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CAT CATCHERS

VICTORIAN critics claim Geelong have the most lethal contingent of midfield running players in the AFL competition.

With names such as Mark Bairstow, Paul Couch, Gary Hocking, Adrian Fletcher, Neville Bruns, Spiro and Tony Malakellis and Ray Sterrett gracing their team sheet, it's a theory that's hard to argue against.

The consistent form of this group, with hard-working rover Andrew Bews likely to be added to it, has been a significant factor in the Cats unbeaten record this season.

But West Australian fans are equally as adamant that the West Coast Eagles have midfielders of equal attacking skills to those of the Cats — but the Eagles runners have far better defensive skills than their Victorian counterparts.

In fact, the Eagles unbeaten top-of-the-ladder record this season — and the miserly 198 points they have had scored against them in four games — is testimony to the negating talents of Mick Malthouse's men.

So when the Eagles travel to Waverley for their clash with the Cats in the AFL's match of the season, it will be a battle of the midfield wizards.

Malthouse, who has made defensive football something of an art form in the West, realises that the Cats big winning tallies this season — they have amassed 532 points to the Eagles 441 — can be stopped if the midfield supply is dried up.

This is where the man regarded as one of the best taggers in the business — our Eagles ruck-rover Dwayne Lamb — should come into his own.

Lamb (pictured right during last week's game against Adelaide) has been in top form this season and could find himself minding the fleet-footed Hocking, with Craig Turley having the job of stopping the Cats West Australian champion Bairstow.



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Eagles are false flag favourites

Despite their good form, the Eagles could quite easily lose all three games.

Geelong are really on fire and look as though they will be one of the main contenders for the flag this season.

The Eagles strength so far has been their ability to restrict the goal-scoring of other teams. But they will really be put to the test against Geelong, who have the ability to score freely.

Hawthorn and Essendon are always difficult propositions at home.

Windy Hill, one of the most unwelcome grounds in the AFL, has provided a high point of the Eagles career — and the lowest ebb the WA side has plunged to.

In only their second game in the AFL, they went within a kick of toppling the reigning premiers from their perch.

Their worst performance was on the same ground in 1989, when they copped their biggest hiding in the competition, being lucky to score a goal.

That memory has since been obliterated, but the fact remains that the Eagles have found Essendon more than a handful in Melbourne.

The Eagles have a good record against Hawthorn in Perth and though they may have beaten them at



STRAIGHT SHOOTING

with **ROBERT BENNETT**
of the Sunday Times

Princes Park, they still face a team who are always difficult to beat at home.

ASSIGNMENT

At this stage of the season, there surely cannot be a more difficult assignment than the one presented to the Eagles over the next three weeks.

If the Eagles flounder against this triumvirate, their odds will blow right out. Even if they win every game, 9/4 is still very short odds to accept at this stage of the season.

The irony of the situation is that it isn't the Eagles who are blowing their bags, but supporters and critics.

Coach Mick Malthouse couldn't have asked much more from his team. The Eagles have met every challenge so they can't be criticised on any account so far.

But they still have some deficiencies in their play.

Some would say Adelaide were lucky to get two of their last three goals. But the fact remains that after holding them to only six goals for most of the game, the Eagles allowed Adelaide in for the last three goals of the match.

And some of the easy shots the Eagles missed in the last quarter would be cause for concern.

The Eagles are not invincible...as we may well discover over the next three weeks.

THE West Coast Eagles are false AFL premiership favourites.

Anyone prepared to accept the 9/4 odds about them winning the flag are crazy.

Sure, the Eagles have had a great start to the season. But to have them at such short odds for the premiership after only four games is ridiculous.

If the Eagles are still perched on top of the premiership table after having met every side in the competition, then they are then entitled to be favourites, but even then not at 9/4.

While they finished last season with something of a flourish in Melbourne, the Eagles still have to prove they can be consistent winners away from home.

PERSPECTIVE

Their four wins so far need to be put into perspective.

The win against Melbourne, in view of the way the Demons have since played, was outstanding. Any win against Collingwood in Melbourne is a bonus.

But wins against North Melbourne and Adelaide are nothing to crow about. Both teams were mediocre.

The real test to assess the Eagles premiership chances will come over the next three weeks.



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Footy Rumours

GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE TRAPS

Swans advantage

THE commentators at Perth Oval were in a mild state of confusion before Saturday's clash between East Perth and Swan Districts. The black-and-whites had 21 "players" out on the field for their warm-up and the 6WF people were busily trying to identify the extra man. They gave up and later suggested that it must have been the injured Danny Penny, who had run out with the team. It was, however, just their mascot Jason Davis wearing guernsey No. 49, who revelled in all the attention.

Umpire stats

ONE wonders whether umpires get credited with statistics such as kicks and marks. Certainly boundary umpire Andrew Neale could have had a kick recorded against his name during Sunday's Eagles-Crows battle. Eagles defender Michael Brennan had handballed along the boundary line during a hectic passage of play...only to see the ball hit Neale's foot and rebound into play. It's just as well the Crows didn't score a goal.

Ruling is wrong

TALKING about boundary umpires, one rule they must hate implementing is the out-of-bounds on the full when the ball ricochets off a player's leg or boot. Eagles star Chris Waterman received a free kick (which resulted in Peter Sumich's second goal) when he cleverly handballed the football onto the leg of Crows defender Rodney Maynard — and it went over the line on the full. Surely the rule is wrong in that case. It would not be considered a legitimate kick in the passage of normal play, so why should it be considered a kick out of bounds on the full?

Can't please 'em all

YOU can't please everyone all the time; that's for sure! Radio 6WF commentator George Grljusich is one critic not in favour of the new-look start to WAFL matches, with the players lining up for the national anthem. He suggested it was a little bit of a farce and should be used for important matches only. Obviously the man running the public address system at Perth Oval last Saturday agreed. He cut short the out-of-tune national song before it had finished!



IT'S TIME for a deep and meaningful discussion, Pete. What we want to know is how do we get into this Eagles side? That could well be the topic of discussion as suspended Eagles Peter Wilson (left) and injured Eagle Dean Kemp (right) chat to ace forward Peter Sumich after Sunday's great win. Wilson has another week of a two-week suspension to serve out and the good form of his replacement in Dean Kemp last Sunday confirms just how valuable places in the league team are going to be. Laidley played his first full league game last Friday night when he came through a searching test with West Perth after more than a year on the sidelines recovering from a knee reconstruction.

Colourful quips

THERE were plenty of colourful quips from the commentators when darkness descended at Perth Oval last Saturday. In the gloom (and doom for East Perth supporters) two Aboriginal stars emerged in the darkness to kick the last five goals of the day. Critics suggested that the opponents of East Perth's Shawn Colbung and Swan Districts' Kevin Caton had trouble keeping track of the lightning-fast stars as they posted last-quarter goals.

Right ground, wrong sport...

FAST-TALKING Radio 6NR comments man Colin Minson is one of the hardest-working voices in the sporting industry...but he had his sports mixed up momentarily last Friday night. Enjoying the balmy atmosphere at the WACA Ground, Perth's home of cricket, for the night football clash between West Perth and Claremont, Minno declared it a "great night for cricket." Well, he was right in a way — the Tigers really bowled the Falcons over.

Lions are lacking

THE victory by Subiaco over East Fremantle last Saturday certainly eased a few worries in the Lions camp. The rather lack-lustre start to the season had people asking questions about the talent-laden Lions team, with their host of West Coast Eagles players. Radio 6PR's Percy Johnson suggested they weren't playing with a lot of enthusiasm; with a similar problem existing at East Fremantle. Johnson said that Perth were a classic example of what a bit of youthful enthusiasm could do for a club.

Todd's tactics pay off

SWAN Districts coach John Todd was on the look-out for a couple of media men after the team's gutsy victory over East Perth. He felt that several critics who suggested that there was no unity in the Bassendean camp after the walk-out by Len Gandini should have had a change of mind. "That was a great team effort," said Todd. "There's plenty of harmony in our camp and anyone who suggests that these guys aren't completely together is way off the mark."

Time for discipline

TALKING about the Falcons, there were some signs of tight discipline in the camp last week when two players missed out on the chance to earn a league game. Apparently David Elliott and Oscar Moreno were league team candidates, but when they missed a compulsory 6am training session on Sunday, they were ruled ineligible. Damaged Eagle Dean Laidley also missed the training torture, but was excused from the punishment because of some confusion over whether he knew about the session or not. Ironically, Laidley and Elliott are brothers-in-law.

Name change debate

CHANNEL Seven's roving football commentator Dennis Cometti admits he is in a minority group when it comes to the name West Coast Eagles. Cometti would prefer to see the Perth Eagles adopted and said that last Sunday's game would have been much better if it had been Perth versus Adelaide. He suggested that it was an inevitable change that would come in sooner rather than later.



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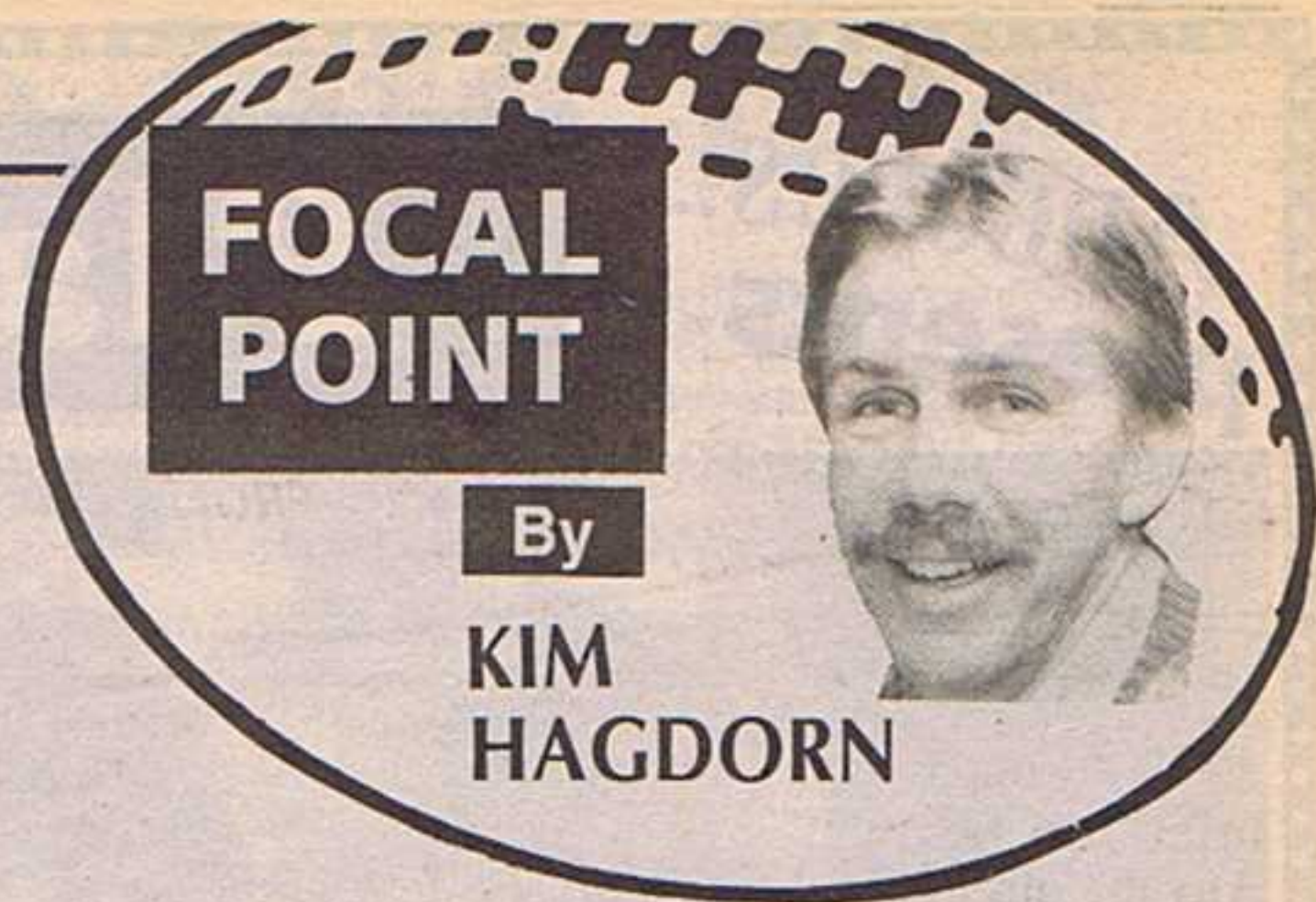
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Talent scouts gear up for 1991 invasion



FOCAL POINT

By

KIM HAGDORN

PERTH'S eight WAFL clubs should start building their defences for an invasion of AFL talent scouts.

As the abolition of regulations protecting promising young footballers from being drafted draws near — with an open draft becoming a future fact — eastern seaboard AFL clubs are preparing to once again ravage Perth's endless crop of talent.

At the end of 1991, the AFL will scrap all city zoning and also drop its under-19s competition.

The AFL clubs will then reap their annual crop of newcomers from throughout the nation.

In the short term, subsidiary leagues such as Perth's WAFL, will receive superficial protection with the reduction of senior lists at AFL clubs from 52 to 45.

The spread of talent should prove a bonus to WA's eight clubs and down through the football sphere into the Sunday League and amateur ranks.

However, in time the AFL clubs will develop a well-oiled recruiting machine throughout Australia.

POWER CLUBS

Powerful clubs Collingwood and Essendon, the 1990 AFL grand finalists, both have had talent scouts at recent WAFL matches.

Collingwood's Max Richardson, a former West Australian and Essendon's revered football judge Noel Judkins cast critical eyes over the wealth of WA talent.

Reigning premiers Collingwood are understood to have put in motion a plan to have at least two permanent talent scouts operating in Perth for the remainder of 1991.

The Magpies, like most AFL clubs on the lookout for the best possible



Demons teenage roving sensation Wayne Allard

recruits have re-appraised their recruiting and turned away from junior development in their respective zones.

AFL clubs will have open-slat on drafting footballers over the age of 17 throughout Australia and a number of newcomers on the local scene have already attracted attention.

The exciting start to the season by Perth and East Perth has talent scouts buzzing with expectations.

Lively Royals rovers Shawn Colbung and Andrew Slade, midfielder Paul Evans and improving defender Marcus Secamp have attracted interest as East Perth demonstrate that they

will figure in this year's historic five-team finals series.

Demons youngsters Russell Thompson, Tim Lester, Robert Thomson and Wayne Allard have come under notice in Perth's revival.

Allard, at just 16 years of age, remains protected till he turns 17. But the promising start to his senior career has already been noted by the scouts; particularly the Eagles.

HEAVY PRICE

East Fremantle rover Billy Krakouer is sure to resurface as a draft target after his disappointment at being overlooked last year, while down the road at Fremantle Oval nippy pair Steve Pinzone and Chris Pobjoy could attract interest from AFL clubs.

Reigning premiers Swan Districts paid a hefty price for winning last year's title, losing five players.

This season could again prove costly, regardless of whether the black and whites win the flag or not.

Ruckman Travis Edmonds, utility player Shaun Davey and on-ball star Geoff Passeri could all press claims to win a draft invitation.

Claremont's Jason Norrish and Darren Kowal and West Perth's Paul Dean are three youngsters who have shown they can develop into potential draftees in early matches this season.

WA has a proven record in providing Eastern States clubs — and now the Eagles — with new stock.

It remains understandable that the WAFL clubs will closely watch the fortunes of many emerging youngsters as the League continues to recuperate from the devastating effects of the inception of the Eagles in 1987.

Crowd attendances and the competition itself in the opening 1991 rounds have indicated that the WAFL is recovering.

However, clubs will guard their premier commodities — young footballers — carefully as the AFL clubs move closer to the 1991 open draft.

Eagles now part of the team

FOOTBALL at the top level in Western Australia has received a double boost by a subtle change in attitudes by the men at the top over the past 12 months.

The "them versus us" mentality that existed between the West Coast Eagles and the eight WAFL clubs after the introduction of Perth's national team in 1987, has all but disappeared.

Early in the life of the West Coasters, there were situations where players not selected in the Eagles team found themselves playing in the WAFL reserves — remember the ludicrous situation when Darren Bennett kicked 22 goals for East Fremantle's reserves team against West Perth in 1987?

Alternatively, players were given low-profile roles in the seniors, such as tough little-man John Annear sitting most of a crucial game on the Claremont interchange bench.

Last year Tigers coach Gerard Neesham had a well-publicised difference of opinion with the Eagles over the use of players in the Claremont senior team, with the end result being that Eagles players Ryan Turnbull, Peter Higgins and John Annear quit the club.

There is now a much more mature and realistic attitude of co-operation

By **ROBBIE BURNS**

from all concerned, as officials realise that both organisations need each other to operate successfully.

Instead of resenting the Eagles and the fact they may lose key players to the AFL team without notice, WAFL coaches now accept the unpredictability of the situation and work with the system, rather than against it.

In return, there is a better mode of communication and a more sympathetic attitude by the Eagles towards the problems of the WAFL clubs, which has fostered a more harmonious working relationship.

Eagles players are much better accepted by their WAFL team-mates and are made to feel an important part of the team, rather than outsiders, as was often the case in the past.

PRESSURE

The result is that Eagles who play in the WAFL are now having an enormous impact on the Pepsi Cup and in many cases, are setting a level of excellence that regular club players are following.

Craig McGrath, Adrian Barich and Dean Kemp have already forced their way back into the Eagles team with outstanding Pepsi Cup performances in the opening two games...and after three rounds, there are plenty more players just waiting for an opening.

Subiaco pair Cory Young and Ian Dargie, West Perth's Robert West, East Perth ruckman Ryan Turnbull, Claremont defenders Geoff Miles and

Tony Begovich and midfielder Steve Malaxos and Swan Districts centreman Troy Ugle are all putting enormous pressure on the selectors.

The new-found co-operation between the Eagles and the local clubs has played a big part in the strong start to the Eagles AFL season — and to a lift in the standard of the Pepsi Cup competition.

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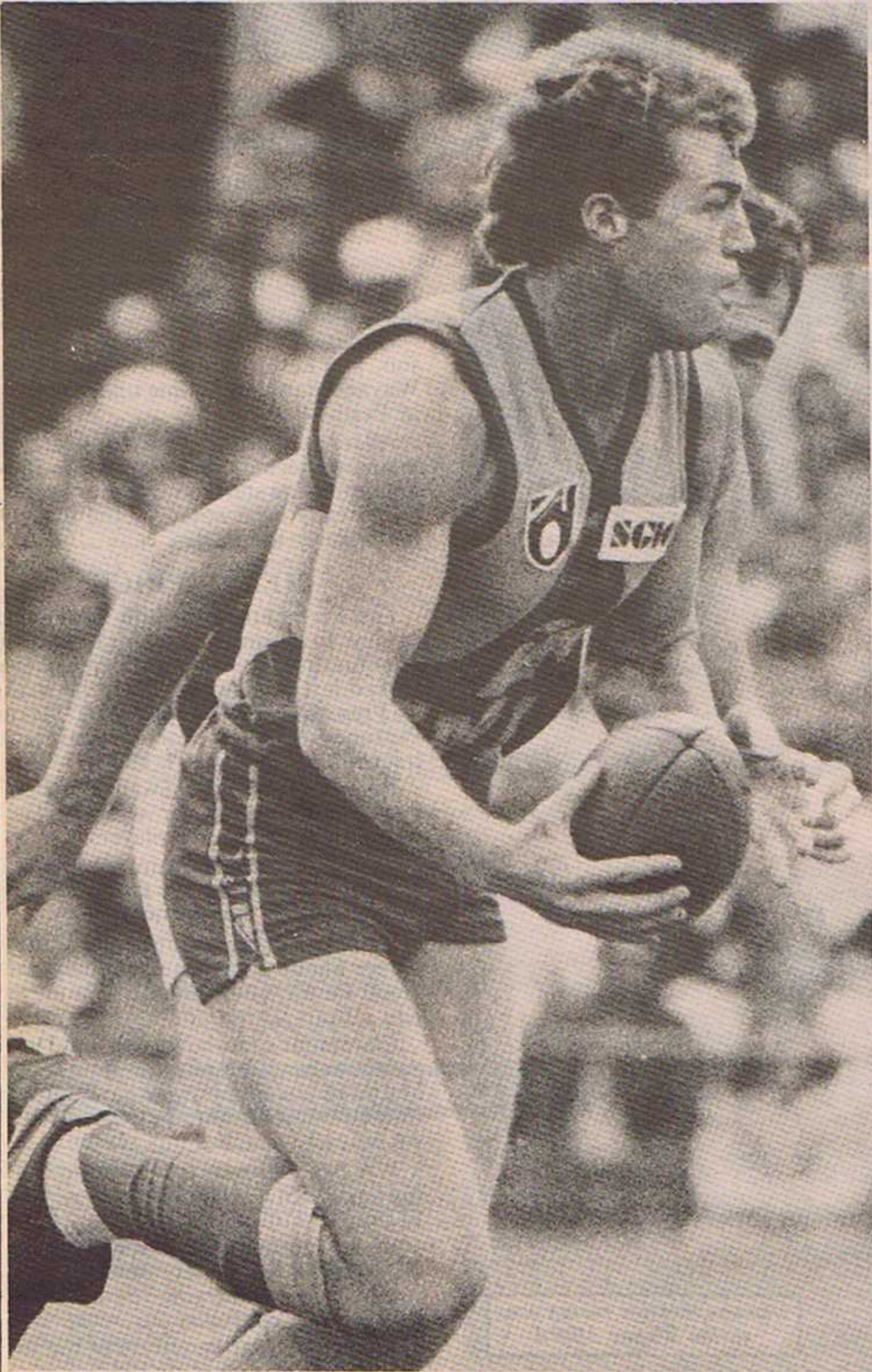


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Scott Spalding



Nickname: Spaldo **Why:** Because it fits
Date of Birth: 2.9.68 **Place of Birth:** Manjimup
Height: 185cm **Weight:** 85kgs
Age started playing: 6yrs
Previous club: Old Wesley Junior club: **Rossmoyne**
Marital status: Single **Girlfriend's name:** Brooke
Residence: Northbridge
Occupation: Sales representative **Place of work:** Eagle Sports
Other sporting interests: Surfing, golf
Favourite position: Half-forward **First position:** Back pocket
Current position: Half-back
League debut: 1989 **Versus:** East Fremantle
Games played: 22 **Goals kicked:** 9

FAVOURITES

Actor: Jack Nicholson
TV show: Get Smart **Movie:** Dances With Wolves
Music: The Cult **Drink:** Ouzo
Food: Italian, especially spaghetti
Ground: Lathlain Park
Your car: Nissan Skyline **Your favourite car:** Lotus
Career highlights: Mark of the day against East Perth
Worst moment in football: Injuries
Hardest things in football: Training
Football idols: Gary Ablett, Dermott Brereton **Toughest opponent:** David Palm
Most respected opponent: Brian Peake
Most memorable game: First league game 1989
Ambitions: To play AFL football
What do you like about football: Being part of a team, kicking goals and winning
How do you mentally prepare for a game: Relax and think about it
Who influenced your career: My parents and brother
Guernsey number: 12 **Any reason:** It was my brother's number
Worst injury: Concussion
Luckiest break: Replacing an injured Joe Santostefano before the first round in 1990



Chris Waterman

NICK NAME: Muddy
FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre
CURRENT POSITION: Half-back
FIRST POSITION: Half-back
No: 39 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 83kg
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: September, 19, 1968; Perth
RECRUITED FROM: East Fremantle
FIRST STARTED PLAYING: Aged 6yrs
JUNIOR CLUB: Rossmoyne
FIRST SENIOR GAME: 1987 East Fremantle
GAMES PLAYED: 51 East Fremantle, 27 Eagles
FOOTBALL HONOURS: Playing in the finals with the Eagles, winning the Teal Cup 1985.
MARITAL STATUS: Single. **GIRLFRIEND'S NAME:** Peta
OCCUPATION: Insurance agent
SCHOOLS ATTENDED: Rossmoyne primary and high school
YOUR CAR: Laser TX3 Turbo **DREAM CAR:** Ferrari
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Golf, Surfing.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chinese
FAVOURITE DRINK: Bundaberg Rum, Pepsi.
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Jimmy Barnes
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Full House.
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Top Gun, Caddyshack
OTHER SPORTS: Golf
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family
PLAYERS YOU ADMIRE: Malcolm Blight, Ken Hunter.
MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Keep occupied
FOOTBALL INJURIES: Broken ankle, groin
BIGGEST THRILL: Kicking six goals against Melbourne in the 1990 preliminary final
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1990 preliminary final against Melbourne.
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To win the AFL flag.
PERSONAL MOTIVATION: To do well with the Eagles



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Sharks make a real mess of coach crisis



with JOHN HAYES
 Former player and now radio 6NR critic

EAST Fremantle have made a real mess of the sacking of their coach Ron Wilcox this week.

