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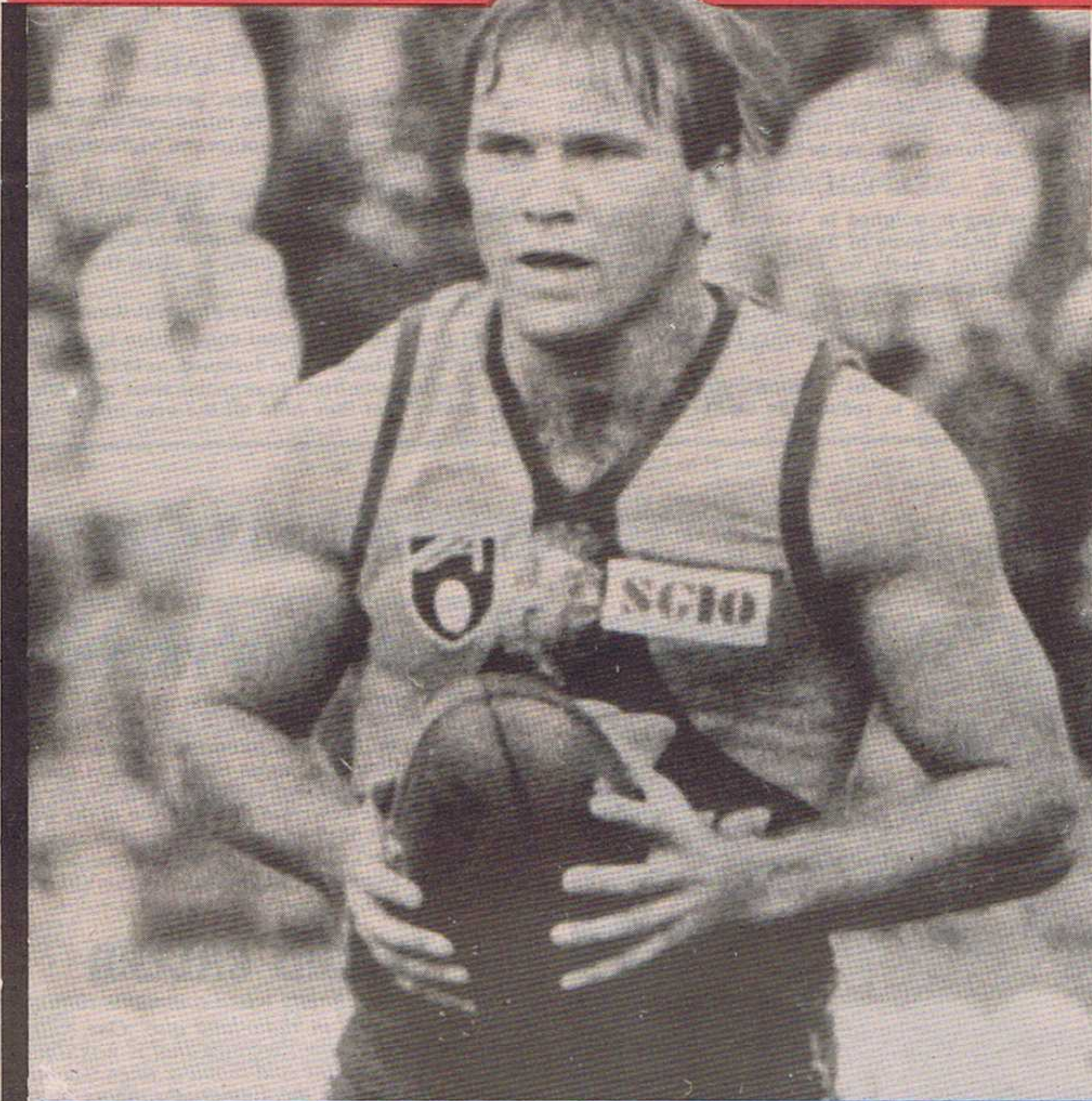
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WHO'S NEXT?

WEST COAST TO EXTEND WINNING RUN

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HIGHLY-skilled West Coast midfielder Chris Mainwaring has hit peak form in recent weeks and has been a driving force behind the Eagles cementing a place in the top three on the AFL ladder. This Sunday, Mainwaring will use his dash to help dispose of Richmond at Subiaco Oval and further increase the Eagles chances of grabbing a qualifying final berth and the double chance at the grand final.

FLY WITH THE EAGLES TO THE AFL FINALS

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SELFISH VICS...

WE are witnessing the death of football at grass-roots level in Australia.

And the executioner is the VFL.

Don't let them kid us that it's a national competition till....

* We see a competition that is not designed to prop up ailing Victorian clubs.

* The so-called AFL is not controlled solely from Victoria.

* We see an umpiring panel that doesn't comprise only a token representation from interstate.

* The number of Melbourne-based clubs are reduced.

* A greater effort is made to lift the Sydney Swans and the Brisbane Bears from the basement of the competition.

Then it will be a truly national competition.

BORDER INVASION

The AFL's latest invasion across the border into SA shows no regard whatsoever for that State's competition.

They have gone through the back-door and preyed on the selfish designs of one particular club.

The AFL's action is a bit like a fishing boat trolling for a particular type of seafood. They don't give a damn what else they may destroy in the net, just as long as they get what they are after.

And what are the Victorians after?

If they were really intent on a national competition, they would be trying to make the current situation work.

Two of the interstate clubs are lamenting at the bottom of the premiership ladder and their future, from a financial, playing and spectator point of view, is pretty bleak.

They are destroying grass-roots football

If the AFL is fair dinkum about developing a national series, then they need to ensure that the interstate clubs already in the competition are viable.

And that can only be done by trimming the number of Victorian-based clubs.

If the AFL allows Port Adelaide to join without the involvement of the SANFL, it will destroy club football in that State.

I'm a great Eagles fan, but their introduction into the local domestic competition and the spin-off has ruined club football in WA.

It's a sad reflection on the local competition when it battles, as was the case last week, to draw just 10,000 spectators to four games on a fairly pleasant Saturday with no major counter-attractions; not even the Eagles playing in town the night before or the day after.

SELFISH MOTIVES

Everything is weighed in Victoria's favour. It may very well be the home of Aussie Rules, but they don't have the right, purely for selfish motives, to destroy football in other States.

And that's exactly what the present structure of the AFL — or the VFL as we'll always remember them — is doing.

If the Vics really want a national competition, they would be working to reduce the number of clubs in

by
**Robert
Bennett**
of the Sunday Times



Victoria; they wouldn't allow Victorian-based clubs to raid other States and they would be doing everything possible to strengthen the Bears and the Swans.

Their ultimate aim should be to reduce the number of Victorian-based clubs to around six, with the intention of having two clubs from WA and SA.

For that to work, the Vics should be forced to recruit players only from their home State and perhaps Tasmania.

With only six teams in the competition, that would give them a fairly lucrative recruiting ground.

WA and SA clubs would initially have first call on players in their own States.

The Bears and Swans would be entitled to pick the eyes out of the Melbourne-based clubs axed from the competition. Initially, that should be three.

EXTRA TEAMS

There should be a deadline, perhaps three to five years, for an extra team to be introduced from WA and SA. When that happens, another two Melbourne-based teams should get the chop.

A draft could be maintained, but it would have to be refined, so that players not wanted by clubs or those who had been given a certain number of games by a club over a particular period, could be given the option of going elsewhere.

If SA and WA become very powerful then so what?

Isn't that what a national competition is all about?

It certainly shouldn't be designed, as is currently the case, to allow one State to organise their own rules so they ensure that they hold all the aces in the pack.

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Footy Rumours

GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

What's the diff?

SWAN Districts coach John Todd has a question for our umpires. Todd was angered by a tough tackle on his star forward Brent Hutton during Swans fourth-term fight-back against South Fremantle last Saturday. Hutton marked 30 metres out from goal and was bowled over by a late John Porter tackle, which saw the Swan need two stitches each to wounds in his head and leg. "Why was that a reportable offence one week and not the next," said Todd. "Retzlaff did that against West Perth a week earlier and got two weeks."

Love you, Pat!

TWO major Channel 7 awards came West last weekend. The mark-of-the-month honour went to Eagles high-flier Troy Ugle for his great effort over two Fitzroy opponents at Subiaco Oval, while Radio 6PR's boundary-line reporter, Pat Love got a special award for his off-field catch against Footscray at the WACA Ground.

Out-numbered

A SWAN Districts victory over South Fremantle at Fremantle Oval last Saturday could have put the State Football League in a sticky situation. Swans had 21 players on the ground during the final term, when Shane Stempel ran onto the field as the injured Brent Hutton was being helped from the arena on the opposite side of the oval. However, Hutton had a brief change of mind, shrugged off the trainers assisting him and turned back into the fray. Stempel, who had run some 20 metres onto the field, had to quickly back-pedal and exit the action. If Swans had won, would South Fremantle have protested about the black and whites having 21 men on the ground?

GET IT RIGHT!

FOOTBALL legend Graham Farmer was a guest speaker at East Perth's President's Luncheon at Perth Oval on Saturday — and naturally indulged in some tales about his renowned former Royals team-mate, John K. Watts. He confirmed that the K. stood for "know-all" and that Wattsie's philosophy about football history was that it wasn't what happened that was important, but what you say happened that mattered most!



Stan Magro...not impressed

WHO'S RETIRING?

SEEMS as though South Fremantle coach Stan Magro has been "retired" before his time. Stan was pretty annoyed at a newspaper headline last week that suggested his job was in doubt next year, mainly because of his increasing work commitments. But he made it clear last weekend that the rumour was way off the mark. He wants a premiership...be it this year or next.

IGNORING FACTS

THOSE Victorian TV commentators continue to get under the skin of WA viewers — and no wonder with some of their off-the-mark comments. How about Peter McKenna calling the Eagles-Sydney Swans game on Sunday and talking about talented young Swans giant Gareth John. He described him as a son of the former champion South Melbourne player and club president, Graeme. He overlooked the fact that Graeme John was a West Australian who had graduated to the VFL arena from East Perth.

WIRED CALLER

THERE are some pretty weird comments coming in from people living in radio-land also. One caller to Saturday's 6WF show suggested that it was time we gave the Victorians the cold-shoulder when it comes to football. He wanted the Eagles, the Bears and the Swans — plus a South Australian contingent — to pull out of the AFL and start their own national competition. That would bring all the money to us struggling states, he said. What money, mate? Don't you realise that the Vics have got the numbers, the people-power it's called. And that represents TV dollars as well.

The 'H-team'

SWAN Districts staged a sensational comeback against South Fremantle at Fremantle Oval last Saturday and got within nine points after trailing by 41 points at three-quarter time. And it was Swans 'H-team' that did the scoring. Swans six goals were scored in this order — Peter Hodyl, Mick Hastie, Brent Hutton, Hutton, Hodyl and Hutton again.

Cuddlesome Sharks

THE Merv Hughes' kiss-n-hug mania has hit the lads from East Fremantle, judging by their on-field celebration antics last Saturday. And as star East Fremantle forward Clinton Browning will tell you, you don't need the moustache to get into the act. Browning took time out from his best-on-ground performance to plant one on captain George Christie as the Sharks stormed to a big win over Subiaco. And he has been warned to be on the lookout as a few 'eveners' are on the agenda in the coming weeks!

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The Vics won't like it, but it will be a proud day for Western Australia when they take their place in this year's finals series in Melbourne — and you can watch the Eagles in live action by entering the fabulous competition being run in Westside Football over the next two weeks.

The Eagles will feature in the big first weekend of finals in Melbourne — September 8 and 9. Currently holding down third spot on the AFL ladder with four home and away games to go, the Eagles look set to play in either the qualifying final or the elimination final at grounds yet to be determined.

WESTSIDE FOOTBALL, WA's weekly football newspaper, has been joined by major Eagles sponsors, the SGIO to fly two lucky readers to Melbourne to watch the action on both days. Winners of our competition will fly Australian Airlines and stay at Melbourne's Southern Cross Hotel. To win, readers must answer a two-part question contained in the next two editions of Westside; fill in the coupon provided and get it to us by last post on Monday, August 27. No facsimiles, photocopies or reproductions will be accepted. The judge's decision will be final and the two winners will be announced in the edition of Thursday, August 30. Next week's edition will feature part one of a simple question — but you have wait till the following week to complete your answer.



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Down on the farm...

by GEORGE TEMPLE



EVERY day at 5.30am, rookie South Fremantle defender Bruno Italiano pulls on his boots — his wellington boots, that is.

He then trudges across the farmyard and ushers in the cows on his family's Harvey farm for milking.

For years, as he has gone about his chores, Italiano has dreamed of playing senior football in Perth.

After a short pre-season under coach Stan Magro that became a reality in round six this season against Subiaco.

"I've always wanted to come up and play league football," says Italiano.

"But I just couldn't leave the farm."

DEVELOPMENT

At the same time his development at South West club Harvey-Brunswick was being followed by South Fremantle and when West Perth indicated they didn't want Italiano, the Bulldogs moved in.

Italiano joined the Fremantle Oval camp for pre-season in February and has become a reliable back-pocket player.

"Bruno's been an excellent find for us," coach Stan Magro said.

"He's got good character and should develop into a fine player."

Italiano said it was his father, Paddy, who had encouraged him to come to Perth this year.

"Dad said I should give it a shot and I've allowed myself three years," the 21-year-old said.

"I'll see where my career is at the end of that time — but I want to go on and play AFL if I can."

TRAINING

"In the meantime I'll continue working on the farm — the cows still have to be milked twice a day. I train with South on Tuesday nights and Harvey-Brunswick on Wednesdays and Fridays.

It's still Bruno and the cows

"When I come up to Perth for matches on Saturdays, we get a part-timer in to help us on the farm."

Italiano was a Teal Cup player in 1986 with current Bulldogs team-mates Scott Watters and Richard Graham.

"I went to school at Mazenod College and used to get away at weekends to watch WAFL games," he said.

CRICKET STAR

Italiano is also one of those talented sportsman who could succeed in two codes.

Two years ago he was a member of the WA under-19 cricket side that won the national championships in Brisbane and the same year he was selected in the State under-23 squad.

"At the moment three WACA clubs are talking to me," said WA's quickest young fast bowler.

"If there ever comes a day when I have to choose which sport to concentrate on, I don't know what I'll do.

"I'll leave that decision till the time comes."

Last year Italiano represented WA in the Young Fast Bowler competition at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

After clocking 130.3km/h in the WA trials — beating State fast bowler Alan Mullally — he finished fourth in the nationals with the slower time of 126km/h, while the winner was timed at 128km/h.



Bulldogs rookie Bruno Italiano...mixing city football life and country farming.

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Perth's Gavin Whittington has been in top form on the half-back-line in recent weeks and he will be out to stop the Claremont forwards this Saturday




State League previews
with **GEORGE TEMPLE**

SOUTH WON'T TAKE FALCONS LIGHTLY

PREMIERSHIP hopefuls South Fremantle have no misconceptions about their clash with inconsistent West Perth at Leederville Oval this Saturday.

Coach Stan Magro says the Bulldogs must win their remaining three matches to be confident of a second semi-final berth and a double chance at the grand final.

"We can't make up the percentage to overtake Swans in second spot, so we must keep winning and rely on the other sides to beat them," said Magro, following the Bulldogs 26-point win over the black and whites last Saturday.

Defender Ken Martin is one Bulldog wary of West Perth's running game.

"If they get that going, we could be a bit of trouble," Martin said.

"We have the best big-man division in the league with Craig Edwards, Glen Jakovich and Stevan Jackson and that should give us the edge over them."

RUNNERS

South Fremantle also have a good team of runners in centreman Scott Watters (if not required by the West Coast Eagles), skipper Brad Collard, ruck-rovers Arthur Maskos and Merv Dellar and roaming forward Peter Worsfold.

Coach George Michalczyk will again look to the experience of veteran campaigner David Palm — who is looming as a serious contender for the Sandover Medal — midfielder Darren O'Brien, defender Steve Sadowski and full-forward Matt Cullen.

