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## LAMB'S NO CHEAT!



Mike Willesee

By  
ROBBIE BURNS

THE AFL must take immediate and strong disciplinary action against Sydney Swans chairman Mike Willesee for the "cheating" slur he has cast at Eagles midfielder Dwayne Lamb.

The former media mogul's blatant and widely-publicised assertion that Lamb cheated by tagging Sydney centreman Greg Williams in last Sunday's game at Subiaco Oval must rank as one of the most ignorant and unfair football comments made in recent times.

When Willesee told the AFL tribunal on Monday night that "it seems the only way to beat players like Greg Williams is to cheat" he displayed an appalling lack of football judgement.

But worse, he cast an aspersion on the integrity and ability of Lamb and players like him.

Willesee's position as chairman of an AFL club gives him credibility — perhaps unjustifiably so — in the eyes of football followers, thus adding weight to his remarks.

Discrediting a player of Lamb's ability for the purpose of getting his player off yet another striking charge is simply not acceptable.

A man with a stronger background in football would be well aware that top-line players have been closely "tagged" since the game's inception back in 1858. It may have escaped Willesee's notice, but football is a man-on-man game — is he suggesting former champions such as Clive Lewington, John Todd,

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Aggressive Sydney centreman Greg Williams in yet another Subiaco Oval scuffle, this time with Eagles half-forward Karl Langdon. Picture: GREG WOOD

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## STRAIGHT SHOOTING

with **ROBERT BENNETT**  
of the Sunday Times

**SYDNEY Swans star Greg Williams and his club have nothing to squeal about over his four weeks suspension for striking Eagles tagger Dwayne Lamb last Sunday.**

In fact, he was probably lucky to have received only four weeks.

It's a pretty pathetic claim by Swans chairman Mike Willesee that Williams is subjected to unfair treatment each week.

Last Sunday, Williams went over the top. He was the aggressor and was lucky not to have been reported for more than one incident.

### BAD TEMPERED

Despite having won a Brownlow Medal, Williams has a history of being bad tempered on the field...and it's got nothing to do with him being tagged.

It's part and parcel of the game to be tagged. Williams tends to get into strife because he doesn't mind mixing it with other players.

Williams is no orphan when it comes to close attention on the football field.

Just have a look at the way full forwards are harassed and subjected to interference.

Peter Sumich is a classic example. He is held and pushed every week, often right in front of the umpire. He gets very little protection. He must get very frustrated at times when he is not given a fair go at leading for the ball.

Do you see him whacking opponents? Chris Lewis is another who comes in for a lot of close attention. Just ask Greg Williams.

The Swans didn't show their intelligence by asking to have tribunal chairman Neil Busse step aside for their case...that smacked of an attempt to manipulate the hearing.

The Swans were aware that because of his past record, Williams ran the risk of getting a hefty suspension should he be found guilty.

By implying that Busse should step down from the case so justice could be seen to be done, some would argue that the Swans were trying to swing sympathy towards Williams; that in the past he has not been treated fairly.

With a \$2000 fine imposed on the Swans general manager Barry Rogers for their outspoken comments and the penalty meted out to Williams, the ploy backfired.

Mind you I think it is time Busse stood down — permanently — as chairman of the AFL tribunal.

### REPUTATION

He has gained the reputation of a hanging judge. There is no denying Busse has cleaned up football.

But when someone who is in the position of a judge or umpire becomes larger than life, as Busse has through some of his outspoken comments, it is time for a more unobtrusive arbitrator.

It is also time that something is done about the standard of AFL umpiring, which can contribute to reports.

Far too much interference is allowed to go unpunished on the ground, which is a recipe for players becoming frustrated and which can spark a reportable incident.

For instance the interpretation of the 50-metre penalty is a joke. Either it is enforced for holding up play or dispensed with.

Opponents are again resorting to holding up a player who takes a mark.

It was allowed to go unpunished all day on Sunday, but then at a crucial stage of the game a Swans player was penalised 50 metres.

It was the turning point in the match.

### INTERSTATE

Since the inception of the AFL, I have advocated that there should be more umpires from interstate on the AFL panel.

But after Sunday I would have to question that line of thought.

If Grant Vernon is the best WA has to offer the AFL, then perhaps we would be better off with only Victorian-based umpires.

The guy made some incredible decisions. Umpiring for the most part is commonsense. If an umpire was to stop the game for every infringement then it would never flow.

So they need to use their discretion.

On Sunday, Vernon let obvious free kicks go and then paid ones that either had no influence on the game or were obscure.

Umpiring decisions should not be a raffle.



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# Footy Rumours

## GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE TRAPS

### Winning tipster

THOSE 50c punters who are following Percy Johnson's TAB tips on page eight are certainly getting a run for their money. Recent tips that have picked the winning margin spot-on included Hawthorn two weeks ago (a \$9.20 dividend) and Essendon last week—with a \$19.95 pay-out. In addition, two of last week's selections — Hawthorn and North Melbourne — were just one bracket away from the winning margin...all of which had good divvies.

### Jackson's dilemma

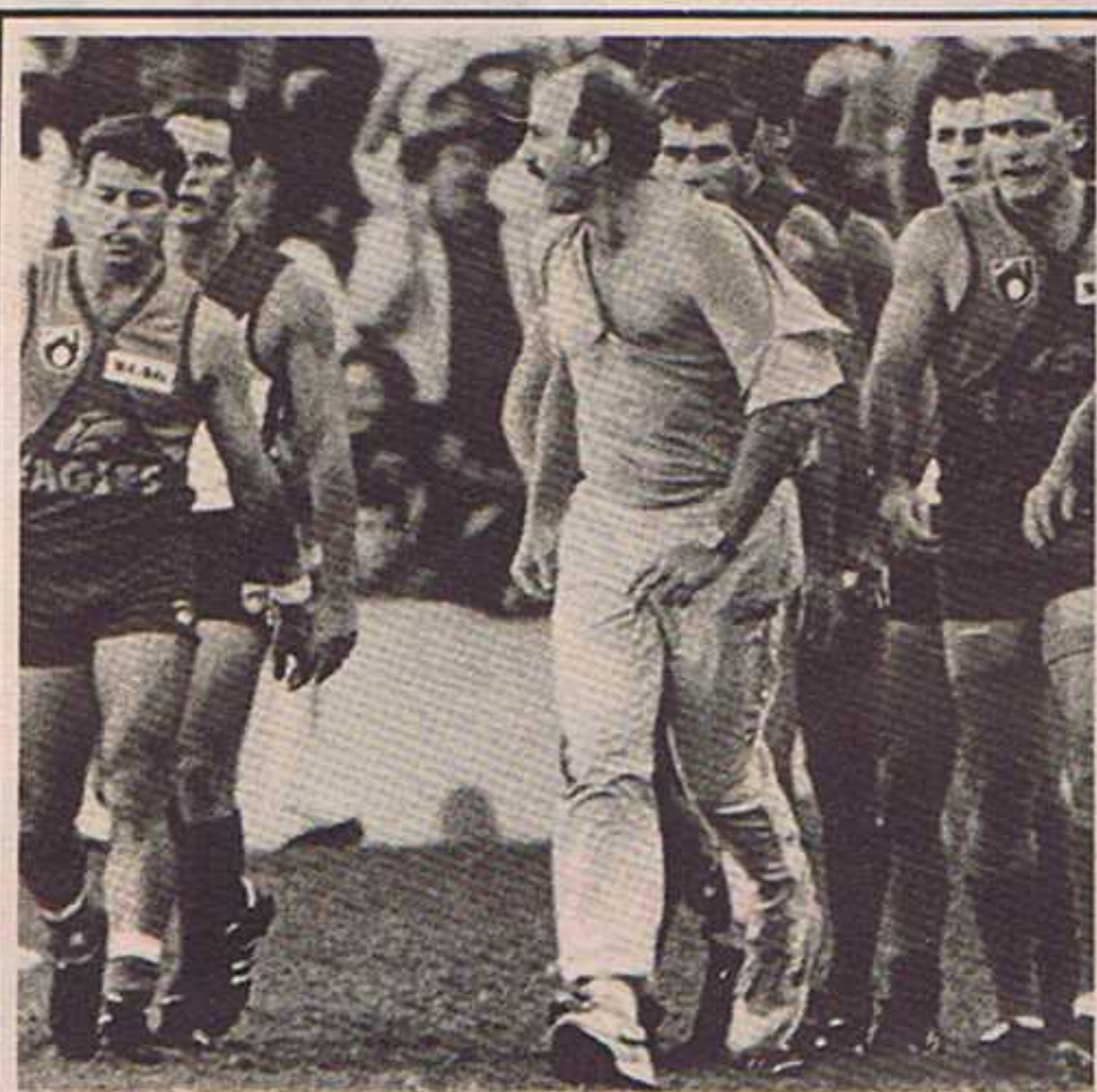
EXCITING South Fremantle forward Stevan Jackson must be wondering just where his AFL future lies. ABC commentator Malcolm Brown highlighted Jackson's dilemma last week when he suggested that the big Eagle should put himself into the mid-season draft and seek his AFL fortunes elsewhere, with places in the West Coast forward line hard to get. "He is a most gifted player and would get a game in any other AFL side," said Brown.

### Marketing impact

THE Eagles marketing department is certainly making an impact around town. When Channel Seven's news and weather man Jeff Newman gives a special "Goodnight Lisa Pettit" message to one of the club's marketing ladies, then it's obvious the PR work from Subiaco Oval is paying off!

### Just off target

EAST Perth defender Gavin Rose couldn't believe it when he saw a left fist come out of a Fremantle Oval pack on Saturday and just miss his jaw, hitting him in the throat. The sharp punch was seen by everybody on the scoreboard flank — but, fortunately for the Bulldog concerned, the umpires were on the other side of the pack.



EAGLES runner Rob Wiley loves being in the thick of the action...and this GREG WOOD photograph confirms that he was right there again last Sunday. In fact, Wiley was unceremoniously tossed out of a pack of brawling players as a Sydney Swans big-man objected to his presence. He had to replace his damaged shirt...but it didn't dampen his vocal on-field enthusiasm.

### Friendly rivals

JUST when we thought that Eagles squad members would find it hard to play full-on physical football opposed to their mates in WAFL battles, two of the game's big men featured in a tough incident. South Fremantle's Stevan Jackson was matched up on East Perth's Ryan Turnbull — after both had been rather unlucky to lose their Eagles spots — and the Royals ruckman must have wondered which way the train went after he was put down heavily out on the scoreboard wing. Turnbull was in the trainer's hands for some minutes ... while Jacko received a polite talking-to from umpire Ron Bayens.

### Confused critics

THERE were some confused media critics around after Sunday's game. It was pretty obvious that Eagles skipper John Worsfold was hampered by his strained stomach muscles and while he did some good things, he was obviously having trouble walking, let alone running, especially in the third term. But when coach Mick Malthouse was asked the question, he simply said: "He's alright, I didn't notice anything wrong with him; I thought he did well."

### Old-fashioned maybe?

FOOTY certainly has a few traditional rules and regulations, all of which go to make the game Australia's national sport. But an astute listener to last Saturday's ABC show on radio 6WF wanted to know why the umpires had to bounce the ball instead of throwing it up. Suggesting, rightly so, that bad bounces made it an unfair contest, he felt that a throw-up was much better. But panelist Keith Slater, in true traditionalist style, said that the umpire's bounce was an integral part of the game and that's that!

### Bugs in the system

THE dreaded influenza left the ABC's commentary team under-manned last weekend when Wally Foreman and Trevor Jenkins both succumbed to the bug on different days. Foreman left Jenkins to call the Perth-East Fremantle clash on ABC TV on Saturday afternoon while he watched from his sick bed, while TJ left the radio 6WF microphone solely to George Grljusich at Subiaco Oval on Sunday for the West Coast Eagles-Sydney Swans clash when he woke feeling a little the worse for wear.



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# Neesham won't get carried away

**FOCAL POINT**

with **KIM HAGDORN**



**ASTUTE** Claremont coach Gerard Neesham wasted no time putting his side's staggering 74-point victory over Swan Districts into perspective last Saturday.

Neesham quickly reminded his talented combination of promising youngsters and seasoned veterans that the win was not a grand final and there was no room for early celebrations.

In contrast, Swan Districts coaching maestro John Todd was clearly disgusted with the loss.

The players found that out at a grueling three-hour training session at Inglewood Oval on Sunday morning.

Some well-decorated players and State team aspirants copped the wrath of Todd during the tough session.

State squad forward Mick Hastie and Steve Bazzo, were on the end of Todd's verbal fury, along with veteran Joe Ahmat and Danny Penny.

Neesham suspects Swans will bounce back.

The Tigers boss confidently predicts that Swans and Claremont, the two most gifted units in the WAFL, will see a lot of each other in 1991.

Claremont's win over the reigning premiers brought to five-all the scoreline between Neesham and Todd since the pair first locked horns in coaching stakes in 1987.

Speaking to Tigers members after the outstanding team performance, Neesham said he would rather celebrate on grand final day.

"It is nice to celebrate a great victory," Neesham said.

"It's probably the best team perfor-

mance I have been associated with since joining Claremont.

"But let's remember that this is not a grand final and that the season is only one game into the second series."

Neesham marshalled his troops brilliantly into a battle-winning mode with what has become the forte of successful Claremont campaigns.

The creative run from deep in defence, through the centre of the ground and then the disciplined manner with which the Tigers head goalward through centre-half-forward, was unstoppable for Swans.

Neesham generalised winners all over the ground from Phil Gilbert at full-back, Darrell Panizza at centre-half-back, Steve Malaxos in the centre and

John Hutton at full-forward producing a personal-best nine goals.

Panizza, overlooked initially when the State selectors named a 32-man squad to prepare for the match against South Australia on June 11, was quickly added after another brilliant performance.

While in the twilight of his career at 32, Panizza's vast experience through 262 league games and his exciting pace would be invaluable against the Croweaters.

Malaxos, not considered for the WA squad while recovering from a calf strain, served notice he should play against the Croweaters with a superb performance midfield for the Tigers.

Brilliant youngster Jeremy Guard, another Tiger surprisingly overlooked, also pressed for inclusion with his ball-handling and reliable disposal by either hand or foot.

# Eagles click the turnstiles

**ATTENDANCES** at football matches played in Perth this season are up on last year — reversing the worrying downward trend of recent times.

The good news is that the unbeaten Eagles have dragged in 24,000 more fans for their five Perth games, than for the corresponding matches last year — and 44,000 more than for the same period during the Eagles disastrous 1989 season.

But the bad news is that attendances at WAFL matches are down by nearly 10,000 on last year — and 20,000 behind 1989.

So the logical conclusion to be drawn is that while the Eagles are propping up overall revenue, they are still taking a lot of fans away from the Pepsi Cup competition.

A total of 260,697 people have watched WAFL and Eagles games in Perth this season, compared to 224,629 last year.

Following the outstanding crowd of 33,025 at last Sunday's Eagles-Sydney game at Subiaco, a total of 145,782 people have watched the Eagles play five games in Perth — an average attendance of 29,156.

A total of 114,915 people have watched the 32 WAFL games, an average of 3591 per match.

## ROYALS REVIVAL

The revival of East Perth as a power has been the most positive aspect of attendances at Pepsi Cup matches.

The Royals have been the trend-setters, attracting an average crowd of 5459 to games at Perth Oval.

The resurgence of Perth has also

By

**ROBBIE BURNS**

been well accepted by Demons fans, with Lathlain Park (3946) having the next biggest average.

A major concern is that top-of-the-ladder Claremont is only just ahead of Subiaco in average attendances. Before Saturday's crowd of 3975 at the Swan Districts game, Claremont Oval had attracted only 2943 per game. Their next home ground average is 3201.

