

## THE COUNTDOWN CONTINUES

THE days are moving by quickly as footballers across the nation prepare for the 1992 kick-off. This week's centre spread has an exclusive look at all of last year's WAFL players in statistical form ...

ALAN EAST catches up with a football legend back in his home town and KIM HAGDORN poses an interesting question for the WAFL ... and speculates on who will drop out of the Eagles camp

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## BROWNIE'S BACK



Things have really started jumping down South Fremantle way with the return of premiership coach Malcolm Brown

The colourful Brownie is one of WA football's legends ... and his influence on the WAFL scene is sure to be interesting this season.

Brown has retained his role as WA's chairman of selectors for this year's interstate campaign — and with a likely AFL team based in Fremantle in the not-too-distant future, guess who is lining up for the coaching job?



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# Pre-season footy gossip

with **KIM HAGDORN** and **DAMIAN BIANCHINI**

## Lions head out to new zone

**SUBIACO** will test the water in their new development zone when they travel to Padbury on Sunday to play a West Coast Eagles side in a practice match.

The WA Football Commission wants Subiaco to eventually re-locate out in the developing northern metropolitan corridor around Whitfords — an area that is proving to be a bonanza breeding ground for the Lions.

The Lions will become the third WAFL to play the Eagles in pre-season hit-out, with the match being staged at MacDonald Reserve, off Marmion Avenue.

Last year Subiaco played a pre-season intraclub practice match in their metropolitan zone, at Millington Reserve, in Karrinyup, which proved an excellent public relations exercise.

Lions management opted to take this year's match to MacDonald Reserve to further test the response from local fans and recognise the value of the area to the club.

"We have good relations with our feeder areas and we hope that this sort of exercise will become an annual event," says Lions general manager Alan White.

"Our club is very aware of the need to recognise the value of our junior and supporter base.

"It is also an opportunity to attract a cash injection into the club at a fairly lean time of the year."

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## Zempilas leads classy Falcons

**GANGLY** West Perth ruckman Basil Zempilas looks set for a top season.

Zempilas was the centre of a major football row in 1990 when he had his lung punctured in a heavy head-on collision with the WAFL's toughman of the time, Stephen Hooper, of East Perth.

The young Falcon missed most of that year and then opened his 1991 campaign by tearing the tendons in a hand to rule him out for all of last season.

But the promising 20-year-old gave clear indication he is ready for a return to full time league duties with a brilliant display in leading West Perth to an 11-goal victory over East Fremantle, at Collie on Sunday.

The Falcons were comfortable winners 26.16 (172) to 13.15 (93).

Other top performers for the Falcons were Paddy Madaffari in the centre, Paul Mifka, at half-back and Collie recruit Tony Edwards, at centre-half-forward.

The Falcons were also encouraged with the performance of imported rover Darren Harris, who has followed new Falcons coach, Jeff Gieschen, across from Wodonga, in country Victoria.

East Fremantle's loss was compounded by an ankle injury to lively rover Billy Krakouer.

However, the Sharks were impressed with the first-up performance of Willetton recruit Ivan Hartree up forward and Bunbury rover Josh Gallop.

## ROYAL RESOLVE

**THE** dust continues to settle at East Perth after the player-payment controversy, with rugged followers Lucio Baroni and Steve Richardson signing their 1992 contracts.

Baroni, like many of his teammates, had been awaiting the outcome of an extraordinary meeting of club members before deciding whether to remain at Perth Oval or seek another WAFL club.

Richardson, who was a bonus recruit when he switched over from Swan Districts two years ago, has overcome some late-season injuries from last year and is looking very fit.

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## Gandini setback

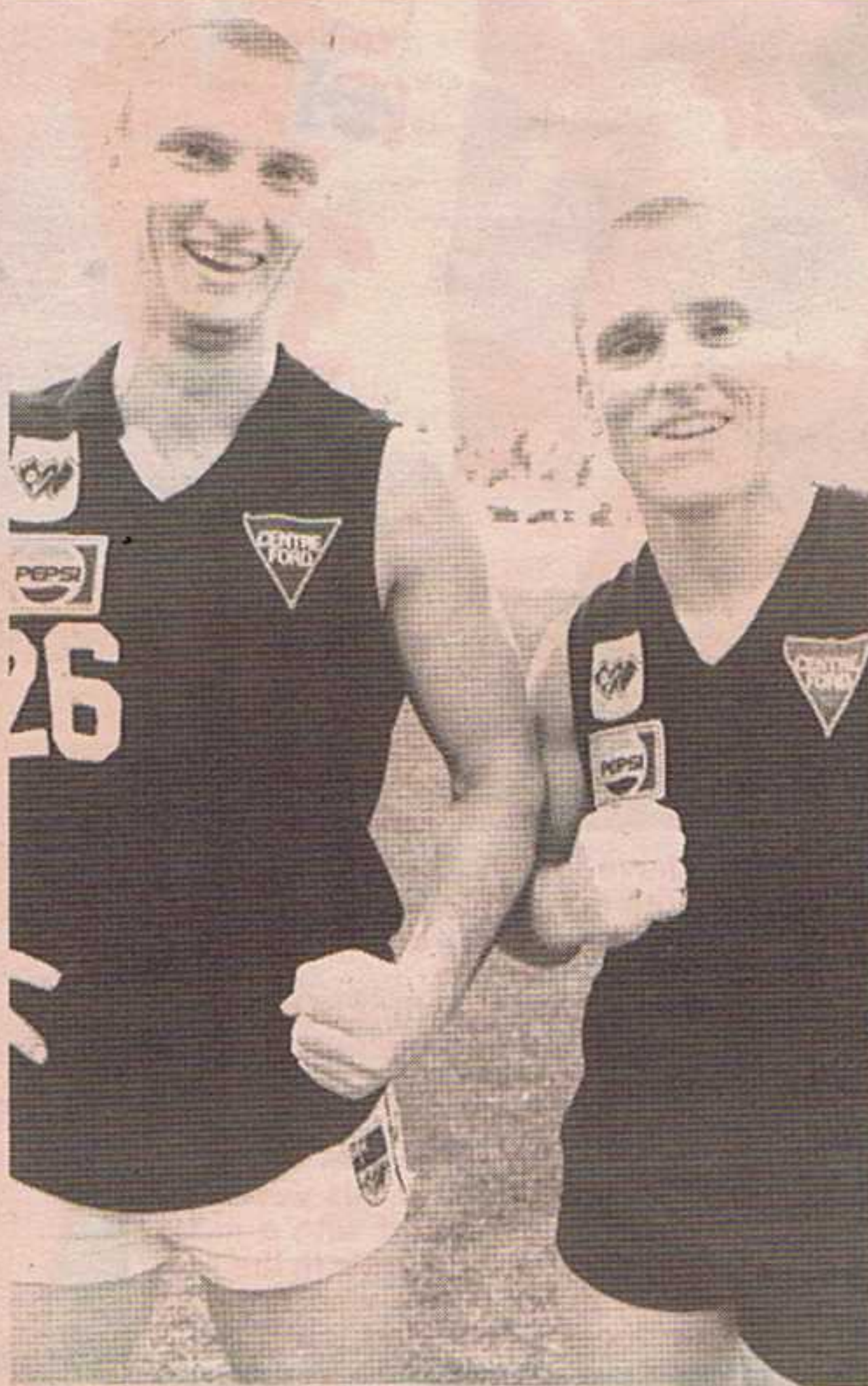
**LEN** Gandini's football comeback has received a setback.

