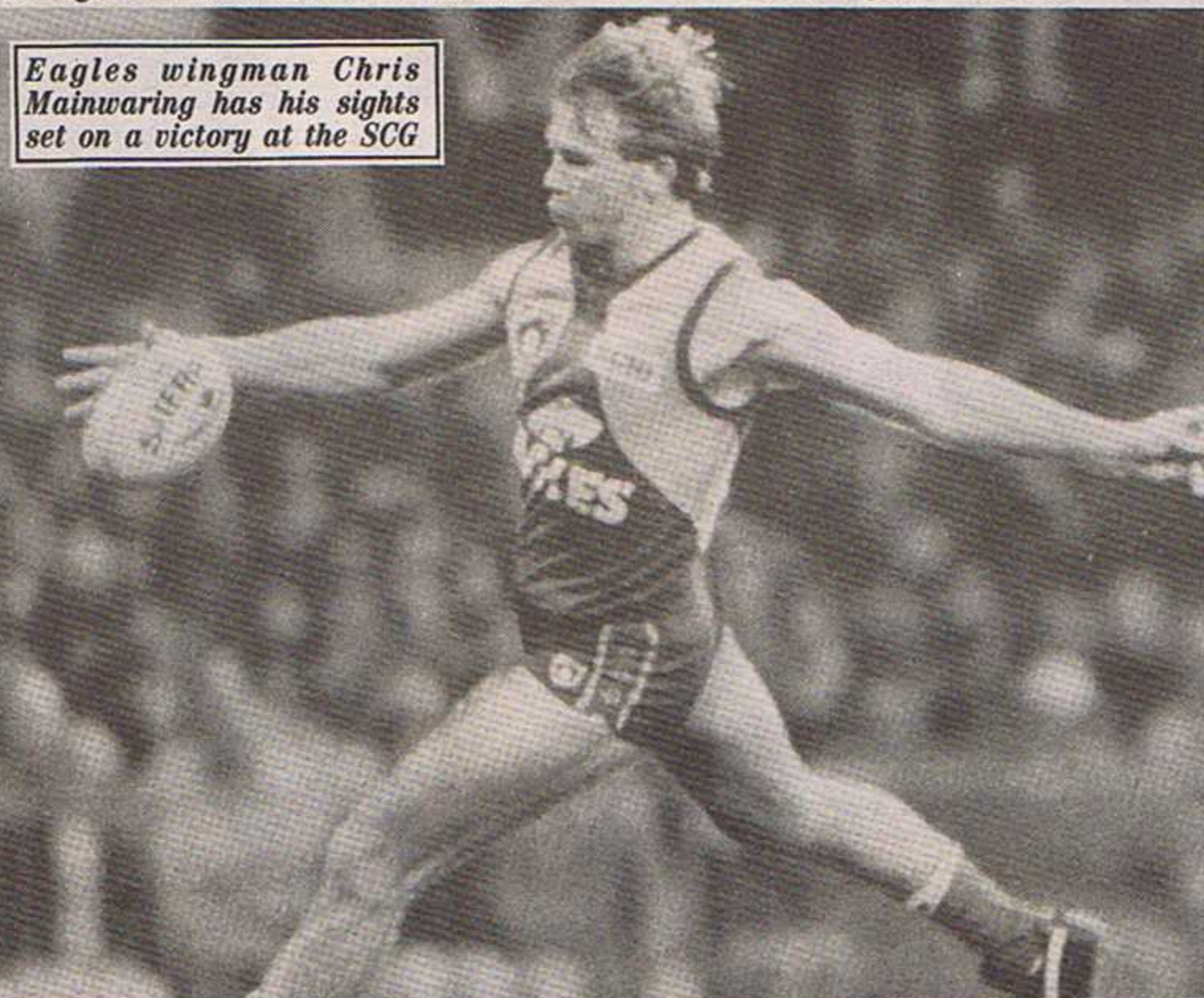


**Ian Miller**  
Former player, coach, commentator and now West Coast Eagles selector

ing and everyone associated with the team knew that the day was special.

You cannot manufacture team spirit and turn it on and off when required.

Typical of that spirit were the two messages sent by fax to the team by fellow members Peter Sumich and John Annear back in Perth — they knew what the game meant.



Eagles wingman Chris Mainwaring has his sights set on a victory at the SCG

## ..but now for the next challenge

IT'S time for the Eagles to regroup and re-assess their next few weeks — that's the message from one of the team's star players.

Dashing wingman Chris Mainwaring made the apt comment when he accepted an award after Saturday's victory, explaining how the players had set themselves a three-week goal — to beat St Kilda and Footscray at home convincingly and then finish off by downing Carlton in Melbourne.

But now it was time to reassess and start again with the Sydney Swans.

The Eagles have never won on the Sydney Cricket Ground and that in itself is a challenge.

But the real challenge is to maintain the momentum and hold third spot on the premiership table — something the players are not prepared to give up.

Sydney at home will be tough, but what game isn't at this stage of the season? The players know they can ill-afford to drop this game and see all their hard work and team discipline fall away.

## The day the team fell apart

THERE was a brief moment last Saturday when the West Coast Eagles could well have been fielding a new-look team for the vital clash with Carlton. Before the main game, the Eagles camp was watching the under-19s curtain-raiser when the seat some players were sitting on collapsed.

Big men Dean Irving and Craig McGrath, midfielder Dean Turner and team runner Rob Wiley went tumbling and it looked pretty chaotic at one stage.

Some members of the match committee were wondering if they would be out in the middle and not watching from the coaches box!



Rob Wiley...pre-game mishap

## Joffa tops the ton

FOOTBALL has many rewards for people involved in the game — and it's doubly-satisfying when one of the sport's real characters reaches a milestone.

Eagles utility player Geoff "Joffa" Miles plays his 100th AFL game this week against Sydney — and that's a terrific reward for a guy who is a real genuine worker.

It has taken him eight years to reach that milestone, after 32 games with Collingwood — and 48 with Claremont in between his two stints in the higher league.

Miles has been a great acquisition for WA football, firstly with Claremont and then the Eagles — not forgetting his contribution to State teams, where he has been accepted as a State-of-Origin member.

As well as being a consistent performer, either in defence or attack, he is an excellent team man, renowned for his off-field "qualities".

To say that Joffa is one of the characters of the club is something of an under-statement — you've only got to see him in action on plane trips home from winning (and even losing) games to appreciate his value.

The players will certainly do their best to help him make this Sunday's flight home from Sydney an enjoyable one.

## FICKLE BLUES FANS

REGARDLESS of what your football club has achieved, supporters of any team are a fickle bunch.

There are always fans quick to drop off when things go wrong — and they certainly know how to stick the needle in when life gets tough.

Followers of Carlton, one of Australia's foremost football clubs, are no different, so it seems.

They have had some great moments over the years, with abundant success.

But there were plenty of Blues supporters — especially among those sitting near the Eagles coach's box last Saturday — who showed great displeasure at how their team was performing.

It was good to be sitting within earshot of some fairly stinging comments from the vocal fans — and knowing that it wasn't being directed at the Eagles!

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## State teams under review

A HOST of country footballers will descend on Perth this Sunday for two Superules State trial matches at East Fremantle Oval.

The focus in the FAI Superules league turns to the national carnival in September and country players are staking strong claims to spots in the team.

The morning feast of football sees the Masterules (for players over 40 years of age) feature in an exhibition match, followed by the Superules (for over-35s) probables versus possibles.

State Superules coach Lawrie Bennett, from Bunbury, will head up a team containing players like former WAFL stars Rod Barrett (roving), Wayne Delmenico, at centre-half-back and Bruce Tschirpig, in the centre, plus North Adelaide 140-gamer Alan Howard, from Esperance, at centre-half-forward.

A leading candidate for full-forward is Esperance's Charlie Burnett, who has performed well there in country carnivals this season.

Other country representatives are Esperance's leading ruckman Mark Arnold, Jeff Mitchell, from Busselton-Margaret River, Collie trio Bill Hayward, Bill Pike and Gary Marley and Greg Cockham (Mandurah).

### BIG GROUP

Bennett says the big number of country players is an indication of the growth of the Superules competition in recent years.

"Superules has started to move in the country with regular carnivals promoting a lot of interest," he said.

"The cream of Superules footballers will be on display and that makes for a better game as everyone is that little bit more determined."

The probables side will be led by Ray Minson, from Southern Saints.

Heading their ruck is Adrian Edwards, from Katanning, a 50-game player with South Fremantle and Ray Kelly, from Wagin.

The Masterules State squad for players 40 years and over will play an East Fremantle 'all-stars' team led by current Sharks senior coach Ron Wilcox.