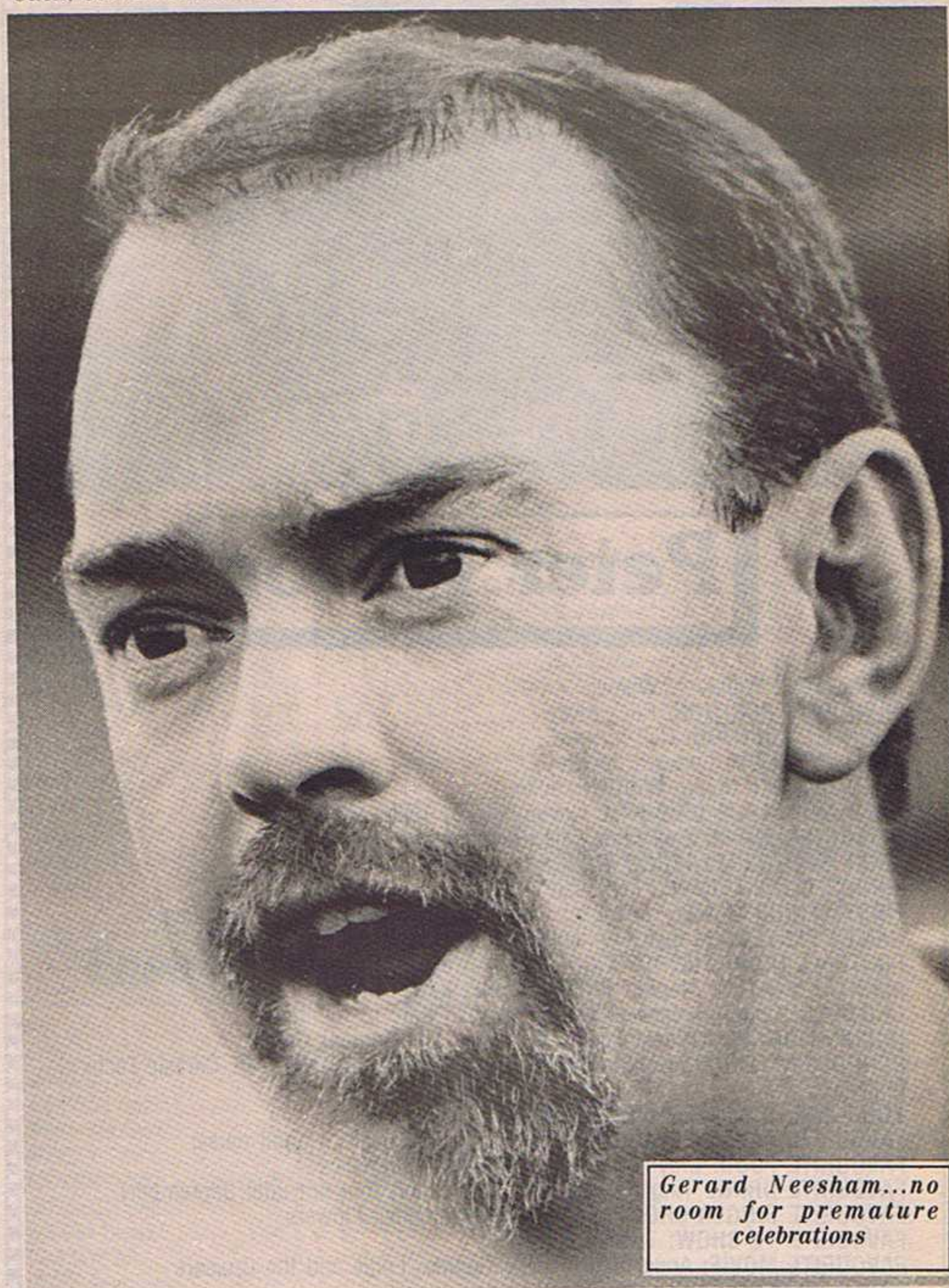
## AVERAGE

Other average attendances at WAFL grounds are: 3681 at Fremantle Oval, 3652 at Basendean, 3221 at East Fremantle Oval, 3218 at Leederville and 3055 at Subiaco.

There is little doubt the telecast of the Eagles games against Hawthorn and Essendon on May 4 and 11 respectively had disastrous results on WAFL attendances. Only 10,000 watched each of those rounds.

The biggest crowd to watch an Eagles game in Perth this season was 34,704 at the Adelaide Crows match at Subiaco Oval on April 21 — well down on the record 38,274 at the Eagles-Collingwood game in 1987.

However, this record could be broken three times before the season is over — the Eagles are still to play St Kilda (June 30), Hawthorn (August 18) and Essendon (August 25) at Subiaco Oval during qualifying rounds.



Gerard Neesham...no room for premature celebrations

## BLUE NOTE

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& TOM MOODY



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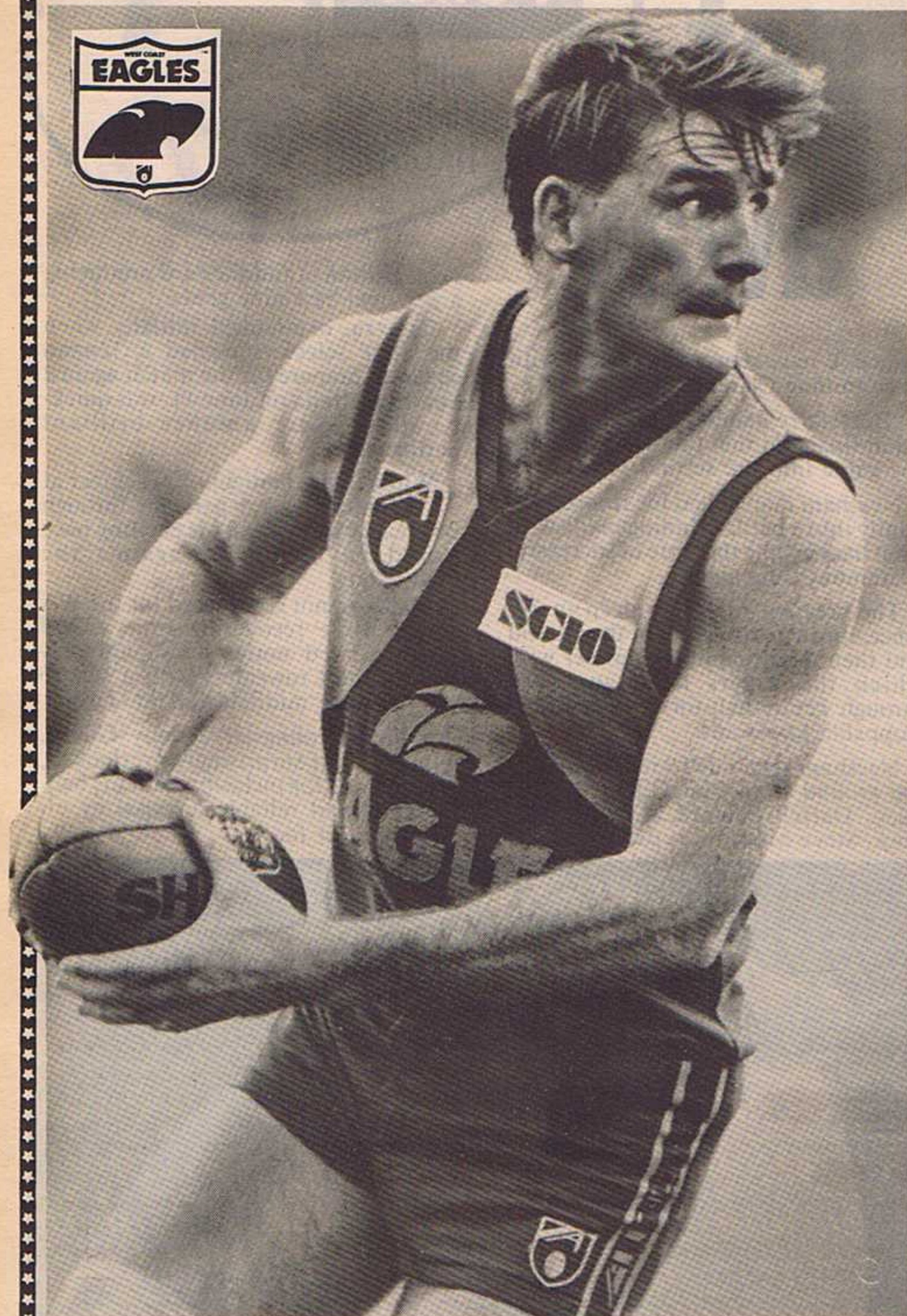


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# Player Profile



## Peter Wilson

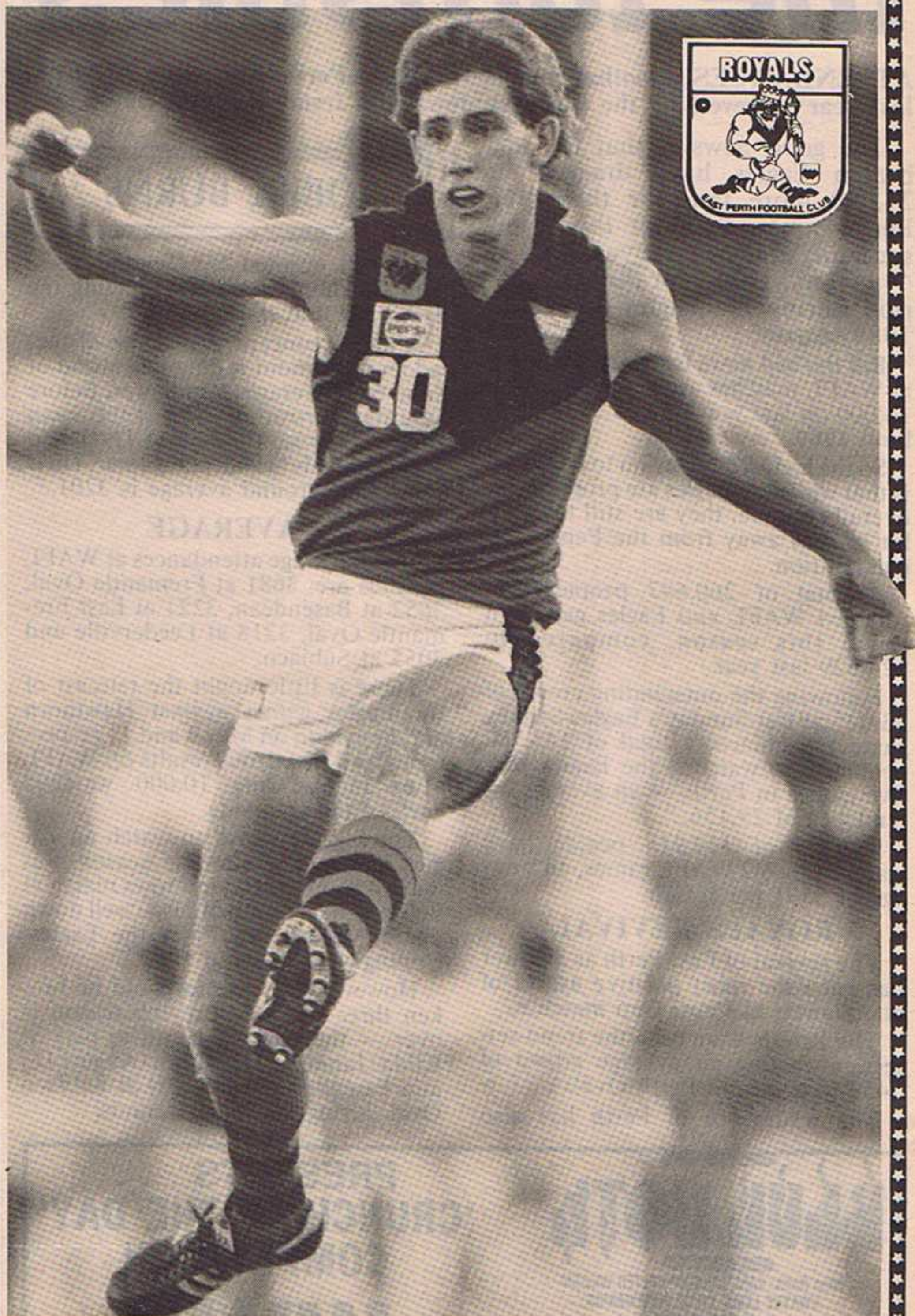
**NICK NAME:** Willow or Wilbur  
**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Ruck-rover  
**CURRENT POSITION:** Half-forward  
**FIRST POSITION:** Forward pocket  
**No:** 9 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 90kg  
**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** November 15, 1963; Mt Lawley  
**RECRUITED FROM:** East Fremantle, Richmond  
**FIRST STARTED PLAYING:** Aged 5yrs  
**JUNIOR CLUB:** Lynwood/Fernadale  
**FIRST SENIOR GAME:** 1982 East Fremantle, 1987 Richmond, 1990 Eagles  
**GAMES PLAYED:** 94 East Fremantle, 54 Richmond, 26 Eagles, 6 WA  
**FOOTBALL HONOURS:** 1986 All Australian representative, WA vice-captain  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Married **WIFE'S NAME:** Kerry  
**CHILDREN:** Courtney Jane (3 years), Morgan Kate (3 months)  
**OCCUPATION:** West Coast Eagles Business Development Officer  
**SCHOOLS ATTENDED:** Goomalling PS, Lynwood PS, Lynwood SHS, Carlisle Technical College  
**YOUR CAR:** S pack Falcon **DREAM CAR:** SL Benz  
**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:** Surfing, laying back to good music  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Crayfish, salad, Italian from Dominics  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Ting by Musashi, Emu Export (but not until September)  
**FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:** Phil Collins, Hothouse Flowers  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Tour of Duty  
**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** Angel Heart, Blade Runner, Eddie and the Cruisers  
**OTHER SPORTS:** Surfing, gridiron, one day cricket  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My mother - Pam, Ron Alexander  
**BEST PLAYER SEEN:** Doug Green  
**PLAYERS YOU ADMIRE:** Robert and Tony Solin  
**MATCH DAY ROUTINE:** Listen to and watch music videos  
**FOOTBALL INJURIES:** Knee, broken jaw  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Winning 1985 grand final with East Fremantle  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** 1990 Eagles vs St Kilda at WACA  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** To be part of Eagles premiership side in 1991 and to be happy with my playing career by reaching my personal goals  
**PERSONAL MOTIVATION:** Winning

## Gavin Rose

**Nickname:** Rosey **Date of Birth:** 29.9.69 **Place of Birth:** Perth  
**Height:** 194cm **Weight:** 90kg  
**Age started playing:** 6yrs  
**Junior club:** Bayswater/Morley.  
**Marital status:** Single **Girlfriend's name:** Leeanne  
**Occupation:** Clerk  
**Other sporting interests:** Basketball, athletics.  
**Favourite position:** Ruck **First position:** Full-back  
**Current position:** Ruck  
**League debut:** 1989 **Versus:** East Fremantle  
**Games played:** 36 **Goals kicked:** 1

### FAVOURITES

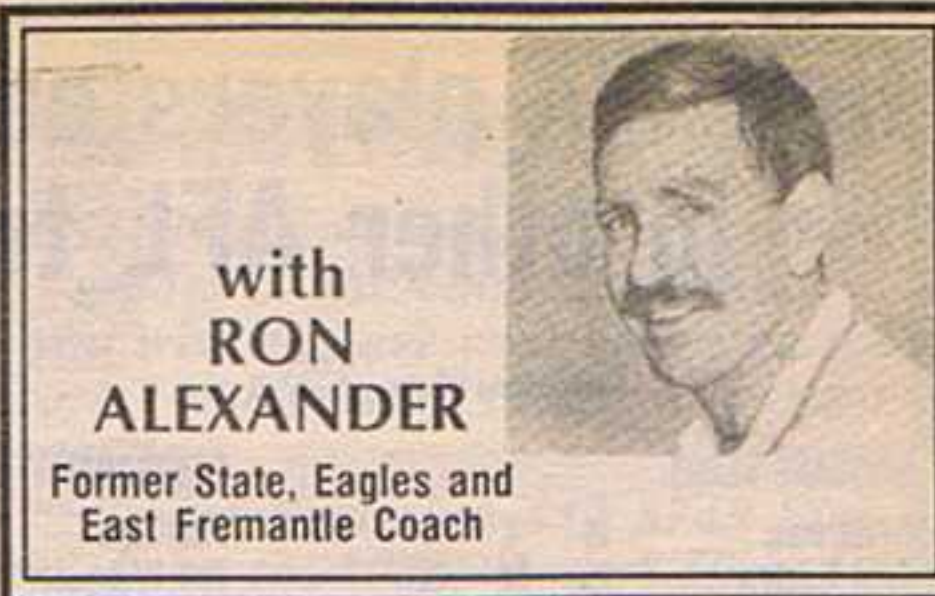
**Actor:** Eddie Murphy **Movie:** Good Morning Vietnam.  
**Music:** Paul Kelly and the Messengers **Drink:** Bourbon and Pepsi  
**Food:** Pizza **Book:** Presumed Innocent  
**Holiday resort:** Phuket **Ground:** Perth Oval  
**Your car:** Telstar TX5 **Your favourite car:** Lamborghini  
**Career highlights:** First league game, 1989 draft to Collingwood.  
**Worst moment in football:** 1990 pre-season injury.  
**Football idols:** Barry Cable, Gary Ablett, Michael Tuck.  
**Toughest opponent:** Glen Bartlett (training)  
**Most respected opponent:** Glen Bartlett (training)  
**Most memorable game:** 1990 First league game  
**Ambitions:** To play in a premiership with East Perth, to play state and AFL.  
**What do you like about football:** Comradeship and competition  
**How do you mentally prepare for a game:** Relax, think about my opponent's strengths and weaknesses  
**Who influenced your career:** My father  
**Guernsey number:** 30 **Any reason:** No **Worst injury:** Groin, back 1990  
**Luckiest break:** The opportunity to play league football for East Perth



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# Aggression doesn't win



VICTORIAN teams seem to be hung up with the idea they have to rough up the West Coast Eagles in order to get the upper hand.