SWANS NEED WIN

SWAN Districts will be eager to end their run of three consecutive losses with a confidence-boosting win over cellar-dwellers Subiaco at League Headquarters on Saturday.

Swans have slipped from top spot, conceding a two-game margin over their nearest rivals. They now hold second place with only percentage keeping them above South Fremantle.

Visiting coach John Todd will look to veterans Don Langsford and Phil Narkle and State players Peter Hodyl and David Ogg to get Swans firing, while Subiaco have shown faith in lanky ruckman Matthew Burton, with wingman Damian Hampson, ruck-roller Garry Kemp and Rod Willet — playing on the ball — all in good form.

UPSET FOR SHARKS

EAST Fremantle's ambitions of grabbing a second semi-final berth could hinge on this week's clash with fifth-placed East Perth, at East Fremantle Oval.

While the Sharks loom as the competition's form team, the Royals are in the mood for an upset following their solid win over Perth last Saturday.

East Perth have forwards in Glen Bartlett and Bruce Gillingham — 11 goals between them last Saturday — in goalkicking moods, while Lucio Baroni continues to enhance his Sandover Medal chances with strong performances.

The Sharks are not short on goalkickers either. Clinton Browning and Neil Lester-Smith also kicked 11 goals between them last round, while forgotten West Coast Eagle Andrew Lockyer chipped in with four majors.

PEAKE FORM

PERTH coach Tom Mullooly will hope that Brian Peake's milestone of 400 senior appearances will fire his charges when they tackle premiers favourites Claremont at Lathlain Park on Saturday.

The Tigers, meanwhile, are keen to maintain their top-of-the-table rating and their midfield runners like Tony Evans, Kevin Mitchell, Peter Thorne, Joe Cormack and Mark Hann will enable them to win comfortably.

WASFL'S TOP GOALKICKERS

- 61.29 Glen Bartlett (East Perth)
- 53.33 Todd Ridley (Claremont)
- 45.36 Neil Lester-Smith (East Frem)
- 44.20 Andy Holmes (Swan Dist)
- 42.44 Peter Hodyl (Swan Districts)
- 36.23 Wayne Golding (Subiaco)
- 36.21 Shane Stempel (Swan Districts)
- 35.30 Derek Hall (West Perth)
- 35.10 Clinton Browning (East Frem)
- 34.26 Glen Jakovich (South Frem)

Emu Export present ... WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS



*Tally does not include AFL tips	Tally	Perth v Claremont	E. Frem v E. Perth	W. Perth v S. Frem	Subiaco v Swan Dist	Eagles v Richmond
RON ALEXANDER	45	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
ROB BENNETT	40	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	43	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
TANIA ARMSTRONG	41	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	43	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
ALAN EAST	44	Claremont	East Perth	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
IAN MILLER	46	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	43	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	48	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
GEORGE TEMPLE	43	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	43	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles

how about you?

WA should oppose Port's bid

THERE shouldn't be a South Australian team in the Australian Football League unless it has the full support of the SANFL.

The present situation with Port Adelaide trying to go it alone is disgraceful and the WA Football Commission must oppose the admission of an individual club.

WA must show strong support for South Australia — even though we went it alone in 1987 when we joined the VFL without them.

Having just played State football against SA and reaching agreement for annual future interstate matches, we now have to support their stand.

Hopefully, the AFL will realise that a SA team must have the SANFL's backing and they are just using Port as a lever to get the Croweaters to the negotiating table.

Up till now, the South Aussies have been smart in letting the West Coast Eagles and the WA State Football League do the early running.

The Eagles conditions of entry into the VFL competition in 1987 were ludicrous — the selfish Vics sold us a lemon, in case you didn't realise it!

SA should now make their move. Their initial decision to wait till 1993 before deciding on AFL entry was just procrastination and has caused this conflict. It's interesting to note that the SANFL has now indicated that they are prepared to look at a team for next year — in the wake of Port Adelaide's break-away move.

SA and WA are the two biggest football powers outside of Victoria and it's natural progression that each should have teams in the top-level league.

The next logical step is a Tasmanian team.

The other interstate clubs, Sydney and Brisbane, are really struggling and while Sydney is the old South Melbourne re-located, the Bears are a For-

eign Legion — almost a second-string WA side and not a very good one at that.

The Eagles will benefit greatly if a SA team is admitted under the terms that Port are being offered.

For a start, there's a \$200,000 cash injection — which all clubs get — but more importantly, there's the equalisation of air fares.

That means subsidies when we travel away and possibly even contributions towards the airfares for teams coming here.

If Port Adelaide can reach an agreement with a local council in Adelaide for a decent ground, there's every chance they could eventually succeed in the AFL. But it would be far better if

Viewpoint



with State Coach

RON ALEXANDER

they had the SANFL behind them.

The Vics want SA in for one reason — the use of Football Park, especially under lights — and that must be part of the deal.

It has a crowd capacity of 50,000 people and with 36,000 spectators turning out to watch a club game earlier this year — and nearly that number to watch a pre-season practice match between Port Adelaide and Geelong — what kind of support would a South Australian club get when they played Collingwood?

That's food for thought, Max Basheer.

WESTSIDE COMMENT

Who's the boss?

WHO IS telling the truth in the Port Adelaide saga?

One wonders whether this whole drama has been cleverly stage-managed by the Victorian brains trust to simply galvanise the South Australian National Football League into action.

And they surely achieved that! After procrastinating for nearly four years — and then wanting another three years before making a decision — the SANFL has suddenly decided that it can graduate to the national league next year.

CHALLENGE

After all, if Port Adelaide, one of their power-clubs, can do it in 1991, surely the whole league can tackle the same challenge?

That's the question conservative Adelaide lawyer Max Basheer — who has reigned as president of the self-centred SANFL for yonks — must have finally asked himself this week.

To come up with a yes answer now, after being caught off guard and embarrassed by a renegade club, is an amazing about-face.

Apparently, the SANFL was offered even more attractive admittance conditions than Port Adelaide — so why didn't they do some serious talking a month ago?

One can't help wondering whether the secret society at AFL House — once known as VFL House and home of many ruthless football power-brokers — has orchestrated this current state of affairs.

The Vics want a South Australian side in their AFL; they can't afford to wait three years (they need the money and the national TV revenue today) and they have to force the issue. They collaborate with the most powerful club in SA and hope that it will eventually force the SANFL to activate itself.

PREDICTABLE

The wheeling and dealing has been predictable this week. The AFL clubs have deferred the issue as expected; the SANFL has quickly changed its mind and while Port Adelaide are still adamant — and obviously bolstered by a 2000-member meeting that seemed to support the idea — there is now room for compromise, particularly as the use of Football Park is the key factor.

The next chapter in the dramatic saga should see Port Adelaide and the SANFL get together and propose a joint approach, which would keep everyone happy. In the meantime, the West Coast Eagles are still paying for their 1987 admittance under some rather harsh (and contrasting) conditions....

SLOW DOWN, UMPS

A QUICK one for the umpires — stop blowing the play up too quickly when packs form.

Too many times in today's football we see the umpires whistle play to a halt just as a player works his way out of the pack and breaks clear.

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World champion cyclist Stephen Pate (right) and Carey Hall work out on the weights at Gold's Gym

With only four weeks to go before they leave for the World Championships in Japan, Stephen Pate and Carey Hall not only train seven days a week on their bikes, putting in countless kilometres, but they have also been training five nights a week at Gold's Gym on a vigorous strength programme. Their weight training, according to Gold's Gym owner Bruce Waddell, is excellent. They train hard and thorough with their gym training and use great concentration and a full range of movements with explosive power.

If you ever have the chance to watch Stephen and Carey race, you will realise that the power they have does not come from bike riding alone but also from hours spent in the gym. Stephen believes in himself and his training. He says there are many advantages in the hours spent in the gym, such as being noticeably stronger and recovering more quickly from any falls and injuries that may occur.

The greatest thing in competition is when you call on your body for more during a big sprint, as the power comes not only from the legs but also from the fingertips right throughout the body. With this importance on gym training, Carey and Stephen would like to thank Anne and Bruce Waddell of Gold's Gym.

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Interstate Update

with RICHARD CAMM



Eagles away record on the improve

THE West Coast's win over the Sydney Swans on Sunday was their fourth victory outside Perth for the season — three of which have been recorded against teams lower than the Eagles on the ladder.

Of the 11 wins that the Eagles have recorded outside Perth in their four seasons in the competition, five have been against teams placed higher on the ladder.

Of the Eagles 30 losses outside Perth, 13 have been against teams placed lower on the ladder.

In percentage terms, the Eagles have won 23 percent of the games that they have played against higher teams on the ladder outside Perth. After Sunday's win, the Eagles have won about 32 percent of their games against lower teams outside Perth.

By contrast, the Eagles have won 65 percent of their games against higher teams and 86 percent of their games against lower-order teams in Perth.

SUNDAY'S win by the Eagles allowed them to overtake the Brisbane Bears in the number of winning venues for each club.

Before Sunday, both clubs had won at eight of the 12 venues at which they had played.

The Eagles are yet to record victories at VFL Park, Victoria Park and Windy Hill.

The Bears are also yet to win at Victoria Park and Windy Hill, generally regarded as the two venues in Victoria with the greatest home-ground advantage for their teams. Subiaco Oval and the WACA Ground have so far proved to be a graveyard for the Bears.

FOOTSCRAYS 17-year-old full-forward Chris Grant kicked his 50th goal for the season in Sunday's match against Carlton — becoming the first player for 18 years to reach the half-century in his debut season.

The last player to do so was Carlton's Greg Kennedy, who kicked 76 goals in 1972 — before Grant was born.

Since then, eight players have kicked over 50 goals in their first season with Victorian clubs after coming from interstate and six were from WA — Peter Bosustow, Mark Jackson, Simon Beasley, Gary Buckenara, Ross Ditchburn and Warren Ralph.

MELESSO LOOKS GOOD

WEST Coast Eagles almost-forgotten utility player Peter Melesso is a man who has experienced the highs and lows of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

After being axed from the Sydney Swans squad in 1982 — the year they were re-located at the SCG — Melesso joined the Eagles in 1989 via St Kilda and local club Claremont and trekked back to Sydney last year as a member of the Perth side that was convincingly beaten by the Sydney-siders.

The 193cm-tall utility player was used at full-forward — where the ball rarely ventured that day — and eventually he found himself warming the interchange bench.

"That was a bad day for the whole side," Melesso said.

"I don't remember the score, but we got flogged."

For the record, the Eagles went down by 53 points with Melesso kicking one of West Coast's 11 goals.

Last Sunday, playing at the opposite end of the ground, Melesso tasted success.

DOMINATED

Being used by Eagles coach Mick Malthouse as custodian in only his second appearance this season, he dominated his opponent Wayne Henwood for three of the four terms.

"Henwood was a hard man to play against," Melesso said. "Next to Tony Lockett, he's probably the heaviest player in the AFL."

"He's also pretty mobile."

After being one his side's best players last Sunday, a trimmer-looking Melesso said he's now looking forward to more opportunities.

"I don't mind where I'm played, so long as I get a game," Melesso said.

"It was great to string two games together. Last year I wasn't given that opportunity and I couldn't establish myself."

"The more games you can get in a row, the easier it gets to settle down."

Joffa ton

JACK-of-all-trades Geoff Miles can now boast that he is the first Eagles footballer to record a ton on the Sydney Cricket Ground after playing in the 100th AFL game against the Sydney Swans last Sunday.

Joffa's tally included 69 games with the Eagles and 31 with Collingwood, where he debuted in 1983 before becoming a foundation member of the Eagles.

His team-mates came through with a victory to add to his celebrations and he was given an added boost when he collected the Emu Export player-of-the-match award after another solid effort on the half-back line.

Miles now comes up for another milestone in two weeks time — his 150th senior match, including the 48 he has played with Claremont.

HEAVY GOING

THERE were a few weary Eagles struggling to get up for work on Monday after a torrid game on the heavy SCG turf and an extra long flight home last Sunday.

The Eagles entourage didn't arrive home from Sydney till midnight on Sunday after a six-hour flight delayed by headwinds and a stop-over to refuel in Adelaide.

And to make matters worse, they had to front up for training at Subiaco Oval on Monday afternoon!

But coach Mick Malthouse gave most of the players a reprieve when they were sent for a swim and told to be ready for a full workout on Wednesday.

NOT SO SUNNY

AND speaking of swimming, the Eagles bench was not impressed with the seating arrangements boundary-side at the SCG which left them out them in the cold on a wet Sydney afternoon.

Everyone on the bench were soaked when the rain came, but it didn't make that much difference as they were well and truly saturated out on the ground at quarter-time anyway.

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Peter Melesso...top display on his return to the SCG

EAGLES RATINGS

Player	Col	SK	Fo	Car	SS	R	Mel	BB	Ge	NM	Es	Ha	Fi	Col	SK	Fo	Car	SS	Tot
ANNEAR, John	6	4r	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
BEGOVICH, Tony	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3r	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	6	4	25
BREMAN, Todd	-	-	5	6	5	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	3r	-	-	-	-	34
BRENNAN, Michael	8	4	-	6	6	6	5	6	7	5	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	7	105
GWILLIAM, Brad	5	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4r	-	-	-	18
HART, David	-	-	7	4r	-	-	-	-	-	8	7	7	6	7	7	6	6	6	64
IRVING, Dean	5	4	3r	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	6	5	5	6	6	5	5	57
HEADY, Brett	-	-	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	5	8	7	5	5i	-	-	-	-	76
JACKSON, Steven	-	-	5	5	5	7	6	6	6	5	3r	-	-	-	-	-	3r	-	63
KEMP, Dean	7	6	7	8	7	6	5	8	7	5	-	-	6	6	7	-	-	-	96
LADLEY, Dean	5	6	7	7	6	7	4i	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
LAMB, Dwayne	6	5	7	7	6	6	7	6	5	-	6	6	4r	5	7	5	8	7	103
LANGDON, Karl	7	5	8	6	5	7	6	5	7	5	4	6	3	7	6	-	-	-	96
LEWIS, Chris	3r	-	-	-	-	5	5	6	6	4	7	8	8	6	6	7	7	7	85
LOCKYER, Andrew	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
MAINWARING, Chris	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	7	6	-	-	8	6	7	7	7	79
MALAXOS, Steve	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	6	5	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	107
MATERA, Peter	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
MCGRATH, Craig	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	6	-	-	5	4	7	6	35	
MELESSO, Peter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
MILES, Geoff	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5r	4r	3	-	-	-	4r	6	6	6	39	
MCKENNA, Guy	5	6	6	6	6	7	4	7	6	5	6	6	7	6	6	7	7	109	
NARKLE, Phil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	4	6	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	38
O'CONNELL, David	-	-	4r	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
PEOS, Paul	6	5	3i	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
PYKE, Don	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
RANCE, Murray	6	6	6	8	6	6	5	6	5	4	5	4r	4	5r	-	-	-	-	76
SCOTT, Phil	6	4	6	7	8	5	5	4	5	6	6	5	6	5	5	5	6	101	
SUMICH, Peter	6	4	6	6	7	6	5	4	5	3r	6	7	4	4	6i	-	-	-	84
TURLEY, Craig	-	-	7	6	6	6	4	-	-	6	5	6	4	5	7	7	6	75	
TURNER, Dean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	5r	4r	4r	-	17
UGLE, Troy	7	6	7	5	5	5	-	-	4r	5	5r	6	6	6	4	6	4	81	
WATERS, Scott	-	-	6	5	5	-	3r	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
WILSON, Peter	6	6	8	7	6	6	5	6	4i	-	5	6	6	6	5	7	5	99	
WORSFOLD, John	6	6	7	6	6	6	8	7	7	-	5	6	6	6	7	6	5	107	

How WA players performed in AFL

Team	Player	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score	
BRISBANE BEARS	David Bain	14	4	16	-	
	Brad Hardie	10	2	8	1.0	
	John Gastev	21	6	15	-	
	Mike Richardson	17	4	10	2.1	
	Mark Zanotti	12	3	9	-	
CARLTON	Steve Edgar	13	3	4	-	
	Collingwood	Michael Christian	14	12	11	-
ESSENDON	Darren Bewick	15	1	2	0.4	
	Peter Cransberg	10	2	3	0.1	
	Derek Kickett	7	5	1	1.1	
FITZROY	Dale Kickett	6	2	9	-	
	GEELONG	Ray Sterrett	7	4	8	-
		MELBOURNE	Darren Bennett	6	2	3
Earl Spalding			8	4	5	-
NTH MELBOURNE	Mark Hepburn	9	4	3	1.1	
	Mark Brayshaw	6	5	4	-	
RICHMOND	Michael Mitchell	12	3	5	1.3	
	ST KILDA	Nicky Winmar	13	2	4	0.1
Paul Harding		9	4	5	-	
Jim Krakouer		7	1	4	1.0	
SYDNEY SWANS	Wayne Henwood	9	6	-	3.2	

HIT OUTS: Mark Hepburn (North Melbourne) 7; Paul Harding (St Kilda) 6; Alex Ishchenko (Brisbane Bears) 5; Wayne Henwood (Sydney Swans) 2.

