

Sport Spotlight

Burly Eagles and sleek greyhounds came together this week to jointly promote a couple of sporting events... and Sport Spotlight looks at the biggest event on the greyhounds calendar, the Gold Cup. In other features, TANIA ARMSTRONG follows a week in Peter Matera's life; ALAN EAST catches up with a hard-hitting former Demon and KIM HAGDORN previews the Eagles Foster's Cup trip to Darwin

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On the move ... dashing East Perth star George Giannakis is fit and raring to go this season — but at which club? KIM HAGDORN reports on the restless Royals midfielder, Page 3

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Summertime footy gossip

with KIM HAGDORN and DAMIAN BIANCHINI

Goldfields haul

SUBIACO have continued their strong association with the Goldfields by recruiting Bryan Ettridge and Darren MacDonald from the Kalgoorlie region.

Ettridge is from the Railways Football Club, a familiar hunting ground for the Lions in recent years, producing top players like Dean and Garry Kemp and Glenn Coyle.

MacDonald was in last year's Mines Rovers premiership side, coached by former Claremont star Allen Daniels.

The two youngsters have been impressive performers on the pre-season track and appear capable of making the switch to city football.

Tiger returns

TALENTED rover Brian Sutherland is back at Claremont.

Sutherland made his league debut with the Tigers in 1987, playing 38 games over three seasons before a switch to West Perth, where he had a controversial two seasons.

Sutherland, who is now injury-free, is looking forward to the 1992 season after a disastrous stint with the Falcons, where injury and suspension kept him down to 11 games.

Former Claremont and North Melbourne champion rover Jim Krakouer made a surprise appearance at Claremont Oval on Monday night.

The talented veteran chatted to coach Gerard Neesham, fuelling speculation that the 1981 Tigers premiership player will wear the Claremont colours this season.

Gavranich wavers

PERTH coach Ken Armstrong has encouraged veteran ruckman John Gavranich to have a rethink about his future.

Armstrong met with his hard-working big man last week and persuaded last year's skipper to wait at least a fortnight before making a final decision on whether to play the 1992 season or not.

Gavranich has considered retiring from league football since Perth's first semi-final loss to Swan Districts last season.

But Armstrong believes the 30-year-old Gavranich still has plenty to offer a Demons premiership drive.

Financial wizard

THE AFL, which handles millions of dollars a year, has a new man in charge of their finances.

Kevin Lehmann has joined the AFL as Finance Manager after a stint in the hotel industry, the finance world and the motor trade.

He replaced Greg Durham, who becomes chief executive of the Geelong Football Club.

New Eagles man

THE West Coast Eagles will add another recruit to their list shortly with the announcement of a full-time recruiting officer in Melbourne.

Eagles general manager Brian Cook, football manager Trevor Nisbett and recruiting officer Mick Moylan travelled from Adelaide to Melbourne last weekend in an effort to bolster the club's recruiting network.

The trio interviewed five people for the position and the successful applicant will join the club's Melbourne manager, Stephen Nash, in their office at AFL house.

The appointment will take some of the load off Moylan, who will concentrate more on WA and SA.

Demons bonus

PERTH are looking forward to a big season from one of their 'new' recruits in Victorian Craig McNaughton.

The versatile McNaughton has become a fully-fledged Perth player after being dropped off the West Coast Eagles squad late last year.

Despite that disappointment, the 21-year-old is keen to re-establish his senior football career, opting to stay with the Demons in preference to returning home.

"I like it here in the West," says the insurance consultant with the SGIC.

"After finishing last season on a disappointing note with a serious injury, I'm keen to really get back into some good form this year. And who knows what it might lead to if I can produce some consistent form."

McNaughton played 14 games with Perth last season, emerging as their second-highest goalkicker with 25 majors. But his year came to a sudden stop when he broke a collarbone at the end of the second series.

A solid summer of gym work and a hard running programme has seen McNaughton line up for the pre-season action fit and strong and he offers the Demons some handy options in the forward line.



Craig McNaughton ... happy to stay a Demon

Heady concern

EXCITING Eagles forward Brett Heady threw a scare through the West Coast camp last week when he was laid low with a mystery virus.

A series of blood tests failed to accurately diagnose the illness that left the skilful Eagle 5kgs lighter.

Heady was out of action for over a week and as a result was overlooked for the last Saturday's practice match.

Ironmonger's future

FORMER East Perth ruckman John Ironmonger could be headed to VFA club Werribee.

The Sandover Medallist has left Fitzroy who, it seems, weren't too happy to meet his contract requirement of around \$70,000, in view of his continuing thigh injuries.

With former Lions team-mate Leon Harris coaching Werribee, the big man could finish his career in the outer suburbs.

Shark net widens

EAST Fremantle have continued a successful State-wide recruiting campaign with the signing of 1991 Pilbara star Peter Walters.

The 18-year-old rover-centrelineer won the Pilbara fairest-and-best award last year and was keenly sought by South Fremantle, East Perth and West Perth.

Bearing a striking resemblance to the famous Rioli family at South Fremantle, Walters has been one of many new faces standing out in pre-season training in the Sharks pen.

East Fremantle have also added two promising youngsters from the healthy breeding ground of Geraldton.

Chapman Valley and Great Northern League 1991 best first-year player Paul Williamson and Towns grand finalist Michael Clune have been impressive in pre-season work.

Dean to coach

FORMER Subiaco premiership player and Melbourne forward Warren Dean will coach Quairading, in the Avon Association this year.

Dean, who returned to Perth two years ago after a knee injury curtailed his career with Melbourne, takes on his first coaching appointment following a return to playing ranks with Scarborough, in the amateurs last season.

He replaces former West Perth ruckman Dan Foley, who took Quairading to premierships in each of the past two seasons.

Dean's prized WAFL recruit was to have been 1991 Swan Districts club captain Peter Hodyl, but the experienced forward has recently resumed training at Bas-sendean Oval.

Gandini returns

LEN GANDINI, the veteran mid-fielder who was embroiled in a heated controversy with Swan Districts coach John Todd early last season, is back at his original club — Perth.

Gandini has been given permission to train with Perth, while the two clubs negotiate an acceptable player-swap.

Gandini (30) started his league career with Perth back in 1981, playing 92 senior games before trying his luck in the AFL, where he made one league appearance with Melbourne in 1986.

He switched to Swans early into 1987 and in just 14 matches went within a whisker of winning the club's fairest-and-best award.

Gandini, a member of Swans 1990 premiership team, played 52 league games with the black and whites before his fall-out with Todd.



Len Gandini ... signing on with his old club again



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THE ROYALS SAGA CONTINUES...

Now Giannakis looks around

EAST Perth's financial strife has spread into the playing sphere, with club stalwart George Giannakis considering a move to another WAFL club.

Giannakis, like his Royals teammates, is yet to be paid for season 1991 and is believed to be considering a contract offered by East Fremantle.

East Perth player payments is an issue expected to be resolved after an extraordinary meeting of club members this Sunday morning.

ENTHUSIASTIC

Giannakis has held talks with the Sharks, despite continuing to train enthusiastically under new East Perth coach Stan Magro.

East Fremantle lodged a Form 10 request to speak with Giannakis last week, but the 25-year-old veteran of 125 games in eight years has declined to comment on the prospect of a switch of clubs.

By
KIM HAGDORN

However, he is considering his options amidst continued speculation surrounding East Perth's future.

Sunday's special meeting of members at Perth Oval could finally put to rest the summer-long saga of East Perth's future.

The members will be asked to accept a "gun-to-the-head" proposal from the WA Football Commission, which has offered to take over the day-to-day running of the club in return for financial assistance.

Another option open to the Commission is to suspend the Royals board

of directors and full-time management and appoint their own club manager.

Under the WAFC proposal, the Commission has undertaken to pay out existing club debtors.

The agreement is conditional on a request that the Perth City Council freeze for three years a debt on ground hire and club extensions.

East Perth declared a substantial \$162,000 loss for the 1991 season, taking overall club debts to around \$400,000.

** Talented East Fremantle on-ball player Glen Moir is on the football market in Kalgoorlie.*

Moir, one of the Sharks most consistent players last season, has been forced to the Goldfields in search of employment.



George Giannakis ... having talks with East Fremantle

Broadbridge thrives in dual role

BEING able to mix football and cricket has highlighted the sporting career of Michael Broadbridge.

The talented 23-year-old all-rounder is confident that a summer in flannels will help him enjoy another solid winter of football action.

After last season with Swan Districts, Broadbridge switched to cricket with WACA club University — a move that he regards as important in his football preparation.

His ability to mix the two sports has been helped by Swans coach John Todd, who adopts a flexible attitude towards dual-sport players.

Broadbridge, a WAFL debutant at the age of 18 with East Fremantle, switched to Swan Districts after 56 games with the Sharks. He responded to the change with a consistent 22-game season at Bassendean.

"John Todd has been really good to me," says Broadbridge, who relished being left on a wing and was allowed to settle down into his new environment.

"I dropped off cricket a little last summer and that probably helped freshen me up for football. And now a

dual role

good footy season has helped my approach to cricket."

Broadbridge, a school teacher, has transferred to Kent Street High School after being at Lesmurdie High, where Perth coach Ken Armstrong kept a watchful eye on his sporting progress.

He made his cricket debut with Melville as a 16-year-old, graduating from Applecross High to join some illustrious cricketers like Leigh Robinson, Graeme Wood and Peter Capes.

Broadbridge's sporting career was at the cross-roads at the end of the 1990 football season when he seemed out of favour at East Fremantle.

His decision to switch to Bassendean Oval for football was matched with a change of club in his cricket career — and also an expanded role as he took up the wicket-keeping gloves for the first time.

"They are a great bunch of guys at University and even though I'm a newcomer to the opening bat position and to 'keeping, I'm enjoying my cricket a lot more," he says.



Michael Broadbridge pads up for his summer sporting love

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The Australia Day long weekend gave me the chance to get out in the garden of my new house, which my girlfriend, Stacey and I have just bought in South Lakes.

I began the day by mowing the lawn and then we went and visited my brother, Michael and his wife Susan.

Training at 5pm at Subiaco Oval bought the holiday to an end — there was no time to rest, with our first practice match only days away.

I decided against joining the thousands at the Sky Show on the Swan river and headed home straight after training. We didn't miss the show entirely though, as we turned on the stereo and watched it from the front of the house.

And talking of brothers, it's good to have Wally back in town, rejoining our old club, South Fremantle.

TUESDAY

Back to work at BEP Engineering, in O'Connor, where I'm now a sales representative after starting out as a storeman.

I made a few phone calls from the office before heading out onto the road, where I visited clients to sell them our engineering products.

Another training run at Subiaco Oval followed at 5.30pm and then I headed home, had tea and watched a bit of television.

WEDNESDAY

Left home bright and early and went straight out onto the road at around 8.15am.

Spent a lot of the day around the Welshpool industrial area visiting customers, then drove from there to Subiaco for another evening on the training track.

The regular weights session followed and then it was straight home and early to bed.