So what's new, you might ask.

The Sharks seem to have made a habit of bungling coaching appointments — and sackings — over the past decade.

I'm not blasting them for unloading poor Wilcox. Despite the fact he is one of the nicest blokes in football, it was pretty obvious to most people closely associated with the game that there was a problem in his methods and his acceptance as a coach by many at the club.

It's just that the Sharks seem to have a problem in making the tough decisions at the right time; the time when they need to be made.

Everyone knew that Ron was struggling at the end of last season and there was a strong push from then president Hans Beyer to make a change.

DEVASTATING

Sacking a coach during a season is always bad policy — if it has to be done, it should be done at the end of a season when the impact on the club is much less devastating.

Criticise Beyer all you want — and plenty have done that — but at least he

was prepared to make the hard decision when it should have been made last October.

Unfortunately, some of his co-directors didn't have the courage to back him up and the result is that the club has had to make that decision at the worst possible time — three weeks into a season with three losses behind them and morale at the club shattered.

But then, if that's not indecisive enough, they have taken another soft option by naming a caretaker coach in Tony Micale.

There's a chance Micale will only be in position till a new coach is found and even that is unsettling.

Let's face it, the club knew this was coming and they should have had someone to step straight in and try to salvage something of this season — give the players a bit of solidarity upon which to work for the remaining 18 qualifying rounds.

Top games in WAFL

IF ever we needed confirmation that WAFL football is up and running, it came at Lathlain Park on Saturday when Perth beat South Fremantle.

Two weeks before that Swan Districts beat Claremont in what was the best WAFL game I have seen for at least four years.

But the Demons-Bulldogs game was even better...an indication that club football is now coming to terms with the ravages brought about by the introduction of the Eagles and the expansion into national football.

In fact, I would go so far as to say that it was one of the best games I have ever seen — and I've been involved in league football since 1969.

It appears Ken Armstrong agrees on this point. After his team had snatched that win, the Demons coach told members he would have gladly swapped the first two wins — against East Fremantle and Swans — for the one against Souths.

Heady's in the superstar class

REMEMBER that blistering game played by Brian Peake for WA against Victoria in 1979?

I didn't think I would ever see a player dominate a game as much as 'Bomber' did that day, when he led WA to victory with his brilliance in the centre, a game that won him the Tassie Medal and All-Australian captaincy.

But after Sunday's Eagles game against Adelaide, I think I've seen an individual performance to rival that Peake effort.

Young Eagles half-forward Brett Heady was just sensational and it's hard to come up with enough superlatives to describe his feats.

Just as Peake's exploits in that interstate match 12 years ago will remain with me forever, so too will Heady's display against the Crows.

New Eagles are firing

THE West Coast Eagles have reason to smile about some of their as-yet untried recruits.

Perth duo Shane Porter and Craig McNaughton, Subiaco's Cory Young and West Perth's Robbie West, all new to the WAFL this year, have settled in well, which has been reflected in their form in the opening three rounds of the Pepsi Cup.

When Claremont held off a gallant second-half charge by West Perth Falcons last Friday night, West was among the best players on the ground.

He impressed with his hard running, his ability to get the hard ball and share it around and his ability to get straight up from any crunches.

He copped a fierce bump in the second term and jumped straight up even though it must have rattled his bones.

In the same game, it was great to see Dean Laidley back in action after his knee reconstruction. Laidley has shown true-grit is his bid to regain full fitness.

Crows show sign of old Eagles

ONE couldn't help but see a lot of the early Eagles days in the Adelaide Crows style of football last Sunday.

While it has taken time to mould the Eagles AFL style of football, the same will naturally apply to the Crows.

But when they did get their game moving, they showed they will be a force in the competition.

It would be fair to say the Crows missed full-forward Scott Hodges and centreman Andrew Jarman, but coach Graham Cornes has a strong nucleus to work with and it is just a matter of working on specific aspects of his side's game.

Interesting to note the Crows kicked 9.11, the highest score the Eagles have had kicked against them this season.

with
IAN MILLER



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

Speed test

BRIAN Dawson, the Eagles fitness advisor, along with running coach Mark Neates, recently completed speed tests on all the players over 10 metres and 40 metres.

The biggest improvers on last year's results were skipper John Worsfold, Guy McKenna, Chris Lewis, Andrew Lockyer and Chris Waterman.

Demons reunion

THE Demons are flying high at present on top of the WAFL ladder which is a great start to 1991 for coach Ken Armstrong.

This Friday evening at Lathlain Park there will be a reunion dinner for past premiership players, coaches, life members, officials, Sandover Medalists and 100 goal-kickers.

The guest speaker is long-time club official Jack O'Dea.

Unfortunately, I'll be in Melbourne with the Eagles, but if it's anything like the premiership reunion of a few years back, it will be a great night with the odd laugh and a beer or two.

Hynes happy

ONE Eagle with a huge smile after last Sunday's win over the Crows was David Hynes, the only South Australian in the West Coast squad.

Hynes was happy that he gained the first-up points over his former opponents and Port Adelaide team-mates and he played a sound game at centre-half-back.

It has taken Hynes a little time to adjust to the Eagles style and AFL level, but he has adapted well and is a valuable acquisition to the club.

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Port pirates are coming

A comprehensive document on the establishment of a team in Fremantle will be finalised.

It is understood the report will recommend a team from Fremantle join the AFL for the 1993 season.

To assist Fremantle's smooth introduction into the tough national competition, the report is expected to recommend the immediate appointment of a coach and a general manager.

Early selection of club officials will assist in player recruitment and forming a sponsorship and membership foundation.

The current playing strength and financial viability of the West Coast Eagles is expected to be a major bargaining aspect supporting the committee's recommendation for the establishment of a new AFL team in this state.

BIG PROFIT

The Eagles made over \$1 million profit last year.

The club is expected again to operate at a large profit this season and is currently rated as outright premiers favourites for 1991.

The report, five months in production, will be tabled to the WA Football Commission on Friday.

A draft of the report was handed to Australian Football League chief executive Alan Schwabb two weeks ago.

Government appointed chairman David Hatt, leading football identities Mal Brown, Merv Cowan, Tom Stanage and Brian Ray and Eagles director Dwane Buckland, compiled the report at the request of the WAFC.

A press conference is scheduled for 10am next Tuesday when the future of another club operating in the West will be known.

By
KIM HAGDORN

That conference will have national interest.

Ailing Melbourne clubs — and their bank managers — will be licking their finger tips at the prospect of another financial injection from a new licence release.

Football fans and administrators Australia-wide will also be waiting for the prospect of eliminating the unsa-

voury bye arrangement, unavoidable in the current fixture format of 15 sides.

It is understood that opinions of the West Australian public has had a large bearing on the findings and recommendations of the committee findings.

Second team set to get go-ahead

A community survey is believed to have overwhelmingly called for an AFL match in Perth every weekend.

Last Sunday's 36,519 strong crowd and the sell-out at the WACA Ground two weeks ago for the match against North Melbourne strengthen the claim that the WA public want the best football available each week.

While attendances at local league matches have shown marked improvement this season, over the next three weeks when the Eagles play away from Perth, the football industry is missing the chance to attract overall crowds of around 60,000.

Next week's announcement is expected to recommend that the timing is right for the introduction of a second team and the public will support another side.

POLICY

Eagles officials have made clear their policy on another AFL team for some time.

The West Coast hierarchy are firmly in favour of a second side.

But the Eagles want Fremantle's introduction delayed as long as possible so as to further establish their roots in Perth and at Subiaco Oval.

With the public desire so strong for top quality football and the current viability of the WA Football League, the timing appears right for the introduction of Perth's new team.



The sign of surrender...or the sign of success. Goal umpire Frank Cetenich waves the white flags in front of the shoulder-to-shoulder crowd in what was obviously a rare occasion last Sunday -- an Adelaide Crows goal.

Eagles set new benchmark

BY recording their fourth successive victory, the Eagles have achieved their best start to a season.

In 1988, the Eagles won their first three games.

The two other unbeaten teams in the AFL, Essendon and Geelong, have also had their best starts for a number of seasons.

Essendon recorded four wins at the start of seasons 1986, 1985, 1975 and 1972, but if they win this week it will be the first time they have won their opening five games since 1968.

Geelong last won their first four games in 1983, but one has to go back to 1967 to find a year when they won more than four.

On the debit side, Brisbane have equalled their worst start of four losses, previously recorded in 1988. Fitzroy's four losses is their worst start since the 1976

Magpies record

REIGNING AFL premiers Collingwood have kept intact their record as one of the three clubs (Essendon and West Coast are the others) who have never lost to Brisbane.

However, Brisbane can take some consolation from the fact that their score of 14.9 (93) was their highest so far against the Magpies.

Less comforting for Brisbane would be the record versus Collingwood of the three clubs who joined the League in 1925.

Footscray and North Melbourne did not beat the Magpies till 1932, while Hawthorn did not do so till 1941, after 29 consecutive defeats and it was not till 1960 that the Hawks first won at Victoria Park.

TWO of the new clubs of 1925, Footscray and Hawthorn, clashed last Saturday and by winning, Footscray squared the ledger between them at 61 wins each.

What makes this interesting is that Hawthorn have

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been premiers eight times and runners-up five times, to Footscray's one premiership and one second.

WHEN Hawthorn play Fitzroy in Hobart this Sunday, they become the first club to have played a League game in every State of Australia.

Most clubs have played in four States. Hawthorn and Carlton chalked up their fifth State by playing in South Australia in the first two rounds of the season, while Fitzroy and Melbourne already have Tasmania to their credit, having played a League match in Hobart in 1952.

MELBOURNE'S amazing run of high scoring continues unabated.

In Round 2, they kicked their highest score against Fitzroy — 27.18 (180) to pass their previous highest of 24.23 (167) in 1978. In Round 4 they kicked their highest against Carlton — 23.17 (155) to surpass the 1955 tally of 20.15 (135).

And now in Round 5 versus North Melbourne they have equalled their record score against any club — 28.14 (182), which was also set against North Melbourne in 1986.

Melbourne's record highest score is lower than that of any club apart from Adelaide and Brisbane.

FORMER Eagles Joe Cormack and David O'Connell, in making League appearances for Fitzroy this season, have brought to nine the number of West Coast players who have gone on to play AFL football for other clubs.

The previous seven were Mark Zanotti, Alex Ishchenko and John Gastev (Brisbane), Wally Matera and Kevin Caton (Fitzroy), Darren Bennett (Melbourne) and Murray Wrensted (Collingwood).

Have you heard....

TALENTED young Sydney ruckman Gareth John has had surgery on a damaged throat after receiving a fractured larynx in a freak collision with Essendon's Simon Madden last Friday night. John, a son of former Perth forward Graeme John, collapsed in the change rooms after the incident and had trouble breathing before being rushed off to a Sydney hospital.

FOOTSCRAY'S victory over Hawthorn at Waverley was a repeat of their upset win over the Hawks last season. The 11-point win, orchestrated mainly by Footscray's favourite son Doug Hawkins kicking three goals in a forward-line role, was as much a shock as their three-goal win at the same ground in June last year.

FORMER Eagles big man David O'Connell is starting to pay his way with Fitzroy, even though he is having to earn his league games off the interchange bench. O'Connell was used to replace big ruckman Matthew Rendell in last Saturday's clash with Richmond and he picked up 11 hit-outs and four marks, eight kicks and four handballs in limited stints on the ground.

TOUGH Collingwood skipper Tony Shaw turned in an incredible game to help the Magpies get over the line against a tenacious Brisbane Bears side. The pocket dynamo picked up an amazing 50 possessions — 28 kicks and 22 handpasses. His second quarter 17-possession effort was almost as many touches as most players get in a full game.

RICHMOND forward Terry Keays proved once again that footballers can be "re-born" with a change of club. Richmond's No. 1 draft choice kicked five goals from full-forward to steer the Tigers to a thrilling win over Fitzroy and justify the club's decision to recruit him from Collingwood. Keays had played six senior games with the Magpies last year, but the 20-year-old was then dropped from their list.

FOOTSCRAY'S much-improved former Subiaco forward John Georgiades was a late withdrawal from last week's team that pulled off an upset win over Hawthorn. He pulled a hamstring muscle at training on the Friday night, but is hopeful of being fit for this week's tough clash with Adelaide.

Another stiff test for the Demons



WAFL football will be back to its crowd-drawing best at Claremont Oval on Saturday when the fairytale Perth Demons tackle the trendsetters of recent years in the Claremont Tigers.

Perth, who remain the only unbeaten side in the competition after three rounds of Pepsi Cup football, will have their new-found strength put to the test.

The Demons have beaten three of last season's finalists and only have one more side to go to show their supporters that they have made a total turnaround since last winter.

Perth showed that their first two wins of the year were no flukes when they came from behind in the last quarter to roll South Fremantle last Saturday, but the Claremont test on their home ground will be a lot tougher.

The Tigers gave a somewhat lacklustre performance against West Perth last Friday night, but with an extra day's rest and a rocket from coach Gerard Neesham, they will no doubt be geared for a big performance.

Tigers skipper Mark Hann, Darrell Panizza and Tony Evans will be looking to give the Tigers movement into the forward line and their main opposition from the Demons will come from Merv Kelly, Russell Thompson and John Clarkson, who will regain his place in the league side after a pre-season of indecision.

Demons coach Ken Armstrong will also be wary of Steve Malaxos, who last

Friday played a kick behind the play and picked up numerous possessions on the half-back line.

One of Neesham's major concerns will be how to counter Perth wizard Willie Dick, who has started the season in sensational form and last Saturday kicked six inspirational goals.

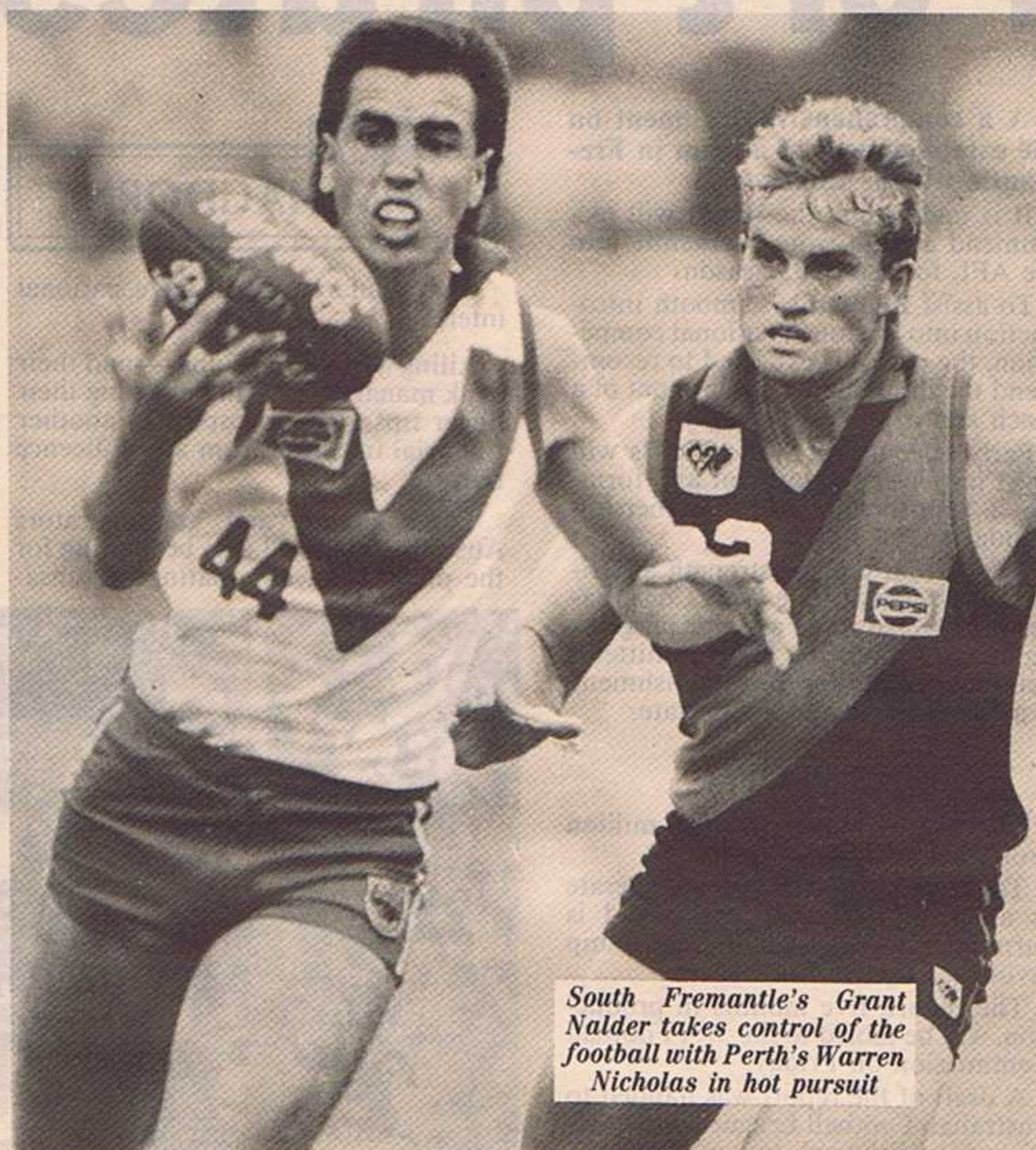
Royals must bounce back

SUBIACO and East Perth's twilight meeting at the WACA Ground in the second match of the Anzac Day double-header should see the Royals rebound after a round three loss to reigning premiers Swan Districts.

Though the Lions are coming off a crucial win at East Fremantle Oval, the Royals appear to boast too much talent around the ground for Hadyn Bunton's charges.

East Perth faltered against Swans and if they are to be true premiership contenders, they must be able to regroup.

Subiaco's Coburg recruit Rob Evans will be out to emulate Swans full-back Stephen O'Reilly's feat last weekend (when he kept Bartlett down to one goal) and the tussle should be an excellent one.



South Fremantle's Grant Nalder takes control of the football with Perth's Warren Nicholas in hot pursuit

Sharks under fire

A BELEAGUED East Fremantle will need to put the off-field turmoil of the past week behind them and concentrate on their football future when they take on West Perth at the WACA Ground, rather appropriately, on Anzac Day.

The win-less Sharks have been under fire since the season-opener and they will have to bring out all salvos if they are to taste their first success by shooting down West Perth, a side without a win, but who improved with a better showing against Claremont underlights last Friday night.

The first match of the Anzac Day double-header at the WACA Ground will be the Falcons second game on the home of cricket in less than a week and they will again be looking for another big performance from ruckman Craig Nelson.

Swans look too good for Souths

SWAN Districts, fresh from an important win over East Perth, will take on a desperate South Fremantle at Bassendean on Saturday in what should be a high standard game of football.

The Bulldogs were distraught at losing their second game of the year against Perth last weekend, after clawing their way into the lead late in the final term.

Coach Steve Hargrave knows he cannot afford to let other sides slip away from his Bulldogs and establish themselves in the top five, even at this early stage of the season.

The Bulldogs have a good record at

Bassendean and the return of ruckman Craig Edwards from the reserves after injury will give the side a much-needed boost.

South Fremantle's defensive unit will know it has played a game of football as it battles to stop the goal-kicking talents of Troy Ugle, Kevin Caton and Brendon Retzlaff.

The clash of the day could be between veteran Swans defender Murray Rance and South Fremantle trump card Glen Jakovich, who looks threatening every time he gets his hands on the football.

Swans coach John Todd may choose to match Jakovich with younger legs and in that case, in-form defender Steven Eaton will probably get the job.

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Westside Football's betting guide

FOOTY SCOOP

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FOOTBALL TOP SCORE

Footy Scoop — where you aim to pick the winners on this week's football card in a choice of three different pools. Simply mark H for a home winner or A for away win.

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Top Score — just pick the winning team in the two games nominated by an asterisk (*) and guess their score.

Radio 6PR commentator and horse-breeding fan Percy Johnson has come up with these selections for this weekend's football betting:



Thursday, April 25
East Frem v West Perth (1)
Subiaco v East Perth (2)
Collingwood v Melbourne (6)
N.Melbourne v Sydney Swans (7)

H EF 22-24pts
A EP 16-18pts
A Melb 32-34pts
A SS 10-12pts

Saturday, April 27
Swan Dist v South Frem (3)
*Claremont v Perth (4)
*Geelong v West Coast (5)
Carlton v St Kilda (8)
Brisbane v Essendon (9)

H SD 16-18pts
A Pth 13-15pts
A Eagles 19-21pts
A StKilda 16-18pts
A Essendon 10-12pts

Sunday, April 28
Fitzroy v Hawthorn (10)
Adelaide v Footscray (11)
(1-11 Footy Scoop numbers)

A Hawthorn 47-49pts
A Footscray 19-21pts

Perth 115pts
Eagles 135pts

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W-Win, L-Loss, B-Bye, D-Draw
(figures in brackets represent winning/losing margins)

BRISBANE: B, L(46), L(57), L(102), L(22)
CARLTON: B, W(23), W(57), L(45), L(37)
COLLINGWOOD: W(60), L(27), W(59), D, W(22)
ADELAIDE: W(86), L(23), W(24), L(45), L(65)
EAGLES: W(79), W(27), B, W(72), W(65)
ESSENDON: B, W(4), W(73), W(45), W(31)
FITZROY: B, L(131), L(59), L(16), L(24)
FOOTSCRAY: L(60), B, L(49), W(16), W(11)
GEELONG: B, W(26), W(49), W(102), W(37)
HAWTHORN: L(86), W(91), W(57), B, L(11)
MELBOURNE: L(79), W(131), L(9), W(45), W(70)
NORTH MELB: B, W(46), L(73), L(72), L(70)
RICHMOND: L(25), L(4), L(57), L(37), W(24)
ST KILDA: W(25), L(26), W(9), D, B
SYDNEY: B, L(91), L(24), W(37), L(31)

WAFL FORM GUIDE

W-Win, L-Loss (figures in brackets represent winning/losing margins)

CLAREMONT: L(9), W(62), W(16)
EAST FREMANTLE: L(73), L(42), L(56)
EAST PERTH: W(125), W(64), L(21)
PERTH: W(73), W(45), W(8)
SOUTH FREMANTLE: L(125), W(42), L(8)
SUBIACO: W(30), L(62), W(56)
SWANS: W(9), L(45), W(21)
WEST PERTH: L(30), L(64), L(16)

Pressure tactics could tell story



THE West Coast Eagles could be victims of their own efficiency when they tackle Geelong in a top-of-the-table clash at Waverley on Saturday.

Undefeated after five rounds and four games, the Eagles have not been under pressure late in any game and that could tell against them this week.

There were some dangerous signs in the dying stages of their last two games when they failed to bury the opposition when they had them on the ropes.

Against North Melbourne at the WACA Ground a fortnight ago, they were unproductive in the last term, despite a 12-goal victory and again last Sunday they let the Adelaide Crows grab some scoreboard respectability after completely out-playing them.

The Crows kicked the last three goals of the game and the Eagles did not convert in the last 12 minutes of action.

It might seem super critical after the way the Eagles have demolished the opposition at the start of the season, but it would appear to be the only flaw in their performances.

OPPOSITION

This week they can expect tougher opposition from Geelong and it will be interesting to see how they perform in the clinches.

Coach Mick Malthouse probably drummed that point into his players as he attempts to keep their feet planted on the ground as they prepare for another tough assignment.

It will be the first of three away games for the Eagles and they face some tough sides, so it's imperative they deal with the Cats on a ground which is not unfamiliar to them, Waverley.

After the Geelong game, the Eagles play Hawthorn and Essendon and it is the next three weeks that the story of the Eagles prospects for 1991 could be told.

Other than the impressive victory

against Collingwood, the Eagles have played all their matches at home and it would seem a tough assignment.