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ANOTHER DANGER-GAME

TOP-ranking football teams are always the target for the also-rans as they seek a challenge — and once again the West Coast Eagles are facing a danger game as they clash with Richmond at Subiaco Oval on Sunday.

The Tigers are a youthful and enthusiastic bunch capable of destroying the Eagles plans of claiming a place in the top three — a position which is essential in the WA club's premiership aspirations.

The Eagles looked off the boil against the Sydney Swans last Sunday and coach Mick Malthouse felt they were a little 'flat'. If that atmosphere prevails, Richmond could capitalise.

But it is unlikely that the West Coasters will not have their minds firmly fixed on the task in hand. Last week's score from the Sydney Swans should ensure that does not happen.

The Eagles were fortunate to escape from Sydney with their first victory at the SCG as the Swans wasted countless easy scoring opportunities and paid a heavy price for their sloppy football in attack.

But, as Eagles coach Mick Malthouse says, all that matters is that the club won their first match at the SCG; as he coached his first winning game at the mecca of NSW cricket.

The good thing to come out of the game was that the team played poorly and still maintained their winning run.

SOLID DISPLAY

It was good to see Peter Melesso produce a solid display and Geoff Miles, celebrating his 100th AFL, game gave another useful exhibition. However, the Eagles did miss the goal-kicking expertise of Peter Sumich.

Sumich is at home at Subiaco Oval, where he plays his best football, but maybe it makes sense for his strained hamstring muscle to be rested for another week even though the Eagles could do with his strong-marking in attack.

Tigers pose threat to 'flat' Eagles

Craig McGrath gave another classy display at centre-half-forward, kicking three goals and contesting strongly and he remains a key ingredient in the Eagles winning recipe. Playing at centre-half-forward is difficult at the best of times — at the SCG it is nigh-on impossible with the ball often by-passing the key forward.

HARD RUNNERS

The Eagles runners, Chris Lewis, Steve Malaxos, Chris Mainwaring, Craig Turley and David Hart, will need to continue their good form to ensure victory.

Lewis is enjoying the best form of his career and is now living up to the potential which saw him signed by the Eagles after just a handful of club games with Claremont in 1986.

Earlier this season the Eagles scored their first win at the MCG at the expense of the Tigers and a similar result is expected at Subiaco Oval.

Richmond boast some exciting mid-field talent, led by former Claremont star and joint 1984 Sandover Medallist Michael Mitchell.

But much of the sting has disappeared from the Tigers tail, though solid performances could be expected from the likes of Brendan Gale, Matthew Knights, Trent Nichols, Michael Pickering and Anthony Banik.



Dwayne Lamb...has been in great form as an opposition tagger this season

AFL preview

by Gary Stocks

of The West Australian



Despite the enormous talent in that player group, victory should go to the Eagles and extend their home-game winning sequence to 15.

EAGLES FACT FILE

Name	Games		1990		1990		Score
	1990	Total	Kicks	Mrks	H/B		
ANNEAR, John	4	166	32	2	19	2.5	
BEGOVICH, Tony	5	5	27	10	16	2.1	
BREMAN, Todd	7	21	65	17	30	5.2	
BRENNAN, Michael	17	73	113	38	70	3.0	
GWILLIAM, Brad	4	4	15	6	9	0.0	
HART, David	10	66	122	19	54	10.5	
HEADY, Brett	12	12	181	62	58	15.13	
IRVING, Dean	11	11	72	36	46	1.1	
JACKSON, Stevan	13	29	103	53	49	14.9	
KEMP, Dean	15	15	166	42	124	1.2	
LAIDLEY, Dean	7	38	93	23	45	1.0	
LAMB, Dwayne	17	79	232	35	115	6.6	
LANGDON, Karl	17	45	150	62	85	28.24	
LEWIS, Chris	14	61	199	33	74	10.8	
LOCKYER, Andrew	4	54	17	6	12	0.1	
MAINWARING, Chris	13	72	215	54	89	4.9	
MALAXOS, Stephen	16	69	217	71	172	8.1	
MATERA, Peter	5	5	45	16	16	3.3	
McGRATH, Craig	6	64	74	25	28	7.7	
McKENNA, Guy	18	56	172	73	167	2.3	
MELESSO, Peter	2	12	13	9	6	2.1	
MILES, Geoff	8	100	66	12	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	18	60	135	65	58	2.4	
SUMICH, Peter	16	35	146	96	21	66.37	
TURLEY, Craig	13	24	143	39	86	13.7	
TURNER, Dean	4	108	22	3	9	2.1	
UGLE, Troy	15	29	107	59	87	21.12	
WATERS, Scott	6	9	54	14	40	1.1	
WILSON, Peter	17	71	223	61	103	17.12	
WORSFOLD, John	17	69	172	61	127	1.2	



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Michael Brennan is having his most consistent season with the Eagles and his good form in defence has kept many opposing forwards at bay

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Name	Scores
LONGMIRE, John (Nth Melb)	80.44
DAICOS, Peter (Collingwood)	72.39
SUMICH, Peter (Eagles)	66.37
BENNETT, Darren (Melbourne)	65.39
LOCKETT, Tony (St Kilda)	58.29
DUNSTALL, Jason (Hawthorn)	56.28
KERNAHAN, Stephen (Carlton)	54.32
ABLETT, Gary (Geelong)	53.32
GRANT, Chris (Footscray)	50.29
BREYTON, Dermott (Hawthorn)	45.15
LOEWE, Stewart (St Kilda)	44.22
ROOS, Paul (Fitzroy)	44.32
BROWNLESS, Bill (Geelong)	34.21
BEWICK, Darren (Essendon)	32.24
FELL, Shane (Sydney Swans)	30.20
HARDIE, Brad (Bears)	29.33
LANGDON, Karl (Eagles)	28.24

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AT THE age 10, Phil Narkle held world age records for sprinting; so it is with some irony that the 1982 Sandover Medallist has moved slowly to his 200th-league appearance.

"I should really be playing my 300th game by now," laughed Narkle, who notched his 200th league game last Saturday, playing for Swan Districts in the State Football League and including 48 games with St Kilda and 16 with the Eagles in the national league.

Narkle made his WAFL debut in 1978, aged 17 and blooded by present Swan Districts coach John Todd.

After six years, two premierships, one Sandover Medal and a club fairest and best award, Narkle moved into the VFL with St Kilda, but knee and hamstring injuries restricted him over the next three seasons.

His knee was so bad that doctors reckoned he was one knock away from facing a complete reconstruction.

The birth of the West Coast Eagles, and the expanded VFL competition in 1987 saw Narkle return to Perth.

But his fight with injury was far from over and after a mere nine games that year, he missed the entire 1988 season with a crippling ankle injury that far outstripped his previous knee and elbow problems.

"I've had six operations in all, but the ankle was the worst," says Narkle.

"The pain was so bad that I thought about retiring — nothing could be worth going through that."

But with courage, a powerful love for the game and some help from his per-

Narkle's milestone is long overdue

By George Temple

sonal manager Steve Gillespie, Todd (who was then coaching the Eagles), former Swan Districts president John Cooper and Phil's elder brother Keith, he fought back.

Narkle's axing from the West Coast's list in 1989 was another setback and he admits that it was a low-point in his life.

"The Eagles had plenty of injury problems at the time and they knew I wasn't going to be much good to them in the short term," Narkle said.

"It was disappointing, but I was wild when I found out they hadn't replaced me.

"But it was their mistake."

When the 1990 AFL internal draft came around, Narkle knew he would be re-selected by West Coast.

"They wanted me and even spread stories in the Eastern States that I wasn't fit for AFL ranks to make sure no-one else picked me up," said the classy wingman.

And money wasn't the drive behind Narkle's quest for an AFL return.

"A lot of people have said I'm getting a lot of money, which was true about my contract in 1987," said Narkle.

"But these days I'm one of the lowest-paid members of the squad.

"I just want to play footy with the Eagles and, to be honest, the only time I've ever seen my contract was when I signed it — Steve Gillespie looks after all that for me.

"Steve's been a personal friend ever since the early Swans days and he's always looking around for job openings to secure my future.

"In football, you never know what will happen next — I could be drafted out next year."

Narkle says that football was his salvation in life.

After setting his world sprint records in the 80metres, 100metres and 200metres, he had his sights set on the Olympic Games.

"I had a future in athletics and was dreaming about one day being a world-class sprinter," he says.

"But every winter I'd play football

with my cousins in Bunbury and as I got older, I preferred their company to my own on the athletics track, so I stuck with the team game."

After leaving school at 14 years of age, Narkle got involved with people on the wrong side of the law and his future seemed anything but rosy.

"Keith got me up to Swans in 1977 to play colts (under 19s)," Narkle said.

"I won the Medallist's Medal for the competition's fairest and best player that year and the door at Swans was opened to me the following season."

Narkle's great ball-handling skills and lightning-fast reactions were to see him rise to the top of his newly-adopted sport.

He won Swans fairest and best Swan Medal in 1981 and the Sandover Medal the following year.

He has enjoyed his successful comeback with Swans this year, where Todd — who has master-mined so much of his playing success — has helped him regain form, confidence and an Eagles spot again.

And who knows, fortune could smile on Narkle. He could well play in two grand finals in just over a week.

Narkle is keen to be part of the Swan Districts flag-chasing challenge in September — and there's always the possibility of a recall to the Eagles for their tilt at the big game on the MCG.



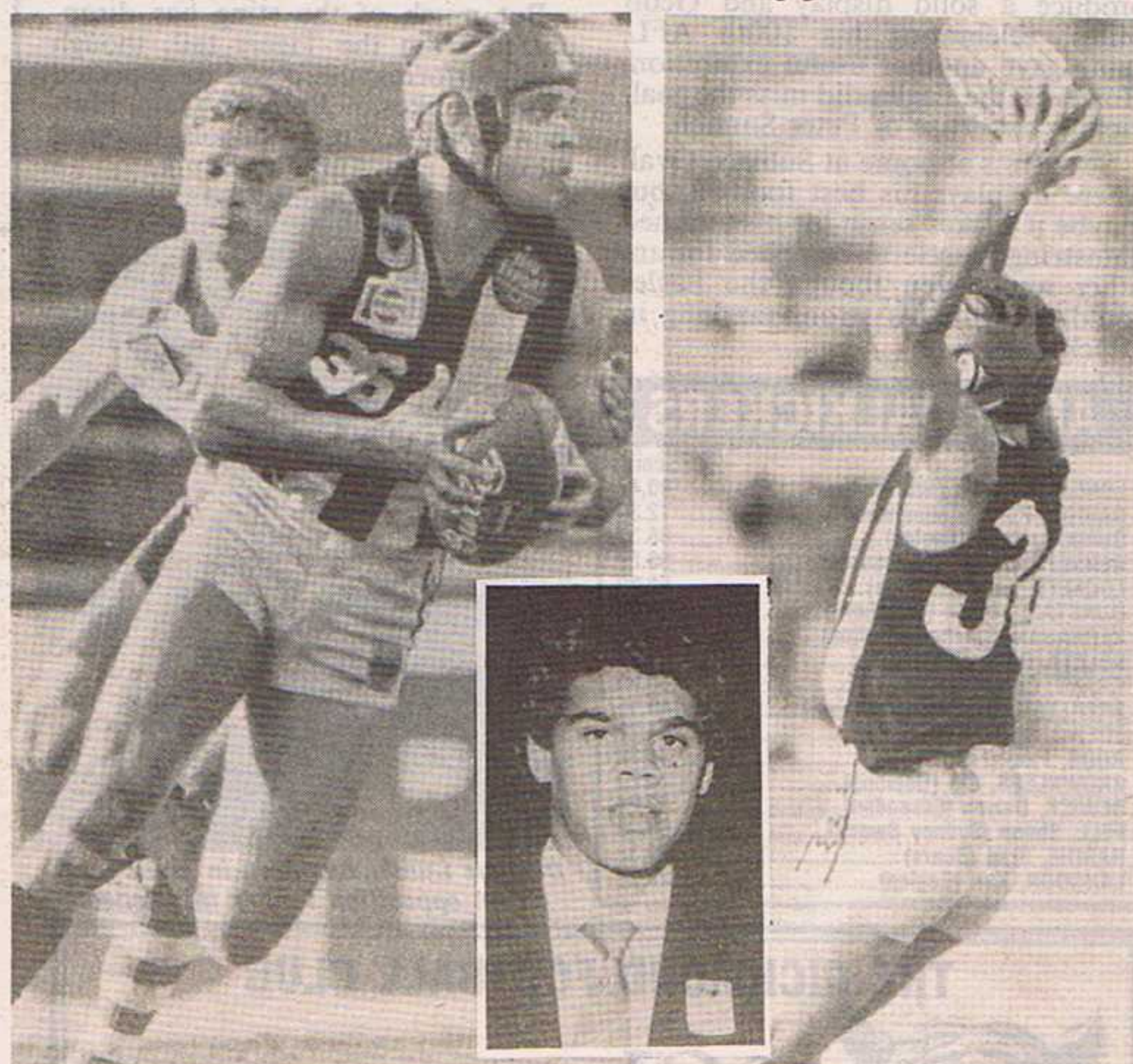
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Phil Narkle in action and (inset) when he won the Medallist's Medal in 1977



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1990 WASFL ALL STARS

How about you?

THE second group of players selected in the 1990 Emu Export/Westside Football All Stars squad are predominantly low-to-the-ground hard-workers.

The exception is young South Fremantle forward Glen Jakovich, who represented WA against both Victoria and South Australia at senior level and captained the under-17 Teal Cup team in Brisbane.

The other additions to the Emu Export All Stars squad are nuggetty Bulldog Cliff Collard, Swan Districts utility Mick Grasso, Subiaco's up-and-coming midfielder Damian Hampson and big ball-getter, Lucio Baroni, of East Perth.

Those squad members join the five announced last week — East Fremantle's Gary Smallridge, East Perth forward Glen Bartlett, Claremont little man Tony Evans and South Fremantle duo Brad Collard and Craig Edwards.

Over the next three weeks, Westside Football will announce the remainder of the All Stars team — and the coach — and then the public will be invited to try their hands at being a selector and place them in their positions, as chosen by the selectors.

The first two correct entries drawn from the barrel will receive a VIP package day out for the 1990 State Football League grand final.

The four winners will stay overnight at the Quality Langley Plaza Hotel in Adelaide Terrace, plus enjoy being seated in a VIP box at Subiaco Oval, with all the trimmings.