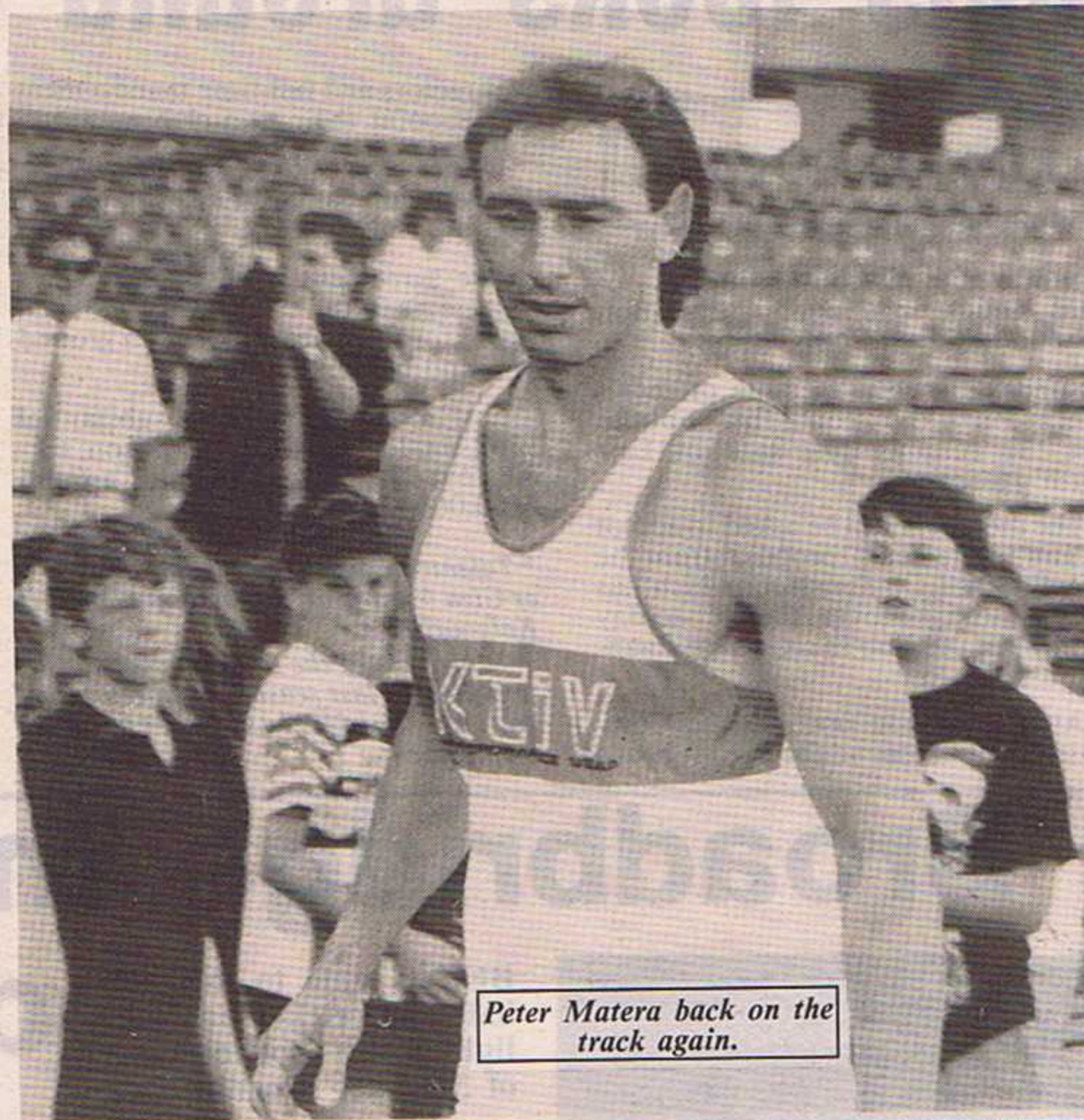
THURSDAY

Started the day by going straight to the O'Connor office and spent the morning there after a 10.30am meeting.

It was back on the road then and with a welcome night off, Stacey and I did a bit of food shopping in nearby Leeming.

FRIDAY

Another morning in the office before getting behind the wheel and going out and about, giving my best sales pitch.



Peter Matera back on the track again.

Peter Matera

As told to TANIA ARMSTRONG

A hard training session followed and then I journeyed home to pack my bags for Adelaide.

SATURDAY

There's no sleep-in for the Eagles travelling interstate, as an early flight means setting the alarm for 6.30am. Stacey drove me to the airport for our 7.45am flight to Adelaide.

I caught up on some lost sleep by snoozing for most of the flight and on arrival in Adelaide, we bused it to our hotel.

I managed to sneak in another quick nap before our pre-game brunch, then with three hours to kill in the after-



MIGHTY MATERAS ... Peter Matera catches up with brother Wally, back in town with South Fremantle

noon, I just watched a bit of television in my room.

Our hotel was only across the road from the venue, Football Park, so we all gathered in the foyer and walked across to the game. Port Adelaide and a second Crows team played the curtain-raiser and we took the opportunity of having a walk on the oval during the half-time interval of that match. Little did we know how much abuse we would cop from the big crowd about our new outfits!

We were all wearing striped, long shorts, which are pretty bright and the Crows fans were yelling out things about forgetting our trousers and having to wear knickerbockers — so we filed that away in the memory bank for a bit of extra ammunition.

After the usual pre-game build-up, I got a run on the ground for around two quarters, spending a bit of time on the wing opposed to Simon Tregenza or switching with Trent Nichols to do some roving.

After the match, we had a dinner with the Crows in the function lounge so we obliged by signing autographs and having a chat about the game, etc.

A few of the boys gathered at the bar downstairs to conduct our first post-mortem of the year.

SUNDAY

Got a little more sleep this morning as we didn't leave the hotel for the journey home till around 10am and we were back in Perth by 12.45pm.

Stacey met me at the airport and then we stopped to look at swimming pools in Kenwick on the way home. We are thinking of putting one in the backyard and saw a few we liked and decided to think them over.

Unpacked the football bag when I got home and went down to the garden centre to buy some more plants; I'm worried about becoming so domesticated! Spent a bit of time reshuffling my greenhouse before tea and a quiet night in front of the television.

Ishchenko's bid

FORMER WA big-man Alex Ishchenko has confirmed speculation that he is considering an early comeback to the AFL, with his intention to nominate for the March draft. North Melbourne are the leading contenders for the former East Perth and West Coast Eagles ruckman, as Rodney Eade, who coached Ishchenko in the Brisbane Bears reserves premiership side last season, is now assistant coach to Wayne Schimmbusch, at Arden Street.

Finals review

THE AFL has conceded that the final six series last year didn't quite work. Executive Commissioner Alan Schwab says the AFL will meet this month to examine the finals procedure, but there are no definite changes being promised to last season's controversial system.

Tough battle

FORGOTTEN Hawthorn player Greg Dear faces a tough battle to regain his spot as the Hawks No. 1 ruckman. Dear has spent nearly a year recovering from a serious knee injury received in last year's pre-season Foster's Cup grand final. Dear's injury opened the way for Stephen Lawrence to cement a place in the side and he blossomed into one of AFL's top ruckmen.

TV role for Tim

RECENTLY-retired Essendon champion Tim Watson has been recruited by Channel 7 as their only new panel member on "Sportsworld" replacing former Hawthorn full-back Kelvin Moore.

Growing list

ESSENDON have added to their talented Aboriginal group, with three more West Australians joining the Bombers. With the skilled Derek Kickett and Michael Long setting high standards, WA recruits Willie Dick and Kevin Mitchell have accepted their draft call-up and discarded North Melbourne player Andrew Krakouer (via Claremont also) is now training at Windy Hill.

Determined Demon

FORMER Richmond utility player Michael Pickering, traded to Melbourne last November, is determined to show the Tigers that they made the wrong decision in letting him go. The 28-year-old Pickering battled injury and inconsistent form in 17 games for the Tigers, but his pre-season track form at Melbourne is encouraging.

Coaching debut

RETIRED St Kilda champion Trevor Barker makes his debut as a coach this year when he takes over VFA side Sandringham. Barker has a wealth of coaching knowledge after his 231 games for the Saints under seven coaches — Allan Jeans, Ross Smith, Mike Patterson, Alex Jesaulenko, Tony Jewell, Graeme Gellie and Darrel Baldock.

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S-W people keen on WAFL side

THE future of football in the South West could be decided at a special meeting in Bunbury this Thursday.

A meeting of South West National Football League clubs will discuss the controversial issue of entering a combined side in the 1993 WAFL competition.

At this stage, everything points to the green light being given to the project, which could see a South West side join with a Kalgoorlie team in an expanded 10-team WAFL competition.

An interim committee set up to examine the feasibility of a combined South West team is expected to recommend to the clubs that the project go ahead, subject to financial support.

If that is agreed to, then the SWNFL will have a month to firm up sponsorship support before the WAFL's deadline for acceptance, March 31.

CONFLICT

There is still considerable conflict in South West areas about the viability of a WAFL team, with questions like a suitable venue, sponsorship, playing strength and a supporter base all being aired.

However, public surveys taken in major S-W towns confirm strong support for a WAFL team, while player support has been enthusiastic. In addition, the Bunbury and Busselton City Councils have expressed a strong desire to be involved.

The negatives have been a reluctance by some clubs to endorse the project, especially South Bunbury and Bunbury, who have home-ground rights at the two most logical venues for WAFL matches — Hands Oval and Payne Park.

The WA Football Commission has given the SWNFL clear confirmation that a combined side will be admitted to the WAFL, providing four major criteria are met.

These are:

* That the club be debt-free; they be competitive as far as players are concerned; they have facilities capable of staging a WAFL match and the proposal has the support of the clubs and the people.

SWNFL president John Silcock is confident that all four criteria can be satisfied, but concedes that the greatest area of concern is the scepticism among the clubs.

"The clubs fear that they will lose their best players and suffer in bar trade and sponsorship, especially in Bunbury," he says.

"It's become a real chicken-and-egg situation for us. Any proposed major sponsor is reluctant to commit their funds till we have total support from the clubs. And the clubs are reluctant to back the plan without guaranteed financial backing."

Supporters of the WAFL concept estimate that it would cost \$400,000 to launch a team into the Perth-based league, with a need to raise \$150,000 in sponsorship.

"That's not an unrealistic sponsorship figure," says Mr Silcock.

"While it might have an effect on the sponsorship support for Bunbury-based clubs, it shouldn't affect teams from other towns. We would look for a high-profile firm as our major sponsor."

The SWNFL believes that a combined team would get great support from players, not only those living in the region, but players already in the city.

A survey of recent SWNFL-WAFL player movements show that an average of 10 players a season have moved to Perth in the last five years, 33 of them playing league football.

A S-W side would have the option to recruit former SWNFL players back from city-based clubs, leading to an expected return of between five and 10 ready-made league players.

ENCOURAGING

"We believe a number of senior players would return to Bunbury," says Mr Silcock. "And there are plenty of youngsters who would rather stay at home in the South West than try out in the city."

Those pushing for a WAFL side see the concept as the salvation of football in the South-West — but on a long-term scale.

There would obviously be a down-turn in attendances at local games, but these have been on a slide for some years anyway — with the exception of 1989, when the West Coast Eagles had a down year.

Surveys show that SWNFL attendances are most drastically-hit when an Eagles game is on television and that a big percentage of people attending local games are friends and relatives of the players.

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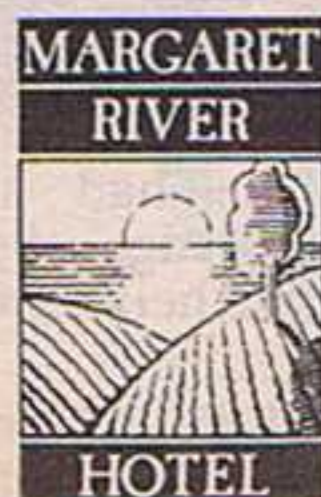
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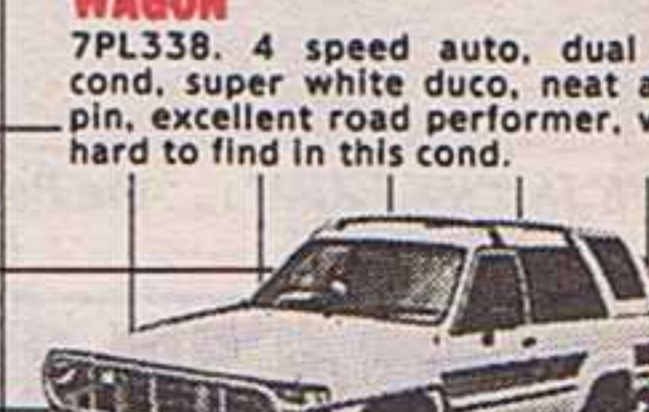
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Premiership trophy was a sad reward



HOME IS THE FARM... the Page farm just outside Dudinin, in the central wheatbelt. TOP: Bob Page looks at home in the wheatbelt region

THE handing over of a premiership trophy is a moment to cherish; a realisation that it has all been worth the effort.

It is every footballer's dream to play in a premiership team and for country star Bob Page, that ambition came true three times in a row — even though he only played two of those grand finals.

Page's name has gone into the Perth Football Club's history books as the '21st' man in the 1968 premiership team after breaking down with injury as the side ran onto Subiaco Oval to do battle with East Perth.

A key performer in Perth's two previous grand final victories over the Royals, Page had damaged an Achilles tendon six weeks before the grand final — fooling around at a Sunday morning training session and kicking the ground with his foot.