Some of the notable East Fremantle players are committeemen Len Anderson and Oscar Howard, president Hans Beyer, manager Col Richardson and former players Kerry Coates, Wilson Onions, Trevor Sprigg, Vern Nylander, Ken Judge and reserves coach Steve Hargrave.

The State sides are training regularly at Leederville Oval on Monday evenings and Superules WA is grateful for the support shown by both East Fremantle and West Perth for the use of their facilities.

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# Teal Cup was top showpiece

THE Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup carnival is history for another year — and what an outstanding championship it was.

The Victorian Metropolitan side proved many people (including myself) incorrect in our assessment of the ultimate winner and they produced some top-class football.

The hosting of the series in Brisbane, with the grand final at Carrara as a curtain-raiser to the AFL clash between the Brisbane Bears and Fitzroy, was an outstanding success, with many accolades being directed to the Queensland Australian Football League for its organisation.

### CEREMONIES

The official opening ceremony was performed at the Boondall Entertainment Centre before the Canberra Cannons v Brisbane Bullets match in front of an Australian record basketball crowd of around 14,000.

This innovation proved to be a unique gesture by one major sport to another.

Equally impressive was the closing ceremony at Carrara after the grand final, which featured the elite of Australian football's junior players in State and Territory uniforms, parading around the oval.

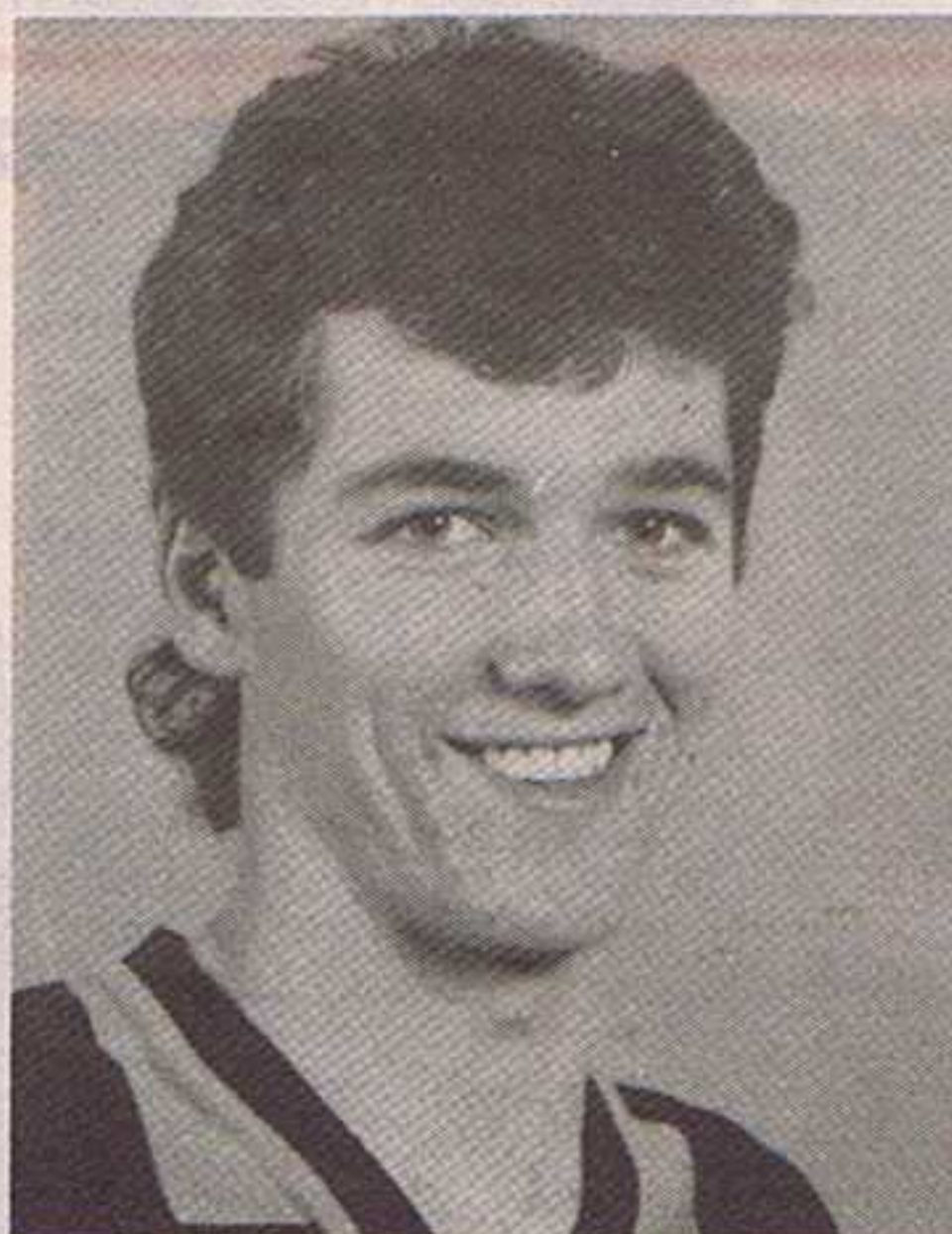
They then took part in the presentations of the individual State best-player awards, the Larke Memorial Medallion to Tasmania's Paul Williams for the carnival's fairest and best player and the All-Australian team announcement.

### IMPROVED

A feature of the playing program was the vastly improved performance of the New South Wales team, who were without their highest profile player Ben Doolan.

They ran West Australia to five points and only lost with an after-the-siren goal kicked by WA's All-Australian representative, Mitchell White.

In the grand final, the Victorian Metro side, coached by North Melbourne's under-19 coach Denis Pagan, proved too good for a shell-shocked South Australian combination, who had carried all before them prior to the final match.




Mitchell White...star of the future

An interesting factor which is becoming very obvious in the selection of the All-Australian team is that star players are emerging from all areas — not just the traditional Australian Football environments.

Some of NSW' better performers were from Sydney and Newcastle and the runner up to Tasmanian captain Paul Williams in the Larke Medallion

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was a tremendous 16-year-old in Canberra's Robert Neill.

This year's All Australian team was:

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### RUNNER IS SUSPENDED

A TEAM runner has been suspended in the Southern Districts League — on a charge of unduly rough play.

Russell Haines, the runner and team manager for the Railways reserves team, was suspended till the end of the 1991 season. He was also fined \$200 after pleading guilty.

Haines was reported after the Railways-North Albany reserves game on June 24 when he became involved in a melee among players in the last quarter.

### Milestone day

MILESTONES have been coming thick and fast in the Great Northern League.

Northampton stalwart Terry Smith has reached the 200-game mark, earning club life membership at the age of 27.

He was a member of the Club's 1979 premiership team, a dual winner of Northampton's fairest and best award and the JJ Clune Medal winner for the league's fairest and best player in 1986.

Mark Williams, a son of former Victorian and Upper Great Southern player David, has reached his 100th game for Railways, while Rovers star Jeff Farrell also reached the century.



South Fremantle's Glen Jakovich marks strongly in front of East Fremantle's Brad Read



Sharks defender Jon Derecourt clears safely yet again

East Fremantle rookie Gary Smallridge...caught with his pants down

## DEADLY SHARK



Bulldog Phil Cronan gets the break on Shark Gary Smallridge

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East Fremantle's Sean Regan has  
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East Fremantle coach Ron Wilcox  
with an armful of fans...Clinton  
Browning's young son Travis and  
Neil Lester-Smith's daughter  
Rachel

# SHARKS...

IT was a deadly pack of Sharks that tackled the Bulldogs in last Sunday's derby — and it was a fatal afternoon for South Fremantle. The East Fremantle marauders had the best of their Fremantle rivals and renewed the battle for second place on the Pepsi premiership table. Westside Football photographer ANNALIESE FRANK was there to capture all the drama and action.



Autograph-signing time for  
Sharks star Neil Lester-Smith



South's Bruno Italiano breaks  
clear of East Fremantle's Mark  
Amaranti

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# Falcons hold firm in top spot

WEST Perth took a stranglehold on top position on the Pepsi under-19s premiership ladder last Saturday, following a spirited seven-point win over Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval, 11.9 (75) to 10.8 (68).

Jason Colbung played a significant role on a half-back-flank for the Falcons, well backed-up by Todd Curley, who chipped in with two goals.

Ruckman Paul Dean was one of the best for the Falcons on his return from the reserves and team manager Noel Miller was quick to dispel rumours that Dean was dropped to bolster the under-19s side.

"John Dadd isn't playing at the moment due to an injury, which left us without a ruckman in the side," Miller said.

"The opportunity came up for Paul to play as No. 1 ruckman and he jumped at the chance."