Here are this week's five contenders:

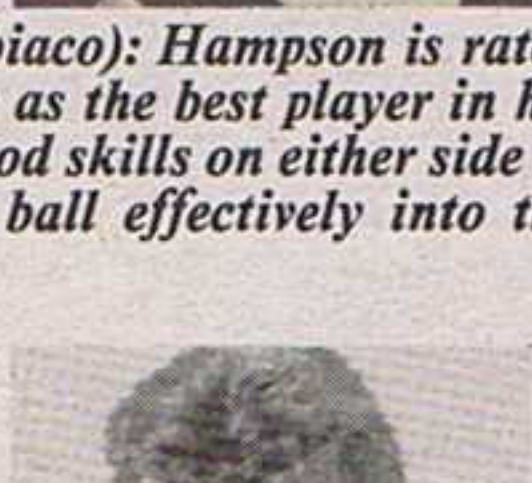
CLIFF COLLARD (South Fremantle): Collard has been outstanding in defence for the Bulldogs. A tough tackler, he is also a great reader of the game and is often in position early to cut off opposing attacks. Collard runs the ball from defence with cool efficiency and was one of WA's best players against South Australia last month.



MICK GRASSO (Swan Districts): Grasso has been outstanding for Swans in several positions this year and was unlucky to miss selection for WA against South Australia. He rebounds quickly from defence and this has revealed a new part of his game — an ability to kick goals when in the forward area.



LUCIO BARONI (East Perth): Baroni has been tipped as a possible 1990 Sandover Medallist. He is a pacy, one-grab player with excellent disposal and a strong tackle...and has been a huge possession-getter in recent weeks.



DAMIAN HAMPSON (Subiaco): Hampson is rated by Lions coach Haydn Bunton as the best player in his den. A fast wingman, he has good skills on either side of his body and disposes of the ball effectively into the forward area.



GLEN JAKOVICH (South Fremantle): Jakovich has had a demanding 1990 season, with his strong and creative play in the key forward positions earning him selection in three State teams at different levels. He has strength and agility beyond his years, which allows him to out-manoeuvre more experienced opponents.



How about you?

1990 WASFL ALL STARS

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How about you?

Veterans come out to honour Peake

FORMER Perth and East Fremantle players will gather at Lathlain Park this Saturday to pay tribute to Brian Peake as he becomes the second West Australian to reach the 400-game milestone.

Some famous names of the past will pull on their football boots again for 30-minutes of mayhem that will see them attempting to re-create bygone heroics.

The veterans will be wearing the old Rovers and Victorians outfits that were used in the 1985 re-enactment match to celebrate 100 years of football in WA.

Mal Atwell, the Perth premiership coach of 1966, '67 and '68, will coach Rovers, a team which includes Sandover Medallist Pat Dalton, Paddy Astone and former State players Rob Wiley, Colin Lofts, Peter Bosustow, Chris Mitsopoulos and Wim Rosbender.

Ron Alexander, East Fremantle's premiership coach of 1985, will be playing-coach of the Fremantle contingent, which boasts former players Tony Buhagiar, Harry Neesham, Mal Dobson, Brian Needle, Stephen Green, Jim Sewell, Bob Becu and Andrew Purser.

The veterans will assemble after the match to form a guard of honour for Peake, which will include former long-serving East Fremantle president Merv Cowan.

Adults will be admitted for half-price, with the Pepsi under-19s and reserves matches starting 30 minutes earlier than normal, at 8.45am and 11.05am respectively.

Top tagger



David Snow...effective Lion

YOUNG Subiaco defender David Snow does not receive many accolades for his no-nonsense brand of football. But he deserved the plaudits last Saturday after he tagged Eagles and East Fremantle wingman Chris Waterman out of the game.

Waterman hit top form in the derby the previous week and was looming as a dangerman on a wing as the Lions went into the game.

But the 18-year-old Snow, a 1989 Teal Cup representative, showed what a capable negator he is when he kept Waterman from getting a touch till midway through the second term.

Royal reward

POPULAR East Perth star Lucio Baroni made himself even more popular after the Royals home-game presentations on Saturday night.

Baroni was clearly best-on-ground against Perth and when he received yet another award, he was quick to acknowledge other players — and made special mention of club stalwart Vic Brown, who was celebrating his 73rd birthday.

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BACK FROM THE BUSH

PETER HODYL has been one of the success stories behind the Swan Districts revival from 1988, when they finished bottom of the league ladder. Hodyl, who failed to establish himself at Bassendean Oval during the club's glory years of the early-1980s, was enticed back to the club from country football and is now regarded as one of the State's top players. Westside Football's **GEORGE TEMPLE** spoke with Hodyl about his rise to fame in WA's domestic competition.

WESTSIDE FOOTBALL: When you moved back to Perth last year, was it for a second crack at State League football with Swan Districts?

PETER HODYL: No, not at all. Swans gave me a call when I moved back into the area and for me football was a week-to-week proposition. I was very apprehensive. If it worked out, I was going to be happy, if it didn't, I was still going to be happy because I was planning to retire anyway.

WESTSIDE: You played for WA this year; how much do you think your game has improved since your last spell at Swans?

HODYL: My whole game has improved a lot, but there has also been more opportunity this time around. Confidence is a big thing and when that's high, everything else follows. My biggest improvement has been in my ability to read the play and knowing what exactly I'm doing out there. In my earlier years, as with most rookies, I'd run around like a chook with no head trying to figure out what was going on.

WESTSIDE: What benefits did you get from coaching South Bunbury in the South West League?

HODYL: It gave me an insight into what coaches are talking about. When the coach asks me to do a specific

job, I now know exactly what he wants. When you're a rookie, it doesn't matter how many times the coach tells you to do something, you don't really understand, though you think you do. By coaching, these instructions have now become as clear as anything.

WESTSIDE: You won a premiership with South Bunbury, so are there any plans to go back there when you finish with Swans?

HODYL: None at this stage. I'll be happy to call it quits when I finish at Swans. But I could get itchy feet — we'll have to wait and see.

WESTSIDE: You've been leading Swans for most of the season in the absence of injured skipper Brad Shine, how has the responsibility affected you?

HODYL: It's good; it's a lot like Bunbury where I had a lot of young kids around me and learning from me. There's also a great atmosphere at Swans, no-one has any animosity towards anyone else in the club. It's terrific. It will be good to get Brad back into the team, though.

WESTSIDE: You're a tough customer on the field, what motivates you to play the game so hard?

HODYL: I can't take a big mark or kick a 60-metre goal, so I've got to hit the ball hard to get a kick. If I don't play like that, I don't get the ball.

WESTSIDE: State coach Ron Alexander believes you played a superb game for WA against South Australia — what are your memories of that match?

HODYL: I didn't want it to end; it was a great game. In some respects it was an easy match to play in because we were up against a side that played their own game. They weren't a defensive team and the guys on me gave me some leeway, which was good. But at the same time, I had to be careful if South Australia got the ball because they like to run and I had to run with them. I

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got some space, had shots and had a great time. My first goal gave me a terrific feeling. When I picked the ball up I was 30 metres out, but flush against the boundary line. I had to make certain of scoring, so I ran as far as I could — to within about 10 metres of goal — before screwing the ball in.

WESTSIDE: Swans have shown a few signs of weakness in recent matches, what has gone wrong and what is being done to put it right?

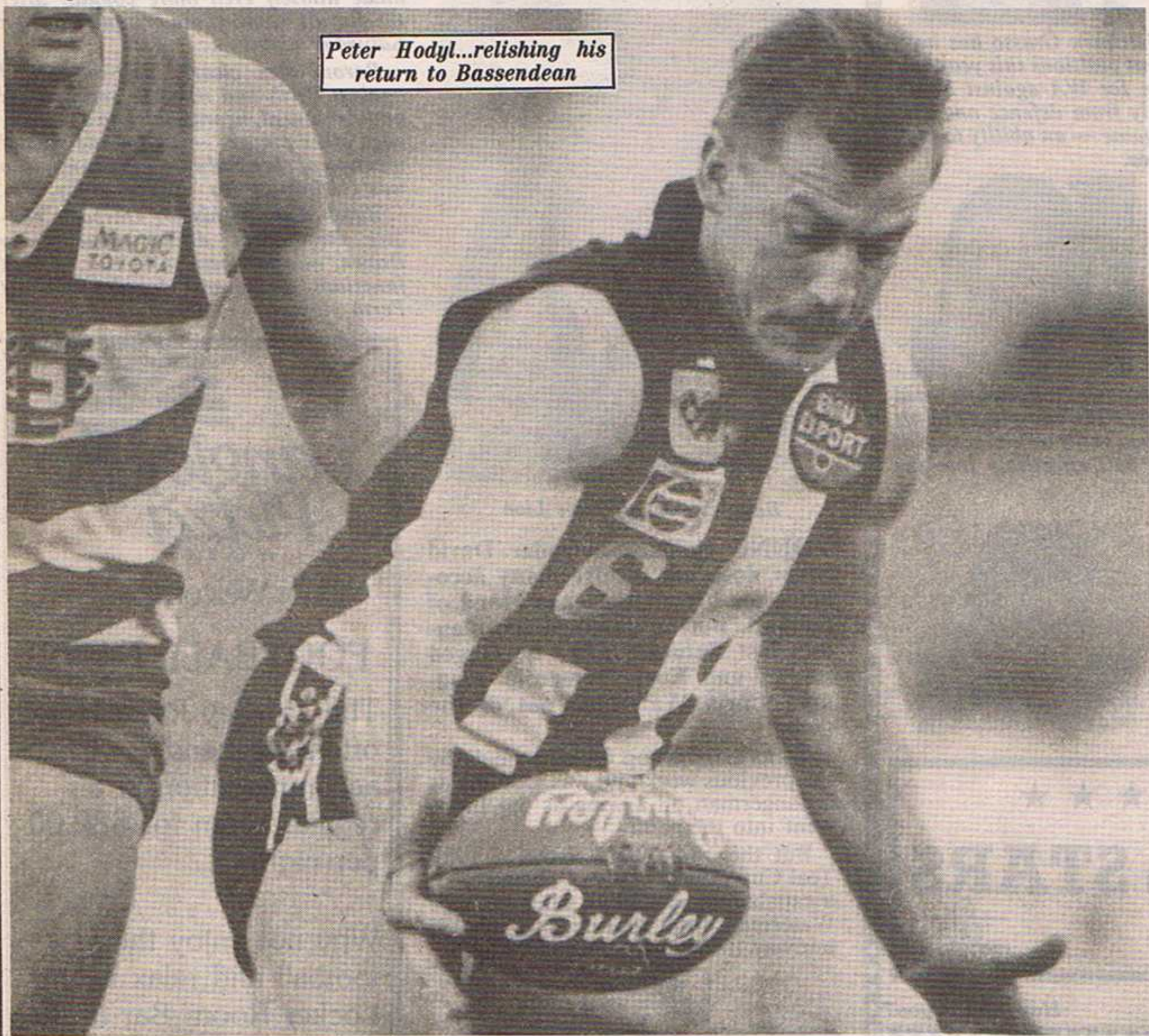
HODYL: We haven't been going that bad. The two games against West Perth were poor performances and there was one poor quarter against East Fremantle and last Saturday's slow start against South Fremantle. Other than that, we've been playing okay. It's only inexperience and though I'm not happy that we lost, I'm happy the way things are panning out.

WESTSIDE: Most critics had written Swans off before the start of this season, so can they go premiers now?

HODYL: With all sincerity, yes we can. The guys are learning with every game and a loss doesn't hurt every now and again. The exuberance from the guys will be enough to carry us over the line in the grand final. We've shown all year we can win pressure games and that one will be no different. Claremont have got a huge amount of experience, but they haven't got a lot of defence in their game and we've shown that by running at them, we can expose them.

WESTSIDE: How has John Todd changed Swans this year?

HODYL: He's continued on from where Ed Blackaby left off. He's helped the young guys out by giving them opportunities. Guys like Oggie (David Ogg) have come up and done well; Shane Stempel is playing well, Dave Callow and Stewart Kestel — they're all young and haven't played much footy. But Toddy's given them a go and they're playing well.



Peter Hodyl...relishing his return to Bassendean

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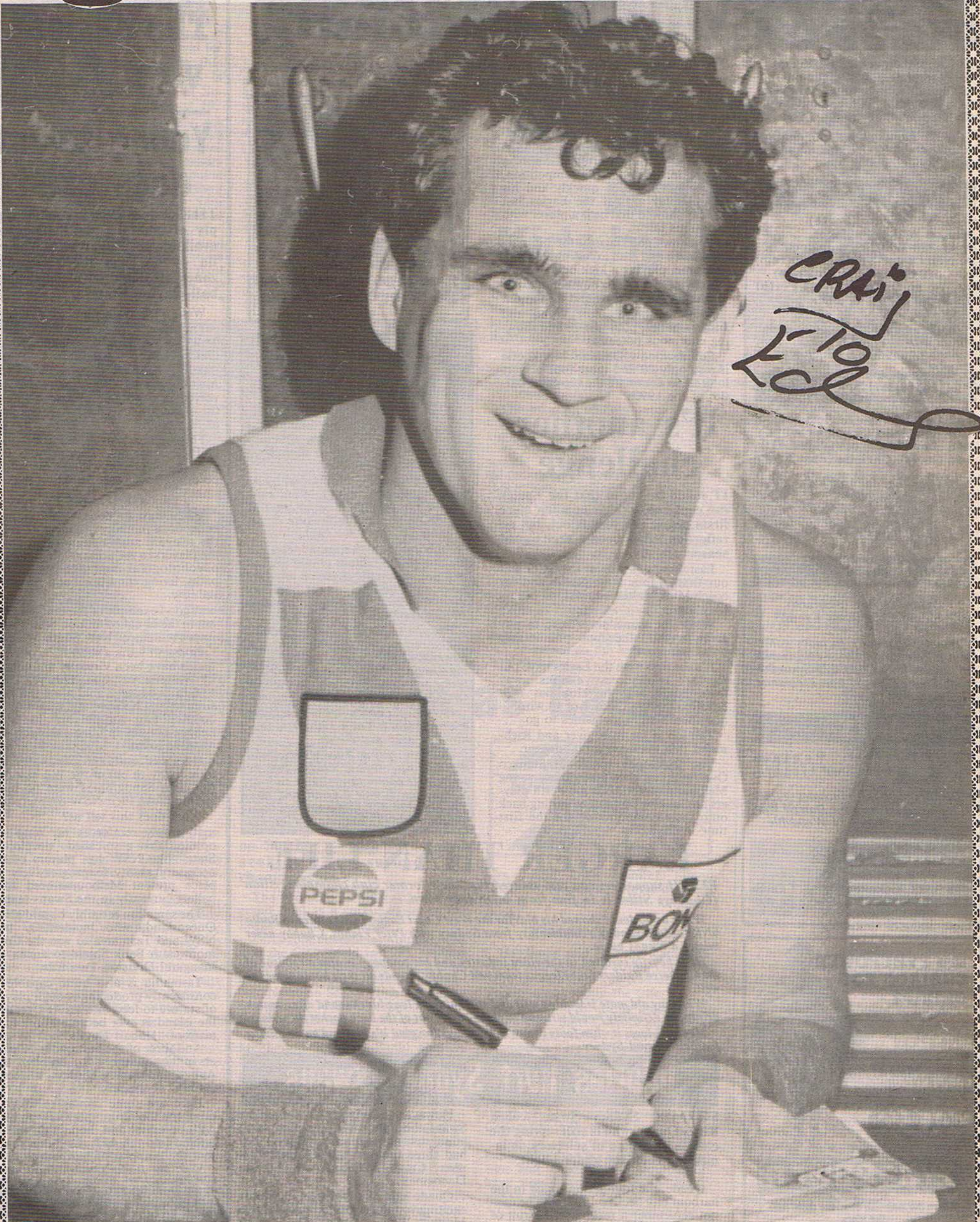
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- 148 Geoff Miles (Eagles) *
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- 145 Steve Malaxos (Claremont)
- 144 George Christie (East Frem)

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- 197 Brian Taylor (Subiaco)
- 197 Shane Ellis (East Frem)*

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Big-man talent worth watching

THE emerging talent of any young big footballer is always exciting to watch — and Sydney Swans teenager Gareth John is no exception.