"I virtually limped through the last part of the season," recalls Page, now back on the land out in the south-eastern wheatbelt.

"I was kept in cotton wool a little in the build-up to the finals, with a few needles to keep me going.

"But I always knew it would be touch and go... and it went as I ran down the players' race. There was a 10 minute delay to the start of the game as everyone argued whether I could be replaced or not.

"Finally Ray Scott, the field umpire, ruled that as the game hadn't started, I could be replaced and Noel Wilson was called on to play his second grand final of the day, having featured in Perth's reserves victory.

"I sat on the bench and watched the game; it was certainly the biggest disappointment of my life.

"But the club was terrific. They paid out to 21 players and went to Rothmans and organised an extra premiership trophy."

That was 24 years ago, but it is a memory that will never leave Page, who made his mark at Lathlain Park with 131 games, plus 12 State appearances, including the 1966 carnival in Hobart, under Kevin Murray, when WA went so close to downing Victoria. From 1965 to 1971, Page missed the State side in only one year.

The robust Page had a typical tough rural upbringing, with three brothers and two sisters, all growing up on the family farm at West Pingelly.

He was a raw, but determined teenager when Reg Cribb (a brother to well-known football media man, Bob) was transferred in the bank to Pingelly. Cribb had played a few games at Perth and invited the young Page down to the city with him in 1965, the last year of Ern Henry's coaching reign.

"I had followed South Fremantle a little, but my eldest brother was a Perth fan and he gave me the nod straight away to go down and try out," says Page.

"I didn't believe I was that good. I was only 18, but when I got my first kick in a scratch match, I thought it was a piece of cake. I reckoned this was pretty easy and suddenly thought I could make it. I realised there were a lot of blokes down there not as good as me."

Page played four games in the reserves in 1965 and the rest of the season in the league side, mainly at half-forward. The arrival of tough-man Mal Atwell from East Perth in 1966 saw the dawning of a new era at Lathlain, a time for a physical approach that was to toughen up a talented group of Demons.

"Atwell picked me as a pretty quick, strong type," says Page. "He turned me into a mobile ruck-rover.

"It was a case of being in the right team at the right time.

"I never really thought much about being a successful footballer, I just wanted to have a crack at league ranks. No-one worried me physically, but players worried me as footballers; I didn't know if I could match their skills.

"But I could cut them down to size; bring them back to my level. I'd slow them down because I wasn't frightened and I think that's why I made it with Atwell.

"Henry was a good coach, he had all the ingredients; the right skills knowledge, he had thinking players, guys who thought their game out well.

"But Atwell came along and added that rip, shit and tear ingredient. Up front, that's what he looked like. With his teeth out, ranting and roaring around the

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Eagle talk

Football Times writer PAUL STARICK reports from Adelaide on last Saturday's practice match

Eagles will get better

DON'T be fooled by the West Coast Eagles narrow victory over the Adelaide Crows last Saturday night.

The Eagles are a far better team than the 11-point winning margin suggests.

They missed key players, including John Worsfold, Peter Sumich and Karl Langdon and had less preparation than the Crows.

Adelaide were virtually at full strength and playing before a typically-parochial home crowd, which is guaranteed to lift their players an extra notch.

West Coast coach Mick Malthouse was more adventurous than his Adelaide counterpart Graham Cornes, daring to try rookies in new positions and regularly rotating his players.

Craig Turley spent the first quarter on the bench, along with Guy McKenna and Dwayne Lamb and they all took a while to recapture their best touch.

Turley combined with Chris Mainwaring to continually pump the ball into the Eagles forward line, where rookie full-forward Derek Hall converted four goals.

Glen Jakovich again showed his versatility, starting at centre half-forward before moving into defence, while Tony Evans, Ryan Turnbull and David Hynes were some of the borderline players who seized their chance to impress.

Dean Laidley started on the half-back flank, making a gallant comeback from injury, which won praise from Malthouse.

"I was very pleased to have a player of Laidley's courage come back," he said. "It has been an outstanding performance to even get back playing again."



Rookie Eagle Derek Hall has the break on his Crows opponent last Saturday night

Photo: IAN PARRISH

Paul Harding relished the chance to play for his home State, starring in the ruck and in the forward line, kicking three goals. But the effort was spoilt by an ankle injury.

Paul Gow and Trent Nichols showed brief patches of promise.

Gow started on the 1990 Magarey Medallist, full-forward Scott Hodges, who showed signs of returning to form with three goals in the first quarter.

Mitchell White was then given the custodian's role and he kept Hodges goal-less for the rest of the match.

"Paul Gow played better as the game went on and Trent Nichols is still searching to find his form," Malthouse said.



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place. But the man put a lot of thought into his coaching.

"Atwell had good ideas and theories and Perth's success was a combination of that and Henfry's early input.

"Atwell put fear into the players. He never asked the players to do anything he couldn't do himself. He used to hurt us a bit a training, not only physically, but mentally. Not everyone lasted. There were a few nice pleasant young footballers who fell by the wayside. It's like the army, some make it and go onto the SAS, some just stay in the army.

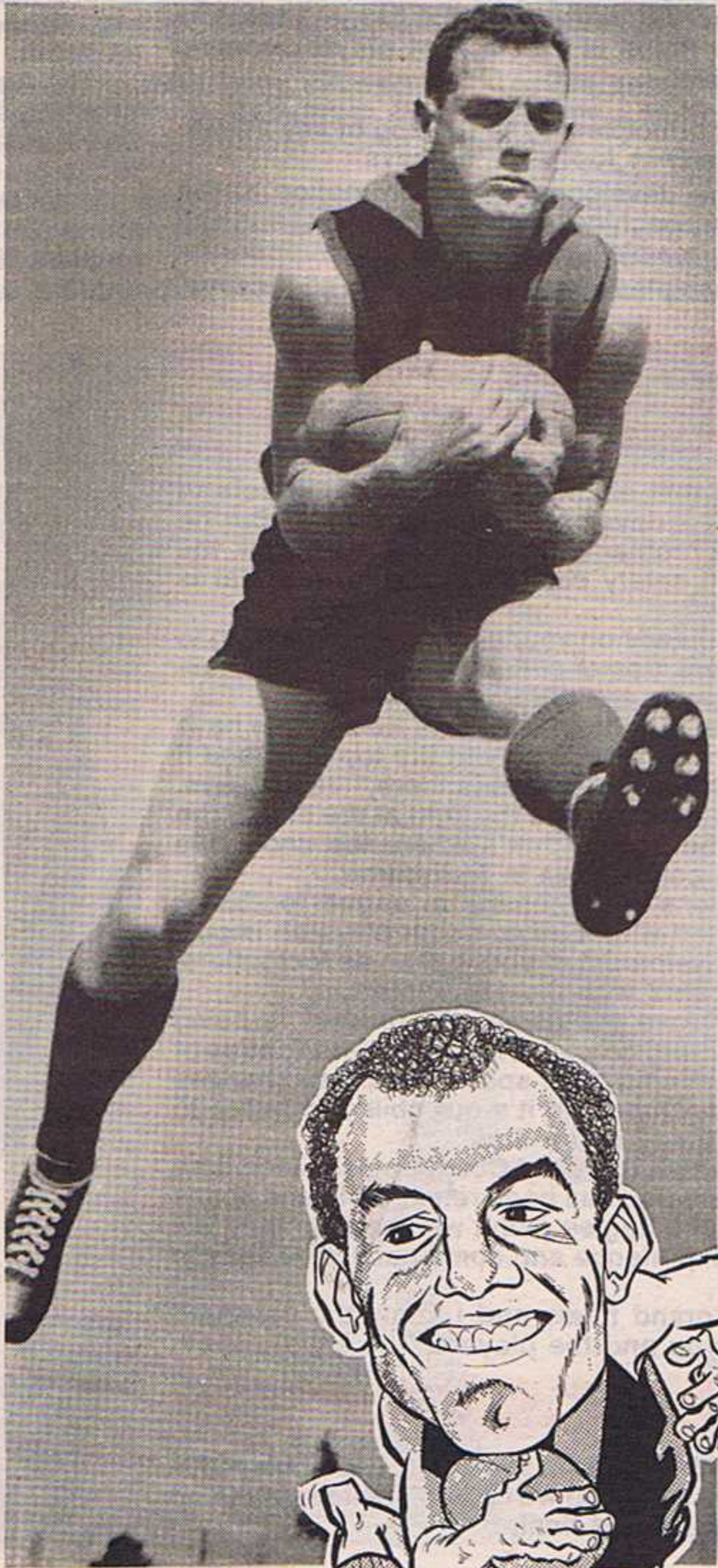
"Atwell made us proud.

"He had players who were prepared to get hurt to win a game; he didn't have time for the guy who played well in the easy games. You ran your guts out for 110 minutes ... or else."

Atwell's approval of Page's style of football was further illustrated when he switched his coaching sphere from Lathlain Park to South Fremantle in 1971. He journeyed to Pingelly, where Page had retired back to the family farm and offered a playing contract at Fremantle.

"He wanted me to be his right-hand man on the playing field," says Page. "He saw me as the bloke to get into the changerooms and swing the pendulum over his way, to get the players on-side."

"It was a reasonable offer, good money and a car to travel with. We were going as a team. But I turned it down because of the loyalty thing; I really couldn't play in the red-and-white jumper, I would have dreaded the day I had to play Perth.



DAYS OF OLD ... Bob Page in aerial flight in his Perth days and (right) as renowned West Australian cartoonist Bill Mitchell once saw him in his younger days

'Atwell put fear into the players .. he made us proud and we ran our guts out for him.'

"It wasn't a hate thing or anything; I just couldn't do it. It just wasn't the done thing in those days."

That old-time sense of loyalty is something sadly missing from today's football — a fact that Page regrets immensely.

He has never lost his devotion to the club, but while he was pleased to see Ken Armstrong orchestrate a couple of premierships in the 1970s, he believes the football wheel has turned around.

"There was a time when the red and black guernsey put the fear of god into other footballers," he says. "But in recent years, we've been the scapegoats, almost the laughing stock of the league.

"Anybody could get a red and black guernsey with a number on the back. Too many blokes came into the club and got an easy game, easy money; mainly because they didn't like it somewhere else; they couldn't handle it.

"We've seen a lot of showy no-go players in recent years; but once the going gets tough, they disappear."

That no-frills approach always epitomised Page's football, on and off the field and it was Armstrong, in his return to Lathlain last season, who asked the former premiership player his advice.

"I saw Ken at East Fremantle one day last season and he invited me into the rooms after the match. He gave them a real roasting, got right up them, it was a terrible baking, 20 minutes or more.

"Then he asked me what's wrong with them. I agreed with him; they had no feeling for the guernsey. No loyalty to the jumper. They have had too many blokes come over from other clubs. Too many nice guys, with friendly little foot-passes; but not one of them would be die-hard players, would give their body for the club."

Page admits that it was Atwell who implanted that do-or-die attitude into the Perth players.

But the Demons had some pretty talented players as well as sheer physical presence.

"Pat Astone was a guy we all admired, he did marvellous things for his size; Greg Brehaut was a bloke who always performed. He had tons of ability, tough and hard; a real big-time performer.

"A bloke who probably had the most potential was Ross Millson, but he suffered a lot from injuries."

Page smiles when reminded of the ferocious battles with East Perth, not only in those three grand final victories, but in normal-season clashes.

"We played East Perth 15 times in three years," he says. "It was like a grand final every time. But we had a good relationship with them despite our on-field battles."

"Jim Haines was a bloke I got on well with, he used to hurt when he hit. He was the only bloke to ever hurt me."

Page never got reported, despite his tough approach. He regretfully recalls a match at Lathlain Park where he sent a young Claremont rover to hospital with a ferocious bump, but much of his aggressive style was well within the rules.

He had a long-running physical duel with East Perth rival Mal Brown, who once copped a three-game suspension for hitting Page behind the ear.

Now aged 46 and down to a fighting weight of around 90kgs, Page still breathes fire off the field as he talks about the game he loves; a dedication shared with wife Maureen.

MEMORY MOMENTS ... Bob and Maureen Page flick through some old football memories



The local general store is the football clubhouse; they live for the arrival of the newspapers and never plan to work when the television set brings a game into the lounge room.

