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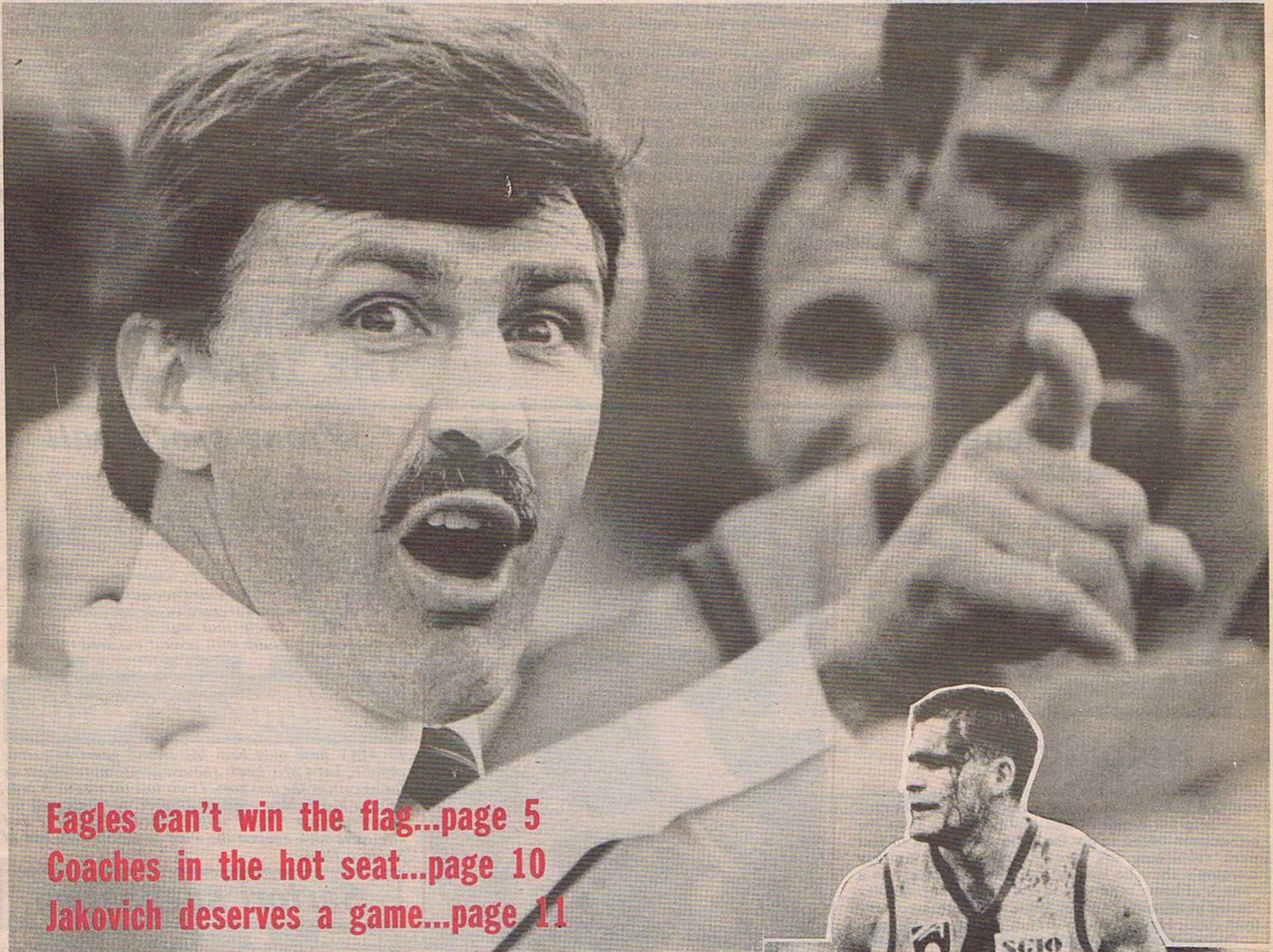
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Mick the Motivator



Eagles can't win the flag...page 5
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HOW does super-coach Mick Malthouse keep his all-conquering West Coast Eagles fired up week after week?

With some difficulty, he admitted after his team had beaten Fitzroy at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

Malthouse had to resort to some stern words and finger-pointing as he hammered home a point during the quarter-time break against the Lions.

And just in case anyone thought things were easy against the bottom-of-the-ladder opposition, this graphic picture of bloody Peter Wilson should have been enough to suggest life in the middle is pretty tough, regardless of the scoreline.

Now Malthouse faces another monumental motivational exercise this Sunday as he attempts get his players' adrenalin pumping for the big game against the Sydney Swans at Subiaco Oval, when the Eagles will fight desperately to stretch their unbeaten record to nine games this season.

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THE decision to play an AFL final in Perth has created a situation where teams may throw games to avoid playing the Eagles at Subiaco Oval.

At this stage the Eagles are short odds to finish either first or second.

Because the loser of the top-two clash in the qualifying final gets a double chance in the finals, it probably doesn't make much difference to the second side having to play in Perth if the Eagles finish first.

But if the Eagles slip a little and look set to finish third, then you can lay odds that sides vying for fourth would rather finish fifth than face a sudden-death elimination final in Perth.

Sure, it means the difference between playing in the first or second semi-final. But playing the Eagles in Perth could prove a tougher assignment than winning the grand final.

IMPOSSIBLE

If a side feels it can win the flag, then it could be seen as a better avenue to come through the first semi-final, rather than play in a game some would see as mission impossible.

You could hardly blame a side for giving a lot of thought to avoiding the Eagles in Perth. But vigilance

should be taken by the AFL to ensure the competition doesn't become a mockery at a stage when the fight for the finals is often at its most intense — in the closing stages of the qualifying rounds.

It would reduce the competition to a farce if two or more teams locked together in fourth spot, tried to avoid a Perth match by taking a soft approach to games in the lead-up to the finals.

I'm a strong advocate for AFL finals being played in other States.

But there are some obvious weaknesses — the above scenario is one.

Another is that it could be a disadvantage.

While an interstate final is great for the supporters of one of the out-of-Victoria clubs, it is not a real benefit to the team.

While it may guarantee a passage to another final, the real target is the premiership.

Because the AFL has ensured the grand final will remain in Melbourne for at least another 40 years, interstate teams still face the challenge of winning in Victoria.

Some coaches would prefer to play all their matches in Melbourne so their team can acclimatise to the conditions — such as the Eagles becoming accustomed to Waverley last season.

What's the point in winning a final on your home turf, only to flop in Melbourne?

There also seems to be a glaring weakness in the way the finals have been structured.

It would be a better system to have third and sixth and fourth and fifth play for a place in the first semi-final, while first and second meet in the second semi-final.

RIDICULOUS

It would provide a reward for finishing third. It's ridiculous that a team finishing third can be dumped out of the finals first-up, while a team finishing fifth or sixth can get a second crack at the finals.

While the reward may be a place in the second semi for winning the first elimination final, wouldn't it be better to finish fifth, rather than third or fourth, for a chance to play the loser of the qualifying final, rather than risk being dumped in an elimination final.

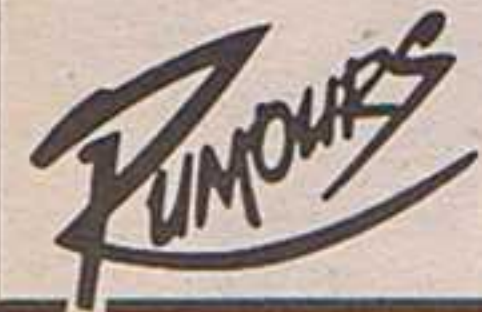
But such a system would knock out one of the finals and that would mean the AFL losing a lot of dough. So it won't happen.

But it also means that there is another avenue for manipulation of the composition of the top six.

It will be interesting to see if there are accusations of teams running dead in the lead-up to the finals.

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Footy Rumours

GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE TRAPS

Big challenge

WEST Coast Eagles chairman of selectors and football addict Trevor Sprigg had to wear a football hat of a different kind last week. Sprigg, a promotions man for the Swan Brewery, was at a special launch for the Golden Oldies rugby festival, the international carnival in Perth next month that will bring thousands of people and millions of dollars to town. Swan unveiled their special Golden Oldies Swan Gold can, which the brewery has minted seven million of featuring the Golden Oldies logo. That means each person in WA is going to have to drink 1500 cans. Swan managing-director Kevin Wealand suggested that this wouldn't be beyond the beer-swilling rugby fans, but he doubted that football could handle such a task. Sprigg, never one to resist a challenge, started immediately.

Helping hand

DID Radio 6PR sports host compere Gary Carvolth engineer Subiaco's victory over South Fremantle? One can't help but wonder about the motivation from the self-acknowledged Lions fan, who spent most of last week rubbishing his favourite team. On Saturday morning's show he labelled the Subiaco players as a "bunch of bums" and said that it was about time they started performing and took some of the pressure away from coach Haydn Bunton. "They are a lot of 'gunnas' — they're always going to do something next time out," said Carvolth, obviously tongue-in-cheek!

Tough talking

VETERAN ABC sports commentator George Grljusich doesn't mince his words — and one wonders whether football administrators listen to experienced people like him. Calling the Claremont versus East Perth game last Saturday, Grljusich didn't mess around when Royals small-man Dean Bertram was bowled over in a tough back-pocket incident involving Tigers forward John Hutton. "I think it was a deliberate charge," said Grljusich.

...also from Percy

RADIO 6PR's Percy Johnson also didn't mince words at Sunday's Eagles game. Talking about Fitzroy's Darren Wheelton, he said: "He hasn't done much; all he's done is run around biffing people all day."



It's lucky they breed them tough in the country East Perth rookie Heath East is thinking as he hits the turf at Perth Oval. The Manjimup bred ruck-rover played his second game for the Royals in a tough clash against the Tigers last Saturday and a permanent move to Perth during the week will allow him to train regularly with the side.

Veteran opinion

THERE was a familiar voice back on Radio 6PR last Sunday — one-eyed Victorian Marty McDonnell, who came out of retirement to join his old cronies Frank Sparrow and Percy Johnson for the Eagles call. He had to admit that the team representing Victorian interests — the luckless lamentable Fitzroy Lions — wasn't up to standard. McDonnell, a champion of Footscray colours, suggested that the Lions have to combine with another Victorian club if they are to survive.

Wrong sport, pal!

ONE of those loyal policeman on security duty at Subiaco Oval last Sunday obviously had his sports mixed up. When the arena was invaded by several hundred youngsters after the match — elusive beasts, avoiding the shoulder-to-shoulder line-up of security staff — our devout PC charged off across the field. With a superb flying rugby tackle PC whoever brought down his target — a poor little kid! The youngster got up and hobbled away with what could easily have been a fairly serious injury. Surely that was taking it a bit far, Constable? Especially with several hundred others on the ground.

Calling correctly

IT MAY have only been his second game as acting captain, but Chris Lewis showed great improvement as far as calling the toss goes. Lewis lost the toss at Windy Hill in his maiden game as skipper, but improved his record against Fitzroy skipper Richard Osborne and elected to kick against the wind to the western end of Subiaco Oval.

Sartori suggestion

WESTSIDE Football roving reporter Kim Hagdorn was quick to suggest that dejected Carlton star Peter Sartori would soon be back in Swan Districts colours after his walk-out from the Blues camp. Hagdorn felt that the strong relationship Swans premiership coach John Todd developed with players like Sartori would soon have the talented forward heading back to Bassendean. But with a mid-season AFL draft still to come, one wonders who will get their hands on Sartori before he crosses back over the Nullarbor.

Hey, good lookin'

WHO is the best looking player among the West Coast Eagles camp? Well, there's certainly a big choice as the club boasts some fine hunks of manhood. But a radio 6PR poll on Peter Newman's breakfast show last week turned up ace goalkicker Peter Sunich as the best-looking Eagle — despite a lot of calls voicing support for pin-up boy Craig Turley. And guess who else featured in the final five? None other than coach Mick Malthouse!

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WA can change the

THE forthcoming clash with South Australia gives WA its best opportunity of beating a major football State in an interstate match since the 1987 inception of the West Coast Eagles.

That's the firm opinion of chairman of selectors, Malcolm Brown referring to the showdown with the Croweaters at Subiaco Oval on Tuesday, June 11.

Brown and his co-selectors, Noel Carter and Jon Fogarty, have announced a 32-man squad under the guidance of coach Barry Cable and the team is full of youthful talent.

In typical Brown fashion, he wasn't about to hide his light under a bushell.

"I reckon we have picked the best possible squad for the game," Brown said. "We have gone for in-form players with the emphasis on youth with plenty of run in their legs."

STABILITY

"But we have also included some seasoned and experienced players to be blended in — our aim is to have some experience on every line to give the young blokes some stability."

"I don't think we've left anyone out who deserves a place at this stage."

However, one player who can consider himself unlucky is veteran Claremont defender Darrell Panizza, who has been one of the in-form half-backs of the Pepsi Cup competition this season.

There is no regular centre-half-back in the squad, an omission that could open the way for experienced Eagles players Geoff Miles or former all-Australian Murray Rance to come into the team.

"I wouldn't argue on Panizza — he's in top form," said Brown. "But so are a lot of other half-backs who are a little younger."

Brown predicts competitive State team

"That's not to say Panizza, or any of the other in-form players, won't find themselves in the team come June 11."

Brown doesn't try to hide his excitement, or the dilemma, he feels about



Stephen O'Reilly...enormous future

record

having two of the potentially best young full-backs in the country in the squad — Swan Districts tyro Stephen O'Reilly and South Fremantle's promising John Porter.

"Both have enormous futures at the top level and at a pinch, one of them could play at centre-half-back," Brown said.

O'Reilly, a tall and strongly-built 18-year-old who has played only 10 league games, is fast developing into one of the most closely-watched players in the country.

PORTER

The 20-year-old Porter, with just 28 senior games, is in a similar category regarding attention from AFL clubs.

The selectors have an abundance of top-line mid-field runners, with Swans Peter Hodyl and Brendon Retzlaff, Perth's Adrian Barich, Bulldog Scott Watters, West Perth's Robbie West and Subiaco's Cory Young looking like automatic choices.

From there it gets difficult with the likes of Andrew McGovern, Jason Norrish, Kevin Mitchell (Tigers), Lucio Baroni (Royals), Willie Dick (Demons), Brad Collard (Bulldogs), Ian Dargie (Lions) and Geoff Passeri (Swans), all vying for centreline, half-forward and ruck-roving roles.

Souths top teenager Glen Jakovich should be an automatic selection at either centre-half-forward or centre-half-back, provided he has not been selected to represent the Eagles by then.

"We were pleased with the way our team committed itself against SA in

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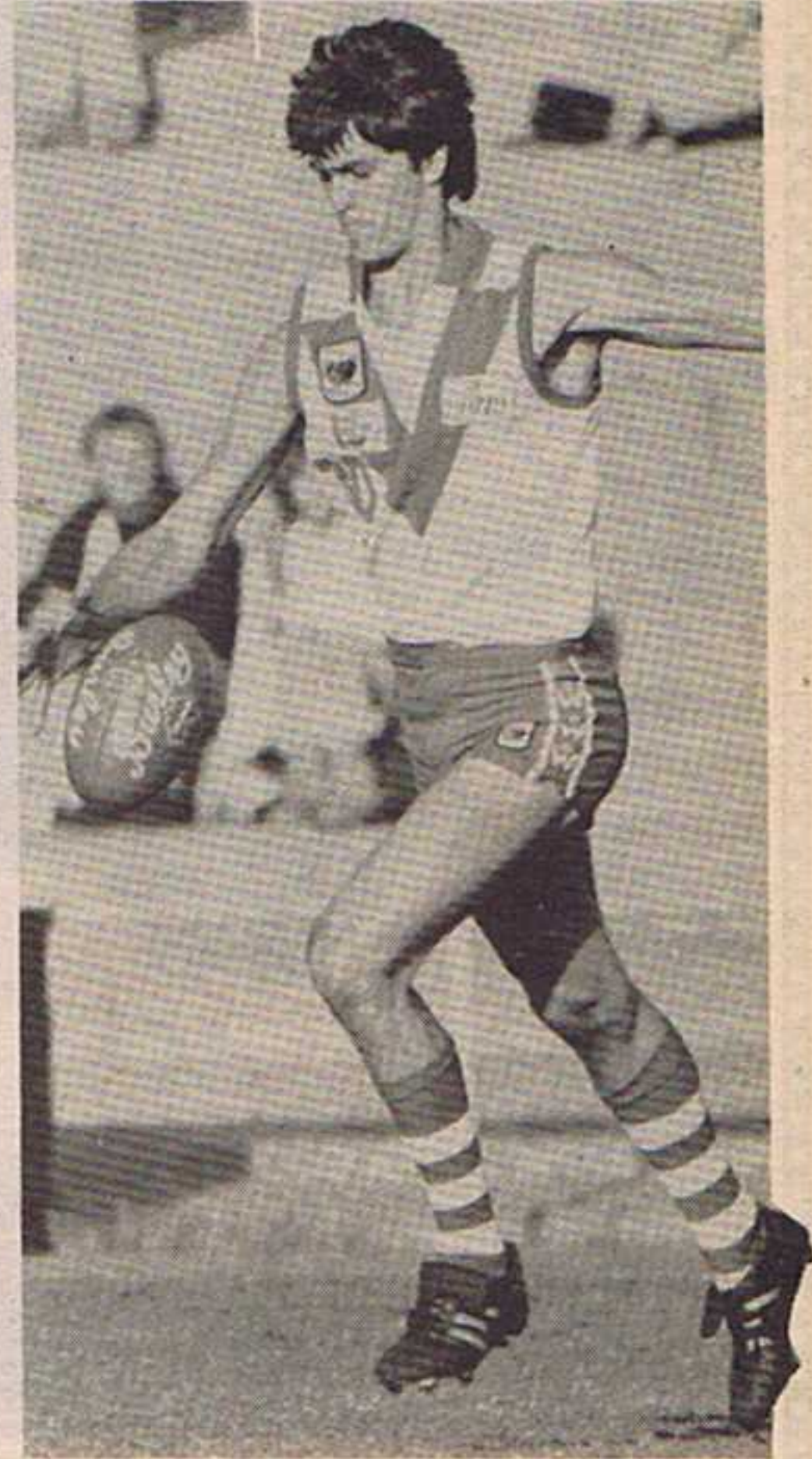
with ROBBIE BURNS



Adelaide last year, but the end result was we didn't win," Brown said.

"This team has the capacity to win and I'll be very surprised if we don't, given the fact it is at Subiaco — and given the depth of our squad."

"Put it this way, there won't be any excuses if we don't win..."



John Porter...promising Bulldog

WAFL fixture changes loom

THE eight WAFL clubs are preparing for a major fixturing reshuffle to avoid clashes with live television coverage of West Coast Eagles matches.

The local clubs are also gearing up for a show-down with AFL and West Coast officials for a share of gate-takings by staging WAFL matches as curtain-raisers to Eagles matches in Perth.

The WAFL clubs are fighting a losing battle playing Saturday matches when the Eagles are on live television.

GATE-TAKINGS

Clubs are losing on gate-takings and bar sales with poor attendances on days the Eagles are playing in direct conflict to WAFL matches.

Saturday night functions and members attendances are also suffering on days that the Eagles games are telecast into hundreds of thousands of WA homes.

WAFL club officials, with the blessing of the WAFC, are currently examining means of avoiding conflict to maximise crowd attendances and profits for each home game.

South Fremantle has already requested that the final home-and-away derby for the season be played as a one-off fixture at Fremantle Oval on Sunday, July 21.

The clash has the potential to be a financial bonanza for the Bulldogs.

Claremont and East Fremantle considered the prospect of shifting their fixture at Claremont Oval two weeks ago to prevent a clash with the Eagles-Essendon match from Windy Hill.

It was jointly decided that the move was left too late...and that was costly.

Poor crowd attendances resulted at all four WAFL matches that day — just topping the 10,000 tally — which combined with the exceedingly high ratings for Channel 7's coverage of the Eagles match confirmed that fixture changes are needed.

ROYALS SURVEY

East Perth have surveyed players, officials, coaching staff and sponsors on the matter of switching from Saturdays to alternatives time-slots when live AFL matches are beamed into Perth.

Subiaco, Swan Districts and South

Fremantle are also keen to prevent the conflict of interest for local fans.

It seems Sunday matches are the best option, with the prospect of double-headers at Subiaco Oval or the WACA Ground also a possibility.

Subiaco are considering offering a package to three other WAFL clubs to stage a Sunday double-header at League Headquarters and share gate-taking profits for the day.

The apparent success in recent times of double-headers — the historic semi-final clash in 1989, with 30,000 people at Subiaco Oval and this year's Anzac Day matches at the WACA Ground, with a crowd of almost 9000 — endorses the potential for success.