He could well have been playing for the West Coast Eagles, as he is the son of former East Perth and South Melbourne star Graeme John.

The 18-year-old started this season playing in the under-19s competition, but he has matured quickly and his ruck display against the Eagles last Sunday showed that he is a player with enormous talent.

He shows good agility for his size, marks well and is an excellent reader of the game, playing a kick behind play.

John is just one of a number of exciting young ruckmen around the nation.

Footscray boast Scott Wynd and Justin Charles, both just 20 and showing enormous potential.

Collingwood's Damian Monkhorst is also only 20 and these four players look set to dominate the big-game battles of the 1990s.

It's another challenge

IT would be hoped that the Eagles can continue to chalk up a few more firsts before the year is out, but on reflection it has been a pretty good season already.

Last Sunday's win at the SCG was our first in four attempts — and for coach Mick Malthouse, his first in seven years.

While the game never rose to any great heights, the four premierships point were vital.

It's the first time the Eagles have put together two successive wins away from home and the club has now equalled the 1988 record of 13 wins — and there's still four games to go.

The job is far from over and Richmond this week are a real danger.

The wide-open spaces of Subiaco Oval will suit the fast-running young Melbourne Tigers, but the Perth players are looking forward to getting back onto their home ground for the first time in six weeks.

LARGER THAN LIFE

PERTH supporters can rest assured that their former club champion, Allan (Chubby) Stiles is in fine form in Sydney town.

While he no doubt showed his bias for the West Coast Eagles in his return to Radio 6NR for last Sunday's commentary from Sydney with Peter Vlahos, Chubby never misses a Swans game.

He is heavily involved in the video industry and his company is also a sponsor of the Canberra Raiders rugby league team and Chubby attends all their home games as well.


While my old mate is looking well and still enjoying long lunches and after-match drinks, he definitely would struggle to chase rovers out of the back pocket these days.

He really loves it when footy comes to town, but I'm glad it's him and not me living football-starved Sydney.


Injuries hurt Sydney Swans

FORMER Sydney Swans coach Ricky Quade, who is still serving the club as chairman of selectors, is lamenting their low-order plight.

Quade, the foundation coach in the harbour city back in 1982, says he cannot remember a more horrific run of injuries in a club and the problems have really tested their depth.



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Ian Miller

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

Plenty of humour

ONE of the great things about being involved in any team sport, especially after a win, is the humour that comes from within the ranks.

Eagles captain Steve Malaxos jokingly suggested to Geoff Miles, celebrating his 100th AFL game, that he couldn't toss the coin because it was only his 69th with the Eagles.

Joffa won the argument, however and the toss on the famous cricket ground and was as pleased as punch after the game, claiming that it's not often any sportsman gets the chance to make a 100 on the SCG.

Dwayne Lamb was staking claim to the longest goal of the year, getting a free kick 140 metres out, but still posting a major. He was helped by two 50-metre penalties as Sydney Swans star Greg Williams disputed the decision.

However, Lamb's team-mates are adamant that it was a 120-metre penalty and a 20-metre kick.

Not to be left out, Peter Melesso, who did well at full-back, added that he started his career at the same time as Swans star Dennis Carroll and they now have 224 AFL games between them — with Melesso's contribution just 12!

However, the injuries have given the Swans the opportunity to play some youngsters and against the Eagles, they had three first-gamers in Chris O'Dwyer, Craig Nettlebeck and Darren Denneman.

Quade said that three of the most exciting young players in the club were Matthew Wheeler, Paul Kelly (both injured at present) and Gareth John.

The injuries and the associated poor form has left the Swans struggling for support in rugby-crazed Sydney.



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The national view



Young talent does exist

THERE is still an abundant supply of emerging football talent available in ALL areas of Australia — not just the recognised zones affiliated with major football-playing States.

Well, once again they are wrong!

The recent Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup carnival in Brisbane proved that.

As chairman of selectors for the All-Australian Teal Cup team, I was involved in a meticulous assessment of the extraordinary talent that took part in the series.

The exercise proved, yet again, that EVERY State and Territory has up-and-coming players with the raw talent necessary to succeed in AFL ranks.

GUIDANCE

What must be done — and is now being done in many instances — is for the relevant administrations to guide the players in the areas of physical and psychological assessment, career paths, living conditions and financial stability.

A good example of the emerging talent in the so-called 'minor' States is the improvement of New South Wales.

In recent years a succession of NSW teams have been virtually annihilated by Western Australia. This year, WA had to produce a goal after the final siren to beat NSW — and that WA side boasted two top-performing State League players in Glen Jakovich and Mitchell White.

It seemed quite obvious that if you took Jakovich out of the WA side, the top eight Sandgroppers were no more talented than their NSW counterparts.

What does this tell us?

It simply reinforces my long-held opinion that a so-called "developing State" like NSW has players of the necessary ability to progressively replace present Melbourne-bred footballers currently in the Swans team.

The same can certainly be said about Queensland, who incidentally beat NSW and Tasmania to win the Commonwealth Bank Shield to annex the inaugural Division Two title.

Tasmania is also quite capable of consistently producing enough players of stature to feed into an AFL team if the island is ever become home for a team of "Hobart Devils".

And three of the best under-17 players in the country — Robert Neill, Ben Aulich and James Hird — all come from Canberra!

Here are some names to keep in mind for the future; players who have AFL potential and, hopefully, will go on and join the AFL clubs that represent the outposts of our code.

NSW: Ben Doolan (Albury), Sean Drennan (Deniliquin), Mark Sanson (Lake Cargelligo), Daniel Breed (Barellan), Justin Way (Oaklands).

Queensland: Chris Luhrs (Western Districts), Steven McLuckie (Southport), Ben Stewart (Southport), Mark Edwards (Coorparoo), Rudi Frigo (Mayne).

Tasmania: Paul Williams (North Hobart), James Cook (North Hobart), Nigel Palfreyman (Sandy Bay), Jeremy Smith (Sandy Bay), Heath Davis (Sandy Bay).

Falcons stay well clear

WEST Perth's decisive 19-point win over Claremont in last Saturday's Pepsi under-19s competition has left the Falcons six points clear of their nearest rivals East Fremantle on the premiership ladder.

The Falcons, led by ruckman Paul Dean, Andrew Figliomeni, Chad Innes and forward Anthony Boyatsis (three

goals), took their time to stamp their authority over the Tigers, with their first goal coming at the 10-minute mark of the second term.

Claremont were in control up till half-time, but they relaxed in the third quarter and West Perth took over with a six-goal term and ran out winners, 12.6 (78) to 9.5 (59).

West Perth's best were Dean, Gavin Bailey and Figliomeni, while for the Tigers, Cameron Mitter was reliable at full-back, rover Shane Bolton worked hard and ruckman Chris Gerreyn battled tirelessly.

Claremont coach Larry Kickett was disappointed with the performance, but said they were looking forward to bouncing back against Perth this Saturday.

"We made a few costly mistakes in the backline and you can't afford to do that against a top side like West Perth," said Kickett.

"This Saturday's game against Perth is vital because a win could put us ahead of Swans and East Fremantle."

At League Headquarters, a desperate Subiaco failed to bridge the gap on the top four sides when they went down to East Fremantle, 8.13 (61) to 8.8 (56).

The Sharks good performers included Justin Sanders, Damien Clark, rover Nick Litis and forward Carl Cicanese, who kicked five goals.

After a steady climb up the ladder, the Sharks now find themselves in second position.

Pepsi Under-19s round-up with GAVIN EBBS

Subiaco good players were Roger Perrie, Nathan Buck and Scott Morgan.

It was a determined Swan Districts who caused the demise of South Fremantle at Fremantle Oval, winning 11.14 (80) to 8.14 (62).

The Swans three-goal victory was set up by the hard work of Jason Ball, Robert Capobianco, Michael Sidebottom and Michael Castledine, with two goals.

Most consistent for the Bulldogs were Darren Rourke, Derren Thornton and Chris Dowman.

South Fremantle are experiencing a form slump and will be looking to regain touch for their clash with West Perth at Leederville Oval this week.

Perth's woes continued at Perth Oval, when they were soundly beaten by East Perth, 12.10 (82) to 7.4 (46).

Strong for the Royals were James Wall, Victor Harp, David Maroni and Jarrard Malland, with three goals, while Gavin England, Clint Marshall and Troy Polak were the Demons best.

Trainers in profile

Dedicated to trainer's role

SWAN Districts head trainer Graeme Maynard admits that his wife is a sporting widow.

The Swans medical man has been in the game for 31 years and is a life member of the black and whites.

Maynard's commitment to his profession doesn't stop with football.

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He is also a trainer with Perth's national league baseball team, the Perth Heat and State Basketball League club, the Swan City Mustangs.

"I just love medicine," Maynard said. "As a child, I always wanted to be a doctor, but I couldn't afford the tuition."

"So I became a trainer at Swan Districts because I wanted to do more than just watch the team play."

FAMILY AFFAIR

"My brother Colin was a player and my father Rupert was a coach."

"Colin's also a life member and we're just waiting for the club to award Dad with the same honour to make it a real family affair."

Maynard says he owes a lot of his skill to Swans former head trainer, Phil Stephenson.

"Phil taught me a lot — there's no substitute for his kind of experience," he said.

Since becoming a trainer in 1959, Maynard has missed just three Swans matches — and they were through illness.

"I've tried to retire several times, but I can't. I just love the game too much," said Maynard.



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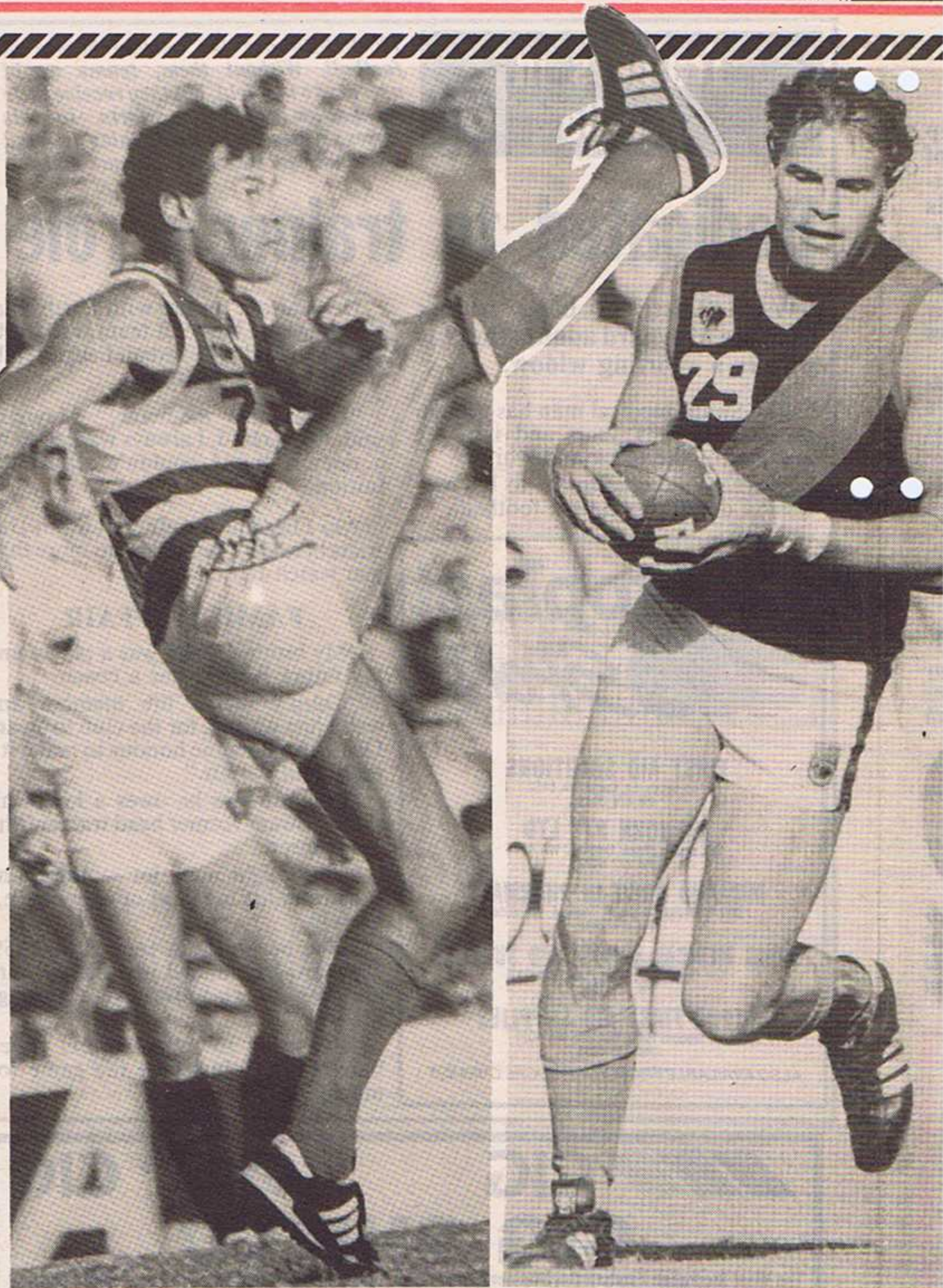
The many football skills of Brian Peake

Brian Peake... 400-game champion

BRIAN Peake is a football champion...and this week the fans salute his achievement of 400 senior games.

The 36-year-old Peake has played 304 games with East Fremantle — a club record — 66 with Geelong, in his brief VFL stint, 22 for Western Australia and now eight with Perth to take him to the 400-game tally.

That's a feat achieved in WA only by the great rover, Barry Cable. Peake's long career since his 1972 debut has had many highs — and a few lows — but he holds a special place in WA football history, as our photographic records confirm.