The 1990 Swan Districts premiership player has strained the calf muscle that has plagued his league football for the past three years.

Gandini, who has applied for a clearance from Swans back to Perth, is training with the Demons, but faces a short lay-off.

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## Mean machines



**THERE'S** a new look of aggressiveness at Perth Oval as the rough-and-tough message of coach Stan Magro hits the pre-season programme.

Two league players who have adopted a fierce approach to the season are utility player Fabian Dawson (left) and rover Peter Miller — and their close-cropped hairstyles tell the story.

Miller, a key on-ball player for the Royals, is looking extremely fit, while Dawson, who has had limited opportunities, is set to establish himself as a regular league player this season.

## New Tigers skipper

**REIGNING** premiers Claremont have appointed talented youngster Brian Beresford as captain for the 1992 season.

Beresford, a dashing and highly consistent defender, replaces popular veteran Mark Hann, who has stepped aside after two seasons at the helm.

Beresford (24) will have fellow defender Scott Edwards as his deputy and the club's new on-field leaders will be introduced to club members and sponsors at a special function on Friday.

The function will see the draw for Claremont's major sponsor for this season — an innovative exercise that proved an enormous success last year.

All contributing sponsors will have their names put into a barrel, with the winner carrying the tag as major sponsor for 1992.

Claremont members will gather at the club this Sunday for a 10am meeting to hear plans for the coming season — including an explanation of



**ON-FIELD MAN** ... new Claremont captain Brian Beresford

events leading up to shock resignation of president Lew Mutch.

Tigers fans will also hear budget intentions for the coming season and an outline of the difficult financial times facing all WAFL clubs.

## McDougall back

**SUBIACO'S** premiership hopes have been boosted with the surprise return of 1988 club champion Brad McDougall.

A potential match-winner on his day, McDougall walked in from the wilderness during the first week in February, having sat out of football last season.

The 25-year-old returned to Perth after a nomadic eight-month existence in Melbourne last year, when he realised football meant more to him than he thought.

McDougall was a key member of Subiaco's 1988 premiership team and will add goal-kicking prowess to the Lions forward line.

"I realised I missed the game and decided that the time was right to get back into it," McDougall said.

"I enjoyed the experience of being in Melbourne with all the interest in footy. But it's just not the same as playing."

McDougall has been employed by Subiaco, assisting with numerous maintenance jobs around the club and at Subiaco Oval.

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## Narkle's problems

**PHIL** Narkle is battling Achilles heel problems, which is hampering his lead-up to the 1992 WAFL season.

The runner-up in last year's Sandover Medal has been restricted in his training for the past three weeks and was unable to play in last week's high-quality practice match against the Eagles at Bassendean Oval.



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# North versus south game

THE absence of an interstate game in Perth this season offers the perfect opportunity for the WAFL to solve an age-old argument in local football.

*Just where do the best footballers come from — north of the Swan River, or south of the city's great divide?*

By **KIM HAGDORN**

As the Eagles sharpen up for their assault on the AFL flag and the WAFL season build-up cranks into gear, a north versus south practice match would be a great promotional concept.

For the first time in more than a decade, the WA football public will not have a State-of-Origin clash between fierce rivals Western Australia and Victoria on home soil.

WA's stunning defeat of the 'Big V' in Perth last season has forced the national football powers to stage a Melbourne clash of the interstate giants.

It will be the first time a WA team has played the Vics at the MCG since 1970 — and only the third State-of-Origin clash in Victoria since the inception of the concept in 1977.

The absence of an interstate fixture gives WAFC administrators the chance to stage an experimental game with enormous interest — particularly in view of a likely second AFL team emerging from the West.

## MARKETING MOVE

A north versus south match would be an ideal marketing exercise for the WAFL ... not forgetting the revenue that could be generated for ailing local clubs.

The match could be staged as a twilight fixture the week before the WAFL series kicks off on Saturday, April 4.

The north team would be selected from 1990 premiers Swan Districts, last year's grand finalists Subiaco, plus West Perth and East Perth.

The south side would come from the traditional Port teams, East Fremantle and South Fremantle, Perth and — for the sake of the exercise — reigning WAFL premiers Claremont would be added to southerners.