Geelong have made a marked improvement since they made only token competition for the Eagles in a practice match.

They have picked up a great deal in midfield drive through the return of Mark Bairstow and with a few of their key position players in great touch they are looking good.

When the Eagles were brushing aside Adelaide at Subiaco Oval, the Cats were out-playing Carlton.

Gavin Exell took over from where Bill Brownless left off from his 11-goal haul against Brisbane, with a five-goal effort and Barry Stoneham continued his fine form.

The Cats are strong in their goal-to-goal line and the Eagles will need more out of centre-half-back David Hynes and centre-half-forward Craig McGrath if they are to retain their unbeaten record.

As well, Geelong have a healthy band of midfield runners.

Apart from Bairstow, Brownlow Medallist Paul Couch, forward Stephen Hocking, Spiro Malakellis and Ken Hinkley are capable of causing problems.

It will be interesting to see which players Malthouse uses in tagging roles for this clash.

Dwayne Lamb, Don Pyke and John Worsfold all have appeal as negators of class and that would allow players of the calibre of Chris Mainwaring, Peter Matera, Brett Heady, Adrian Barich and Craig Turley to continue their free-running roles.

ATTACK

The Eagles were brilliant in attack last week, with Karl Langdon and Heady complementing Sumich, who is averaging just under six goals a game and is well on target for the magical 100-goal mark.

Sumich will again be the key to the Eagles' attacking football and Austin McCrabb, one of Geelong's best last

week, could be assigned the task of curbing one of the AFL's most prolific goalscorers.

The Eagles should enjoy the opportunity to play this game at Waverley and there is nothing to suggest they cannot scale this hurdle.

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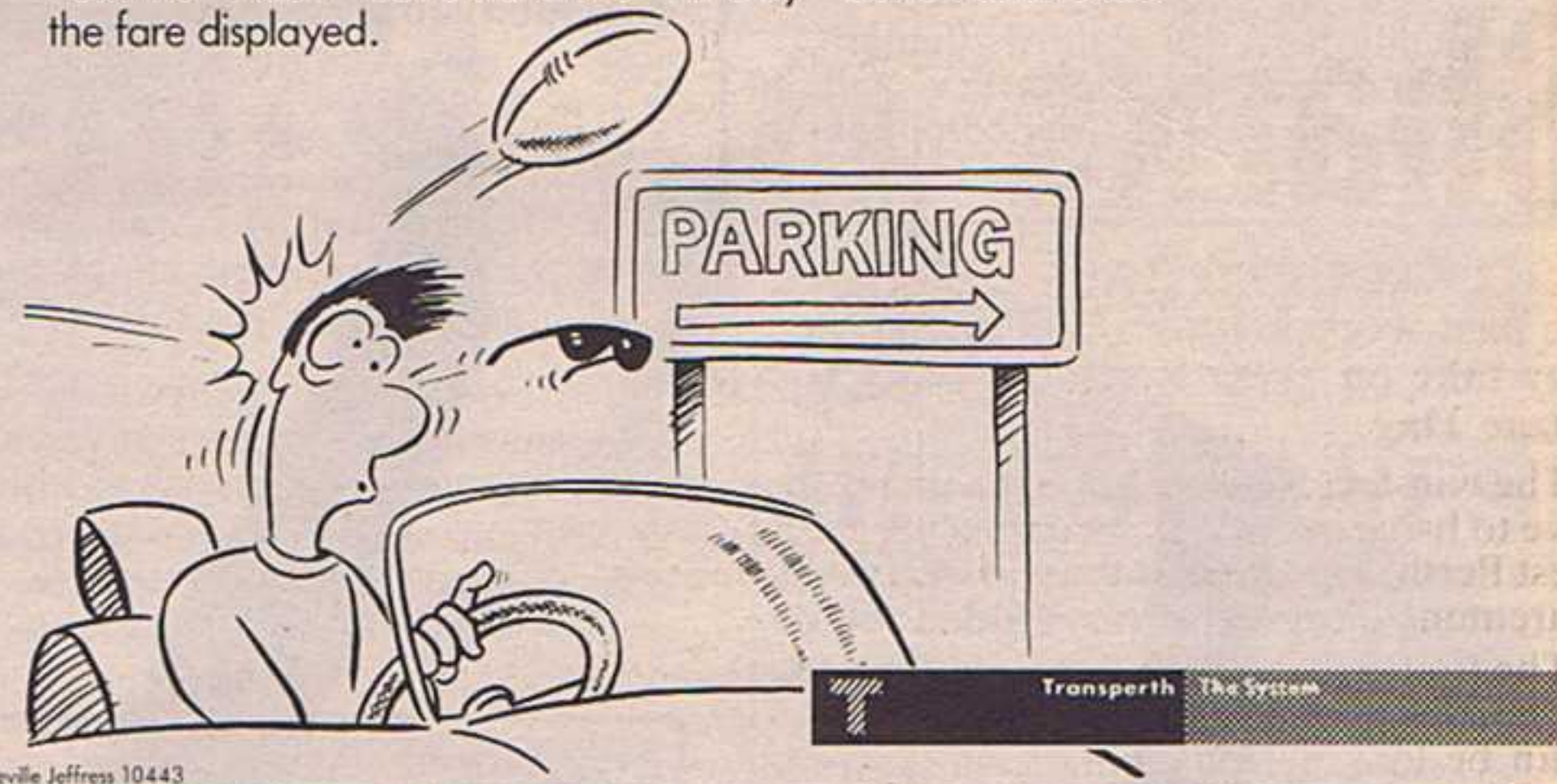
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| RON ALEXANDER | 27 | Collingwood | North Melb. | West Coast | St Kilda | Essendon | Hawthorn | Adelaide | W. Perth | E. Perth | Claremont | Swans |
| TANIA ARMSTRONG | 34 | Collingwood | North Melb. | West Coast | Carlton | Essendon | Hawthorn | Adelaide | W. Perth | E. Perth | Perth | Swans |
| ROBERT BENNETT | 32 | Melbourne | North Melb. | West Coast | Carlton | Essendon | Hawthorn | Adelaide | W. Perth | Subiaco | Claremont | Swans |
| PETER BOSUSTOW | 31 | Collingwood | North Melb. | West Coast | Carlton | Essendon | Hawthorn | Adelaide | W. Perth | E. Perth | Perth | Swans |
| ROBBIE BURNS | 32 | Collingwood | North Melb. | West Coast | Carlton | Essendon | Hawthorn | Adelaide | E. Frem. | E. Perth | Claremont | Swans |
| GLENN CORDINGLEY | 24 | Collingwood | North Melb. | West Coast | Carlton | Essendon | Hawthorn | Adelaide | W. Perth | E. Perth | Claremont | Swans |
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| IAN MILLER | 30 | Collingwood | North Melb. | West Coast | Carlton | Essendon | Hawthorn | Adelaide | W. Perth | E. Perth | Claremont | Swans |
| KEN PIESSE | 26 | Collingwood | North Melb. | West Coast | Carlton | Essendon | Hawthorn | Adelaide | E. Frem. | E. Perth | Perth | Swans |
| GARY STOCKS | 29 | Collingwood | North Melb. | West Coast | Carlton | Essendon | Hawthorn | Adelaide | E. Frem. | E. Perth | Claremont | Swans |
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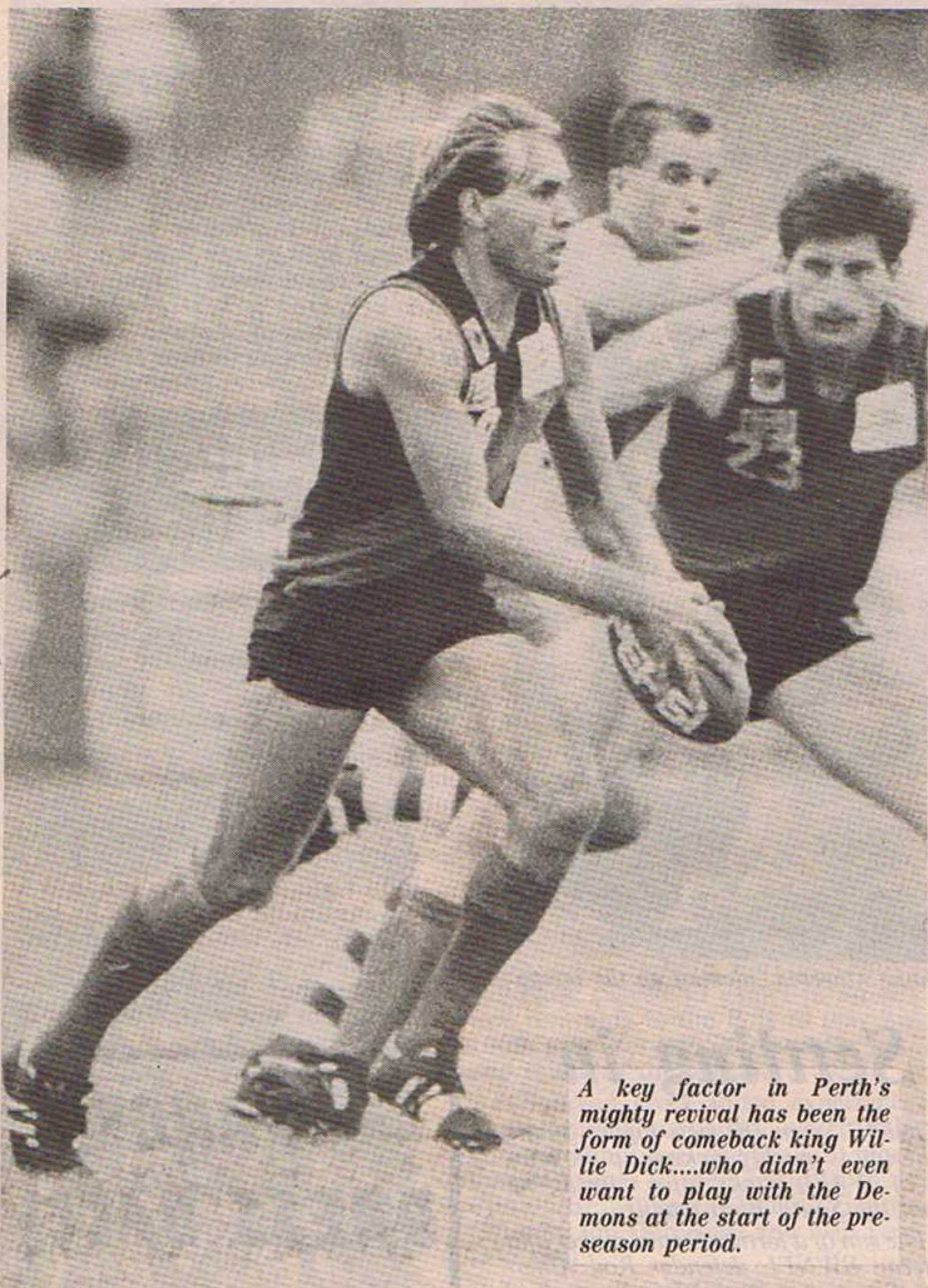
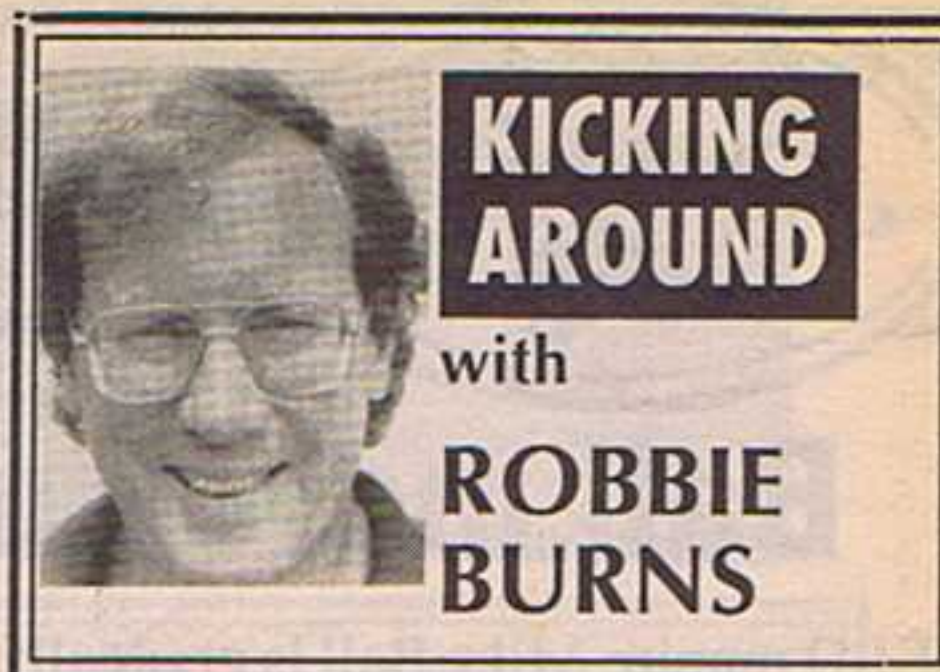
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A key factor in Perth's mighty revival has been the form of comeback king Willie Dick...who didn't even want to play with the Demons at the start of the pre-season period.

Dick's change of mind was so easy

CLAREMONT fans could have a double reason for regretting Ken Armstrong's appointment as coach of Perth late last year.

The Tigers face the new glamour team of the Pepsi Cup competition this Saturday, in what should be a magnificent showdown at Claremont Oval — a clash that will give an even greater indication of the Demons potential.

If the Demons come through with their unbeaten record intact, there is a fair chance their brilliant ruck-rover Willie Dick will have been a major factor in that win.

And this is where the Tigers double-negative regarding Armstrong will come into place.

Had it not been for Armstrong's appointment at Lathlain Park, Dick would almost certainly have been running onto Claremont Oval this week in a Tigers guernsey.

The former State back-pocket player quit the Demons at the end of the 1989 season and played at his home town of Goomalling last year. But he was enticed to Claremont at the end of last year and looked certain to play with the Tigers.

That was till Armstrong made his move.

"I was disturbed at the number of talented senior players drifting away from the club," said Armstrong. "I contacted Willy in the hope of enticing him to return and set up a meeting with him, fully prepared for a negative response."

"I was delighted that I didn't have to use any of the arguments I had prepared — he just agreed immediately to return to Perth."

INSPIRATIONAL

In the opening three Pepsi Cup games, he has been an inspirational player and his six-goal performance against South Fremantle was one of the most spectacular individual efforts seen in the WAFL in recent seasons.

"Even in our big years in the 1970s, I don't think I have seen a player excite the crowd to the extent Willie did last Saturday," Armstrong said.

"Five of his six goals were lifting goals that normally would not be kicked."

"He has a touch of magic that Perth has been missing in recent times — he has creative flair that sets him apart from others. I suppose his seasons in defence has made him a tougher and more accomplished all-round footballer who is prepared to do the hard work, both on the training track and in matches."

Forgotten Warwick is back again

DEAN Warwick, one of the forgotten men of the football world, is back getting kicks again.

The talented midfielder slipped into obscurity after being dropped off the Eagles list at the end of 1987 because of a recurring knee injury.

Warwick did not get to play an official VFL game and little has been heard of the former West Perth wingman since then.

But he bobbed up with an outstanding game for Sunday Football League club Kenwick in the opening game of the season against Thornlie.

His performance in the centre helped the Royals to a first-up win and on that effort, his name should keep coming up in the strong Sunday competition.

Medal votes

If the old Daily News Farmer Medal was operating this year, this is how the votes from the Eagles-Adelaide Crows game would have gone: Brett Heady 5, Peter Sumich 4, Dwayne Lamb 3, Chris Mainwaring 2, Don Pyke 1.

Gandini keen to kick on

FORMER Swan Districts centreman Len Gandini has been keeping a low-profile since he severed connections with the club after a vocal half-time row with coach John Todd two weeks ago.

The talented, but volatile centreman has indicated he is keen to play league football again before this season is through — but not with Swans.

Reports filtering out of the club say there is no hope of a Todd-Gandini reconciliation following the trade union official's newspaper comments about not being able to 'trust' his old coach.

Gandini did turn a few heads when he fronted up in the Swans changerooms during the reserves match at Perth Oval last week — but Todd wasn't anywhere in sight!

Gandini is expected to sit out of football for a few weeks till after the birth of his first child in the near future. But then he will start looking around for a game of football.

Tribunal move a worry

THE chairman of the WA Football Commission tribunal, Trevor O'Sullivan, has set an awkward precedent by removing the media from a hearing involving South Fremantle trainer Graham Rafferty.

Rafferty, a policeman, faced misconduct charges arising from last week's game assault and the tribunal was closed to the media on the grounds of Rafferty's profession.

The fact that the Bulldogs trainer is a police sergeant should be totally irrelevant to the tribunal.

The majority of people on the wrong end of reports are less than pleased at having their misdemeanors advertised by the media — unless a bloke is a bouncer in a night club, it's not going to be the greatest boost to his career.

So from this point there, is a strong case for other individuals reported to request the same privilege afforded to Rafferty.

Bartlett kept under wraps

SWANS defender Stephen O'Reilly is a young player with a big future — just ask Royals full-forward Glen Bartlett.

And it will be a surprise if the 18-year-old full-back is not high on the list of AFL draftees, come November.

The tall and strongly-built former Esperance player, a member of WA's Teal Cup team in 1989, was given the job of stopping the high-marking Bartlett and he succeeded where others this season have failed.

Bartlett, last year's leading WAFL goalkicker, went into the game with 16 goals from two games, but managed just one major against the close-checking teenager — and that was the result of a free kick.

Even considering the ankle injury taken into the game by Bartlett, it was an outstanding performance by a player who will frustrate a lot of other top-line forwards over the coming years.

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THE reasons for East Fremantle's disastrous start to the season — on the field — were never better spelled out than in the final quarter against Subiaco on Saturday.

Lions centre-half-forward Rod Willet received three free kicks within easy distance of goal — the result of careless play by a frustrated and undisciplined Sharks defence.

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Ball moves up the ladder

FIELD umpire Mike Ball is gradually regaining form and fitness and hopes to shortly be back in the AFL arena after an injury-interrupted pre-season.

But in the meantime, he has a milestone coming up, with just one more game needed to elevate him into second position on the WA list of games-umpired.

Last week he officiated in the East Perth-Swan Districts clash to record his 275th senior game, including 45 in the national arena, to equal the figure established by Ross Capes.

The legendary Ray Montgomery holds the WA record of 308 games.

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- 48 Mark Bayliss (South Frem) *
- 48 Peter Quill (East Frem)
- 48 Shane Cable (Subiaco) *
- 48 Billy Krakouer (East Frem) *
- 47 Peter Higgins (East Frem) *
- 47 Dean Kemp (Subiaco) *
- 47 Troy Ugle (Swan Dist)
- 47 Tony Evans (Claremont) *

* Denotes games played with more than one club as follows: Mark Bayliss 44 South Frem, 4 Collingwood; Shane Cable 12 Subiaco, 35 Perth, 1 Eagles; Billy Krakouer 32 East Frem, 16 Claremont; Peter Higgins 48 Claremont, 1 East Fremantle; Dean Kemp 23 Subiaco, 24 Eagles; Tony Evans 45 Claremont, 2 Eagles.

100 GAMES

- 99 Rod Grljusich (South Frem) *
- 99 Todd Broman (Subiaco)
- 98 Cliff Collard (South Frem)
- 97 Murray Rance (Eagles) *
- 97 Kevin Caton (Swan Dist) *
- 96 Wayne Dayman (West Perth)

* Denotes the tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Rod Grljusich 48 Perth, 51 South Fremantle; Murray Rance 40 Footscray, 57 Eagles; Kevin Caton 79 Swan Dist, 1 Eagles, 9 Fitzroy, 8 Bears.

150 GAMES

- 149 Brent Hutton (Swan Dist) *
- 148 Steve Malaxos (Clare)
- 147 Phil Scott (Subiaco) *
- 145 Len Gandini (Swan Dist) *

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Brent Hutton 136 Swan Districts, 13 Eagles; Phil Scott 81 Subiaco, 66 Eagles; Len Gandini 52 Swan Districts, 92 Perth, 1 Melbourne.

200 GAMES

- 198 Shane Ellis (East Frem) *
- 183 Darrell Panizza (Claremont)

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Shane Ellis 188 East Fremantle, 10 Eagles.

250 GAMES

- 240 David Palm (West Perth) *
- 239 Dean Turner (East Perth) *

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: David Palm 74 West Perth, 62 Norwood, 104 Richmond; Dean Turner 129 East Perth, 56 Eagles, 54 Fitzroy.

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Tough games winning the crowds back

THE high-quality football being displayed by WAFL teams in the opening three rounds is certainly dragging the fans back through the turnstiles.

Good revival efforts by Perth — unbeaten after three games — and East Perth, with two wins before last week's loss, has seen an upsurge in attendances, with those two clubs featuring prominently in the crowd stakes.

The first 12 WAFL games have attracted a total attendance of 52,871 people — or a healthy average of 4405 per game.

Several of WA's experienced media men have confidently declared that the football being played at WAFL level this season is the highest quality for six or seven years.

FIERCE GAME

Mal Brown, in his role on ABC radio, felt that some of the passages of player in Saturday's East Perth-Swan Districts match were as fierce and classy as some bygone years.

"There's nothing about this game that you couldn't reminisce about in the good old days," he said.

Keith Slater, an experienced ABC commentator, felt that the Perth-South Fremantle match was as good a game as he had seen in many years. The ABC-TV commentators Trevor Jenkins, Wally Foreman and Barry Cable rated that clash as one of the best for years.

Tough competition, close results and an increasing number of quality players will continue to help the WAFL stabilise and become the best competition outside of the AFL arena.

When you consider that the three AFL games in Perth so far this season have attracted crowds of 26,000, 28,000 and last Sunday's near-record 36,500, then it's obvious the game is in a healthy state.

QUIZ NIGHT

THE Perth Football Club is holding a quiz night on Wednesday, May 1 with all proceeds going to the Demons plight campaign. People interested can roll up to the Lathlain Park social hall at 7.30pm. For bookings phone Gill Grant on 362 4499 or buy your seats at the door.

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Shane Atherton...picking up the tempo

Settling in

ROOKIE Swan Districts tagger Shane Atherton is quickly picking up the tempo of WAFL ranks after coming up from the South West league.

The son of a former Swans player and veteran SWNFL defender Rod Atherton, Shane has warmed to the task of minding rival little men and his display against East Perth was full of merit.

Shane's opening-game debut was a tentative one, but coach John Todd has persisted with him on a half-back flank or wherever his little-man opponent goes.

"I'm gradually adjusting to the tempo and learning how to play the tagging role," said Atherton after keeping a close eye on Royals rovers Andrew Slade and Peter Miller.

Shane's brother Darren has also taken up residence at Bassendean Oval after both players were cleared from East Perth, where they were tied via country zoning.

Trophy shared

DASHING East Perth utility player George Giannakis is never one to accept trophies or accolades when his team has been beaten, regardless of how well he has played himself. On Saturday, after the Royals lost to Swan Districts, Giannakis accepted a best-player trophy...and promptly donated it to the club's hard-working trainers in appreciation of their services to the team.

McCulloch's tribute

DEFEATED East Perth coach Ian McCulloch believes that his team will learn a lot from the pressure tactics applied by an impressive Swan Districts last Saturday.

McCulloch had plenty to contemplate as the Royals two-game winning bubble was burst with a 21-point victory by Swans...and he paid tribute to his coaching rival.

"John Todd is the best coach in WA and Swans are the best team," he told members at the after-match presentation.

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Mike Richardson gears up for local comeback

FORMER West Australian, Swan Districts and AFL star Mike Richardson is on the verge of a comeback to league football.

Richardson is contemplating his future and deciding whether to resume playing with Swans or launch a new career at East Perth.

Richardson, 30, has met with Swans coach John Todd and Royals boss Ian McCulloch in the past two weeks to discuss his playing future.

Richardson, who played 84 senior games with Swans before embarking on his AFL career, had a lunch time meeting with Todd in the middle of last week.

Richardson said this week he is undecided on what to do, but wants to make a decision as soon as possible.

CONTRIBUTE

"I am enjoying watching football now, but it's fair to say I'm keen to play or contribute in some way to a club," Richardson confessed this week.

"With a view to perhaps playing again, I have stepped up my training and I don't think I'm far off match fitness.