By
KIM HAGDORN

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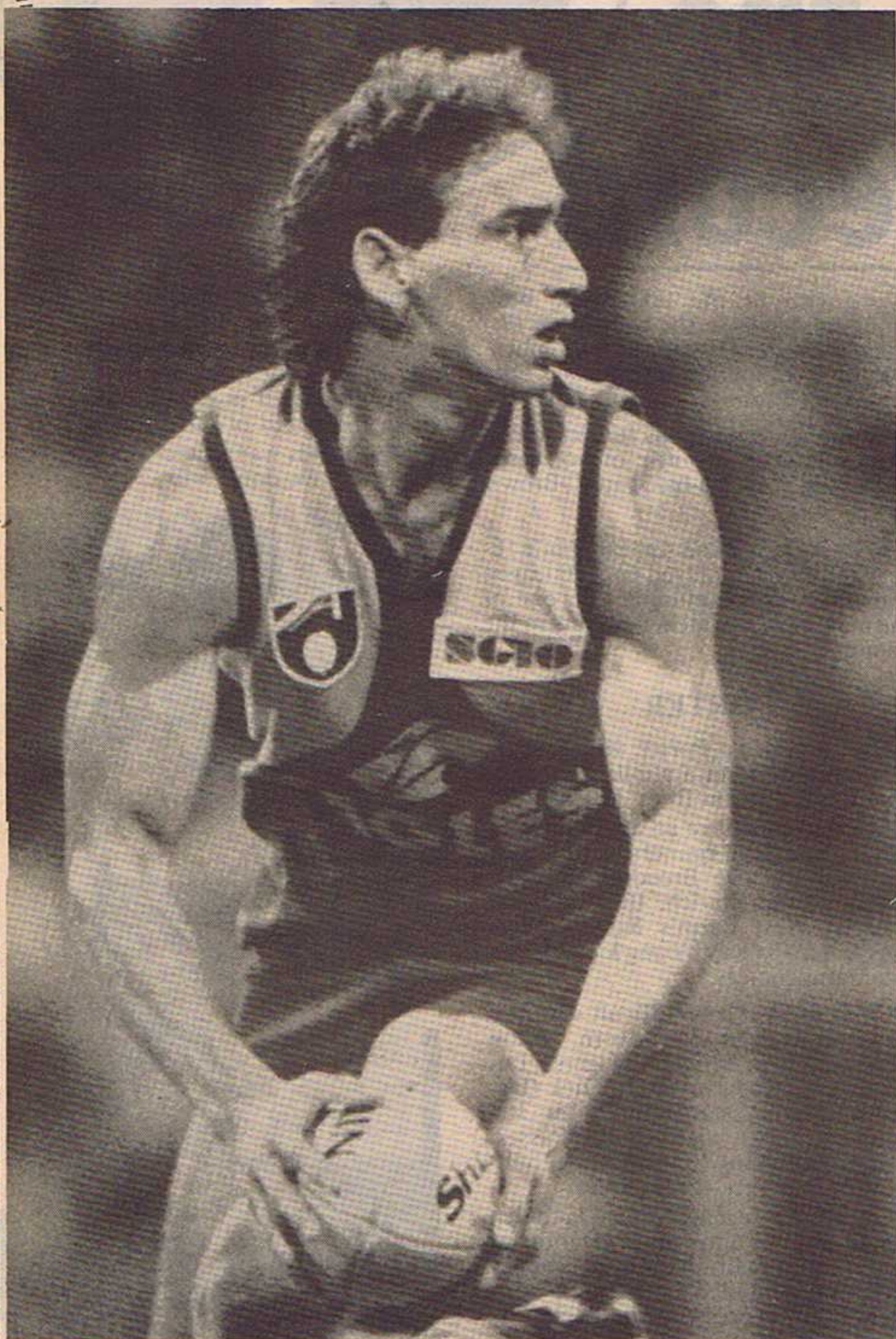


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Phillip Clancy



Nickname: Clanga
Date of Birth: 15.2.71. **Place of Birth:** Perth
Height: 172cm **Weight:** 75kg
Age started playing: 5yrs
Previous club: Cockburn **Junior club:** Cockburn
Marital status: Single **Girlfriend's name:** Erica
Occupation: Fitter/machinist
Other sporting interests: Golf, cricket
Favourite position: Rover **First position:** Rover
Current position: Rover
League debut: 1990 **Versus:** East Fremantle
Games played: 12 **Goals kicked:** 10

FAVOURITES

Actor: Clint Eastwood **Movie:** The Natural
Music: Contemporary **Drink:** Beer
Food: Italian, especially lasagna **Book:** No One Here Gets Out Alive
Holiday resort: Mandurah **Ground:** Fremantle Oval
Your car: HX Premier **Your favourite car:** Mustang
Career highlights: First league game
Worst moment in football: Losing the Teal Cup to Victoria
Football idols: Brad Hardie, Leigh Matthews
Toughest opponent: Garry Kemp
Most respected opponent: Neil Taylor
Most memorable game: 1990 Foundation Day derby
Ambitions: To play football at the highest level
What do you like about football: Being part of a team
How do you mentally prepare for a game: Relax, listen to music
Who influenced your career: Parents and junior coaches
Guernsey number: 34 **Any reason:** No **Worst injury:** None
Luckiest break: 1990 league debut

Peter Matera



NICK NAME: Roo
FAVOURITE POSITION: Wing
CURRENT POSITION: Wing
FIRST POSITION: Forward pocket
No: 30 **HEIGHT:** 180cm **WEIGHT:** 81kg
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: April 3, 1969; Wagin
RECRUITED FROM: South Fremantle
FIRST STARTED PLAYING: Aged 12yrs
JUNIOR CLUB: Wagin Junior Football Club
FIRST SENIOR GAME: 1987 South Fremantle, 1990 Eagles
GAMES PLAYED: 59 South Fremantle, 13 Eagles, 1 WA
FOOTBALL HONOURS: Playing for WA 1989
MARITAL STATUS: Single **GIRLFRIEND'S NAME:** Stacie Kent
OCCUPATION: Internal salesman
SCHOOLS ATTENDED: Wagin District High School
YOUR CAR: V8 Commodore Berlina **DREAM CAR:** Porsche
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Tennis, basketball, sleeping
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chinese
FAVOURITE DRINK: Scotch and Pepsi
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Peter Dinklage
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Col'n Carpenter
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Pretty Woman
OTHER SPORTS: Basketball
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My brother Wally and parents
BEST PLAYER SEEN: Michael Tuck, Maurice Rioli
PLAYERS YOU ADMIRE: Michael Tuck
MATCH DAY ROUTINE: None
FOOTBALL INJURIES: Right knee and ankle
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing my first AFL game
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Injuring right knee
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My first game with the Eagles
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To play in an AFL grand final with the West Coast Eagles
PERSONAL MOTIVATION: Performance



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Eagles flag is a dream!

THE West Coast Eagles cannot win the premiership this year unless they do something urgently about their forward line set-up.

The Eagles may be unbeaten, but their attack plan is pathetic and will be exposed in Melbourne during the finals.

In all the euphoria surrounding the Eagles unbeaten run this season, the problems up forward have been ignored by the media and apparently by the Eagles selectors.

There is no way the Eagles can win the flag this season while they continue to put all their eggs in Peter Sumich's basket.

If Sumich fails in the finals so too will the Eagles.

...unless they change their forward line

Also the goal-front work by the other Eagles forwards is sloppy and careless.

The Eagles forwards squander goals set up for them by the best team of defenders in the competition.

Brett Heady, Karl Langdon, David Hart, Dean Kemp and Sumich are all at fault.

The easy goals they miss from short range are unforgivable.

Mick Malthouse is not blameless either.

He has always been known as a defensive coach; a coach who specialises in stopping the opposition from scoring.

But what about his attack plan?

It's hard to understand why the Eagles did not play Stevan Jackson in a



Peter Sumich...squandered opportunities in front of goal

with
BOB CRIBB

Veteran newspaper writer and Radio GNR critic.



forward pocket last Sunday against Fitzroy.

He is the perfect foil for Sumich.

When Sumich is forced to lead a long way from goal, the man the Eagles should be kicking deep to is Jackson.

But Malthouse played Jackson on the ball for half the game on Sunday.

The Eagles need Mark Hepburn back in the side at centre-half-forward, as that department lacks height and marking strength.

Malthouse obviously knows that he has a weakness up forward and he does have plenty of time to rectify the situation.

But till he does, the premiership is still a pipe dream.

Melbourne and St Kilda represent the big hurdles for Eagles to jump.

Melbourne have improved 100 per cent since they last played West Coast and St Kilda will be in Perth in June for the grudge match of the century.

The Saints "hate" the Eagles and they will be determined to give them a hiding in Perth.

INJURY

St Kilda blame the Eagles for the injury to their champion Tony Lockett.

When Lockett was hurt in the first Foster's Cup game of the season, the injury kept him out for five weeks.

The Saints say that if he had not been hurt they would have been on top of the ladder instead of the Eagles.

This Sunday would be a good time for Malthouse to try something different.

The Eagles have a lot of tired players at the moment and it's time to give some fresh players a go.

The Eagles are the best side in the competition, but they still have not got their best act together.

with
IAN MILLER

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



Tough test for quartet

THE toughest test facing four of the West Coast Eagles players last Sunday came after the game.

With the AFL carrying out random drug testing of all clubs, it was the Eagles turn last Sunday and four players — David Hart, Chris Waterman, Paul Peos and Dean Kemp — were given an unexpected tap on the shoulder as they left the ground.

They were ushered into an empty changeroom away from the other players...and told to produce a urine sample.

Each player was allocated a 'minder' till the sample was forthcoming, but problems arose when they had difficulty producing the goods.

Finally, the frustrated minders and their quartet of winners ventured up to the presentation of trophies together, still waiting for the big moment.

Special guests

IT'S not very often that guests are allowed into the pre-game warm-up area, but last week two familiar sporting faces watched the Eagles go through their pre-match preparation.

Wildcats basketball coach Murray Arnold, who says he loves Aussie Rules, and Olympic gold medal swimmer Neil Brooks were made welcome in the rooms.

Both were most impressed with the Eagles warm-up and Arnold was back there after the game talking to coach Mick Malthouse about the day's proceedings.

Lions on the warpath

FITZROY'S early tactics against the Eagles last Sunday were rather surprising as they seemed intent to go 'head-hunting' and not worry about the ball.

It didn't surprise that the 'Roys would be physical, but it was the way they went about it and with a young and inexperienced side that makes you wonder if that is the right method of teaching.

Football is a physical game, but in endeavours to be physically strong, the ball still has to be the No. 1 objective.

Ross Lyon, one of the Lions most talented players, wasted his efforts in his approach to the ball. Coach Robert Shaw wouldn't have been too impressed when he took Lyon from the field in the fourth term and saw him smile all the way back to the interchange bench.

Surely the day's proceedings left little to laugh about.

Injuries start to mount up

THE INJURY list at selection time for the Eagles last week was quite an imposing one, listing 14 players, which blew out to 16 by the weekend with the withdrawal of Karl Langdon and Dwayne Lamb.

While it is certainly testing club depth, it does provide opportunities for players like Paul Peos, who was a late replacement for Lamb, who finished Friday training with a slight thigh strain.

Lamb is one of those resolute players who rarely misses a game with injury and he had already put his name forward for the role in the centre before his Friday night injury.

Dean Kemp took the centre position against Fitzroy and played extremely well. Looks like you might have blown your big chance in the centre, Lamby!

Top defence by Lions duo

THE Fitzroy Lions were very much content to play a defensive game against the Eagles and their two key defenders in centre-half-back Paul Roos and full-back Alastair Lynch did extremely well under enormous odds.

Roos showed his ability to read the play and was content to play off his man, helped by the Eagles poor disposal into the forward line, which played into his hands.

Lynch never gave Peter Sumich any latitude and was really annoyed when Suma received his first free kick in about three weeks in the fourth term.

With the way the Lions are playing midfield, it must be a daunting task for Lynch and Roos each week and this Saturday they have Geelong forwards Bill Brownless and Barry Stoneham to contend with.

Both Lynch and Roos would have been valuable in attack, but there is no doubt that the Eagles scoreline would have been a lot higher.

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Simon Madden to lead Vics in SA showdown



from **KEN PIESSE**
In Melbourne

ESSENDON veteran and dual premiership ruckman Simon Madden is likely to regain the Big V captaincy for Tuesday night's Australian supremacy showdown against South Australia.

Captain in the 1989 win, Madden has played 15 State matches for the Big V, his first in 1977 as a teenager.

Winner of the Simpson and E.J. Whitten medals in last year's match against Western Australia, Madden's only major leadership rival is Sydney's Greg Williams, who has also led his State before.

Richmond's Dale Weightman is likely to be the deputy vice captain.

Madden, 33, has again been the outstanding ruckman in the competition this year, his best-afiel effort for Essendon against the Eagles at Windy Hill a fortnight ago being reminiscent of his very best form from the mid-1980s.

UNDERDOGS

The Victorians hope to be underdogs going into the long-awaited State-of-Origin clash, re-introduced this year after a 12 month lay-off.

Ravaged by injury to automatic selections including Dermott Brereton and Paul Salmon, and unlikely to be able to use running pair Neville Bruns

and Andrew Bews, the Vics face their third loss in a row in Adelaide.

Coach Bill Goggin regards the first two reverses, in 1987 and 1988, as among his most humiliating experiences in football.

He realises his side's lack of pace is a major drawback to his 1991 victory aspirations.

Goggin's pre-match strategies firmly centre around shutting down the key South Australian on-ball players including Tony McGuinness and John Platten, with "go-withs" such as Gary O'Donnell and Andrew Collins.

INSPIRATION

He hopes boom marking pair, Tony Lockett and Stewart Loewe, both from St Kilda, can provide sufficient inspiration for the Vics to kick a winning score.

Lockett has been in unstoppable form in recent weeks after starting his season late because of a badly bruised spine.

He already has 34 goals in three games, having twice equalled his own St Kilda club record with 12 goals in his first match against the Crows and 12 again on Sunday against Sydney.

The Saints could have five or six players in the 22, the biggest representation of any club, an indication of their new high-standing in the now fully-national AFL competition.

In addition to Lockett and Loewe,



Simon Madden...he might be wearing a WA jumper after swapping with a rival last year, but he won't be wearing a friendly smile when WA clashes with the big V this season

club captain Danny Frawley, Brownlow Medal hope Robert Harvey and Russell Morris, who kicked the winning goal against Sydney last weekend, could also make the side.

The Victorians have beat Western Australia at each of its last five starts, but have had a chequered record against the South Australians, having won only once in the last three meetings.

The two losses were both at Westlakes, the Victorians gaining a little revenge in 1989 with a huge win at the MCG.

Coach Goggin said: "It's going to be a big night for us."

"We have a very good squad and if the Gods favor us and the players come through fit and well, we are going to be a strong combination."

"We have to prove ourselves in front of a hostile crowd. We have proved we are good enough in Victoria. Now we have to prove it in Adelaide."

Geelong's Damian Bourke, originally named in the Victorian No.2 team, which will play in Tasmania, is likely to be Madden's ruck support, with the withdrawal of Salmon.

Victorian stalwart and former interstate playing great Ted Whitten is again the Big V selection chairman.

One of his major problems is to decide the make-up of Victoria's key runners.

Should Tony Shaw and Williams be used at the centre bounces together, a risk as both lack natural speed, or will Shaw be used as a key tagger, perhaps against Magpie teammate, Tony Francis?

If Victoria use too many taggers, they will then be forced to rely on the half-back line for attacking impetus.

It's a gamble which could soon come unstuck.

However, I'm going for the Big V to win against all odds.

Lockett is the key. He's good enough to kick 10 if his fitness holds.

Fitzroy go into record books

FITZROY'S score of 3.8 (26) on Sunday was the second-lowest recorded against the Eagles; passing Melbourne's 2.8 (20) in Round 1 this season.

It was also the second time West Coast have won by 99-points — a feat achieved against Essendon at the WACA Ground in 1988.

So far in their history, the Eagles have only won one match by over 100 points — a 118-point margin against the Brisbane Bears at the WACA Ground in 1988.

Sunday was team's biggest winning margin at Subiaco Oval.

TONY Lockett's 12 goals last Sunday was the highest tally by a St Kilda player against Sydney, beating Mark Jackson's 10 goals in 1983.

Lockett also equalled the record for the most goals scored at the SCG, set by Brian Taylor (Collingwood) in 1985.

More significantly, the St Kilda full-forward becomes only the third player in League history to kick 10 or more goals in three consecutive games.

Bob Pratt (South Melbourne) kicked 11, 11 and 12 in Rounds 13-15 in 1934, while John Coleman (Essendon) recorded 10, 11 and 10 in the first three rounds of 1953.

Lockett has kicked 10 or more goals in a game seven times. Only five players have achieved this feat more often — Peter McKenna (Collingwood) 13, Peter Hudson (Hawthorn) 12, Coleman 12, Gordon Coventry (Collingwood) 11 and Pratt 8.

ESSENDON'S defeat by West Coast and Hawthorn in the past two weeks is the first time they have lost consecutive matches since the 1989 second semi-final and preliminary finals.

Interstate Update with

Richard Allsop



IN THREE of their last four matches, North Melbourne have trailed at every change only to produce big final terms to beat Sydney, Geelong and Adelaide.

The aggregates of the three final quarters has seen North kick 22.18 (150) to their opponents 3.4 (22).

IF THE West Coast succeed this week they will become the first side since Melbourne in 1956 to win the first nine games of a League season.

The Demons went on to win their 13 first games that year. Other sides to have won their first eight in the last 35 years are Carlton 1959, Melbourne 1965, Collingwood 1970 and North Melbourne 1978 — none of whom went on to win the premiership.

Nine successive wins during a season is more common. Hawthorn and Geelong both won nine straight during the 1989 season.

AFTER last Saturday's match, Hawthorn and Essendon have played 11 times at VFL Park, Waverley, with the Hawks winning eight times and the Bombers three. What is notable about Essendon's three victories is that they all came in the 1985 season.

COLLINGWOOD'S poor start to the season (which sees them in 10th position) puts them in danger of having the biggest fall down the ladder after winning the premiership.

The record is currently held by Hawthorn, who went from premiers in 1961 to ninth in 1962.

After eight games of that year, the Hawks had recorded three wins, compared to Collingwood's three wins and a draw.

THE saga of the bye continues with Adelaide's loss to North Melbourne. The record of teams playing after a bye now stands at one win and six losses...with the unbeaten Eagles the odd team out.

Have you heard...

FORMER East Fremantle and Perth coach and present Hawthorn coach Alan Joyce has gone one step further in welcoming young Norwood star Matthew Robran into the club...he has moved into the Joyce household. What began as a temporary arrangement six months ago, looks set to continue at least till the end of the season as the promising 20-year-old centre-half-forward settles into studying in his new State.

ONE of the first players picked in the WA squad for the July 16 State-of-Origin match should be Brisbane's rover David Bain, who was voted best-on-ground after the Bears were narrow losers to Footscray last weekend. The former East Perth player put in a dazzling third quarter display when he had 15 touches on his way to collecting 23 kicks, seven marks and 17 handballs. Bain made good use of the football in a game marred by errors from both sides.

PUTTING up with taggers goes hand in hand with running onto the football field for former Lake Grace boy Mark Bairstow, but some are more efficient than others. The Geelong star was shadowed by Collingwood's Michael Gayfer at Victoria Park last Saturday and Bairstow was cut out of the game in the first half while, at the same time, Gayfer had 15 possessions. Cats coach Malcolm Blight sent Bairstow to full-forward late in the second term in an effort to free him and it must have worked because he threw off his tagger in the second half and dominated as a ruck-rover.

VICTORIAN State-of-Origin selectors want to take their own boundary umpire to Adelaide next Tuesday to prevent any mix-ups in the centre bouncings. The Vics apparently feel some of the local umpires may be a little hasty on centre-square infringements in the event of a tight finish.

Beating the Blues

What have Eagles and Emus got in common? The answer, of course, is that they both beat the Blues.

At least, that's the message the Swan Brewery will be getting across over the next couple of weeks in their Emu Export promotion that will send 50 people to Melbourne on June 22 for the Eagles-Carlton clash at Princes Park.

Football fans can get full details of how to beat the Blues at their local liquor store.

Table-toppers do battle

CLAREMONT and Swan Districts will continue their tussle at the top of the Pepsi Cup premiership table when the two go head-to-head at Claremont Oval this Saturday.

Swans won the first grand final replay of the season when they snuck home by nine points at Bassendean Oval and they have hit top form in recent weeks, winning their last three games over West Perth, Subiaco and East Fremantle by an average of 66 points.

Swans first round win over the Tigers was their fifth in six matches since the start of last season; a year when Swans had the better of Claremont on all but one occasion, the second semi-final.

DEFENDER'S VIEW

Claremont centre-half-back Darrell Panizza immediately looked ahead to his side's clash against Swans when the siren signalled an eight-point win over East Perth at Perth Oval last Saturday.

"I think it's about time we won one," said the Tigers veteran.

Claremont will set themselves for a big performance on their home ground and coach Gerard Neesham will look for an improvement from full-forward John Hutton, who was off-target with a 3.8 against the Royals.

Swans full-back Stephen O'Reilly will have another tough assignment against the aggressive sharp-shooter and Hutton's fellow forwards, Kevin Mitchell and Ashley McIntosh, will be looking for improvement after both were down on form in their last outing.

The Claremont defence of Panizza, full-back Phil Gilbert, Paul Burton,

Darren Kowal, Brian Beresford and Scott Edwards show signs of becoming one of the best in the league and they will be fully tested by Kevin Caton, Mick Hastie, Andy Holmes and Steve Handley.