Further marketing appeal could be generated in the clash of the coaches.

Controversial premiership-winning Claremont coach Gerard Neesham represents the new breed and should coach the south team — with his strong Fremantle upbringing — while the veteran John Todd, a hero at Bassendean despite his Fremantle background, makes an ideal coach for the northerners.

That would enable newly-revived South Fremantle coach Mal Brown to take on an off-field role to add to the interest.

The exercise would double as a selection shoot-out for the State team, with prospects from both the WAFL and West Coast Eagles in action.

Brown has been retained as chairman of WA's selectors, assisting Eagles coach Mick Malthouse, who will head WA's State-of-Origin assault in Mel-

# would be a winner



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RIVER SHOOT-OUT ... John Todd (left) and Gerard Neesham would make ideal coaching combatants for a pre-season trial match

bourne and Barry Cable, who will coach the team to play South Australia in Adelaide.

WA's first interstate duty for 1992 is a night clash against SA at Football Park in Adelaide on Tuesday, May 12, following WAFL Round 6.

A trial match before that should surely loom as an attraction to the State selectors.

Criteria for Eagles selection in the north-south match could be the same as it will be for the clash with the Croweaters.

Any Eagle who plays the AFL fixture on the weekend before the trial match would be ineligible to play, just as they will not be able to play against SA if they are in the side doing battle with Footscray, at Subiaco Oval, on Sunday, May 10.

# WAFL clubs get a handy pay-out

THE WA Football Commission has made a timely injection of funds to WA's eight struggling WAFL clubs.

As part of a \$50,000 commitment to subsidise coaching and management costs, the Commission has paid out \$16,000 to each club.

The cash comes at a vital time for local clubs, who are battling enormous debts and heavy pre-season financial commitments.

Commission secretary Jeff Ovens said that last week's payment was part of the WAFC commitment to assist local clubs through difficult financial times.

He added that the WAFC was mindful of the needs of the clubs for cash flow in current difficult economic times, particularly coming from the off-season when clubs struggle to generate funds for on-going administration expenses.

"The Commission is conscious of the importance of clubs engaging quality management and coaching staff to ensure the future of the local competition," Ovens said.

"We are content that every WAFL club currently has competent management in place. It is part of the overall potential strength of the game.

## DEBT REDUCTION

"While the clubs are experiencing some tough times now in the economic climate, we firmly believe there are better times ahead.

"It is a matter of football pulling together at all levels.

"The performance of the Commission and the restructuring of the Eagles

has generated a flow of funds in tough times."

Ovens said the Commission remained committed to the overall reduction of debts hovering over the football industry.

The Commission's intention was for football to be debt-free by 1995 or 1996.

In the more immediate future, the WAFC has dangled another financial carrot to the WAFL clubs in an effort to receive early indication of budget projections for the coming season.

Clubs have been advised that if their budgets for 1992 are approved by the Commission by Monday, March 9, a further payment of \$16,000 could be made.

The second pay-out is scheduled for July, with the final payment of the management and coaching subsidy commitment due in October.

## Royals plan a gala day

A FABULOUS Ford Laser car will be up for grabs when East Perth hold a Trash and Treasure day at Perth Oval on Sunday, March 29 as part of their revival campaign.

The Appealathon project, held in conjunction with the Floreat Lions Club, will be a vital fund-raiser for the cash-strapped Royals.

The club's major sponsor, Centre Ford, will donate the \$18,000 Ford Laser for a hole-in-one golf competition.

The gala day will see a host of stalls, prizes, entertainment and refreshments available as Perth Oval is transformed into a giant market-place.

East Perth's fund-raising campaign, which raised more than \$100,000 over summer in a bid to keep their doors open, will be bolstered by a major raffle that has a \$35,000 Ford car as the first prize.

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## CHANGING COLOURS . . .



**NEW COLOURS**  
... switching colours from the Brisbane Bears (left) to Collingwood this season are Brad Hardie (right) and Brad Rowe (below)



# Brads in common at new venue

**TWO** of Western Australia's best-bred footballers with a common christian name, but contrasting careers, have joined forces at Australia's most famous football club.

Collingwood is the new home for the much-travelled Brad Hardie, where he plans to maintain his illustrious career and also for Brad Rowe, a rookie who is still striving to cement his AFL impact.

The two skilled ball-getters are proud Fremantle products, Hardie from South Fremantle via Hilton Park and Rowe from East Fremantle, but with a Geraldton background.

The 22-year-old Rowe was a promising East Fremantle recruit in 1988, coming from Chapman Valley, but having to wait till the next season before he really unveiled his roving skills.

### DRAFT CALL-UP

That good year earned him a draft call-up to the Brisbane Bears, but 14 games in two seasons has not been a sufficient reward for his skills. He sees the move to Collingwood as being the incentive he needs to lift another level.

"It was always a bit hard in Brisbane, where it's a rugby orientated State," says Rowe.

"They are a good bunch of blokes at Collingwood and it's a tremendous club to be involved with. I'm getting used to the players and learning how they work around you.

"My goals are to play as many games as possible and just be consistent."

Hardie, the big game medal-winner with a tremendous interstate record, is determined that his third AFL club will be a suitable venue to bring down the curtain on his career.

After an impressive two seasons at Footscray, with a Brownlow Medal and 47 games, he opted for life in the sunshine and joined the migration north to be in the Brisbane Bears' inaugural team in 1987.

But that Gold Coast existence had its troubles and he was thwarted in one attempted move back to Footscray, but has now secured a release to Collingwood, a club that he has always respected.

"They are a very efficient unit and it's great to join up with such a traditional football club," says Hardie.

"It's certainly good to be back in Melbourne football; Queensland just wasn't football-orientated."

Hardie's seven-year career at the top level has now seen him play 148 games and he is keen to earn his colours at Collingwood.