"From a business viewpoint, being involved in a club would be helpful to a few matters I have recently put in place."

Richardson said he has now fully recovered from the side-effects of minor surgery he underwent last January, when a knee operation to trim floating bone turned sour.

An infection cost the hard-running midfielder nine kilograms in weight.

Richardson would be an asset to either Swans or East Perth in their 1991 premierships bids and a charismatic character for the local competition.

A highly-paid, high-profiled footballer for the past decade and a member of Swans 1982 premierships team under Todd, Richardson is tempted to complete his illustrious playing career alongside twin-brother Steve.

Steve Richardson has become an integral part of East Perth's midfield drive and the club's aspirations of end-

By **KIM HAGDORN**



Mike Richardson... heading for a comeback

ing a 13-year premierships drought later this season.

However, the lure of finishing at Bassendean, where he has shared a close affinity with Todd, is just as tempting.

SUCCESS

Richardson, one of the most skilful followers elevated from WA into AFL ranks over the past two decades, freely attributes much of his football success to his early learning days under Todd.

Richardson played 156 AFL games with Collingwood, Essendon and the Bears before retiring at the end of last season.

On arrival back into Perth a month ago, the blond pin-up ruck-rover indicated he would remain in retirement.

But following enthusiastic approaches from both Swans and the Royals, he now looks sure to be back in action in the near future.

It's a question of where.

Lions need killer instinct

SUBIACO coach Haydn Bunton was pleased with his side's victory over East Fremantle last week, but he feels that the Lions still lack a killer instinct.

"We had them on the ropes and should have finished a lot stronger," he said. "But we are happy with the four points."

"I'm extremely happy with the performances of young players Glen Coyle, Andrew Grieve, Fintan Maguire and, in particular, Cory Young."

The efforts of Bill Monaghan, Steven Lester and Rod Willet also heartened the Subiaco coach.

The only dampener on the day for Subiaco was a foot injury suffered by West Coast ruckman Phil Scott, who left the ground in the third quarter and was on crutches on Sunday.

High-flier

THERE were smiles on the faces of the South Fremantle hierarchy on Saturday as Kelmscott recruit Mark Spilsbury gave the Demons defence the run-around early in the game at Lathlain Park.

Spilsbury, a Sunday League Bowden Medallist who was snared from Perth territory pre-season, took three sensational marks on the back of Perth defenders Scott Spalding and Neil Brown, a former Sunday League opponent with Kalamunda.

Spilsbury's athletic ability makes him a danger man when the ball is delivered deep and high into the forward line.

To coach Steve Hargrave's delight, he capped off his sure marking with good kicking for goals and finished the game with five majors, two in the first quarter and one in each of the following terms.



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Welcome back

PERTH State player John Clarkson made a welcome return to Lathlain Park last Saturday when he lined up on a half-back flank in the reserves clash against South Fremantle.

Clarkson had not played a full game of football since the last practice match of pre-season — when he pulled on an East Fremantle guernsey in anticipation of a season with the Sharks.

The Demons made it tough for Clarkson to switch clubs and when his case was turned down by WAFL arbitrator Brian Sierakowski, Perth put former champion Barry Cable on the job and he persuaded him back to Lathlain Park.

Though he had missed two weekends of football action, Clarkson would have been a late inclusion in the league team if young wingman Tim Lester failed an 11th-hour fitness test on Saturday morning.

As it was, Lester played a full game and Clarkson lined up in the winning Perth reserves side and received loud applause from the packed Demons social club when he took the stage to collect an award at the post-match presentations.

Footy pays Anzac Day tribute

WEST Australian football paid tribute to all servicemen and women between games at the Anzac Day double-header at the WACA Ground on Thursday.

A ceremony titled 'football remembers' in the centre of the ground saw club captains and West Coast Eagles players assemble alongside Little

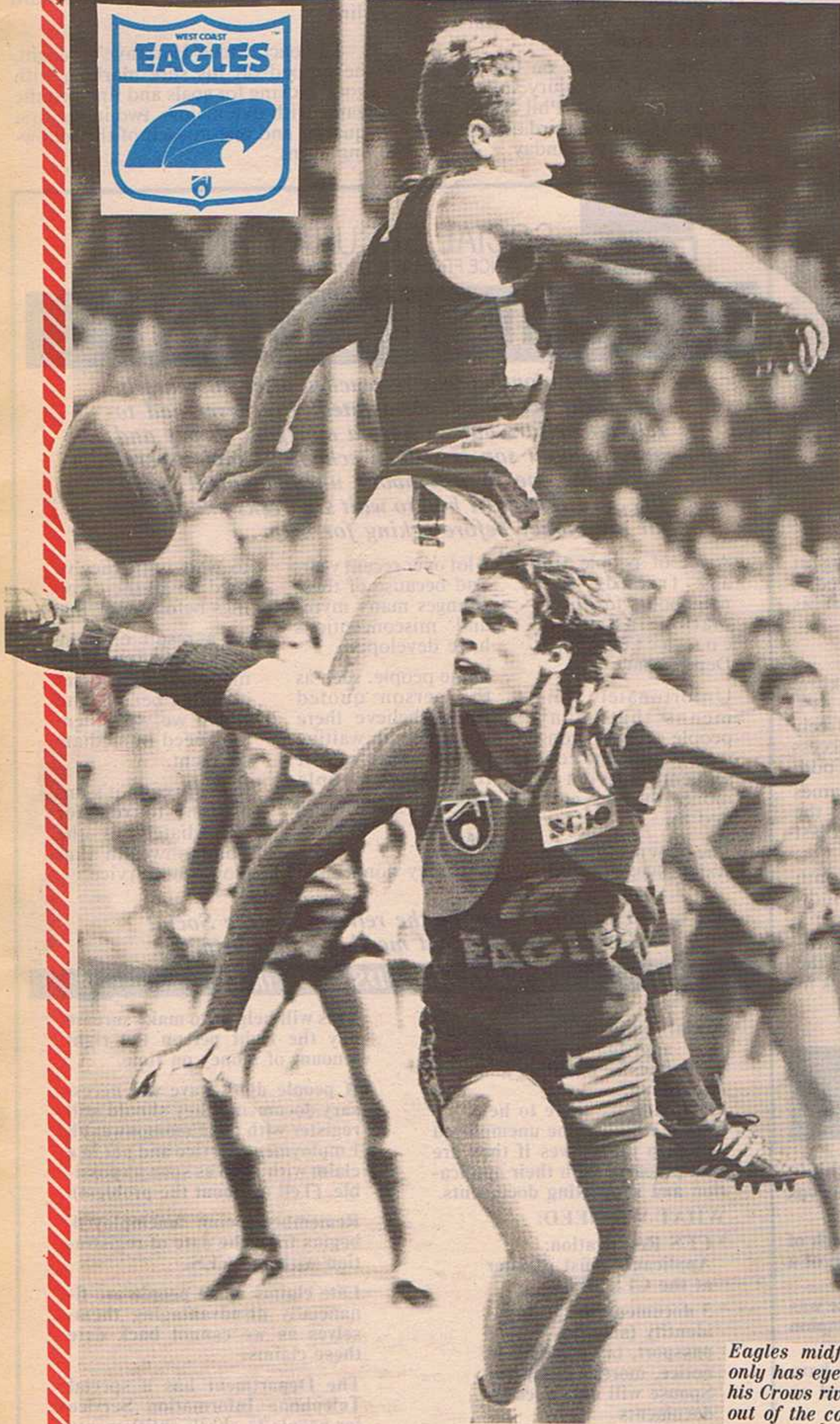
League players to salute past footballers who left the game to serve their country.

The City of Perth pipe band and the Perth Ladies Highland pipe band provided the music backdrop to the ceremony and 'Ode to the Fallen' was read by ex-serviceman Jack Sweet, a past East Perth captain and Subiaco captain/coach.

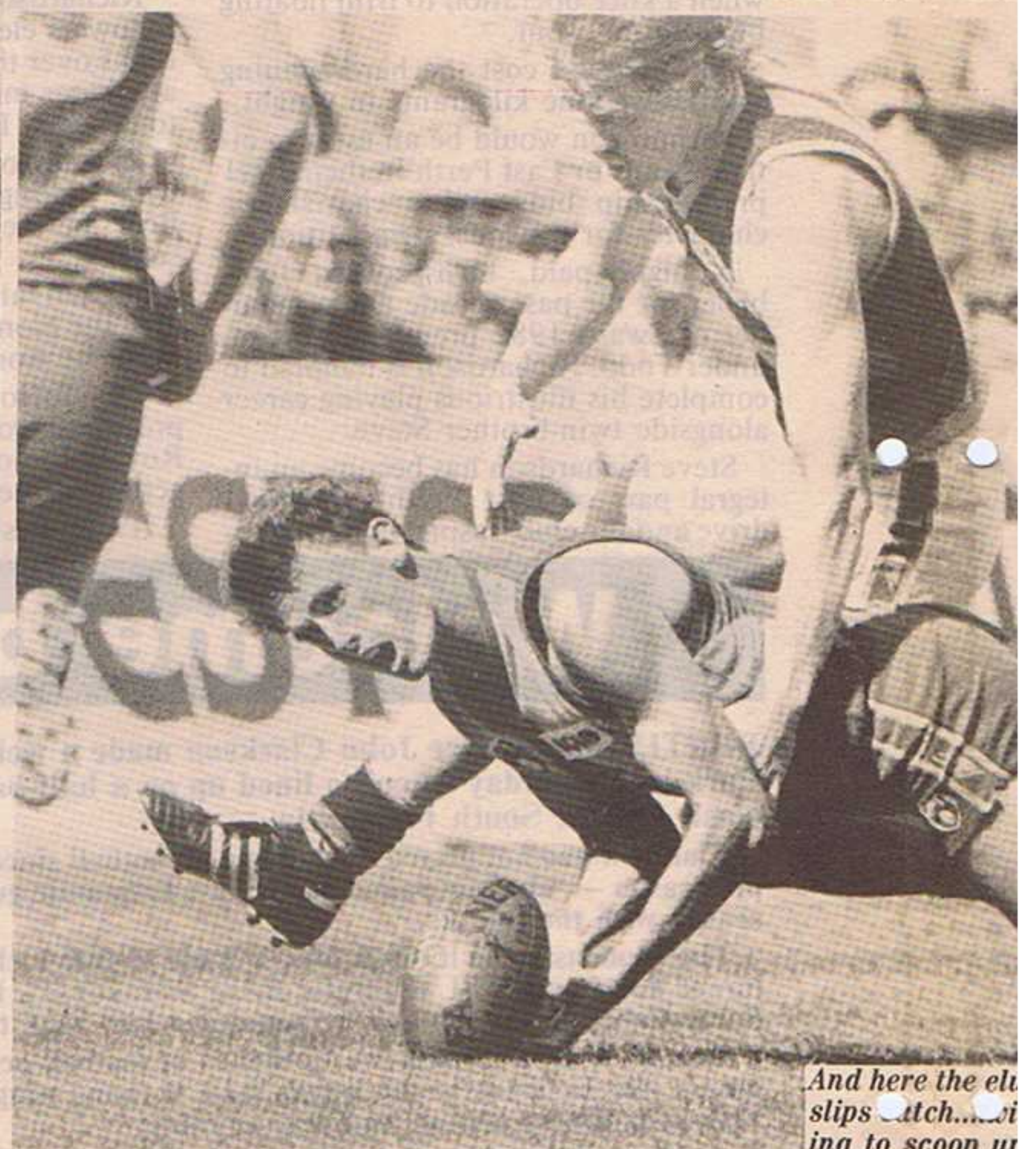
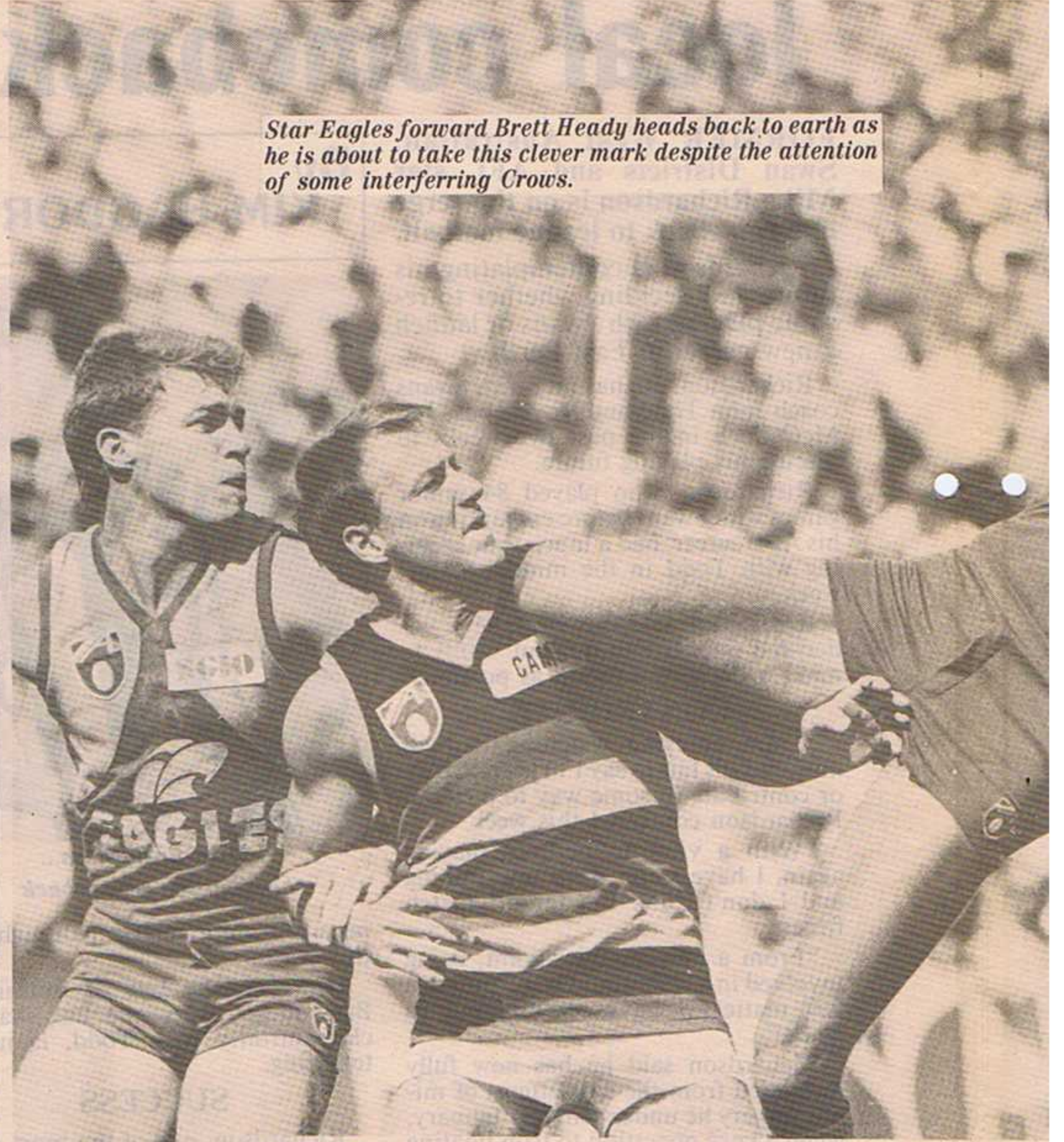


The ups...

Star Eagles forward Brett Heady heads back to earth as he is about to take this clever mark despite the attention of some interfering Crows.



Eagles midfielder Craig Turley only has eyes for the football as his Crows rival Nigel Smart sails out of the contest.



And here the elite slips, catching up to scoop up.



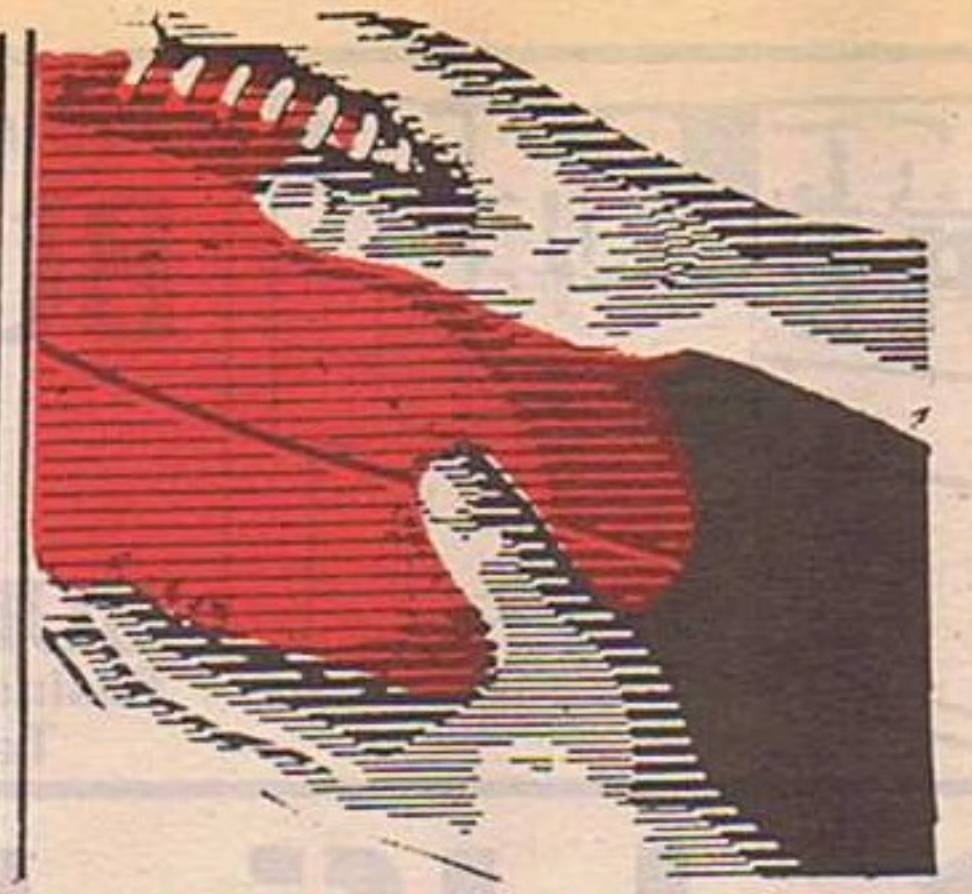
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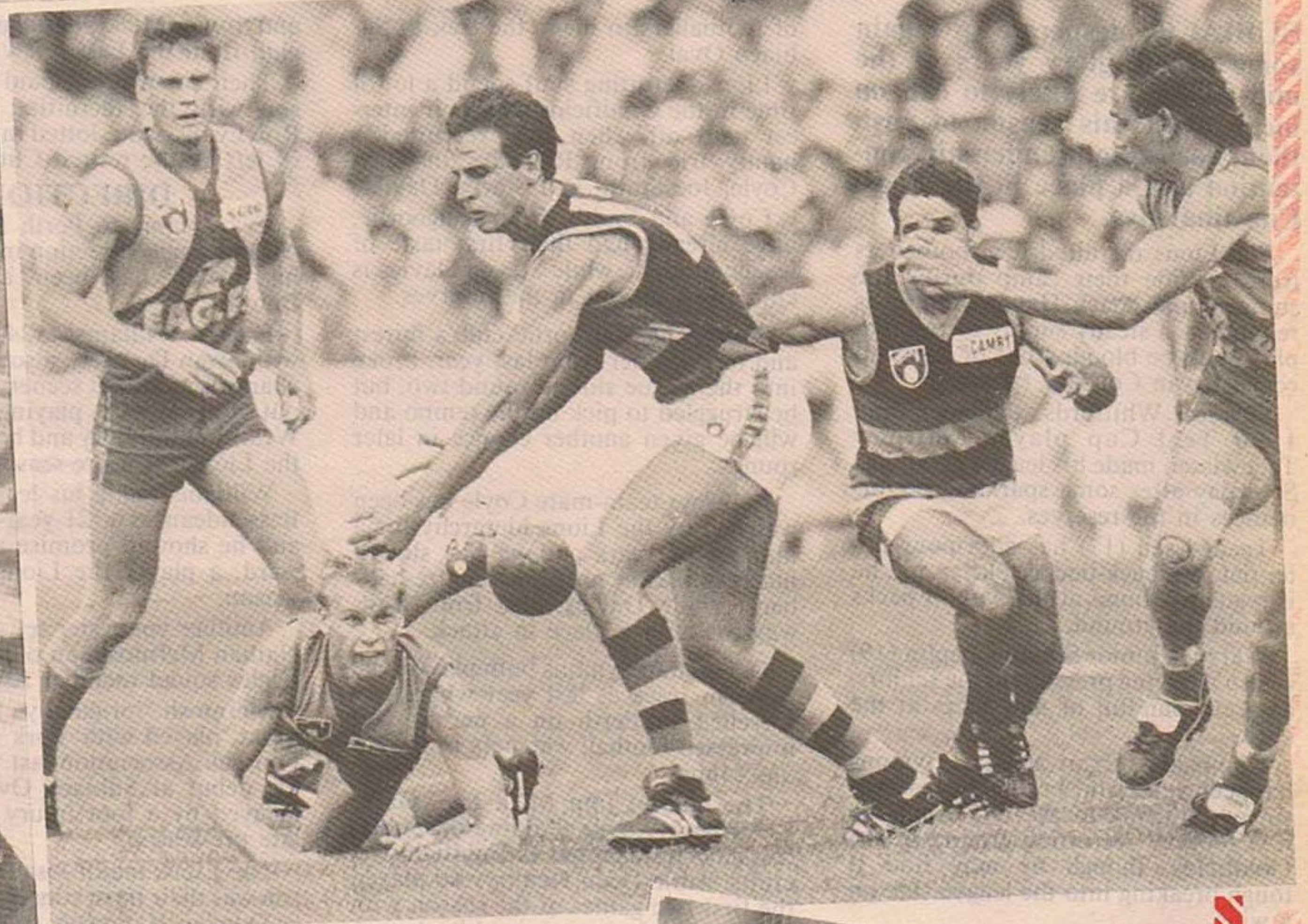
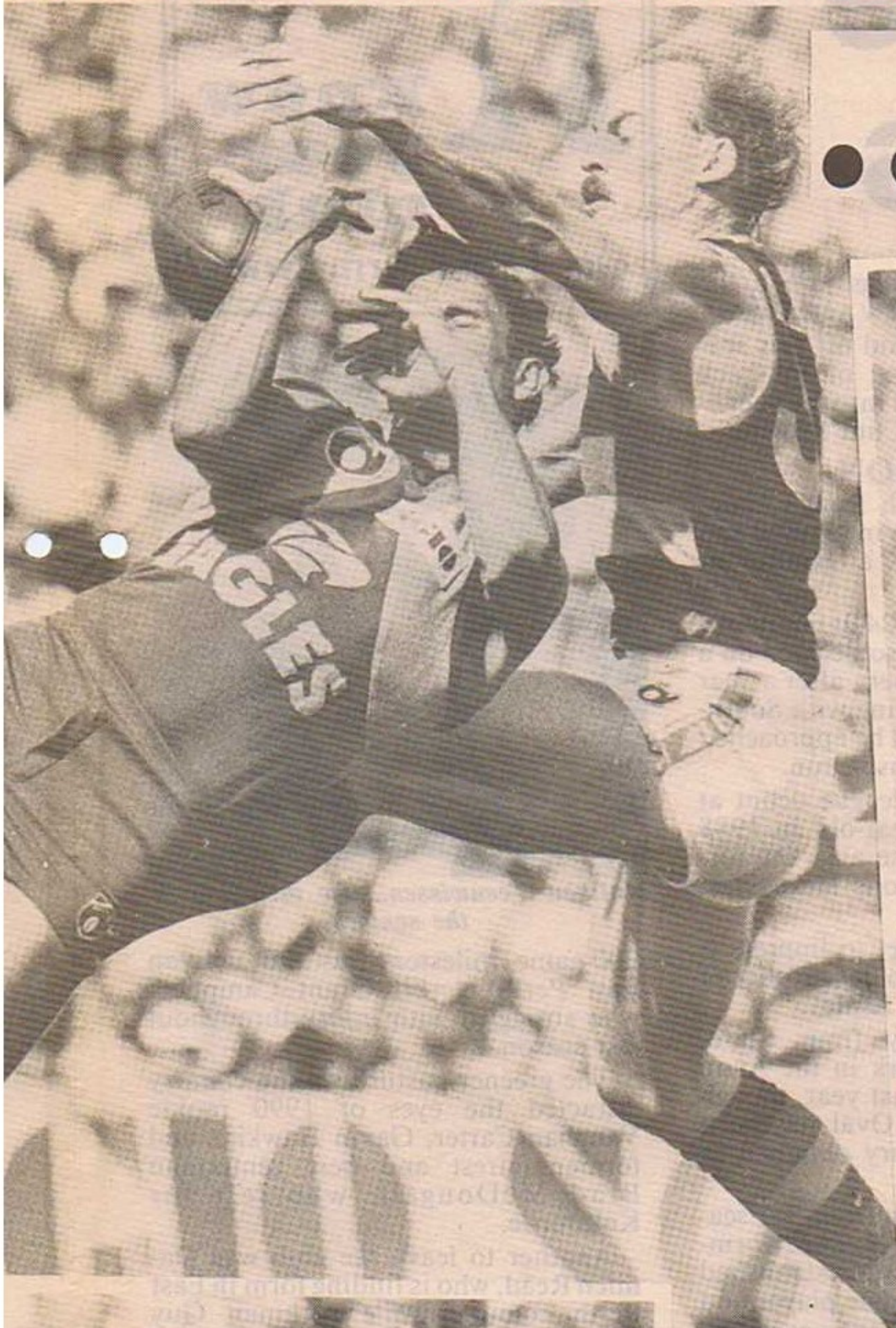
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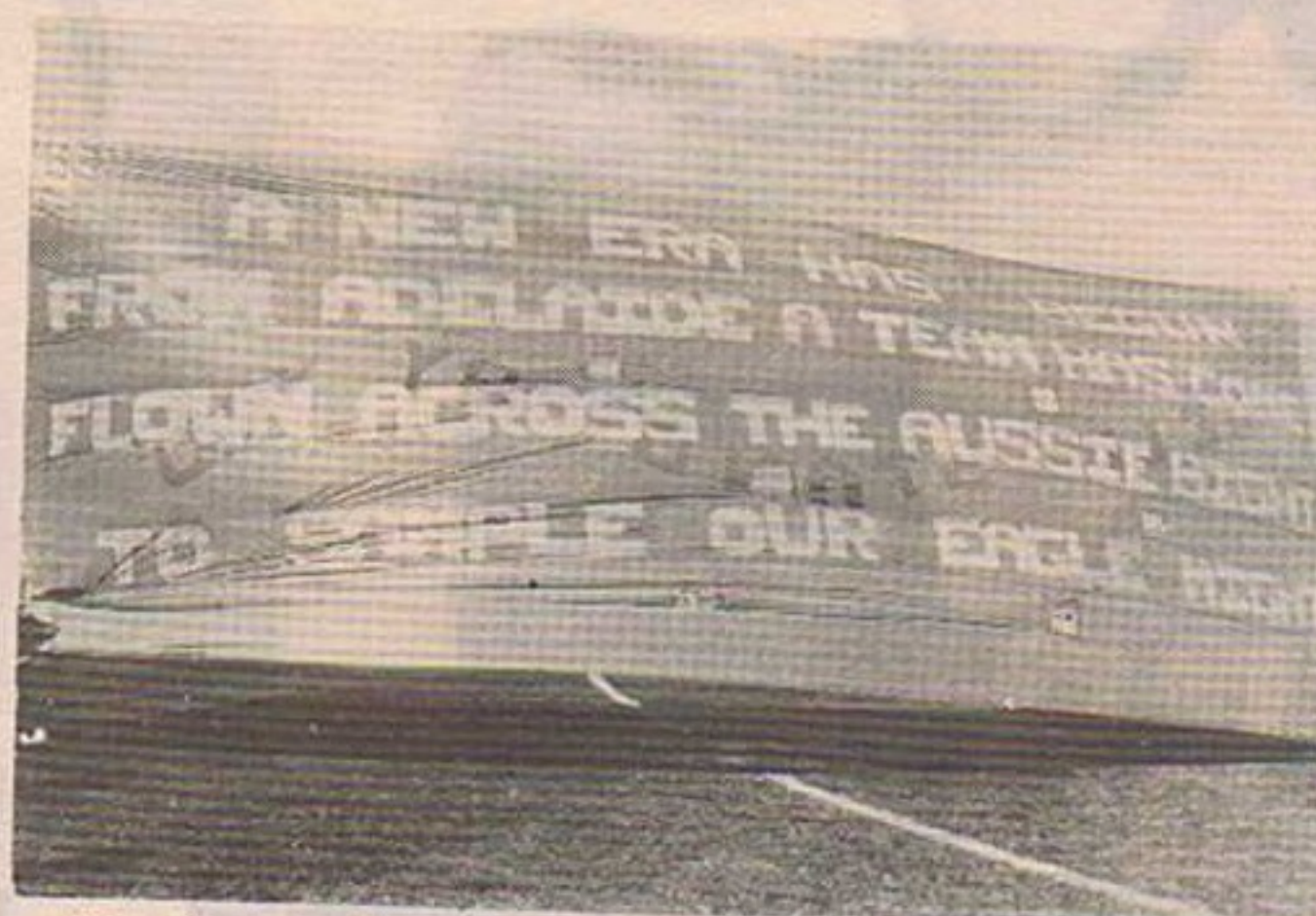