"We never go out when there's an Eagles game on TV," says Maureen.

"Even before the Eagles, Saturdays used to be pies and sauce for lunch, into the telly room and no-one would move till 5pm. It didn't matter who was playing."

Page didn't have the normal country football upbringing.

He was a fit, strong competitor, playing high school football at the Narrogin Agricultural College, influenced by house master Monty Buttfield, who has since served Claremont in a junior development capacity.

But he then played hockey for two years, in 1962-63 with the Pingelly Blues, in the Upper Great Southern seniors.

Page started his senior football in 1964, with Pingelly, in the old Pingelly-Brookton Association; which once boasted six teams, but now has just two clubs in the UGS league.

When his Perth playing days were over, they headed back to the wheatbelt, taking up the Dudinin farm, where they love the life, with 4000 acres and running 3000 sheep.

Son Shane (21) is at home on the farm, while daughter Lisa (19) lives in Perth.

Shane, who is described by his father as a big strong ruckman of the future — maturing slowly — is more at home on the cricket pitch at present, a Shell country colts all-rounder, swing bowler and batsman and a member of Wickepin's country week side.

Page was far from finished with football when he returned home. He coached Pingelly for a couple of years, but then switched to Dudinin when they bought their farm and played till 1981; hanging up his boots at the age of 36, filling in at full-forward in an emergency in those latter years.

The fit-looking farmer admits to a little slackness in the years after his retirement, when he lost his appetite for fitness work — and added to his appetite for food!

"I got up to 16-1/2 stone, eating anything, getting heavy and unfit," says Page. "Then I got a real-life warning, my heart got out of rhythm and I had a slight heart flutter. That was about seven years ago and I had to lose some weight. I got back to eating right, exercising and working hard."

Page now rides his mountain bicycle about five kilometres down to the nearby general store at Dudinin — on gravel roads — and he mixes a lot of walking and lawn bowls with his farm work.

Even though he and Maureen were married in Perth, she was a country girl at heart, first meeting Page at Narrogin, when he was in Agricultural College.

"He used to knock around with Graham Edwards when he was in the city and he fixed us up on a blind date at some stage," she recalls.

The Pages still get to town to see half-a-dozen matches a year, mixing Eagles games and Perth fixtures.

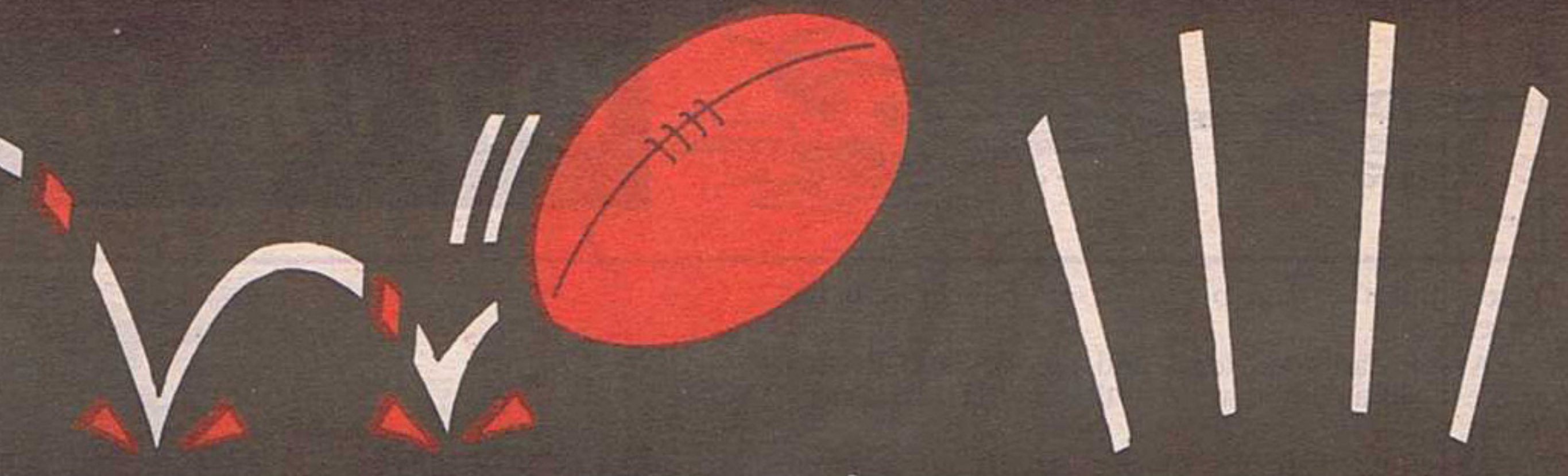
"The Eagles are the way to go," he says.

"Everything is going national these days, but the Eagles need a second side. Dropping players back to their WAFL club just doesn't seem right."

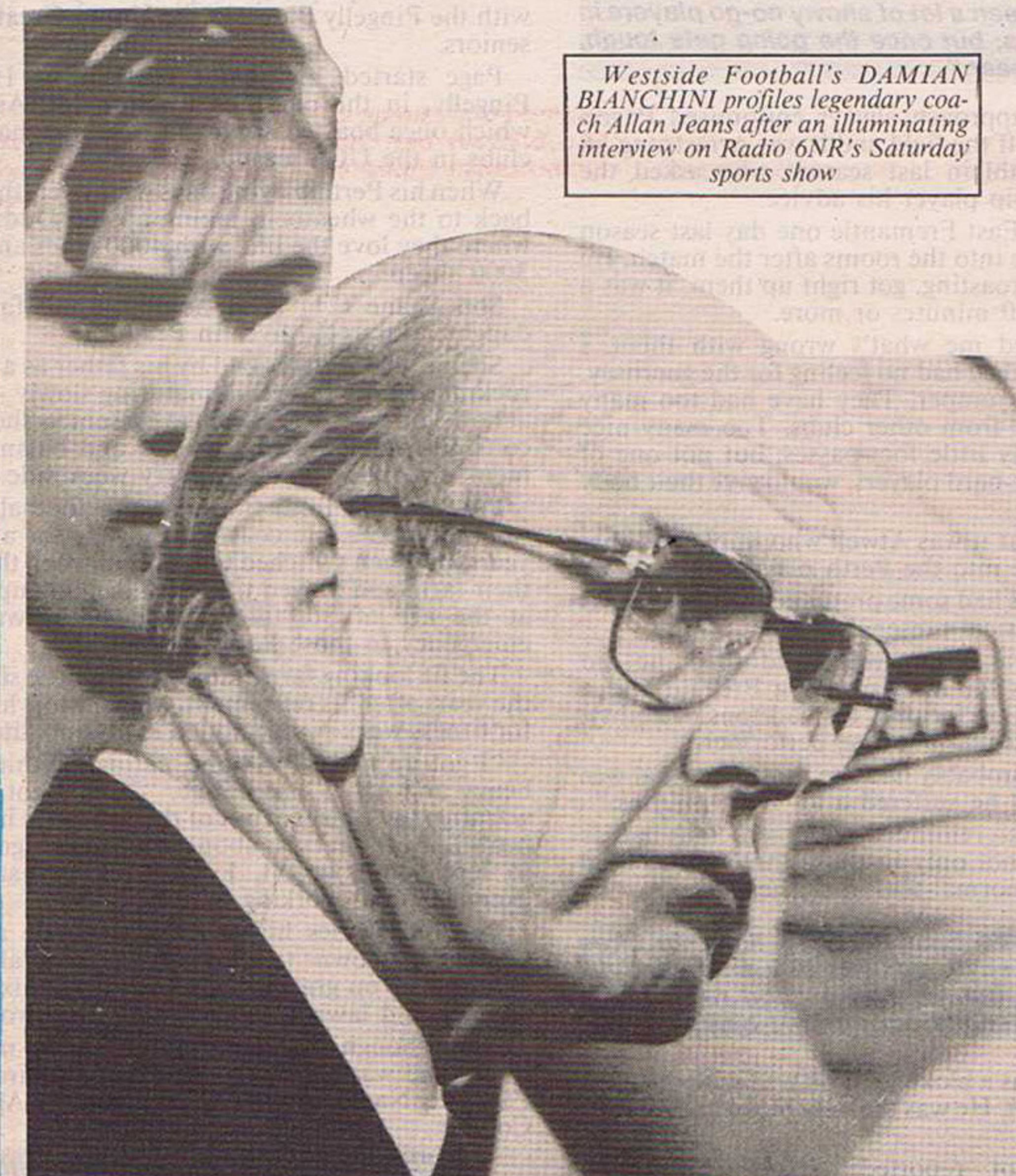


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The master coach



Allan Jeans ... a serious man with a big challenge

Westside Football's DAMIAN BIANCHINI profiles legendary coach Allan Jeans after an illuminating interview on Radio 6NR's Saturday sports show

COACHING guru Allan Jeans is a great thinker and a great talker.

The former Hawthorn and St Kilda premiership celebrant is now gearing himself up for yet another challenge in the art of coaching football teams.

Jeans is keenly looking forward to what will be a tough 1992 AFL season as the newly-appointed coach of the ailing Richmond Football Club.

In 25 years of senior coaching — 16 at St Kilda and nine at Hawthorn — the legendary coach has won four premiership flags. Jeans took the Saints to their only premiership in 1966 and won three flags at Hawthorn (1983, '86 and '89).

After retiring at the end of the 1990 season, Jeans spent last year as a recruiting adviser for Hawthorn.

He travelled the country searching for talent right around Australia, studying how each State's football development systems were running.

Though Jeans didn't see a lot of live AFL action, he has studied plenty of video tapes and believes that just two or three quality players separate the top teams from the bottom clubs.

After taking the year off and looking at football through an administrative lens, Jeans says the biggest problem facing Australian Rules is the lack of players coming through the system.

"There are four principles in the running of any administration, particularly in football," he says.

"The first is the development and promotion of the game; followed by coaching, a balanced competition and the best facilities for players, coaches and supporters.

"These four principles must be worked on all the time.

"The development of the game is essential. Once upon a time kids only had football and cricket; now we have many challenges coming from other team sports."

Jeans believes that each State has different sets of problems with their development programmes. But he wants to see the problems rectified and then lock the national draft and salary cap around a system that is going to work.

The present demands on young footballers aspiring to make the grade are tremendous and Jeans says availability of other sports are attractive options.

"It is very demanding to play Aussie Rules, kids have to make a lot of sacrifices to play at the top level and if you do make it, the remuneration is there," Jeans says.

"But as long as kids can see the light at the end of the tunnel, they will be alright; that's where the under-19s was a very good competition in Melbourne.

"The expectations of becoming a league footballer and being identified with a league club plays an important part in the development of young men as footballers, but I have my doubts with the 18s system.

"Young people love the game and football is being challenged from every corner. With the regionalisation of television we are seeing other sports and these changes are upon us all the time and it's our ability to adapt to change that will count in the end."

The development of the West Coast Eagles since their inception five years ago has been remarkable and Jeans says that though the Eagles didn't win the flag, they will learn from their experience and come back next season a lot stronger.

"I've lost five grand finals and I know the profound effect it has on you and the players," he says.

"It has more of an effect on you than winning one and it stays with you for a long time."

"I remember with St Kilda in 1965, they hadn't played in a grand final since 1913 and we couldn't believe anything else but winning a grand final.



Allan Jeans ... ready to show Richmond the way



Jeans set to tame Tigers

"We lost, but I was only delayed 12 months. We had to gain that experience, you just can't buy experience, you have to go through it and know what it's all about.

"The Eagles lost the grand final when they allowed Hawthorn to beat them in that first finals game in Perth. If they had won that, it would have been a different course to the grand final.

"After they lost that, they virtually went back to third or fourth spot on the old final-five system and it is very hard to win a flag from those positions."

Jeans says that if you go back through the winning AFL

grand final sides, you will see that not many teenagers play in premiership teams. It was an enormous task for Ashley McIntosh and Glen Jakovich to play in a grand final.

"They're going to be great players," he says. "It's only a matter of gaining the experience and they will learn.

"I'm a great believer in human behaviour, which is basically governed by two things; learning from past experiences and setting your goals accordingly.

"I know the Eagles are going to do exactly that and I know McIntosh and Jakovich are going to be great play-

ers and give the Eagles tremendous service over the years to come."

The West Coast Eagles were the trendsetters of season 1991 and Jeans believes this put an enormous amount of pressure on the side during the finals.