The last two games at Subiaco Oval have seen Fitzroy and Sydney come out with what could be politely termed "over-enthusiastic aggression".

Straight out thuggery would probably be a more accurate description.

But it's a tactic the Eagles must love.

While the Lions and the Swans were going for the thump and mis-using a lot of their energy, the Eagles have been settling down to what they do best — win matches.

As a result of this "let's rough 'em up" policy, there have been four opposition players reported after the last two games — while the Eagles have come through with a clean sheet, an indication that they are a mature and well-disciplined team.

## PHYSICAL

By the same token, the Eagles do have some players who can keep the opposition honest in the physical department.

John Worsfold, Peter Wilson, Chris

Lewis, Karl Langdon, Paul Peos and Michael Brennan all fit into this category.

Aggression directed in the right direction, at the right time, is an integral part of football and an important component in a footballer's make-up.

But the other sort of stuff hasn't won too many games over the years.

## Key forward is priority

JUST how important is a centre-half-forward to a top team?

Football coaches have always placed a high degree of importance on having a top centre-half-forward and the common feeling among club diehards is that a top half-forward is a criteria for a premiership.

However, modern football, with the emphasis on running the ball downfield, tends to contradict that theory. The Eagles, sitting unbeaten on top of the ladder, do not have a regular or authoritative centre-half-forward.

They have used Craig McGrath, David Hynes, Mark Hepburn, Karl Langdon, Stevan Jackson, and Ryan Turnbull in that spot.

But having made that point, there is room for a top centre-half-forward in the Eagles side and they could do a lot worse than give young South Fremantle player Glen Jakovich a chance while he is in such good form in the WAFL competition.

Now is the time to blood the superbly-talented teenager, rather than leave it till he becomes frustrated and disillusioned waiting for his chance and his form falls away.

There's no doubt centre-half-forward is the most difficult position on the ground because players generally have to turn the full 180-degrees to head goalwards whenever they get the ball ... and that's usually under pressure. Conversely, centre-half-back is the easiest spot to play because a straight-ahead approach is required.

But the 18-year-old Jakovich has all the obvious qualities to succeed — he's a superb mark overhead; is quick, strong and agile and is now ranging around the half-forward line giving his mid-fielders a target.

## Hard work pays off for Lockyer

THE form of Andrew Lockyer in defence for the Eagles has been terrific and it shows how much his game has improved.

His positive approach this summer has been reflected in his consistent displays at centre-half-back or full-back.

He injured his ankle against Fitzroy, but surprised everybody by recovering for the Swans game, only to strain a thigh muscle which will force him out for a couple of weeks.

There is no doubt Lockyer will be working hard to get back into defence, where he is producing some of the best form of his career.

## In goes Wiley... out goes Wiley...

IT must have been a commentator's dream in the final term last Sunday as a fiery pack developed near the Eagles goalsquare....

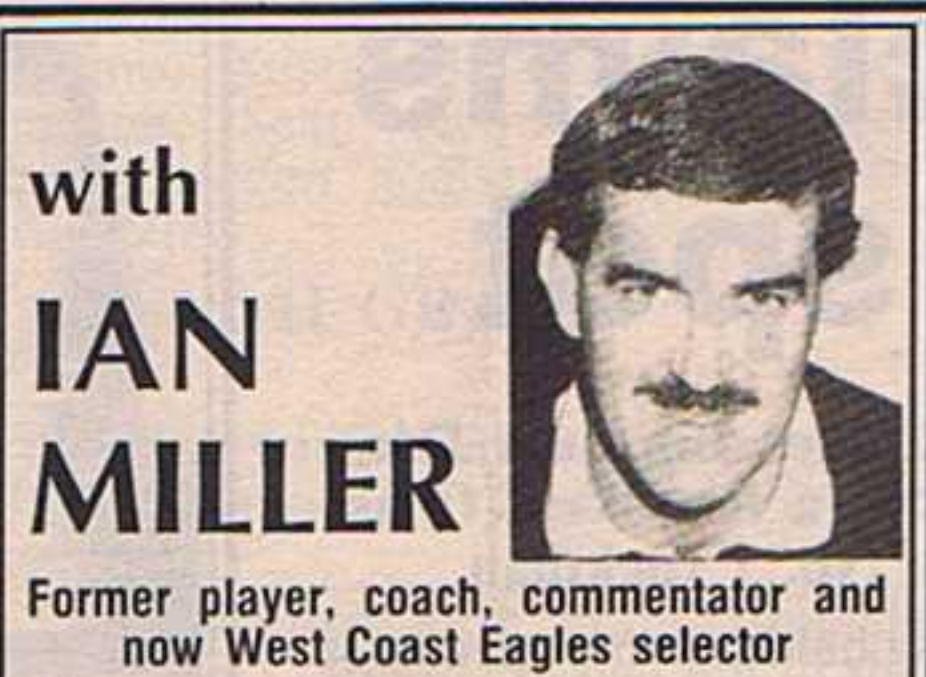
And hard-working runner Rob Wiley was caught in the thick of things...as is his style.

Wiley was out there delivering a message...and it was a case of "in went Wiley, out came Wiley" as Swans centreman Greg Williams took hold of him and unceremoniously flung him out of the pack.

If the rules allowed runners to protect themselves, 'Diesel' would have been in big trouble!

After the game, when things had relaxed a bit, Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett gave Wiley a scare when he told him he had been reported for his involvement in the mellee.

Wiley adamantly denied any involvement and wasn't too pleased as Nisbett read the report. Wiley snatched the paper out of his hands to take a closer look...just as we all had a laugh at his expense.



## Most Valuable Golden Oldie

EAGLES chairman of selectors Trevor Sprigg is never one to knock back a contest...and he's got one this week.

Despite his Aussie Rules breeding, he has been accepted as a member of the Fremantle Rats-Mugs team contesting the Golden Oldies international rugby union festival being staged in Perth.

He reckoned last Monday was a big day, first with the march through the city, followed by the first game.

Sprigg, of course, doesn't understand the rules and was penalised early for an Aussie Rules tackle...and really struggled when told he couldn't unload a big kick, but had to run with the ball instead.

But there's no doubt that Sprigg will survive — if for no better reason than his company, the Swan Brewery, is the major sponsor of the festival.

## Gary had the wrong call

CHECKING the opposition players numbers and names to make sure we know exactly who has taken the field during the pre-game warm-up is always a team effort.

Gary Greer, who sits in the coaches box noting moves and comments that coach Mick Malthouse wants recorded, usually checks the names against the numbers as they are called to him.

'Gearbox' started checking off numbers 26, 29, 28, 32 and 31 as they were called, not realising that they were guesses by everyone in the box at the size of the crowd!

## Lamb the achiever

THERE is no question that Sydney Swans centreman Greg Williams is one of the best players in the AFL — and he is renowned for his hard running, his ability to physically take on the opposition and his precise handball sets up many a Swans move.

Eagles tagger Dwayne Lamb took on Williams last Sunday and beat him hands down.

Lamb is a quiet achiever and was prepared to take any physical punishment that came his way and his successful tag was a key to the game. In the fourth quarter, it was Williams chasing Lamb!

The way Williams plays the game, tough and hard, it was unbelievable to hear the Swans hierarchy complaining about tagging tactics at Monday's tribunal hearing.

## The Fitzroy cause

THE fund-raising project to help the ailing Fitzroy Football Club raised a few hackles in parochial Perth — and I can understand that.

But even as a staunch West Australian, I have a strong sense of loyalty to Fitzroy, a club I captained and I make no apology to those who criticised me for trying to help save them.

There will always be those who knock and whinge, particularly when they haven't had the initiative to take advantage of a fund-raising opportunity. The point should be made that no other football club was collecting money at Subiaco that day, so were weren't depriving a WA club of potential funds.

Standing outside Subiaco Oval before an Eagles game, rattling a tin can is not my idea of a fun afternoon. But we did raise \$1582 for the cause and I say a sincere "thank you" to those who contributed.

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# Sumich not worried

By  
**KIM HAGDORN**

**HIGH-FLYING** West Coast Eagles full-forward Peter Sumich will gladly swap any individual honours to be part of an AFL premiership team.

Sumich, who is heading the AFL goalkicking ladder with 42 from nine games, is still on course to become the first Eagle to reach the magical century despite a slump in recent weeks.

But the skilled forward would gladly miss out on that honour if it meant being a member of the club's first premiership side.

"I'd rather kick no goals and see the side win," says Sumich.

"In the tough game against Hawthorn, I only kicked two and we won and against Sydney I didn't post one major, yet we still had enough goals to win.

**Ace forward defends his form**

"Even though I didn't kick any goals, I was happy with my game; I still had 17 possessions.

"If I wasn't getting hold of the ball, I'd start to worry. But I'm getting touches and I'm contributing in other ways."

## CONTENT

Sumich is also content with the manner in which he is kicking the ball. He says that the ball is leaving the boot okay; it's just a matter of accuracy.

"Last week I just had one of those days," he said. "If I'd kicked four or five, nobody would have said anything was wrong.

"But I fed off at least four and I was really happy with my game.

"If I'm getting two or three each week, as well as helping with two or three others, then I'm content.

"People are talking about me kicking a ton, but I'd rather the Eagles win a flag.

"Sure, it would be nice if everything fell into place and I achieved a few of the personal things along the way.

## AMBITION

"But to play in a premiership team is a burning ambition."

Along with his team approach, Sumich has added a new dimension to his classy skills as a goal-kicking forward in 1991.

A forte of Sumich's football this season has been his tackling and aggression on the Eagles forward line.

The gifted left-footer admitted it was a feature of his game that gave both himself and the Eagles hierarchy concern.

"Aggression when I didn't have the ball was something I lacked when I came to the Eagles from South Fremantle," he said.

"You watch blokes like Jason Dunstall at Hawthorn and you realise that forwards have to do the hard things.

"My work off the ball has been better this year I'm sure and I find it very rewarding if it leads to one of the other guys kicking a goal."

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse jumped to Sumich's defence after his goal-less performance against Sydney last Sunday.

"He's not playing without confidence," Malthouse said, rejecting suggestions that he wasn't fit.

"I thought what Peter did in the last few minutes, when he squared the ball to Peter Wilson, who goaled, demonstrated the class of the player, not only in his talent, but in his ability to think team and not Sumich.

"I'd like to see Peter kick goals; but if he doesn't, then he has to do well in other areas.

"He did that against Sydney.

"We won the game. We're not here to have one player kick as many goals as possible."

Malthouse defended Sumich's disappointing kicking last Sunday, when he missed five set-shots for goal.

On two occasions the ace forward seemed to pull his kick, opening speculation of an injury to the Eagles goal-kicking trump.

"His kicking isn't the problem," Malthouse said bluntly.

"We got the ball on the wrong side of him.

"Then he missed a couple of shots for goal and maybe his confidence drifted out somewhat."



Peter Sumich ... looking dejected, but he's far from unhappy.

## Eagles collect another record

THE West Coast Eagles have now had the best start to a season by any side in the last 35 years — the last club to win their first nine matches was Melbourne in 1956.

The Eagles win over Sydney also squared the ledger between the two clubs at four wins each.

This leaves Collingwood, Essendon, Melbourne and North Melbourne as the clubs who West Coast have lost to more times than they have beaten.

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ESSENDON'S victory on Saturday was their 20th consecutive win against St Kilda; a sequence that has extended from Round 14 in 1980.

After failing to overcome that hoodoo, St Kilda now face another one when they play Hawthorn at Princes Park this Saturday.

The Saints last recorded a win at Princes Park in Round 12, 1976 when they came from five goals down at half-time to beat Hawthorn by 25 points. Since then they have lost to Carlton 13 times, Hawthorn nine times and Fitzroy four times — a total of 26 consecutive defeats at that ground.

Another team which has trouble winning at Princes Park is Geelong, whose loss to Fitzroy was their 12th successive defeat at the ground. They last won there in Round 3, 1984 when they beat Carlton.

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COLLINGWOOD'S current run of four losses is the first time the Magpies have lost four in a row since their six defeats between Rounds 13 and 18 in 1987.

The Magpies record against Hawthorn since Leigh Matthews became coach is also worthy of note. Hawthorn have won nine and Collingwood one of the 10 encounters.

## Interstate Update with

Richard Allsop



An interesting feature of the Collingwood v Hawthorn game was the fact that all of the Hawks quarter-time score of 8.2 (50) was scored by interstate players. Tasmanian Paul Hudson had scored 3.1 and South Australians Tony Hall, Andrew Jarman, Matthew Robran and John Platten had contributed the remaining 5.1.

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BRISBANE'S nine successive losses is the worst start to a season by any side since St Kilda lost the first 12 games of 1986.

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HAWTHORN have won their last three games, but in all of them they have been outscored in the third quarter — 3.1 to 5.5 v Carlton; 1.3 to 5.4 v Essendon and 3.3 to 4.5 v Collingwood. Combining the three matches, Hawthorn have managed just 7.7 in the so-called 'match-winning' third term compared to 14.14 by their opponents.

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DESPITE their win over Brisbane on Sunday, Richmond remain the only team with a negative record against the Bears — three wins and five losses.

The Tigers were also the last club (apart from Adelaide, who are yet to play on the Gold Coast) to win at Carrara.

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MELBOURNE have become the latest side to lose after the bye. West Coast keep their record as the only side who have won, while the other seven sides coming off a bye have all lost.

## Leave him home...

...says BOB CRIBB

THE West Coast Eagles should do full-forward Peter Sumich — and their premiership hopes — a big favour by giving him the next two weeks off.

The ace goal-kicker is obviously carrying a leg injury and a break from action now could well keep him safe and sound for the Eagles finals campaign.

After watching Sumich struggle to kick the ball properly in the last two games, it's obvious that he isn't putting everything into his shots for goals and he's pulling a lot of his kicks.

There's no way he would normally have missed some of those easy pot-shots at goal last Sunday.

It's a crying shame to see such a talented player having to perform under stress — as if the physical treatment he's receiving without the umpires noticing isn't enough.

The Eagles have enough forward-line depth to leave Sumich at home for this week's trip to play Richmond and the journey to Queensland next weekend to play the Brisbane Bears.

But that's not the complete solution to the problem.

Something has to be done about his kicking style and maybe it's time to call in Austin Robertson jnr, the best kicker of the football this State has seen.

Robertson might live in Sydney, where he is probably a fan of the Sydney Swans and enjoys their activities, along with his former Daily News colleague Mike Willesee, the club's chairman, but he would jump at the chance to help Sumich.

Victorian football legends Royce Hart and Doug Wade both suggested there is an easy solution to Sumich's kicking problems and Robertson is the man to solve it.

That move could well be the difference between an Eagles premiership or finals disappointment.

# Sharks ready for Derby triumph

FOOTBALL traditionalists will target East Fremantle Oval on Monday for an intriguing Foundation Day Derby clash that has no apparent winner in pre-game speculation.

South Fremantle were comfortable 42-point winners over East Fremantle in their first Pepsi Cup clash of the year and under new coach Ken Judge, the Sharks will be determined to turn the tables on their Port rivals.