Eagles wingman Dean Kemp didn't take long to get back into action on his recall to the West Coasters.....and he got down to things as he fired out a handpass from ground level to a waiting Peter Matera; much to the bewilderment of Crows wingman Simon Tregenza.

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Here the elusive Heady is airborne as he scoops up a ball.....with Crows rival Rodney Maynard attempting to scoop up the Eagles star.



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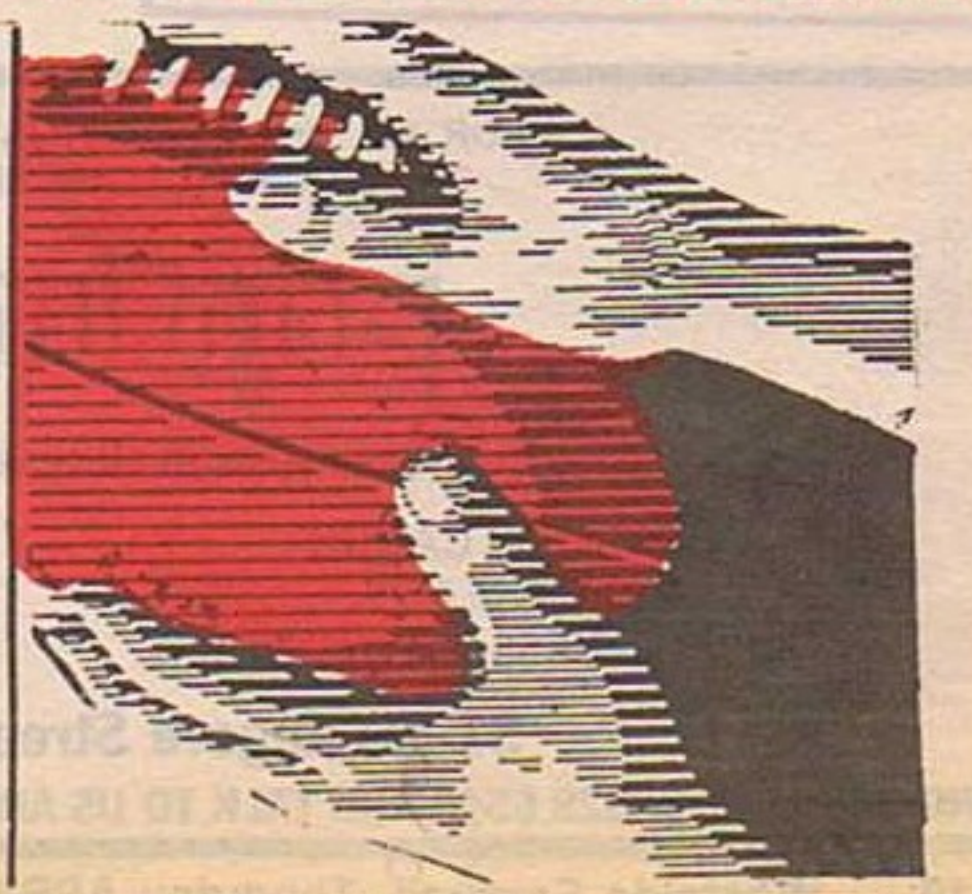
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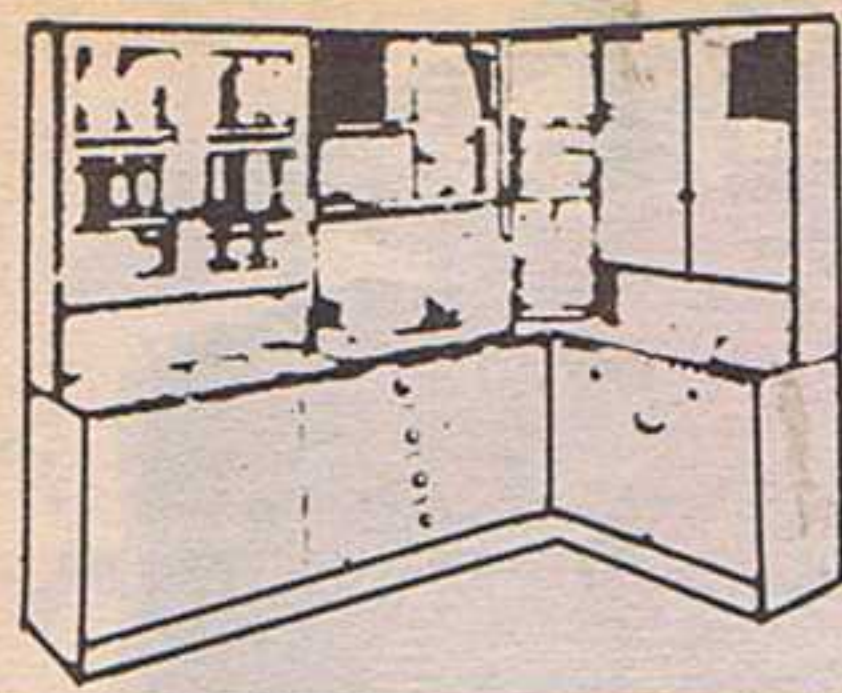
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Goldfields pipeline pays off for Lions

SUBIACO, desperate to regain some of the glory years of the mid-1980s, are likely to call on local talent this season to push them back into premiership contention and a place in the Pepsi Cup final five.

The Lions recruited few footballers from outside their camp during the summer and coach Haydn Bunton is relying on a steady supply of reserves players to be blooded out of assistant coach Bryan Cousins' ranks.

Former Whitfords defender and 1990 Teal Cup player Matthew Teeuwissen made his league debut last Saturday after some sparkling performances in the reserves.

Teeuwissen (17) has enormous potential as a back-pocket player and he is regularly found at the base of packs around the ground.

Warwick junior Simon Chaplin (19) is also applying pressure to the seniors, as are a handful of new faces at the club.

Kambalda recruit Michael Symons has been among the best in the reserves since venturing to the city from the rich football recruiting ground of the Goldfields, though he may find it tough breaking into the league side on a wing.

GOLDFIELDS

Symons has been flying to Perth each Friday to take his place with Subiaco, though he is likely to make a permanent move to the city shortly after employment and living quarters are finalised.

Symons is one of four recruits from gold mining country to join a long list

of footballers to make the trek to Subiaco Oval.

Lions recruiting staff spend a lot of time in the Goldfields and their interest paid off when they recruited a handy trio from Railways in Glen Coyle, Joe Smith and Steven Davies.

Coyle and Smith, from Kalgoorlie, have already had their first taste of league football, while Steven Davies is enjoying a hit-out in the reserves.

Smith, the Kalgoorlie club's fairest and best winner from last year, broke into the league side in round two, but he struggled to pick up the tempo and will be given another chance in later rounds.

Railways team-mate Coyle has been watched by the Lions hierarchy for a number of years and he has slotted nicely into a key position a centre-half-back, while Davies, also from Railways, is after a place in attack.

Davies and Symons both played one game in reserves last year when they travelled to Perth on a permit and impressed football watchers in the Lions camp.

The quartet join Mick Lee, Garry Kemp and Wayne Golding on Subiaco's current team list as Goldfields recruits, while Dean Kemp, who played the first two games of the season with the Lions before regaining his place in the West Coast Eagles side which destroyed the Adelaide Crows on Sunday, is also from Kalgoorlie.

Subiaco have always taken a keen interest in Victoria's VFA competition

and rover Mick Jennings joined the club from the East a few years ago.

Their interest has paid off this season with the recruiting of full-back Rob Evans, who slotted into the vacancy left by the retired Clint Brown.

DIRECTION

Evans came to Perth from Coburg chasing a new direction in football and his switch has been a bonus for Bunton.

Darren Williams, a 24-game player with Swan Districts, also decided on a change in football scenery after a year out of the WAFL, playing with South-West club Bunbury and he approached the Lions for a pre-season run.

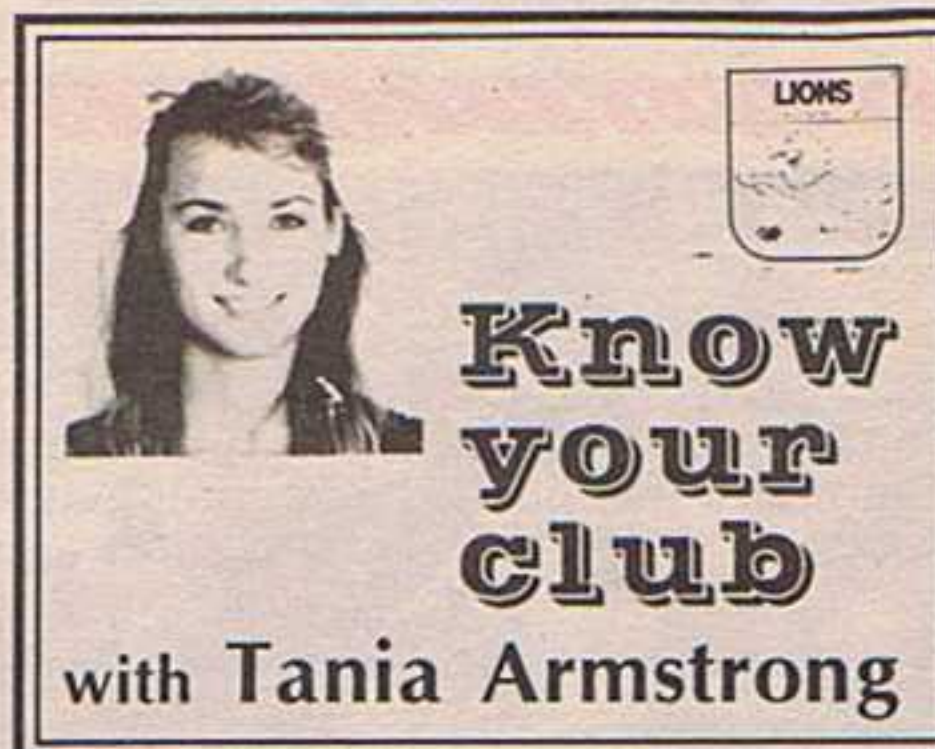
Williams made his league debut at Bassendean as a 21-year-old in 1988 and he showed promise as a key forward, a player the Lions lacked last season.

Another youngster set to impress is Nathan McIntosh, an older brother of Eagles squad member Ashley.

McIntosh, originally from Claremont, played with York in the Avon Football Association last year, though his debut at Subiaco Oval has been delayed by a foot injury obtained in late pre-season.

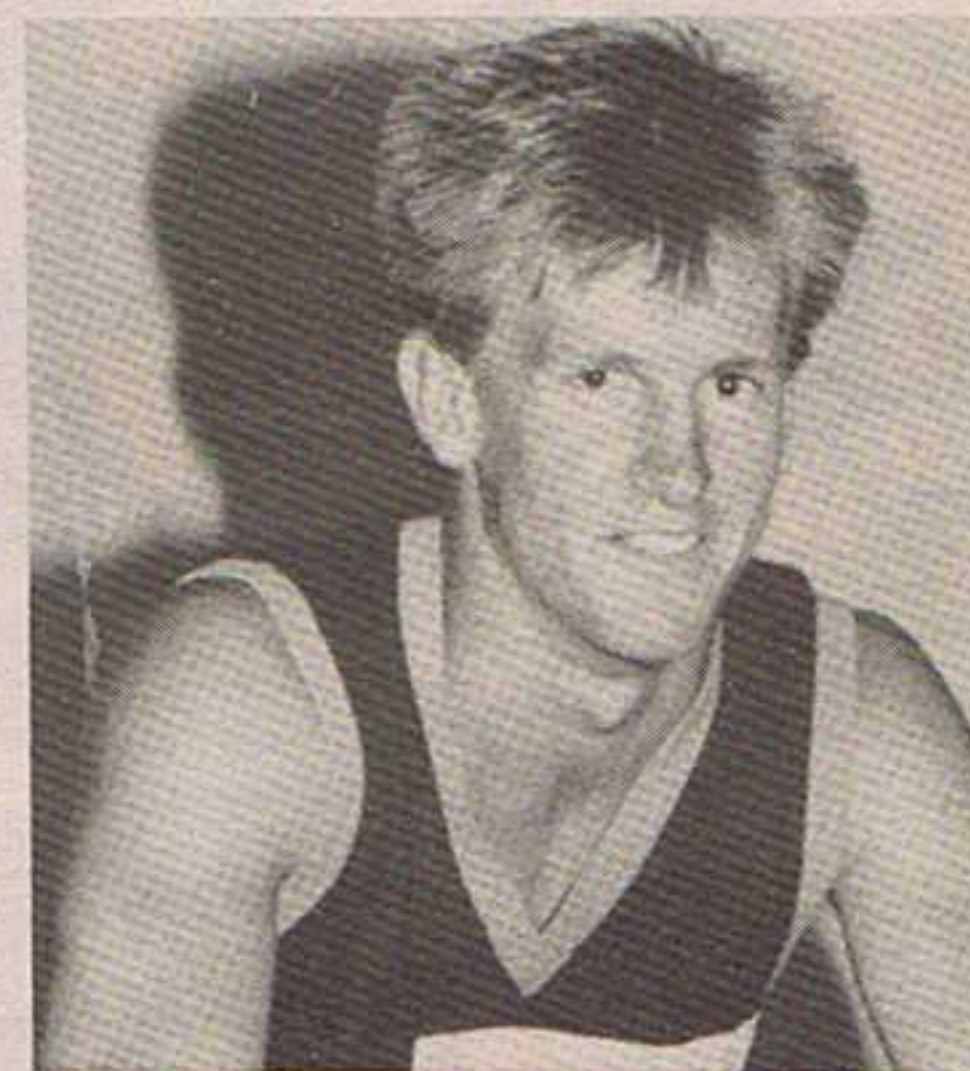
The Lions major loss from last season was their most consistent performer Damian Hampson, who established himself as a regular league player and attracted the eye of Carlton coach David Parkin at November draft time.

Experienced defender Clint Brown hung up his boots after reaching his



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Matthew Teeuwissen...new inclusion in the seniors

200-game milestone, as did veteran East Perth recruit Grant Campbell, who struggled with injury throughout last season.

The greener pastures in the country attracted the eyes of 1990 rookie Vaughan Carter, Gavin Hawkins and former fairest and best centreman Brad McDougall, who left for Kalgoorlie.

Another to leave the club was Damien Read, who is finding form in East Perth colours, while ruckman Guy Baxter, who played 11 games for the Lions last year, led the ruck for Sunday League club Gosnells in his debut performance last Sunday.

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Sharks gather recruits from far and wide

IN KEEPING with their name, the East Fremantle Sharks have literally got a sea of new faces at their Moss Street headquarters this season.

The pre-season recruiting activities saw the Sharks hierarchy hook footballers from the north and south, from Sunday League clubs to country clubs, as well as a number of untried interstate recruits.

One of the big plusses for the club's playing strength was the return home of former State captain John O'Sullivan, after a year with South Australian club Central District.

O'Sullivan, a hard working centre-half-back, played 13 games in SA before returning to the Port to play his 100th game for the Sharks in the second round of the season.

O'Sullivan gives added experience to a relatively young side which only boasts a handful of players with more than 50 games to their record such as Clinton Browning, the injured George Christie, Jon Derecourt and Neil Lester-Smith.

ROOKIES

Five rookies have played their first games of league football in the blue and white guernsey in the opening three matches.

Highly-rated Collie forward Jeff Davidson debuted in round two of the Pepsi Cup after the Sharks won the race to sign one of country football's most sought after footballers.

Davidson, a brother of Brisbane Bears and former Claremont midfielder Peter, was a star in the South-West last season and is quickly adjusting to the tempo of football in Perth.

Debuting one week earlier was 21-year-old Darren Capewell, a Carnarvon recruit who has been performing well at half-forward.

Job opportunities also dictated the move of teacher and promising forward Damian Condon, who has joined the Sharks from Victorian Football Association club Port Melbourne.

Condon, at 174cm, has the ability to play at both ends of the ground and was tried in defence against the Lions after spending his first two games on the half-forward line.

Two locals to debut at the club in the first game of the season were Clayton Anderson and Glenn Davies.

Anderson, a 19-year-old rover, has progressed through the colts and reserves after playing his junior football with Palmyra, while midfielder Davies learned his craft with the East Fremantle Junior Football Club.

The Sharks pre-season loss of several members of their big-man department saw them recruit wisely in the Eagles reverse draft by selecting Claremont ruckman Peter Higgins.

Lance Durack spent most of pre-season training alongside his East Fremantle team-mate Clinton Wolf at Tigerland, but he returned to the club in time to take his place with in the Sharks league side last Saturday — and was easily his team's best player.

Higgins recovered from injury in time to play in the season opener and he was used alongside Durack last Saturday after working with second-year player Greg Hodson in earlier games.

Another player to return to East Fremantle is Gavin Miller, who has spent two years playing in the North-West with Roebourne and is keen to add to the 16 games he notched with the Sharks after debuting in 1987.

Miller, a policeman, makes a welcome return to the club after being transferred back to the city, though he was badly injured in the season-opener when he collided heavily with Perth's Shane Porter and received 30 stitches to an ear.

Fremantle A-grade cricketer Peter Brindley has joined East Fremantle from Sunday League club Applecross after playing 16 games with Port rivals South Fremantle.



Jeff Davidson....a star goalkicker



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Brindley, who first tasted league football in 1987, debuted in round two and his pace adds life to the Sharks centreline, which is suffering badly due to the loss of Gary Smallridge, a prime-mover in the centre last season, to South Australian club Port Adelaide.

A late-comer to the Sharks camp is Esperance recruit Scott Docherty, who arrived two weeks ago to take his place on a wing in the reserves. The Sharks hierarchy first spotted Docherty during last year's Wesfarmer's Country Championships in Perth.

Two young stars-of-the-future at the club are 1990 Teal Cup representatives Jeremy Wasley and Nathan Williams, both from Geraldton, where they progressed through East Fremantle's country development squad.

Wasley, a talented defender, joined the club during pre-season, while ruck-rover Williams had his first training session at East Fremantle Oval last week.

Waiting in the wings for a place in the ruck department is Richard Fields, recruited from Mortlock Football League club Calingiri, in the heart of Perth Football Club territory.

Apart from the departure of Wolf, Michael Broadbridge and Smallridge, the Sharks are also missing the talents of tall defender Brad Read, who was the club's only loss to AFL ranks, being drafted by Hawthorn.



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Kemp was all smiles

IT WAS hard to keep the smile off the face of Eagles wingman Dean Kemp after Sunday's victory over the Adelaide Crows.

The talented rookie star of last season was back in the side for the first time this year, courtesy of a two-week suspension handed out to team-mate Peter Wilson.

Kemp's late start had been caused by a shoulder injury, but some consistent games with Subiaco meant that he would get his chance as soon as a vacancy came up....he just had to be patient.

He started on the interchange bench on Sunday, but was quickly thrown into the action and though his early play was a little tentative, he warmed to the task. By the last quarter, his forward line co-operation with Lions club-mate Brett Heady and full-forward Peter Sumich was such that one wondered if he had ever been absent from the side.