"They had a more consistent year than Hawthorn, but you have to understand that Hawthorn is a very professional side and have been over that journey many times. While they were up and down during the season, they knew exactly when they had to pull together," says Jeans.

"They just relied on that professional pride that they have been displaying for many years, they just tightened up, lifted their rate of intensity and application at training, they are just an absolutely professional side."

Jeans admits that his move to Richmond was a tough decision; a major change in his football life.

He concedes that it will be a challenging season.

"It's hard to make such a change, but the people at Richmond have made me welcome and made me feel at home," says Jeans.

"It has been hard to assess the players this early.

"The other thing is the new rules regarding cutting your list back to 45, each club is struggling with that, particularly with the abolition of the third 18.

"I have to make decisions about players I have no idea about. I don't know their real capabilities, that's the difficulty and the biggest problem I face."

"The people of Richmond have encountered tough times over the past five years. They have struggled with their finances and the administration.

"But their board has got that right and all they want me to do is introduce the style that I initiated at Hawthorn and try to turn them around on the football field.

"I realise it's an enormous challenge, but I just hope I can do it."





Foster's Cup pre-season action



■ THE West Coast Eagles are at the fairly attractive odds of 5/1 with Darwin Sports Betting to win this year's Foster's Cup pre-season competition, which kicks off this weekend.

■ The AFL's 15 teams will do battle over the next five weeks for the first prize of \$55,000 (plus a possible \$49,500 collected along the way), with matches being staged

right around the country.

■ Hawthorn go into the competition as the reigning premiers and their previous good record makes them Foster's Cup favourites at 11/4.

■ The Eagles are on the second line of betting, with Geelong and night-time specialists North Melbourne, both at 7/1. Collingwood — the Eagles opponents in Darwin this

Sunday — are at 10/1, followed by Essendon (11s) and Melbourne and St Kilda (12s).

■ Carlton United Breweries, the major sponsors of the AFL, support the pre-season series and present this Foster's Cup segment.

■ Westside Football writer KIM HAGDORN looks at the Eagles side as they prepare for Sunday's Darwin challenge.

Eagles tighten up

REPUTATIONS will count for little when the West Coast Eagles selectors finalise their travelling party of 24 for the opening Foster's Cup match against Collingwood in Darwin this Sunday.

Eagles rookies Matt Clape, Ryan Turnbull, Mitchell White, Jason Ball and Tony Evans have all pressed claims for a berth in the summer pre-season competition.

Clape, Turnbull and White were stars in the Eagles 11-point practice match victory over a strong Adelaide Crows side under lights in Adelaide last Saturday.

The message from the Eagles coaching hierarchy is that no player, new or established, will be given a walk-up start to this season.

While there will obviously be some early experimentation with newcomers, 1992 recruits Paul Harding and Trent Nichols both have strong early-season claims.

Defender Paul Gow is another recruit on the short list for a quick initiation in a key position . . . or perhaps a specific defensive task against a dangerous Magpie forward.

REHEARSAL

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse used the Crows clash as a full-scale dress rehearsal for the Foster's Cup opener this Sunday.

Star midfielders Craig Turley, Chris Lewis, Chris Mainwaring, Peter Matera, Dean Kemp and Scott Watters and defenders Glen Jakovich and Chris Waterman are certain starters.

But numerous support roles are up for grabs.

The only certainty for the Eagles is that no risks will be taken with players who are not fully fit.

That policy will rule out captain John Worsfold (groin), Karl Langdon (foot), Peter Sumich (knee), Peter Wilson (foot), Laurie Keene (ankle), Andrew Lockyer (knee), Ashley McIntosh (ankle) and Adrian Barich (groin).

Assistant coach Rob Wiley says the

first criteria for the West Coasters will be to win the early Foster's Cup encounters.

"We won't be selecting a side for the sake of picking one or trying anything special. We want to win every game," Wiley said.

"Training will intensify in the next few weeks and competition for team positions will become tight."

Clape is one rookie Eagle on the short list for elevation and a full-blooded trial at the top level.

He went within a whisker of making

an AFL debut late last season after some consistent efforts with East Perth and encouraging training track form.

Clape suits the Malthouse style of a defender.

He is a close-checking player, who always looks inward to the midfield corridor for passage to the forward line.

Tony Begovich is another borderline Eagle vying for a defensive role.

But both players have to contend with the return of a rejuvenated Dean Laidley, who is desperate to resurrect his AFL career.



New Eagles big man Paul Harding does battle with Crows rival Mark Mickan in last Saturday's practice match in Adelaide. Photo: IAN PARRISH

Hawks have a winning formula

HAWTHORN have been the trend-setters as far as success is concerned in the pre-season night series, first started in 1977 and now well-established as the \$344,000 Foster's Cup.

The Hawks have won the title a record five times, starting in that debut year under coach David Parkin and repeated yet again last year, with current coach Alan Joyce.

Joyce, who has the impressive record of two pre-season flags backed up by two September premierships in two years of coaching Hawthorn, says the competition is a good indicator in preparing a side for the coming season.

The Foster's Cup is becoming a significant form guide on how AFL sides will perform during the regular season.

Hawthorn's form in the pre-season series backs up that assertion, with their last three night premierships — 1986, '88 and '91 — followed by AFL flags in the same year.

Newly-appointed Sydney Swans coach Gary Buckenara sees the Foster's Cup as an excellent training format.

He says that if a team can stay alive in the Cup, it gives the pre-season programme a regimented schedule.

North Melbourne, considered to be the night specialists in the AFL because of the number of Friday matches they play under lights at the MCG, their home-base, regard the Foster's Cup series as vital to their survival.

Coach Wayne Schimmelbusch says last year's run to the grand final boosted club membership considerably as it exposed the team's promising young side to their supporters.

MANY CHANGES

The night series has certainly changed over the years.

It originally started out as a national competition, but reached a crisis point when Swan Districts sent a reserves side to Melbourne in the early 1980s to tackle Richmond; a protest at a bad draw that disadvantaged the WA representatives.

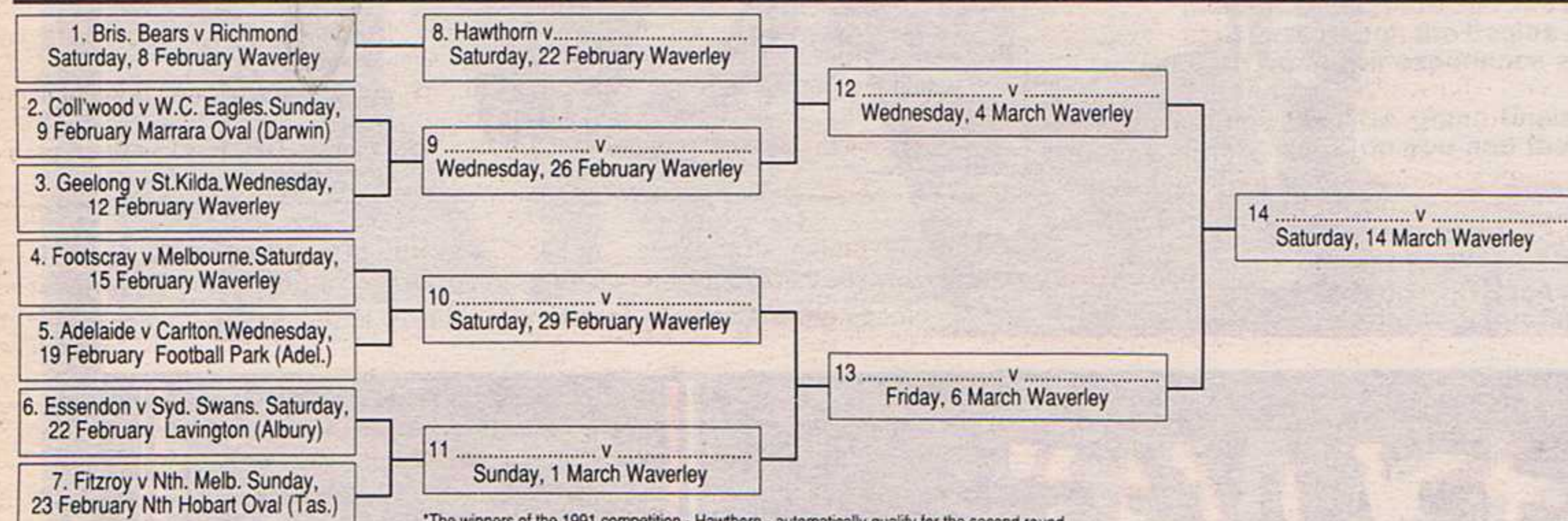
In 1987, the night series was shifted from a mid-week competition to culminate in April, rather than June.

Further improvements were made in 1988, when the series was run totally in the pre-season period, with the grand final before the start of the home and away games.

Since then the night series has taken on a more serious note, with many clubs bleeding new players and gearing their sides up for the AFL action.

Hawthorn are a prime example of using the Foster's Cup as a step to an AFL premiership, using it to provide valuable grounding for youngsters such as Ben Allan, Paul Hudson, Andrew Gowers and Stephen Lawrence.

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Rookie sets his sights on a big year



Ashley McIntosh

THE quietly-spoken Ashley McIntosh is a pretty laid-back sort of footballer. But he's determined to have a loud impact on the AFL competition this season.

McIntosh has vowed to beat the traditional second-season blues that so often bring about the downfall of rising young stars.

"I'm well aware of it and it's been at the back of my mind, but it hasn't really bothered me," says McIntosh, who emerged as one of the star discoveries in the Eagles camp last year.

"Mick Malthouse has spoken to me about it and I've also talked to a number of senior players and that has helped.

COMPLACENCY

"The problem with the so-called second-year blues is that many players who have a good first year, tend to ease off and then complacency sets in.

"I'm working a lot harder on the

track than ever before and that should eliminate those sort of problems."

After an impressive debut season for the Eagles, McIntosh is geared up to repeat his achievement.

With just five senior WAFL games for Claremont behind him, he was given his AFL chance against Richmond, at Waverley, in Round 11 — and never looked back.

He went on to play 13 games for the Eagles and provided coach Malthouse with extra versatility, being used in key positions at either end of the ground.

MATURITY

McIntosh's cool temperament and his easy adjustment to the intense pressure of the AFL arena enabled him to show enormous maturity and experience beyond his 19 years.

"Obviously it was a different type of football; AFL is harder and quicker and you have to be more dedicated to stay in that level," says McIntosh.

"After the Richmond game, I was very sore, something I hadn't experienced in the WAFL."

It was an impressive debut for McIntosh, collecting four kicks, taking seven marks, making two handballs and kicking two goals.

With an impressive season behind him, McIntosh believes he has settled in well in the Eagles nest and doesn't feel any pressure on him at training to live up to those expectations.