He wasn't an impressive performer in their Foster's Cup loss to the Eagles in Darwin, but then the 38-degree heat was never Hardie's style. He is a wet-weather Melbourne man and the tight confines at Victoria Park are where he can be best-suited.

"The challenge is certainly there for me," says Hardie, now 29 and fully aware that his legs are not as nifty as they once were.

"I'm out to prove that I can stand up to senior football.

"But I'm not just there for myself; I'm there to compliment the side and be part of a successful unit.

"I believe I've got a couple of good years left in me."

WA fans of Hardie, especially those loyal South Fremantle supporters who still regard the former local boy as one of their proudest achievements, will surely agree.

After all, he is the State's most decorated footballer in the national arena with a Brownlow, two Tassie Medals and two Simpson Medals.

While Hardie's football career has seen him travel up and down the east coast, so has his on-field role traversed both ends of the oval.

He won most of his medals playing a specialist role out of the back pocket, shadowing resting rovers, but turning the traditional defensive job into an attacking one.

He is now back in the forward line, where he started with South Fremantle and Magpie fans hope that the traditional long-sleeved guernsey will produce some handy goals in the black-and-white colours.



**BRADS IN DUPLICATE . . .** Brad Rowe (left) and Brad Hardie are together again at Collingwood; both seeking a revival of their careers



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# Hepburn's fate still swings

EMBATTLED Eagles ruckman Mark Hepburn will make his own decision on whether to remain at Claremont or move to another WAFL club.

West Perth, Perth and East Fremantle are all anxious about the outcome of talks between Hepburn, Eagles coach Mick Malthouse and Tigers coach Gerard Neesham.

Hepburn, the centre of a political football storm leading into last year's WAFL grand final, was the catalyst to a conflict that led to president Lew Mutch resigning last week.

Mutch claimed that the wheels of negotiation had been turning behind his back in relation to Hepburn's future — but that decision has now been firmly put into the hands of the player.

The part-time Eagles ruckman played in the 1991 grand final at the insistence of the WA Football Commission and Mutch resigned after hearing that Hepburn may be shifted to another local club.

## MEETING

Neesham has left the door open for Hepburn to stay at his original WAFL club after a meeting with the big ruckman-forward.

"I had an amicable meeting with the Eagles hierarchy, before talking with Mark," Neesham revealed.

"The discussion between Mark and I was forthright, with both of us expressing our opinions for the short and long term.

"My only concern over Mark, which affects his chances of playing with the Eagles, is that I play my ruckmen off the bench.

"Adam Clark was probably the form ruckman of the WAFL last year and he generally spends time on the bench in my game plans.

"The prospect of Mark playing in a key position such as centre-half-forward or full-forward was also discussed with the Eagles.

"It was decided that if he is fit enough, there was a chance he could play elsewhere. The ball is now in Mark's court.

"I hope he'll stay with Claremont. I've told him and the Eagles that.

"Mark will discuss his future with Mick Malthouse and Brian Cook at the Eagles and then let us know his decision."

Neesham believes that Hepburn would be better suited at this stage of his career by staying in the stable environment of his home WAFL club.

Hepburn was recruited back to Perth by the Eagles last year after a 56-game, four-year career with North Melbourne.

He battled injury and inconsistent form in his endeavours to win a spot with the Eagles big-man department, playing just five senior games with West Coast and nine with Claremont, including his controversial grand final appearance.

"Mark's had some unsettling experiences on top of each other and everything has been in the space of the year he has been back in Perth," Neesham said.

"All his friends are at Claremont and he is established there.

"It could be even more unsettling for him and his football if he goes to another WAFL club now."

## DELIGHTED

While Neesham waits on Hepburn's decision, the Tigers chief is delighted at the Eagles release of talented forward-rover Dale Kickett.

Neesham says Kickett has settled into a new job and had given an assurance that he would see the full season out with Claremont.

"He's the sort of explosive player who can win a game from his own boot," Neesham said.

"His AFL career might not necessarily be over, but for the time being he's very much a part of our plans for 1992."

— KIM HAGDORN



TOUGH DECISION... Mark Hepburn is facing a choice of staying at Claremont or switching WAFL clubs

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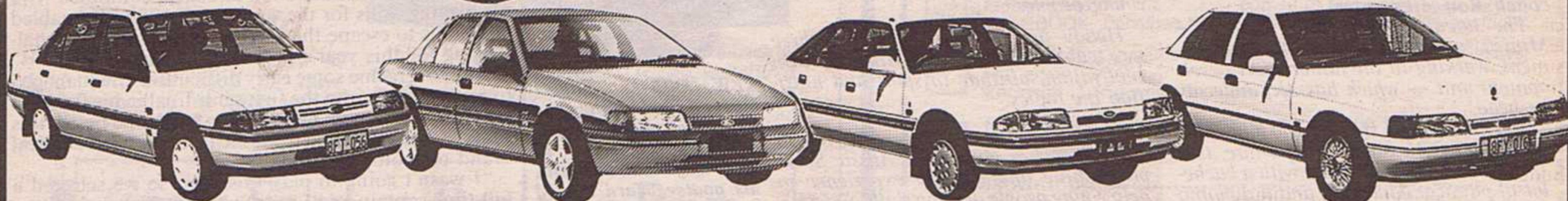
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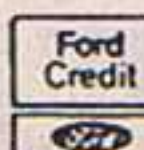
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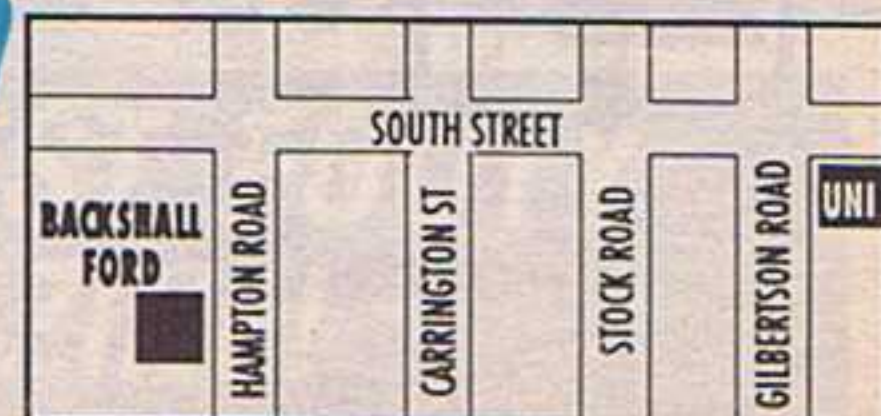
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CATCHING UP . . . Maurice Rioli catches up on some WA football news in his Darwin office