## IMPORTANT

Miller stressed the importance of the Falcons top-of-the-table clash with Claremont this Saturday at Claremont Oval.

"We've improved a lot since we last played Claremont and there's the add-

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ed incentive of a certain second-semi final berth for us," he said.

At Lathlain Park, Subiaco moved to within one win from fourth position when they made short work of Perth, 13.9 (87) to 7.7 (49).

Subiaco's ninth win of the season was the outcome of some outstanding football from the likes of Leigh Dunn, Michael Dohlen and John Burton, who kicked five goals.

## EFFECTIVE

Most effective for the Demons were Steve Allard, David Stevens and Paul Venema, with two goals.

Claremont closed the door on East Perth's hopes of making this year's finals, when they produced a comfortable 50-point win at Perth Oval, 14.13 (97) to 5.7 (37).

The Tigers have peaked at the right time of the season and they should be looking to continue with the form in Saturday's game against West Perth.

Claremont produced the best-on-ground player in Jason Keys, with Tim Creed and Chris Gerreyn doing well.

The Royals can thank Mark McMahon and David Maroni for keeping them in the game up till the one-sided second half.

## DOMINANCE

In Sunday's derby clash at East Fremantle Oval, the Sharks continued their dominance over port rivals South Fremantle to win 16.12 (108) to 7.4 (46).

The win enabled the Sharks to take third place on the ladder, while the Bulldogs slipped down to fourth.

Rover Nick Litis was superb for the Sharks and he found strong support in Justin Sanders and Adrian O'Malley. Good players for South included Derreck Hayden and Brett Schaper.

## Trainers in profile

# Diet a factor in injuries

SOUTH Fremantle head trainer Tom Bottrell (right) believes that poor diet is leading to an increase in player injuries.

And having been a trainer for 41 years, Bottrell is calling on a lot of experience when making that statement.

"Footballers these days eat a lot of rubbish food," Bottrell says.

"The food controls what's in the blood and the blood feeds the muscles, so if the blood's not as healthy as it should be, injuries occur under times of stress.

"And a lot more is being asked of players' bodies, both in training and in matches.

"Forty years ago the only injuries were corks and strains, not like all the problems we get today."

## PORT LEGEND

Bottrell has become something of a legend in Fremantle football circles, starting as a South Fremantle trainer in 1950.

He was keen on athletics and his sprint coach at the Fremantle Police Boys Club, Don Gillam, was a Bulldogs trainer and he asked for some help.

"I've had a few short spells away from the club along the way, but otherwise I've been here ever since," Bottrell said.

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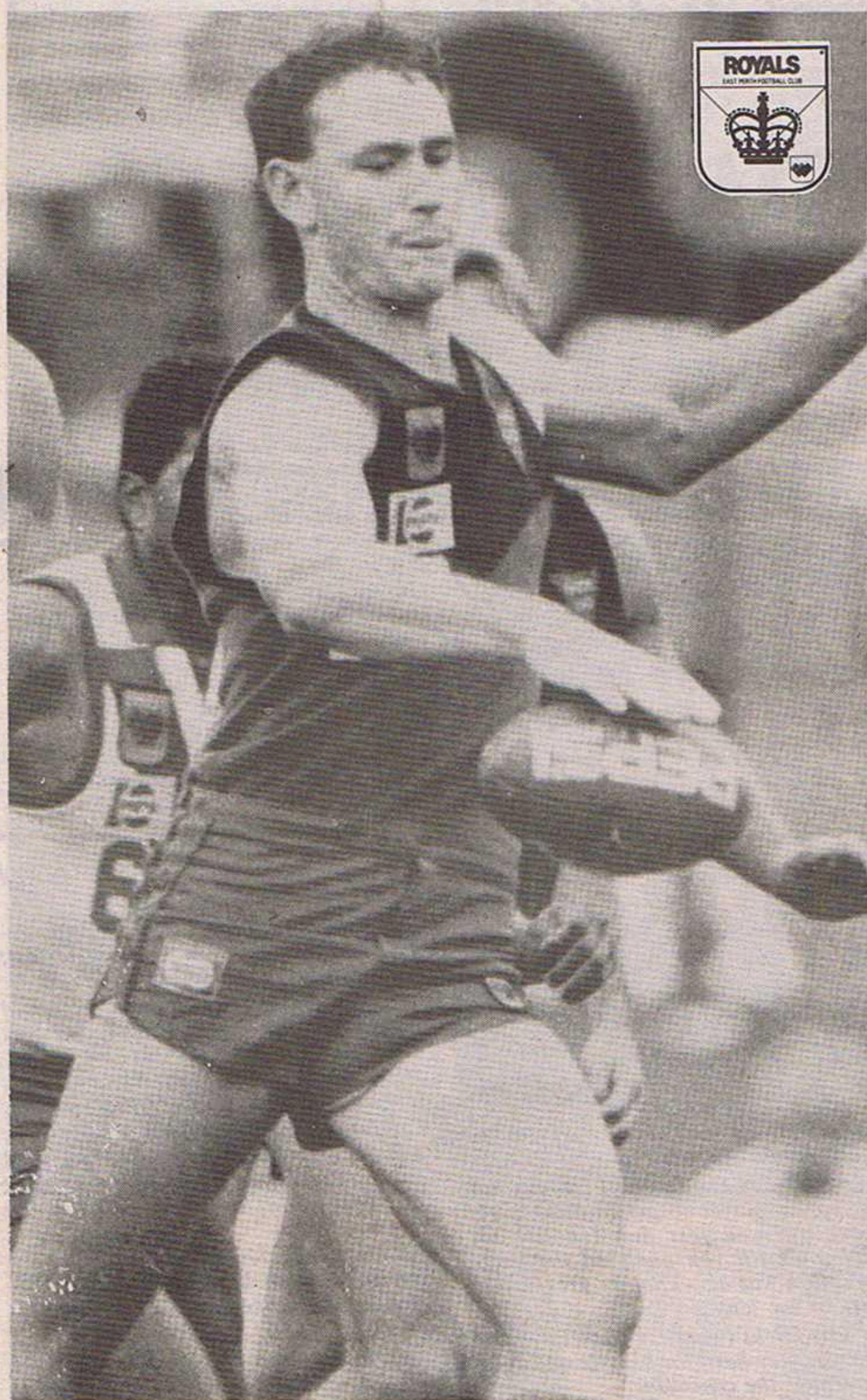


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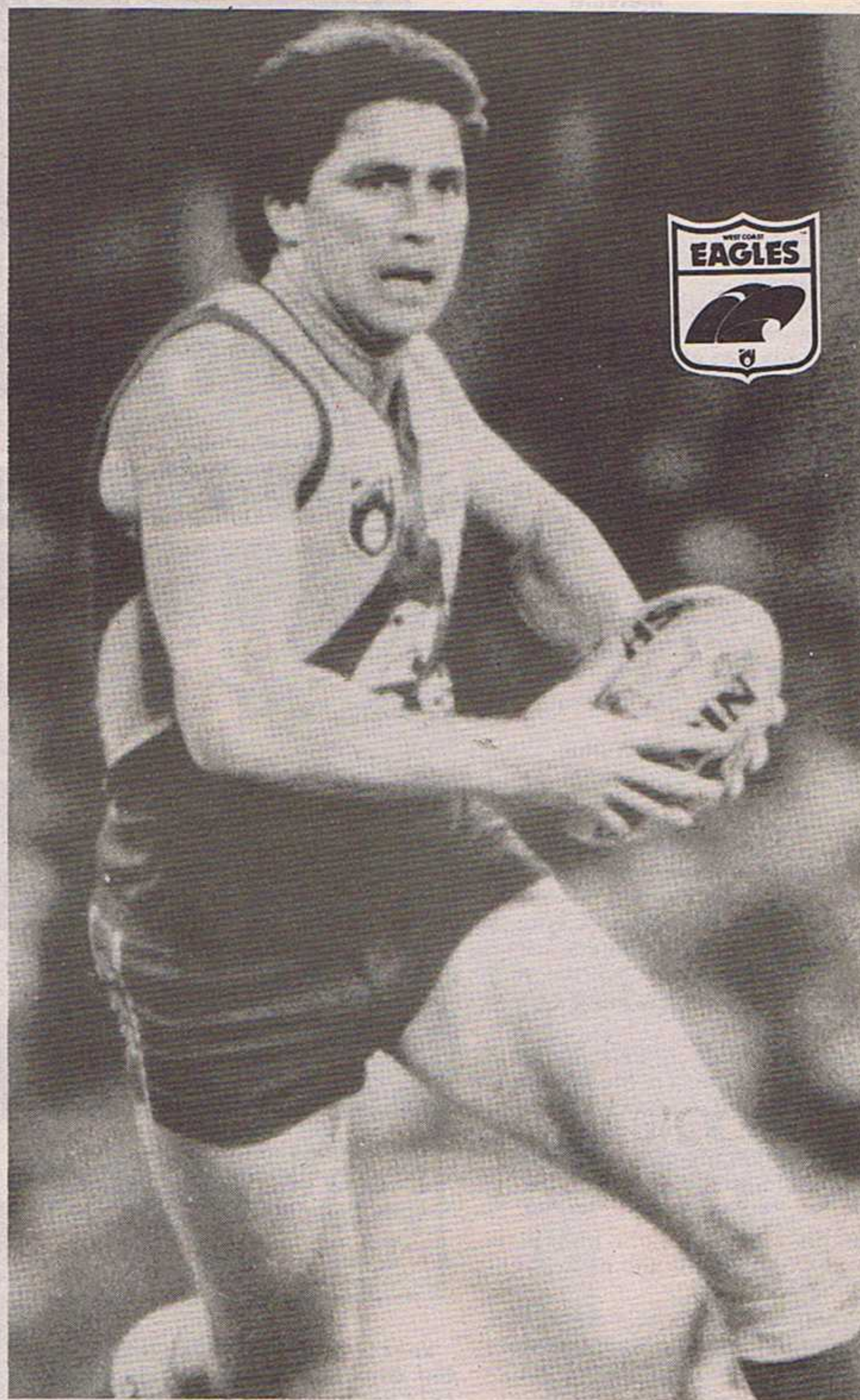
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## PLAYER PROFILES