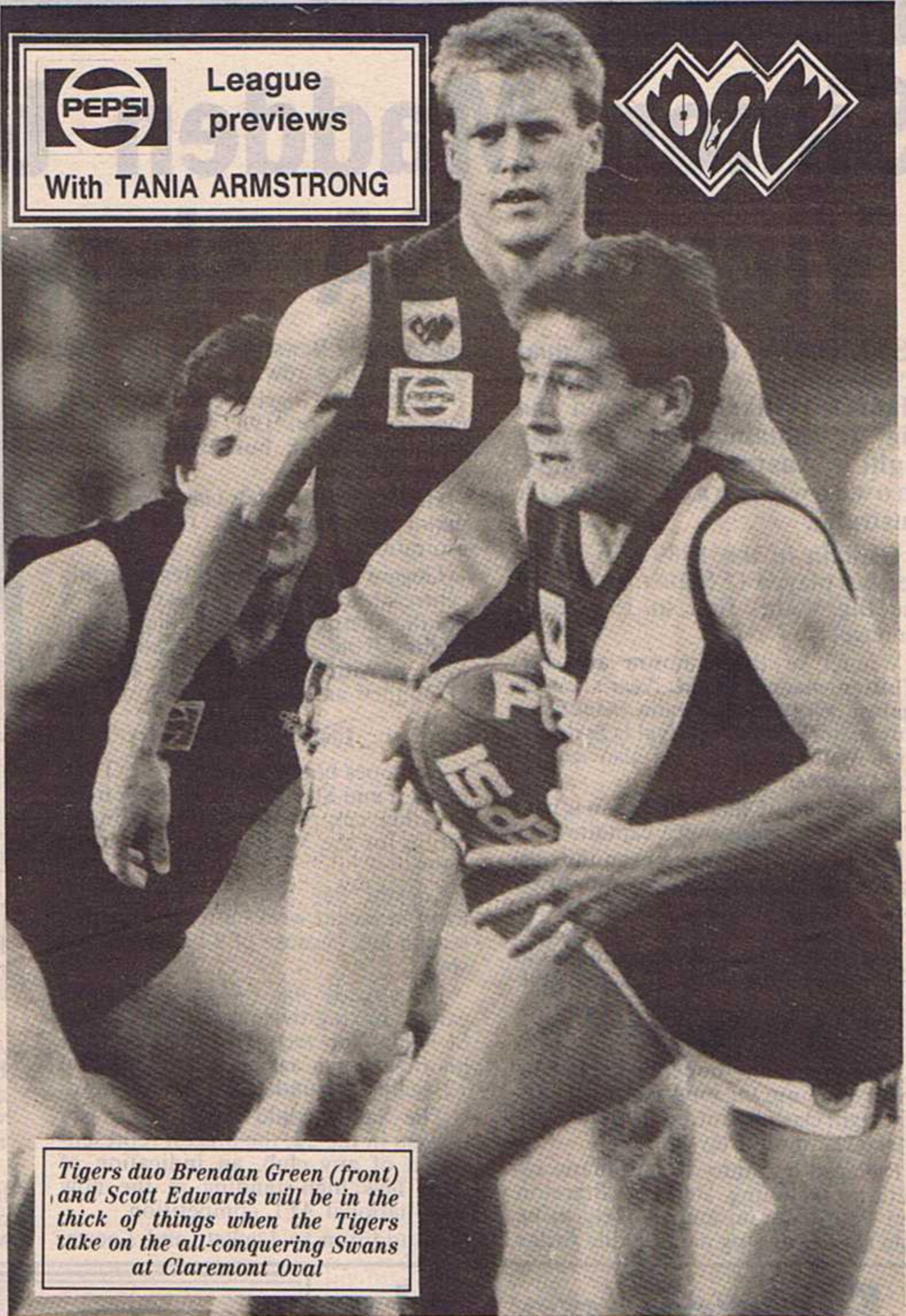
Wooden-spoon battle looms

WEST Perth and Subiaco fought it out for the wooden spoon in the last game of the 1990 season and both will be determined to put that fate a little more out of reach when they return to Leederville Oval this Saturday.

Subiaco silenced their critics with a 19-point win over South Fremantle and victory over the Falcons is paramount to coach Haydn Bunton's plans to lift the Lions further up the premiership table.

A solid four-quarter effort from the Falcons saw them down Perth last weekend and a similar effort will be needed against the Lions. Falcons running players Paul Sanzone, Robbie West and Angelo Del Borrello will need to lead the way and centre-half-forward Derek Hall is a reliable focal point in attack.

Lions forwards Todd Breman and Andrew Macnish will be called on to produce the winning goals and ruckmen Shane Cocker and Matthew Burton will need to be at their best to halt Craig Nelson's dominance.



Tigers duo Brendan Green (front) and Scott Edwards will be in the thick of things when the Tigers take on the all-conquering Swans at Claremont Oval

Sharks seek revenge

EAST Fremantle will be looking for sweet revenge and a good start to the second round when they tackle Perth at Lathlain Park.

The Demons doubled the Sharks score when they ran out 73-point winners in the season-opener at East Fremantle Oval and coach Ken Judge will no doubt remind them of that day in April as Saturday draws nearer.

Perth go into the match desperate for a win, having lost their last two games and Demons coach Ken Armstrong needs a lift from experienced players Willie Dick, John Gavranich and Merv Kelly.

Likewise, Judge will be expecting big things from Billy Krakouer, John Lawrence, Revis Ryder and Scott Annandale, who did a prodigal son job when he defected from Lathlain a month ago.

Bulldogs challenge

SOUTH Fremantle and East Perth have not lost two games in a row this year but unless a draw is the result at Fremantle Oval on Saturday, one side's sound rebounding record is going to fall by the wayside.

The Bulldogs were beaten for three quarters by Subiaco last weekend, while East Perth finished within eight points of Claremont in a tough game.

Speculation that young Bulldogs forward Glen Jakovich may make his AFL debut against the Sydney Swans this Sunday would leave a big hole in Souths attacking zone, but if his move is delayed he will be fired up for a big game in his 50th outing for the club.

Royals spearhead Glen Bartlett was kept to one goal against the Tigers though Gavin Howlett, Marcus Seecamp and Dean Bertram, if he remains in attack, provide further options.

Bulldogs wingman Chris Pobjoy, Brad Collard, veteran Phil Cronan and ruckman Craig Edwards will be out to continue their good form and coach Steve Hargrave will be anxious for a win to keep them in the five, as only an inferior percentage is keeping Subiaco out of a spot at the top of the table.

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

	FOOTY SCOOP	FOOTO	FOOTBALL TOP SCORE
	Footy Scoop	Footo	Top Score
Friday, May 24			
Adelaide v Melbourne (6)	A	Melb 16-18pts	
Saturday, May 25			
Claremont v Swan Districts (1)	A	SD 13-15pts	
Perth v East Fremantle (2)	A	EF 22-24pts	
West Perth v Subiaco (3)	A	Subiaco 13-15pts	
**South Fremantle v East Perth (4)	A	EP 22-24pts	92pts
Collingwood v Hawthorn (7)	A	Hawthorn 46-48pts	
St Kilda v Essendon (8)	A	Essendon 28-30pts	
Fitzroy v Geelong (9)	A	Geelong 97-99pts	
North Melbourne v Footscray (10)	H	NM 10-12pts	
Sunday, May 26			
**West Coast v Sydney Swans (5)	H	WCE 22-24pts	101pts
Brisbane Bears v Richmond (11)	A	Rich 13-15pts	
Carlton — Bye			

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WAFL FORM GUIDE

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

CLAREMONT: L(9),W(62),W(16),W(34),W(42),L(13),W(8)	SOUTH FREM: L(125),W(42),L(8),W(74),L(42),W(67),L(19)
EAST FREM: L(73),L(42),L(56),L(30),W(20),W(13),L(65)	SUBIACO: W(30),L(62),W(56),L(59),L(20),L(77),W(19)
E. PERTH: W(125),W(64),L(21),W(59),L(20),W(45),L(8)	SWANS: W(9),L(45),W(21),L(74),W(65),W(77),W(65)
PERTH: W(73),W(45),W(8),L(34),W(20),L(45),L(17)	W. PERTH: L(30),L(64),L(16),W(30),L(65),L(67),W(17)

AFL FORM GUIDE

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),L(31),L(13),L(69),L(5)	GEELONG: B,W(26),W(49),W(102),W(37),L(45),L(47),L(31),W(42)
CARLTON: B,W(23),W(57),L(45),L(37),W(34),L(21),L(44),W(12)	HAWTHORN: L(86),W(91),W(57),B,L(11),W(157),L(82),W(44),W(16)
COLLINGWOOD: W(60),L(27),W(59),D,W(22),L(36),B,L(57),L(42)	MELB: L(79),W(131),L(9),W(45),W(70),W(36),W(13),W(39),B
ADELAIDE: W(86),L(23),W(24),L(45),L(65),W(31),L(131),B,L(2)	NORTH MELB: B,W(46),L(73),L(72),L(70),W(54),W(44),W(31),W(2)
EAGLES: W(79),W(27),B,W(72),W(65),W(45),W(82),W(7),W(99)	RICHMOND: L(25),L(4),L(57),L(37),W(24),B,L(32),W(57),L(12)
ESSENDON: B,W(4),W(73),W(45),W(31),W(31),W(21),L(7),L(16)	ST KILDA: W(25),L(26),W(9),D,B,L(34),W(131),W(69),W(6)
FITZROY: B,L(131),L(59),L(16),L(24),L(157),L(44),L(77),L(99)	SYDNEY: B,L(91),L(24),W(37),L(31),L(54),W(47),W(77),L(6)
FOOTSCRAY: L(60),B,L(49),W(16),W(11),L(31),W(32),L(39),W(5)	

Sydney no Eagles



pushover

A GLANCE at the respective records of the West Coast Eagles and the Sydney Swans would suggest Sunday's match at Subiaco Oval could be another landslide victory for the host team.

But it will not be easily achieved despite the Eagles unbeaten record and the fact that the Swans have won only three of their eight games.

The Swans have been a touch unlucky and that was again the case last Sunday when they failed by a goal to beat St Kilda, who were boosted by 12-goals from rampant full-forward Tony Lockett.

They have some outstanding young players as well as seasoned campaigners like the brilliant Greg Williams, David Murphy, Steve Wright, Mark Bayes and Barry Mitchell.

FOOLISH

It would be foolish for the Eagles to under-estimate the Swans and it is unlikely to happen. A number of Eagles were rested last week, including Dwayne Lamb and Karl Langdon, and that will not happen this week.

Though the Eagles won by 99 points against the hapless Fitzroy, it was far from an impressive display and the local boys know they must lift their rating if they are about to maintain their winning streak.

Perhaps the disappointing thing about Sunday's effort was that a number of young players given an opportunity did not seize it and they will probably find themselves back with their WAFL clubs.

The Eagles could move back to close to full strength this week.

Lamb and Langdon should have few problems slotting back into the team, judging by their training form early in the week. As well, captain John Worsfold and tough defender Michael Brennan, one of the unsung heroes of the

team, should be ready to resume after a fortnight's rest.

The good news for the Eagles is that senior players are now ready to maintain pressure on the players already in the team.

Geoff Miles and Steve Malaxos should resume for Claremont after missing last week and Mark Hepburn, perhaps the bargain of the pre-draft negotiating, is ready to embark on his comeback trail after suffering a groin injury in round two against Collingwood.

The Eagles should again be too strong because they have the players capable of negating most of the Swans' trump cards.

Through players like Lamb, David Hart, who has been in brilliant form, Don Pyke and Craig Turley the Eagles have the capacity to blanket the Swans' prime movers.

And the Swans will then have the problem of curbing the pace and ball-getting skills of the likes of Dean Kemp, who has returned to his best in the last few weeks, Brett Heady, Chris Mainwaring and Peter Matera.

They should ensure that Peter Sumich gets plenty of opportunities and he will be keen to make a better fist of it than he did against the close-checking Alistair Lynch last week.

The Achilles heel for Sydney this season, with Craig Nettleback struggling, has been at full-back and coach Col Kinnear will search deeply within his ranks to find a suitable opponent for Sumich.

The Eagles defence has been outstanding this season, restricting the opposition to an average of less than eight goals a match. That is an amazing re-

cord considering that an average score which is enough to win a game at this level is almost twice as many.

Guy McKenna and Chris Waterman, along with Lockyer and Brennan, have been the standard-setters backward of centre and it will take something special from the Swans to break free this week.

AFL Preview by

Gary Stocks

of The West Australian



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TANIA ARMSTRONG	63	Adelaide	Hawthorn	St Kilda	Geelong	North Melb.	Brisbane	West Coast	Swans	Perth	East Perth	Subiaco
ROBERT BENNETT	61	Adelaide	Hawthorn	St Kilda	Geelong	North Melb.	Brisbane	West Coast	Claremont	Perth	South Frem.	Subiaco
PETER BOSUSTOW	60	Adelaide	Collingwood	St Kilda	Geelong	North Melb.	Brisbane	West Coast	Claremont	Perth	South Frem.	West Perth
ROBBIE BURNS	63	Melbourne	Hawthorn	St Kilda	Geelong	North Melb.	Richmond	West Coast	Swans	Perth	East Perth	Subiaco
GLENN CORDINGLEY	55	Melbourne	Hawthorn	St Kilda	Geelong	North Melb.	Richmond	West Coast	Swans	East Frem.	East Perth	West Perth
ALAN EAST	59	Adelaide	Hawthorn	St Kilda	Geelong	North Melb.	Brisbane	West Coast	Claremont	Perth	East Perth	West Perth
KIM HAGDORN	59	Melbourne	Hawthorn	St Kilda	Geelong	North Melb.	Richmond	West Coast	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.	Subiaco
IAN MILLER	61	Adelaide	Hawthorn	St Kilda	Geelong	North Melb.	Brisbane	West Coast	Swans	Perth	South Frem.	Subiaco
KEN PIESSE	54	Adelaide	Hawthorn	St Kilda	Geelong	North Melb.	Brisbane	West Coast	Swans	Perth	East Perth	Subiaco
GARY STOCKS	59	Adelaide	Hawthorn	St Kilda	Geelong	North Melb.	Brisbane	West Coast	Claremont	Perth	East Perth	Subiaco
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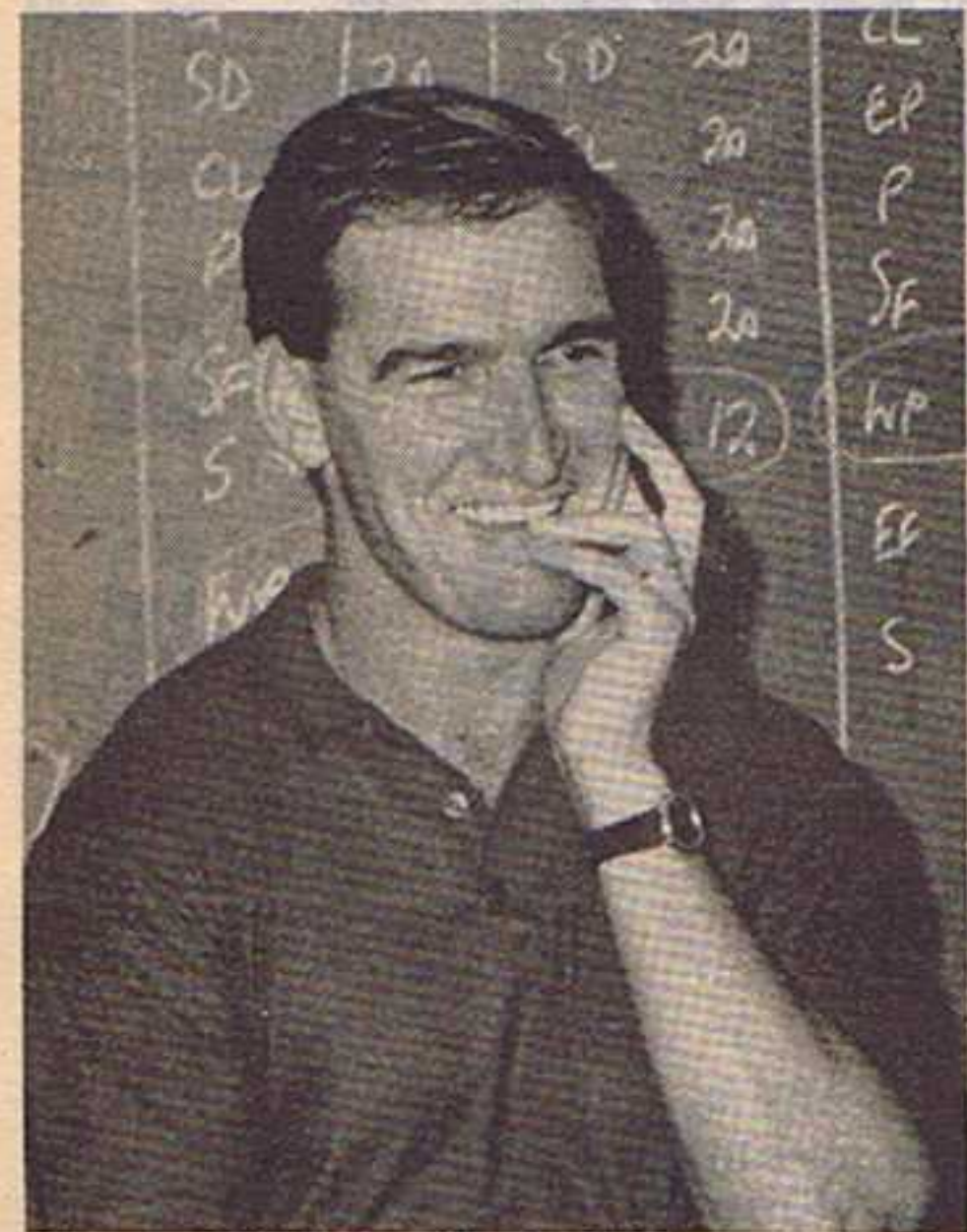
how about you?

Tough time at the helm

LIFE in the coaching lane can be certainly be a tough race.

While the eight league club presidents desperately battle the odds to balance financial statements, their coaches have been besieged by more-than-usual trauma.

East Fremantle have already had to bite the bullet and replace league coach Ron Wilcox with Ken Judge.



George Michalczyk...had his neck in the hangman's noose

By
KIM HAGDORN

Last week, West Perth's George Michalczyk and Subiaco's Haydn Bunton had their necks in the hangman's noose; eased somewhat with much-needed victories.

And at East Perth, despite a much-improved situation, Ian McCulloch has had to survive some early-season mutiny attempts from some senior players...and some questions marks over his coaching tactics.

Bunton's security at Subiaco seems assured, despite thoughts that the master may have lost some enthusiasm for the game after 30 years of coaching.

West Perth would be reluctant to replace Michalczyk mid-season, but the Falcons on-field performances will be closely scrutinised by the board of directors, who are desperate for a swift turn-around in fortunes.

McCulloch saw his team go down to an inspired band of young Tigers who continue to uphold the enormous reputation Gerard Neesham has established in his 100-game career with Claremont.

But even Neesham, after four successive grand final appearances, has had his detractors at Claremont because of his constant conflicts with West Coast Eagles over his use of Eagles squad members when playing for the Tigers.

Last Saturday, Neesham survived a Perth Oval challenge with just one Eagle, rookie Ashley McIntosh, on board.

John Todd, Western Australia's premier coach, hasn't had an easy ride in the opening stages of Swan Districts premiership defence.

Todd was forced to sack a senior player in Len Gandini at the end of a heated half-time battle in Round two on April 13.

Todd, who can almost certainly write his own contract with Swans, has suffered the least anguish as the annual dose of coaching trauma spreads like a plague through the football community.

Perth's coaching doyen of the modern era, Ken Armstrong, started the season with a flush of hope and glory in a season that promised nothing, but he has come back to earth with a thud and faces a rejuvenated East Fremantle on Saturday.

Judge, the Sharks new boss, also came back to ground level with a crash on Saturday when Todd's slick Swans machine gave East Fremantle a football lesson.

The coaching blues have surfaced at all WAFL clubs...and even unobtrusive South Fremantle first-year coach Steve Hargrave hasn't had it all his own way.

With gross inconsistency this season, the Bulldogs are yet to string successive victories together.

As a result, Hargrave and chairman of selectors Tony Ryan have been at logger-heads over selection policies surrounding senior players.

Who would want to be a league coach?

Eagles back-up boys

SUNDAY'S less-than-impressive performance by Fitzroy against the Eagles begs the question — how would an Eagles No. 2 team have performed against the Lions?

Judging by the quality of the left-over Eagles players battling to catch the selectors' eyes in the WAFL competition, the answer to that question has to be a resounding "yes".

In fact, there would be plenty of good money around WA to say an Eagles second team would give the hapless Lions a hiding — and probably beat a few other struggling AFL teams, as well.

There would have been a fair proportion of the 22,000 fans at Subiaco Oval on Sunday who, by half-time when it was obviously a one-horse race, would have preferred to see the Eagles back-up boys against the Lions simply to provide a contest.

So how would a No. 2 Eagles team line-up?

Leaving out the regular Eagles players on the injured list such as John Worsfold, Dwayne Lamb, Michael Brennan and Karl Langdon, plus long-term casualties such as Laurie Keene

would beat the Lions

and Dean Laidley and the suspended Dale Kickett, this is how the second side could have been presented:

Backs: Todd Breman, Geoff Miles, Murray Rance.

Half-backs: Matt Clape, Mark Hepburn, Tony Begovich.

Centres: Phil Narkle, Steve Malaxos, Ian Dargie.

Half-forwards: Ashley McIntosh, Craig McGrath, Scott Watters.

Forwards: Cory Young, Glen Jakovich, Derek Hall.

Ruck: Phil Scott, Adrian Barich, Rob West.

Interchange: Matthew Burton, Andrew Macnish.

Emergencies: Tony Evans, Craig McNaughton, Peter Higgins, Shane Porter.

It's not such a bad team when you can leave top rover Evans and the promising McNaughton on the sidelines.

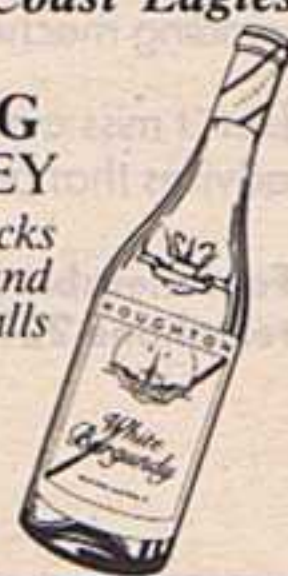
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Time to get rid of Fitzroy

THE AFL should either dump Fitzroy out of the competition or merge the ailing club with another Melbourne based team — preferably North Melbourne.