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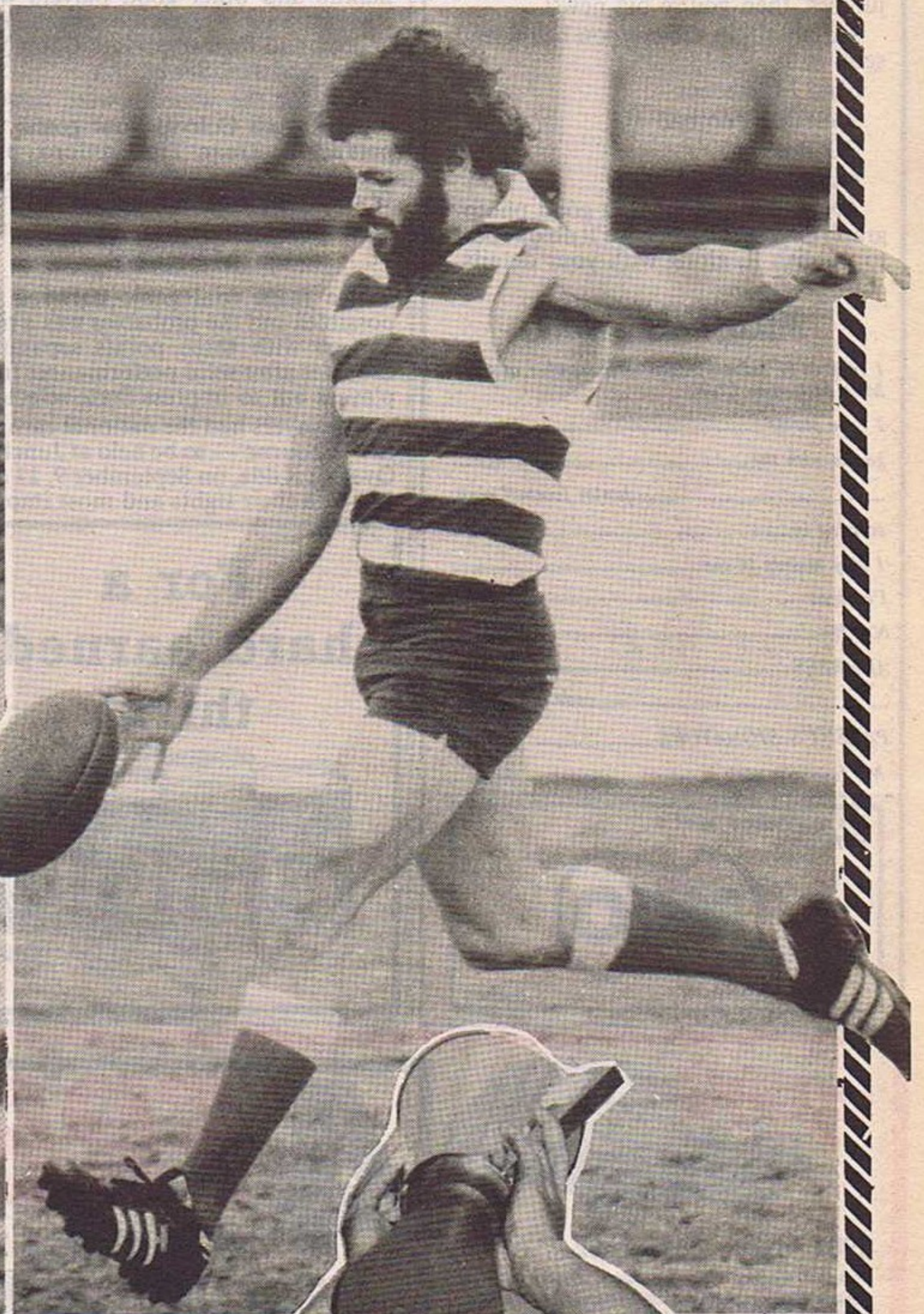


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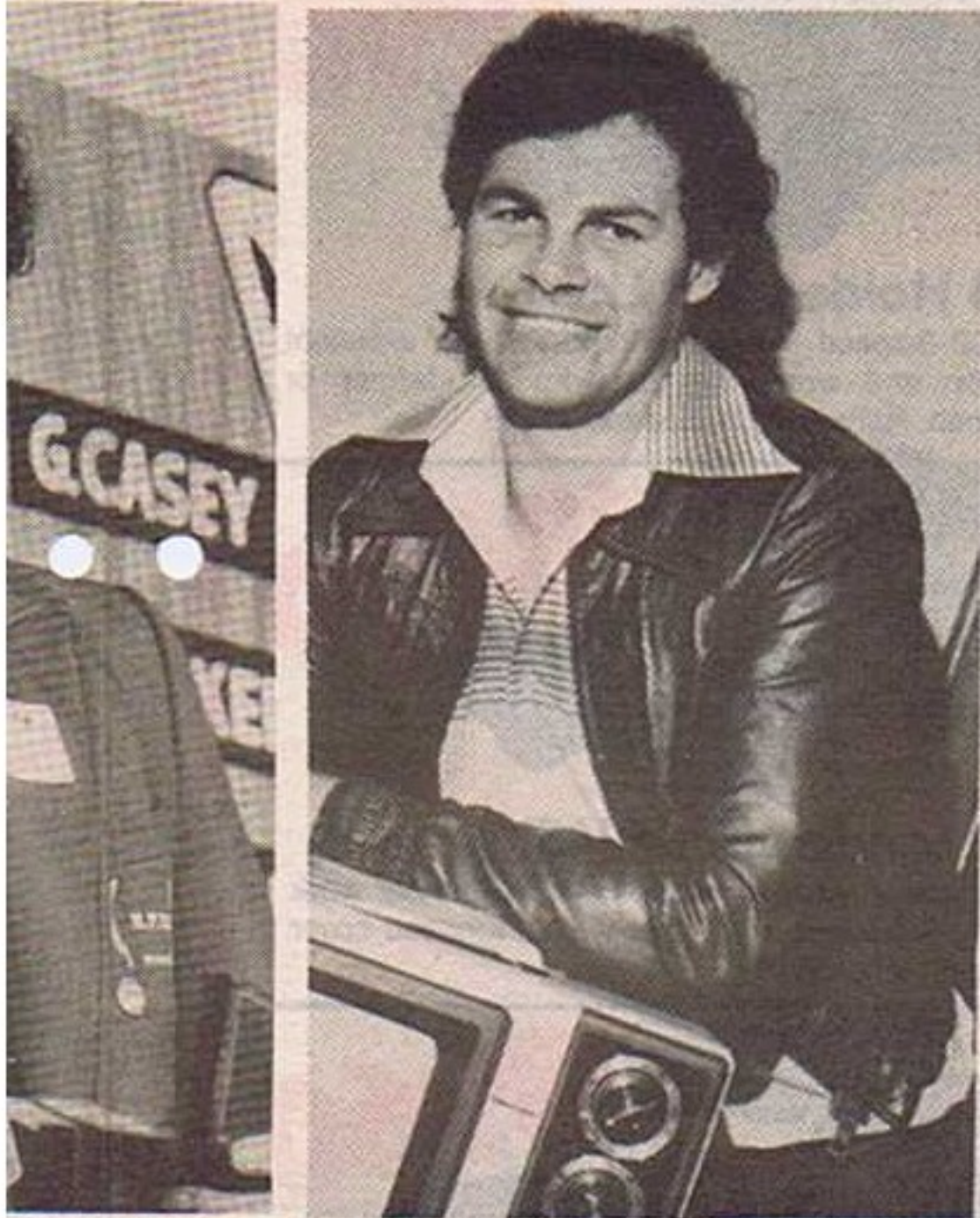
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Many awards have gone Brian Peake's way in the last 18 years and these were some of them (from the left) — Football Budget player-of-the-year, 1980; Tassie Medallist, 1979; Sandover Medallist, 1977; Barracker's Best, 1977; congratulated by 1977 Sandover Medal runner-up Graham Moss and (right) captain of WA in the 1986 State-of-Origin carnival



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State trials under way

STARS of yester-year turned out at East Fremantle Oval last Sunday for a gala day of Superules action.

A 'veterans' East Fremantle side took on a Masterules team before the State Superules trials got underway, with the Masterules proving too good, winning 6.5 (41) to 4.1 (25).

Former Sharks premiership coach Ron Alexander rucked well for Fremantle and other good players were current East Fremantle coach Ron Wilcox and former players Colin Waterson and Jim Sewell.

Best for the winners were full-forward Russell Colcott (four goals), Esperance ruckman Tim Sanford, playing-coach Alan Cockram, rover Boyd Warrilow and wingman Trevor Staniforth.

IMPRESS

The main trial game between the possibles and the probables was a tight contest with three points separating the sides after solid performances from players out to impress State selectors.

All players had the national carnival in Melbourne — to be held at Junction Oval, St Kilda, on September 9, 11 and 14 — in their sights and most impres-



presents



SUPERULES



Colin Waterson...back on familiar ground

sive for the possibles were centre-half-back Ian Wilkerson, Syd Websdale, in the centre, wingman Nick Catalano and full-forward Brian Antunovich.

For the probables, ruckman Adrian Edwards performed well, along with defender Wayne Ogg, full-back Ken Whittaker and Bruce Tschirpig in the centre.

The game was well umpired by Brian Jardine and Bob Anderson and the next State trials will be held against country sides at Henderson Park, Wembley on Sunday, August 26.

Superules action will take place at Melville Oval this Sunday when Fremantle meet Wembley, Vic Park play Northern Districts, Bunbury meet Whitfords, Southern Saints take on Mandurah and Eastern Hills play a combined country team.

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TOYOTA CUP Battle for the grand final

TOYOTA Cup teams will meet at Perth Oval and Claremont Oval for four hours of football action this Sunday to decide who will play in the Toyota Cup grand final at Subiaco Oval on Sunday, August 19.

Minor premiers from the six zones will do battle from 10am to 2pm in two pools, with Thornlie (South Suburban/Perth), Warwick (Subiaco) and Bassendean (Swan Districts) fighting it out at Perth Oval, while Noranda (East/West), Applecross (Fremantle Districts) and West Coast (Tigers) meet at Claremont Oval.

The top two teams from each pool will move into the grand final to be played as a curtain-raiser to the West Coast Eagles-Melbourne clash, a top five AFL duel that should attract a huge crowd.



Kicking football into the future



Metropolitan zones continued their semi-finals last Sunday and in the Tigers Cup, Hamersley/Carine beat North Beach 21.10 (136) to 10.3 (63) in the first semi and West Coast moved into the grand final with a second semi win over Marist, 15.10 (100) to 10.9 (69).

A five-point loss to Morley by North Innaloo in the last qualifying game of the season left them tantalisingly close to a place in the final five — but not close enough.

Morley stayed in sixth spot after the 9.11 (65) to 9.6 (60) loss and Bayswater were lucky to retain fifth spot on percentage after losing to Osborne Park 13.5 (83) to 8.2 (50).



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Kids by the hundred!

THREE days of football action at Bassendean Oval recently saw an unbelievable 450 children take part in the Swan Districts Hungry Jack's lightning carnival.

There were 35 schools involved in a series of knockout competitions, with children divided into three divisions of five teams each.

The primary schools were: Gooseberry Hill, Koongamia, Cloverdale, Upper Swan, Eden Hill, Tranby, Chidlow, Middle Swan, Bullsbrook, Bassendean, Guildford, Sacred Heart (Mundaring), Sawyers Valley, Karragullen, Kalamunda, Mt Helena, Swan View, Maida Vale, Mary's Mount, St Anthony's (Greenmount), Darlington, Midvale No. 1 and No. 2, Redcliffe, Bellevue, Caversham, Herne Hill, Helena Valley, Mundaring, High Wycombe, Anzac Terrace, Whiteside, St Brigids (Midland), St Brigids (Lesmurdie) and Guildford Grammar.

Winners in each division received a Hungry Jack's lightning carnival shield, while a Hungry Jack's football was presented to the losing school in each division.

SUPER FUN

THERE'S no doubt about those juniors from the Willetton area — they are real Eagles fans.

My appearance at the Hungry Jack's store in Willetton recently was a real sell-out job! I started signing autographs just after six o'clock and by the time I looked up at the clock, it was past seven.

Coming Hungry Jack's store visits are on Tuesday, August 14 at Spearwood, Tuesday, August 21 at Beechboro and Tuesday, August 28 at Thornlie. Let's look forward to some more big crowds.

Talking of crowds, there wasn't a big turn-out at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Sunday for our match with the Swans. But there were quite a few West Aussies on hand to barrack for us.

It was a tough game and we were happy to come away with the premiership points.

The Eagles are at Subiaco Oval this Sunday, so be there to cheer us on.



Winners at last week's handball competition at the Dianella Plaza were Glenn Adam (left), a 10-year-old from Bedford and Jason Musca, 13, from Whitfords. They are pictured with Eagle Phil Scott, Pepsi's Michael Hill and Swan Districts pair Rod O'Neill and Brad Shine.

Pepsi punching around shops

PEPSI Footy Finals Fever has hit Perth's shopping centres on Thursday nights.

The WASFL's major sponsor, Pepsi Cola, have joined forces with the Town and Country Football Development Trust to promote the game throughout local shopping centres.

State League footballers and West Coast Eagles players will accompany the FDT's Barry Cable and community development officer Neil Costley to various shopping centres as the finals draw near and children will have the chance to meet the stars and take part in handball contests...with plenty of Pepsi prizes, including footballs.

East Fremantle players and the Sharks football development officer, Clinton Pike, will join Eagles duo Steve Malaxos and Peter Sumich at the Carousel Shopping Centre, in Cannington, tonight (August 9) between 6pm and 7pm.

Next Thursday, Cable and South Fremantle players will accompany Eagles pair Karl Langdon and Chris Mainwaring to Floreat Forum for another 6-7pm promotion.

CIG title as Eagles prelude

AQUINAS and Trinity College will play for the 1990 CIG Shield when they clash at Subiaco Oval on Sunday — with both teams seeking their second CIG championship.

The two schools will battle out the grand final as a curtain-raiser to the Eagles-Richmond match.

Perth zone champions Aquinas, who won the CIG Shield in 1985, reached the grand final after eliminating titleholders and South Fremantle champions, Narrogin Senior High School, by four points, 12.3 (75) to 11.5 (71) at Boddington Oval.

Aquinas's Dennis Keet (ruck), Mark McPherson (half-back-flank), Clayton Smith (forward) and State schoolboys player and captain Ben Doyle (ruck-rover) will lead their team into the grand final.

The 1987 Shield winners and East Perth zone champions Trinity College won through to the grand final by beating Swan Districts zone champions Governor Stirling, 8.7 (55) to 7.6 (48) at Perth Oval.

Trinity are keen to regain the CIG title after winning in 1987, being semi-finalists in 1988 and quarter-finalists in 1989.

Trinity coach Des Hardiman is looking for strong performances from cap-



tain Justin Little (centre), Simon O'Connor (centre-half-forward), Chris Milosz (rover) and Grant Patterson (ruck).

COMBINED WELL

Hardiman said that the team combined well against a strong Governor Stirling team and was confident that Trinity could regain the title.

A record 110 teams started this year's CIG Shield campaign in May and the eight schools to emerge as zone champions were — Governor Stirling (Swan Districts), Girrawheen (Subiaco), Carine (Claremont), St Patricks College (East Fremantle), Narrogin (South Fremantle), Aquinas College (Perth), Balga (West Perth) and Trinity College (East Perth).

Back in 1983, there were 33 teams battling for the CIG Shield for the first time and the number of competitors have steadily increased in the lower-school competition.

CIG Shield winners since 1983 have been: Belmont, Christ Church Grammar, Aquinas College, Hamilton High, Trinity College, Guildford Grammar and Narrogin.

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Milo
says...



HANDBALL TYPES

LAST week we talked about handball and how to learn the art, so this week we look at the types of handball that are in use.

There are three types — floater, rocket and overspin and they all serve a different purpose.

The floater is struck with the clenched fist at the back of the ball, right on the 'cross-roads' — that is, where the seams cross over. The ball floats through the air with no real spinning action.

It is best used when a quick handball under pressure is required. It's easy and quick to set up.

The rocket is struck just above the cross-roads, with the front end facing upwards. The ball then spins end-over-end backwards, like a drop-punt.

The rocket needs a little time to set up on your hand and is best used for long and accurate handpasses.

The overspin is just just below the cross-roads and spins forwards, end over end.

The overspin is best used to handball out into the open in front of a teammate so that when it hits the ground, it bounces along end-over-end and is easier to pick up.