"I was really nervous starting on the bench," said Kemp after the win. "I felt I was a little slow to pick up the tempo when I went on, but I got better as the game progressed.

"I does seem a bit of a coincidence the way Brett and I share the ball around, but maybe we just look for each other a little more, having played at Subiaco."

By coincidence, Heady and Kemp have graduated into guernsey Nos. 1 and 2 this year after being down in the high double-figures last year.



Dean Kemp...welcome return to the AFL

Heady has taken over the No. 1 previously worn by Don Pyke, who opted for guernsey No. 10 this year, while Kemp has grabbed the No. 2 made vacant with the retirement of John Annear.

"I always wore No. 2 in Kalgoorlie and it's my favourite number," said Kemp, who was given No. 33 when he first arrived at Subiaco in 1989 and retained that number last year on his AFL debut.

Colts round-up with GAVIN EBBS

Lions break long drought

EAST Fremantle's dominance over Subiaco at East Fremantle Oval for the past three years, came to an end last Saturday.

The Lions crushed the Sharks by 64 points, 14.19 (103) to 6.3 (39), to break a long drought at the Port.

East Fremantle began strongly, kicking five goals with attacking play and the aid of a strong breeze, and looked the better of the two sides going into the quarter-time break.

The start of the second term saw Subiaco emerge confidently and they held the Sharks down to a solitary goal.

ATTACKING

At the main break, Subiaco coach Mick Fuller told his charges to run a lot harder and to keep attacking.

This they did, but they did not get full value for their efforts, as they produced seven points against a difficult breeze and a determined Sharks backline, led by Chris Evans.

The Lions commitment shone through in the final half, as they held their opponents scoreless.

They pulled away to register 7.8 in the final term, one of their best efforts under second-year coach Fuller.

Lion Shane Burch led the way with an impressive display in the ruck, while Chris Batka and Knute Richards also worked tirelessly.

Experienced wingman Jon Stagg and Michael Fairnie were two who stood out in the Sharks brigade.

A sour-note for the Sharks was the injury to the in-form Michael Fic, who was carried from the ground in the third-term and taken by ambulance to Fremantle Hospital with a broken leg.

A thrilling draw was played out at Lathlain Park between South Fremantle and Perth, two sides yet to notch their first win, kicking 10.8 (68) each.

Frank Morellini, in his first year in the colts, worked hard around the ground for the Bulldogs, as did team-mates Preston Holland (four goals), Wayne Hernaman and Alf Hayden.

For the Demons, Austin Kelly, Sean Wrigley, Neil Munro and Tom Burke were the most notable performers, in a tense struggle that lasted till the dying seconds.

TOP SIDE

Swan Districts held onto top position on the ladder, when they proved too strong for East Perth, winning by 45 points.

Best players for the Swans, in their 18.11 (119) to 11.8 (74) victory at Perth Oval, were Peter Kelly, Mark Millington and forwards Scott Cummings (six goals) and Matthew Poultney (four goals), who currently lead the colts goal-kicking tally.

Consistent performers for the Royals were James Wall, Spiro Mallis (four goals) and Gary French.

West Perth chalked up their third consecutive win when they beat Claremont by 65 points.

The Falcons produced a decisive 18.10 (118) to 8.5 (53) scoreline, aided by solid contributions from Rod Winner (three goals), Stuart Donnelly and Adam Armstrong.

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Bartlett points the bone

WIRY little Richmond legend Kevin Bartlett doesn't place much faith in the media people who covered his 19 years and 400-odd games of top-level football.

Bartlett, now the coach of Richmond, treated the media with disdain after the Tigers downed Fitzroy last Saturday to record their first win for the season and ease some of the pressure off his back.

Amidst the normal speculation of coach-sackings, Bartlett has held firm in the Tigers job and the victory was obviously a relief.

But he didn't show it when he met with the media after the match.

The press gang were ushered into an ante-room at Princes Park and a stern-looking Bartlett made a brief four-sentence summary of the game, saying they were pleased to win; that it was a tough match; that they worked very hard and the game of Terry Keays was pleasing.

"I have no more comments," was his final sentence and he walked away, ignoring repeated questions from the host of media people keen to convey words of wisdom to the desperately-hungry Richmond fans.

As Bartlett returned to join his joyous players in the adjoining room, some-one — either the coach or his assistant Emmett Dunne — was heard to say to a doorman: "Open the door and p... these blokes off."

Fitzroy fund

MOVES are under way in WA to help Fitzroy's revival campaign.

Former Fitzroy players from the West will be invited to a meeting at Ian McCulloch's Brisbane Hotel, in East Perth, next Tuesday at 7pm to discuss ways of helping the ailing Lions fund-raising.

One-time Fitzroy (and East Perth and East Fremantle) captain Ron Alexander is helping organise the cam-

aign, along with current Royals coach McCulloch, who also played with the Lions.

A number of WA players have worn the Fitzroy colours over the years, with West Perth veterans Laurie Richards and John Duckworth being early transfers to the Melbourne club back in the late 1960s.

They were followed by players like McCulloch, Perth's Sandover Medalist Ian Miller, Alexander, fellow-Royal Dean Turner, East Perth Sandover Medalist John Ironmonger, Swans Garry Sidebottom and South Fremantle's Wally Matera.

Send-off rule is hot topic

THE subject of the send-off rule in Australian Football is undoubtedly going to receive increased attention in the near future.

However, we have adroitly dodged the possibility of introducing this option at the game's highest level.

There are a variety of reasons for this — some of which are quite legitimate — but there are many sensible people who regard implementation of such a rule as essential.

When one tries to justify leaving a player on the field who is on a virtual rampage, adherents of other sports — especially international sports — look at you as if you had two heads!

The introduction of a send-off rule gains even more status when the decisions handed down by tribunals over a long period is considered.

In spite of the professionalism, diligence and good intentions of umpires, only about half of all reportable incidents are, in fact, reported.

FRIVOLOUS

Conversely, there are obviously so-fairly frivolous actions that find their way into the "book".

Under these circumstances, the solution, at least in part, is to introduce a "sin-bin" — but allow the transgressing player to be replaced.

I'm yet to be convinced that the actions of a hot-head should be allowed to penalise a whole team.

Yet if a team, or a block within a team, is creating a problem by using brawling as an obvious tactic, then the solution can be to banish several players (who can only be replaced by a maximum of two).

There could also, without complicating proceedings too much, be a "degree of banishment".

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For example, a player who uses obscene language to an umpire could be sent off for say 15 minutes with no subsequent report.

On the other hand, a player who "king hits" an opponent could be banished for 50 minutes or the rest of the game — depending on when the incident took place and reported as well.

Two players who scuffled or wrestled, as has become very fashionable these days, could be sent off for 10 minutes, with no reports made.

IMPUNITY

Isn't it peculiar how players can now wrestle, pull hair, impose neck-damaging head locks with impunity and without redress?

But as soon as the semblance of a closed fist is in evidence, the report is "on".

Yet from a medical viewpoint, I would very much prefer a clout under the ear or a jab to the ribs in preference to somebody trying to twist my head off my shoulders, as is the frequent intention nowadays!

At the Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup level, I don't think it will be too long before players using bad language — and disappointingly, these are on the increase — will be sent off.

For junior age matches, Law 16.14.3 states "field umpires may order off a player for a period of 15 minutes without reporting him."

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Kicking football into the future



Country focus covers schools

FOOTBALL development in country regions is again taking a high-profile for the Town and Country Football Development Trust.

Full-time development officers are currently employed by the FDT to cover the Lower Great Southern, Mid-West, Great Southern and South West regions.

The coaching programme recognises the need to recruit local experts to develop football in country areas.

Ultimately, the programme means that country players will no longer be disadvantaged in their development and the game of Aussie Rules will prosper at all levels.

Lower Great Southern development officer Ian Barrow — who is based at the Ministry of Sport and Recreation in Albany — has been working on Aussie Footy community and school projects over the past two years and says the programme is an essential part of junior development.

"This year we will visit 34 schools in the LGS region, holding coaching clinics, Aussie Footy matches and educate teachers and students on priority aspects of football," says Barrow.

ACCREDITATION

Some of the aims of the South West officers are to instigate accreditation courses for coaches, umpires, administrators, sports personnel and to identify development squads at school and community levels.

"During the June school holidays we will hold a football camp for the 13s, 14s and 15s age groups and will be joined by WAFL players and Claremont's football manager, Phil Smart, to assist in football exercises and theory sessions.



Ian Barrow...working in the South West

"The idea is to ascertain the viability of these juniors to play in a combined country 17s competition with the possibility of playing Teal Cup," he says.

A estimated 5000 children from primary schools, high schools and community football clubs will be reached LGS region alone this year.

Swans draw with Pies

COLLINGWOOD'S visiting 16s team have played two tough games against Swan Districts and East Fremantle combined sides on their WA trip.

Swans, with colts coach Bruce Douglas at the helm, played an inspirational brand of football to draw a cliffhanger 12.6 (78) to 11.12 (78).

The score see-sawed in the last quarter, with both teams fighting to the last siren.

Best players for Swan Districts were Scott Hodgen, Brady Anderson and Stacey Morter.

Town and Country Little League

THE Town and Country Little League matches for the third round of fixtures saw the following results and best players:

West Perth (Nicholas Pishos, Andrew Bomford, James Innes) beat Claremont (Leon Quinn, John Dunn, Shaun Dunn).

Perth (Ryan Humphries, Shawn Ryan, Chris Jas) beat South Fremantle (Shane Lloyd, Brett Kearney, Allen Kleason).

Subiaco (Chad Fletcher, Simon Davis, Christopher Ferns) beat East Fremantle (Ryan Phelps, David Meek, Darryn White).

East Perth (David Johnson, Paul Brown, Allen Anthsov) beat Swan Districts (Brenton Broeg, Shawn Worthington, John Posa).

This week's teams representing the WAFL clubs will be:

Willetton (East Fremantle); Warwick (West Perth); Marist (Subiaco); Cloverdale (East Perth); Darling Range (Swan Districts); South Coozee (South Fremantle); Balga (Claremont); Kelmscott (Perth).

Rules will help more players

JUNIOR football has seen some dramatic changes this year, one of which is a common set of rules and by-laws consistent throughout the metropolitan regions.

Introduced by the Regional Junior Board in conjunction with the Football Development Trust last year, the new system should help simplify the busy week-end competition.

One of the new rules concerns the number of reserves players in the 13s, 14s and 15s Aussie Footy competition.

If a coach names the new maximum of seven reserves in any team, every child must play a minimum of half a game.

Milestone for Shane



Shane Ward...achieving his 150th junior game

VICTORIA Park junior footballer Shane Ward has reached a personal milestone with his 150th game.

The Vic Park Districts club is the result of an amalgamation of East Victoria Park and Centrals Junior Football Club, which is where Shane has played most of his games.

Shane started playing Aussie Rules at the age of six and has collected his fair share of trophies and awards along the way, including his club's best and fairest award.

The defender has been vice-captain of a 13s premiership side and is currently deputy vice-captain in the 14s.

Originally from South Australia, one of the aspirations of this budding young footballer is to play AFL for the Crows or Essendon.

Mighty Milo says ...



WORK IN PAIRS

THE old story about two is twice as good as one certainly applies to football — especially when you are fighting for the ball.

Work in pairs — that's the secret; don't leave one of your team-mates to do all the work and you just stand back and watch.

Nothing should ever be taken for granted in football.

Even if a player seems certain to gather the football, he should be supported by a team-mate.

The player should be his team-mate's eyes and ears as he goes after the ball; back him up, tell him what's happening and be ready to help out if he gets into trouble.

If you are on hand to help, you can always shepherd, warn him about a danger or receive the handpass.

But if you don't talk to him, how does he know if you're there?

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THE HUNGRY JACK'S WHOPPER CLUB

with Guy McKenna



Windy city

LAST Sunday, Perth sure lived up to its reputation as the "city of wind" — especially if you were out on Subiaco Oval.

The howling gale gave the Eagles players a chance to demonstrate their skills in one of the hardest environments in which to play football.

With the wind screaming across Subiaco Oval, the team that adjusted the quickest, was able to control the game.

Thankfully, our forwards were in touch — Peter Sumich, (six goals) and Brett Heady (five goals) were superb... and I suppose it would be hard to leave out Dwayne Lamb's three-goal performance; after all, he loves kicking the odd goal.

The lesson to be learnt when watching full-forward Peter Sumich and half-forward Brett Heady kicking into the breeze was quite well-illustrated:

1. Keep your head over the ball.
2. Guide the ball onto your foot with your hand as long as possible.
3. Most importantly, kick through the ball hard and low so the wind has as little effect as possible.

HJ's clinics

HUNGRY Jack's Superclinics will be conducted by Eagles players at the following times and primary schools:

Guy McKenna — Tuesday, May 7: 9.30am-10.30am Applecross; 11am-noon Attadale; 12.50pm-1.50pm St Benedicts; 2.15pm-3.15pm Ardross. Wednesday, May 8: 9.30am-10.30am Orana; 11am-noon Burrendah.

Chris Lewis — Wednesday, May 1: 1pm-2pm Mosman Park. Thursday, May 2: 9am-10am Maylands; 11am-noon St Pauls; 1pm-2pm Takari. Wednesday, May 5: 11am-noon East Hamersley. Thursday, May 16: 1.15pm-2pm Scotch College.

Phil Narkle — Tuesday, April 30: 9am-10am Lesmurdie; 1pm-2pm Wattle Grove. Thursday, May 2: 9am-10am East Beechboro; 11am-noon West Midland; 1pm-2pm Ashfield. Tuesday, May 5: 9am-10am St Michaels; 11am-noon Caversham; 1pm-2pm Gooseberry Hill.

Dean Irving — Wednesday, May 1: 12.50pm-1.50pm St Augustines; 2.15pm-3.15pm Ursula Frayne Catholic. Wednesday, May 8: 9.30am-10.30am Millen; 12.50pm-1.50pm East Victoria Park. Thursday, May 9: 2pm-3pm Notre Dame Catholic.



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C-GRADE

FOLLOWING Nollamara's A-grade win over Mt Lawley in the first round, the Hawks No.2 side reversed the tables when they ran out 31-point winners over the Cougars at Hamer Park last Saturday.

With only eight points the difference at half-time, Nollamara had every chance to get back into the game and take the four premiership points. However, loose play in their back-line and the failure of players to run down the ground, left the Cougars out-numbered on many occasions in the second-half.

Ruck-rover Shane Bell was easily Nolla's best-afield and was well supported by John Desmond and John O'Hara on a wing. Brian Houlsen brought his goal scoring tally to 15 after a bagging another five.

Nollamara will have to regroup as they come up against Rockingham next week.

Wembley continued their winning form from last week with an impressive 101-point victory over Coolbinia Yokine at Henderson Park.

The Magpies displayed far too much skill for their opposition who at times looked very average for a C-grade side.

Wembley showed that one of their main attributes is the way their back line combines to turn defence into attack. Stewart Kemp, playing off a half-back flank, led by example for the Magpies, ably supported by Brad Hunt and Brad Metcalf.

Rockingham continued their good form with a runaway 80-point win over arch rivals Cockburn Lakes. Full forward Phil Abel dominated with seven goals.

Consistent centreman Darryl Coumbe, defender Paul Ebert were prominent in a team that could have won by more if they were more direct.

Trinity Aquinas had a 30-goal victory over an under-manned Curtin Wesley side at Collier Oval.

Terry Pendall celebrated his 200th game in typical hard-working style.

Pendall has served the club with distinction winning the A-grade fairest and best in 1985.

Other players who performed well for the Boomers were Keiren Evans, Lindsay McDonald, last year's A-grade fairest and best winner, who was playing his first game for the year and Dave Mackewicz, who put in a top class performance at centre-half-forward.

D-GRADE

North Beach No.2 opened up their wining account at the expense of Lynwood Ferndale. Coached by former top junior coach Ray Barrett, they came back after a slow start to win by 30 points. John Perin, David Coates, Lance Lennon and Geoff Hatcher (six goals) were noticeable.

E-GRADE

THE 35-point winning margin for Wanneroo over Balcatta was not a true indication of the match at the Wanneroo Showgrounds. There was only two goals between the two sides until three-quarter time.

The final 30 minutes saw an inspired Wanneroo take charge, kicking eight goals. John Game, at centre-half-back, was one of the Roo's best, repelling many forward moves by Balcatta, while rover Geoff O'Dea gave them plenty of drive on the ball.

Full-forward Charlie Holmes capped off a good day with six goals.

F-GRADE

REDCLIFFE No.1 posted their first win for the season when they defeated Collegians Old Scotch at Selby Park.

Centre-half-forward Darren Mitchell showed his skills by leading the opposition backline a merry dance and being voted his team's best player. New Queensland recruit Michael Kelly dominated on his wing, while Paul Kieuwkerk and Mark Burgess continued their good form in the back line.

AMATEUR HIGHLIGHTS

NOLLAMARA turned around a 13-point half-time deficit into a 19-point winning margin over Mt Lawley at Des Penman Reserve.

In a high standard game the two sides traded goals until the final siren. The Cougars' Kevin Rice celebrated his 150th game with a best-on-ground performance at centre-half-forward and then on the wing.

Chris Burness started at full-back and as a ruck-rover, giving Nollamara drive around the ground. Peter Ashworth was another to put in a good four-quarter effort, while Des Hedland, playing off a half-forward-flank kicked four goals.

G-GRADE

BASSENDEAN dished out a 21-goal football lesson to last year's finalists, West Coast at Forrest Park.

Bassendeau had winners all over the ground and were in control from the first bounce. Best for Basso included Mortimor, McKenzie, Michael Wheel-don and Jason Borge.

Wembley were pleased to walk away with a win over Wesley Curtin at Collins Park.

In a low-standard affair in which the Magpies faced only token opposition there were very few positions on the ground which they did not dominate. Wesley Curtin are struggling right through the club this season.

Best players for Wembley were rover Justin Dyson, ruck-rover Shane Dyson and full-back John Gill. Chris Phatourous booted four goals for the Magpies.

H-GRADE

OCEAN Ridge humiliated a hapless Carlisle by 33 goals in their clash at Carlisle Reserve.

Ocean Ridge were not in any trouble from the beginning and the Cougars, who are struggling for players, had nothing to combat the onslaught.

Captain Steve Reynolds led his side by example in the back line and supported throughout by former A-grade player Con Samokouididis in the centre of the ground. Gary Darnell was also a winner at centre-half-back while Steve Clark capped off a fine display of forward football with nine goals.

Trinity Aquinas lost a thriller by four-points to Maylands at Gibney Reserve.

The Boomers ran out of legs in the last quarter after leading all day.

Simon Higgins played a sterling game, giving the Boomers plenty of drive out of the middle, with Pat O'Rielly dominating the ruck.

I-GRADE

John 23rd showed credit in fielding a depleted team against a relentless Rockingham combination. A superb four quarter effort gave them a record-breaking 286-point win. A 15-goal third quarter set up an easy percentage-boosting win. Rams ruckman Rick Appleby, centreman Neil Brett, full-forward Ross Harris and Mark Roberts were prominent.

North Beach No.3 enjoyed their second success of the season at the expense of Bullcreek. Norths set up their win with a workmanlike first half and led by 38 points. Greg Webster and Dean O'Rourke were major goalscorers aided by Peter Thomas, Dean McKie, Bruce Reynolds and Brett Perry.

J-GRADE

DESPITE a determined effort by Redcliffe's younger brigade, they were unable to overcome a half-time deficit in the clash with Coolbinia Yokine.

The Redlegs fought back in the final quarter to take the lead with 10 minutes to go. Coolbinia Yokine, however,



John Piniri...C-grade star celebrating his 100th game.

settled down and ran out winners by eight points. Best for Redcliffe included Jason Brown, Clint Hawthorne and Brett Walker.

Wanneroo were convincing winners over Whitfords at Kingsley Reserve.

The Roo's held Whitfords to a meagre four goals for the match, three of which came in the third term. Mick Carton gave the Roo's plenty of run on the ball, while centre-half-forward Dereck Carey played well.

K-GRADE

A 12-goal final quarter sealed Nollamara's fate against Ocean Ridge at Heathridge Park.

The fit Ocean Ridge combination played in front all day and ran the Cougars ragged. While Nollamara were disappointed after their big win of the previous week, Ocean Reef took a lot of heart from their excellent team effort.

Best for Ocean Ridge was captain Ken Gummon with five goals, followed by Jerome Clayton, Ray Butler and Brett Stevenson. Nollamara had good performers in Drew Hippauf, Eddie McCole and Roger Hinson.

L-GRADE

RIVERTON were completely outclassed by Wembley as they went down by 28 goals.

The Magpies were at their best in the second half to totally swamp Riverton.

Best for Wembley were Todd Wear, Dave O'Regan and Phil Quirk. Wayne Thomas kicked 10 goals for the Magpies with John Manning scoring seven and Bernie Parson five.

A-COLTS

Trinity Aquinas had a convincing victory over Wesley Curtin at Ernest Johnson Oval last Saturday.

Damian Hodge continues to play well and he was well supported by Greg Cahill, who rucked tirelessly all day, and rover Jamie O'Brien.

Coach Paul Wrensted was pleased with the victory and stressed to the players after the game that they would have to work harder at training if they were to worry the top sides.

NORTH Beach completely overran Wembley in the second and final quarters to emerge 72-point winners. With a majority of first year colts, they are setting up a challenge for top position. Best for Norths in an even team performance were Shane Burns, forward Greg Dixon (nine goals), Stephen Trewhella, Brad Moore and Jon Malcolm. Dixon has kicked 19 goals in two games.

Nollamara opened their account for the season with an impressive win over Scarborough at Des Penman Reserve.

The Cougars held a handy lead at the main break and continued that form through the second half. For most part the game was a scrappy affair marred by many unnecessary niggling behind-the-play incidents.

While in most cases these were not reportable offences, they should be eliminated and coaches, players and umpires should start taking a serious look at their performances.

Best for Nollamara were ruckman Shane Robinson, Brad Elborough and Peter Templeton, while Scott McPhee chipped in with five goals.

Wembley failed to make it two in a row when outclassed by North Beach to the tune of 120 points.

The Magpies, who went into the game as slight favourites, were disappointed at the loss, however nothing can be taken away by the excellent run-on football displayed by the Tigers.

Best for Wembley were Andrew Collins, James Brearley and Shane Properjohn. Brett Althorpe kicked who goals.

B-COLTS

Bassendeau were held goal-less in the first quarter when they came up against University No.1.

Uni, traditionally strong in the Colts competition, did not let up from there and ran out comfortable 39-point winners. Better players for Bassendeau were C. Howart, T. Barden and M. Rielly.

C-COLTS

Ocean Ridge ran out 60-point winners over Mt Lawley — even though they were one player short for the entire game.

Ocean Ridge kicked six goals against the breeze in the first quarter to set up their victory. Captain Simon Barnett led by example and had good support by Justin Burford, Matt Vickers and Heath Scobie-Smith.

Wanneroo put their mark on the points table with an impressive win over North Beach No.2.

In a tight game the Roo's gained a slight edge with a four-goal third term.

Ruck-rover Michael Paice continued his good early form to be voted the Roo's best afield. Rover Mitchell Callaghan and wingman Dean Woods also played strongly.

Unfortunately, this game was also marred by behind-the-play incidents which are becoming too common in colts football.

Trinity Aquinas had a morale-boosting 43-goal victory on the weekend, after a disappointing seven-goal loss the previous Saturday.

Rohan Edmondson, Adam White, Andrew Frye and Beau Langer were all good players for the Boomers.

D-COLTS

North Beach No.2 colts team could not match Wanneroo's powerhouse football in the third quarter, after staying with them in the first half. Best for the young Norths reserve colts team were Gavin Garton, Paul Neale, Paul Whitburn, Jamie Dutton and Warren Davies. Gavin Freidlib and Ben Hall were in form up front.

Swan View have bright future

SWAN View is a young club on the move.

After having a strong year in 1990, they have started the 1991 season with their senior team being promoted two grades, from 'I' to 'G'.

They also field a reserves team in 'I' and a young 'C' colts side.

With two good wins in the opening rounds, the senior team appears to be a force in 1991 with players like Paul Kurgosy, Jason Firkins, Robbie Melville, Gary Martino, Greg Cross and Lee Waaka all showing top form.

With a minimum loss of players from 1990, the club, which is coached by Billy Choules, looks in good hands.

AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

Bassendean get home in thriller

Bassendean opened up their B grade account with a five point victory over University in a cliff hanger at Jubilee Reserve on Saturday.

The Swans set the pace in the first half and held an eight point lead at the long change. With Dave Mueller controlling the ruck and Dave Atkinson dominant on his wing, Bassendean stretched their lead to five goals at three quarter time.

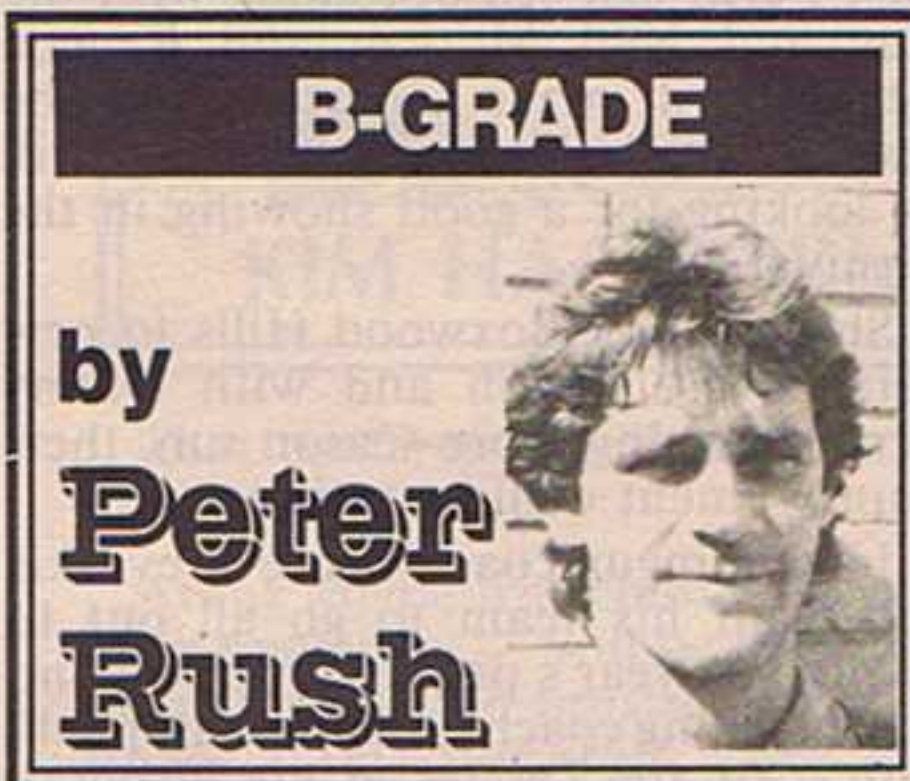
University came back strongly in the last term and in the last 15 minutes the lead changed several times with both teams fighting desperately but it was the Swans who held on to record their first ever win in B grade.

Other good players for Swans were Mario Borg and Steve Reeley were lively rovers while Ron Crosby was rock solid on his half back flank.

Osborne Districts gained top spot with a good four point victory over Dianella/Morley.

Collegians Old Scotch showed once again that they will be a power to be reckoned with this season by accounting for Maylands by 14 goals.

Best for the Lions were Shaun Til-



B-GRADE

by Peter Rush

brook and Stirling Thompson while Steve Burton, Brendon Julian, Matt Baker, Paul Carlsen, Adam Yates and Vic Lowe were good players for the Rams.

In other games Bayswater were too good for Innaloo and Swan Athletic defeated CBC.

In this week's games CBC should dispose of Bayswater, Swan Athletic will be too good for Uni, Osborne District will have too much strength for Bassendean, Collegians O/S will have the edge over Dianella/Morley and Innaloo and Maylands will fight out a tight game.

AMATEUR PREMIERSHIP TABLES

| GRADE | P | W | L | F | A | % | PTS |
|---------------------|---|---|---|-----|-----|---------|-----|
| A GRADE | | | | | | | |
| TRINITY-AQUINAS | 2 | 2 | 0 | 269 | 101 | 266.33 | 8 |
| NOLLAMARA | 2 | 2 | 0 | 244 | 107 | 228.03 | 8 |
| WEMBLEY | 2 | 2 | 0 | 177 | 124 | 142.74 | 8 |
| WEST COAST | 1 | 1 | 0 | 72 | 51 | 141.17 | 4 |
| MT LAWLEY | 2 | 1 | 1 | 217 | 162 | 133.95 | 4 |
| North Fremantle | 2 | 1 | 1 | 126 | 217 | 58.06 | 4 |
| University | 1 | 0 | 1 | 66 | 88 | 75.00 | 0 |
| North Beach | 2 | 0 | 2 | 109 | 161 | 67.70 | 0 |
| Scarborough | 2 | 0 | 2 | 143 | 234 | 61.11 | 0 |
| Wesley Curtin | 2 | 0 | 2 | 65 | 243 | 26.74 | 0 |
| B GRADE | | | | | | | |
| OSBRN DSTRCTS | 2 | 2 | 0 | 219 | 191 | 114.65 | 8 |
| COLL/OLD SCOTC | 2 | 1 | 0 | 280 | 193 | 145.65 | 8 |
| SWAN ATHLETIC | 2 | 1 | 0 | 229 | 199 | 115.07 | 6 |
| DIANELLA/MORLEY | 2 | 1 | 1 | 302 | 174 | 173.56 | 4 |
| C.B.C. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 257 | 168 | 152.97 | 4 |
| University | 2 | 1 | 1 | 233 | 190 | 122.63 | 4 |
| Bayswater | 2 | 1 | 1 | 244 | 242 | 100.82 | 4 |
| Bassendean | 2 | 1 | 1 | 154 | 281 | 54.80 | 4 |
| Innaloo | 2 | 0 | 2 | 179 | 253 | 70.75 | 0 |
| Maylands | 2 | 0 | 2 | 132 | 338 | 39.05 | 0 |
| C GRADE | | | | | | | |
| TRINITY-AQUINAS | 2 | 2 | 0 | 405 | 39 | 1038.46 | 8 |
| ROCKINGHAM | 2 | 2 | 0 | 306 | 113 | 270.79 | 8 |
| WHITFORD | 2 | 2 | 0 | 243 | 155 | 156.77 | 8 |
| WEMBLEY | 1 | 1 | 0 | 145 | 50 | 290.00 | 4 |
| NOLLAMARA | 2 | 1 | 1 | 246 | 121 | 203.30 | 4 |
| Mt Lawley | 2 | 1 | 1 | 192 | 163 | 117.79 | 4 |
| Cockburn Lakes | 2 | 0 | 2 | 114 | 298 | 38.25 | 0 |
| Coolbinia-Yokine | 1 | 0 | 1 | 49 | 153 | 32.02 | 0 |
| Cowan University | 2 | 0 | 2 | 78 | 390 | 20 | 0 |
| Wesley Curtin | 2 | 0 | 2 | 45 | 341 | 13.19 | 0 |
| D GRADE | | | | | | | |
| SCARBOROUGH | 2 | 2 | 0 | 218 | 115 | 189.56 | 8 |
| MELVILLE | 2 | 2 | 0 | 273 | 159 | 171.69 | 8 |
| JOHN 23RD SWAN | 1 | 1 | 0 | 119 | 102 | 116.66 | 8 |
| HAMERS-CARINE | 2 | 1 | 1 | 208 | 185 | 112.43 | 4 |
| NORTH BEACH | 2 | 1 | 1 | 163 | 169 | 96.44 | 4 |
| Lynwood-Ferndale | 2 | 1 | 1 | 186 | 193 | 96.37 | 4 |
| Bullcreek | 2 | 1 | 1 | 146 | 185 | 78.91 | 4 |
| Mundaring Hills | 2 | 0 | 2 | 197 | 248 | 79.43 | 0 |
| Carlisle | 2 | 0 | 2 | 189 | 290 | 65.17 | 0 |
| Dianella/Morley | 1 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 110 | 51.81 | 0 |
| E GRADE | | | | | | | |
| WEST COAST | 2 | 2 | 0 | 258 | 108 | 238.88 | 8 |
| WANNEROO | 2 | 2 | 0 | 225 | 174 | 129.31 | 8 |
| ST. NORBERTS | 1 | 1 | 0 | 180 | 39 | 461.53 | 4 |
| R & I BANK | 2 | 1 | 1 | 299 | 130 | 230.00 | 4 |
| BALCATT | 2 | 1 | 1 | 231 | 137 | 168.61 | 4 |
| Brentwood | 2 | 1 | 1 | 124 | 236 | 52.54 | 4 |
| University | 1 | 0 | 1 | 103 | 113 | 91.15 | 0 |
| Applecross | 1 | 0 | 1 | 82 | 114 | 71.92 | 0 |
| Sawyers Valley | 2 | 0 | 2 | 65 | 324 | 20.06 | 0 |
| Hellenic | 1 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 223 | 13.90 | 0 |
| F GRADE | | | | | | | |
| NATIONAL BANK | 2 | 2 | 0 | 212 | 114 | 185.96 | 8 |
| REDCLIFFE | 2 | 2 | 0 | 225 | 151 | 149.00 | 8 |
| SWAN ATHLETIC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 192 | 131 | 146.56 | 8 |
| COLL/OLD SCOTC | 2 | 1 | 1 | 212 | 176 | 120.45 | 4 |
| MT LAWLEY | 2 | 1 | 1 | 186 | 168 | 110.71 | 4 |
| Nollamara | 2 | 1 | 1 | 197 | 232 | 84.91 | 4 |
| Coolbellup | 2 | 1 | 1 | 179 | 215 | 83.25 | 4 |
| Innaloo | 2 | 0 | 2 | 137 | 194 | 70.61 | 0 |
| Victoria Park | 2 | 0 | 2 | 106 | 158 | 67.08 | 0 |
| Forrestfield | 2 | 0 | 2 | 139 | 246 | 56.50 | 0 |
| G GRADE | | | | | | | |
| WEMBLEY | 2 | 2 | 0 | 267 | 93 | 287.09 | 8 |
| SWAN VIEW | 2 | 2 | 0 | 329 | 156 | 210.89 | 8 |
| BASSEDEAN | 2 | 2 | 0 | 299 | 163 | 183.43 | 4 |
| NORTH FREMANT | 2 | 1 | 1 | 249 | 117 | 212.82 | 4 |
| BAYSWATER | 2 | 1 | 1 | 188 | 144 | 140.55 | 4 |
| Riverton | 2 | 1 | 1 | 178 | 178 | 100.00 | 4 |
| University | 2 | 1 | 1 | 143 | 147 | 97.27 | 4 |
| West Coast | 2 | 0 | 2 | 124 | 331 | 37.46 | 0 |
| Osborne Districts | 2 | 0 | 2 | 71 | 306 | 23.20 | 0 |
| Wesley Curtin | 2 | 0 | 2 | 71 | 306 | 23.20 | 0 |
| H GRADE | | | | | | | |
| OCEAN RIDGE | 2 | 2 | 0 | 360 | 105 | 342.85 | 8 |
| R.A.A.F. | 2 | 2 | 0 | 253 | 147 | 172.10 | 8 |
| WHITFORD | 1 | 1 | 0 | 135 | 84 | 160.71 | 4 |
| C.B.C. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 199 | 136 | 146.32 | 4 |
| HAMERS-CARINE | 2 | 1 | 1 | 240 | 196 | 122.44 | 4 |
| Maylands | 2 | 1 | 1 | 160 | 212 | 75.47 | 4 |
| East Fremantle | 2 | 1 | 1 | 153 | 204 | 75.00 | 4 |
| Trinity-Aquinas | 2 | 0 | 2 | 186 | 241 | 77.17 | 4 |
| Murdoch University | 1 | 0 | 1 | 53 | 147 | 36.05 | 0 |
| Carlisle | 2 | 0 | 2 | 88 | 355 | 24.78 | 0 |
| I GRADE | | | | | | | |
| ROCKINGHAM | 2 | 2 | 0 | 431 | 69 | 624.63 | 8 |
| BAYSWATER | 2 | 2 | 0 | 278 | 118 | 235.59 | 8 |
| NORTH BEACH | 2 | 2 | 0 | 287 | 125 | 229.60 | 8 |
| SCARBOROUGH | 2 | 1 | 1 | 347 | 158 | 219.62 | 4 |
| OLD GUILDFORD | 2 | 1 | 1 | 236 | 176 | 134.09 | 4 |
| Bullcreek | 2 | 1 | 1 | 159 | 183 | 86.88 | 4 |
| Wambro Swans | 2 | 1 | 1 | 143 | 181 | 74.86 | 4 |
| Osborne Districts | 2 | 0 | 2 | 131 | 283 | 46.28 | 0 |
| North Fremantle | 2 | 0 | 2 | 111 | 446 | 24.88 | 0 |
| John 23rd Swanbn | 2 | 0 | 2 | 102 | 476 | 21.42 | 0 |
| J GRADE | | | | | | | |
| COCKBURN LAKES | 2 | 2 | 0 | 247 | 101 | 244.55 | 8 |
| DIANEL/MORLEY | 2 | 2 | 0 | 240 | 100 | 240.00 | 8 |
| COOLBIN-YOKINE | 2 | 2 | 0 | 282 | 186 | 151.61 | 8 |
| WANNEROO | 2 | 1 | 1 | 228 | 133 | 171.42 | 4 |
| MELVILLE | 2 | 1 | 1 | 285 | 207 | 137.68 | 4 |
| Redcliffe | 2 | 1 | 1 | 199 | 190 | 104.73 | 4 |
| Lynwood-Ferndale | 2 | 1 | 1 | 133 | 208 | 63.94 | 4 |
| Collegians/Old Scot | 2 | 0 | 2 | 121 | 224 | 54.01 | 0 |
| Whitford | 2 | 0 | 2 | 94 | 260 | 36.15 | 0 |
| Forrestfield | 2 | 0 | 2 | 94 | 314 | 29.93 | 0 |
| K GRADE | | | | | | | |
| WEST COAST | 2 | 2 | 0 | 171 | 69 | 247.82 | 8 |
| OCEAN RIDGE | 2 | 2 | 0 | 31 | 23 | 134.77 | 8 |
| NOLLAMARA | 2 | 1 | 1 | 224 | 61 | 367.21 | 4 |
| APPLECROSS | 2 | 1 | 1 | 247 | 172 | 143.60 | 4 |
| COOLBELLUP | 2 | 1 | 1 | 282 | 222 | 127.02 | 4 |
| Mundaring Hills | 2 | 1 | 1 | 203 | 194 | 104.63 | 4 |
| Cowan University | 2 | 1 | 1 | 153 | 176 | 86.93 | 4 |
| Innaloo | 2 | 1 | 1 | 150 | 208 | 72.11 | 4 |
| Brentwood | 2 | 0 | 2 | 160 | 265 | 60.37 | 0 |
| Carlisle | 1 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 252 | 8.33 | 0 |
| L GRADE | | | | | | | |
| BASSEDEAN | 2 | 2 | 0 | 418 | 93 | 449.46 | 8 |
| SAWYERS VALLEY | 2 | 2 | 0 | 310 | 92 | 336.95 | 8 |
| WEMBLEY | 2 | 2 | 0 | 311 | 108 | 287.96 | 8 |
| SWAN ATHLETIC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 284 | 141 | 201.41 | 8 |
| MT LAWLEY | 2 | 2 | 0 | 198 | 144 | 137.50 | 8 |
| Swan View | 2 | 1 | 1 | 162 | 201 | 80.59 | 4 |
| Dianella/Morley | 2 | 0 | 2 | 122 | 190 | 64.21 | 2 |
| Victoria Park | 2 | 0 | 2 | 120 | 231 | 51.94 | 2 |
| Trinity-Aquinas | 2 | 0 | 2 | 172 | 236 | 72.88 | 0 |
| Bullcreek | 2 | 0 | 2 | 101 | 189 | 53.43 | 0 |
| Hellenic | 2 | 0 | 2 | 163 | 371 | 43.93 | 0 |
| Riverton | 2 | 0 | 2 | 50 | 415 | 12.04 | 0 |
| M GRADE | | | | | | | |
| TRINITY-AQUINAS | 2 | 2 | 0 | 265 | 50 | 530 | 8 |
| NORTH BEACH | 2 | 2 | 0 | 253 | 102 | 248.03 | 8 |
| UNIVERSITY | 1 | 1 | 0 | 112 | 53 | 211.32 | 4 |
| NTH FREMANTLE | 1 | 1 | 0 | 101 | 65 | 155.38 | 4 |
| MT LAWLEY | 1 | 1 | 0 | 75 | 49 | 153.06 | 4 |
| Nollamara | 2 | 1 | 1 | 134 | 125 | 107.20 | 4 |
| Wesley Curtin | 2 | 0 | 2 | 95 | 196 | 48.46 | 0 |
| Wembley | 2 | 0 | 2 | 107 | 238 | 44.95 | 0 |
| West Coast | 1 | 0 | 1 | 48 | 127 | 37.79 | 0 |
| Scarborough | 2 | 0 | 2 | 70 | 255 | 27.45 | 0 |
| N GRADE | | | | | | | |
| B GRADE | 2 | 2 | 0 | 433 | 17 | 2547.05 | 8 |
| C.B.C. | 2 | 2 | 0 | 365 | 27 | 1351.85 | 8 |
| COLLEG/OLD SCOT | 2 | 2 | 0 | 285 | 58 | 491.37 | 8 |
| INNALOO | 2 | 2 | 0 | 187 | 128 | 146.09 | 8 |
| UNIVERSITY | 2 | 1 | 1 | 142 | 169 | 84.02 | 4 |
| BASSEDEAN | 2 | 1 | 1 | 128 | 211 | 60.66 | 4 |
| Osborne Districts | 2 | 0 | 2 | 135 | 188 | 71.80 | 0 |
| Dianella/Morley | 2 | 0 | 2 | 104 | 227 | 45.81 | 0 |
| Bayswater | 2 | 0 | 2 | 104 | 227 | 45.81 | 0 |
| Maylands | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 422 | 2.36 | 0 |
| Swan Athletic | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 422 | 2.36 | 0 |
| O GRADE | | | | | | | |
| WHITFORD | 2 | 2 | 0 | 273 | 43 | 634.88 | 8 |
| OCEAN RIDGE | 2 | 2 | 0 | 196 | 90 | 217.77 | 8 |
| WANNEROO | 2 | 2 | 0 | 196 | 90 | 217.77 | 8 |
| LYNWOOD-FERND | 2 | 2 | 0 | 71 | 48 | 147.91 | 8 |
| ROCKINGHAM | 2 | 1 | 1 | 139 | 148 | 93.91 | 4 |
| North Beach | 2 | 1 | 1 | 139 | 148 | 9 | |

Ongerup carnival test for coaches

IN A sneak-preview of what is to come this season, the second annual Ongerup lightning carnival will be held this Sunday at the Ongerup Sporting Complex.

With home-and-away fixtures kicking off on Sunday, May 4, clubs will use the weekend to blood new players and give new and old coaches an insight into what they have to work with in 1991.

Jerramungup, Pingrup, Nyabing, Boxwood Hills, Borden, Ongerup and Gnowangerup will be up against last year's carnival winners, Newdegate and the competition is sure to be fierce with association coach Ken Shields in attendance.

Shields will relish the chance to get an early season gauge on the form and fitness of players with a view to select-

Carnival time at Ongerup

ing a team for the Great Southern Carnival in Mt Barker on June 22 and 23.

Shields will also be looking ahead to the Wesfarmers Country Carnival to be held in Perth on July 11-14.

New association president George Patterson admits sides may be a little short of players at this time of year, but he is still expecting strong competition on the day.

Reigning champions Newdegate will again be a strength with Noel Morton and Greg Bunker leading a very experienced side.

New Gnowangerup coach Brad

Footy keeps morale high

FOOTBALL is playing a major role in keeping morale high in the country as the rural population goes through some tough times in the 1990s.

New association president George Patterson hopes the Ongerup lightning carnival will help bring the township together for a day of fun as it did in its inaugural year in 1990.

"The rural recession has made it hard for teams to come up with the numbers to field a side," Patterson said.

"Many teams have been caught short with men moving to the city looking for work."

Smallwood, who played six games with East Perth last season, along with the Roy and Neil Morgan and Reagen Bennett will make Gnowangerup the team to watch this season and they will be looking for a good showing in the carnival.

Shields took Boxwood Hills to new heights last season and with Danny Bertola having a pre-season run, their improvement could continue.

Jerramungup coach Bruce Trevaskis will want his team to go all out to justify last year's premiership win and new Nyabing coach Graeme Campbell, with a fit Joe Davies at his disposal, will show his side is a team to watch as they have a band of exciting young players keen to prove themselves.

Brendon Deering will hope Ongerup, under his experience, will once again be a big threat to the other teams and go on to big things in 1991.

Carnival winners will be presented with trophies at the completion of the programme and a preliminary training squad of 40 to 45 for the Great Southern Carnival will also be announced.

Coaching line-up

THE team competing in the Ongerup carnival and their coaches are:

- Boxwood Hills — Ken Shields
- Gnowangerup — Brad Smallwood
- Jerramungup — Bruce Trevaskis
- Newdegate — Noel Morton
- Nyabing — Graeme Campbell
- Ongerup — Brendon Deering
- Pingrup — Ian Badger
- Borden — Graeme Barker

The teams will not know who they are playing till they get to the ground and a random draw is made.

Every team will play two games and the side with the most wins and highest percentage will be the champions.

Shock win to West Arthur

IN a surprise opening to the 1991 season, last year's wooden spooners West Arthur (12.13) narrowly beat Railways (12.6) after trailing by four goals at three-quarter time.

Ray Speck celebrated his return to West Arthur with a best-on-ground performance.

He was ably assisted by the reliable Wayne Duffield with Paul Kirk (five goals) playing strongly in the forward line.

Railways were best served by Alan Coles, Darren Turvey and new captain-coach Wayne Coles (three goals).

Boddington (15.19) continued on from where they left off last season by easily accounting for Wickepin (10.6).

For the victors Glen Wilson and David Allbury stood out along with Tim Nicholls (eight goals).

BULLDOGS STAR

Top-rated South Fremantle defender Ken Martin, playing on permits from the Bulldogs and Gary Lang tried valiantly for Wickepin.

Playing their first game in the Upper Great Southern League, Kukerin-Dumbelyung (14.19) proved far too strong for Lake Grace (2.12).

Darren Ballard and Darrell Edwards led the way for Kukerin-Dumbelyung with former Claremont and Carlton star Ross Ditchburn, who has been appointed association coach for the season, bagging seven majors.

Darell Hart (three goals) was also handy around the goals. Noel Bairstow and Bevan Taylor were best for a disappointing Lake Grace.

In a game marred by inaccurate kicking, Williams (11.21) proved too strong for Pingelly (5.14).

Former Subiaco player Clinton Brown (five goals) was best for Williams, along with Paul Evans. For Pingelly, Robbie Kirk and former Falcon Wade Starr were best.

A low scoring encounter saw Towns (8.20) run out 11-point victors over Wagin (7.15).

Brad Chivell and veteran Keith Ballard were best for Towns while Courtney Sutherland and Jason Walker (three goals) were outstanding for the losers.



Clinton Brown...in the goals

Plenty of action

WHILE there will be plenty of action on the football field throughout Sunday, there will also be a lot of off-field activity which should see last year's crowd of 2000 beaten.

Great Southern football development officer Ian Barrow will be holding football coaching clinics for children throughout the day and WAFL umpires development officer Kevin Castensen will join local umpires advisor Daryl Carpenter to hold a Level One umpires course.

Carpenter, a Level Three umpire who was in control of the interstate country clash with a Victorian side at Moora in 1989, was recently appointed umpires advisor to the Great Southern Football League.

There will also be a meeting between all justices of the peace in the area to discuss the running of the tribunal, association rules and the send off rule, which, as yet, is not a part of football in Ongerup.

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COUNTRY ROUND-UP

Busselton unbeaten after three games

BUSSELTON remain the only unbeaten team in the SWNFL after they beat Bunbury by 30-points last Sunday.

The Magpies, coached by former Subiaco legend Peter Featherby, set up their 14.8 to 9.8 win with a 10 goals to one first quarter when kicking with the aid of a gale-force breeze.

Craig McArthur, Peter Dawson and Michael Baldock kicked three goals each and along with Mark Stojanowski, captain Charlie Maiolo and Ashley Chitty, played crucial roles in their victory.