That message was hammered home as the Lions were thumped by the Eagles at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

No-one can say the Lions aren't trying hard, both on and off the field. They were at least competitive against the Eagles, even if they were outclassed.

There was a touch of pathos at the sight of big former Fitzroy captain and Eagles coach Ron Alexander rattling a tin outside the main gates at Subiaco Oval as he and a couple of dozen others tried to raise funds to stall off the Lions creditors.

The Lions have to meet a debt in excess of \$600,000 by June 30 if they are to avoid going down the financial plug hole.

Alexander's show of loyalty to his old club brought an angry reaction from Swan Districts president Bill Walker, directed at the WA Football Commission.

On behalf of Swans, Walker sent a



Former WA players David O'Connell (left) and John Ironmonger...in a losing cause with Fitzroy

strongly-worded letter to WAFC chairman Peter Tannock saying he couldn't understand why the Commission allowed the Eagles to assist in raising money for Fitzroy.

Walker stamped the Eagles action in allowing Alexander's group to raise funds outside League Headquarters — and more particularly, allocating the proceeds of the sale of a block of seats at the game to go towards the Lions — as hypocritical because no similar offer has ever been made to help ailing WAFL clubs.

APPROVAL

"Fitzroy stand to make about \$15,000 out of the seat sales and although Peter Tannock tells us it was done without the Commission's approval, it should not have been allowed to happen," Walker said.

Walker's strongest point is that it should be in the best interests of the WAFC's long-term plan to reduce the number of Melbourne-based teams to help make the AFL a truly national competition.

There was also criticism from a number of sources of the Eagles granting Fitzroy's Perth-based group some free tickets for Sunday's game to sell as part of their fund-raising.

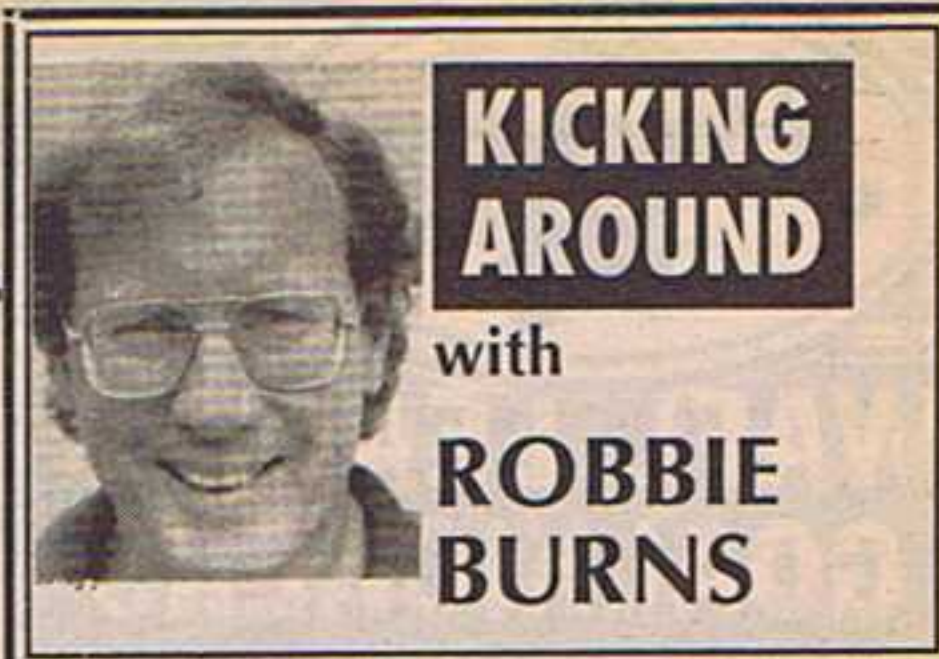
Though Alexander had a genuine motive, the group's contribution of about \$1500 is a mere drop in the bucket in terms of the Lions removing their huge debt.

By George... that's timely

WEST Perth's win over Perth on Saturday came in the nick of time for coach George Michalczyk.

Word from sources close to the club indicate the Falcons hierarchy was giving Michalczyk two weeks to come up with an improvement in his team's performances.

A win over the highly-rated Demons must certainly qualify as an improvement, but Michalczyk will be keen to make sure that the new approach to playing competitive football is maintained.



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Time to give Jakovich a taste of AFL

GLEN Jakovich should be selected by the Eagles within the next couple of weeks.

There will be a strong argument from the Eagles match committee that Jakovich is still not fully prepared to make the step to the next level and few could argue with their logic.

But the 18-year-old Bulldogs youngster has done just about everything that can be expected of him while serving his apprenticeship in the WAFL competition — he's holding down key forward positions, being subjected to tough one-on-one attention and also being used as a pinch-hit ruckman and in key defensive roles.

Keeping the youthful exuberance of a player such as Jakovich at a high pitch is no easy feat and given the success Mick Malthouse has had with the bleeding of teenagers Ryan Turnbull and Mitchell White over the past few weeks, there is a strong case for slipping the strongly-built Bulldog into the seniors.

Putting in the boots

SHANE Porter, Perth's young West Coast Eagles draftee, can thank his fortunes that he's training with the Eagles and not with Perth for the early-week sessions.

The 19-year-old Tasmanian would almost certainly have copped some extra hard work from Demons coach Ken Armstrong had he been fronting up before Thursday night.

Armstrong has every reason to be down on Porter after a telephone call from player to coach last Saturday morning.

Porter rang Armstrong to say he had left his boots at Lathlain Park and asked the coach to collect them from the ground on his way to Leederville Oval for the game against West Perth.

Armstrong, who must be mellowing, agreed, but then found himself scaling a 2.5m wall to get into the locked ground. He may still be a top coach, but at the age of 55, he can no longer leap tall buildings with a single bound — nor can he jump walls with impunity.

There was a resounding crack as Armstrong landed on the other side of the wall — and a shooting pain as a bone in his heel fractured.

Armstrong, who hobbled through Saturday's losing effort against the Falcons, took immediate punitive action — he left Porter on the interchange bench for most of the first half!

The unexpected loss would not have improved Armstrong's disposition.

Tough times for Magpie

THINGS are certainly tough for Collingwood these days, with successive losses to Geelong, Richmond and Melbourne.

Top Magpie forward Craig Starcevich has found that when things go bad, they get worse.

The former East Perth star fronted up to VFL Park for the Melbourne game without his official player pass for entry into the ground.

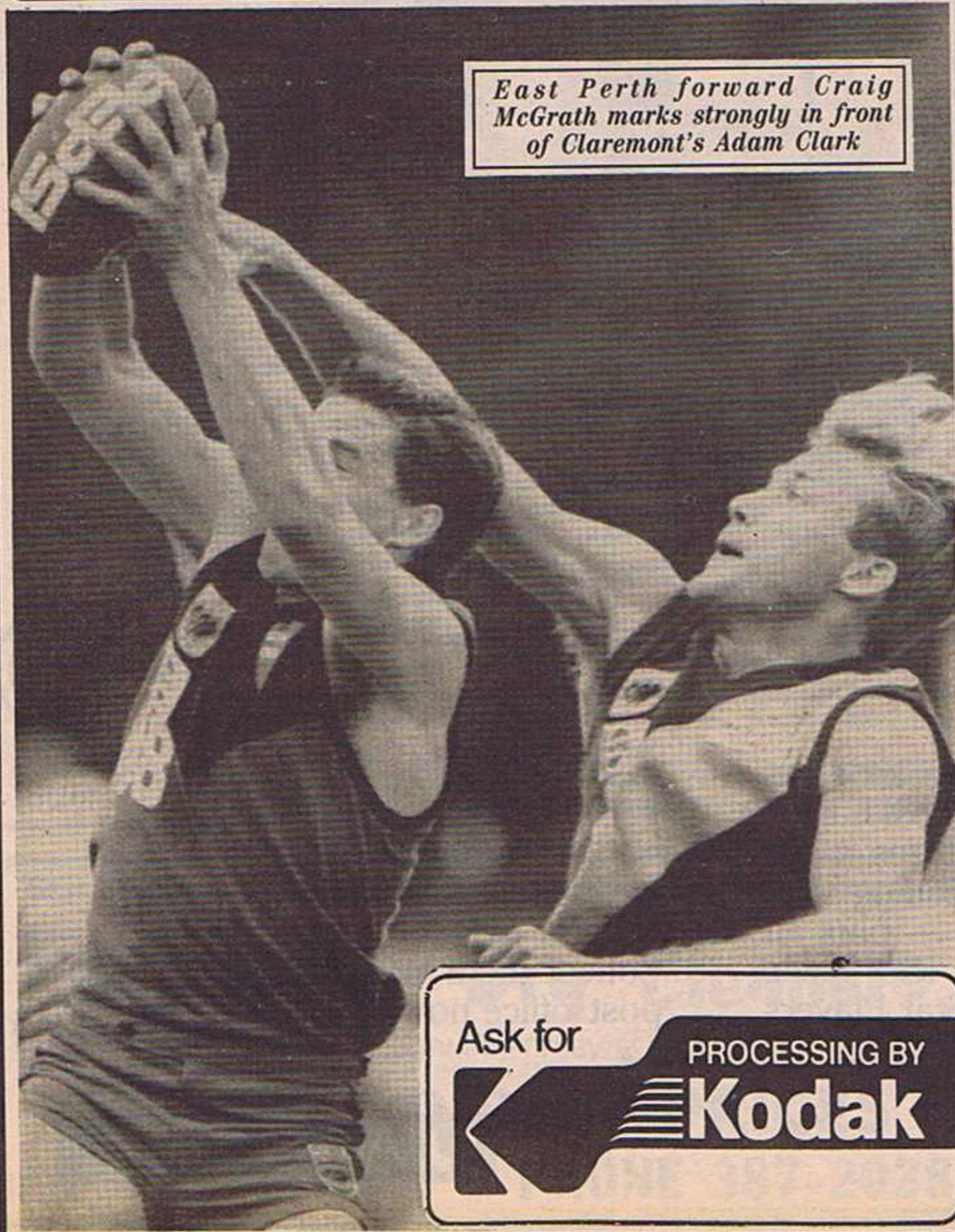
The gate-keeper allowed Starcevich into the ground after some fancy talking — but a week later he received notification from the AFL that he had to pay a \$15 entry fee.

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Hart relishes free rein

PLAYING Fitzroy was a pleasant change for tough Eagles little man David Hart.

Instead of facing a daunting task as a tagger on a classy opposition player, Hart was given a free run by coach Mick Malthouse — and didn't he enjoy it.

Playing mainly out of the centre, Hart picked up 29 possessions to be one of the team's key performers.

"It was great being able to run free and let someone chase me for a change," he said after the match.

"I was told to stay in for the centre bouncings all the time and I virtually had a free rein as to where I could run."

Hart has produced some exceptional tagging performances this season and while he was opposed to talented Fitzroy duo Jim Wynd and Jason Baldwin last Sunday, he certainly didn't have to worry too much about close-checking tactics.

"It was a tough game; tougher than it probably looked on the scoreboard," said Hart.

Friendly rivals

FORMER schoolboy team-mates Brendon Retzlaff and Jeff Davidson had to forget old friendships when they lined up in opposing teams at East Fremantle Oval last Saturday.

The two players come from Collie, where they played in the same school and junior teams before moving to the city to try their luck in the WAFL, with Swan Districts and East Fremantle.

Davidson is still finding his feet with the Sharks at full-forward, while Retzlaff was Collingwood's choice in last year's draft and will spend this season with Swans before heading East.

Retzlaff said it was a good game to win; but he would have enjoyed some closer competition ... having a quiet dig at his mate from Collie.

Judge makes Sharks pay

EAST Fremantle players saw a different side to their new coach Ken Judge after their disappointing effort against Swan Districts last Saturday...and they paid for it on the training track this week.

Judge let his players know that he wasn't accepting such poor efforts and his short, sharp address to his team after the game left a deathly silence as he stormed out of the changerooms.

There was plenty of pain at the Moss Street track this week as Judge pushed his troops in preparation for Saturday's match against Perth.

By contrast, Swans coach John Todd was in a much happier frame of mind as he complimented his team system.

One of the few shining lights for the Sharks was lanky Aboriginal Revis Ryder, who played on live-wire full-forward Kevin Caton.

Caton kicked six goals, but could have finished with many more if it wasn't for the close-checking efforts of the former Mullewa player from the Great Northern League League.

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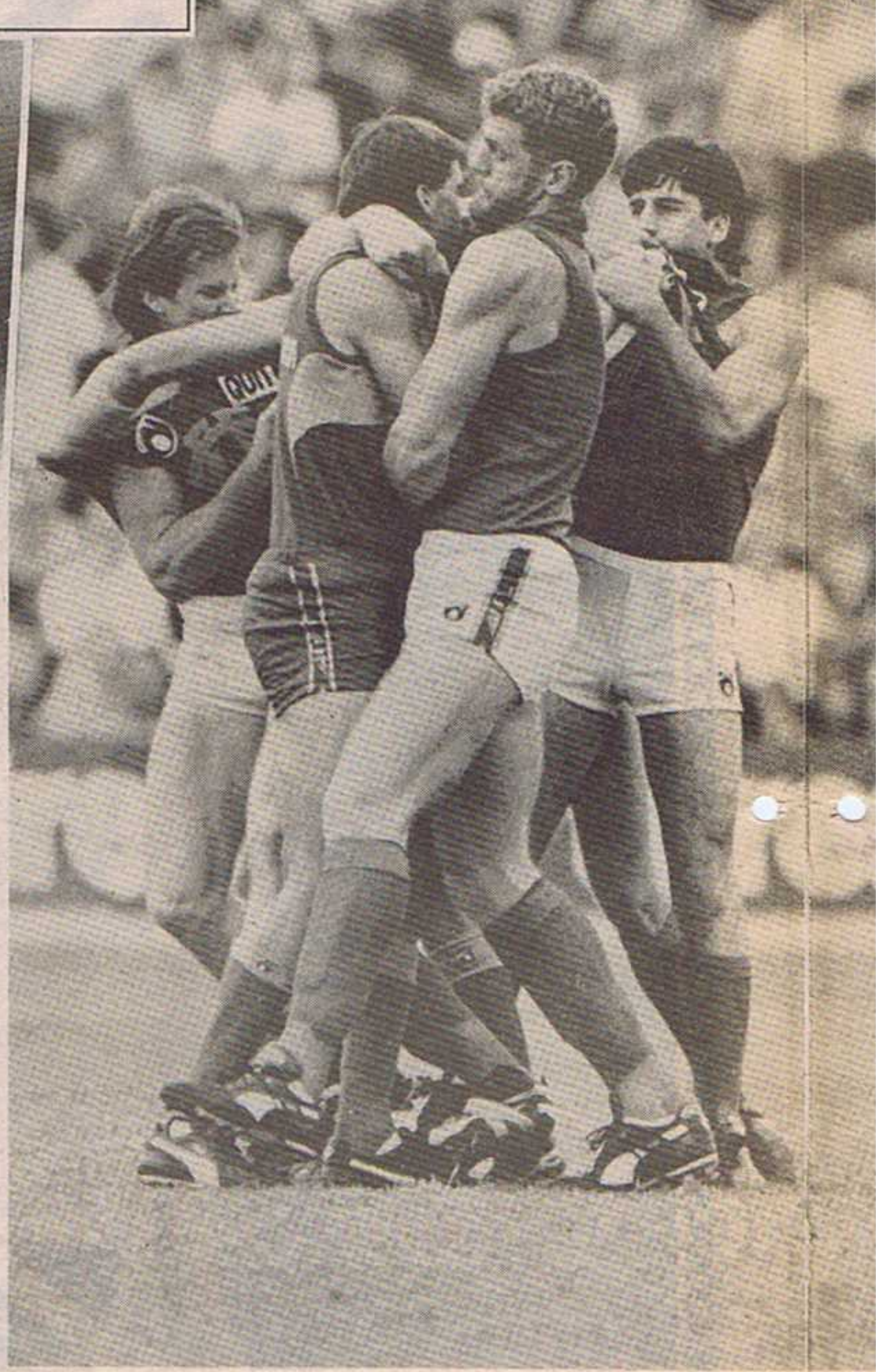
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This just isn't good enough, thinks Eagles coach Mick Malthouse as he prepares to meet his charges during a break. Malthouse was not a happy man after the match when he said his players did everything but stick to their game plan



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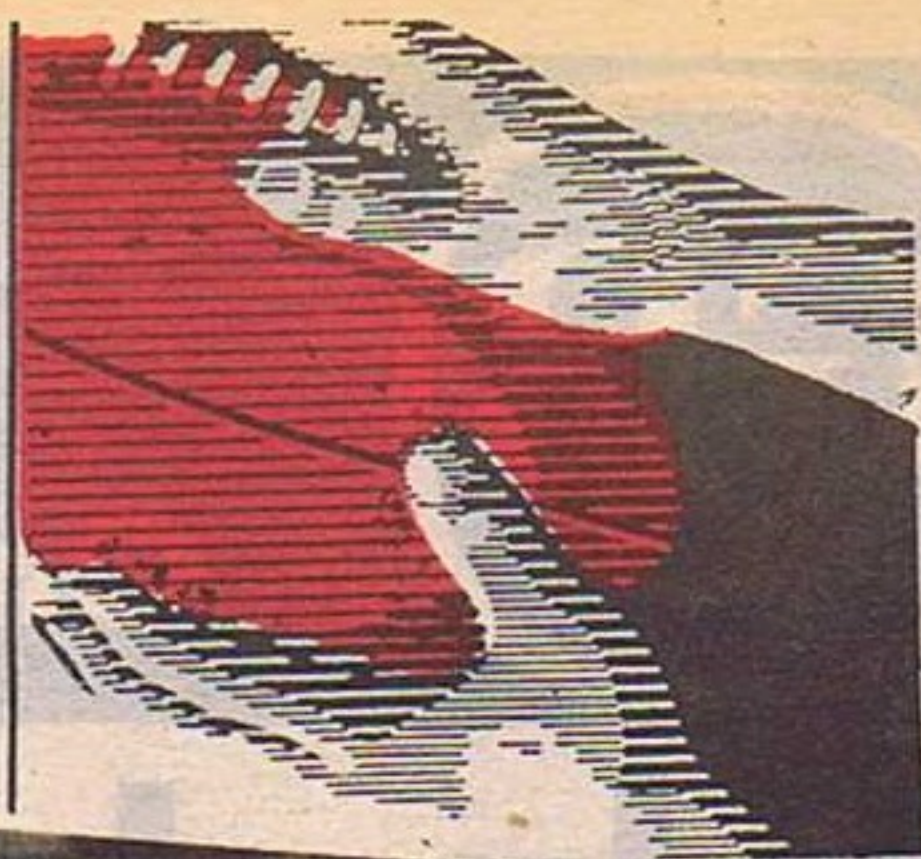
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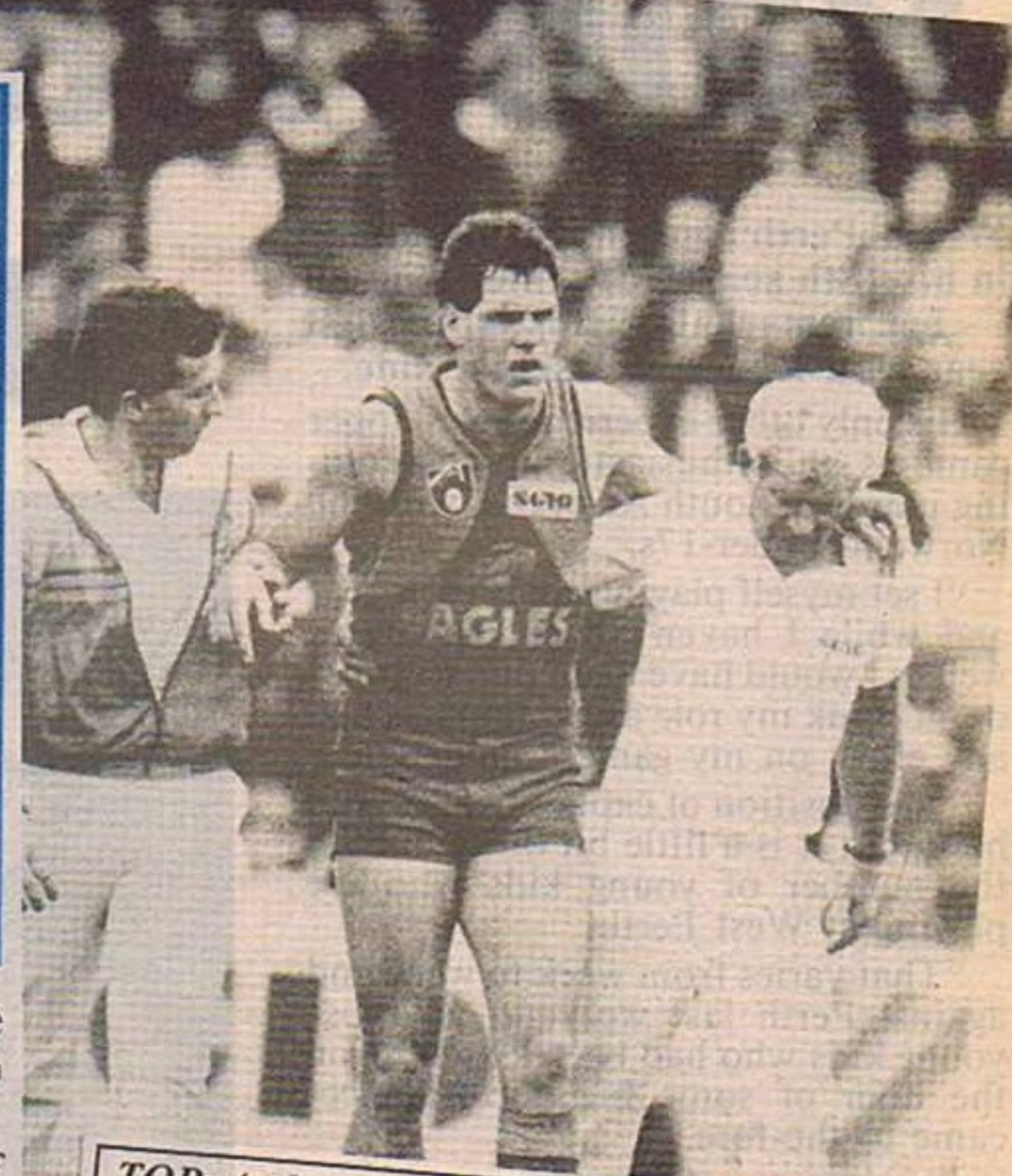


TOUGH DAY AT THE OFFICE

THE top versus bottom clash at Subiaco Oval between the high-flying Eagles and the debt-ridden Fitzroy side was never going to be a pretty game...and it certainly lived up (or down!) to expectations.