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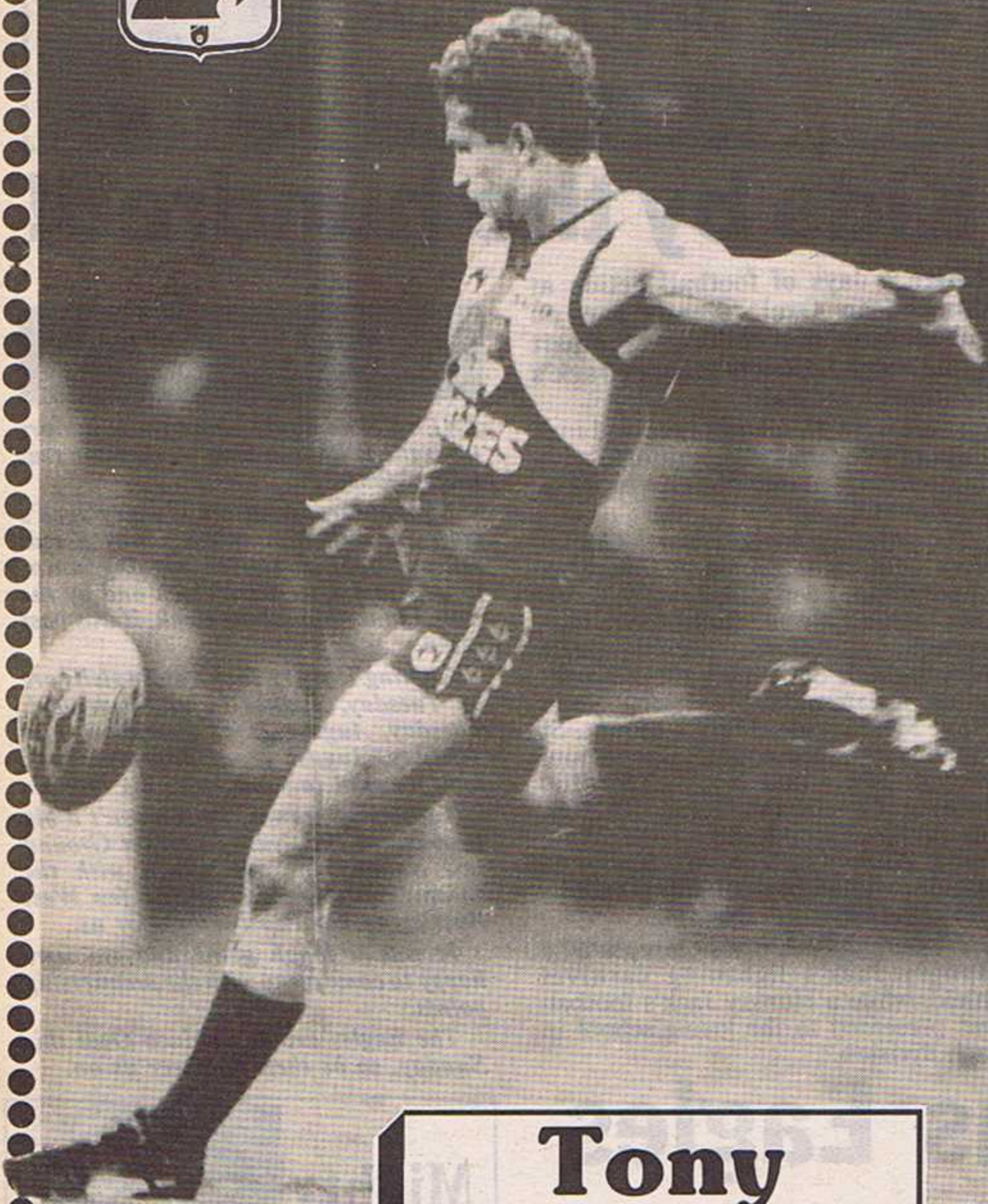
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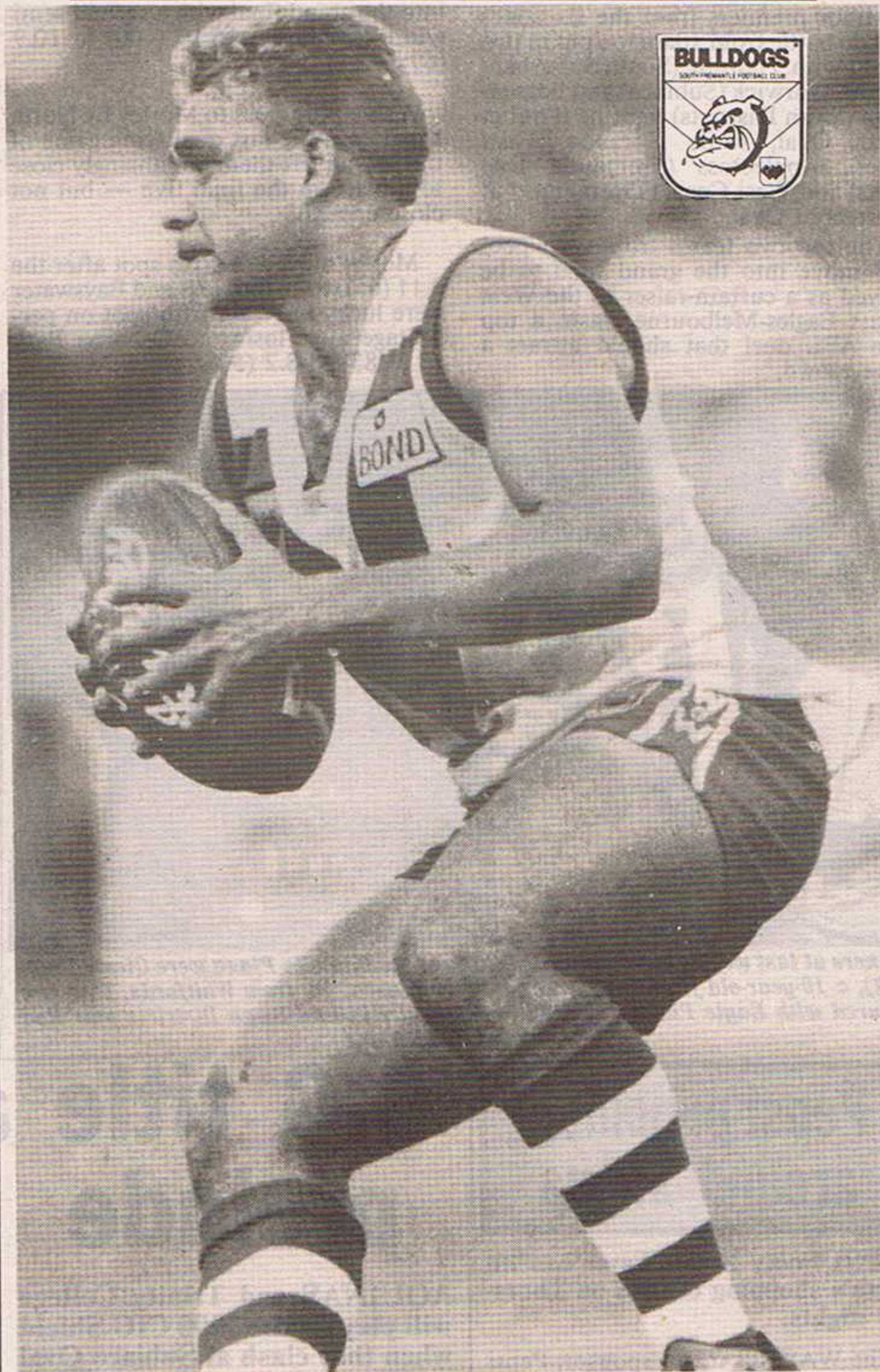
PLAYER PROFILES



Tony Begovich

NICK NAME: Zschavoonca
FAVOURITE POSITION: Ruck-rover, half-back
CURRENT POSITION: Forward-pocket, wing
NUMBER: 44
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 7.8.67 Perth
RECRUITED FROM: Claremont
HEIGHT: 183cm **WEIGHT:** 84kg
FIRST SENIOR GAME: 1990 Eagles vs Brisbane Bears, 1985 Claremont vs South Fremantle
GAMES PLAYED: 5 Eagles, 75 Claremont
FOOTBALL HONOURS: Teal Cup 1983 and Teal Cup captain 1984
MARITAL STATUS: Single
OCCUPATION: Business student
SCHOOLS ATTENDED: Newman College
CAR: Motorbike
FAVOURITE FOOD: Seafood
FAVOURITE DRINK: Cordial, Bourbon
FAVOURITE SPORTS (OTHER SPORTS): Tennis, soccer, golf
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Hunter and Collectors, John Cougar, Lenny Kravitz, Concrete Blonde
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Cheers, F-Troop
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Sex, Lies and Videotape
OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE: All
MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Think about opposition and my particular position
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing 1988 WAFL grand final, missing out on a place in Claremont's premiership winning 1989 side because of an injury obtained in the preliminary final
FOOTBALL INJURIES: Jumpers' knee, dislocated shoulder, torn thigh muscle
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning 1987 reserves grand final
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Round 15 Eagles versus St Kilda match
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To play good, consistent football for as long as I can

Cliff Collard



Date of Birth: 17.5.67 **Place of Birth:** Quairading
Height: 167cm **Weight:** 78kg
Age started playing: 8 **Junior club:** Quairading, Cockburn
Marital status: Single **Residence:** Booragoon **Occupation:** Staffing clerk
Place of work: Education Department, East Perth
Other sporting interests: Basketball, cricket
Favourite position: Centre, backline **First position:** Back-pocket **League debut:** 1986 **Versus:** Perth
FAVOURITES
Actor: Richard Pryor **Drink:** Beer
TV Show: Candid Camera **Food:** Spaghetti
Movie: Young Guns **Music:** Jimmy Barnes
Holiday resort: Darwin **Ground:** Fremantle Oval
Your car: HX Premier **Your favourite car:** Cordia Turbo
Career highlights: 1987 first semi-final, 1990 SA vs WA
Worst moment in football: Losing last year's grand final even though I didn't play
Hard things in football: Being consistent **Football idols:** Jimmy Krakouer, Maurice Rioli
Toughest opponent: All **Most respected opponent:** All
Most respected umpire: Phil O'Reilly **Most memorable game:** Winning this year's Foundation Day derby
Ambitions: To win a premiership with South Fremantle this season
What do you like about football: Camaraderie between team-mates, the competition between two people
How do you mentally prepare for a game: Watch Rage and listen to music **Who influenced your career:** My parents
Guernsey number: 14 **Worst injury:** Broken jaw **Luckiest break:** Coming down from the country, finishing school and playing for South Fremantle

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SOUTH Fremantle were a superstitious lot as they prepared for their 1970 grand final against Perth.

There had been a mix-up before their second semi-final win over the Demons — when the Bulldogs Reilly brothers, John and Graeme, got off the team bus at the main Subiaco gate and not the players' entrance.

So, South Fremantle coach Hassa Mann made the two players go through exactly the same routine on grand final day.

"Hassa Mann was very superstitious," says Bulldogs general manager Brian Ciccotosto, who won the Simpson Medal in that grand final.

"We had not beaten Perth in any of our home-and-away matches that year and after beating them in the second semi-final, Hassa kept the lead-up to the grand final exactly the same, which included John and Graeme getting off at the main gate and walking around to the players' rooms."

Ciccotosto recalls that South Fremantle were rank underdogs going into the second semi-final.

"They were a physically stronger team than us and had handled the conditions over the winter a lot better," Ciccotosto said.

"However, it was dry for the second semi and we beat them by four points — with luck playing a part.

"Perth centreman Pat Dalton had a kick for goal with one minute remaining, but he ran too close to the man on the mark, who got a touch to the ball, preventing it from reaching the goal. He really should have goaled.

"After that we were very confident of winning the grand final, though we were still considered underdogs. Perth were a rough team and we were prepared to do anything to match them physically.

"After the last training session before the big game, Tom Grljusich told Hassa that if he needed anyone to do anything out of the ordinary, he was the man for the job.

"Tom went on to play a great game that day, though his one alleged misde-



meanor did earn him a two-match suspension.

"No-one actually saw anything happen. But after a goal had been scored, everyone turned around to see Perth's Bob Shields lying on the ground and Tom was the nearest man to him!

"I doubt if the umpire saw it either, but he had no choice but to report Tom."

Ciccotosto won the Simpson Medal for a terrific performance as a defensive rover.

Playing as a loose man in defence, he mopped up the spills from South's strong half-back line of Grljusich, Danny Civich and Ken Smith.

This is how Ciccotosto remembers his team-mates from that grand final.

Gary Greer (back-pocket): Gary was a fitness fanatic who usually played on the half-back flank. He was a no-nonsense player who was given the task in this game to mind the resting rovers.

Graeme Reilly (full-back): Graeme was one of the club's best-ever full-backs. He had an accurate, prodigious drop-kick and would try anything to prevent his opponent from kicking goals.

John Reilly (back-pocket): John had stints with Fitzroy and Carlton before rejoining us. He was a perfect foil for his brother and we had an old saying that if Graeme missed you, his brother

Superstitions helped the 1970 Bulldogs

GREAT PREMIERSHIP TEAMS OF THE PAST



BACK: Joe Sumich, Franz Tomka, Peter Dougan, Don Haddow, Warren Steward, Tom Grljusich, Graeme Reilly, Peter Freund, Danny Civich, Ken Smith. MIDDLE: Peter Troode, John Reilly, Branko Civich, Bob Carson, Tony Ryan, Ivan Glucina, Nick Bienkowski, Norm Dennis, Gary Greer. FRONT: Graham Scott, Glen Coffey, Roley Daw, Hassa Mann, Fred Seinor, Len Clark, Alf Oldenhoff, Frank Legena, Brian Ciccotosto

wouldn't. John played on the resting ruckmen and gave them no rest at all.

Danny Civich (half-back): Known as Freight Train, Danny weighed 15-stone and stood 6ft. tall. He was our quickest player over 100 yards and used to break open packs with his strength and speed. Danny won our fairest and best award that year at the age of 18, but a serious injury saw him play little football after that.

Tom Grljusich (centre-half-back): Turkey Tom could play in any position up the middle of the ground. He could read the play excellently and was always taking marks in the backline.

Ken Smith (half-back): A recruit from Tasmania, Ken didn't make the league side till late in the year. His inclusion allowed Hassa to put Greer into the back-pocket.

Peter Troode (wing): Peter was an excellent high mark and possessed a long, raking left-foot kick. He was the best dry-weather wingmen in WA at the time.

Don Haddow (centre): This was at the start of Don's career. He beat Dalton, who won the Sandover Medal that year, in both the second semi-final and the grand final.

Frank Legena (wing): Frank had a magnificent drop-kick pass and played well on a wing in the grand final.

Len Clark (half-forward): He came from Preston, in the VFA and rates as one of South's best Victorian recruits. You couldn't beat him for the hard mark and he would never miss his shots for goal from inside 40 metres. Len was such a valuable member of the side that he played the grand final with a hamstring injury after having a cortisone injection.

Peter Dougan (centre-half-forward): He was the longest kick in the side and only needed 10 kicks a game to be effective.

Hassa Mann (half-forward): Hassa's experience was something we needed in the forward line. He directed the traffic and despite being in his 30s, he was still an effective player.

Tony Ryan (forward pocket): Tony was the No. 2 ruckman. He was a 6ft. 5in. (195cm) beanpole who did his bit.

Graham Scott (full-forward): A fast-leading player, Graham kicked four goals in the grand final and was our leading goal-kicker that season.

Roley Daw (forward pocket): Roley was one of the first players to wear a helmet and he still wears it in veterans football. His encouragement was good for the side.

Fred Seinor (ruck): Freddy won the honours over Paddy Astone in the grand final in what was his only grand final appearance. A real hard-working ruckman.

Norm Dennis (ruck-rover): Norm was very quick and capable of doing a bit of ruck-work around the ground.

Brian Ciccotosto (rover): I started nervously, but played better after getting a few kicks. The second quarter was my best period of the match.

Franz Tomka (reserve): He was a regular until Ken Smith hit his straps. He came on in the last quarter and immediately got injured, but managed to carry on.

Alf Oldenhoff (reserve): Recruited from Tasmania, he was an honest defender.



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The new Tigers era



CLAREMONT began their dominance of the 1980s when they upset South Fremantle's plans of back-to-back premierships in 1981 as they stormed to victory with a star-studded line-up.

Playing before a near-record crowd of 50,517 — mainly Bulldogs fans after the Port club's 1980 premiership — the Tigers ran out 15-point winners, 16.15 (111) to 12.24 (96) despite having five less scoring shots.

The game got away to a heated start when Claremont ruckman Barry Beecroft was flattened by Bulldogs tough guy, Basil Campbell, sparking a near all-in brawl.

Beecroft hit the ball forward at the first bounce and when it rebounded to

him, he scrambled boot to ball only to see the kick go up in the air. While Beecroft was waiting for it to come down, he was met solidly by Campbell.

FIERCE START

That set the scene for a fierce first term, with Claremont's fiery Jim Krakouer and South's Benny Vigona clashing soon afterwards.

Tempers settled down from the 15-minute mark and the game turned out to be a top-class contest, played at a high tempo.

"I thought it was a toss-up before the game as to who would win," said Tigers captain-coach Graham Moss, who lined up at centre-half-forward.

"Souths were the reigning premiers and it was close all day. We had to come from one-point behind at three-quarter time to take the game."

Here are the coach's thoughts on that Claremont premiership-winning combination.