# There's still a touch of magic about Maurice



## Eagle talk

### Hard work pays off

EAGLES coach Mick Malthouse has always worked on the philosophy that hard work pays off.

And the good pre-season form of David Hynes is yet another example of how a change of attitude and a more determined approach can pay off.

"Hynes has put in an enormous amount of hard work over summer and he'll reap the rewards," says Malthouse, who now has another option in the forward line with the success of Hynes in attack.

"He has decided to work hard, he built himself up over summer and he's got surer hands. He's now more comfortable in the unit and he's ready to go on with it."

The goal-kicking form of Hynes over the Foster's Cup series has certainly pleased the South Australian, a key man in several premierships with Port Adelaide.

"I've never really played at full-forward before," said Hynes after his seven-goal haul against Collingwood in the heat of Darwin.

"When I was given the role against Collingwood, I set myself a target of five goals and I was more than happy with the result.

"Hopefully, I can be a regular this season."



NEW LOOK . . . Eagles big man David Hynes has a new look about his football this season — in more ways than one, with his goatee beard having disappeared

### Heady's new role

DASHING Eagles half-forward Brett Heady is finally getting the chance to operate under inaugural West Coast coach Ron Alexander.

The talented Heady has joined the Ministry of Sport and Recreation Department, working in the junior sport development unit — which has Alexander as its head.

The 22-year-old Heady, who joined the Eagles after Alexander's departure, is a University of WA graduate with a bachelor of physical education and a diploma of education.

His current role has him interviewing elite sports people for advice on a whole range of sporting topics that could benefit young people.

Heady has already completed three new publications for the Ministry, with motivation, attitude in sport and nutrition the topics.

"I'm looking forward to getting out to high schools as part of the Aussie Sport programme and use my experience to help young people develop skills and positive attitudes," says Heady.

IT'S been a big year for football legend Maurice Rioli — he's gone back to his old school and has finally achieved his 50th game of football in the Northern Territory.

The evergreen champion of the southern football States has settled in at his Top End home in Darwin — and football achievements are still high on his list.

After 299 games in the AFL and the WAFL — 118 with Richmond, 168 with South Fremantle and 13 State games — Rioli spent his first Dry season for 17 years back in Darwin last winter . . . and says he hardly turned the TV on for a football match.

"I went camping, fishing, crabbing . . . it was great spending the winter back home doing those things that I grew up to really enjoy," said Rioli, who is now working as a liaison officer at his old school, St John's College and coaching Waratahs, in the NTFL.

"The last time I spent a Dry season up in Darwin was 1974 and I was surprised that I hardly missed football last winter.

*"I must admit, I never really enjoyed the cold winters down south and while I loved my football life, it was a pleasant change to have a break."*

Rioli's move into the coaching arena was a premeditated one, planned well in advance of his 1990 retirement from South Fremantle.

He had let his intentions be known in Darwin about his coaching aspirations and he was approached by Waratahs, whose poor form had them facing relegation from the NTFL.

The appointment of Rioli as coach, combined with his playing skills for the summer of 1989-90, enabled Waratahs to escape the axe and now the side is challenging for this year's premiership flag.

Rioli overcame some early difficulties and managed to get Waratahs into the first semi-final in his first two seasons — and now he's looking to go one better this year . . . and is leading from the front with his magical brand of football.

"I wasn't going to play this year, so we selected a full-time captain and I coached from the bench," says Rioli. "But before Christmas I wasn't happy with our form, so I decided to see if I could make a difference on the field.

*"I started slowly, but I guess I've got better and we're playing our best football now."*

"I believe we are the team that can go the distance with St Mary's, who have lost only one game — the first of the year. They have been the yardstick for other teams, especially over the last 15 years as they have been in just about every grand final, winning 12.

"I played my early football with them, starting in 1974 and it's a bit hard up against them now, but I'm enjoying the coaching challenge and I was pleased to finally notch my 50th game this season.

"The year before I came up, Waratahs were almost kicked out of the competition as the opposition sides were kicking their highest scores against them, tallies of 44 goals and so forth, with the full-back getting a stiff neck watching the ball go over his head.



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# Off the beaten track

with ALAN EAST



"The players were losers, they lacked team work and skill and I wondered what I had got myself into. It was a slow process, it wasn't till the sixth game of the first year that we won a game. We picked up a few players from down south and my younger brother Willie came over from St Mary's."

Waratahs has become something of a family affair with elder brother Sebastian serving as Maurice's assistant coach, working the moves off the bench.

Rioli's return to his old stamping grounds saw him initially continue in his role as a liaison officer with the Sport and Recreation Department, but then he tried something different.

"I took on a sales representative job for a year, selling cleaning chemicals, calling on community stores and business houses," he says.

"But then this job came up at my old school and I was quick to take it on. I've had a long association with Aborigines and I like the work, developing training programmes and sporting events, trying different types of programmes for the various groups — teenagers, adults and children.