Fitzroy came out fighting in the first half and as these pictures show, there were plenty of physical clashes to keep the crowd entertained.

Eagles pair Chris Lewis and Andrew Lockyer were casualties of the heated action and three players faced the tribunal after the most spiteful game the West Coasters have experienced this season.



TOP: Andrew Lockyer limps from the field with an ankle injury supported by head trainer Bill Sutherland (right) and his assistant, David Jones. BELOW: The face of Eagles rover David Hart shows the pain after he received a jab to the kidneys from Fitzroy's Darren Wheildon. Umpire Shane Harris records Hart's number for the report which saw Wheildon cop a three-match suspension

It was a day of mixed fortunes for acting Eagles skipper Chris Lewis. After winning the toss (top left) and wishing rival skipper Richard Osborne good luck, the day produced a series of dramas.

Here Lewis picks himself up off the ground after a bone-shaking crash at the centre bounce-down...while team-mate David Hynes remonstrates with giant Fitzroy ruckman John Ironmonger. FAR LEFT: Lewis goes to the aid of team-mate Mitchell White during a scrum. BOTTOM LEFT: Lewis is about to be withdrawn from the ground as Eagles runner Rob Wiley checks the state of his health. LEFT: Nursing a damaged eye and suffering from a rather sore head, Lewis sees the game out on the sidelines



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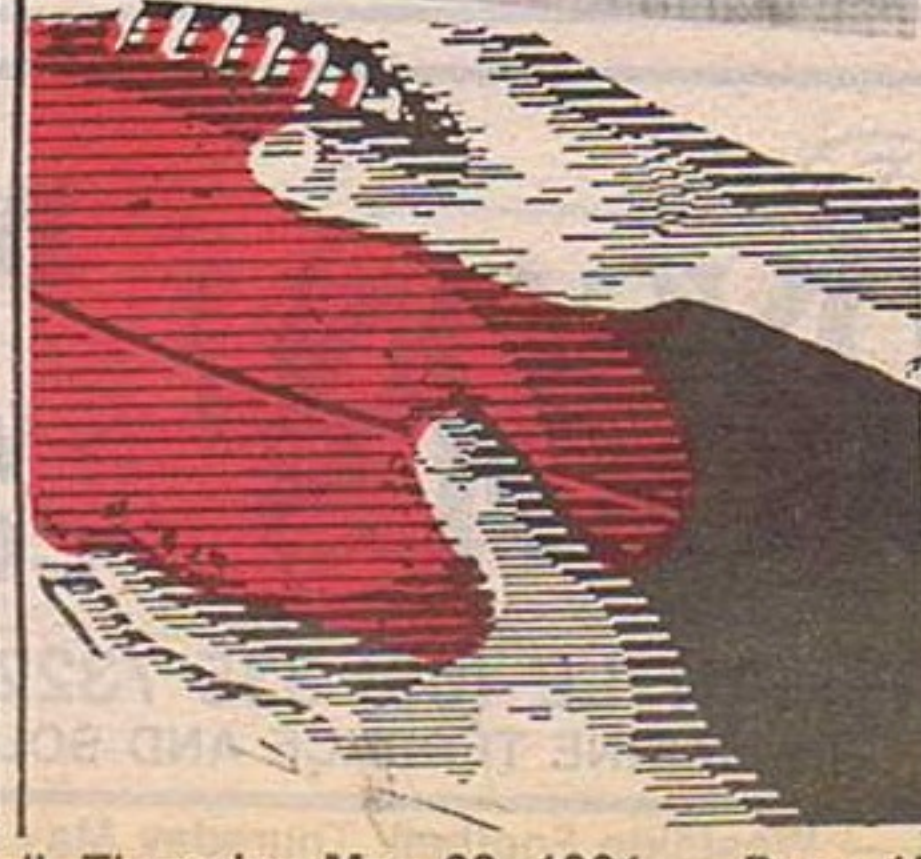


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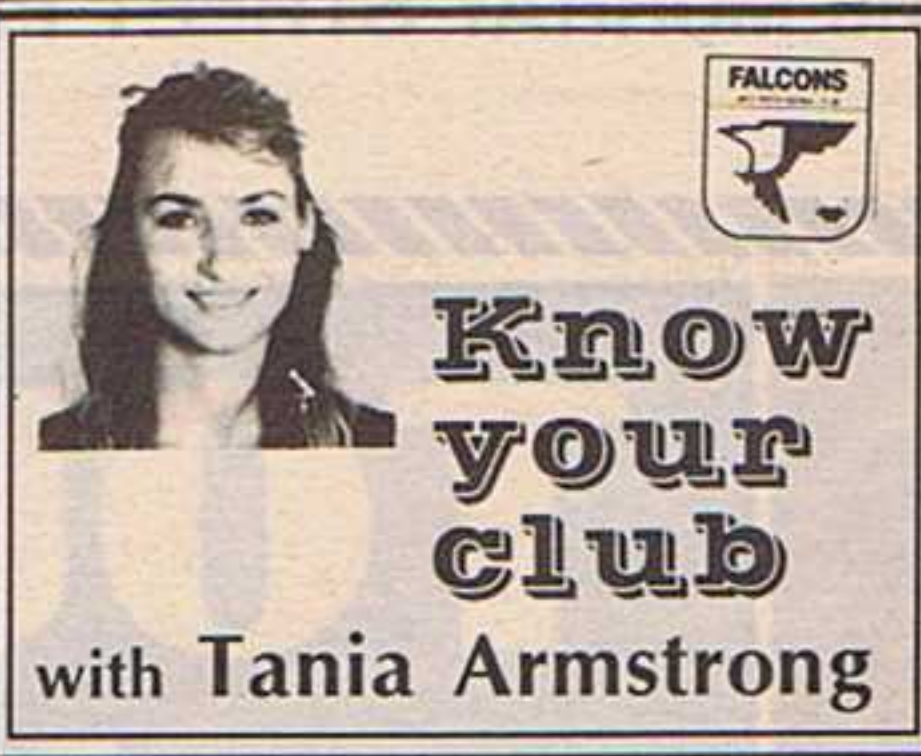
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WEST Perth captain David Palm is in his 18th season of senior football — but, remarkably, this is his first year as a leader of a senior side.

His only other experience as skipper came as an enthusiastic up-and-coming junior in South Australia, with the Norwood under-17s.

"I set myself playing goals each year and while I haven't been playing as well as I would have liked this season, I don't think my role as captain has had any effect on my game," Palm said.

"The position of captain itself is not hard, but it is a little bit difficult with the number of young kids who are playing at West Perth.

"That varies from week to week and against Perth last weekend all those young kids who had been knocking on the door of some big performances came to the fore."

SA DEBUT

Palm, 33, played his first senior football with Norwood back in 1974 under the captaincy of Michael Taylor, who is now assistant coach of South Australia's AFL side, the Adelaide Crows.

The ruck-rover played 62 games in SA before trekking across the border to West Perth and lining up at Leederville Oval in 1980 for his first stint with the Cardinals under skipper Les Fong. He played 51 games before the itch to further his football career in Victoria became too great.

Another change of club followed with Palm venturing to VFL club Richmond, where he played under the careful guidance of Mark Lee, Barry Rowlings and Dale Weightman.

Palm played 104 games with the Tigers and says the influence of some great captains in three States made him more than prepared for his role as skipper of the Falcons.

"There were certainly some great players among them," he said. "They were all outstanding footballers and captains and some are still playing.

"They each had their different approaches and I learned a little from all of them; I'm now trying to pass what I learned to the players at West Perth to the best of my ability."

Palm, who was vice-captain to Paul Hasler last season, renewed his acquaintance with the Leederville Oval



David Palm...his first captaincy role

camp in 1990 after an eight-year break and he immediately hit top form, earning a place in the WA side to play SA at Football Park in July.

EXAMPLE

A sporting goods agent off the field, Palm says his main role on the field on match day is to set as high an example as he can for coach George Michalczyk in the playing area and keep the minds of all players on the task at hand.

"I have to make sure what George sets out as our game plan is carried out to the best of our ability," Palm said.

"And as a player I try to set as high an example as I possibly can.

"Off the field is a continual learning curve at our club. At training during the week I help to point out to the players where they can improve and hopefully, they can rectify their problems in the next game."

Palm, nearing his 250th senior appearance (78 West Perth, 104 Richmond and 62 Norwood), not only has a big input as skipper on match days, but also has some say in Michalczyk's selection of the team late in the week.

THE CAPTAINS

Year	Captain	Year	Captain	Year	Captain
1945	Ross Hutchinson	1961	Brian Foley	1977	Mel Whinnen
1946	Ross Hutchinson	1962	Brian Foley	1978	John Duckworth
1947	Stan Heal	1963	Brian Foley	1979	Geoff Taylor
1948	Stan Heal	1964	Brian Foley	1980	Les Fong
1949	Stan Heal	1965	Bob Spargo	1981	Les Fong
1950	Stan Heal	1966	Bob Spargo	1982	Les Fong
1951	Stan Heal	1967	Bob Spargo	1983	Les Fong
1952	Ray Schofield	1968	Graham Farmer	1984	Les Fong
1953	Peter O'Donohue	1969	Graham Farmer	1985	Les Fong
1954	Peter O'Donohue	1970	Graham Farmer	1986	Les Fong
1955	Don Scott	1971	Graham Farmer	1987	Peter Menaglio
1956	Frank Sparrow	1972	Peter Steward	1988	Peter Menaglio
1957	Ray Schofield	1973	Bill Dempsey	1989	Peter Menaglio
1958	Ray Schofield	1974	Bill Dempsey	1990	Paul Hasler
1959	Don Marinko	1975	Bill Dempsey	1991	David Palm
1960	Don Marinko/ Brian Foley	1976	Bill Dempsey		

Falcons skippers of the modern era

BIG men have played an important role in the captaincy honours over the years at West Perth.

Ruckmen have led the club with distinction and premierships have gone hand-in-hand with the leadership from the big men.

Graham Farmer, a legend in Australian football, was the on-field playing coach when West Perth won their 1969-71 double on his return to his home State after a dominant career in Victoria — and both were achieved against his old club, East Perth.

Bill Dempsey, a club veteran of 343 games, was the skipper when Graham Campbell produced their last-to-first success story in 1975 — and he was a ruckman of extraordinary talents.

The club's 1960 premiership success saw the start of the Brian Foley five-year reign as captain, when the Sandover Medal-winning ruckman took over mid-season from Don Marinko.

The honour of the longest-serving captain, however, goes to one of the club's best little-men in rover Les Fong, who skippered the side for sevenyears.

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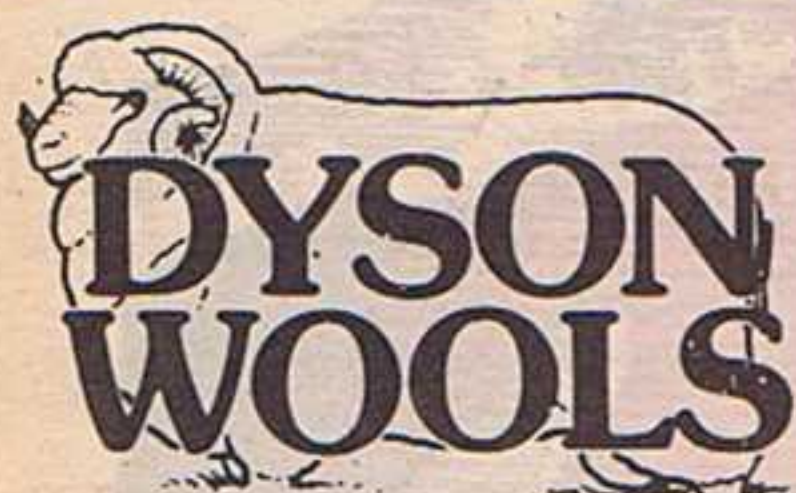
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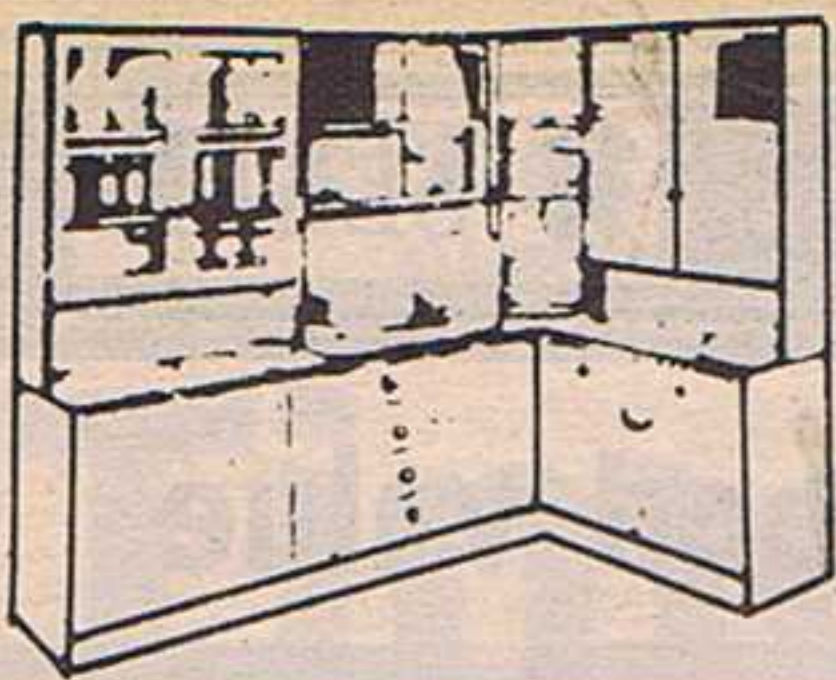
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Tails has a host of support

BRIAN Taylor may be the official captain of the Subiaco Football Club, but if he should be sidelined throughout the season, there are plenty of Lions team-mates just waiting to take over.

Lions coach Haydn Bunton doesn't like to rely on one player to motivate his side on the football field and he opted for the innovative measure of supplying skipper Taylor with plenty of support when he selected four vice-captains.

Garry Kemp, Rod Willet, Mick Lee and Bret Hutchinson are all on hand to offer Taylor support, but who actually captained the side when Tails missed two games in round three and four?

"I'm not really sure who led the side that day...I guess the four of them had a fight over it in the changerooms!," Taylor said.

ACHIEVER

Taylor is one of the quiet achievers of West Australian football, but his actions on the football field speak louder than words, as does the courage he has shown to fight off numerous injuries in his 13-year career.

He missed the bulk of the 1989 season with a crippling groin injury, but fought back to be rewarded with the captaincy for the start of the 1990 season.

Taylor was a member of the young 1986 WA side that travelled to Football Park in Adelaide and upset South Australia under lights. Taylor was a valuable contributor in defence that night in his only performance in the black and gold guernsey.

The WA State-of-Origin side went on to nail the Australian Championship at Subiaco Oval that season; a year after the slightly-built defender had received his highest personal hon-

our when he was awarded with the Simpson Medal in the Lions losing grand final side of 1985.

On the way to reaching his 200-game milestone mid-season in 1990, Taylor played in Lions premiership sides of 1986 and '88 and he collected the club's fairest-and-best award in the latter year.

GUIDANCE

Taylor's selection as skipper followed on from his brother Neil's six-year reign and a season under the guidance of both Greg Wilkinson and Greg Carpenter.

The softly-spoken year six school-teacher is one of the most popular footballers at the club and says he has a number of roles to play as a leader of men on match days.

"My role is partly to develop a bit of spirit before we go out onto the ground," Taylor said.

"I also make sure we follow our match plans when we get out onto the field."

Playing as a rookie under former coach Brian Douge, as well as the recent group of captains, gave Taylor a good grounding in the area of captaincy and he says he learned a lot from his predecessors.

"All of those guys were good organisers and I picked bits and pieces of information off them all," the father of two said.

"There's also the area of discipline and looking after yourself off the football field."

On the way to leading the seniors, Taylor was rewarded with captaincy of the Lions colts as a 16-year-old in his last year with that grade in 1977 and he also led numerous junior sides with his first club Woodlands.



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THE CAPTAINS



Brian Taylor...has plenty of support in his captaincy role

Year	Captain
1945	Ossie Diggins
1946	Fred Williams
1947	Fred Williams
1948	Fred Williams
1949	Fred Williams
1950	Jack Sweet
1951	Jack Sweet
1952	Jeff Smith
1953	Jeff Smith
1954	Don Carter
1955	Ron Jarvis
1956	Charlie Tyson
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1961	Laurie Kettlewell
1962	Dave Cuzens
1963	Kevin Merfield
1964	Keith Slater
1965	Kevin Merfield
1966	Keith Slater
1967	Reg Hampson
1968	Haydn Bunton
1969	Haydn Bunton
1970	Haydn Bunton
1971	Colin Williams
1972	Haydn Bunton
1973	Ross Smith
1974	Ross Smith
1975	David Parkin
1976	Peter Burton
1977	Brian Douge
1978	Brian Douge
1979	Brian Douge
1980	Brian Douge
1981	Tim Gepp
1982	Neil Taylor
1983	Neil Taylor
1984	Neil Taylor
1985	Neil Taylor
1986	Neil Taylor
1987	Neil Taylor
1988	Greg Wilkinson/ Greg Carpenter
1989	Greg Carpenter
1990	Brian Taylor
1991	Brian Taylor

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Victorian champion Ross Smith was the man who ended their premiership drought when he guided the Lions to victory as a playing-coach in 1973 — after another interstater in Haydn Bunton had sown the seeds for the victory as captain-coach in the five previous years.

Former East Perth player Greg Carpenter was skipper when Subiaco won the 1986 flag; a year when he had taken over from the injured Greg Wilkinson.

Skippers from other clubs have included Jack Sweet (East Perth), Charlie Tyson (South Fremantle), Keith Slater (Swans) and Hawthorn duo David Parkin and Brian Douge.

The six-year reign of local champion Neil Taylor makes him the longest-serving captain...and a premiership in 1986 was among his achievements.

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Bertram shrugs off hard knock

DEAN Bertram was one East Perth player who could hold his head high after the Royals fighting eight-point loss to Claremont at Perth Oval.

Bertram put in a courageous performance when he took the field in the second quarter after being concussed by a John Hutton shirt-front in the opening minutes of the game, but he finished the match as one of the Royals best with two goals beside his name.

"Maybe I should get knocked out every game!" Bertram commented after the match.

The 22-year-old said he didn't see Hutton coming and certainly didn't know who, or what, had hit him as he was helped from the ground by two trainers.

Bertram, playing in defence, had received a fair crunch during one of Claremont's first forays into the forward line and he went straight up the player's race and into the changerooms while he tried to regain his composure.

A slightly concussed and winded Bertram emerged from behind the closed door late in the quarter and took the field mid-way through the second term, still feeling a little dazed.

RELUCTANT

"The doctor was a little reluctant to let me go back onto the field, but I felt alright, so Ian McCulloch obliged and put me into the forward line," he said.

Bertram, who had played his last 26 consecutive games in a back-pocket, relished his new opportunity in front of goals and added much-needed life to the Royals forward line, which was lacking while leading goalscorer Glen Bartlett was well-held by rising Tigers star Phil Gilbert.

"I enjoyed the chance to kick some

goals and hopefully I can stay in the forward line against South Fremantle this week," Bertram said.

"As a junior I played all of my football in the centre, but my pace has fallen off a bit since then."

He puts this down to a badly torn hamstring in 1984, the year he represented WA in the State Schoolboys carnival, which kept him out of action for a season.

"I'm working hard on improving my pace by putting in extra sprint work after training during the week and hopefully I'll get my spot in the centre back someday."



Dean Bertram....showing great courage

Dollar gives good value

WHO says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Certainly not Claremont's Darrell Panizza, a veteran of some 261 senior games.

The former State wingman and premiership player has found a new lease of life playing at centre-half-back. Even though 'Dollar' stands at just 184cm — a touch over six foot — he has handled the job expertly in the last two weeks.

Last Saturday he had big East Perth and West Coast Eagles forward Craig McGrath shifted off him and his speed and rebound ability is giving Claremont a springboard of attack.

Last season many critics felt that Panizza played some of the best football of his 12-year career when he was moved to a half-back flank and his form in the key defensive position last Saturday was even more impressive.

AMBITION

"I love it," says Panizza, who is rapidly approaching a cherished ambition — he needs another 13 games to join Claremont's 200 Club.