East Fremantle were strong finishers against Perth and came close to victory after a seven-goal final term and if they can carry that form into this game, they may surprise the Bulldogs.

The Sharks fell away badly in the forward line against Perth and Clinton Browning, Jeff Davidson and Neil Lester-Smith will need to lift if the Sharks are to snatch their first homeground win for 1991.

## MIDFIELDERS

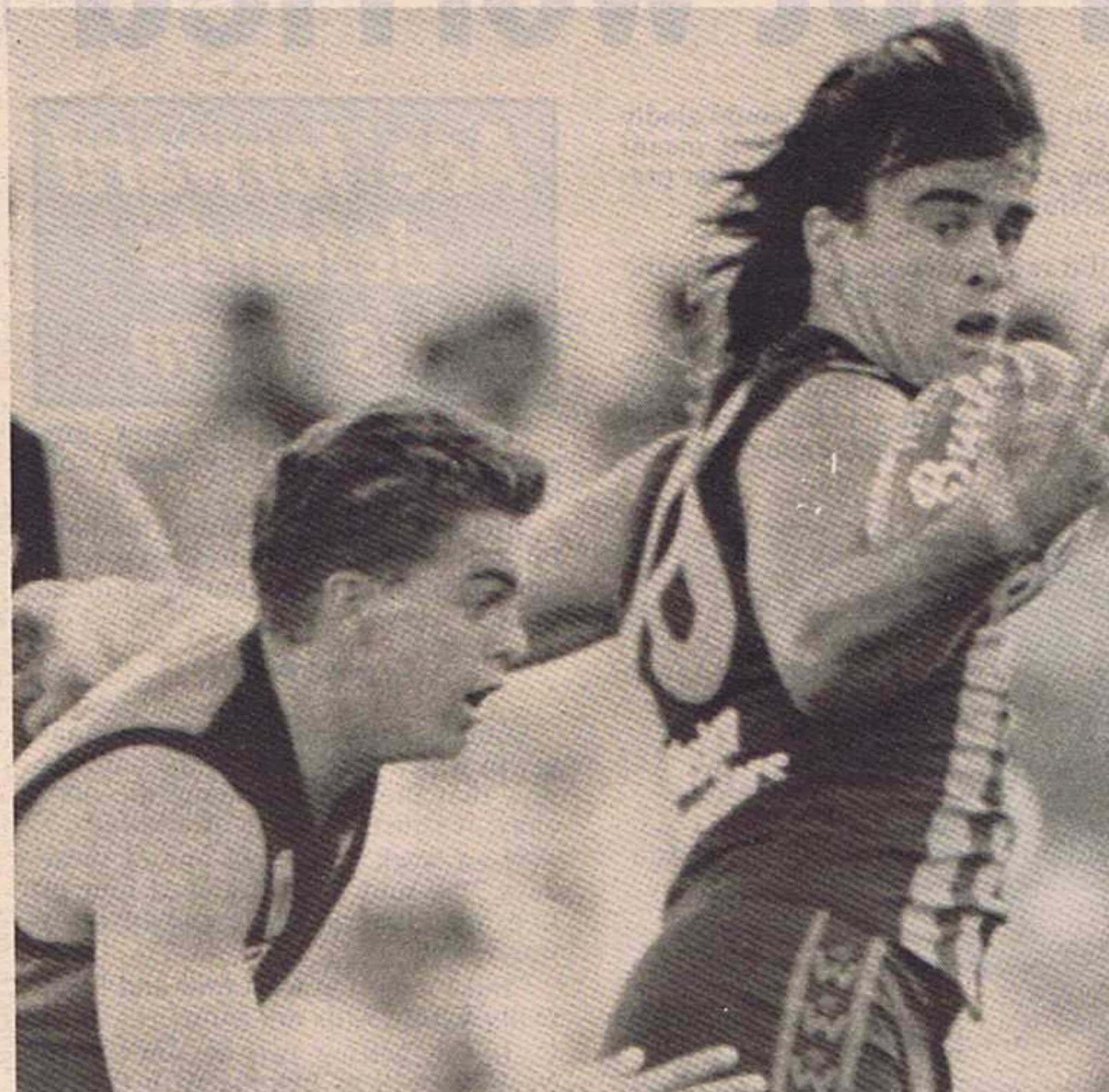
Scott Annandale, Darren Hammond, Mark Amaranti, Kane Morphet, Billy Krakouer and Peter Quill all create opportunities for their forwards with their midfield play which need to be finished off in front of goals.

The Bulldogs are one of the enigmas of the WAFL at present.

They have one of the most talented group of players in the league, but are unable to string two wins together.

Forwards Glen Jakovich and Stevan Jackson will trouble the Sharks defence and the Bulldogs main ruck department of Martin Atkins and Craig Edwards will have a tough job against in-form Sharks big-man Lance Durack.

Rod Grljusich and Chris Pobjoy have been in fine form on the wings for the Bulldogs, while Robert Solin, who will probably be given the task of minding Lester-Smith and Ned Fimmano are reliable in defence.



# triumph



League previews

With TANIA ARMSTRONG



## Swans ready for Demons revenge

SWAN Districts have not lost two games in a row this season and they will be determined to maintain that record when they take on Perth at Bassendean Oval on Monday.

Swans coach John Todd was brutal with his team at Sunday morning training after their 74-point drubbing by Claremont and they will be out for revenge after the Demons after the reigning premiers at Lathlain Park in round two.

Perth managed to scramble a win over East Fremantle last Saturday and though they fell away badly after a sensational first quarter, the return to form of Willie Dick, John Gavranich and Merv Kelly, along with the first-up 1991 performances of Shane Renfree and Jeff Moore were good signs.

Last year's club fairest-and-best winner, John Zaikos, will also come under consideration for his second game of the year after interruptions through injury and suspension.

Swans need support for forward Brendon Retzlaff, ruckman Travis Edmonds, skipper Peter Hodyl and full-back Stephen O'Reilly, who have all been consistent performers.

## Royals press for top spot

SATURDAY'S city Derby between East Perth and West Perth at Perth Oval should see the Royals continue to press Claremont for top spot on the Pepsi Cup premiership table.

Though Ryan Turnbull may be missing from the East Perth line-up with a recall to the Eagles, the Royals have too much class for the struggling Falcons.

George Giannakis, Leigh Willison and Paul Evans all made sparkling returns to the league side that beat South Fremantle and the continued class performances of Lucio Baroni, Ken Seymour, Matt Clape and rising star Marcus Seecamp will all be tough for Falcons coach George Michalczyk to counter.

One area of worry for Royals coach Ian McCulloch is the fact that spearhead Glen Bartlett has only kicked three goals in the past two outings.

West Perth battled against the Lions last weekend, but forwards Matt Cullen and Derek Hall have given fans a glimmer of hope with some good goal tallies.

Subiaco mid-fielder Fintan Maguire has his eyes firmly fixed on the football in this recent encounter. Maguire, recruited from Swans in 1989 and recalled to the Lions league side for last week's win over West Perth, will need to be at his best to help counter Claremont's running brigade this Saturday.

## Lions to push Tigers

RECENT encounters between Subiaco and Claremont have been tight games and Saturday's clash at Subiaco Oval should be a similar close tussle.

The Lions have now strung together two consecutive wins, their best run of the year, though Claremont coach Gerard Neesham knows that another four point performance could give them a valuable two-game break at the top of the Pepsi Cup ladder.

Claremont won the first encounter of the season by 10 goals at home, but the Lions new-found form will make them more competitive — provided runners Cory Young and Ian Dargie continue with their form and lively forward Andrew Macnish is in touch.

There is high confidence at Claremont after their two best wins of the season, over East Perth and Swans and a lot of the team's ability to kick a winning score revolves around full-forward John Hutton.

Fellow State squad members Darrell Panizza and Andrew McGovern will be out to secure a June 11 appointment with South Australia and former All-Australian captain Steve Malaxos will also press for inclusion if he is given the opportunity to regain top form in time.

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### Westside Football's betting guide



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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	Top Score
<b>Saturday, June 1</b>			
East Perth v West Perth (1)	H	EP 37-39pts	
Subiaco v Claremont (2)	A	C'mont 31-33pts	
**Richmond v West Coast (5)	A	WCE 46-48pts	115pts
North Melbourne v Collingwood (6)	H	NM 16-18pts	
Hawthorn v St Kilda (7)	H	Hawthorn 13-15pts	
Essendon v Melbourne (8)	H	Essendon 13-15pts	
Geelong v Adelaide (9)	A	Adelaide 10-12pts	
<b>Sunday, June 2</b>			
Sydney v Brisbane (10)	H	SS 52-54pts	
Footscray v Carlton (11)	H	Footscray 7-9pts	
<b>Monday, June 3</b>			
East Frem v South Frem (3)	H	EF 10-12pts	
**Swan Districts v Perth (4)	H	SD 28-30pts	110pts
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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),W(74)	SOUTH FREM: L(125),W(42),L(8),W(74),L(42),W(67),L(19),L(21)
EAST FREM: L(73),L(42),L(56),L(30),W(20),W(13),L(65),L(8)	SUBIACO: W(30),L(62),W(56),L(59),L(20),L(77),W(19),W(23)
E. PERTH: W(125),W(64),L(21),W(59),L(20),W(45),L(8),W(2)	SWANS: W(9),L(45),W(21),L(74),W(65),W(77),W(65),L(74)
PERTH: W(73),W(45),W(8),L(34),W(20),L(45),L(17),W(8)	W. PERTH: L(30),L(64),L(16),W(30),L(65),L(67),W(17),L(23)

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BRISBANE: B,L(46),L(57),L(102),L(22),L(31),L(13),L(69),L(5),L(7)	GEELONG: B,W(26),W(49),W(102),W(37),L(45),L(47),L(31),W(42),L(21)
CARLTON: B,W(23),W(57),L(45),L(37),W(34),L(21),L(44),W(12),B	HAWTH: L(86),W(91),W(57),B,L(11),W(157),L(82),W(44),W(16),W(43)
COLLINGWOOD: W(60),L(27),W(59),D,W(22),L(36),B,L(57),L(42),L(43)	MELB: L(79),W(131),L(9),W(45),W(70),W(36),W(13),W(39),B,L(34)
ADELAIDE: W(86),L(23),W(24),L(45),L(65),W(31),L(131),B,L(2),W(34)	N. MELB: B,W(46),L(73),L(72),L(70),W(54),W(44),W(31),W(2),W(14)
EAGLES: W(79),W(27),B,W(72),W(65),W(45),W(82),W(7),W(99),W(34)	RICHMOND: L(25),L(4),L(57),L(37),W(24),B,L(32),W(57),L(12),W(7)
ESSENDON: B,W(4),W(73),W(45),W(31),W(21),L(7),L(16),W(28)	ST KILDA: W(25),L(26),W(9),D,B,L(34),W(131),W(69),W(6),L(28)
FITZROY: B,L(131),L(59),L(16),L(24),L(157),L(44),L(77),L(99),W(21)	SYDNEY: B,L(91),L(24),W(37),L(31),L(54),W(47),W(77),L(6),L(34)
FOOTSCRAY: L(60),B,L(49),W(16),W(11),L(31),W(32),L(39),W(5),L(14)	



# Rest period over for Eagles



THE West Coast Eagles, lucky to strike inferior opposition when they were flat, should return to their best for Saturday's clash with Richmond at Waverley.

The Eagles could have been in strife against quality opposition in the last two weeks; in games where they abandoned the football system that brought success against the AFL's big guns.

When they beat Hawthorn, Essendon and Geelong in successive weeks, the Eagles were direct, positive and fluent in their team work.

But in the last fortnight they have fallen into old habits, swinging the ball wide and making life tough for their forwards.

That's one reason why sharp-shooter Peter Sumich has been out of the goals.

## DELIVERED

The way the ball has been delivered into attack has made it difficult for the AFL's leading goal-kicker to break clear of close-checking opponents.

The players are aware they have not obeyed the Mick Malthouse game plan and they now must rectify the problems.

It is difficult to imagine that much can be wrong when a team makes the best start to a season since 1956, when Melbourne won the first 13 games.

And there have obviously been few faults in the system as the Eagles built their nine-game winning streak.

The ominous sign for their rivals — and Malthouse said this earlier in the season — is that the Eagles can function even better.

With the challenge of again proving themselves in Melbourne, the Eagles should rise out of their mediocrity to dispose of the Tigers.

Richmond are a young team, similar

to the Sydney Swans who tested the Eagles last week and victory will not come easily.

The Tiger cubs have class players in Craig Lambert, Matthew Knights, Trent Nichols, Anthony Banik and Terry Keays, who was the most efficient forward in last week's win over the Brisbane Bears.

The Tigers played some inspirational football against the Bears in a game where many thought the Gold Coast team could break the drought.

Apart from those exciting youngsters, Richmond have some experienced players of class, notably full-forward Jeff Hogg and regular State rover Dale Weightman.

However, the Eagles have the players to combat Richmond's strengths and the tight defensive unit should restrict the Tigers to a losing score.

## CLOSE-CHECKING

Michael Brennan will be better for the hit-out against the Swans when he shut Warwick Capper out of the contest, while Don Pyke, Andrew Lockyer, Guy McKenna and Chris Waterman continue to play tight, close-checking football.

Craig Turley was one of a handful of Eagles stars to have an off day against the Swans, but he has developed into a class player and rarely puts in two bad ones on the trot.

The Eagles will expect a lift from him and when he teams with Dwayne Lamb, Dean Kemp, Chris Lewis, Chris Mainwaring and Peter Matera, the Eagles midfield unit can be devastating.

The WA club has also developed a liking for Waverley and if Brett Heady and Karl Langdon can get the ball

down often enough, Sumich should get a wave of confidence. When that happens, anything is possible.

Though he was inaccurate on Sunday, Sumich still got plenty of the ball and had he kicked straighter, he could have enjoyed a day out.