**"I regard Darwin as my home, even though we love Perth" says Rioli. "I'll probably settle back in Perth some day. If it wasn't for the cold, we'd live in Perth all the time."**

Rioli's wife Robin is from Perth and is currently teaching at the Nightcliff High School, in Darwin. Eldest daughter Donna (13) is at St John's College, while Kristen (10) and Gavin (7) are at primary school.

The Rioli football highlights are many, with his ability to play brilliantly in big games a feature of his career.

With three Simpson Medals and a North Smith Medal to his credit, Rioli's ability to rise to the big occasion was never doubted.

But while one of those Simpsons came in his only winning grand final — with South Fremantle in 1980 — he suffered an agonising string of grand final defeats.

His first year in Perth saw South Fremantle lose the 1975 grand final to West Perth, a record margin of 101 points and his Darwin hero in Bill Dempsey a star of the match.

Souths lost a Derby grand final to arch-rivals East Fremantle in 1979, went down in the 1981 premiership play-off to Claremont (when he collected a second Simpson Medal) and then continued his losing sequence when he switched to Richmond in 1982, with the Victorian Tigers losing to Carlton even though Rioli was best-afield to earn the North Smith Medal.

"I certainly know what it's like to lose grand finals," said Rioli, who added another runner's-up role to his record in 1989; the year he returned to Perth and resumed at South Fremantle under Stan Magro, losing to Claremont.

The interstate arena gave Rioli some of his biggest thrills, including a 1983 Simpson Medal for best-afield in the Australian Championship win over Victoria.



TOGETHER AGAIN ... three of the Rioli brothers who are together again with Waratahs, in Darwin (from left) Maurice, Willie and Sebastian

## 'I'm still enjoying my football, especially coaching. But I was surprised that I didn't miss last season as much as I thought I would'

"Those 1983, '84 and '86 sides were great WA teams," says Rioli, who enjoyed the success over Victoria under the State-of-Origin concept that allows WA players to come back home and represent their initial State — which means he is also eligible to play for the Northern Territory.

Rioli lined up with the NTFL for the 1987 Bicentennial Carnival in Adelaide and his Northern Territory representation goes back to 1974, when a combined side from Darwin went over to Brisbane to beat an emerging Queensland side.

**"I was just 16 then and we had a really good side," recalls Rioli, who has also represented the NTFL in 11 Australia Day matches in Darwin against visiting AFL teams from Victoria.**

The Darwin pipeline to southern football waters has produced a steady stream of good players, with East Perth finding Billy Roe, a premiership player from up north, for their 1956 side. He was followed by Dempsey, who became a Northern Territory hero, playing 343 games with West Perth.

Then came Basil Campbell, a brief, but stunning legend at South Fremantle and Sebastian Rioli, who was the first of five Rioli brothers to don the Bulldogs guernsey.

Benny Vigona followed soon after, as did Billy Roe's son Willie and the stream has continued to flow, with stars like Michael Long and Gilbert McAdam making their mark in AFL ranks.

"Bill-Dempsey went down with a whole group of

kids, but he was the one who made the biggest impact," says Rioli.

Rioli speaks with a tinge of sadness about young brother Willie, a star rookie in the WAFL in 1990, but now not sure where his football boots will take him after an unsuccessful attempt to break into AFL ranks following a draft call-up from Hawthorn.

"Willie's not sure what he wants to do; he's waiting on offers," says Rioli, who has enjoyed seeing Willie in good form with Waratahs, running second in the NTFL best-player award.

"There have been some vibes from other States, South Australia and Tasmania. But he's really waiting to see if he gets called up in the March AFL draft.

**"Obviously he went to Hawthorn too early, he just couldn't settle in and it was a bit too much for him, too much responsibility at the time.**

"He virtually came straight out of juniors and was an instant success in Perth, but then everything got away from him.

"He is still learning to cope with loss of form and injuries; all the negatives of football happened to him last year — he lost form, copped injuries and didn't know how to handle it. After being one of the first picked in a team, he suddenly found himself struggling, not able to cope with the pressures.

"But he's learnt a lot from last year, it's valuable experience for him as you need to know how to cope with these problems, how to overcome setbacks. I'm hopeful he'll bounce back."