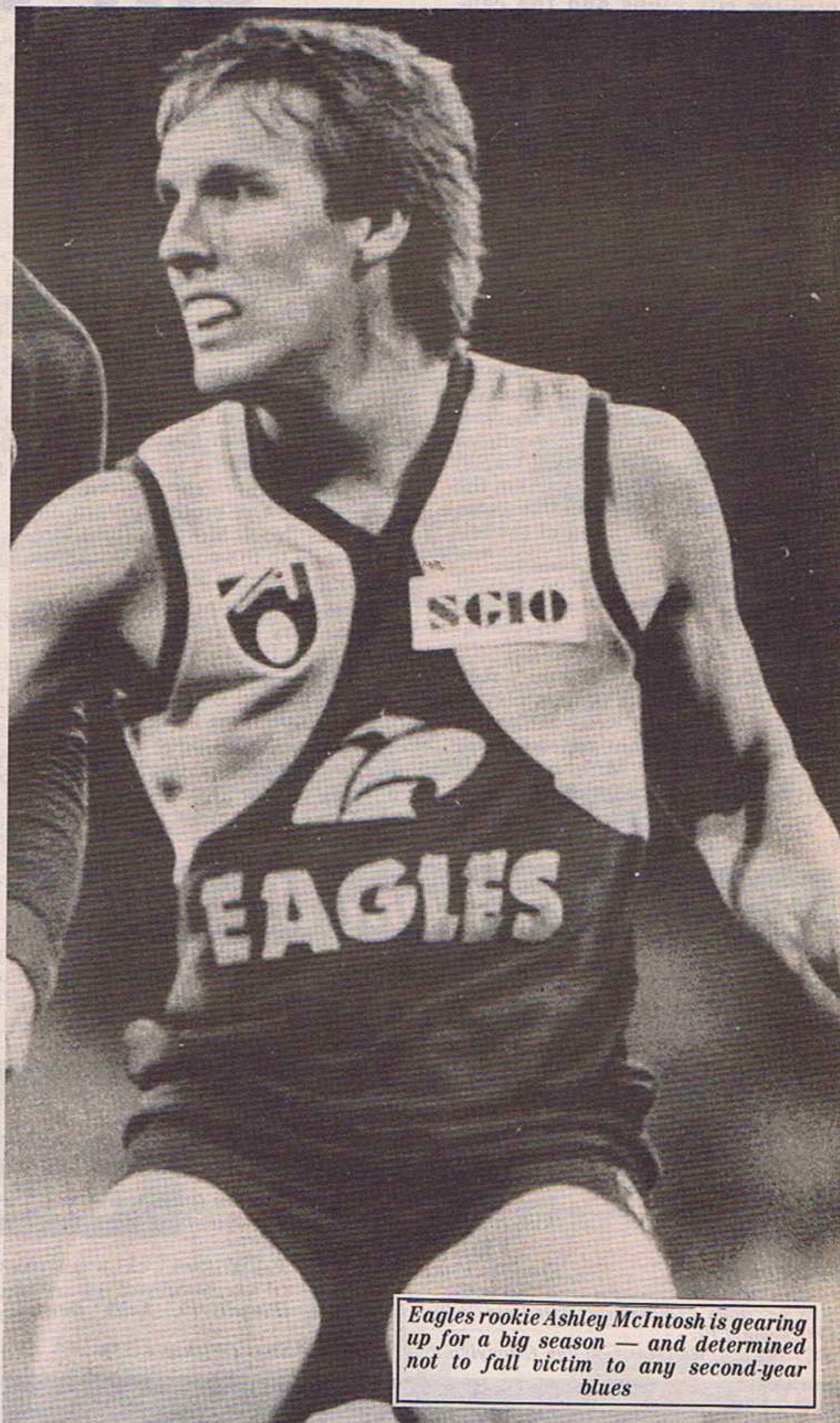
EXPERIENCED

"There was more pressure on me at the start of last season, as I had only played a couple of WAFL reserves games and yet I was training with guys who were experienced AFL players," says McIntosh.

McIntosh suffered a minor setback when he rolled an ankle during a recent game of tennis, forcing him out of the practice match against the Adelaide Crows last Saturday.

McIntosh says the Eagles have been training extremely hard and are keen to atone for last year's loss to Hawthorn in the AFL grand final.

"The players are fired up and training over pre-season has been very impressive," says McIntosh.



Eagles rookie Ashley McIntosh is gearing up for a big season — and determined not to fall victim to any second-year blues

Helpful words of advice

ONE of football's most-controversial characters is Hawthorn star forward Dermott Brereton . . . a player you either love or hate.

He's a far different type of personality to Ashley McIntosh — but the Eagles rookie is keen to learn from the Hawks champion.

After last year's AFL grand final, with Hawthorn victorious and the Eagles shattered, Brereton went up to McIntosh and offered him some consoling words.

"He told me that you were better off losing your first premiership, because it would make you work harder the next year," said McIntosh.

"And he said that if success comes your way, it will be a lot sweeter. I reckon that's pretty good advice."

The November draft saw another McIntosh arrive in the Eagles camp, with elder brother Nathan being drafted after a WAFL debut with Subiaco — making it the first time the two brothers have been at the same club.

"It's great having Nathan down there and I'm looking forward to play-

ing with him at some stage, as we have never been in the same team before," says McIntosh.

The inclusion of two McIntosh boys in the Eagles camp is great satisfaction for father John, a former Claremont and St Kilda star who has obviously influenced the talented pair.

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Wheatbelt goldmine for city clubs

COUNTRY regions have always been prolific breeders of football stars for city clubs and the central-south wheatbelt area is no exception.

High-population places like Kalgoorlie, in the early days, Albany and Geraldton, in the 1980s and Bunbury and surrounding districts over many decades, have produced a constant stream of league players.

But draw a line through the wheatbelt regions of Pingelly, Wickepin and Kukerin and you will find an incredible breeding ground for players from the late 1960s to the mid-1970s, when farming was obviously at its peak.

While some outstanding country players have emerged from places like Narembeen (Bill Walker) and Shackleton (Don Langdon) in the northern wheatbelt, to Narrogin (Barry Cable) and Kojonup (Stephen Michael) in the southern areas, it is that central sector that attracted the attention of the talent scouts in those years.

Wickepin's Keith Doncon started the ball rolling when he joined East Perth in 1963, earning an All-Australian blazer three years later.

The small farming community then produced a stream of league players such as Greg Astbury, Keith Miller and Geoff Taylor, who all migrated to West Perth and, later Ron Miller and Geoff Sims for South Fremantle.

Nearby Kukerin chipped in with Allen Mycock (to Claremont), followed

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ALAN EAST

by Ross and John Ditchburn (to Claremont and South Fremantle respectively).

Small towns in between those major wheatbelt signposts joined the football production act — Dudinin with the Duckworths (John and Bill to West Perth); Moulyinning, with the Goodings (Dalton, Graham and Malcolm) and Tom Pearce to Claremont and Gary Gray to Swan Districts and Cuballing, with Gavin Carter for South Fremantle.

Moving further east, Newdegate produced the Orr brothers, Vern and Alan, plus Noel Morton, for Claremont, while to the north of Wickepin, Pingelly discovered Bob Page.

Because of the popularity of football in the country 10 to 20 years ago, the players came from a number of different leagues, with the Upper Great Southern, Central Wheatbelt and Eastern Districts having a role.

In addition, a number of now-defunct leagues once played major football roles in that area — Lake Grace had its own association, as did Pingelly-Brookton.

There have been plenty of other players follow their path to the city in latter years, with current stars such as Nicky Winmar (Pingelly to South Fremantle and St Kilda), the Matera brothers, Peter and Wally (Wagin to South Fremantle and the AFL) and the Bairstows, Mark and Noel (Lake Grace to South Fremantle).

Gavin Kerruish and Ken Martin are two of today's WAFL players from the Wickepin region.

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Noel Morton (Newdegate/CL)

Dalton Gooding (Moulyinning/CL)

CENTRES
Tom Pearce (Moulyinning/CL)

Gary Gray (Moulyinning/SD)

Keith Miller (Wickepin/WP)

HALF-FORWARDS
Allen Mycock (Kukerin/CL)

Graham Gooding (Moulyinning/CL)

Alan Orr (Newdegate/CL)

FORWARDS
Ross Ditchburn (Kukerin/CL)

Ron Miller (Wickepin/SF)

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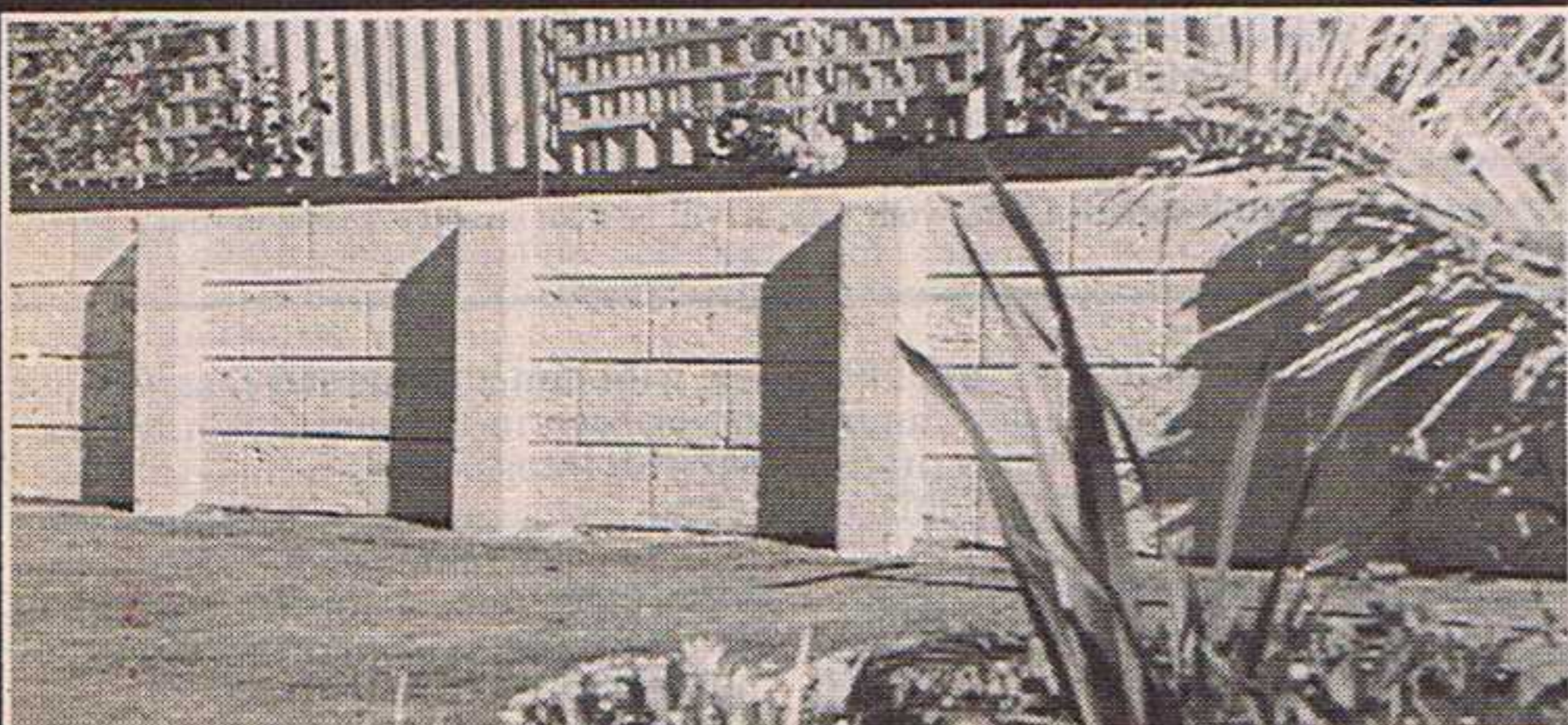
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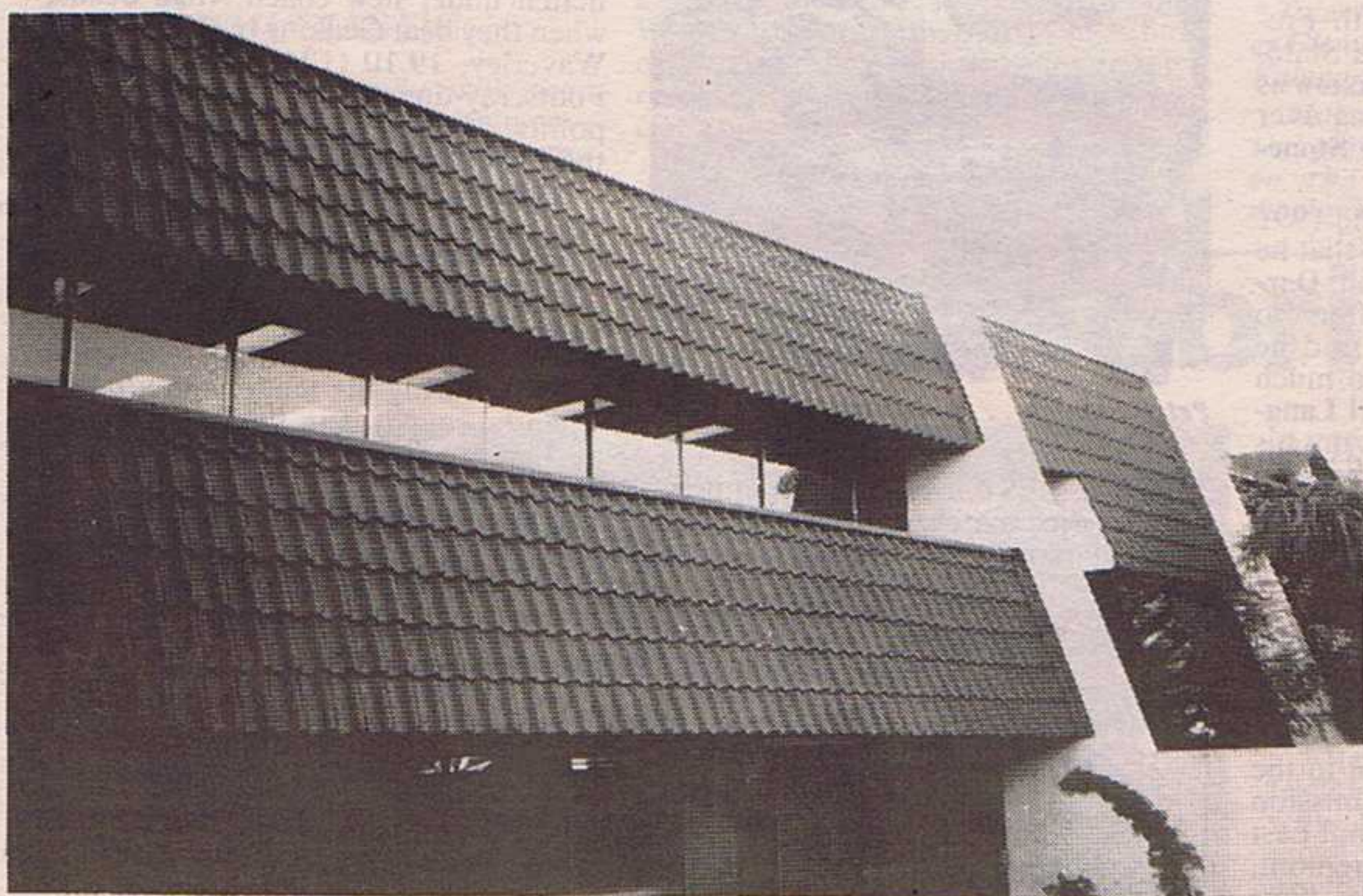
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What's happening in sport