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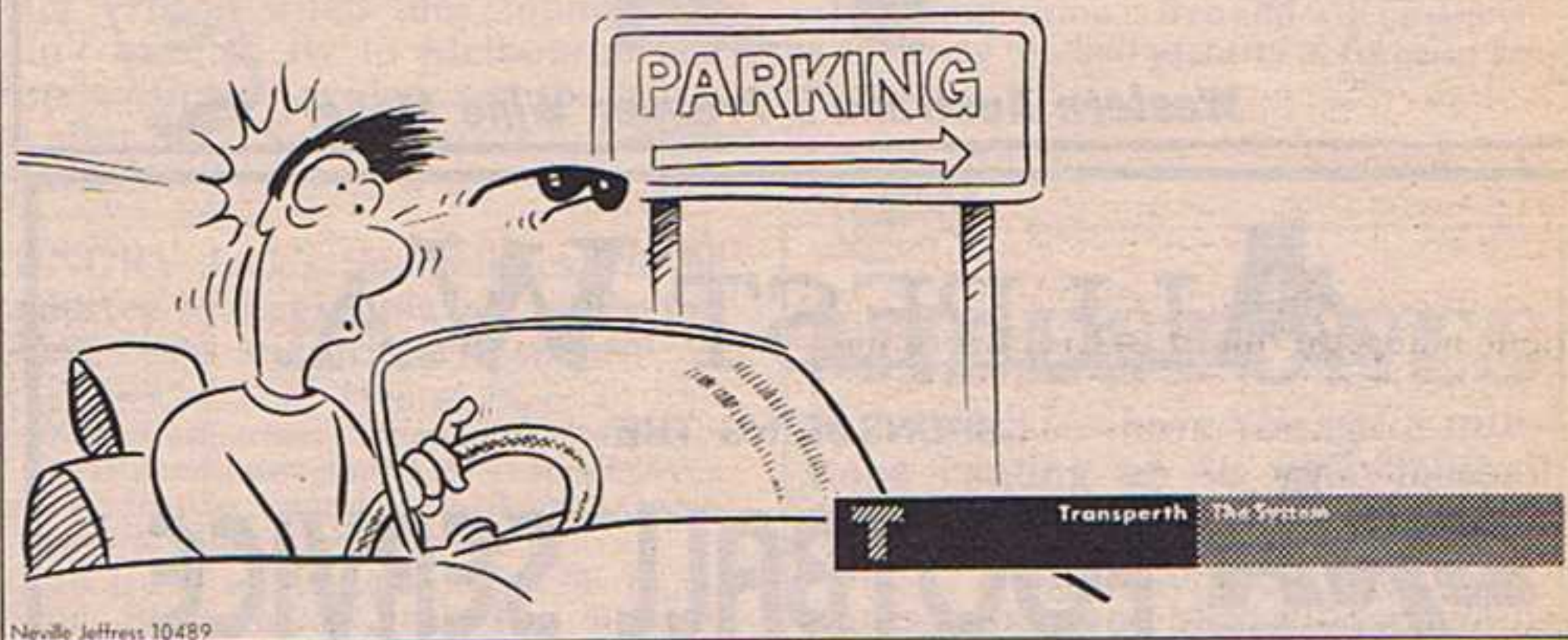
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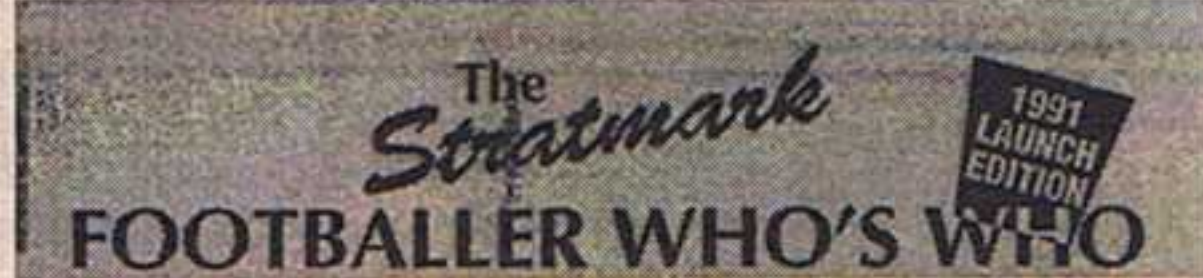
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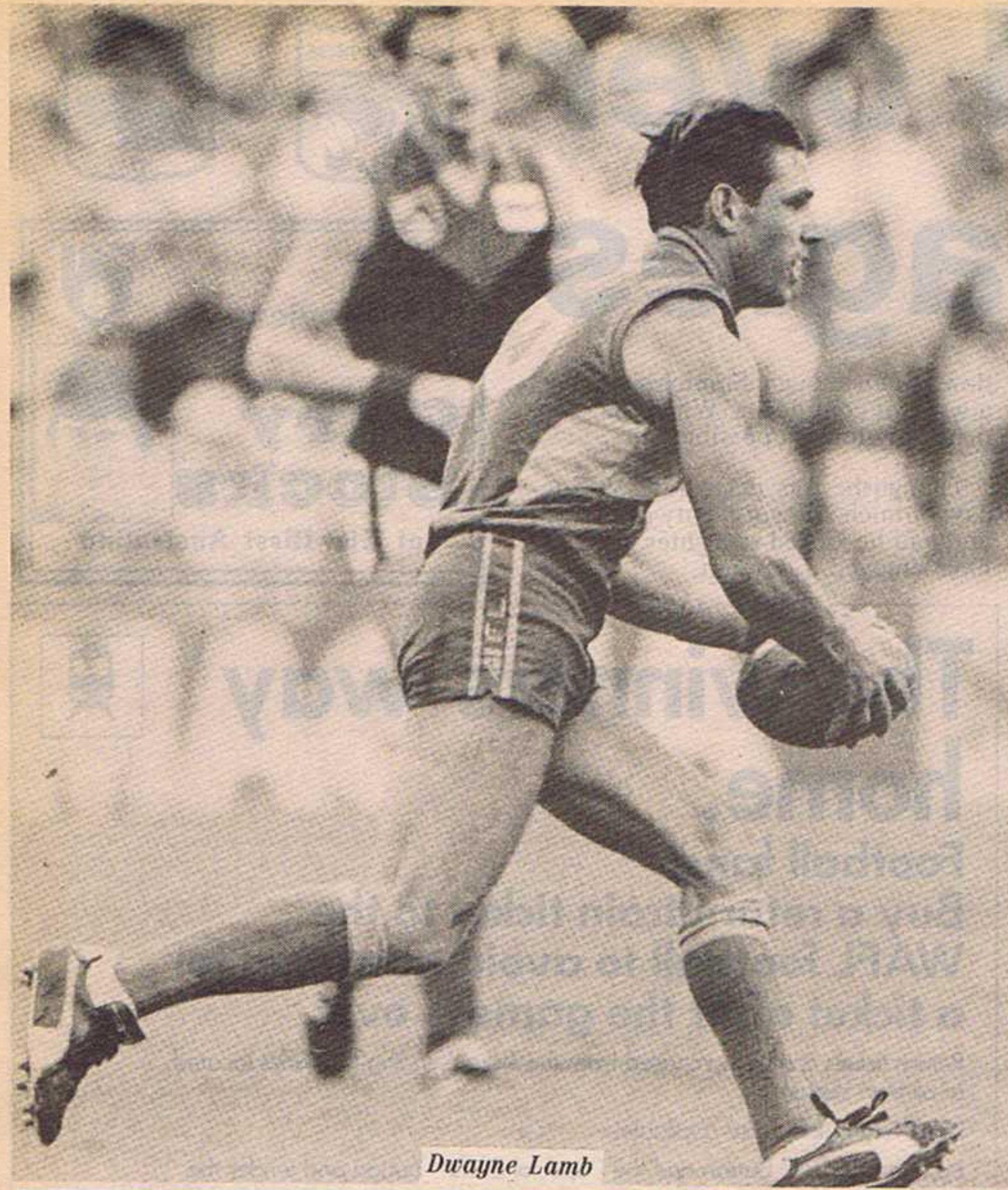
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### WAFL ROUND 9

	Tally	Richmond v West Coast	North Melb. v Collingwood	Hawthorn v St Kilda	Essendon v Melbourne	Geelong v Adelaide	Sydney v Brisbane	Footscray v Carlton	East Perth v West Perth	Subiaco v Claremont	East Frem. v South Frem.	Swans Perth
RON ALEXANDER	61	West Coast	North Melb.	St Kilda	Essendon	Geelong	Sydney	Footscray	East Perth	Claremont	East Frem.	Swans
TANIA ARMSTRONG	70	West Coast	Collingwood	Hawthorn	Essendon	Geelong	Sydney	Footscray	East Perth	Claremont	East Frem.	Swans
ROBERT BENNETT	68	West Coast	North Melb.	Hawthorn	Melbourne	Geelong	Sydney	Carlton	East Perth	Claremont	East Frem.	Swans
PETER BOSUSTOW	65	West Coast	North Melb.	Hawthorn	Melbourne	Geelong	Sydney	Footscray	East Perth	Claremont	South Frem.	Perth
ROBBIE BURNS	70	West Coast	North Melb.	Hawthorn	Essendon	Geelong	Sydney	Footscray	East Perth	Claremont	South Frem.	Swans
GLENN CORDINGLEY	60	West Coast	North Melb.	Hawthorn	Essendon	Adelaide	Sydney	Carlton	East Perth	Claremont	East Frem.	Swans
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GARY STOCKS	67	West Coast	North Melb.	St Kilda	Melbourne	Geelong	Sydney	Carlton	East Perth	Claremont	South Frem.	Swans
MOST FAVOURED	71	West Coast	North Melb.	Hawthorn	Essendon	Geelong	Sydney	Carlton	East Perth	Claremont	South Frem.	Swans

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Dwayne Lamb

# Willesee off target

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Graham Farmer, Ted Whitten, Royce Hart and Keith Greig were allowed to roam the ground unchecked?

And could Willesee be serious when he says the rules must be changed to give players like Williams more freedom of movement?

In terms of stupidity, Willesee's comments stand alongside Collingwood president Alan McAlister's recent threat to boycott any AFL final held outside Melbourne.

If Willesee is seriously concerned about the way in which Williams' football is headed, he should be directing his efforts towards getting the champion centremen to concentrate on what he used to do best — win the football and then dispose of it.

A career total of 15 weeks suspension indicates that it's Williams, not Lamb, who is playing outside the laws of the game.

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## Hunter shows credentials

PERTH assistant coach Ken Hunter took some time out after the Demons eight-point win over East Fremantle to renew acquaintances with some former Carlton colleagues.

One-time Blues stars Rod Ashman and Sergio Silvagni, the father of current champion defender Steven, were in town talent-scouting and headed to Lathlain Park for Saturday afternoon.

The pair were no doubt impressed with the coaching exploits of Hunter, a veteran of nine seasons with the Blues between 1981 and '89, as his reserves side continued their unbeaten run.

Carlton coach David Parkin took an interest in Perth defender John Clarkson last season, but the club's final choice in the 1990 draft was Subiaco midfielder Damian Hampson.

The spies would have presented a glowing report to Parkin after a top game from Clarkson on the half-back line.

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## Fixtures will not change

SATURDAY Pepsi Cup WAFL fixtures look set to remain in place for 1991.

Subiaco and Claremont have both failed in bold bids to negotiate fixture changes to avoid conflict with the West Coast Eagles televised matches.

The Lions wanted to shift this Saturday's Subiaco Oval clash with league leaders Claremont to next Monday to avoid conflict with the Eagles telecast of the match against Richmond from Waverley.

Claremont were keen to switch their match against South Fremantle to Sunday, June 23, the day after the Eagles play Carlton at Princes Park.

### CURTAIN-RAISER

Subiaco also failed in a bid to have their round nine battle with reigning premiers Swan Districts staged as the curtain-raiser to the Eagles big match against St Kilda at Subiaco Oval on June 30.

The Lions had also suggested that all four WAFL matches this weekend be played on Monday's Foundation Day holiday.

With all WAFL clubs now accepting that direct Eagles telecasts are disastrous to their revenue hopes, a move of both Saturday matches to Monday seems logical.

Two attractive WAFL matches — East Perth against West Perth, at Perth Oval and Subiaco and Claremont, at League headquarters, are scheduled to follow the Eagles telecast.

While clubs have failed to make alterations to avoid clashes with Eagles telecasts, radical fixture alterations can now be expected for 1992.

Lions general-manager Alan White confirmed this week that his club will pursue fixture changes in future to avoid Eagles Saturday matches in the Eastern States.

"It's a fact of life now that the Eagles are big news and have a big following," White said.

"We have looked at a few fixture change options for this year, because we are losing too much in gate and bar takings.

"We will continue to offer alternatives to contests with the Eagles.

— KIM HAGDORN



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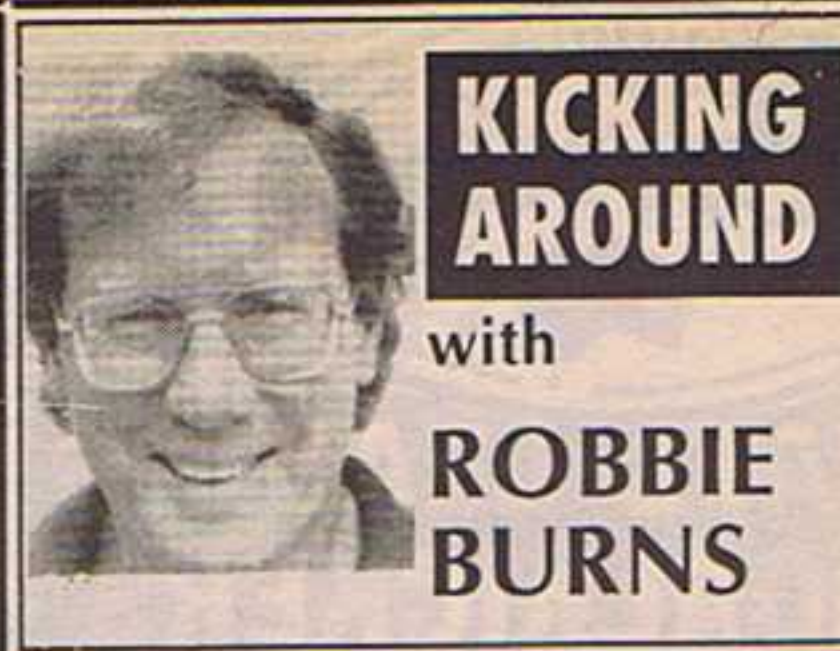
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# Hynes has had his chance

**BIG** South Australian recruit David Hynes must have just about used up all the Eagles selectors' goodwill after nine games.

Hynes, who came to Perth with a reputation as one of the best big men in South Australian football, has had little impact on the AFL competition.

He has been carried along on the wave of success enjoyed by the unbeaten Eagles.

Football fans in Perth have been waiting for him to do something special — take charge at centre-half-forward, cut a big-name player out of the game from centre-half-back or even take over the "enforcer" role it was suggested he was capable of.

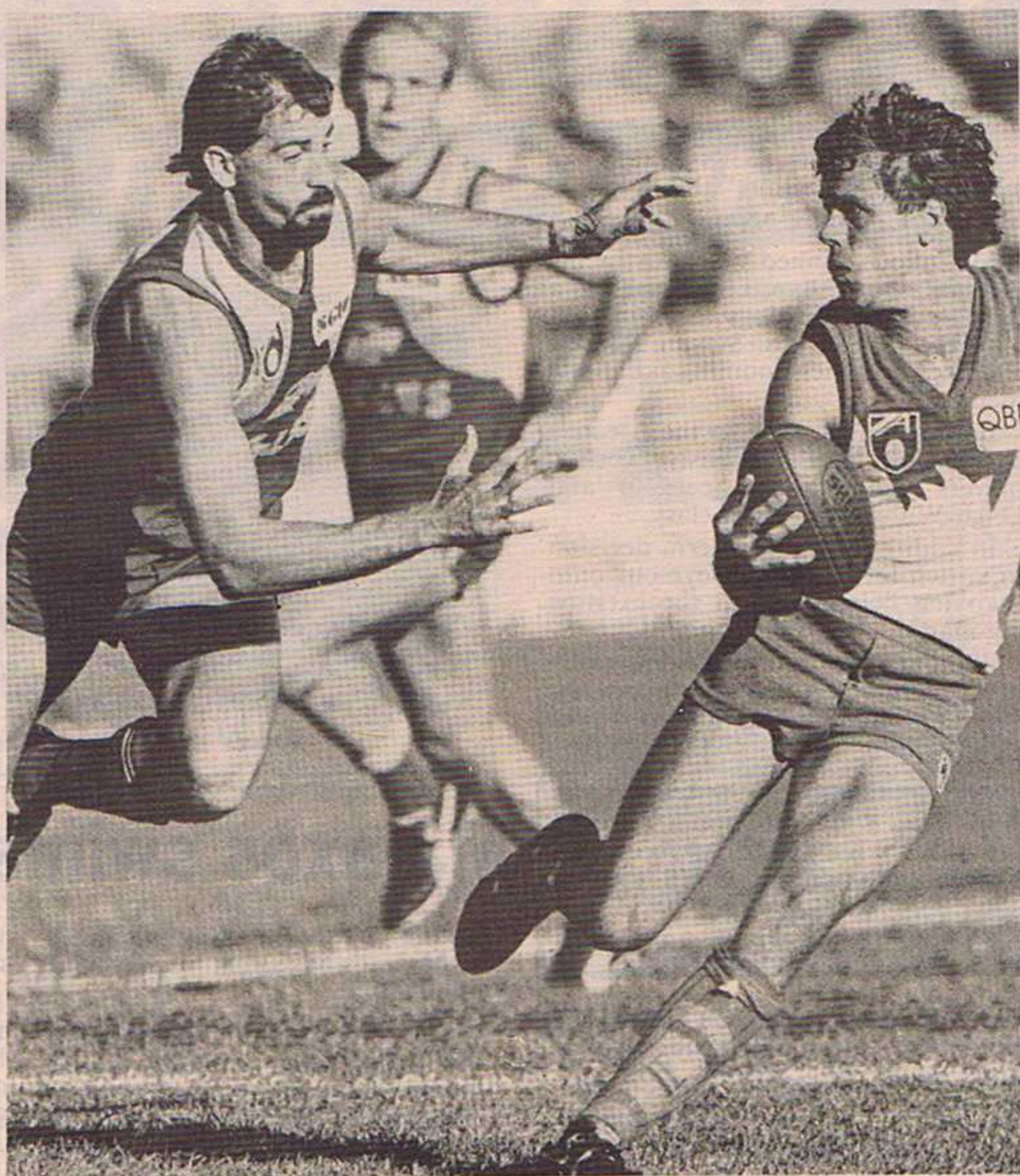
## ASSERTIVE

Though he was obviously a valuable member of Port Adelaide's last two premiership teams, Hynes has never looked like being an assertive player at the new level. At his best, he has been serviceable — but then only spasmodically.