### Stephen Hooper

**Nickname:** Hoops  
**Date of Birth:** 9.5.69 **Place of Birth:** Osborne Park  
**Height:** 198cm **Weight:** 103kg  
**Age started playing:** 6 **Junior club:** Warwick  
**Previous club/s:** Subiaco, South Mt Barker  
**Marital status:** Single **Girlfriend's name:** Lin  
**Residence:** Maylands **Occupation:** Truck driver  
**Place of work:** Statewide Oil Distributors  
**Other sporting interests:** Surfing, fishing, tennis  
**Favourite position:** Ruck **First position:** Ruck  
**League debut:** 1987 **Versus:** East Perth  
**FAVOURITES**  
**Actor:** Bruce Willis **Drink:** Banana milkshake  
**TV Show:** Tonight Live with Steve Vizard **Food:** Pasta  
**Movie:** Diehard **Music:** U2  
**Book:** Any Wilbur Smith **Holiday resort:** Up north  
**Ground:** Perth Oval  
**Your car:** Toyota Hilux 4WD **Career highlights:** Yet to come  
**Worst moment in football:** Getting suspended  
**Hard things in football:** Sitting on the sideline while your'e suspended  
**Football idols:** My father — Don  
**Toughest opponent:** All **Most respected opponent:** All  
**Most respected umpire:** All **Most memorable game:** Yet to come  
**Ambitions:** To be consistent and successful  
**What do you like about football:** Winning  
**How do you mentally prepare for a game:** Think about it during the week  
**Who influenced your career:** My father and uncle  
**Guernsey number:** 20 **Luckiest break:** Moving to East Perth and getting a chance to play league football



### Geoff Miles

**NICK NAME:** Joffa  
**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Centre-half-back  
**CURRENT POSITION:** Defender  
**NUMBER:** 6  
**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 10.1.62  
Melbourne  
**RECRUITED FROM:** Claremont  
**HEIGHT:** 183cms **WEIGHT:** 85kgs  
**FIRST SENIOR GAME:** 1982 Collingwood vs  
Carlton, 1985 Claremont vs East Perth, 1987  
Eagles vs Richmond  
**GAMES PLAYED:** 68 Eagles, 48 Claremont,  
31 Collingwood, 4 WA  
**FOOTBALL HONOURS:** 1989 Eagles Best  
Clubman  
**OCCUPATION:** Sales manager  
**SCHOOL'S ATTENDED:** Latrobe SHS,  
Victoria  
**CAR:** Ford Telstar  
**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:**  
Horses, waterskiing, basketball  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Pasta  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Milk  
**FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS):**  
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elimination final  
**FOOTBALL INJURIES:** Ankles, hamstring  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Making the 1988  
elimination final  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** 1988  
elimination final  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** To play in a winning  
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DESPITE beating Perth four times during the 1974 season, East Fremantle's grand final showdown with the Demons was not billed as a one-sided affair.

Old Easts — as the Sharks were known then — looked like being minus several key players, including skipper and Sandover Medallist Graham Melrose, on match day because of a bout of influenza running through the club.

But as the joint Simpson Medallist from that game, Gary Gibellini recalls, it was a tactical ruse by coach John Todd.

"Some guys did have the 'flu, Melrose quite badly, but they were always going to play," Gibellini recalled this week.

"Todd was just coming into his own as a coach that year and the tactic was to get Perth to relax a bit.

"He (Todd) even had some people carry in the bags of the guys suspected of not playing so that anyone seeing the doubtful players without their gear would believe that they weren't playing.

### INSPIRING

"After that, the match followed a similar pattern to the second semi-final, where Kerry Williams and Russell McHenry came on at three-quarter time to spark us to an inspiring win.

"Perth didn't seem to have an answer to them.

Gibellini tied with Perth's David Pretty for the Simpson Medal, but it could have turned out totally different.

A painful knock to the chest, which was to trouble Gibellini for the next two years, almost forced him out of the game.

"I only stayed on because I was playing well and enjoying the game," Gibellini said.

"I'd ran into someone's elbow in a pack, but there was no-way they were going to get me off because of that."

### PHYSICAL

Gibellini said East Fremantle's balance of physical strength and skill gave them the edge over Perth.

"The likes of Brian Peake, Glen Durnthaler, Bob Becu and Ron Bentley were not to be trifled with," he said.

"Bob was one of the best ruckmen never to play State football. You don't see many ruckmen today taking big marks in the backline and relieving the pressure like he could.

"We also had a lot of talent in David Hollins, Alan Reid and Avery — a big kicker of the ball."

Here are Gibellini's thoughts on the grand final line-up.

# Old Easts 'flu ruse helped win a flag

## GREAT PREMIERSHIP TEAMS OF THE PAST



BACK (from left): David Spry, John Grljusich, Doug Green, Rex Townsend, Bob Becu, Eddie Donnes, Kerry Williams, Alan Reid, Steve Robertson. CENTRE: Tony Micale, Brian Peake, Glen Durnthaler, Ron Bentley, Neale Robinson, Neil Ferguson, Jeff Trott, Mick Jez, Tony Buhagiar. FRONT: Russell McHenry, Kerry Coates, Mario Turco, David Hollins, John Todd (coach), Graham Melrose (captain), Chris Hicks, Gary Gibellini, Paul Nicholls.



**John Grljusich (back-pocket):** He only had one good season of football and 1974 was it. He wasn't beaten at an stage of the year and was also a character, which added to the club spirit.

**Eddie Donnes (full-back):** He wasn't the best kick, but what he lacked in that area he made up for with strength and toughness. Eddie was one of the elder statesmen in the side and a lot of people tried a little harder for him because he was near the end of his career.

**Bob Becu (back-pocket):** A tough ruckman whose value to the team was often under-estimated.

**Kerry Coates (half-back):** He came to us from Fitzroy and was a very talented player who never reached his full potential.

**Doug Green (centre-half-back):** One of the best centre-half-backs this State

has had. He did his job very well and his record speaks for itself.

**Ron Bentley (half-back):** He was not the type of player to get into the best-player list; you just didn't notice his good work till you analysed the game later. Ron was also another great character in the team.

**Chris Hicks (wing):** A pocket dynamo who was very hard for his size and complemented the centreline.

**Gary Gibellini (centre):** That was my first run in the centre. I had always been a ruck-rover till then and it was good because I'd always wanted to be a centreman.

**Tony Micale (wing):** He came to us via amateur football and always put in a good performance. Tony had a terrific drop-kick and delivered the ball well into the forward area.

**Noel Avery (half-forward):** Noel was a bit of an enigma. He was an alternative life-styler who didn't really socialise with the players. He was a talented footballer though and a big kicker of the ball.

**Glen Durnthaler (centre-half-forward):** He was mean man. Durnie was not a talented footballer, but he could

hold the ball in the forward line and throw other big blokes around.

**Brian Peake (half-forward):** Peaky — what can you say — he was just great; his record speaks for itself.

**Alan Reid (forward pocket):** He had just come into football then and was always seeking advice about how to handle opponents. He thought a lot about his footy and eventually went to Essendon.