SUMMER sporting activities in Perth are many and varied — and football fans indulge in a host of alternative activities. Masters Dairy present this round-up of prominent events over coming weeks.

SPEEDWAY

Friday — *Speedway Spectacular*. February 14: *WA sprintcar championship*

BASEBALL

If the Perth Heat finish on top of the ABL ladder, as expected, the first of the finals will be at Parry Field on February 14 and 15.

WA Baseball League — Sunday: Morley v Victoria Park; Swan Districts v Wembley; Melville v Gosnells; Wanneroo v Perth; South Perth v West Stirling.

State Super League — Friday, 6.30pm: Boomers v Firebirds; 9pm: Scorpions v Hornets.

CRICKET

Sunday: WA v South Africa (day/night).

February 13-16: Sheffield Shield — WA v Queensland, WACA Ground.

February 22: World Cup England v Sri Lanka, WACA Ground (day/night).

WACA fixtures (round 11 start this Saturday, home club first): Willetton v Scarborough; Melville v Bayswater-Morley; Perth v Midland-Guildford; Gosnells v Mt Lawley; South Perth v Claremont-Nedlands; North Perth v Subiaco-Floreat; Wanneroo v Fremantle; University bye.

GREYHOUNDS

Saturday — \$30,000 final Winfield Gold Cup, Cannington Raceway. February 13 — heats Emu Export distance gift. Final — February 22.

TENNIS

February 22: State closed championships, Nollamara Tennis Club.

CANOEING

Sunday, 7am: State sprint racing, Cannington Bridge



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Did you miss this...

JANUARY 23: The AFL will introduce a three umpire interchange system for the Foster's Cup match between the West Coast Eagles and Collingwood in Darwin on February 9, to counter the oppressive heat and humidity. THE Eagles management came out in support of the West Australian Football Commission's controversial Football 2000 report.

JANUARY 24: Former South Fremantle Sandover Medallist and State-of-Origin champion Mark Bairstow is the new Geelong captain, taking over from Andrew Bews, with Barry Stoneham as vice-captain.

JANUARY 25: Ian Dargie, the 1991 Sandover Medallist, confirmed that he will stay with Subiaco this season. Dargie had received tempting offers to move to South Australia, but said he enjoyed the lifestyle in WA too much to leave. EAGLES forward Karl Langdon suffered another setback on his road to recovery from a broken arm and a foot operation, when he badly sprained an angle at training, forcing him out of the Foster's Cup match in Darwin.

JANUARY 26: Eagles skipper John Worsfold was ruled out of the practice match against Adelaide; still recovering from groin surgery. PERTH president Ted O'Connor has written to the West Australian Football Commission criticising any proposal to bail out East Perth, while clubs such as Claremont, South Fremantle and Perth have fought their own financial battles.

JANUARY 27: Brisbane Bears No. 1 draft choice John Hutton had an ordinary start in an intracub practice match, when he had to borrow a pair of football boots, as the club's supply for new players had not arrived.

JANUARY 28: Eagles full-forward Peter Sumich was grounded for two weeks after an operation to remove a floating bone fragment from his left knee. The fragment had been in Sumich's knee for a year, but when it flared up at training, it was decided to operate.

JANUARY 29: Tasmania's bid to introduce a side into the AFL competition has been rejected by the AFL Commission. The AFL claimed Tasmania could not financially support a permanently-based team.

JANUARY 30: Eight senior West Coast Eagles players will be unavailable for the practice match against the Adelaide Crows on February 1 through injury — Ashley McIntosh, John Worsfold, Karl Langdon, Andrew Lockyer, Michael Brennan, Peter Wilson, Peter Sumich and Adrian Barich.

JANUARY 31: On the eve of the Eagles first practice match, coach Mick Malthouse says there will be no major changes to the side this season, only fine-tuning.

FEBRUARY 1: South Fremantle defender Bruno Italiano was deleted from Collingwood's senior list after aggravating a groin injury at training, forcing him out for up to three months.



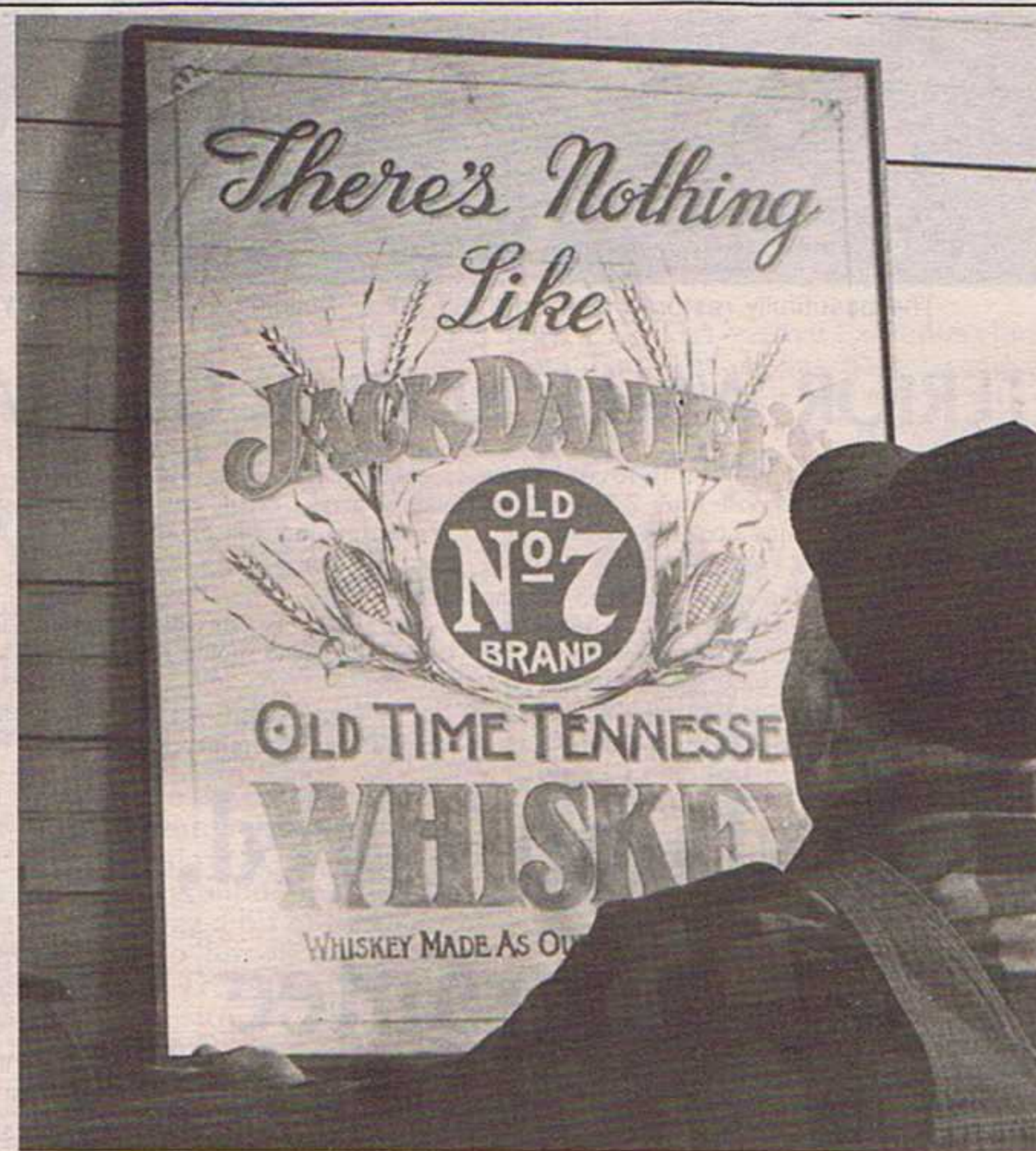
Peter Sumich ... sidelined with a knee injury

THE EAGLES opened with an impressive practice match in Adelaide. With 11 regulars missing, the Eagles beat a near full-strength Adelaide Crows at

Football Park by 11 points, 20.7 (127) to 18.8 (116). Ryan Turnbull, Mitchell White, Paul Harding, Dean Laidley and Derek Hall all played well.

FEBRUARY 2: The AFL accepted a recommendation from the Medical Officers' Association requiring any player bleeding profusely to be removed from the ground immediately for treatment. The new regulation requires a change of guernsey if there is blood on it. RICHMOND won their first practice match under new coach Allan Jeans, when they beat Geelong by 33 points at Waverley, 19.10 (124) to 13.13 (91). Footscray downed Collingwood by 27 points, 20.15 (135) to 16.12 (108), in their practice match.

FEBRUARY 3: The West Coast Eagles were heavily backed on Melbourne's Tabaret to win the Foster's Cup pre-season competition, firming from 7/1 to 4/1. ADELAIDE Crows star Darren Jarman will miss 10 weeks after rupturing the tendons in a finger when he caught it in the waistband of an Eagles opponent. FORMER Claremont champion Jim Krakouer was back with the Tigers considering a WAFL return if he doesn't get selected in the March AFL draft.




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The successful connections in last Saturday's second semi-final (from left) Judy Powell (Agro Lad), Daphne and Jeff Leppard (Roxcourt), Neal Albrey (Smokewood Magic) and Kevin Phillips (Born Natural)

WA stars claim all boxes

A STUNNING twist of events has led to an all-West Australian final in the highlight of the greyhound year, the Winfield Gold Cup, to be run at Cannington Raceway this Saturday night.

Shock losses in last Saturday's semi-finals for Victorian star and Cup favourite Noble Stranger and former Queensland Rampant Storm has left the Cup field without a visitor.

The WA field will be led by the Clare Albrey-trained pair of Mossdale Magic and Smokewood Magic as the leading contenders to snare the \$18,000 first prize.

Mossdale Magic has been primed for the Cup series and is racing in brilliant form; sprinting to the front in classy fashion to win the opening heat.

Mossdale Magic blitzed the field in an impressive time of 31.83, in what had been expected to be the slower heat of the two.

Mossdale Magic and Smokewood Magic will find Roxcourt, Agro Lad and Chief Senior all at their peak for the final.

Roxcourt won the second heat in the slower time of 32.05, but can improve greatly on that run.

OMISSIONS

The amazing chain of big-name omissions through the heats and semis continued at Cannington last Saturday when top greyhounds Quit, Blue Dinney and Sonorelle all failed to make the final.