"You can run around a lot more and it's great that the coach has realised that I need some room to move around in!"

Panizza, who moved to the city from Albany for a 1979 debut with the Tigers, was an integral part of their early 1980s dominance, with his speed off the wing a major factor.

MEDIA LINE-UP

THE Football Media Guild has entered its 12th season with a new president — Gary Stocks, one of the leading football writers at The West Australian.

The Guild rotates presidents every two years and football writer Peter Poat handed over the reins to Stocks at the recent Annual General Meeting.

Radio 6NR's Colin Minson was elected to the vice-presidency role, with John Dare, a journalist with The West Australian, taking over as secretary from the retiring Lew Nathan.

Arthur Povah, formerly the chief of the ABC in Perth, continues as treasurer. The Guild elected former president Alan East as a life member.



Darrell Panizza....plenty of room to run around in

...the secret

CLAREMONT defender Darrell Panizza revealed the club's secret to success as he proudly walked off Perth Oval after another first class display in the Tigers efficient backline.

Panizza, relishing his new role at centre-half-back, turned defence into attack time and time again while the Tigers held off a desperate East Perth side.

When asked how the Tigers defence managed to hold up so well in a pressure-filled last term, Panizza replied through a wide smile: "We knew we would win because we're all from the bush."

A look through the Claremont defence shows that Panizza's reasoning is right. He came from Albany, while fellow defenders Darren Kowal (Bunbury), Phil Gilbert (Mt Barker), Paul Burton (Mt Barker) and Scott Edwards (Beverley) are all country recruits.

Neesham enjoys milestone day

CLAREMONT coach Gerard Neesham was a proud man as his Tigers helped him celebrate his 100th game as coach with an impressive victory.

"That was a good, gutsy victory," Neesham said after the Tigers had held off East Perth to win by eight points in a fierce top-of-the-table clash.

"It was a game where we tried not to make too many mistakes; to hold possession and show that we were smart enough to think our way out of tough situations.

"It's one of the proudest moments I've experienced in my time as a coach."

Neesham's record as a coach is outstanding, with 77 victories from his 100 games — including two premierships.

Once again the powerful Claremont club has shown its ability to unearth quality league footballers.

Saturday's team had only eight players who were in the Tigers losing grand final side of last season and just four players from their 1989 premiership side — captain Mark Hann, Scott Edwards, Brian Beresford and Kevin Mitchell.

* FOOTNOTE: Two players from Claremont's successful teams of past years were in the rooms to celebrate Saturday's tough victory. North Melbourne's Mark Brayshaw flew into Perth for the weekend after missing the Kangaroos' thrilling two-point win over the Adelaide Crows on Friday night through injury, while David O'Connell was in town as part of the Fitzroy challenge against the Eagles.

Royals host future stars

EAST Perth played host to a number of promising schoolboy footballers last Saturday.

Students from Scotch College and Hale School were guests of the Royals and they included Jay Langdon, a promising son of former Royals star forward Don Langdon.

East Perth also welcomed former fairest and best winner Brett Stephens to their official luncheon last Saturday.

Stephens was in town as a member of the Fitzroy team to play the Eagles and he enjoyed catching up with some of his former Royals team-mates.

JOINING FORCES

PERTH Oval has become a busy place now that the WAFL season is under way — working hand-in-hand with the rugby league competition that has based its headquarters at the home of the Royals. The utilisation of Perth Oval for major rugby matches has helped boost the action and atmosphere at the ground and East Perth's hard-working general manager Alex (Marbles) Wilson says the ground-sharing is working out extremely well.

Cam's success

EAST Perth football manager Cam Robbins has received the prestigious Royal Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation prize for the most outstanding student of applied science in recreation.

This award acknowledges Robbins' dedication and commitment to complete his degree with honours and reflects the same attributes he displays in his work at East Perth.

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Kicking football into the future



Teal Cup

FORTY of the State's best young footballers will feature in the curtain-raiser to Sunday's Eagles versus Sydney Swans AFL clash at Subiaco Oval as part of this year's Teal Cup preparation.

Players from the country and metropolitan squads will be integrated and after the match the group will be trimmed to 28 players.

The Teal Cup carnival for the nation's best 17-year-olds will be in Darwin from July 6 to 14 and trial games have been held in the metro area and country regions to produce this Sunday's 40 aspirants.

The second metro trial game at Lathlain Park last Sunday trimmed the city squad to 28 players, who will train on Mondays at McGillivray Oval, in Mt Claremont.

Teal Cup coach Eddie Pitter and co-selectors Ian McRae and Greg Hyde watched games at Kojonup, Kellerberin and Dongara to produce a list of 22 players and after Sunday's match, the best of those players will travel to Perth for training sessions.

Players can still be added to the squad if they show good form in the Pepsi colts or the Public Schools Association Alcock Cup competition.

WA's Teal Cup assault in Darwin got off to a flying start, with champion footballer Barry Cable raising more than \$35,000 for the team with his marathon cycle from Albany to Perth last month.



Its both eyes on the target as this youngster sharpens his handballing skills during the half-time break at Perth Oval

Duncraig show Quit strength

SUBIACO can look forward to a promising future if the player potential in the metropolitan Quit Cup competition is any indication.

Duncraig, who are in the Subiaco zone, routed Woodvale in the Graham Farmer blue division of the inter-school Quit Cup competition last week when they ran out convincing winners 13.5 (83) to 5.2 (32) at Duncraig.

According to Duncraig coach Ian Gow, his team is playing with more confidence and teamwork this year.

"Our strong points come from the centre where we have a lot of small man ability to burrow in and get the hard ball," says Gow.

"We came back at Ocean Reef in our first match after trailing by two goals at half-time to draw the game which I think has helped the boys gather momentum and form some team comradship."

Full-forward Chris Love, with five goals, proved a handful for the Woodvale's defence, who were undermanned playing with 17 men. He was well supported by rover Darren Nottle, ruck-rover Eddie Lim and Shaun Lunny.

Even though Woodvale were over-

powered by a better team, coach Brian Holmes was pleased with his side's performance.

"When you play another team without a full complement of players, it makes it hard to be competitive," he said.

"But to the credit of our guys, they tried hard and played with system, but couldn't keep up with Duncraig's loose men in the forward line."

Top performers for Woodvale were ruck-rover Damien Rownden, centre-half-back Gerrard Rouse and ruck-rover Mathew Bugden.

Birthday bash

WARWICK Junior Football Club invites past players and officials to their 21st birthday celebration cabaret at the Warwick Hotel on Saturday, June 1.

Tickets at \$30 a double (drinks included) can be purchased that day at Ellersdale Oval between 1pm and 4pm, with the party starting at 7.30pm.

Celebrations will carry onto the Sunday at Ellersdale Oval when the current club teams play at midday. Butts of beef on a spit will be served and drinks and other food will be on sale.

For further information contact Ian Mansfield on 447 5507 or Dale Cranage on 447 9447.

Mighty Milo says ...



USE YOUR HANDS

THE game might be called 'foot'-ball, but the use of your hands is equally important.

Always use two hands when going for the ball; that provides a much more secure grip and reduces the possibility of fumbling.

If you're going for a mark — in the air, over your head or on your chest — two hands are much better than one.

A player with two hands firmly on the ball is in complete control to kick or handpass — and it takes a much stronger effort to knock the ball out of your possession.

Use two hands for tackling. One hand clutching a guernsey heading off goalwards is not enough. Grab your opponent with both hands at the same time.

The same applies when you fly to punch the ball away; don't just go up with one fist clenched; put both hands together and really give the leather a thump.

When you're pushing the ball along in front of you, two hands placed side by side gives you greater coverage — and a better chance to grab the ball when it bounces up properly.

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with Guy McKenna



HJ clinics

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

Phil Narkle — Thursday, May 23: 9-10am Dawson Park; 11am-noon Culunga; 1-2pm Bellevue. Tuesday, May 28: 9-10am Darlington; 11am-noon Falls Road; 1-2pm Helena.

Chris Lewis — Thursday, May 23: 9-10am Warriapendi; 11am-noon Yokine; 2-3pm St Gerards. Wednesday, May 29: 9-10am Dalkieth; 11am-noon Nedlands; 3.30-4.30pm Christ Church.

Dean Irving — Thursday, May 23: 12.50-1.50pm Belmay; 2.15-3.15pm Belmont. Wednesday, May 29: 9.30-10.30am Carlisle; 11am-noon Whiteside; 12.50-1.50pm Kewdale; 2.15-3.15pm Cloverdale.

Guy McKenna — Tuesday, May 28: 9.30-10.30am Wesley College; 11am-noon St Pius X; 12.50-1.50pm South Perth; 2.15-3.15pm St Columbus.

Craig Turley — Friday, May 24: 9-10am Armadale; 11am-noon Emmaus Christian; 1-2pm Branfield Park.

LAST week's game against Fitzroy was one of those typical bottom versus top battles, which allowed the hard workers of the game to take centre stage.

Dean Kemp, Chris Waterman and Chris Mainwaring — along with a few others — created problems for Fitzroy by continually running in packs and creating the loose man.

A good indication of how these players roamed far and wide on the huge expanses of Subiaco Oval, is the fact they picked up 51 kicks between them — and gave the Lions plenty of headaches after a scrambly first-half.

Even though our win over Fitzroy was the biggest so far this year, they were very physical and hard-hitting in the first quarter, which gave us a bit to think about.

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Town and Country Little League

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

East Fremantle (Chris Wheatcroft, Luke Montgomery, Warren Bank) beat Swan Districts (Grant Novak, Jaxon Crabb, Robert Sanderson).

Subiaco (Bryce Mitchell, Grant Atkinson, Luke Forrestall) beat South Fremantle (Wade Hall, Jason Pensabene, Karl Olsen).

East Perth (Darren Watkins, Dye Guadagnino, Paul Liddicoat) beat Claremont (David Northern, Paul Prager, Paul McNally).

West Perth (Cathal McMahon, Nicholas Dymock and Paul Hamilton) beat Perth (Rodney Taylor, Damien Kelly, Leigh Bennett).

Thrill for junior

A LUCKY junior footballer from the Swan Districts region will have the chance to be part of the pre-match build-up each week with the Swans league team.

A player will be nominated from the 12s competition or the Town and Country Little League each week to represent their junior club at the Swans game.

The lucky junior will visit Midland store Slater Gartrell Sports each Thursday to be fitted out with a Swans guernsey bearing the number of his favourite player.



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Greenwood's advantage

EVEN though Greenwood went down to Warwick in the opening round of the CIG Shield inter-school competition, they hold a distinct advantage over other schools.

West Coast Eagles rookie Ryan Turnbull has taken on the challenge of coaching the Greenwood team while on practical teaching experience from university.

The East Perth and former Claremont player is enjoying the opportunity to teach children the finer points of football, along with the coaching strategies involved in school football.

Turnbull takes his young brigade training at the school oval twice a week and has about 30 players keen to make up for their first loss.

"I played in the Quit Cup during my school years and realise the importance of developing younger children who may want to move on to a higher level of football," says Turnbull.

"With the competition being so broad, the kids look upon playing a new school team each week with excitement and enjoy training. Even if you don't win games, everyone should experience junior football."

Greenwood had promising players against Warwick including ruckman Chris Carvon, centremen Michael Lake and ruck-rover Michael Grant and Turnbull says the trio have the potential to lift their team.

"We are looking forward this week's game against Ocean Reef because we have changed our methods of training and I'm interested to see how the boys perform."

Results from the first round include:

Kent Street 11.11 (77) b Belmont 5.2 (32);
John Forrest 6.6 (42) b Hampton 5.7 (37).



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Don't be too quick to get rid of teams

THERE is much conjecture about the possibility, even the necessity, to include another West Australian team in the AFL.

The same pressures will surface in relation to a second South Australian team as the Adelaide Crows consolidate and become more successful.

The more vocal critics are bleating about the "problem" of having the West Coast Eagles undefeated one third of the way through the current season.

CONCESSIONS

Inherent in this seems to be a general concession that this admittedly very talented, but by no means unstoppable team, will cruise to the AFL premiership.

If they do, so what?

You cannot frame a true national competition and then scream if a non-Victorian team ultimately triumphs.

Of course, conceding West Coast the right to achieve the ultimate success does not remove the requirement for the AFL, WAFL and Eagles hierarchy to research the desirability of an additional Perth or Fremantle team.

Obviously, it is desirable to have an AFL game played in the West every weekend.

Whether such a team should be at the expense of a currently "unsuccessful" Victorian side is debatable.

CRITICISM

It is an unfortunate fact of life that football fans and the media are absolutely unrelenting in their criticism of perceived unsuccessful clubs.

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If the current thinking had prevailed in the 1940s and 1950s during the "unsuccessful" times encountered by North Melbourne, Hawthorn and St Kilda, none of those significant clubs would have been allowed to rehabilitate and go on to win a premiership.

It should be realised that every club is just as important to the competition as the one which wins the premiership.

Things can change quickly in football and despite observations about "superstars" and "unbeatable teams" the facts are that on a given day, favourites get beaten.

Critics at the MCG who recently saw a much-maligned Richmond carve up last year's premiers Collingwood, could bear testimony as could those who saw a "hopeless, spiritless, penniless Sydney Swans" demolish a "talented, fearless Geelong".

Those unthinking critics baying for the demise of presently "unsuccessful" AFL clubs are asking a lot from a legion of marvellous, dedicated and traditional supporters who follow clubs such as Fitzroy with 107 years of history behind them.

Once they are gone, they are gone forever.

The decision should not be taken lightly — and certainly not as the result of a campaign waged by the media.

Goomalling still undefeated

GOOMALLING remain undefeated on top of the Mortlock Football League after last week's 12.19 (91) to 9.17 (71) victory over Wyalkatchem.

Best for Goomalling were Bird, Smith and McGill, while Wyalkatchem were best-served by McTaggart, Eatow, Yates, Couper and Gibbs.

Second-placed Calingiri accounted for cellar-dwellers Ballidu, but not before surviving an eight-goal last term, finally winning 15.11 (101) to 11.6 (72).

Good performances from King, Howard, Field, Clarke and Sinclair helped steer the winners home, while Hasson, Guild, Driscoll, Hamersley and Latham played serviceably for the Ballidu.

Dowerin opened their 1991 winning account by overcoming a disappointing Toodyay.

Dowerin led all day to win 21.9 (135) to 12.14 (86) — thanks to strong games from Flavell, Woods, Collard, Lee and Quartermaine, Fergusson, Walley, Kay, Anthony and Pitman played well for Toodyay.

Wongan Hills kept Gingin down to one point in the first term, but a nine-goal burst put Gingin four goals in front at half-time.

Wongan then lifted the tempo to win 16.23 (119) to 12.8 (80).

Ten goal finish by Tambellup

TAMBELLUP produced a blistering 10-goal last term to snatch a thrilling win over Australs, 21.13 (139) to 14.14 (98) in the Great Southern Football League.

Tambellup trailed by two goals at the last change and looked likely to go down. Their best were Robinson, Colbung and the Wood brothers, while Australs were well-served by Steer, Coles, Western and Ward.

Top-of-the-table Royals crushed North Mt Barker 25.21 (171) to 13.11 (89) to jump two games clear of South Mt Barker.

Railways shook off a determined Wanderers in the last term, winning 19.19 (133) to 18.16 (114).

South Mt Barker had the call over Kojonup to win 12.8 (80) to 6.16 (52), but the rugged Magpie defence did well.

Bekken kicks 10 in Nukarni win

NUKARNI moved two games clear of nearest rivals Corrigin in the Eastern Districts Football League with an impressive 23.15 (153) to 12.9 (81) win over third-placed Hyden Karlgarin.

Best for Nukarni were ruckman Joe Alvaro, centre-half-back Ken Hooper and full-forward David Bekken, who kicked 10 goals.

Hyden were well led by captain-coach Robbie Want.

Merredin hung on to win an 11.16 (82) to 12.8 (80) thriller against Naremben, with both sides poised on eight points each as the competition tightens up.

Best for Merredin were Jeremy Crawley, Joe Robinson and ruck-rover Nicky Allen. Robert Miolini and Steve Cooper kicked three goals each for Naremben.

Corrigin had no problems in their clash with Kulin, with a 22.9 (141) to 10.10 (70) drubbing.

Bruce Rock are anchored at the bottom of the table after falling victim to a Kondinin thrashing, 21.26 (152) to 8.9 (57).

Top players for Kondinin were Darren Hardy, centremen Darren Poole and the Collard brothers, while Bruce Rock were helped out by ruck-rover Anthony Langdon.

This week's games will see Kondinin v Nukarni; Hyden v Corrigin; Kulin v Naremben and Merredin v Burracoppin.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

Lower South-West

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Tigers	5	4	1	528	344	153	16
Boyp Brook	5	4	1	491	390	125	16
Deanmill	5	3	2	499	398	125	12
Southerners	5	2	3	447	442	101	8
Imperials	5	2	3	385	426	90	8
Bridgetown	5	0	5	332	682	48	0

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Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Gnowangerup	3	3	0	459	255	180.0	12
Jerramungup	3	3	0	299	168	177.9	12
Newdegate	3	2	1	425	241	176.3	8
Pingrup	3	2	1	279	211	132.2	8
Boxwood Hill	3	1	2	263	360	73.0	4
Borden	3	1	2	217	321	67.6	4
Kent	3	0	3	203	381	53.2	0
Ongerup	3	0	3	161	369	43.6	0

Gannaways-Nyabing

Great Northern

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Mullewa	7	5	1	1	859	656	130.94	22
Towns	7	5	1	1	807	623	129.53	22
Railways	7	5	2	0	738	737	100.13	20
N-Hampton	7	3	4	0	681	741	91.90	12
Brigade	7	3	4	0	638	699	91.27	12
C Valley	6	2	4	0	544	631	86.21	8
Rovers	7	0	7	0	489	680	71.91	0

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Avon Association

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Quairading	5	4	1	598	271	220.66	16
Kellerberrin	5	4	1	506	411	123.11	16
Brookton	6	3	3	648	606	106.93	12
Tammin	5	3	2	408	419	97.37	12
York	6	2	4	522	421	123.99	8
Beverley	6	2	4	517	559	92.48	8
Railways	5	2	3	437	539	81.07	8
Cunderdin	5	2	3	352	500	70.40	8
Federals	5	2	3	411	674	60.97	8

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Eastern Districts

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Kukarni	6	6	0	841	391	215.08	24
Corrigin	6	4	2	605	462	130.95	16
Hyden Karlgarin	6	4	2	674	544	123.89	16
Kulin	6	4	2	548	487	111.90	16
Kondinin	6	3	3	513	503	101.98	12
Burracoppin	6	3	3	458	532	86.09	12
Naremben	6	2	4	538	465	115.94	8
Merredin	6	2	5	581	680	85.44	8
Bruce Rock	7	0	7	309	1000	30.90	0

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Great Southern

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Royals	7	7	0	848	512	165.62	28
St Mt Barker	6	5	1	736	486	151.44	20
North Albany	6	4	2	669	458	146.06	16
Tambellup	7	4	3	797	696	114.51	16
Railways	6	3	3	575	710	80.98	12
Australs	6	2	4	511	727	70.28	8
Kojonup	6	1	5	493	565	87.25	4
Nth Mt Barker	6	1	5	482	724	66.57	4
Wanderers	6	1	5	419	697	60.11	4

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Central Midlands

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Rovers	4	4	0	511	298	171	16
Dalwallinu	4	2	2	489	354	138	8
Dandaragan	4	2	2	344	319	107	8
Warriors	4	2	2	269	341	78	8
Bindi Miling	4	0	4	246	577	42	0

TIWEST JOINT VENTURE

North Pilbara

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Tot
Karratha	4	4	0	0	562	238	236	16
Rovers	4	3	1	0	406	431	94	12
Swans	4	2	2	0	313	385	81	8
Wickham	4	1	2	1	384	418	91	4
Falcons	4	1	3	0	343	439	78	4
Dampier	4	0	3	1	314	411	75	2

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Mortlock Football League

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Goomalling	4	4	0	513	272	188	16
Calingiri	4	3	1	409	317	129	12
Wongan Hills	4	3	1	427	356	120	12
Wyalkatchem	4	2	2	411	336	122	8
Toodyay	4	2	2	348	460	76	8
Gingin	4	1	3	325	449	72	4
Dowerin	4	1	3	349	509	69	4
Ballidu	4	0	4	320	421	76	0



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COUNTRY ROUND-UP

Bunbury produce huge reversal

BOTTOM team Bunbury scored the upset of the South West season when they beat second-placed Augusta-Margaret River by 19 points, 12.11 (83) to 8.16 (64).

The victory came a week after the Bulldogs were humiliated by 191-points by top side Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault.

Their hero was Neville Jetta, who was promoted from the reserves and cut out Hayward Medallist and crack Hawks centre-half-forward Justin Cook, while another reserves player Peter Narkle, kicked five goals.

South Bunbury leapt into the five after disposing of Carey Park by 37 points, 16.15 (111) to 11.8 (74).

VITAL ROLES

Captain-coach Peter Old and rover Lou Grasso kicked four goals each, while ruckman Rod Steele, Ashley Knipe and Graham Magee played vital roles in the win.

Paul Kellond bagged five for the Panthers, whose best were Jeremy Barnard and Andrew De Campo.

Collie came from behind at half-time to beat Mines Rovers by 11 points in a tough Coalfields derby, 6.11 (47) to 4.12 (36).

Mines Rovers have struggled in the second half in their past three matches and it was the case again as they managed just eight points after half-time.

Ruckman Tony Edwards and defenders Neil Jackson, Shaun Turley and Peter Lunardi excelled for Collie, while the Eagles' half-back line of Shane Sherwood, West Perth recruit Michael Geps and Brad Barrett shone out.

Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup scored the biggest win of the round when they thumped Busselton 32.9 (201) to 8.5 (53).

Warriors hang on

WARRIORS hung on to win a low-scoring match against Dandaragin, 8.12 (60) to 7.8 (50), in a hard-slogging Central Midlands Football League game.

With only three minutes remaining in the final term, a shot at goal by the Saints hit the post, robbing them of a two point lead.

After an even first quarter, Moora-Rovers hit their straps to hand out a thrashing to Bindi-Miling 25.18 (168) to 8.11 (59).

At the end of the first round of home and away matches, Moora-Rovers remain undefeated with the remaining teams having two wins and two losses each.

This week Dalwallinu play Dandaragin and Warriors play Bindi Miling.

South West League

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Tot
Harvey Bruns	7	6	1	0	1080	488	221.3	24
Boy Capel	7	5	2	0	914	574	159.2	20
Collie	7	5	2	0	502	502	100.0	20
Aug Marg Riv	7	4	2	1	583	486	119.9	18
Stn Bunbury	7	3	4	0	605	665	90.9	12
Mines Rovers	7	3	4	0	569	707	80.4	12
Busselton	7	3	4	0	608	835	72.8	12
Carey Park	7	2	4	1	586	657	89.1	10
Bunbury	7	2	5	0	519	843	61.5	8
Donnybrook	7	1	6	0	514	723	71.1	4

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NORTH MIDLANDS

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Three Springs	3	3	0	276	182	151.65	12
Morawa	4	3	1	420	280	150.00	12
Dongara	4	3	1	370	321	115.26	12
Coorow Lthm	3	2	1	317	210	150.95	8
Mingenew	3	1	2	269	253	106.32	4
Perenjori	3	0	3	175	322	54.34	0
Carnamah	4	0	4	205	444	44.18	0

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Goldfields

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	%	Tot
Boulder	16	12	0	4	1853	1315	140.91	48
Railways	16	10	0	6	1710	1254	136.36	40
Kalgoorlie	16	9	0	7	1580	1481	106.68	36
Kambalda	16	8	0	8	1754	1527	114.86	32
Mines	16	1	0	15	1050	2350	44.68	4

DON JONES-RETRAVISION KALGOORLIE

Kurnut Thorne had a field day, bagging 11 goals, while rovers Brett Glass and Jamie Ninyett provided enormous drive around the ground.

DEMOLISHED

Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault maintained their top spot when they demolished Donnybrook 22.19 (151) to 8.6 (54).

Rover Tony Strano continued an outstanding season with eight goals, while Dom Crognale and Paddy Pappalia were prolific ball-winners.

Top Tigers down Boyup Brook

TOP teams Tigers and Boyup Brook fought out last week's match for top spot on the Lower South West table with the Tigers emerging as victors 16.16 (112) to 12.6 (78).

Best players for the Tigers were Brian Quaife, Angelo Femia, Neville Hodgson, Dereck Archer and Mark Maxwell, while Boyup Brook were well served by Justin Collins, Gavin Andrew, Glen O'Brien and Brendan Mead.

Bridgetown suffered a 10-goal hiding from Deanmill, 20.18 (138) to 11.10 (76).

Top performers for Deanmill were Radomiliac, Maloney, Froome, Lee-Steere and East, while Bridgetown's best were Deale, Potter, Fisher, Iurewicz and Dowling.

Upset win to Gnowangerup

GNOWANGERUP moved to top position on the Ongerup Football Association ladder with an upset 26-point victory over Newdegate, 20.15 (135) to 16.13 (109).

The competition is starting to close up for the top six positions, with only Kent and Ongerup yet to open their 1991 accounts.

Boxwood Hills won their first game of the season and celebrated Geoff Bunce's 300th match with a hard-fought win over Kent, 15.22 (112) to 12.10 (82).

Second-placed Jerramungup proved too strong for Borden, who are struggling to find form with only one win so far, losing 15.17 (107) to 8.12 (60).

Pingrup maintained their position in the top four, one game clear of Boxwood Hills and Borden, with an 18-point win over bottom-of-the-ladder Ongerup, who are desperate for a win.

This week's clashes will see Gnowangerup take on Jerramungup in the battle for top spot. Other games are Borden at home to Ongerup; Kent will host Newdegate and Boxwood Hills will travel to Pingrup.

Kats display their strength

TOP-of-the-table Karratha are firming as North Pilbara premiership favourites after another convincing victory, this time over the Falcons, 23.15 (153) to 10.8 (68).

The Kats are one game clear of Rovers and will be looking to extend their lead this week when they play fourth placed Wickham.

Rovers were 29-point winners over fourth-placed Wickham to move into second position and within reach of the Kats after a 17.14 (116) to 12.15 (87) triumph.

Swans moved into third place when they took on the luck-less Dampier, winning 15.11 (101) to 10.9 (69).

Dampier went down to Rovers by four points two weeks ago and weren't disgraced against the Swans, giving them confidence of notching up a victory when they play the Falcons this Sunday.

The other game this week sees Rovers play Swans.

Mullewa top of the ladder

A win over Rovers allowed Mullewa to swap spots with Towns on the Great Northern Football League ladder and grab top position by a mere one percent.

An eight-goal third quarter for Mullewa after a relatively close first half, clinched victory over Rovers at Mullewa Oval with final scores 19.14 (128) to 11.8 (74).

Mullewa was best served by Ryan with six goals, Spratt, Tunbridge, Taylor, Ryan and Steele, while Rovers best were Mathews, Lynch, Roper, Giles and King.

Railways stayed in third position after a tough encounter at Recreation Reserve against Towns.

TIGHT FINISH

Railways pulled away from Towns in the third quarter kicking five goals, with both teams posting four goals in the last term, enough to see Railways through 16.15 (111) to 13.12 (90).

Best for Railways were Librizzi, Burrows, Giltrow, Tondut and Zampling, while Towns best were Harold, Green, Marianna and Waycott.

Northampton fell victims to Brigades at Eadon Clarke Reserve after a solid four-quarter effort eventually over-powering Northampton 17.12 (114) to 12.12 (84).

Best for Brigades were Gray, Swarbrick and Reghenzani, while Northampton received good support from Brown, Manado, Hoult, Bovell and Bridgeman.

This week's fixtures are Chapman Valley v Railways; Towns v Mullewa; and Rovers will host Brigades on Saturday.

By GLEN CORDINGLEY

Three Springs win battle of undefeated

THREE Springs are the only undefeated team in the North Midlands competition after topping Coorow/Latham 16.12 (108) to 11.13 (79).

Both teams went into the game without a loss and the Bombers started with a blistering opening, with Kelly Antonio and Wayne Hambley registering five goals each.

Other top performers for Three Springs were Brad Colegate, Vaughan Lane and Kent Broad, while Phil Parker, Ricky West and Coorow's leading goalkicker Lindsey Barker (four goals) did well for the losers.

Morawa played disciplined football to account for Perenjori 14.22 (106) to 5.10 (40).

Continuing his consistent goal-kicking form was Mick Hutton, with four, well supported by Jimmy Prator and Glenn Tapscott. The Falcons found it hard to move forward all day, but were well served by Bruce Steinbock and Phil Page.

The duel between Dongara and bottom-placed Carnamah was even till half-time before a 13-goal second half spelt the end for Carnamah as Dongara won 19.20 (134) to 7.8 (50).

Top efforts from Dongara's Alan Dick, Kim Downes and Mick Mallard, with seven goals, proved to much for Carnamah, whose best were Craig Chapman, Brett O'Meara and Gary Pettit.

Brookton downed by Federals in upset

FEDERALS caused the upset of the round in the Avon Football Association by overcoming third-placed Brookton 19.19 (133) to 17.10 (112) in a tense struggle.

A top performance from Hiltz, with Toll and Blooryfield kicking seven and three goals respectively, helped Federals begin their climb up the ladder. Brookton had good players in Newman and Fancote.

Top team Quairading had no problems accounting for Cunderdin with a powerhouse 21.26 (152) to 5.6 (36) performance with solid games from Falkingham, Stone and Powell, while Cunderdin's best was Morecombe with two goals.

Second-placed Kellerberrin brushed aside York with a powerful 15.17 (107) to 7.16 (58) effort.

Best players for the winners were Brierty, Bradley and Pelham with seven goals, while York's best were Jones and Taylor.

Railways slogged it out with Beverley, but it was a five-goal last term which gave Railways the match, 17.13 (115) to 13.6 (84).

Best for the winners were Harris, Shanahan and Dew and for Beverley, Edwards and Hall.

This week's games are Tammin v Railways; Federals v Kellerberrin; York v Cunderdin and Quairading v Brookton.

Mines tops

MINES moved one game clear on top of the Goldfields premiership table when they were easy winners over Railways last Sunday, 22.18 (150) to 12.17 (89).

Best for Mines were Hoycard, Turner and Dawson, while Fullgrabe, Dodd and Ettridge tried hard for Railways.

Kalgoorlie were too good for Kambalda winning 19.13 (127) to 9.13 (67) thanks to good performances from Murphy, Anderson and Fitzpatrick. Best for Kambalda were Garbin, Massey and Cushing.

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Late goal snatches victory

A drop-kick goal from an acute angle by CBC sharp-shooter Mick Duffield in the dying seconds gave his side a remarkable one-point victory over Bassendean in Saturday's B-grade clash.

After setting up a 19-point lead in the first half, CBC were in trouble in the third term as Bassendean kicked seven goals to lead by 15 points.

With four minutes remaining, the game seemed well within their keeping as they led by 20 points.

But CBC launched a desperate lunge culminating in Duffield's sensational goal to snatch victory.


Tony Hegarty (four goals), Brett Christian, Mike Snell and rugged full-back Dave Strandley were best for CBC and the win put them on top of the table.

Osborne Districts confirmed their premiership prospects by inflicting Collegians/Old Scotch's first loss.

Coach Steve Bombadeiere has revived the fast run-on handball game they used so successfully when he was at the helm in the mid '80s, when the club was called Mt Hawthorn/West Perth.

B-GRADE

by **Peter Rush**



University had a good win over Maylands. Best for the Rams were David Lim, Mick Bastow, Mick Collins, Vic Lowe, Paul Harrison and dynamic midfielder Steve Burton.

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

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AMATEUR PREMIERSHIP TABLES

GRADE	P	W	L	F	A	%	PTS
A GRADE							
WEST COAST	6	6	0	716	446	160.538	24
NOLLAMARA	6	5	1	757	426	177.899	20
WEMBLEY	6	5	1	550	399	137.844	20
MT LAWLEY	6	4	2	621	475	130.736	16
TRINITY-AQUINAS	6	3	3	534	481	111.018	12
University	6	2	4	603	496	121.572	8
North Beach	6	2	4	477	487	97.946	8
Scarborough	6	2	4	470	527	89.184	8
North Fremantle	6	1	5	361	806	44.789	4
Wesley Curtin	6	0	6	327	873	37.457	0
B GRADE							
C.B.C.	6	5	1	654	443	147.629	20
OSBORNE PARK	6	5	1	639	559	114.311	20
COL/OLD SCOT	6	4	1	842	521	161.612	18
SWAN ATHLETIC	6	4	1	611	513	119.103	18
DIANELLA/MORLEY	6	3	3	762	570	133.684	12
University	6	3	3	592	527	112.333	12
Bassendean	6	2	4	528	668	79.041	8
Bayswater	6	1	5	538	622	86.495	4
Innaloo	6	1	5	440	709	62.059	4
Maylands	6	1	5	364	840	43.333	4
C GRADE							
ROCKINGHAM	6	6	0	962	382	251.832	24
WEMBLEY	6	5	1	799	288	277.430	20
WHITFORD	6	5	1	696	512	135.937	20
TRINITY-AQUINAS	6	3	3	744	418	177.990	12
MT LAWLEY	6	3	3	662	485	136.494	12
Nollamara	6	3	3	571	503	113.518	12
Coolbinia-Yokine	6	3	3	552	653	84.532	12
Cockburn Lakes	6	2	4	446	681	68.428	8
Wesley Curtin	6	0	6	201	951	21.135	0
Cowan University	5	0	5	186	897	20.735	0
D GRADE							
SCARBOROUGH	6	6	0	889	231	384.848	24
HAMERS-CARINE	6	5	1	680	444	153.153	20
BULLCREEK	6	5	1	442	363	121.763	12
MELVILLE	6	3	3	544	487	111.704	12
NORTH BEACH	6	3	3	470	574	81.881	12
Mundaring Hills	5	2	3	476	533	89.305	8
John 23rd S'bourne	5	2	3	407	553	73.598	8
Dianella/Morley	6	2	4	437	731	59.781	8
Carlisle	6	1	5	501	747	67.068	4
Lynwood-Ferndale	6	1	5	419	697	60.114	4
E GRADE							
WEST COAST	6	5	1	709	432	164.120	20
APPLECROSS	6	5	1	644	452	142.477	20
WANNEROO	6	5	1	640	489	130.879	20
ST. NORBERTS	6	3	3	696	483	144.099	12
BALCATTA	6	3	3	685	506	135.375	12
University	6	3	3	674	513	131.384	12
R & I Bank	6	2	4	567	661	85.779	8
Sawyers Valley	6	2	4	463	650	71.230	8
Brentwood	6	2	4	420	632	66.455	8
Hellenic	6	0	6	227	907	25.027	0
F GRADE							
REDCLIFFE	6	6	0	745	351	212.250	24
COL/OLD SCOT	6	4	2	574	442	129.864	16
MT LAWLEY	6	4	2	584	461	126.681	16
SWAN ATHLETIC	6	4	2	531	451	117.738	16
VICTORIA PARK	6	3	3	470	419	112.171	12
Nollamara	6	3	3	603	596	101.174	12
National Bank	6	2	4	464	486	95.473	8
Coolbellup	6	2	4	484	676	71.597	8
Innaloo	6	2	4	413	636	64.937	8
Forrestfield	6	0	6	389	739	52.638	0
G GRADE							
SWAN VIEW	6	5	1	886	453	195.584	20
WEMBLEY	6	5	1	751	414	181.400	20
BASSEDEAN	6	4	2	783	619	126.494	16
UNIVERSITY	6	4	2	614	495	124.040	16
RIVERTON	6	4	2	571	466	122.532	16
Nth Fremantle	6	3	3	565	434	130.184	12
Bayswater	6	2	4	588	585	100.512	8
Osborne Districts	6	2	4	431	766	56.266	8
West Coast	6	1	5	436	842	51.781	4
Wesley Curtin	6	0	6	310	861	36.004	0
H GRADE							
WHITFORD	6	5	1	835	393	212.468	20
OCEAN RIDGE	6	5	1	920	451	203.991	20
TRINITY-AQUINAS	6	4	2	736	498	147.791	16
C.B.C.	6	4	2	592	572	103.496	16
HAM-CARINE	6	3	3	676	591	114.382	12
R.A.A.F.	6	3	3	563	504	111.706	12
East Fremantle	6	2	4	526	623	84.430	8
Maylands	6	2	4	529	653	81.010	8
Murdoch University	6	1	5	322	810	39.753	4
Carlisle	6	0	6	346	950	36.421	0
I GRADE							
ROCKINGHAM	6	6	0	904	232	289.655	24
SCARBOROUGH	6	5	1	739	303	243.894	20
NORTH BEACH	6	5	1	791	377	209.814	20
BULLCREEK	6	4	2	709	475	149.263	16
BAYSWATER	6	3	3	502	511	98.238	12
Old Guildfordians	6	3	3	535	554	96.570	12
Wambro Swans	6	2	4	484	550	88.000	8
North Fremantle	6	1	5	339	854	39.695	4
Osborne Districts	6	1	5	272	838	32.458	4
John 23rd S'bourne	6	0	6	249	1030	24.174	0
J GRADE							
DIANELLA/MORLEY	6	5	1	622	386	161.139	20
REDCLIFFE	6	5	1	628	395	158.987	20
COCKBURN LAKES	6	4	1	598	285	209.824	16
COOLBINIA-YOKINE	6	4	1	634	379	167.282	16
WANNEROO	6	3	3	565	467	120.985	12
Whitford	6	3	3	510	653	78.101	12
Coll/Old Scot	6	2	4	565	542	104.243	8
Lynwood-Ferndale	6	2	4	334	698	47.564	8
Melville	6	1	5	595	728	81.730	4
Forrestfield	6	0	6	321	837	38.351	0
K GRADE							
OCEAN RIDGE	6	5	1	566	213	265.727	20
MUNDARING HILLS	6	5	1	624	488	127.868	20
NOLLAMARA	6	4	2	680	538	126.394	16
APPLECROSS	6	3	3	741	504	147.023	12
CARLISLE	6	3	3	464	378	122.751	12
Cowan University	6	3	3	602	506	118.972	12
West Coast	6	3	3	427	428	99.766	12
Coolbellup	6	3	3	475	641	74.102	12
Innaloo	5	1	4	302	606	49.834	4
Brentwood	6	0	6	381	912	41.776	0
L GRADE							
SAWYERS VALLEY	6	5	1	972	330	294.545	20
WEMBLEY	6	5	1	814	362	224.861	20
SWAN VIEW	6	5	1	723	456	158.552	20
MT LAWLEY	6	4	2	543	457	118.818	16
SWAN ATHLETIC	6	4	2	578	494	117.004	16
Dianella/Morley	6	3	3	414	373	110.991	12
Bassendean	6	3	3	744	440	169.090	12
Trinity-Aquinas	5	2	3	271	583	46.483	8
Hellenic	6	2	4	251	846	29.669	8
Bullcreek	6	1	5	448	559	80.143	4
Victoria Park	5	0	4	288	615	46.829	2
Riverton	6	0	6	298	848	35.141	0
M GRADE							
UNIVERSITY	6	6	0	942	205	459.512	24
NORTH BEACH	6	6	0	914	232	393.965	24
MT LAWLEY	6	5	1	657	392	167.602	20
TRINITY-AQUINAS	6	5	1	618	382	161.780	20
WEST COAST	6	3	3	620	483	128.364	12
Wembley	6	2	4	595	506	117.588	8
Nollamara	6	2	4	346	632	54.746	8
North Fremantle	6	1	5	390	766	50.913	4
Scarborough	6	0	6	180	892	20.179	0
Wesley Curtin	6	0	6	186	958	19.415	0
N GRADE							
COL/OLD SCOT	6	6	0	794	111	715.315	24
C.B.C.	6	5	1	845	273	309.523	20
UNIVERSITY	6	5	1	699	318	219.811	20
BASSEDEAN	6	5	1	614	393	156.234	20
INNALOO	6	3	3	625	337	185.459	12
Dianella/Morley	6	2	4	408	407	100.245	8
Bayswater	6	2	4	501	524	95.610	8
Osborne Districts	6	1	5	229	527	43.453	4
Swan Athletic	6	0	6	84	886	9.480	0
Maylands	6	0	6	66	1094	6.032	0
O GRADE							
WHITFORD	6	5	1	679	270	251.481	20
ROCKINGHAM	5	5	0	497	221	224.886	20
LYNWOOD-FERDALE	4	4	0	370	115	321.739	16
WANNEROO	5	4	1	545	322	169.254	16
APPLECROSS	6	4	2	402	315	127.619	16
North Beach	5	2	3	385	344	111.918	8
Ocean Ridge	5	2	3	318	467	68.094	8
Trinity-Aquinas	5	1	4	257	541	47.504	4
Mt Lawley	5	1	4	235	497	47.283	4
Hammersley-Carine	5	0	5	211	459	45.969	0
Swan View	5	0	5	215	563	38.188	0

COLTS

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Amateur highlights

C-GRADE

ROCKINGHAM beat Mt Lawley by 70 points in an all-the-way win in a high standard game.

The Rams displayed great teamwork and a willingness to do the hard things in football with intelligent use of handball and continual switching of play.

Rockingham's strength is their ruck, with Wayne Mason and Greg Scott playing strongly. Best players were Brett Henderson, Kevin Greenwood, Paul Ebert and Tony Santoro.

Nollamara were beaten by three points by Whitfords at Des Penman Reserve despite an eight-goal haul by Cougars full-forward Brian Houlsen.

Ian Moir (centre) was the Cougars best, with John O'Hara and centre-half-back Mark Hogan also playing well.

Wembley were too skilled for Wesley Curtin and ran out comfortable 137-point winners at College Park.

Wayne March had an outstanding game finishing with seven goals, while Nigel Sheperd and Dean Williams also played well. Other goal scorers included Chris Phatouorous (five goals) and Steve McQueen (three goals).

D-GRADE

NORTHERN neighbours North Beach and Hamersley-Carine clashed with

Hamersley running out 63-point winners.

Hamersley Hawks cemented their second place, while Norths cling to a shaky fifth. David Dowling, John Porter, Phil Lee and Mal Ismail were shining lights in a disappointing North Beach effort.

E-GRADE

A six-goal first quarter helped Applecross produce an upset win over the previously unbeaten Wanneroo.

Half-back Gary Stanton continued his good form, as did John Game, while Geoff O'Day led by example in the ruck.

F-GRADE

NOLLAMARA continued their final-five battle berth with a 26-point win over National Bank.

Veteran Colin Tincknell and Bill Langlands provided stability to be among Nollamara's best.

Scott Beggs capped off a fine performance with five goals and Craig Brownrigg scored three.

Redcliffe brought home the first of two victories for the weekend with a comfortable 43-point win over Swan Athletic at Selby Park.

Redcliffe broke away in the second with ruckman George Morton again best-afield for Redcliffe, from coach Robert Meikle. Shane Renoult celebrated his first senior game to be also being among his team's best.