**Paul Nicholls (full-forward):** He was another enigma. Paul was a 28-year-old student who was never over-burdened with energy. But he was a good mark and a strong kick.

**Tony Buhagiar (forward-pocket):** A terrific man to have on your side. He could get the hard ball as well as kick goals.

**Neil Ferguson (ruck):** I never had a high opinion of Fergie as a footballer, but he played an excellent grand final. His physical strength and ability to use his body were his best attributes.

**David Hollins (ruck-rover):** David was a very dedicated player. His best assets were his drop-kick and his speed.

**Graham Melrose (rover):** Melly won the Sandover Medal that year and set the example on the field. As a captain he would get on to you if you did the wrong thing, which kept everyone on the track.

**Kerry Williams (reserve):** Kerry came to us from Tasmania and used his limited ability to its fullest. He was a ruckman built like a beanpole.

**Russell McHenry (reserve):** Russell was very quick and was unlucky not to be in the starting line-up.

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# Demons thrived as underdogs

**WINNING** three finals games in four weeks sounds like a hard way to secure a premiership, but it certainly made success that much sweeter for the victorious Perth team in 1976.

After finishing a disappointing sixth in 1975, Perth fought their way into fourth position in 1976 and then swept all before them in the finals series while carrying the underdogs tag.

The Demons downed West Perth in the first semi-final and South Fremantle in the preliminary final, before winning a tough grand final over East Perth, 13.14 (92) to 11.3 (69).

The flag was the first in the Demons back-to-back premierships and the start of three successive grand final appearances.

Ever-optimistic Perth big man Wim Rosbender was the first to realise that the Demons hard work was going to bear the ultimate reward at the 20-minute mark of the final term — but captain Colin Lofts wasn't taking any chances.

## CELEBRATIONS

Lofts, a tough defender, had been in losing Perth grand final sides in 1970 and '74 and wasn't about to begin celebrations before the final siren had sounded, even though they were 20 points in front.

"Wim came up to me in the middle of the ground after we had dominated the final term and wanted to shake my hand," Lofts said, as he recalled his most vivid memory from the game.

"It was obvious we were going to win, but I wouldn't have a bar of it. I said 'yeah Wim, that's great, but I'll see you in 10 minutes.'

"The side had really come from obscurity to get to the grand final after finishing so poorly the previous season and we weren't given much chance of winning."

The first quarter got away to a fiery start when Lofts and East Perth ruck-roller George Michalczyk tangled before the ball was bounced. From then on both sides fought hard to stamp their authority on the game.

## GREAT PREMIERSHIP TEAMS OF THE PAST



"It was a culmination of a lot of hard work from a group of guys who had been together for a number of years," said Lofts. "Some of us had come right through from junior ranks together."

Coach Ken Armstrong moulded his team around an unrelenting defence, a team within a team, containing 1976 Simpson Medallist Mal Day, full-back John Quartermaine, Ken Inman alongside him, centre-half-back Brian Cook and flankers Jeff Dickinson and Lofts.

"We went on to become an awesome force in the late 1970s," Lofts said.

"And it was all because we worked together, we played together and during those times we always had a close social life."

Here are the captain's thoughts on that winning Demons combination.

**Mal Day (back-pocket):** An outstanding player who was the stalwart of the backline. He had dash, skill and was totally committed.

**John Quartermaine (full-back):** One of the best kicks in the league who was able to pin-point someone well down the field when kicking out from goals.

**Ken Inman (back-pocket):** Worked extremely hard at his football and continued the trend of great half-backs to come out of club over the past two decades.

**Brian Cook (centre-half-forward):** He should have been a basketballer because he had great dexterity and his ball skills were quite incredible.

**Jeff Dickinson (half-back):** A tireless worker who, for a relatively short guy, had an amazing ability to get the ball, especially when marking overhead.

**Kevin Hill (wing):** Had an incredible turn of pace and like most Aborigines, could dazzle people with his ball skills.

**Geoff Watt (centre):** Came to us from Wembley Amateurs. He never stopped working in the centre and had amazing energy.

**Alan Johnson (wing):** Went on to become one of the best footballers in the country. We had him in his hey-day when he was young and we had to pump him up a bit and protect him because he didn't ooze confidence when he was starting out.

**Chris Mitsopoulos (half-forward):**

*Ever-elusive and a fantastic character who was very skilled and a great motivator.*

**Wim Rosbender (centre-half-forward):** Was just starting to come into his own that year. Very tall, a great competitor who had a bit of spite in him and went on to become one of the State's best ruckmen.

**Steve Hargrave (half-forward):** A bit of an enigma as he was a big guy with an amazing turn of pace over 10 yards.

**Doug Farrant (forward-pocket):** Versatile player who could always take a mark in defence or around the goals.

**Murray Couper (full-forward):** With respect, Coups was a freak. In terms of just sheer natural talent, he would stand in front of many great players.

**Wayne Currie (forward-pocket):** An unobtrusive quiet achiever who was always around, getting the hard ball and picking up an amazing amount of kicks.

**Dean Herbert (ruck):** Had a great deal of talent; came to us from Victoria and should have stayed here as he would have gone on to be a very good player.

**Gary Gibellini (ruck-roller):** An old stager and getting a player of his talent from East Fremantle was a great boost to Perth's already talented stock.

**Rob Wiley (rover):** One of the great champions of the club. Fantastically hard working and committed guy who could always be relied upon to kick four or five goals a game.

**Greg Parker (reserve):** A fine athlete just coming onto the scene; could play in a variety of roles.

**Chester Mackean (reserve):** Given his size he could have been anything. He had a lot of talent and was a valuable ruckmen in those days.

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**BACK:** (left to right) Gary Bowyer, Murray Couper, John Quartermaine, Gary Gibellini, Geoff Watt, Greg Parker, John Anderson, Wayne Currie, Jeff Dickinson. **MIDDLE:** Brian Cook, Doug Farrant, Steve Hargrave, Chester Mackean, Dean Herbert, Wim Rosbender, Mike McPhee, Peter Kay, Peter Bosustow. **FRONT:** Kevin Hill, Chris Mitsopoulos, Ken Inman, Ken Armstrong (coach), Colin Lofts (captain), Rob Wiley, Alan Johnson, Mal Day.

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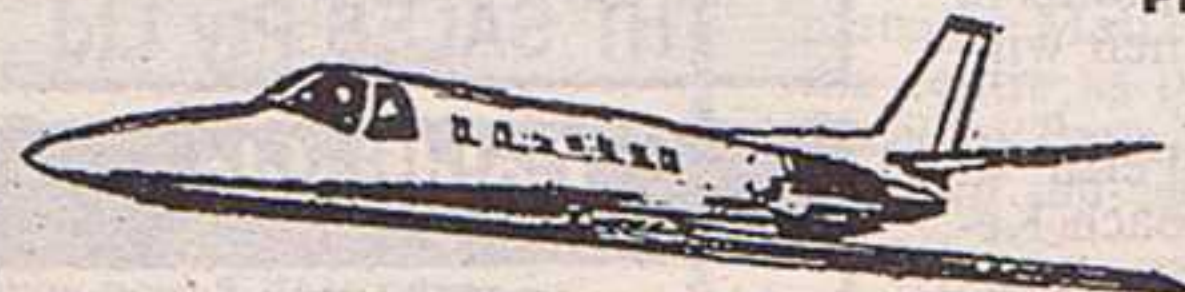
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# One point curbs WA's country

**WEST Australian country football finished an impressive second in last weekend's inaugural national country championships in Shepparton, Victoria.**

After losing to South Australia by one point — 11.10 to 11.9 — in the opening fixture last Friday, WA rebounded to beat Queensland by 10 goals on Sunday, 17.20 to 8.11.

This lifted the BP-sponsored Sandgroppers into second spot on percentage after Victoria beat SA 14.19 to 11.8 in the other round-robin match.

WA's ace centreman and skipper Mark Bairstow was named player of the carnival, while ruck-rover Max Johnson was chosen as the Sandgropper's best by the State selectors.

Bairstow, Johnson, ruck-rover Gary Edwards, ruckman Darren Best and back-pocket Victor Bertola were chosen in the carnival All Stars 20.

WA coach Rob Houwen has returned home to Geraldton, pondering what might have been.

"It would have been nice to play an extra match so that each side played the other States," Houwen said.

"The top three teams — WA, SA and Victoria — were evenly matched and we would have loved to have played the Vics.

"In the end, country football was the winner.

"The competition was of a high in standard, with six AFL-drafted players taking part."

## challenge

Houwen said that the six State country football associations would be meeting in November to discuss a possible divisional competition for 1991.

"That would see WA, Victoria and SA in division one and Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania in division two," Houwen said.