The big name tumbles wasn't restricted to the greyhounds either.

Leading trainers Grant Langston, Gerry O'Keefe and Kevin Bromley will not feature in the final.

O'Keefe, trainer of the State's best-known greyhound Sandi's Me Mum, failed to qualify for the semi-finals and Langston bowed out when all three semi-finalists missed the cut.

The final field is: — Mossdale Magic, Rising Ovation, Chief Senior, Wynlee Supreme, Roxcourt, Agro Lad, Smokewood Magic and Born Natural. The emergencies are Blue Dinney and Feel Good.

Gold Cup series was wide open

THE retirement last year of WA's greatest greyhound, Sandi's Me Mum, threw the 1992 \$42,000 Winfield Gold Cup series wide open.

In recent years, with Sandi's Me Mum blitzing invitation and open class fields throughout the nation, Eastern States greyhound owners and trainers have been reluctant to send top dogs to Perth for WA's prestigious event.

However, the lack of an emerging WA sprint star and a long-term injury to 1991 Greyhound of the Year, Capobianca, ensured that the 1992 Cup series would be the most enthralling for years.

The shock failure of brilliant sprinter King Joval and talented pair Red Zenka and Kahyasi to make the semi-finals, further confirmed that this year's \$18,000 first prize could go to an outsider.

Punters were also stunned when

Eastern States import Burning Lucky missed a semi-final berth.

Australian record-holding trainer Grant Langston and Kevin Bromley, one of the State's most improved trainers, each sent three starters into the semi-finals.

After failing with his import, Burning Lucky, Langston's hopes of lifting the Gold Cup remained with the highly-fancied Quit, Blue Dinney and Feel Good.

But the shock losses continued.

The Langston and Bromley semi-final starters all failed to qualify for Saturday's final.

Bromley brought former Queensland star Rampant Storm to Perth for the series, but he failed to impress in the heats and just managed to qualify for the semi-final with a struggling third.

Rampant Storm then produced an even more disappointing run last Saturday, finishing a dismal seventh and out of the series.

The heats were dominated by Victorian import Noble Stranger, who qualified for the semi-finals with the fastest time of 31.73.

In last Saturday's semi-final, Noble Stranger was crowded out at the first turn and failed to get the wide run he traditionally needs to win races.

The 6/4-on race favourite finished a disappointing sixth.

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The placegetters in the first semi-final were (from left) Ron Pearson (Rising Ovation), Neal Albrey (Mossdale Magic), Dave Watts (Chief Senior) and Linda Britton (Wynlee Supreme)

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DASHING DOUBLE . . . Eagles stars (from left) Peter Sumich, Paul Peos, Chris Mainwaring, Dwayne Lamb, Brett Heady, Trent Nichols, Andrew Lockyer and Craig Turley with the finalists in the Gold Cup



STAR footballers and speedy greyhounds came together in Perth this week as both sports built up for a big occasion. The venue was the foyer of the SGIO offices in St George's Terrace — and man and beast paraded in fine style.

In a unique barrier draw, the field for the richest greyhound event on the West Coast — the \$42,000 Winfield Gold Cup — was finalised, with the colourful help of star Eagles footballers.

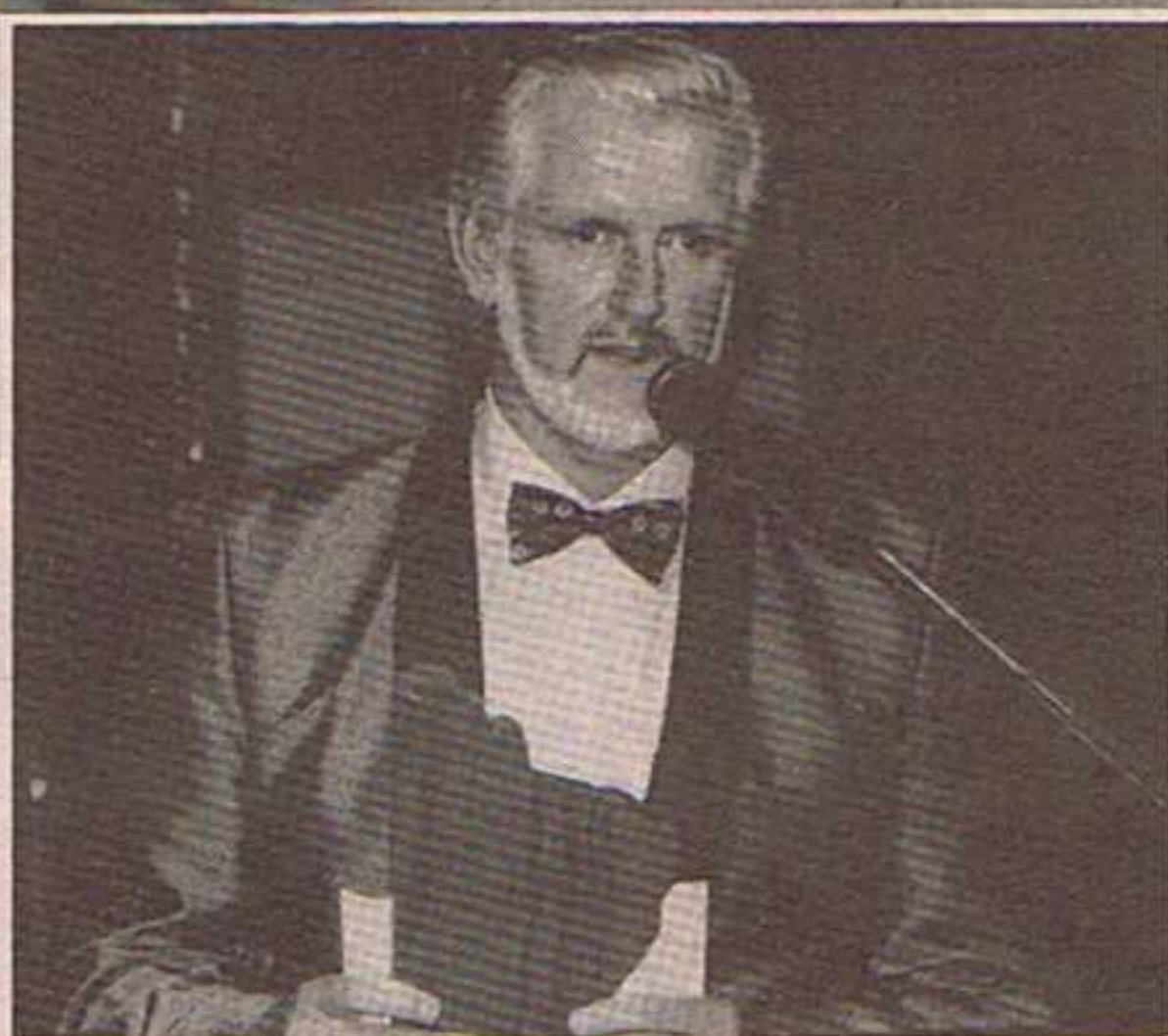
The SGIO, major sponsors of the Eagles, hosted the box draw, where footballers descended via the foyer elevators, wearing guernsey numbers one to eight, to be matched up with the finalists in WA's most prestigious greyhound race.

The big race is on at Cannington Raceway this Saturday night — and on Sunday, the West Coast Eagles will unleash their stars in Darwin, when the \$360,000 Foster's Cup pre-season competition kicks off.

The box draw and the market for the Gold Cup is as follows:

- 1 — Wynlee Supreme 4/1; 2 — Mossdale Magic 7/4; 3 — Agro Lad 6/1; 4 — Rising Ovation 8/1; 5 — Chief Senior 10/1; 6 — Smokewood Magic 3/1; 7 — Roxcourt 8/1; 8 — Born Natural 12/1.

Langston learns from football



Leading greyhounds trainer Grant Langston accepts his award as 1991 trainer of the year.

HIGHLY-decorated greyhounds trainer Grant Langston has revealed that a football background is part of his success formula.

Langston, who holds an Australian record for the number of winners trained in one year, believes training elite athletes and greyhounds is the same.

"It's all a matter of timing and interval training with my dogs," says Langston. "It's very similar to the type of training league footballers will do to build up their explosive strength and stamina for specific distances."

"With the training of greyhounds, I just put into practice many of the things I experienced when playing provincial football in Victoria."

"It's all much the same."

Langston is to WA greyhounds what Bart Cummings and Tommy Smith are to Eastern States horse racing — and even Allan Jeans to football team preparation.

Langston has won the Mandurah Raceway Trainer of the Year Award for the past nine years and been Cannington Raceway's leading trainer for seven years.

In 1990, Langston set an Australian record of 287 winners in one year.

He has trained some of WA's most successful greyhounds.

He won the 1989 Winfield Gold Cup with the brilliant Miss Crisp and has dominated the WA scene over the past 15 years with the likes of The Woodsman, Leggo Lady, Our Equal, Involved, Silvertail Lady and Gentle Jeff.

Lockett's dual desire

ONE of Australia's most-recognised sportsmen, St Kilda full-forward Tony Lockett, is a greyhound fanatic.

The brilliant Saints goal-sneak harbours an ambition to add an AFL premiership medal — and eventually captain St Kilda — to Australia's most prestigious greyhound award, the Australian Cup.

Lockett is an enthusiastic greyhound trainer, mixing that love with his high-profile football life.

Victorian greyhound officials have often grabbed the chance to utilise Lockett's charisma to help promote the sport of chasing.

The 1987 Brownlow Medallist and dual winner of the AFL goal-kick-

ing award, is generally reluctant to speak with the media about his flamboyant and often controversial football career.

However, when it comes to greyhounds, the burly Lockett is far more open and well aware of the sport's need for good media exposure.

"I love the sport and enjoy helping in any way, especially introducing kids to greyhound racing because that's where the sport's future lies," Lockett told new greyhound magazine, Australian Greyhound Monthly.

"As a kid myself, I used to be employed as a catcher at Ballarat, where I'd earn my pocket money for the week.

"I found it good fun and my interest grew from there."

Lockett trained his first Victorian city winner last December and is a part-owner in several promising greyhounds.

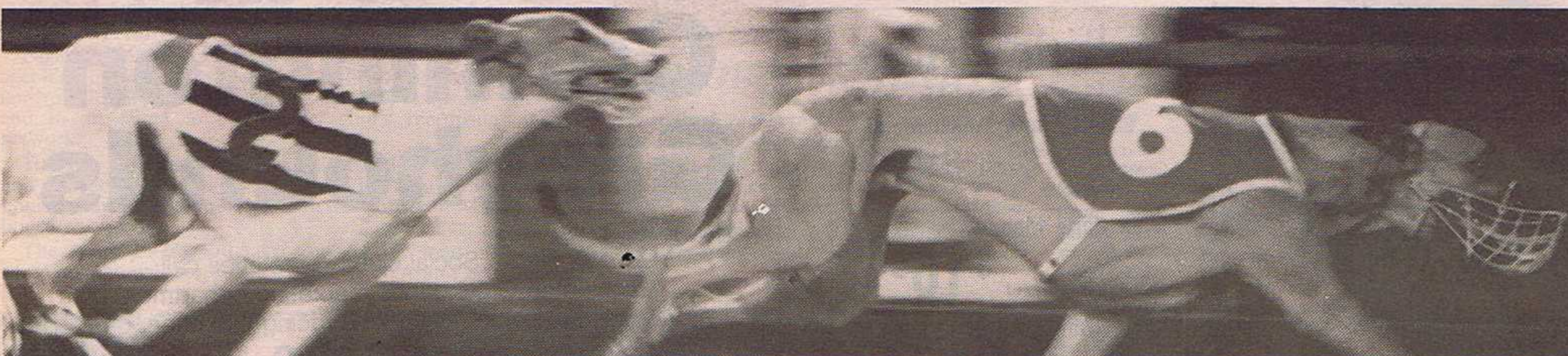
For the time being, the champion forward remains a part-time enthusiast in the sport.

But he is adamant that at the end of his football days, he will own and train greyhounds on a full-time professional basis.

Till the time arrives for the big boots of Lockett to be hung up, greyhound racing will remain the outlet through which the colourful Saint will kick his heels up and relax.

"It's a real get-away and something I thoroughly enjoy," he said. "Greyhound racing is a fantastic sport."

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