Given the number of talented young Eagles squad members doing well in the WAFL, the time must surely have arrived when Hynes makes way for someone else.

The Eagles selectors have shown great faith in Hynes. After being dropped by the Eagles for Sunday's Sydney game, South Fremantle ruckman-forward Stevan Jackson and East Perth ruckman-defender Ryan Turnbull would be quite justified in wishing they could get a run of similar length.

With Mark Hepburn still sidelined and Craig McGrath beating off a knee injury, players like Jackson, Turnbull, Glen Jakovich and Derek Hall deserve a chance.



Eagles utility player David Hynes...his place in the team is in jeopardy after some average performances.

# Williams should control his fists

**SYDNEY** coach Col Kinnear was a bit dark on the fact that three of his players — and no Eagles — were reported after the game at Subiaco on Sunday.

But Kinnear would be well-advised to keep very quiet about reportable incidents ... particularly where his champion centremen Greg Williams is concerned.

Williams was lucky that he was on only one report following the game — that of striking his marksman Dwayne Lamb in the first term.

In the opening few minutes, Williams could easily have been reported three times. His penchant for tackling high and late should not be tolerated by umpires or the tribunal.

The AFL investigations committee must surely be also looking at the video tapes of the games as there was another clear breach of the rules involving Lamb.

The shame of it is that Williams has such extraordinary ball-getting ability and is such a physically strong player, there is little need for him to step outside the rules to administer justice to those whose job it is to play him close.

Williams fans will argue that his over-zealous use of his arms is a result of the close attention he gets. That is not an acceptable response.

# Foot-in-mouth

**THE** foot-in-mouth award this week goes to Greg Wheildon, father of suspended Fitzroy forward Darren Wheildon.

Wheildon senior had a public bleat about the three-match suspension his son received after being found guilty of hitting Eagle David Hart last Sunday week.

The disgruntled dad made the comment that his boy was being victimised by the AFL.

"Anything he does and goes up for (to the tribunal) he's outed," said a caring father.

"That seems to be unfair to me. He has gained a reputation in the AFL and I hope that doesn't go against him.

*"He just does a few things on the spur of the moment and thinks about them afterwards."*

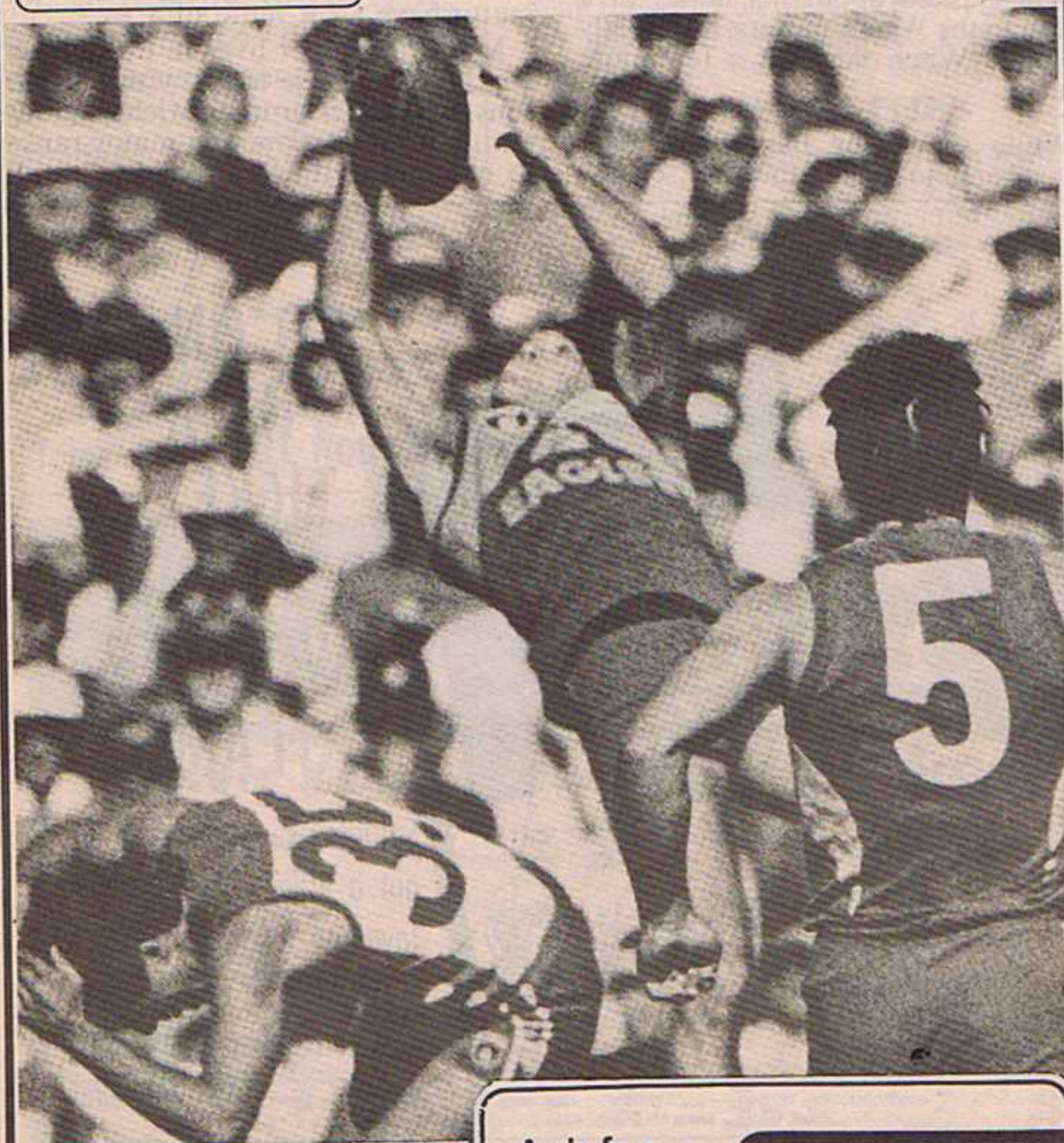
That, Mr Wheildon, is exactly why tribunals are in place and while players have a penchant to "do a few things on the spur of the moment" there will remain a solid core of customers for those tribunals.

And if Darren wasn't a marked man before, he will be now that his old man has owned up to the spur-of-the-moment bit.

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Eagles wingman Chris Mainwaring takes a spectacular mark over Sydney mid-fielder David Murphy, while Eagles team-mate Dwayne Lamb looks on.

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# Dargie works a medical miracle

**IAN** Dargie must have made one of the great recoveries of the modern football era late last week.

Early in the week the Subiaco centreman was under consideration for a berth with the Eagles after another best-on-ground performance for the Lions against South Fremantle.

But on Wednesday night, Dargie had what appeared to be a serious groin injury that was expected to keep him out for a couple of weeks.

So it came as a surprise when the former St Kilda player lined up in the centre for the Lions against West Perth — and was again close to best-afield with another 40-possession game.

Like a lot of in-form Eagles squad members, there just doesn't seem a spot in the Eagles team to squeeze the hard-working Dargie into.



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  - 148 Craig Nelson (West Perth)
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  - 144 Mick Lee (Subiaco)
  - 142 Steve Richardson (East Perth) \*
- \* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Phil Scott 82 Subiaco, 66 Eagles; Shane Cocker 94 Subiaco, 54 East Perth; Steve Richardson 17 East Perth, 70 Swan Districts, 55 Norwood.

### 200 GAMES

- 191 Shane Ellis (East Frem)
- 188 Darrell Panizza (Claremont)

### 250 GAMES

- 248 David Palm (West Perth) \*
  - 243 Dean Turner (East Perth) \*
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# Freo win pleases big Macca

**TOUGH** East Perth coach Ian McCulloch doesn't have too many pleasant memories of Fremantle Oval — quite often a graveyard for visiting Royals teams.

But last Saturday's two-point thriller over the Bulldogs made him a proud man.

"I reckon we are five goals behind when we come to Fremantle Oval," said McCulloch.

"This season we've either won easily or got beaten easily, so it's great to win a tight, pressure game."

### DEFENCE

McCulloch pinned his faith in his defence as they shaped up to combat a lethal-looking Bulldogs combination with the two Jackos, Stevan Jackson and Glen Jakovich, looming as danger-men.

Both Bulldogs were in their team's best players, but the defensive work of players like Marcus Seecamp and Leigh Willison was first-class.

In addition, the final-term decision to switch forward Ken Seymour onto Jakovich helped curbed the exciting big-man.

"I thought our defence held up really well and the rebound of players like Seecamp gave us a springboard into attack," said McCulloch.



Royals coach Ian McCulloch...a proud man

## Extinct rule back in use

**ANYONE** who thought the kicking-danger rule was almost extinct had to think again at Lathlain Park last Saturday.

Field umpire Sam Kronja restored the important rule to the game when he awarded three free kicks for careless boot-swinging in the first half of the Perth-East Fremantle clash.

Not one to miss out on the whistle action, fellow umpire Phil O'Reilly immediately got into the act after half-time, when he awarded the fourth free kick for a similar infringement.

## Govt help is needed

WAFL coaches Ken Armstrong and Gerard Neesham want to see the State Government called in to help convince the AFL that an open national draft is not in the best interests of Australian football.

Perth mentor Armstrong, a former president of the Coaches Association and one of football's most respected leaders, says that an open draft would seriously affect the future of the game in WA.

Neesham, Claremont's coach and a strong advocate of the local competition, says that an open draft would be a disaster for WA.

"If the AFL clubs are allowed to take players of any age from all over the country, that would provide a serious problem for football development," Neesham said.

"It would seriously jeopardise the future of our local competition, which should remain the breeding ground for the national league, but only when the players are ready."

Neesham suggested that if the WA Government had a financial interest in the WAFL via its moves to help plug up the game's debt problems, then it should have a say in how the future would look under an open draft.

## Malaxos swims back to form

**FORMER** West Coast Eagles skipper Steve Malaxos has swum his way back into football.

He was a most-relieved man to take to Claremont Oval last week after a calf injury had sidelined him for three weeks and he played a solid game for the Tigers, using his experience to help bring about the demise of Swan Districts.

"I've spent a lot of time swimming, which has helped accelerate my return," said Malaxos after the game.

When asked about his hopes of a return to the West Coasters, he jovially replied: "When they get a few more injuries."

While swimming has helped Malaxos back to form, the TV set has

worked wonders for his Tigers teammate, Kevin Mitchell.

A best-on-ground performance against Swans was helped mainly by Mitchell's father, who watched his son on video and told him where he was going wrong.

"We looked at the video for the match against East Perth and discussed my game over the telephone," said Mitchell after last week's superb effort.

When asked what his father's advice was, Mitchell said: "Basically, he told me to have a bit more of a go."

Mitchell's father lives in Carnarvon and keeps in close touch with his two sons, with older brother Michael graduating from Claremont's senior ranks to now play with Richmond.

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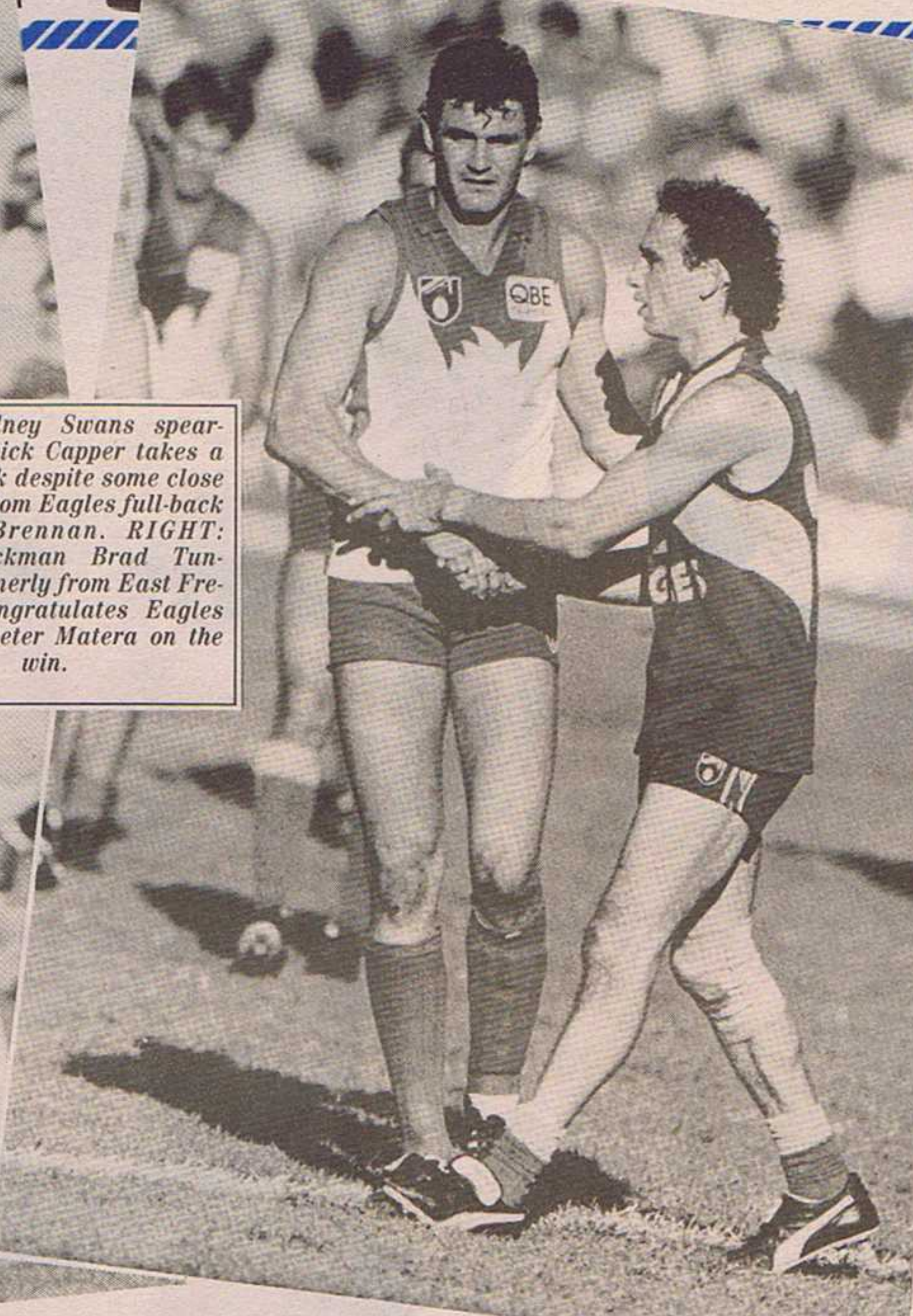
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LEFT: Sydney Swans spearhead Warwick Capper takes a strong mark despite some close attention from Eagles full-back Michael Brennan. RIGHT: Swans ruckman Brad Tunbridge, formerly from East Fremantle, congratulates Eagles wingman Peter Matera on the win.