Tom Pearce (back-pocket): A steady, solid defender who made sure that his opponents didn't get many kicks and he initiated attacking moves from the back-line.

Gerald Betts (full-back): An aggressive defender who delivered the ball well. With South Fremantle kicking so many points that day, his kick-outs from goal were vital.

Baden Harper (back-pocket): He was often given the job of minding the resting ruckmen. He could punch the ball very well, which was as good as grabbing the ball and kicking it.

Ray Smith (half-back-flank): A tough defender who loved the rough stuff and played a top game in the grand final.

Mike Aitken (centre-half-back): Played on Bruce Monteath and did well to restrict him to four goals.

Noel Morton (half-back-flank): Com-

GREAT PREMIERSHIP TEAMS OF THE PAST



BACK: (from left) Gary Shaw, Tom Pearce, John Colreavy, Darrell Panizza, Brett Farmer, Kim Bevan, Brad Reynolds, Ray Smith. THIRD ROW: Gerald Betts, Warren Ralph, Barry Beecroft, Robert Lawson, Herman Van Der Beek, Baden Harper, Robbie Melville. SECOND ROW: Wal Maskiell (president), Peter Jamieson, Jim Krakouer, Graham Moss (captain/coach), Wayne Blackwell (vice-captain), Mike Aitken, Noel Morton, Roger Barns (team manager). FRONT: Allen Daniels, Mark Watson, Steve Malaxos, Lindsay Kanther, Phil Krakouer.

pleted a very attacking half-back line. A running player who backed up and helped set up many attacks.

Darrell Panizza (wing): Had great pace and played his usual blistering game on a wing, running hard all game.

Wayne Blackwell (centre): He had an amazing ability to get the ball in tight situations, especially at the centre bounciedowns. He would get the ball and feed it out to running players.

Gary Shaw (wing): He was a rover, but used on a wing and shared the Simpson Medal with Maurice Rioli. He later went to Collingwood, but didn't do as well as expected.

Mark Watson (half-forward-flank): Shared the roving duties with Jim Krakouer and Gary Shaw. A solid player who gained a lot of possessions without being very classy.

Phil Krakouer (half-forward-flank): Played extremely well all around the ground and would give a lot of passes off to other forwards. He complemented the roving work of his brother.

Brett Farmer (forward-pocket): Found it difficult to get a spot in the starting line-up, but when he was on the ground he showed what a thinking footballer he was.

Warren Wralph (full-forward): The State's best full-forward at the time and

finished as leading goalkicker with 120 goals. He had everything you could ask for in a key forward as he could lead, mark and kick well.

Steve Malaxos (forward-pocket): Roamed across the centre of the ground and in the forward line, picking up five goals for the game, showing how effective he can be around the goals.

Barry Beecroft (ruck): Was concussed early and doesn't remember a lot about the game. Was a powerhouse of strength in the ruck and played a major part in us getting through to the grand final.

Lindsay Kanther (ruck-rover): He was a reliable ball-getter who could dispose of the ball well by hand or by foot and bring other players into the game.

Jim Krakouer (rover): A brilliant player, who combined with his brother. He was a busy player who could kick goals and win the hard ball.

Peter Jamieson (interchange): An exciting player during the year on the half-forward line. He was strong and a very good mark and could kick his share of goals.

Allen Daniels (interchange): Played most of his football on the wing, where he would always get a huge number of possessions. He was a dashing player who would make a lot of attacking moves.



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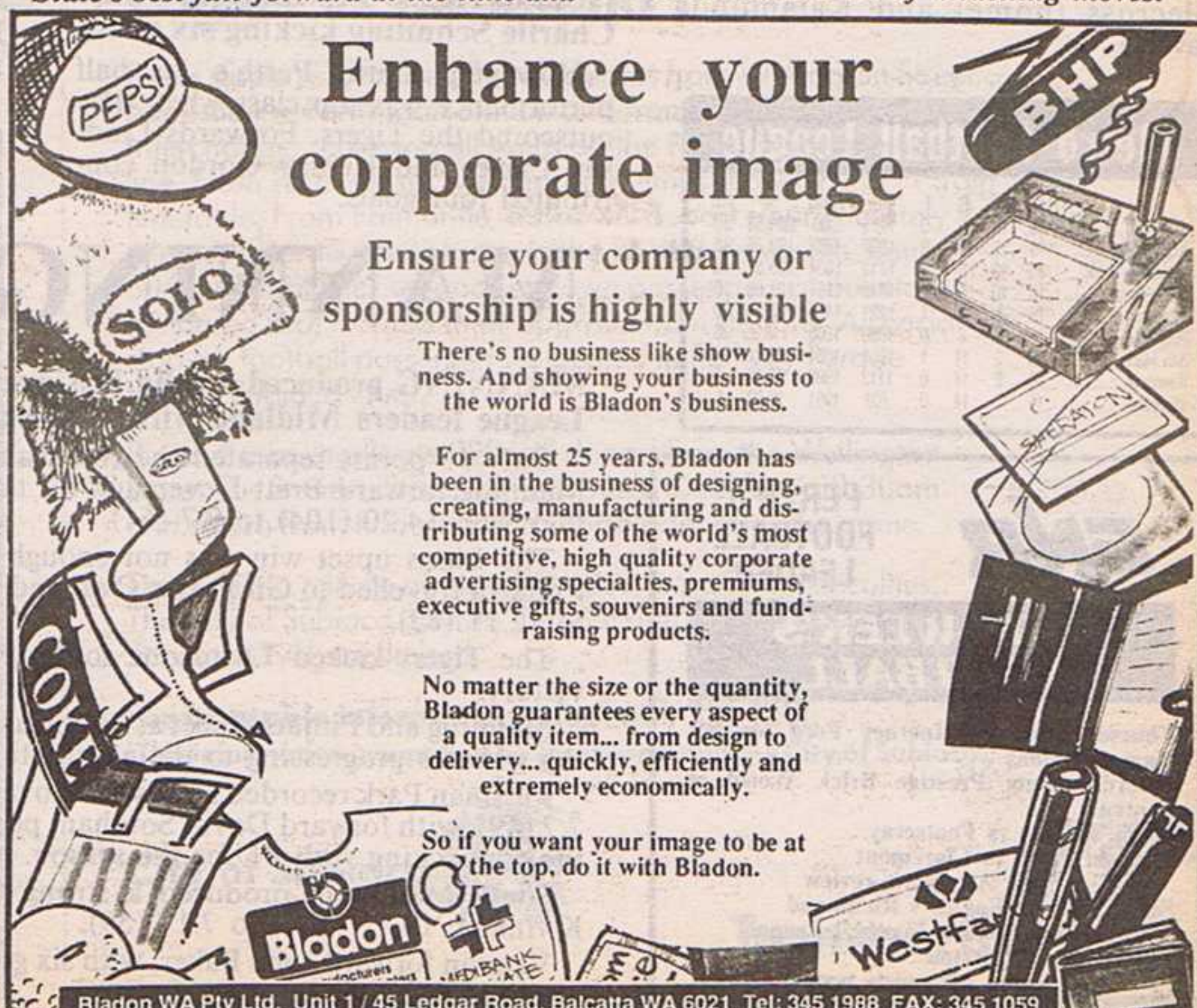
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North Beach confirm their favouritism

NORTH Beach won a top-of-the-table clash with West Coast in Saturday's A-grade fixtures and firmed to favourites for the premiership.

The Tigers big-man strength through David Higgins, David Court and Gary Tait were too powerful for their opponents.

Big-man dominance and the strong defence of Geoff Valentine and Mick Hoskins ensured that key forwards Paul Higgins and Paul Bidstrup were given ample opportunities.

West Coast have a lot of work to do if they are going to be a threat and if it hadn't been for State utility player Aaron Hunter, they could have been demolished.

TOP FIVE

Mt Lawley entered the top-five for the first time this season with a sound 29 point victory over Trinity-Aquinas.

Sharp-shooting forward Nick Formica was given the role of playing on star player Neale Fong, who has been in outstanding form since resuming.

Formica not only shut Fong completely down, but gained over 30 possessions, most of which were used with extreme accuracy.

The Hawks also gained a lot from their youngsters Ben Stewart, Lee Cahill and John Edmondson.

Trinity-Aquinas were unable to capitalise on the outstanding play of Lyndsay McDonald, who took many strong marks around the ground.

The Old Boys side got good service from their younger members, in particular Tom Parker, Brendon Kelly and Phil Bardon.

MILESTONE

Wembley overcame a slow start and celebrated Peter Falconer's 100th game in fine style when they ran out 68-point winners over Maylands.

Falconer lifted for his milestone and presented himself well up forward and

A GRADE

by

Trevor Schorer



with Brad Roberts, Kevin Symonds and Glen O'Donnell, ran the Maylands defence ragged.

The Magpies are improving each week and building well towards an all-out assault on the finals, as this could well be the last chance for some of the veterans in their team.

Maylands were put under pressure all day, but Eric Haywood, Tony Underwood and Dave Hunter worked hard.

STRONG WIN

University kept their struggle with Wembley for third place alive with a strong win over Scarborough, by 40 points.

Simon Lill turned in a best-on-ground performance and was well backed up by the consistent Mark Prindiville and rover Brad Mumme.

Scarborough dropped to sixth position and face North Beach and West Coast in the last two games; two sides still chasing top spot.

Best for the Coast side were Geff Miller, Mick Morris and brilliant rover Darren Connell.

Nollamara had to pull out all stops before eventually getting on top of Wesley-Curtin.

The Magpies trailed at half-time and had to really put in for the second half, with Brendan Baker and Phil Beattie leading the way.

Wesley-Curtin captain Bryn Chute did his association medal chances no harm with another strong display.

Magpies back into finals contention

NORTH Fremantle bounced back to form with an emphatic 37-point victory over Swan Athletic in Saturday's B-grade round.

The win puts the Magpies right back into premiership calculations and raises doubts about the Swans ability to handle pressure football, as it was their second loss in as many weeks to sides they have to face in the finals.

All positions in the five are now settled after North's victory, as that assures them of third position, while Innaloo's five-goal win over Dianella makes it mathematically impossible for the Panthers to make the finals.

Other games on Saturday saw CBC destroy Mt Lawley by 15 goals; Collegians Old Scotch gave Bayswater their biggest thrashing for many years, winning by 30 goals and Osborne Districts beat Cockburn Lakes by just over 12 goals.

RELEGATION

With the top five settled, probably the only interest in the last two rounds will be at the bottom of the table, where the battle to avoid relegation to C-grade next year will be on in earnest.

Mt Lawley look set to tumble back to the lower grade, not only because they have been uncompetitive this year and

B-GRADE

by

Peter Rush



are second-last on percentage, but also because they have not fielded a colts side.

Cockburn Lakes are currently rock bottom and have not had a win in 14 games, suffering some severe maulings and they would relish the chance to return to C-grade.

They play Bayswater this week, whose form for most of this year has also been poor.

The Blues have only won three games and a loss to the Lakers could jeopardise their B-grade status. For that reason, Bayswater should rise to the occasion.

The only other game of interest in round 17 and 18 will be this week's CBC and Swan Athletic clash.

CBC will be keen to prove they can mix it with the top teams, while a loss by the Swans would dent their premiership claims.

Nolla rebound in style

WITH two games remaining before the finals, fifth spot on the A-colts premiership table is still wide open.

The top four teams — Nollamara, North Beach, Wembley and University — have consolidated their positions.

West Coast and Mt Lawley lost a chance to secure fifth spot when they both lost last Saturday and now every team has a chance of making the finals.

Maylands, Trinity Aquinas and Wesley-Curtin must win their remaining two matches and hope that Mt Lawley and West Coast lose at least one of their last two games. The battle between Mt Lawley and West Coast, locked on 24 points, will probably come down to percentages.

BACK IN FORM

Nollamara bounced back from their defeat at the hands of University last week to run out 21-point winners over Wesley-Curtin.

The Tigers fought hard all day, but could not overcome the height or running strength of Nollamara.

This now gives the Roos six wins from their last eight games and they must be considered a serious threat to the finals.

Better players for Nollamara were Damien Shore, Richard Cohen, Peter Templeton and Phil Davies.

THIRD SPOT

North Beach's 21-point win over West Coast kept them in third place.

Led by John Burton, Danny Sweet,

Colts round-up

by Chris Jeakings

John Lloyd and Cameron Senz they were in front at every change.

North's big test this week is against the undefeated University combination.

Trinity-Aquinas took the honours from Mt Lawley in a hard-fought game, winning by six points.

Wembley proved too strong for Maylands, winning by 13 goals. Though the Rams persisted all day, they had no answers to the strong Wembley combination. Best for the Rams were Dave Van-Ralte, Reynold Chamberlain and Brutus Campbell.

University annihilated Scarborough by more than 18 goals.

B COLTS

BAYSWATER have a shaky hold on fifth spot after being downed by grade leaders Collegians Old Scotch. Old Scotch's Nathan Ledger, Dean Boyle and full-back Russell Thom were prominent.

C COLTS

WHITFORD lost their second game for the season when they went down to third-placed Rockingham.

Coach Mike Duncan has the Rams running hard with excellent team work, discipline and they were first to the ball all day. Regular contributor Tony Sieracki was again prominent, supported by the team's entire back-line.

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Don't forget Swans

DON'T write off Swan Districts — they are still strong premiership prospects in the State League.

Despite three successive losses, including to South Fremantle last Saturday, Swans still have what it takes to make John Todd the first man in the club's history to claim four flags.

And the things that are hap-



Paul Gow...mainstay at centre-half-back

THE COVERAGE

WHO PLAYS WHERE IN THE PEPSI CUP

West Australian State Football League
Saturday, August 11
(Round 19)

Perth vs Claremont, at Lathlain Park
(broadcast by 6NR).

East Fremantle vs East Perth, at East
Fremantle Oval (broadcast by 6WF).
West Perth vs South Fremantle,
at Leederville Oval (broadcast by 6PR).
Subiaco vs Swan Districts, at Subiaco
Oval.



pening to Swans now are consistent with the methods Todd used so successfully in snaring premierships in 1982, 1983 and 1984.

Todd, with his place in the four clearly cemented at the start of this final series of match, has pumped some kilometres into the legs of his players, working them feverishly to peak at the right time of the year.

In a week or so, Todd will ease off the work-load and freshen up the players so they are ready for the challenge of the finals.

NOT CONCERNED

Todd would not be too concerned at defeats by South Fremantle, East Fremantle and West Perth — despite the prospect of possibly meeting two of these teams in the finals.

Todd has never been worried at the prospect of slipping out of the top two positions and sacrificing the double chance that goes with qualifying for the second semi-final. When successful in the past, he has been confident of achieving his objective from third or fourth position.

And with good reason. Swans won the 1983 premiership from the first semi-final, beating East Fremantle, South in the preliminary final and then Claremont in the premiership play-off.

The Swans players are still hurting at being ejected from last year's finals on the final day of qualifying matches when West Perth gate-crashed the top four for the first time in the season.

Things have not run smoothly for Swans recently, with injuries to key players in Len Gandini and Andy Holmes and a suspension for State half-back Brendon Ritzlaff after missing a couple of games through a hamstring strain.

ESSENTIAL

All three players are essential to Swans prospects and should be ready for the final series.

And don't forget Don Holmes, who is coming back after retiring from the Eagles last year.

You can't buy finals experience and Holmes was a key player in the club's hat-trick of premierships in the 1980's. He kicked two goals in both the 1982 and 1983 grand finals and then bagged five goals in the 1984 grand final.

As well, Don Langsford and



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Travis Edmonds...rucking well

Brent Hutton have been there and done that and are fully aware of the requirements to enjoy premiership glory.

Throw in a couple of promising young stars like Shane Stempel, David Ogg, Travis Edmonds and Paul Gow and Swans appear to have a neat blend.

So come grand final day, don't be surprised to see Swans in peak form as the experienced and cagey John Todd searches for his fourth premiership with Swans and his fifth overall.

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