"It would also enable the top three teams to play each other and then we could find out who really has the best country talent in Australia."

In the other match, Victoria beat Queensland, 20.17 to 4.4.

# One spot left in Albany

**ONLY one position in the Southern Districts Football League top-four is in doubt with three rounds of fixtures remaining.**

Royals are set to be minor premiers and host the second semi-final, while North Albany will be their main challengers.

Whether the first semi-final is played at Soumess Park or Tigerland is the only question mark at this stage and Sunday's game will go a long way towards resolving the situation.

At present, South Barker hold a two-game break over Railways, but they have an inferior percentage.

Railways have an easy game coming up against Denmark, but they also face the league leaders in the last match of the season.

### TOUGH DERBY

South play the two Norths and though they shouldn't have any trouble against North Barker, a derby is always tough.

Souths put in a shocker last week, losing 21.8 (134) to 4.13 (37) against Royals. If they lose to Railways on Sunday, they could finish on equal points with that side, but with an inferior percentage.

Railways lost to North Albany 17.9 (111) to 12.13 (85) last Sunday, but they could improve enough to test a shaken Souths.

North Mt Barker had a predictable 17.22 (124) to 3.10 (28) win over Denmark, but will find it tougher against North Albany.

## Dongara drop

**DONGARA dropped to second place on the North Midlands premierships table when they were shock 49-point losers to sixth-placed Carnamah.**

A determined Carnamah curbed the Eagles run-on players and the 12.12 (84) to 4.11 (35) winners were well-led by Steve Davis, David Gault and Craig Chapman.

Three Springs moved to top position with a strong 49-point win over Coorow-Latham after an eight-goal second term set up their win, 18.19 (127) to 11.12 (78). Best for the Bombers were Kent Broad, Craig Morgan and Mike Curnick.

Morawa moved back into the four after giving Perenjori a football lesson. They kicked 15 goals in the first half and won 20.12 (132) to 7.7 (49).

## Long service

**GERALDTON footballer Neville Ridge has notched up almost five seasons without missing a game.**

The Railways defender has just played his 150th league game — which was his 91st in succession. He has missed only four games since his 1983 debut — two in that first season and two in 1985.

## Boulder tops

**RESULTS went as expected in the Goldfields Football League last Sunday when top side Boulder kept Railways in second position when they were 12-point winners 9.20 (74) to 8.14 (62) and third-placed Kalgoorlie beat cellardwellars Mines 17.22 (124) to 11.11 (77).**

### South West League

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Bunbury	15	9	6	1427	1317	108.3	36
Boy Capel	15	9	6	1301	1499	86.7	36
Carey Park	15	6	9	1364	1661	81.8	24
Mines Rovers	15	4	11	1277	1492	85.5	16
Busselton	15	4	11	1125	1662	67.6	16
Donnybrook	15	3	12	1152	1438	80.1	12
Sth Bunbury	15	3	12	1230	1568	78.4	12

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### Great Northern

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Mullewa	14	12	2	1820	982	185.33	48
Rovers	13	10	3	1354	1008	138.29	40
Railways	13	9	4	1368	1231	111.12	36
Brigade	14	8	6	1481	1495	99.06	32
Towns	14	4	10	1117	1351	82.67	16
C Valley	14	3	11	1248	1027	70.70	12
N'Hampton	14	2	12	1029	1728	59.54	8

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### Eastern Districts

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Nukarni	12	11	1	1389	598	232.27	44
Narembien	13	10	3	1499	927	161.70	40
Burracoppin	12	9	3	1244	1061	117.36	36
Hyden Karlgarin	12	9	3	1020	1037	98.36	36
Kulin	13	6	7	1163	992	117.24	24
Corrigin	13	4	9	896	1355	66.13	16
Kondinin	12	3	9	965	1294	74.57	12
Merredin	13	2	11	937	1464	64.00	8
Bruce Rock	12	2	10	734	1304	55.02	8

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### NORTH MIDLANDS

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Three Springs	10	8	2	1057	654	161.62	32
Dongara	10	8	2	923	758	121.76	32
Coorow-Latham	10	7	3	1042	858	121.44	28
Morawa	11	5	6	958	956	100.21	20
Mingenew	10	4	6	1004	1012	99.31	16
Carramah	11	3	8	865	1016	85.14	12
Perenjori	10	1	9	829	1224	51.39	4

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### Ongerup

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Newdegate	11	11	0	1500	732	204.9	44
Jerramungup	11	8	2	1043	688	151.6	34
Boxwood Hill	11	8	2	1081	850	127.2	32
Gnowangerup	11	6	5	994	1047	94.9	24
Kent	11	5	5	1111	1002	110.9	22
Borden	11	3	8	858	1230	52.5	12
Pingrup	11	2	9	861	1252	52.8	8
Ongerup	11	0	11	1007	1152	87.4	0

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## Collie just survive

**A DEPLETED Collie side overcame a determined Bunbury to notch a thrilling three-point win in the South-West League last Sunday.**

The Saints were without captain Greg O'Brien, centre-half-forward Jeff Davidson and centreman Brad Barton, but still won 14.12 (96) to 13.15 (93).

The absence of those key players was covered with top performances from ruck-rover Allen Daniels, wingman Mark Antonovich, centreman Peter Slater and centre-half-back Bruce Jackson, who was impassable.

In another close contest, bottom side South Bunbury upset third-placed Augusta-Margaret River by three points, 12.12 (84) to 12.9 (81).

The Tigers led from the outset and weathered a desperate comeback by the Hawks in the last term.

## Upset victory

**RAILWAYS caused the upset of the round in the Upper Great Southern League with a five-point victory over an inaccurate Williams, 12.10 (82) to 10.17 (77).**

Craig Kirkby and ruckman Gary Bock were best for Railways, with Rodney Woods kicking four goals. For Williams, Ian White and Michael Kowal did well.

Boddington were too strong for Lake Grace (minus the Bairstow brothers) winning 16.17 (113) to 14.8 (92).

League leaders Wickpin accounted for Wagin 15.16 (106) to 8.6 (54) thanks to solid contributions from Gavin Kerruish (four goals) and Andrew Snow.

Towns moved into fourth spot by beating West Arthur 14.12 (96) to 12.13 (85)

## Gnowangerup's rise

**GNOWANGERUP ousted Kent from fourth position on the Ongerup premierships table when they won a tight game last Sunday, 19.15 (129) to 14.12 (96).**

Other results went as expected with Boxwood Hill downing Ongerup 16.14 (110) to 12.10 (82); Jerramungup accounting for Borden 20.11 (131) to 4.12 (36) and Newdegate easily over Pingrup, 31.24 (210) to 5.6 (36).

Mines Rovers caused another shock when they beat Carey Park by nine points, 12.13 (85) to 11.10 (76).

Though Mines fielded one of their least-experienced teams for the season, they were led superbly by Paul and Bradley Barrett and Steven Dabrowski and were determined to win or face the prospect of finishing on the bottom of the ladder.

### CONVINCING

Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup cemented their place in the final-five with a convincing 39-point win over Donnybrook, 15.18 (108) to 10.9 (69).

Star forward Kurnutt Thorne kicked six first-half goals in his first match for six weeks, while ruckman Tim Batt and defenders Frank Del Casale and Larry Patane were prominent.

Top side Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault cruised to a convincing 83-point win over Busselton, 20.16 (136) to 7.11 (53).

## ROVERS GO UP

**ROVERS outscored Watheroo in every quarter to run out 92-point winners, 23.22 (160) to 9.14 (68) and move onto equal points with top-of-the-table side Dalwallinu in the Central Midlands Football League.**

Warriors moved within one game of third-placed Dandaragan when they beat them 17.16 (118) to 10.12 (72) and Dalwallinu were comfortable winners over Bindi-Miling, 18.29 (137) to 8.5 (53).

## First victory

**NUNGARIN tasted their first success of the Central Wheatbelt season when they beat Towns 14.20 (104) to 9.6 (60).**

Koorda won a vital game over Mukinbudin 16.20 (116) to 10.9 (69) to put them one game clear in the four; Beacon were easy winners over Kalannie, 29.14 (188) to 13.8 (86) and Southern Cross continued their good form to down Bencubbin 19.17 (131) to 9.5 (59).

## Second success

**KARRATHA Falcons scored their second win of the season when they out-pointed South Hedland, 17.24 (126) to 18.16 (124) in round 12 of North Pilbara Football League action last Sunday.**

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# University make it tough for Nollamara

NOLLAMARA'S hopes for a finals appearance were dealt a severe blow when they went down to University by 28 points in Saturday's A-grade amateur fixtures.

The Pies are two games and percentage out of the five with only three games to go and it would be just short of a miracle to get there.