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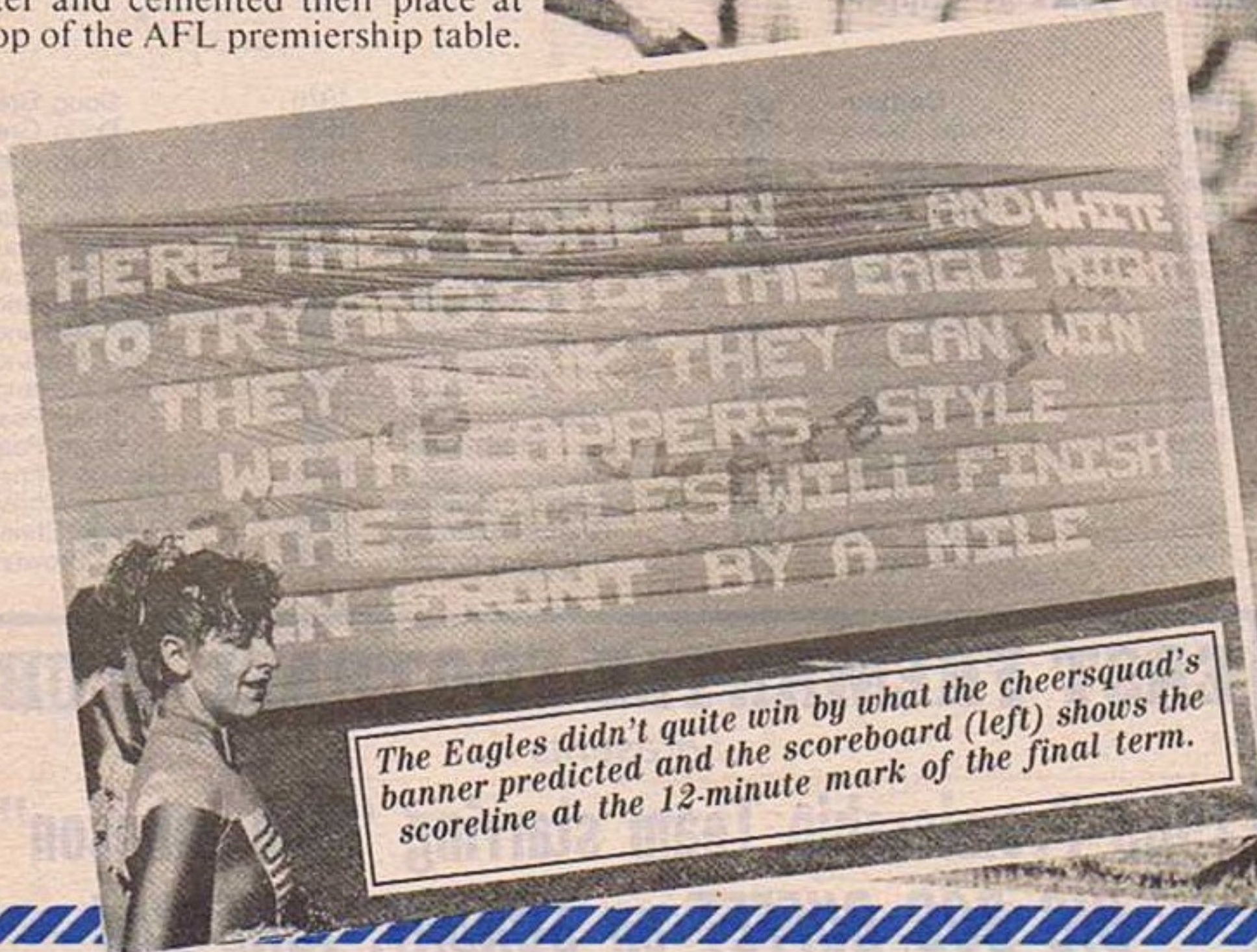


Electric Eagle Chris Lewis gets a ride on the back of Sydney's Neil Cordy, while Leon Higgins sets himself to spoil from behind and Karl Langdon struggles to break free of Cordy's hold.

THE Sydney Swans travelled to Subiaco Oval from the harbour city as an under-rated side but left with new respect from the 33,000 strong crowd as well as 20 bruised West Coast Eagles players and their off-field support staff.

The Swans not only gave the West Coast Eagles a fright, but also their closest game on home soil, when they clawed their way to the lead at the 10-minute mark of the third term.

The home side, faced with their first defeat in nine games, passed the final term test when they finished strongly with a six goal to one last quarter and cemented their place at the top of the AFL premiership table.



The Eagles didn't quite win by what the cheersquad's banner predicted and the scoreboard (left) shows the scoreline at the 12-minute mark of the final term.

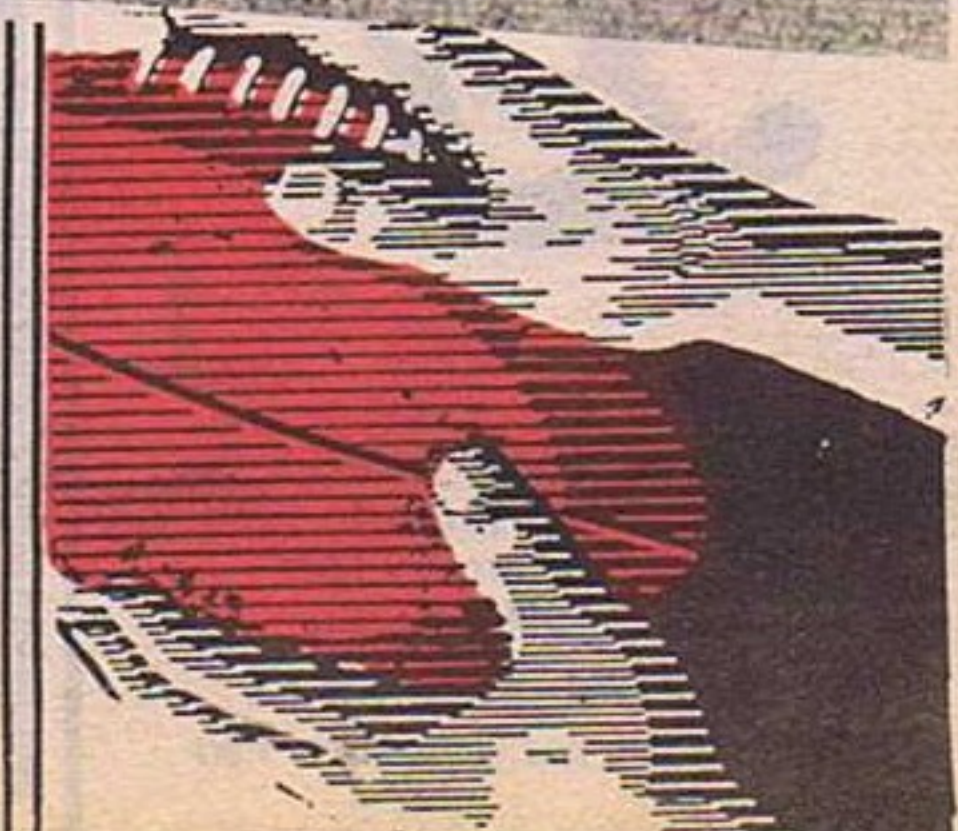


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# Browning rides the tough times

AS East Fremantle veteran Clinton Browning approaches his 200th league game, his football experience is proving a bonus as he achieves the distinction of leading the side for the first time.

The Sharks captain has become an integral part of his team's revival at East Fremantle Oval, filling a variety of key-position roles and leading from the front on the field.

After joining the club from Minnew, in the Great Northern League, in 1981, the affable 31-year-old served his apprenticeship under Ron Alexander, the last man to coach a Sharks premiership and later the Eagles and WA.

Three years after his arrival, Browning won East Fremantle's prestigious Lynn Medal as his club's fairest and best player after a top-class 1984 season.

## MATCH-WINNER

He was one of the team's best players, with a match-winning six-goal performance from full-forward in the 1985 premiership team, beating Subiaco by just five points in a thrilling finish.

In 1986, Browning travelled to Hawthorn, but found the going tough at the nation's most powerful club and playing out the season with the re-

serves, resuming his career with East Fremantle the next season.

However, his experience in the Hawks camp served him well, teaching him aspects of professionalism and subsequent good performances in the WAFL earned him a call-up to the West Coast Eagles in 1989. Though he only played seven Eagles games, he described it as one of his most challenging experiences in his football career.

While Browning readily accepts the challenge of his on-field leadership role, he is the first to admit that football is just as important off the field.

"Every player in the team is a captain to me," he says. "I just play to the best of my ability and hope the boys do the same."

"There's a lot of enthusiasm down at the club, especially after our recent form, so I regard communicating with all the blokes from the colts to the reserves as an important part of my job."

Socially, the captaincy can be a rewarding role with behind-the-scenes activities like fund-raising projects for player trips and becoming involved with younger players.

Browning was the obvious choice to replace stalwart George Christie, who captained the Sharks from 1988 to 1990, a career frustrated by injury.

"George was a good team leader who led by example and had the respect of all the guys at the club," says Browning.

This year has been a fairly dramatic one for Browning and the players.

East Fremantle have had their president stand down, their league coach sacked four games into the season and carried out a re-shuffle of coaching staff.

"The changes have certainly reversed our poor start to the year, with all the players motivated and ready to really work harder," Browning said. "Our objectives from here on in are to play each game on its merits and work towards playing in this year's finals."

## THE CAPTAINS



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By Glenn Cordingley

Away from the football field, Browning works as a finance broker and enjoys spending his spare time with his wife and two children, Travis and Melissa.



Clinton Browning...first year as skipper

## Sharks skippers of the modern era

PROVIDING captains for West Australian football teams has been an important part of the history of the East Fremantle Football Club.

Many players who have captained East Fremantle have gone on to hold a similar honour in the interstate arena — and done the job with distinction.

Back in the early days, Jim Conway, Jack Sheedy, Steve Marsh, Jack Clarke and Ray Sorrell were all skippers of Old Easts who led the State into battle, while in recent years Brian Peake has handled both jobs with success — a premiership for the Sharks in 1979 and an Australian championship for WA in 1979 and again in 1986.

And in between those years was the captaincy of Doug Green, one of East Fremantle's proudest products, who led both sides with distinction and Graham Melrose, whose 1974 year was certainly one to remember — club and State captain, Sandover Medal and East Fremantle fairest and best.

Two modern-era captains have led the side for five years — Bob Johnson and Brian Peake — but early-century veteran W. J. (Nipper) Truscott holds the record with six years as skipper.

Year	Captain	Year	Captain	Year	Captain
1945	George Melers	1962	Jack Clarke	1976	Doug Green
1946	George Melers	1963	Bob Johnson	1977	Doug Green
1947	Alan Ebbs	1964	Bob Johnson	1978	Doug Green
1948	Jim Conway	1965	Bob Johnson	1979	Brian Peake
1949	Jim Conway	1966	Bob Johnson	1980	Brian Peake
1950	Jim Conway	1967	Bob Johnson	1981	Brian Peake/ Jim Sewell
1951	Jim Conway	1968	Bert Thornley/ Norm Rogers	1982	Ron Alexander
1952	Jack Sheedy	1969	Norm Rogers	1983	Ron Alexander
1953	Merv Cowan	1970	Eric Sarich	1984	Ron Alexander
1954	Merv Cowan	1971	Eric Sarich	1985	Ron Alexander
1955	Jack Sheedy	1972	Harry Neesham	1986	Brian Peake
1956	Jim Conway	1973	Fred Lewis	1987	Brian Peake
1957	Steve Marsh	1974	Graham Melrose	1988	George Christie
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1959	Tom Everett	1976	Graham Melrose	1990	George Christie
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# Collard enjoys learning role

WHEN Brad Collard was forced to step aside from South Fremantle's captaincy role in 1988 to let one of the club's favourite sons in Maurice Rioli take over as skipper, he was more than pleased.

Collard grabbed the opportunity to learn from one of the game's all-time greats and not only did his football develop to State level, but his leadership qualities were enhanced.

Collard had been captain for the 1987 season before Rioli was enticed home from Richmond to finish his football career at the club where he began back in 1975.

## THE CAPTAINS

Collard (27) enjoyed his two years as Rioli's deputy and now that he has regained the reins, he plans to put a few new ideas he picked up into operation.

"I've definitely tried to put some of his qualities into my game this season," Collard said.

"The way he used to handle people and talk to them on a one-to-one basis was tremendous and he was a terrific on-field leader because he was courageous and always led by example."

Apart from Rioli, Collard has played under some other top-quality skippers such as Brownlow Medallist Brad Hardie, former State captain Noel Carter and Sandover Medallists Stephen Michael and Mark Bairstow.

With 118 games behind him, Collard says he is lucky to have a good core of senior players around him, including brother Cliff, veterans Phil Cronan, Craig Edwards, Robert Solin, John Annear and his deputy, Ned Fimmano.

Collard played his best season of football last year when he finished fourth in the Bulldogs fairest-and-best W.J. Hughes Medal count and made his debut in the interstate arena, against South Australia at Football Park in Adelaide.

Under first-year coach Steve Hargrave, Collard enjoys a unique role among the eight club captains, sitting in on the selection meeting each Thursday night and being allowed a say in who takes the field every Saturday.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

A community correction officer with the Department of Corrective Services, Collard says he relishes the extra off-field responsibilities that come with leading the Port club.

He attends coaching clinics at local schools whenever he can, is always prepared to say a few words at social functions and says that finding time to meet the members and supporters goes hand-in-hand with his leadership role.



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Brad Collard...learning from some big-name captains

## Bulldogs skippers of the modern era

SOUTH Fremantle have a magnificent record in the field of producing champion players — and the number of club captains who have also won the State's highest individual honour, the Sandover Medal, is most impressive.

In fact, five of South Fremantle's post-war Medallists have captained the club, not always in their Medal-winning year, but certainly during their illustrious careers.

Clive Lewington, a captain and coach in the Bulldogs' golden era, was the 1947 Medallist and was followed by Steve Marsh (1952), John Todd (1955) and Stephen Michael (1980-81).

Mark Bairstow became the club's first Sandover Medallist in the same year that he captained the side, 1986, while their most recent Medallist, Craig Edwards, is yet to lead the Bulldogs.

Noel Carter holds the distinction of captaining the side the most years, five, while the Lewington family have the double — brothers Clive and Neil both skippered the Bulldogs.

Year	Captain	Year	Captain	Year	Captain
1945	Neil Lewington	1960	John Todd	1976	Brian Ciccosto
1946	Jack Reilly	1961	John Colgan	1977	Brian Ciccosto
1947	Frank Jenkins	1962	John Todd	1978	Brian Ciccosto
1948	Ross Hutchinson	1963	Gary Scott	1979	Tony Morley
1949	Clive Lewington	1964	Ray Sorrell	1980	Noel Carter
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1951	Clive Lewington	1966	Gary Scott	1982	Noel Carter
1952	Clive Lewington	1967	Gary Scott	1983	Noel Carter
1953	Harry Carbon	1968	Gary Scott	1984	Stephen Michael/Brad Hardie
1954	Len Crabble	1969	Fred Senior	1985	Noel Carter
1955	Steve Marsh	1970	Hassa Mann	1986	Mark Bairstow
1956	Frank Treasure	1971	Hassa Mann	1987	Brad Collard
1957	Frank Treasure	1972	Hassa Mann	1988	Maurice Rioli
1958	Steve Marsh	1973	Graham Reilly	1989	Maurice Rioli
	John Colgan	1974	Fred Senior	1990	Brad Collard
	Ray Richards	1975	Fred Senior	1991	Brad Collard

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Glen Jakovich (South Frem)....	26.12
Craig McNaughton (Perth).....	24.10
Mick Hastie (Swan Dist).....	22.10
Jeff Davidson (East Frem).....	22.7
Derek Hall (West Perth).....	19.23
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  - 46 Paul Peos (East Perth)
  - 46 Scott Edwards (Claremont)
  - 46 Shaun Davey (Swan Districts)
  - 44 Brian Sutherland (West Perth) \*
  - 44 Mark Amaranti (East Frem)
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### 100 GAMES

- 99 Warren Nicholas (Perth)
  - 96 Danny Penny (Swan Dist)
  - 94 Jon Derecourt (East Frem)
  - 94 Shane Cocker (Subiaco)
  - 93 Adrian Barich (Perth)
  - 93 Dean Laidley (West Perth) \*
  - 93 Dwayne Lamb (Eagles)
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### 150 GAMES

- 148 Phil Scott (Subiaco) \*
  - 148 Craig Nelson (West Perth)
  - 148 Shane Cocker (Subiaco) \*
  - 146 Phil Narkle (Swan Dist)
  - 144 Mick Lee (Subiaco)
  - 142 Steve Richardson (East Perth) \*
- \* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Phil Scott 82 Subiaco, 66 Eagles; Shane Cocker 94 Subiaco, 54 East Perth; Steve Richardson 17 East Perth, 70 Swan Districts, 55 Norwood.

### 200 GAMES

- 191 Shane Ellis (East Frem)
- 188 Darrell Panizza (Claremont)

### 250 GAMES

- 248 David Palm (West Perth) \*
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# Freo win pleases big Macca

**TOUGH** East Perth coach Ian McCulloch doesn't have too many pleasant memories of Fremantle Oval — quite often a graveyard for visiting Royals teams.