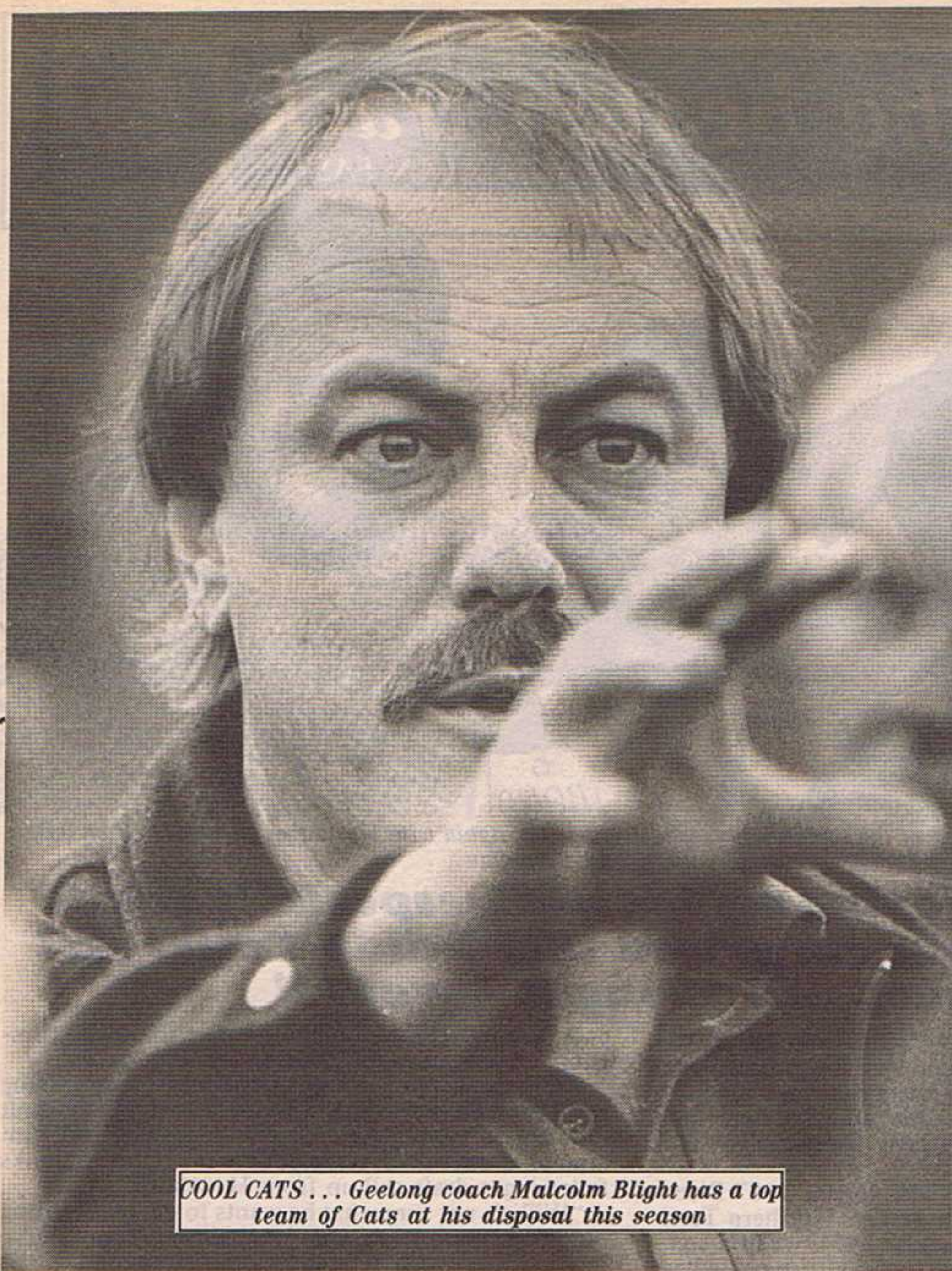


MAGIC MAN ... a warm smile, a contented look, a magical player — that's Maurice Rioli. Clockwise from the left we have Rioli's new work place, relaxing in the playground, in full flight with South Fremantle (right); catching up with Richmond team-mate Rob Wily and an early WAFL award



# EMU EXPORT





COOL CATS . . . Geelong coach Malcolm Blight has a top team of Cats at his disposal this season

# Blight wants changes to Cup format

**GEELONG** coach Malcolm Blight has called for a change in the pre-season Foster's Cup competition.

Blight wants all clubs to play a minimum of four matches, with a finals series at the end of the qualifying rounds.

The Cats boss has been an advocate for a more complete pre-season competition for five years and says it would alleviate the need for losing clubs to look for other practice fixtures.

## INTENSITY

"The value of the Foster's Cup as a knockout series is that every game is like a final and the intensity is there," Blight said.

"If you want to win the pre-season premiership and you draw clubs like St Kilda, West Coast and Hawthorn, you quickly learn a few things about what's in store for the season. If you survive, that is.

"At least this year the league addressed the problem of practice matches for early round losers.

By

KIM HAGDORN

"But I think I'd still rather see a format of qualifying games and a set of finals.

"We haven't had to worry about practice matches this season, because we've remained in the series. But for the past two years, we've gone to Perth and got flogged by the Eagles in a practice match."

Blight and his exciting Cats combination have approached the 1992 pre-season series mindful that seven of the past eight night premiers have graduated to the day grand final in September.

Geelong boasts perhaps the most accomplished centre-square division in the AFL with the likes of Mark Baird, Paul Couch and Gary Hocking crumbing the Cats powerful big man brigade.

In addition, they have some of the most exciting talent in the nation, with Gary Ablett, Bill Brownless and Neville Bruns, either in attack or defence.

While Blight refused to get carried away with his side's impressive victory over West Coast at Waverley last week, he admitted he was content with the performance.

He was particularly pleased with his side's start, when the brilliant Brownless bagged five goals to half-time and finished with eight.

## COME BACK

"When you play a side as good as the Eagles, you know they will come back," he said.

"But I was pretty wrapped with the way we started.

"It's probably the most sparkling we've looked for a long while."

Blight refused to accept that the Eagles won't be a force in 1992 — and he found time to encourage star Eagles forward Peter Sumich.

"He was just out of touch. It just wasn't his night," Blight said.

"But he did get his hands on the ball a lot and, in time, those marks will stick.

"The Eagles did a lot of good work midfield. That'll pay off in time."



NIFTY NEVILLE . . . Geelong have a talented group of versatile players including Neville Bruns, who was in top form against the Eagles

## On the East Coast

with KEN PIESSE

# Brereton gets his reward

**CHARISMATIC** champion Dermott Brereton has rejected an attractive interstate offer — and has been rewarded with Hawthorn's deputy-captaincy.

The mega-bucks on offer — almost twice the wage he receives at Hawthorn — were tempting. But he took little time to reject it "I could never leave Hawthorn," he told friends.

In addition to his on-field abilities, Brereton is in demand through the media. He has agreed to do a new Sunday morning football segment on Channel Nine's Wide World of Sports and he recently completed a new "Good on yer, Mum," bread advertisement for Tip Top.

Brereton is having some pre-season injury problems, firstly overcoming a knee operation and then a hip ailment. But he will be nursed into the season and will miss the early rounds of the Foster's Cup series.

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## Book business booms

AMONG the new football books planned for mid-year publication are "Australian Football: The Game and the Players," a 160,000-word "A to Z" encyclopedia of the game and Tony Lockett's own story: "Pluggger."