University now face another battle in their fight for third spot, this time against Wembley and with players like Dowling, Morgan and Murdoch in good form, they are capable of succeeding.

## COMFORTABLE

North Beach put a stop to Trinity-Aquinas' late charge for the five and won comfortably by 56 points, well-led by Dave Perry.

The Tigers defence, in particular Jeff Valentine, Grant Couzens and Bruce Stewart, were too good for their opponents.

Trinity-Aquinas received good service from Tom Parker, Dominic Dwyer and the effervescent Neale Fong, who has proved to be a top recruit.

## TOUGH GAME

Mt Lawley played four quarters of slick football in a physically-tough game against old foes Scarborough and ran out easy 73-point winners.

Hawks centreman Ben Stewart led the stampede with James Spacich, Mark Picket, Darryl Cox, Greg Quain and Dave Armstrong all dominant in their positions.

Scarborough now have to turn around in one week and retain the form of the last month if they are to survive as a finalist.

## BIG TURN-AROUND

Wembley went from being beaten by the bottom side last week to crushing the top side by a huge 55-point margin.

The black and whites relished the return from Melbourne of ruckman Luke Wundke, who dominated the aerial duels and set up his running players.

Wembley's defence was also superb and centre-half-back Brad Roberts was just shaded by little dynamo Shane Paddon.

## A GRADE

by **Trevor Schorer**



Wesley-Curtin lifted themselves off the bottom of the table with another good win, this time over Maylands by 49 points.

Veteran Gerry Hunt produced a best-on-ground display to show that he and his side are far from a spent force.

Hunt was ably supported by Marshall and classy utility player Andrew Bockman, while for Maylands Burton, Hayward and former Swan Districts player Andy Maher did best.

## Colts round-up by Chris Jeakings

TRINITY-AQUINAS were no match for third-placed North Beach, who widened their lead at each break to finish 80-point winners in the A-colts battle.

Trinity-Aquinas have been disappointing this season in comparison with previous years. John Burton, Danny Sweet, Damon Mack and Mal Kiely (five goals) played major roles in North's victory.

Wembley consolidated second spot with a impressive return to form as West Coast could find no answer to their runners.

Rover Brad Bennett, ruckman Brendon McPherson, Phil Gnech and David Dye were winners all game.

Maylands threw their finals chances away in a disappointing game against Wesley Curtin.

For a side chasing fifth spot, their poor use of the football enabled Maylands to record a 60-point win. Stefan Bucens, Stuart Jefferies, Jason Browne and Ken Bartlett did well.

## C COLTS

IN a tough clash, Rockingham showed good character to completely dominate Coolbinia-Yokine after half-time. The Rams helped themselves to 12 goals in the last half to the opposition's nil. Centreman Tony Sieracki dominated, Andrew Todd, Tony Crookes and Paul Begovic (four goals) were prominent.

# AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

# WINNING FINISH

A STRONG finish enabled Collegians/Old Scotch to gain a huge psychological advantage over possible grand final opponents Swan Athletic with their 24-point victory in Saturday's B-grade.

With lively rover Brendon Guard dominating around the ground and in the forward line, kicking five goals, the Lions jumped to a four-goal lead at half-time.

A determined Swan Athletic fought back gamely and by the 10-minute mark of the last term, they led by eight points and looked set to surge to victory.

But the Lions responded and with the versatile Ross Sharpe and veteran half-back flanker Shaun Tilbrook moving into top gear, they kicked the last five goals to over-run the tired Swans.

## SEASONED

Nick Morgan, Paul Mitchell and Kim Thompson also played well for Collegians, who would usually capitulate from such a position. But on Saturday they showed they are a much more seasoned combination and thoughtfully deserve premiership favouritism.

Dianella's fate is now in their own hands, as they play three sides above them in their quest for a finals berth.

They must win all three starting this week with Innaloo, the only side they can dislodge out of the five.

On Saturday the Panthers looked far from a side desperately seeking a finals spot as they scraped home against Osborne Districts by nine points.

Captain-coach Terry Holtzman was

## B-GRADE

by **Peter Rush**



inspiring out of the centre and in the forward line, kicking four goals, while others to contribute were Anthony Notte, Greg Matta, Paul Aspar and dogged back-pocket player Sinsan Kerimofski.

Innaloo won a cliff-hanger against North Fremantle, getting home by four points.

The loss has made the Magpies grip on third position a little shaky and unless they can get back into form and beat Swan Athletic this week, they could find themselves slipping down the ladder.

Mt Lawley notched their second game of the season with an 18-point win at Bayswater's expense and CBC beat Cockburn Lakes by 10 goals.

## ASPIRATIONS

This week's games should see Swan Athletic expose North Fremantle at Swan Athletic Oval and Innaloo can end Dianella's finals aspirations once and for all.

With third spot the incentive, CBC will be in no mood to offer Mt Lawley any mercy, while Collegians/Old Scotch should be able to fine-tune their machine at Bayswater's expense and Osborne Districts will beat Cockburn Lakes.

# MILESTONE MEN



**NICH GRUNDY**  
(Applecross 100 games)

APPLECROSS Numbats player Nich Grundy has reached his 100-game milestone, playing in the J-grade competition.

Grundy was the winner of the backman's award in 1988, was club secretary from 1985-88, club president in 1989 and made a life member in 1988.

**KEVIN HARRIS**  
(Osborne Districts 300 games)

OSBORNE Districts I-grade side will be hoping for a victory this Saturday to help 42-year-old club stalwart Kevin Harris celebrate his 300th game for the club.

Harris has played most of his football in B-grade and has been with the club since they were known as Mt Hawthorn/West Perth.

**ROBERT LOCKHART**  
(Innaloo 250 games)

INNALOO ruckman Robert (Dog) Lockhart capped a great career recently with his 250th game, having joined the club back in 1974 in their Sunday division.



**TIM PRICE**  
(Collegians/OS 150 games)

COLLEGIANS Old Scotch player Tim (Mudguard) Price has achieved his 150-game milestone.

Price began his career with the former Nedlands Secondary Teachers College in 1977, coaching G-grade for two years.

In 1984 he transferred to Mt Lawley before returning to Collegians Old Scotch to coach D-grade in 1985.

He served on the committee for five years and was elected president in 1986. In 1988 he became a life member of the club after being transferred to Broome and is still a valued member of the club.

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with Guy McKenna



## Big day on the Hill

MARY'S Mount Primary School in Gooseberry Hill was the venue last Wednesday for a Hungry Jack's promotional visit.

Hungry Jack's Football Budget competition winner Jarrod Flynn, of Gooseberry Hill, was the centre of attraction.

He received an Eagles jumper, Eagles poster and, believe it or not, a photograph taken with me!

The 11-year-old Jarrod was the envy of all his school mates and it just shows

how youngsters today can really benefit by mixing with Eagles players — and entering the Hungry Jack's competitions.

So, kids if you would like a photograph taken with me, I'll be at the Glengarry Hungry Jack's store next Tuesday (August 7) between 6pm and 7pm.

### Juniors carnival

EAST Perth will hold their Hungry Jack's lighting carnival next Wednesday, between 9am and 3pm.

Schools are divided into three groups of six, with all the schools converging on Perth Oval for a day of non-stop action.

Schools competing in the round-robin carnival are Emmaus, North Murray, Morley, Mt Lawley, Weld Square, Hampton Park, Coolbinia, Infant Jesus, East Maylands, Inglewood, Camboon, Hillcrest, Embleton, Maylands, Trinity College (2), Sacred Heart College and OLA.



Hungry Jack's winner Jarrod Flynn with Eagles star Guy McKenna

Mighty Milo says...



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\* Point the football at your target.

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\* Have a good backswing and follow through with your punching hand.

\* Don't swing your 'platform' hand away from your body as your punching hand comes through; they should come together for a head-on collision, rather than travel in the same direction.

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## Previous winners chase CIG Shield

TWO OF Perth's outstanding football-playing Colleges — Aquinas and Trinity — will contest this year's CIG Shield grand final.

The two schools are both previous winners of the CIG crown and will battle out the grand final as a curtain-raiser to the Eagles-Richmond game at Subiaco Oval on Sunday, August 12.

The two colleges only had a few points to spare in their top-class semi-finals.

Perth zone champions Aquinas, who won the CIG Shield in 1985, reached the grand final with a four-point win over title-holders and South Fremantle champions, Narrogin Senior High School, 12.3 (75) to 11.5 (71) at Boddington Oval last Thursday.

Trinity College, the 1987 Shield winners, won their semi-final by eliminating Swan Districts zone champions Governor Stirling by seven points, 8.7 (55) to 7.6 (48) at Perth Oval on Tuesday.