Bunbury's best were Rohan Glen, Angelo Conti and Tony Deighton.

DRAWN GAME

Carey Park gained their first points for the season when they drew with Augusta-Margaret River in a low-scoring affair at Kelly Park — 3.17 to 4.11 — breaking the Hawks' winning run.

Ruckman Sean Widdeson, defenders Michael Lane and Jeremy Barnard and forwards Murray Collard and Paul Barnard led the way for Carey Park while Justin Cook, Kevin Tenardi,

Easy victory for Mullewa

MULLEWA consolidated their position as the pacesetters in the Great Northern Football League by beating Brigades 14.16 (100) to 6.15 (51) at Mullewa Oval last week.

Brigades never looked threatening as Mullewa took control early and led at every change.

Best for Mullewa were G. Steele, Spratt, Taylor and M. Steele, while Brigades best were Cooper, Cocking, S. Rowan and D. Rowan.

Railways took on the in-form Northampton, who were fresh from their impressive win over Rovers.

There was nothing in the match up till half-time, but an 11-goal third quarter crippled Northampton's attempts to win and Railways ran out victors 21.11 (137) to 13.13 (91).

Best for Railways were 1990 Teal Cup squad player Clint Patterson, John Bedford, with eight goals, Zampolini, Bedford, Burrows and Harris, while Northampton's best were former Swans ruckman Mick Johns with four goals, Bridgeman, Houlst and Smith.

Third placed Towns took on cellar-dwellers Chapman Valley to win 21.6 (132) to 14.10 (94).

An eight goal third term by Towns stopped the Valley in their tracks after a close first half.

Best for Towns were Gregory, Aitken and Jackson and for Chapman Valley Blurton, Williamson and Collard.

This week's fixtures are: Towns v Rovers; Brigades v Chapman Valley; Northampton v Mullewa, with Railways having the bye.

Federals cop a drubbing

TOP of the table Quairading handed out a thrashing to bottom placed Federals in the Avon Football Association last week.

The Avon league leaders were just too strong for the floundering Federals winning 26.13 (169) to 4.10 (34).

Best for Quairading were Stone and Souiers and for Federals Hilsz and Croft.

Beverley narrowly beat York 4.10 (34) to 3.14 (32), with York's poor kicking for goal costing them the game.

Second-placed Kelleberrin breezed to victory over Cunderdin with a 10.11

Alex Rattray and Simon Wuttke were outstanding for the Hawks.

Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup had the biggest win of the round when they thumped a pathetic Collie by 101 points.

The Saints were that bad they failed to score a goal and lost 15.16 to 0.5.

Jamie Ninnett scored four goals for the Cardinals, while John Sullivan kicked three and along with Darryl Wyllie and Brett Glass, led the procession.

STRONG FINISH

Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault overran South Bunbury in the second half to win 13.11 to 7.7.

Russell Waterman, Rob McKinnon and Tony Strano kicked three goals each, while the experienced Paddy Pappalia and Graham Jones were valuable contributors.

For South Bunbury captain-coach Peter Old, taggers Rod Steele and Ashley Knipe and Graham McGee excelled.

Mines Rovers overcame a 13-point deficit at half-time to beat Donnybrook by 31 points.

Veteran Peter Rowe bagged five goals in a match-winning performance.

Royals thrash Wanderers

ROYALS moved to the top of the Great Southern Football League after a powerhouse display of football over a languid Wanderers.

The Royals accelerated as the game progressed to win 17.15 (107) to 2.10 (22).

Best for Royals were Paunich, Woods and Dyer and for Wanderers, Quartermaine, Zilm and Hastie.

Second placed North Albany went down to a determined Tambellup 16.9 (105) to 9.15 (65).

Best for Tambellup were Derek Woods, Russell Williams, Ray Williams and Darren Woods, while North Albany's best were Brown, Corney and Cummings.

South Mt Barker handed out a thrashing to North Mt Barker 18.18 (126) to 6.10 (46).

Best for Souths were Winmar, Bryant and Frey and for Norths, Pope, Morgan and Williams.

Austral registered their first win of the season by beating Railways 15.16 (106) to 8.15 (103).

Best for Austral were Coles, Jolly, Whitmore and Armstrong, while Railways best were Pearson, Swarbrick, Buxton and Stone.

This week's fixtures are: South Barker v Austral; Wanderers v North Barker; North Albany v Royals; Kojonup v Tambellup; Railways: Bye.

(71) to 4.7 (31) win.

Best for Kelleberrin were Bradley and Moylan and for Cunderdin, Pearse and Bloodsworth.

Tammin had no problems accounting for Brookton, winning 11.11 (77) to 6.11 (47).

A strong five-goal finish by Tammin was too big a gap for Brookton to make up. Best for Tammin were Devitt and Clarke and for Brookton the Fancote brothers played well.

This week Brookton play Cunderdin; York host Quairading; Beverley meet Tammin; Railways clash with Kelleberrin and Federals have the bye.



Peter Featherby....has the Magpies on top in the South-West

Tigers on the prowl

THE Tigers continued their good early season form by defeating Southerners 10.22 (82) to 7.11 (52) in the Lower South West Football League.

After last week's 20-goal thrashing of Bridgetown, the Tigers are now the early premiership favourites.

Best players for Tigers were Hough, Walker, Quaipe, Hodgson and Simmons, while Southerners best were Nixon, Scaini, Carter, Stemp, Ryan and Roche.

Second placed Deanmill downed the flagging Imperials, who are yet to win a game.

Deanmill never looked back after an opening burst of six goals to Imperials one point and they went on to win 13.12 (90) to 4.14 (38).

Best for Deanmill were Slater, East, Vellios, Nicol and Reeve.

Third-placed Boyup Brook beat bottom-of-the-ladder Bridgetown 19.12 (126) to 9.15 (59).

Best for Boyup were Powell, Bilutta, Miller, Dent, Collins and Kremp, while Bridgetown's best were Jurewicz, Harrington, Deall, Moulton and Holdsworth.

Kulin go to the top

KULIN moved to the top of the Eastern Districts football ladder with a convincing win over Hyden Kalgarin.

Kulin led at every change and eventually over-powered Hyden 21.19 (145) to 8.11 (45).

Best for Kulin were Shane Page, Gary Page and Matt Ledwith, while Hyden's best were Wayne Brown and Steve James.

Second-placed Nukarni beat Narambeen 16.8 (104) to 11.9 (75) in a game which fell away in the second half.

Best for Nukarni were Andrew Crook, Tim Fiegart and full-forward David Bielken with six goals, while Narambeen's best were the Hooper brothers, Brett and Jeff.

Burracoppin downed an improved Bruce Rock 15.12 (102) to 6.15 (51).

Best for Burracoppin were centre-half-forward Rick Antonio with five goals, Ian Downsborough and Aaron Smith, while Bruce Rock's best was Anthony Langdon.

Kondinin won their second game of the year, beating Merredin 13.11 (89) to 7.10 (42).

Merredin will be looking to improve on poor form and notch up their first win for the season this weekend.

Best for Kondinin were Ashley Collard, Jeff Wootton and Scott Morton, while Merredin's best was ruckman Damian Clarke.

This week's fixtures see Burracoppin play Nukarni; Merredin meet Bruce Rock and Kulin play Kondinin.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

Lower South-West

| | P | W | L | For | Agst | % | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Tigers | 2 | 2 | 0 | 249 | 88 | 282 | 8 |
| Deanmill | 2 | 2 | 0 | 210 | 118 | 177 | 8 |
| Boyup Brook | 2 | 2 | 0 | 217 | 131 | 165 | 8 |
| Southerners | 2 | 0 | 2 | 133 | 202 | 65 | 0 |
| Imperials | 2 | 0 | 2 | 110 | 181 | 60 | 0 |
| Bridgetown | 2 | 0 | 2 | 94 | 293 | 32 | 0 |

Gomme's Shoes

South West League

| | P | W | D | L | For | Agst | % | Tot |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|-----|------|--------|-----|
| Busselton | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 343 | 249 | 137.7 | 12 |
| Aug Marg Riv | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 233 | 209 | 111.4 | 10 |
| Harvey Bruns | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 353 | 249 | 141.7 | 8 |
| Boy Capel | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 331 | 238 | 139.0 | 8 |
| Mines Rovers | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 306 | 304 | 100.6 | 8 |
| Sth Bunbury | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 244 | 274 | 89.004 | 4 |
| Bunbury | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 221 | 268 | 82.4 | 4 |
| Collie | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 149 | 252 | 59.1 | 4 |
| Carey Park | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 201 | 290 | 69.3 | 2 |
| Donnybrook | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 206 | 254 | 81.1 | 0 |

DEVAUGH

Great Northern

| | P | W | L | D | For | Agst | % | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|-----|------|--------|-----|
| Mullewa | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 504 | 373 | 135.12 | 14 |
| Railways | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 458 | 456 | 100.43 | 12 |
| Towns | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 409 | 287 | 142.50 | 10 |
| Brigade | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 335 | 395 | 84.81 | 8 |
| Northampton | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 283 | 345 | 82.02 | 4 |
| Rovers | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 237 | 277 | 85.55 | 0 |
| C Valley | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 286 | 388 | 73.71 | 0 |

Queens Motor Hotel

Avon Association

| | P | W | L | For | Agst | % | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|-----|------|--------|-----|
| Quairading | 2 | 2 | 0 | 270 | 78 | 346.15 | 8 |
| Kelleberrin | 2 | 2 | 0 | 176 | 120 | 146.66 | 8 |
| York | 2 | 1 | 1 | 192 | 74 | 259.45 | 4 |
| Brookton | 2 | 1 | 1 | 174 | 173 | 100.57 | 4 |
| Beverley | 2 | 1 | 1 | 123 | 137 | 89.78 | 4 |
| Tammin | 2 | 1 | 1 | 121 | 148 | 81.75 | 4 |
| Railways | 1 | 0 | 1 | 96 | 127 | 75.59 | 0 |
| Cunderdin | 1 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 71 | 43.66 | 0 |
| Federals | 2 | 0 | 2 | 74 | 329 | 22.49 | 0 |

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Eastern Districts

| | P | W | L | For | Agst | % | Pts |
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| Kulin | 2 | 2 | 0 | 227 | 120 | 189.17 | 8 |
| Nukarni | 2 | 2 | 0 | 232 | 174 | 133.33 | 8 |
| Burracoppin | 3 | 2 | 1 | 295 | 248 | 118.95 | 8 |
| Hyden Kalgarin | 3 | 2 | 1 | 301 | 298 | 101.01 | 8 |
| Kondinin | 3 | 2 | 1 | 241 | 243 | 99.18 | 8 |
| Narambeen | 3 | 1 | 2 | 312 | 217 | 143.78 | 4 |
| Corrigin | 2 | 1 | 1 | 204 | 182 | 112.09 | 4 |
| Merredin | 3 | 0 | 3 | 185 | 285 | 64.91 | 0 |
| Bruce Rock | 3 | 0 | 3 | 135 | 365 | 36.99 | 0 |

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Great Southern League

| | P | W | L | For | Agst | % | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|------|--------|-----|
| Royals | 3 | 3 | 0 | 397 | 189 | 204.76 | 12 |
| North Albany | 3 | 2 | 1 | 319 | 229 | 139.30 | 8 |
| Tambellup | 3 | 2 | 1 | 343 | 297 | 115.48 | 8 |
| Sth Mt Barker | 3 | 2 | 1 | 315 | 282 | 111.70 | 8 |
| Kojonup | 2 | 1 | 1 | 222 | 174 | 127.58 | 4 |
| Austral | 2 | 1 | 1 | 168 | 194 | 86.59 | 4 |
| Railways | 3 | 1 | 2 | 277 | 341 | 81.23 | 4 |
| Nth Mt Barker | 2 | 0 | 2 | 126 | 218 | 57.79 | 0 |
| Wanderers | 3 | 0 | 3 | 139 | 372 | 37.36 | 0 |

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MON-FRI AND SATURDAY MORNINGS

Kelmscott win grand final replay

By **Damian Bianchini**
Sunday

KELMSCOTT confirmed that they will be a force to contend when they opened the Sunday Football League season by winning the grand final replay against Osborne Park at John Dunn Oval.

The Bulldogs downed reigning premiers Osborne Park by 25 points, in windy conditions.

After a slow start Osborne Park after their way back into the game when coach Ed Blackaby switched Clint Roberts from the back-line to centre-half-forward to give the side a focal point in attack.

Osborne Park's centreline of Mike Smith, Greg Carpenter and Paul Gianappolis started slowly, but by the second half gave their team plenty of drive out of the middle of the ground.

Kelmscott were too strong in the centre of the ground, with Barry Cable and Colin Simpson continually giving the Kelmscott forwards plenty of options.

One player to capitalise on this was Kelmscott full-forward Matthew Congelton, who finished with six goals.

Troy Davis was Kelmscott's best player, with full-back Andrew Tigche-laar repelling many Osborne Park attacks.

Osborne Park's Roberts played well in attack and defence and he would have been pleased to finish the game injury-free after playing only five matches last year due to injuries.



Troy Davis...Kelmscott

At Burrendah Reserve, Maddington ran out winners by 21 points, gaining the ascendancy over Willetton in the third quarter by keeping them scoreless.

Maddington's Paul Tolan was a focal point up forward, kicking three goals in the blustery conditions.

At the other end of the ground, Willetton's Karl Cicanese led strongly all day and was rewarded for his efforts with five goals.

Maddington's Brett Williams was dominant in the centre, picking up plenty of possessions and bringing other team members into the game.

Willetton's half back line of Greg Horsman and Darren Cook were solid in defence, with rover Jason Sheridan giving the following division valuable support.

Kenwick proved that they will be a tough side to beat this season as they downed Thornlie by 19 points at Mills Park.

The third quarter was where the game was won, with the Royals kicking four goals to Thornlie's one.

Kenwick's full-back Geoff Walker, Craig Morris and half-back Bradley Gedge were all solid contributors for the Royals.

Kenwick first-gamer Dean Warwick showed all of his old WAFL skills and will be a valuable asset for the Royals.

Andrew Glendinning was Thornlie's best player, giving them plenty of drive out of the middle of the ground.

PRESSURE

After a close first quarter between Kalamunda and Gosnells at Ray Owen Oval, which saw the Cougars leading by seven points, they eventually succumbed to Gosnell's pressure, losing by 90 points.

Former WAFL ruckman Guy Baxter was Gosnells best player, completely dominating the ruck and his smaller players into the game through his superb ruck work and marking around the ground.

Kalamunda's Peter Spalding and John Hart tried all day for the Cougars, who lacked the height and strength to combat Gosnells.

Armada travelled to Rushton Park to take on Mandurah and returned home with a 19-point victory.

David Michael, Phil Preedy and Ashley McPhail were dominant for Armada, while Scott Hardy on a wing and Mark James, who kicked three goals from full-forward, were Mandurah's best players.

Paul Wilson who returned from South Fremantle this season, provided a focal point at centre half forward for Mandurah, and as the season progresses he will be a danger to opposition defences.



Chris Davies...Wanneroo recruit

gresses he will be a danger to opposition defences.

Wanneroo ran out winners by 34 points over Applecross, giving Coach Les Fong his first victory as a coach in the SFL competition.

Applecross were only 2 goals down at three quarter time, but were unable to stay with Wanneroo, with Steven Grey, Chris Davies, and John McWlwee giving strong performances for Wanneroo.

Greg Hitchen, Quinten Briers, and David Watson were all solid performers for the Applecross side.

In the last game of the round played at Wyong Oval, only one point separated Canning and South Perth at the end of the game.

Canning who were 21 points down at three quarter time came back strongly in the last quarter wearing down a very tired South Perth, to win by a point.

Canning's ruck rover Chris Bilchuris was outstanding and he was well supported by wingman Shane Cook and captain Charlie Schurling at full-back.

For South Perth, former Kelmscott player Simon Boyd kicked three goals and Damien Lunt, who is on a weekly permit from East Perth, dominated the ruck.

Sunday Football League

| | P | W | L | For | Agst | % | Tot |
|--------------|---|---|---|-----|------|--------|-----|
| Gosnells | 1 | 1 | 0 | 161 | 77 | 209.09 | 4 |
| Wanneroo* | 1 | 1 | 0 | 81 | 47 | 172.34 | 4 |
| Maddington | 1 | 1 | 0 | 78 | 57 | 136.84 | 4 |
| Kenwick | 1 | 1 | 0 | 78 | 57 | 136.84 | 4 |
| Kelmscott | 1 | 1 | 0 | 96 | 71 | 135.21 | 4 |
| Armada | 1 | 1 | 0 | 89 | 70 | 127.14 | 4 |
| Canning | 1 | 1 | 0 | 62 | 61 | 101.63 | 4 |
| South Perth | 1 | 0 | 1 | 61 | 62 | 98.38 | 0 |
| Mandurah | 1 | 0 | 1 | 70 | 89 | 78.65 | 0 |
| Osborne Park | 1 | 0 | 1 | 71 | 96 | 73.95 | 0 |
| Willetton | 1 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 78 | 73.07 | 0 |
| Thornlie | 1 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 78 | 73.07 | 0 |
| Applecross | 1 | 0 | 1 | 47 | 61 | 58.02 | 0 |
| Kalamunda | 1 | 0 | 1 | 77 | 161 | 47.82 | 0 |

Metro Football League

| | P | W | D | L | For | Agst | % | Tot |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|-----|------|--------|-----|
| Mundijong | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 161 | 111 | 145.04 | 8 |
| Mosman Park | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 187 | 148 | 126.35 | 8 |
| Nth Frem | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 194 | 131 | 148.09 | 4 |
| Manning | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 236 | 192 | 122.91 | 4 |
| Midland | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 178 | 146 | 121.91 | 4 |
| Pinjarra | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 165 | 136 | 121.32 | 4 |
| Sth Mand | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 200 | 175 | 114.28 | 4 |
| Kwinana | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 178 | 224 | 79.46 | 4 |
| Waroona | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 154 | 249 | 61.84 | 0 |
| Cockburn | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 100 | 241 | 41.49 | 0 |

SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WA INC)

ROUND 2 — SUN, APRIL 28, 1991

2.20pm — MADDINGTON v KELMSCOTT
 Maddington Oval
 THORNIE v WILLETTON
 Thornlie Oval
 GOSNELLS v KENWICK
 Gosnells Oval
 ARMADALE v KALAMUNDA
 Gwynne Park
 APPECROSS v MANDURAH
 East Fremantle Oval
 SOUTH PERTH v WANNEROO
 Kingsway Sporting Complex
 2.50pm — OSBORNE PK v CANNING
 Balcatta Reserve

METRO FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ROUND 3 — SUN, APRIL 28, 1991

MOSMAN PARK v SOUTH MANDURAH
 Tom Perot Reserve
 WAROONA v PINJARRA
 Waroona
 KWINANANA v NORTH FREMANTLE
 Medina Oval
 MUNDIJONG v COCKBURN
 Mundijong Sporting Complex
 MANNING v MIDLAND
 James Miller Oval

Upset win to Saints

THE Dandaragan Saints caused the first upset of the Central Midlands season when they beat reigning premiers Dalwallinu Bulldogs, 19.6 (120) to 11.12 (78) in the opening game of the season.

Dalwallini were left under-manned when they lost Peter Leeson during the third quarter and Dandaragn ran away with the game in the final term when they kicked eight goals straight, with six coming from the boot of Paul Dann.

In the second match played in Moora, Warriors comfortably beat Bindi Miling, 15.22 (112) to 8.7 (55), despite goal-front inaccuracy.

Graham Burnett (seven goals), Gary Purser and Jarran Craven were best for Warriors with Allan Beattie, Justin Ryder and Wade Pearson best for the Bombers.

Next Sunday Dandaragan play Rovers in Moora and Warriors travel to Dalwallinu to tackle the Bulldogs which should see keenly contested games with wins to the home teams.

Tight finish

SOUTHERN Cross and **Beacon** fought out a tough Central Wheatbelt Football League match before Southern Cross snuck home by 14 points, 20.14 (134) to 18.12 (120).

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WAFL crowds are back

THERE have been positive indications in the first three weeks that WAFL football is starting to win back the crowds.

And those who have returned to the old favourite grounds must surely have been delighted by what they have seen.

The improvement of East Perth and Perth has been the early season highlights, particularly as most pundits tipped Perth to be this year's cellar dwellers.

Perhaps the best indication that the WAFL is once again becoming a force is the standard of players who have been in the reserves in the first three weeks, struggling to win back a place in the seniors.

East Perth have been in the embarrassing situation where senior players from last year cannot be slotted into the reserves team.

South Fremantle and a couple of other clubs are in the same position and that augurs well for the future.



by **Gary Stocks**
of The West Australian

The standard of the reserves matches, consequently, has improved and the spectators are starting to arrive at the ground earlier.

The level of competition in the WAFL has been well worth watching in the last five years.

It has simply been a matter of convincing the public that it has been worthwhile.

As it turns out, there are some intriguing battles looming in the WAFL over the next three weeks when the Eagles play in Melbourne and that is

chance for the local competition to again flourish.

The WAFL will probably never return to good days when more than 40,000 people regularly attended a round of fixtures, but the signs are healthy.

The biggest concern the WAFL must have at this point is the use of the WACA Ground as a venue for Pepsi Cup matches.

WA Football Commission finance director Jeff Ovens will be anxiously counting the gate receipts following the Anzac Day double header this week.

GAMBLED

The WAFC has gambled on a double-header at cricket headquarters as they attempt to cash in on another public holiday.

But the WACA Ground has made a habit of letting down the WAFC, particularly for club games.

The WAFC deserves some credit for experimenting with the fixtures and attempting to grab a share of the Friday night crowds which have gone in their droves to see AFL fixtures under lights.

But WAFL fixtures, understandably, do not have the same crowd drawing capacity and the WACA Ground can be a lonely place when there is a small crowd.

Pepsi Cup

This week's WAFL fixtures are as follows

Round 4

Thursday, April 25 (Anzac Day)
Double-header at the WACA Ground
East Fremantle vs West Perth, 1pm
Subiaco vs East Perth, 4.10pm
(broadcast by 6WF, 6PR, 6NR)

Saturday, April 27
Claremont vs Perth, at Claremont Oval
(broadcast by 6NR, 6PR)
Swan Districts vs South Fremantle,
at Bassendean Oval (broadcast by 6WF)

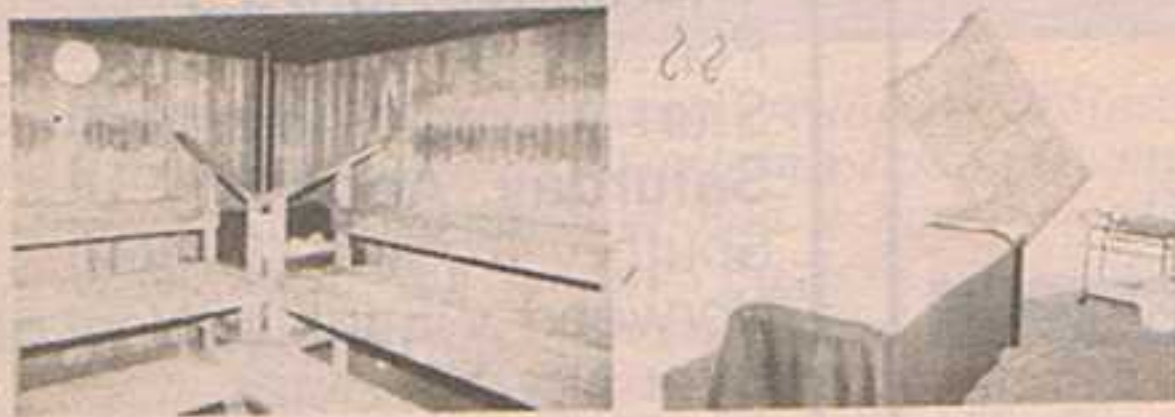
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Who goes where

EAGLES

HUNGRY JACK'S

WHO GOES WHERE....that's the theme of this all-encompassing photograph from Westside Football's GREG WOOD at Subiaco Oval last week as the packed house watch the rival teams warm up before the battle. The Adelaide Cros, heading to the right, were out on the ground nice and early for their first taste of Subiaco Oval, while the Eagles were pretty cool as they warmed-up for their 20th victory in their last 21 home games.



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