But last Saturday's two-point thriller over the Bulldogs made him a proud man.

"I reckon we are five goals behind when we come to Fremantle Oval," said McCulloch.

"This season we've either won easily or got beaten easily, so it's great to win a tight, pressure game."

### DEFENCE

McCulloch pinned his faith in his defence as they shaped up to combat a lethal-looking Bulldogs combination with the two Jackos, Stevan Jackson and Glen Jakovich, looming as danger-men.

Both Bulldogs were in their team's best players, but the defensive work of players like Marcus Seecamp and Leigh Willison was first-class.

In addition, the final-term decision to switch forward Ken Seymour onto Jakovich helped curbed the exciting big-man.

"I thought our defence held up really well and the rebound of players like Seecamp gave us a springboard into attack," said McCulloch.



Royals coach Ian McCulloch...a proud man

## Extinct rule back in use

**ANYONE** who thought the kicking-in-danger rule was almost extinct had to think again at Lathlain Park last Saturday.

Field umpire Sam Kronja restored the important rule to the game when he awarded three free kicks for careless boot-swinging in the first half of the Perth-East Fremantle clash.

Not one to miss out on the whistle action, fellow umpire Phil O'Reilly immediately got into the act after half-time, when he awarded the fourth free kick for a similar infringement.

## Govt help is needed

WAFL coaches Ken Armstrong and Gerard Neesham want to see the State Government called in to help convince the AFL that an open national draft is not in the best interests of Australian football.

Perth mentor Armstrong, a former president of the Coaches Association and one of football's most respected leaders, says that an open draft would seriously affect the future of the game in WA.

Neesham, Claremont's coach and a strong advocate of the local competition, says that an open draft would be a disaster for WA.

"If the AFL clubs are allowed to take players of any age from all over the country, that would provide a serious problem for football development," Neesham said.

"It would seriously jeopardise the future of our local competition, which should remain the breeding ground for the national league, but only when the players are ready."

Neesham suggested that if the WA Government had a financial interest in the WAFL via its moves to help plug up the game's debt problems, then it should have a say in how the future would look under an open draft.

## Malaxos swims back to form

**FORMER** West Coast Eagles skipper Steve Malaxos has swum his way back into football.

He was a most-relieved man to take to Claremont Oval last week after a calf injury had sidelined him for three weeks and he played a solid game for the Tigers, using his experience to help bring about the demise of Swan Districts.

"I've spent a lot of time swimming, which has helped accelerate my return," said Malaxos after the game.

When asked about his hopes of a return to the West Coasters, he jovially replied: "When they get a few more injuries."

While swimming has helped Malaxos back to form, the TV set has

worked wonders for his Tigers teammate, Kevin Mitchell.

A best-on-ground performance against Swans was helped mainly by Mitchell's father, who watched his son on video and told him where he was going wrong.

"We looked at the video for the match against East Perth and discussed my game over the telephone," said Mitchell after last week's superb effort.

When asked what his father's advice was, Mitchell said: "Basically, he told me to have a bit more of a go."

Mitchell's father lives in Carnarvon and keeps in close touch with his two sons, with older brother Michael graduating from Claremont's senior ranks to now play with Richmond.

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# Kicking football into the future



with Glenn Cordingley



## State's best juniors kick-off

THE State junior age-group championships will be held over this long weekend, with all eight WAFL clubs being represented by 13s, 14s and 15s combined teams in a round-robin series.

The junior championships are generally looked upon as an essential part of football development, with the State Schoolboys squad being named after the 15s grand final on Monday.

The best of the 15s footballers will be chosen by selectors from the Football Development Trust and Education Department to represent WA in the national championships in Canberra from August 9 to 18.

The WAFL development squads have been nominated by coaches, club officials and umpires and they attend training sessions and play practice games in preparation for the long-weekend championships, sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

"We will have around 200 of our best young footballers competing in each age group and we're expecting some top-class matches," said FDT coordinator Ross Luckman.

"A special 14s development skill squad will also be chosen and will be invited to train with the Eagles from time to time over the summer."

## Young Swans get together

THE best 15-year-olds from Swan Districts metropolitan and country areas will get together for a training run at Bassendean Oval this Saturday morning in preparation for the state championships.

Players from the combined country squad will be representing Carey Park, Harvey Brunswick and Esperance and will be keen to perform well during the championships over the long weekend.

After training, the youngsters will be invited to watch the West Coast Eagles match against Richmond at Swans clubrooms.

According to coach Peter Mahoney, the build-up to the championships has been excellent, with the team showing good form in practice games and on the training track.

The young side came from behind to draw an exciting match against Collingwood's visiting interstate 16s team last month at Bassendean Oval.

Specialist coaching for the 15s has come from former football champion Graham Moss (Claremont), Chris Bambrey (East Fremantle), Peter Mahoney (Swan Districts), Geoff Lind (Subiaco), Steve Symons (West Perth) and Ray Lawrence (Perth), with former Eagle and current Royals player Dean Turner coaching East Perth.

The fixtures are:

13s at McGillivray Oval — Saturday: 8.30am-1pm. Sunday: 10am-2.30pm. Monday: 10am-1.30pm, followed by presentations.

14s — Saturday: 9.30am-1.30pm round-robin matches at Claremont Oval and Lathlain Park. Sunday: 10am-2.30pm at Lathlain Park and Fremantle Oval. Monday: 9am-1pm at Claremont Oval, followed by presentations.

15s at Claremont and Leederville Ovals — Sunday: 9.30am-3.30pm. Monday: 9.30am-1.30pm at Claremont Oval, followed by presentations.



Town and Country's John Harries congratulates Adam Farrall on a great game which may have secured him a berth in the WA Teal Cup team to travel to Darwin for the national 17s championship in July. Farrall was one of 40-plus players who played in a curtain-raiser trial match before the Eagles/Swans clash at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

## THE HUNGRY JACK'S WHOPPER CLUB

with Guy McKenna



## Swans were a good test

WHILE it was great to have the home ground advantage over the Sydney Swans last Sunday, they had obviously done their homework on their plane trip to the West.

Sydney were certainly not scared to have a go in front our loyal supporters, who rallied in the third quarter to give us tremendous support after a spiteful first half.

The win tested the character of our players, who up till last Sunday had not been pushed by any other AFL team on home turf this year.

Special mention must go to ruckman Dean Irving who was superb at centre bounciedowns, taking many timely marks around the ground and the great effort of Michael Brennan, who kept glamour full-forward Warwick Capper to just one goal.

It was certainly a relief for our tough trio Dwayne Lamb, Brett Heady and Peter Wilson when they found they didn't have to fly to Melbourne last Monday to give evidence at the tribunal after three Swans players had been reported.

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

Guy McKenna — Tuesday, June 4: 9.30-10.30am Carawatha; 11am-noon Kardinya; 12.50-1.50pm Kensington; 2.15-3.15pm Queens Park. Wednesday, June 5: 9.30-10.30pm Queen of Apostles; 11am-noon Riverton.

Dean Irving — Thursday, May 30: 12.50-1.50pm Blackmore; 2.15-3.15pm Belridge. Wednesday, June 5: 9.30-10.30am Waddington; 11am-noon Mercy; 12.50-1.50pm Koondoola.

Phil Narkle — Thursday, May 30: 9-10am Mt Helena; 11am-noon Beechboro; 1-2pm Maida Vale. Tuesday, June 4: 9-10am Mundaring; 11am-noon Midvale.

Chris Lewis — Thursday, May 30: 11am-noon Mt Lawley; 1-2pm East Maylands. Thursday, June 6: 11am-noon Our Lady's Assumption; 1-2pm Kapinara.

Craig Turley — Tuesday, June 4: 9-10am Forrest Crescent; 11am-noon East Kenwick. Friday, June 14: 9-10am Good Shepherd; 11am-noon East Kenwick.

## Bike prize for Derby kids

CHILDREN attending Monday's Derby at East Fremantle Oval will have the chance to win a top-of-the-range BMX bike with the compliments of the two Port teams.

All the youngsters have to do is fill in a form as they enter the ground indicating which team they support, the Sharks or the Bulldogs.

The competition is free and will be drawn by a leading football identity at three-quarter time.



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## Town and Country Little League

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

South Fremantle (Daniel Hicks, Jason Masselle, Peter Rose) beat East Perth (Daniel Divitt, Peter Ware, Ryan Manning).

Claremont (Wayne Otway, Jason Babbage, Daniel Banford) beat Swan Districts (Troy Moore, Sebastian Wicki, Trayton Cox).

Perth (Kevin Donnellan, Hugh Johnson, Paul McFarlane) beat East Fremantle (Ben Corpus, Gareth Dabrew, Mark Winnert).

West Perth (Simon Glenn, Bradley McManus, Chadd Latham) beat Subiaco (Dean Peckitt, Andrew Schwinge, Lance Whitt).

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

Swanbourne (Claremont); Hills Association (Swan Districts); Redcliffe (East Perth); Lakes (South Fremantle); Scarborough (Subiaco); Edgewater (West Perth); Toodyay (Perth) and East Fremantle JFC (East Fremantle).



















# Experience thrives in

MANY football diehards see the WAFL as having a reputation as a competition based around young up-and-coming stars...but that could well be a fallacy at present.

While there are some outstanding youngsters in the Pepsi Cup competition, there is now a balance of experience filtering back to help the development of those stars of tomorrow.

Glancing through the team lists of the eight WAFL clubs, a team comprising players with AFL or SANFL experience would shape up as a pretty formidable combination.

Take a look at this:

**Backs:** Tony Begovich (Eagles), Murray Rance (Footscray/Eagles), Geoff Miles (Collingwood/Eagles).

**Half-backs:** Darrell Panizza (Woodville), Bill Duckworth (Essendon), Dean Laidley (Eagles).

**Centres:** Ian Dargie (St Kilda/Eagles), Steve Malaxos (Hawthorn/Eagles), Paul Peos (Eagles).

**Half-forwards:** Mike Richardson (Collingwood/Essendon/Bears), Todd Breman (Eagles), David Palm (Norwood/Richmond).

**Forwards:** Kevin Caton (Eagles/Fitzroy/Bears), Glen Bartlett (Eagles), Troy Ugle (Eagles).

**Ruck:** Craig Nelson (West Torrens),

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**John Annear** (Richmond/Collingwood/Eagles), **Tony Evans** (Eagles).

**Interchange:** Peter Higgins (Eagles), Dean Turner (Fitzroy/Eagles), Phil Cronan (St Kilda/Footscray), Andrew Macnish (Eagles).

That line-up would fare pretty well in an interstate match against SA and some of those players will invariably win a place in the starting line-up for WA.

Begovich has a broken foot, but last year played several games with the Eagles, impressing as a wingman and half-back, while Rance is a former Eagles captain who has missed the last

two games with Swans because of a thigh strain.

Miles has been on the short list for inclusion in the Eagles team on a number of occasions this season after being one of the mainstays in the first four years.

Panizza is enjoying some of the best form of his career at centre-half-back and has a steadying influence on the band of promising young Claremont defenders.

Dargie produced his best performance since returning from St Kilda when he guided Subiaco to a strong win over the Falcons last week, while Malaxos, in his return match with Claremont, picked up 32 possessions. Peos, has been in and out of the Eagles team this season and has been one reason for East Perth's rise to prominence.

Richardson, since retiring from the Bears, has been impressive with Swans, while Todd Breman has been one of the few consistent shining lights for Subiaco and David Palm adds strength and aggression to the half-forward line.

Bartlett, though down on from last week, has been one of the keys to East Perth and played strongly for WA in Adelaide last year. Other than for a bad day last Saturday, Kevin Caton has been in scintillating form and Ugle has also been dynamic for Swans.

## Pepsi Cup

This week's WAFL fixtures are as follows:

Round 9

Saturday, June 1

East Perth vs West Perth  
at Perth Oval

(broadcast by 6NR and 6PR)

Subiaco vs Claremont

at Subiaco Oval

(broadcast by 6WF)

Monday, June 3

East Frem vs South Frem

at East Fremantle Oval

(broadcast by 6WF and 6PR)

Swan Districts vs Perth

at Bassendean Oval

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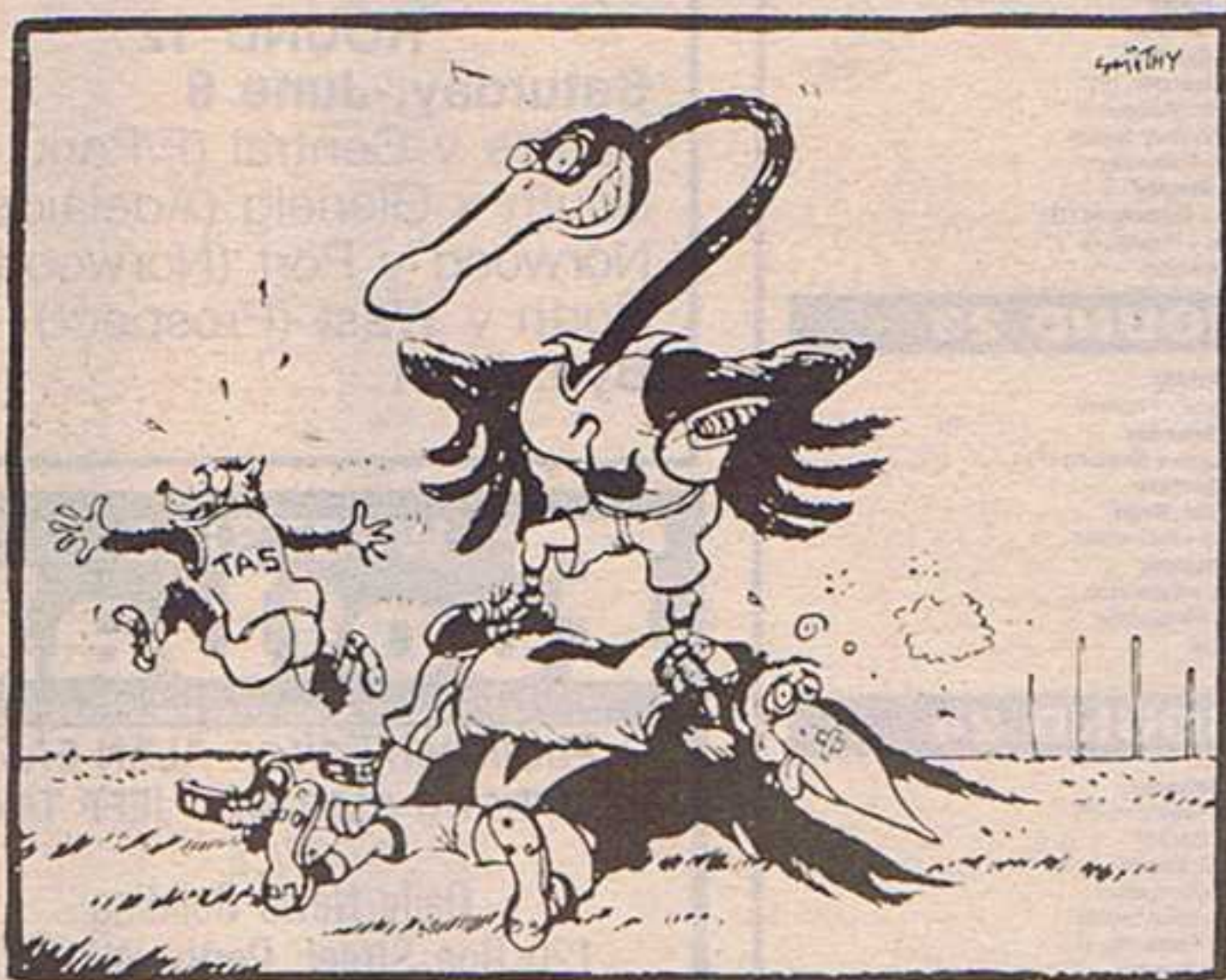


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Chris Lewis shares a laugh with Ernie Dingo (left), a star of Australia's stage and screen, in the Eagles changerooms after the home side's win over the Sydney Swans. Dingo, a former Sunday League player with Armadale who is better remembered for his part in the movie block-buster *Crocodile Dundee*, was a VIP guest of the Eagles at Subiaco Oval.



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