### TIGHT GAME

The Aquinas-Narrogin match was a tight and tense affair, with the city boys leading by six points in the first term and just five points at half-time.

But Narrogin fought back to get within a point at the final change and the last quarter was a do-or-die effort as the defending champions surged to a 15-point lead.

Aquinas narrowed the gap with an early goal and then three goals in three minutes put them back in front.



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## Race is on for finals

WITH only one qualifying game remaining in the East/West Toyota Cup zone, the race is on for the last three places in the final five.

Noranda and Osborne Park are secure in first and second spot respectively, leaving North Innaloo, Bayswater, Morley and Swanleigh all within four points of each other and still in contention for a finals berth.

Bayswater jumped into fourth place when they downed Swanleigh 13.9 (87) to 8.4 (52) last Sunday, thanks to strong performances from Damien Cranwell and Shane Ball, while best for Swanleigh were Aaron McPhee and Lyndon Redfern.

### TOUGH TASK

Bayswater have the unenviable task of taking on Osborne Park in their quest for four points this Sunday, while North Innaloo and Morley meet in their most important match of the season.

In the Subiaco zone, Warwick won their way through to the grand final with a 23.15 (153) to 8.9 (57) second semi-final win over Northern Districts, while Girrawheen ended Whitfords season when they won a tight first semi-final 14.12 (96) to 11.9 (75).

Girrawheen's win was spurred on by 17-year-old Brad Hiscock's 200th game for the club, while Vern Wedgewood's 100-game milestone with Northern Districts was soured by their loss.

## Previous winners chase

### CIG Shield



With just one minute remaining, Narrogin kicked their final goal but it wasn't enough to bridge the gap.

### PLAYERS

Best for Aquinas were Dennis Keet (ruck), Mark McPherson (half-back flank) and Clayton Smith (in the forward line), while Narrogin's best were Darren Allinson (half-forward), Robbie Capper (centre-half-forward) and wingmen Darren Kirby and Danny Bayley.

Leading goalscorers for Aquinas were Clayton Smith (five), Phil Kennedy (four goals) and Troy Harvey (three goals).

Aquinas coach Joseph Audino said the match was the best CIG semi-final he had seen in years, with a good display of team-work from both teams. He said Narrogin had put up a good fight and were unlucky to lose.

### ROYALS ZONE

Trinity College, the East Perth zone champions, were well led by Grant Patterson (ruck), Justin Little (centre) and Simon Cormack (ruck-rover), while Brady Lord (centre) and Kylie Manchester (ruck-rover) were best for Governor Stirling.

Trinity coach Des Hardiman was pleased with the result and says the team will be hard to beat in the grand final.

### TOYOTA CUP

However, Northern Districts have the chance to rebound when they take on Girrawheen in the preliminary final at Aintree Reserve this Sunday.

Tigers Cup finals begin at Claremont Oval this Sunday with a finals double-header when North Beach meet Hamersley/Carine in the first semi-final at 12.30pm and West Coast play Marist in the second semi-final at 3pm.

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# Medal man is well hidden

WITH just a month remaining before the votes for this year's Sandover Medal are counted, it's appropriate to assess the prospects of the leading candidates.

It promises to be the closest contest for years, with no real stand-out player — unlike the last three years.

In 1987, Derek Kickett was a short-priced favourite before being suspended and becoming ineligible and it came as no surprise to see Mark Watson claim the coveted Medal.

A year later East Perth rover David Bain went to the Medal count as a firm favourite and found himself on the podium after a tense count.

And last season Craig Edwards was one of the shortest-priced favourites in the 68-year history of the Sandover Medal — though he did not win as comfortably as most pundits had considered.

## DIFFICULT

This year the task of selecting the outstanding player in the State Football League is a difficult one, because a variety of players have enjoyed short bursts of brilliance without being able to sustain their form.

However, one player who has managed consistency from start to finish is East Perth midfielder Lucio "Butch" Baroni.

Baroni is a dashing midfielder who has the capacity to stand out as one of his team's best players.

The Royals have a proud history of producing Sandover Medallists and it would not surprise to see Baroni join the list.

## THE COVERAGE

### WHO PLAYS WHERE IN THE PEPSI CUP

West Australian State Football League  
Saturday, August 4  
(Round 18)

Claremont vs West Perth, at Claremont Oval (broadcast by 6NR).

Subiaco vs East Fremantle, at Subiaco Oval.

East Perth vs Perth, at Perth Oval (broadcast by 6WF)

South Fremantle vs Swan Districts, at Fremantle Oval (broadcast by 6PR).



East Perth's Lucio Baroni

Early in the season he had to compete with George Giannakis for votes, but with the Royals centreman sidelined in the second half of the season, Baroni has not only moved into the pivot to replace him, but has obviously collected his share of Medal votes — with only captain Glen Bartlett taking attention away from him.

## MAIN RIVALS

Baroni's rivals will probably come from a group that includes Tony Evans (Claremont), Billy Krakouer (East Fremantle), John Clarkson (Perth), Peter Worsfold (South Fremantle), Garry Kemp (Subiaco), Shane Stempel (Swan Districts) and David Palm (West Perth).

Evans has been brilliant in the second half of the year, but a couple of missed matches through injury could have a telling effect on the classy rover's prospects.

Other Claremont players who should figure in the voting include Joe Cormack, Mark Hann and, late in the year, Peter Thorne.

Krakouer, after starting the season in the reserves, has been in blistering touch for East Fremantle and was one of the prime movers in his club's impressive derby victory on Sunday.

Since switching over from Claremont, Krakouer has been a fine player for the Sharks and next year could join brothers Jim, Phil and Andrew in the AFL.

Other Sharks players who would have polled well at various stages of the season should be Shane Ellis, Gary Smallridge (sadly ineligible



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after being found guilty of a minor misdemeanour) and Jon Derecourt.

## INJURIES

The prospects of a Perth player collecting the Medal have been dashed by injury problems to Watson, Joe Santostefano and Ian Newman.

However, Clarkson has been a consistent player and though he should poll strongly, it would be surprising to see the Medal dangling from his neck.

Worsfold has lived in the shadow of his elder brother, Eagles star John, during his career, but he has probably been South's most consistent player.

While Edwards will pick up votes, it probably won't be enough for back-to-back Medals.

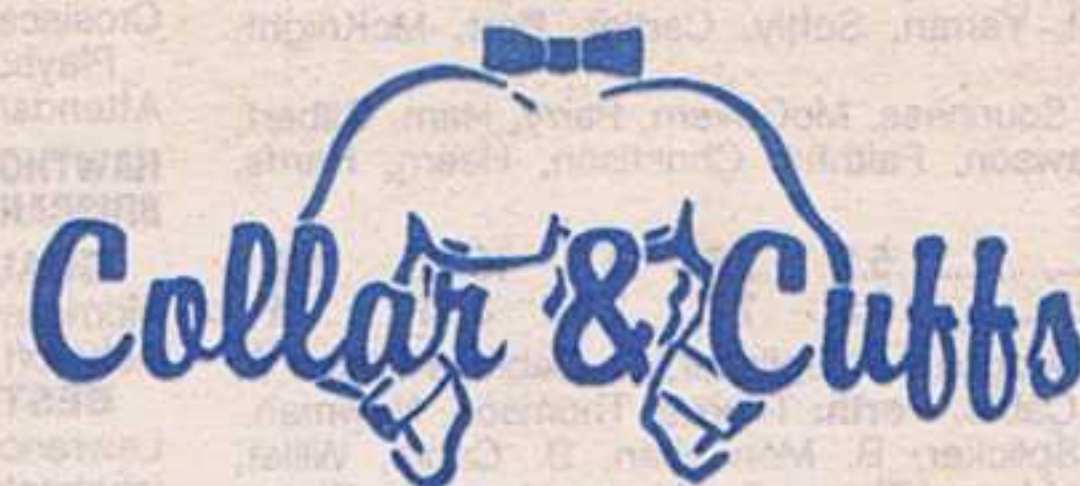
Glen Jakovich and all three Collard brothers should also figure among the vote-catchers for the Bulldogs.

Kemp started the season in sensational form and should set the vote-counting pace for the first seven or eight games. But an injury has dampened his efforts in the second half of the season. Brian Taylor should continue his trend of polling well.

Stempel has had a remarkable debut season after twice previously being on the verge of having a crack at league ranks only to return to the South West.

However, Peter Hodyl, Len Gandini, who has missed three matches and David Ogg could all deprive Stempel of votes.

Palm has made a sensational return to West Perth, both in a back-pocket and on the ball and has few teammates to compete with for votes. Perhaps Paul Hasler has been the most consistent of the others, while Darren O'Brien's recent form is excellent.



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