G-GRADE

BASSENDAN proved too strong for Wembley at Jubilee Reserve, despite inaccurate kicking.

The Magpies battled hard, but were not in the same class, though Chris Hodge, Paul Brown and Damien Quick played well, with Trevor Smyth and Brown each kicking three goals.

H-GRADE

OCEAN Ridge moved back to the top of the ladder by thrashing Murdoch by 177 points.

Eagles vice-captain Craig Cox lead the way with eight goals, while Terry Reynolds finished with seven from the wing. Others to play well were Bruce Cameron and Con Samokavidious.

Maylands hung on to win a tight contest against Carlisle after opening up a six-goal lead early in the first term.

I-GRADE

UNDEFEATED Rockingham No. 2 downed a hapless North Fremantle by 24 goals.

The Rams were well served by ruckmen Rick Appleby and Brian Walker;

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ruck rover Kevin Offer provided plenty of drive and rover Wayne Griffith was consistently at the fall of the ball.

Scarborough completely overran North Beach in the last half. Despite a three-goal lead at half-time, Norths scored just three goals to Scarborough's 14 in the second half.

Coach Neil Savage has a group of talented players who must learn to play out a whole game. Russell Shacklady, Byron Evans, Darren Wooding and Bruce Reynolds battled hard in a losing team

J-GRADE

REDCLIFFE beat Wanneroo by 64 points at the Wanneroo Showgrounds.

The Roo's kicked the first two goals, but then Redcliffe took charge. Best for the Redlegs were Grant Turvey, Brett Walker and centreman Max Roney, while Wanneroo had winners in Brendon Carey, David Duxbury and ruckman Gary Early.

K-GRADE

OCEAN Ridge won their second consecutive game with a 165-point victory over Brentwood at Karoonda Park.

The Eagles began their onslaught from the first bounce and kicked eight goals in each quarter to reach their big tally of 32 goals.

Peter Baldwin (10 goals) and David Stone each celebrated their first game with Ocean Ridge with solid performances. Glenn Sloss and Tony Rylander also played well for the Eagles.

L-GRADE

WEMBLEY reversed the result in the G-grade when they downed Bassendean by six points. The Roo's made 15 changes from the team the week before and this certainly paid dividends.

Bassendean let themselves down through poor kicking at goals, having had five more scoring shots than their opposition. Brendon McPherson, Richard Catlin and Peter Dalinamico were best for Wembley, with Wayne Thomas posting four goals.

Rafter tips Vics as carnival dangers

WEST Australian amateur coach Paul Rafter is gearing his players up for what should be one of the toughest national carnivals ever staged when the series is hosted at Subiaco Oval in June.

Rafter, who has had over 20 years of experience in playing and coaching in the Victorian Amateur Football League, says the Victorians will be the measuring stick of the competition.

"The attitude towards amateur football in Victoria compared to WA is completely different," says Rafter.

"They take it very seriously and that's why they have dominated the carnivals in the past.

DIFFERENCE

"The main difference between the two States is that WA play the same level of football as the Victorians do — but for only 10 minutes each quarter."

Rafter was offered the position of State coach three years ago, when former Richmond and Footscray player David Thorpe declined the invitation.

Since taking over the reins, Rafter has coached the side four times, with a two-win two-loss ratio.

The State side played two games in 1989 against a combined country team, winning both games comfortably and losing to a combined South-West team by a point the same year.

Last year WA lost to South Australia in a interstate clash in Adelaide, as a

curtain-raiser to the WA-SA league clash.

The WA amateur side has five selectors to cover all A-grade games and they also monitor games down to D-grade.

"There are a lot of good footballers in all the ranks and we make sure they are given the opportunity to prove themselves," says Rafter.

"Many of them are able to make the transition to State level even if they don't play A-grade.

"This year's side will be unrecognisable compared to last year's team, with probably only two players who are certainties from that side.

HONEST GOERS

"We are looking for 20 players who are honest goers and are going to be competitive for 100 per cent of the game."

Rafter is constantly in touch with the amateur scenes in Victoria and South Australia and says they are substantially better off.

"Two points that concern me for this carnival is that our quality of players isn't as high as the other States and that all games are played on the wide open spaces of Subiaco Oval, which will show up our lack of pace," says Rafter.

"We have sharpened up our skills, worked on our running and by the middle of June, WA will have a very competitive team."

COLTS ROUND-UP

A-COLTS

NORTH Beach again displayed their strength with a resounding 130-point win over Nollamara.

Led by Greg Dixon (eight goals), Jon Malcolm (seven) and Shane Parker (five) and supported by Stephen Trewhella and Travis Cruden, Norths had four even quarters of team football.

Coach Phil Crannage has moulded his young charges into a tight unit that has bright premiership prospects.

Wembley made it two in a row with a convincing 163-point win over Wesley Curtin at Henderson Park.

The Magpies started the season slowly, losing their first three matches, but have hit top form in recent weeks.

Full forward Lincoln Dye kicked 10 goals and Brett Althorpe kicked nine goals from centre-half-forward. Ruck-rover Robbie George dominated on the ball and forward Simon Ham chipped in with five goals.

Wembley will be more fully tested this week when they come up against West Coast.

North Beach had little trouble accounting for Nollamara at Des Penman Reserve. The Tigers jumped

Nolla from the start to increase their lead at each break.

Better players for the Cougars were Nathan Duckham, Ryan Tremain and Peter Templeton.

C-COLTS

ROCKINGHAM downed the previously undefeated Whitfords by 66 points in the top-of-the-table clash.

Rockingham went in as underdogs against the more fancied Whitfords.

The Rams coach Graham Lawrence would have found it hard to single out any outstanding individuals, but Shane Myers and Virgil Mears played consistently.

An under-manned Ocean Ridge put up a valiant effort against Lynwood. However, they were two players short and sheer weight of numbers overcame any resistance they could muster.

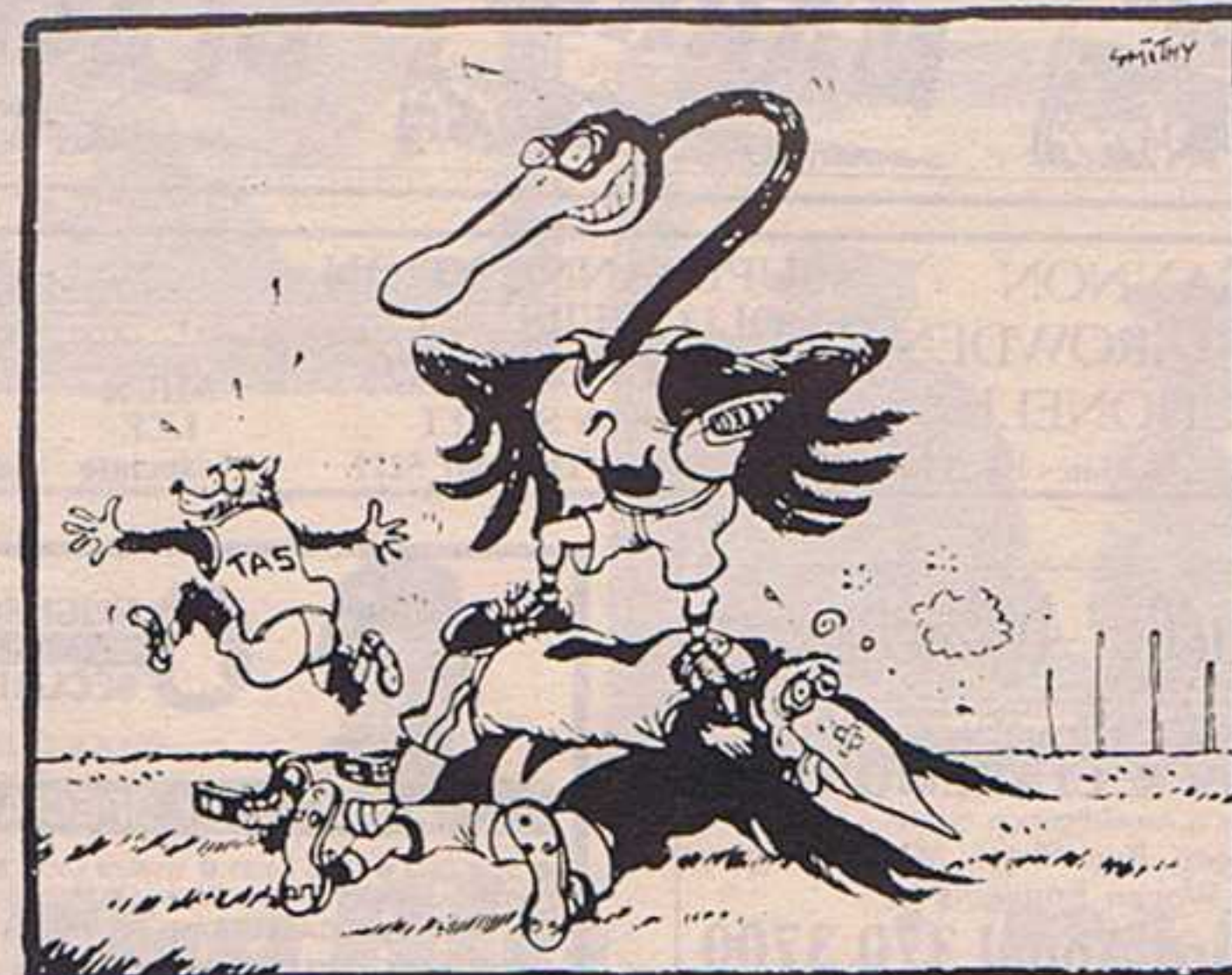
This does not take anything away from Lynwood-Ferndale, who will not be easily beaten. Best for the Eagles were vice captain Matt Vickers, Justin Burford, Mark Bird and Heath Scobie-Smith.

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Roos show their power

THE influence of former West Perth players on the strength of Sunday League trend-setters Wanneroo has further emphasised their claims to premiership favouritism.

The Roos moved a game clear on top of the SFL ladder with a crushing 108-point victory over Mandurah at Rushton Park, 21.19 (145) to 5.7 (37).

Mandurah tried hard all day, but were unable to match it with the Roos, particularly in the first quarter when the Mustangs failed to score a goal.

Once again Wanneroo's midfielders dictated the play, with former Falcons pair Ross Munns and Chris Davies dominating midfield, with Ross Cleaver offering valuable support.

Brett Genefini was Mandurah's best player with a superb effort on his wing against Peter Ware and he was well-supported by captain Steve Doyle and half-back Gary Cant.

RUN OVER

Kelmscott ended Armadale's unbeaten run with a 49-point win at John Dunn Oval, 16.20 (116) to 10.7 (67).

The Bulldogs dominated the middle, with ruckman Damian Eves controlling the game and feeding the ball to his running players such as Graham Hampson and Barry Cable, who finished off his good work.

Kelmscott's Robbie Turner played a solid game in defence, completely shutting out Armadale's Ashley McPhail, who has been a danger to opposition teams in the past weeks.

For the Demons, Barry Gibb battled hard in the ruck, with Derek Mathieson and captain Craig Rubery playing servicable games.

UPSET WIN

In one of the upsets of the round, South Perth notched their second successive victory with a four-point margin over a disappointing Kenwick at Mills Park, 9.13 (67) to 8.15 (63).

South Perth, trailing at three-quarter time by just under two goals, hit the lead in the middle of the final term and eventually held off the Royals, who were continually attacking in the dying minutes.

The Tigers are the big improvers of the competition after failing to win a game last year.

South Perth's Terry Walsh, at centre-half-back and captain Laurie Liddell (centre) continue to play well for the Tigers, well-supported by rover Darren Martin.

Kenwick's Gavin Hanley dominated on his wing, with Grant Johnson ruck-roving and Paul Dellabona on half-back-flank, being the Royals best players.



Ross Munns....dominant for Wanneroo

The biggest upset occurred at Thornlie Oval, where Thornlie, who were behind all day, got up by a point in a nail-biting finish to beat last year's premiers, Osborne Park, 13.9 (87) to 12.14 (86).

Thornlie coach and former South Fremantle wingman Geoff O'Brien kicked the winning goal, his third for the game, in the dying seconds to give Thornlie their second win of the season.

The Saints Barry Taylor kicked three goals, but it wasn't enough as Thornlie wore down the tired Osborne Park team, who have now slipped out of the five.

Graeme Cook was Thornlie's best, well-supported by the consistent Nigel Withnell and Peter Dennett.

Osborne Park's Mark Murphy was prominent for the Saints, with rookie Paul Gianopulos playing well and Ian Grant trying hard.

TOUGH GAME

At Maddington Oval, Gosnells downed Maddington by 14 points, 16.8 (104) to 13.12 (90), in what was a tough and spiteful game.

The Bulls Ross Fitzgerald and Graham Borchet were carried off before

half-time in two unfortunate incidents that set the scene for a hard-fought physical clash.

Both attacking divisions were on top, with Gosnells captain Gary Foster and forward Guy Baxter kicking three goals each and for the Bulls, Paul Tolan finished with four, with Paul Bennett and Brett Williams kicking three each.

Steven Lamb dominated in the centre for Gosnells, with Glen Tincombe in defence repelling many Maddington attacks and Foster playing well up forward.

Best players for Maddington were John Ninnett, Brad Smith and forward Paul Bennett.

SURPRISE RESULT

Willetton caused another surprise with a 10-point win over Applecross at Burrendah Reserve, 14.9 (93) to 12.11 (83).

Applecross led by a point at three-quarter time, but were unable to contain Willetton, who finished strongly and are just out of the five on percentage.

Karl Ciccanese kicked three goals for Willetton, while for Applecross Ken Hayward posted five.

Willetton's Kim Burton was solid on a half-back-flank, with ruck-rover Ron Burton and wingman Greg Horsman giving plenty of drive out of the centre.

Applecross ruckman Wayne Henley was a dominant player, with ruck-rover Robbie Mathieson capitalising on his good work and full-back Steve Perer giving another strong performance.

COMFORTABLE

At Ray Owen Reserve, Canning ran out comfortable 38-point winners over a much improved Kalamunda, 16.15 (111) to 11.7 (73).

The best players for Canning were Andrew Thomas, Brendan Braithwaite and John Biggs, while for Kalamunda David Dellar, Wayne Dover and Simon Dober.

Sunday **By Damian Bianchini**

Sunday Football League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Tot
Wanneroo	5	5	0	647	229	282.53	20
Armadale	5	4	1	626	370	169.18	16
Kelmscott	5	4	1	660	414	159.42	16
Applecross	5	3	2	504	417	120.85	12
Gosnells	5	3	2	559	536	104.29	12
Willetton	5	3	2	405	463	87.47	12
Osborne Park	5	2	3	572	464	123.27	8
Maddington	5	2	3	485	574	84.49	8
Mandurah	5	2	3	459	554	82.85	8
Thornlie	5	2	3	380	496	76.61	8
South Perth	5	2	3	362	509	71.12	8
Canning	5	2	3	390	550	70.90	8
Kenwick	5	1	4	365	472	77.33	4
Kalamunda	5	0	5	337	703	47.93	0

Metro Football League

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	%	Tot
Mundijong	6	6	0	0	686	340	201.76	24
Pinjarra	6	5	0	1	641	425	150.82	20
Nth Frem	6	4	0	2	646	427	151.28	16
Mosman Park	6	4	0	2	698	498	140.16	16
Midland	6	4	0	2	624	470	132.76	16
Manning	6	3	0	3	629	581	108.26	12
Cockburn	6	2	0	4	375	630	59.52	8
Kwinana	6	1	0	5	483	639	75.58	4
Sth Mand	6	1	0	5	452	797	56.71	4
Waroona	6	0	0	6	319	746	42.76	0

SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Round Six 2.20pm

APPLECROSS v KELMSCOTT, East Fremantle Oval
SOUTH PERTH v WILLETTON, Lathlain Park
CANNING v KENWICK, Wyong Oval, Bentley
WANNEROO v KALAMUNDA, Kingsway Complex, Landsdale
MANDURAH v OSBORNE PARK, Rushton Park Oval, Mandurah
GOSNELLS v THORNLIE, Gosnells Oval

2.40pm
ARMADALE v MADDINGTON, Gwynne Park, Armadale

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE
Round Seven 2.20pm

MOSMAN PARK v MUNDIJONG, Tom Perrot Reserve, Mosman Park
WAROONA v KWINANNA, Waroona
MANNING v COCKBURN, James Miller Oval, Manning
SOUTH MANDURAH v NORTH FREMANTLE, Falcon Oval, Falcon
MIDLAND v PINJARRA, Bassendean Oval

Canning look to the future

AFTER losing a number of key players from last year's side, the Canning Football Club is using season 1991 as a re-building year to establish the Tigers as a force in seasons to come.

Canning opened the season positively with a one-point victory over South Perth, but then lost their next three games; arresting the slide last Sunday against Kalamunda.

President John Noble says the loss of key players and the number of injuries sustained earlier in the season have not helped the Tigers fortunes this year.

"We have lost a number of players, but we decided not to replace them with noted recruits," says Noble.

DIVIDENDS

"We just don't have the money to buy players. Such recruits generally only pay dividends in the short term, but in the long run the club is left floundering because we don't have the local players to replace them.

"What we are doing now is developing our local players and giving them a chance to prove themselves in the SFL competition."

Canning suffered a major blow at the start of the season, when key player and captain Charlie Schuiling broke his ankle, forcing him out for the rest of the year.

The Tigers picked up John Mansbridge, from the South-West league and Fred Taylor, from Geraldton, with both players proving valuable acquisitions.

Canning coach and former East Fremantle premiership player Kevin Taylor, who is in his second year as senior coach, says the Tigers will be strong in years to come.

by DAMIAN BIANCHINI

"It's frustrating as a coach not to have the quality of players at your disposal, but that's what happens when the club is going through a re-building process," says Taylor.

Local product Peter Drew, who has come up through the Canning juniors and played senior football with the Tigers, is in his fourth year as coach of the reserves, with Kenwick recruit Terry Clare, in his third year, is coaching the colts.

LONG HISTORY

The Canning Football Club was founded in 1910, playing in the South Suburban Association and in 1961 joined the South Suburban Murray competition.

In 1979, the Tigers lost the grand final to Kelmscott, but reversed the result in 1980, winning the premiership.

The reserves won a premiership in 1984, with the colts being finalists in 1984 and 1986.

The club's major fund-raising activity involves bingo nights every Thursday at the Queens Park Recreational Centre.

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New challenge for Malthouse

By Gary Stocks



of The West Australian

MICK Malthouse, with an unbeaten start to the AFL season with the West Coast Eagles, now has the task of repairing WA's tarnished interstate record.

Since 1986 when Ron Alexander steered a State-of-Origin side to an Australian Championship, WA has been devoid of interstate success ... apart from a less-than-inspiring win over the VFA three years ago.

After being the dominant force in Australian football in the early '80's WA's proud interstate record has been blotted.

WA has lost eight successive interstate matches — including that embarrassing and abysmal loss to NSW in the Bicentennial Carnival in Adelaide in March, 1988.

Since then WA has lost to Victoria five times and three battles with SA.

Barry Cable and a team laden with WAFL stars will get the first chance to set the record straight when they play SA on equal terms for the first time in five years.

Since the formation of the Eagles, the WA teams which have played SA have been devoid of the Eagles stars, with the exception of a few players who have dropped back to lend a hand.

At the same time, SA did not have a team in the expanded AFL competition and they had a distinct advantage.

Given the circumstances, the WA teams have performed proudly at Adelaide's Football Park a couple of times without coming home with a victory.

They were extremely unlucky last year, when they lost by 21 points after missing a couple of golden opportunities to steal the lead in the final quarter.

That performance must surely have played a role in the move by Port Adelaide to outfit a renegade team in the AFL and ultimately led to the formation of the Adelaide Crows.

WA will play SA at Subiaco Oval on June 11 and some interesting names emerged when the initial squad was announced this week.

It would be great to see outstanding young prospects like Marcus Seecamp, Jason Norrish, Andrew McGovern and Travis Edmonds get the opportunity to wear the WA guernsey.

Throw in the likes of Peter Cransberg, David Bain, Gilbert McAdam, Nicky Winmar, John Ironmonger, John Gastev, Mark Zanotti, Mark Bairstow, Craig Starcevic, Michael Christian and perhaps Ben Allan and the WA team should take on a well-balanced look.

McAdam could be an interesting selection.

Despite being drafted by St Kilda from Central District in SA and playing most of his development football in Darwin, he first broke into senior football with Claremont.

RELUCTANT

Malthouse will be reluctant to select too many of his players because he still has the task of guiding the Eagles on their premierships challenge.

But in the past, the big percentage of players have come from within the Perth-based team.

Since 1986, the WA record against Victoria has been less-than-acceptable.

On July 22, 1987 they lost by 24 points; on March 2, 1988 it was a 10-goal belting in Adelaide, followed by a 44-point drubbing at Subiaco Oval. In May, 1989 the margin blew out to 54-points and last year WA were humbled by 37-points.

It is time to put the record straight and WA's chances look much better in a night game at the WACA Ground on Tuesday, July 16...especially with Malthouse in charge of his own players.

ATTENTION

After that match, which will see both States have available to them AFL players not required in the previous round of fixtures, the attention will focus on the Malthouse role with the State-of-Origin clash with Victoria.

Obviously, the bulk of the WA team will come from the Eagles and Malthouse will have the advantage of knowing whether the players he is involved with week-to-week are carrying any niggling injuries.



West Perth players could afford to smile after their much-needed win over the Demons at Leederville Oval last Saturday and David Elliott (right) had double reason to as he celebrated his 20th birthday. Westside Football photographer Greg Wood captured the birthday boy with teammate Paul Sanzone after the win.

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This week's WAFL fixtures are as follows:

- Round 8
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