Both are being published by Pan Macmillan in time for Father's Day.

"Australian Football: The Game and the Players" celebrates more than 100 years of League football and salutes its champions, from all over Australia, who have helped to make it great.

While the emphasis centres around VFL and AFL competition since 1987, the best players and teams from WA, SA, Tasmania, NSW, Queensland and the Northern Territory are all analysed.

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TIMES are tough in football. Despite Hawthorn winning the day and night premiership double last season, they announced a profit of just \$5740.

President Trevor Coote said: "The tight economic conditions apparent in 1990 continued even more savagely last year."

All clubs received a reduced AFL dividend, but hope for more affluent times ahead, especially with the revenue to be made from the new AFL memberships for the MCG's Great Southern Stand.

## Determined Carey

**NORTH** Melbourne's budding superstar Wayne Carey says his club is hell-bent on erasing the embarrassment of late last year, when the Roos slipped out of the top six with three losses in the final month.

The club went down to Fitzroy in their first Foster's Cup game; a repeat of last season when the Lions virtually put Norths out of contention with a shock last-kick win at Princes Park.

"The players are very enthusiastic and even more determined now," says Carey. "We know we were good enough to be a part of the finals last year. Now we have to go out there and do it."

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## General takes over

**FORMER** Richmond big man Mark Lee will tackle his first coaching role this season. He takes over at Burnie, in the Northern Tasmanian Football League, after a 223-game career with the Tigers. 'The General' retired early last season and saw the year out playing with Balranald, in the Mid-Murray League.

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MELBOURNE are still without a corporate sponsor after the withdrawal of employment agency Drake, who have backed the club since 1985.

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**DON'T** expect Richmond strong-marking aerialist Jeff Hogg to be anywhere but in front of the goals this season. He was moved from full-back to full-forward last season and opened this year brilliantly with a seven-goal contribution in Richmond's 33-point win over Geelong at Waverley.

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RICHMOND are quite excited about youngster Stuart Edwards, who kicked eight goals in a practice match against Melbourne recently. The teenager posted 76 goals in the under-19s last season and has impressed coach Allan Jeans with his high marking and straight kicking.





## Australian Football League

### FOSTER'S CUP ROUND 1

ADELAIDE	3.1	6.3	10.3	14.6	90
CARLTON	3.1	5.5	6.7	7.8	50

**GOALS — Adelaide:** Jameson 4, Hodges 3, Liptak 2, Brown, Marshall, McGuinness, Rowe, Sanderson. **Carlton:** Hanna 2, O'Sullivan 2, Ratten, Spalding, Dean.

**BEST — Adelaide:** McGuinness, McDermott, Jameson, Brown, Marshall, Liptak. **Carlton:** Bradley, Kernahan, Spalding, O'Sullivan, Dean.

Played at Football Park Adelaide. Umpires: Michael Abbott, John Harvey. Attendance: 35,225.

SYDNEY	3.5	12.8	14.12	20.18	138
ESSENDON	4.5	6.8	10.11	11.11	77

**GOALS — Sydney:** Love, Minton-Connell 4, Mitchell 3, Lawson, Wigney, Strooper 2, Brunton, Bayes, Murphy. **Essendon:** Sommerville, Flood 2, Harvey, C. Daniher, Bewick, Kickett, Sporn, Filandia, Hills.

**BEST — Sydney:** Bayes, Kelly, Kappler, Lawson, Tunbridge, Minton-Connell. **Essendon:** Wanganeen, Sporn, Sommerville, Thompson, Bewick, Flood.

Played at Laverton Park, Albury. Umpires: Anton McKernan, Paul Saville. Attendance: 13,500.

FITZROY	4.3	8.6	9.10	13.12	90
NORTH MELBOURNE	2.3	5.8	8.13	12.16	88

**GOALS — Fitzroy:** Sartori 5, Wheildon, Abbott, Dundas 2, Broderick, Baldwin. **North Melbourne:** Schwass, Roberts 2, McCarthy, Carey, Mann, Clarkson, Crocker, A. Dwyer, Allison, Longmire.

**BEST — Fitzroy:** Roos, Dundas, Sartori, Abbott, Cormack, Lyon. **North Melbourne:** Dennis, Dwyer, Schwass, Roberts, Carey, Allison. Played at North Hobart Oval. Umpires: Brendan Carland, Mark Prince. Attendance: 4000.

### QUARTER FINALS

HAWTHORN	6.2	12.5	14.7	20.12	132
RICHMOND	2.4	3.9	10.12	15.14	104

**GOALS — Hawthorn:** Dunstall 9, Hudson 5, Morrissey 3, Anderson, P. Dear, Platten. **Richmond:** Edwards 5, Jackson 4, C. Smith 3, Weightman, S. Ryan, Brehan.

**BEST — Hawthorn:** Dunstall, Platten, Hudson, Morrissey, Anderson, G. Dear. **Richmond:** Edwards, Jackson, Knights, Brehan. Played at Waverley. Umpires: Trevor Garrett, Grant Vernon. Attendance: 21,893.

GEELONG	8.2	10.4	13.8	15.9	99
EAGLES	2.0	5.4	6.6	11.12	78

**GOALS — Geelong:** Brownless 8, Brown 2, Ablett, Barnes, Poole, Riccardi, Stoneham. **Eagles:** Peos 5, Sumich 2, Heady 2, Jakovich, Waterman.

**BEST — Geelong:** Brownless, Bruns, G. Hocking, Birstow, Barnes, Ablett. **Eagles:** Turley, Mainwaring, Peos, Laidley, McKenna, Waterman. Played at Waverley. Umpires: James Van Beek, Michael Viney. Attendance: 8,367.

ADELAIDE	3.4	9.6	11.7	15.16	100
FOOTSCRAY	2.1	5.2	8.4	9.7	61

**GOALS — Adelaide:** Modra 6, Jameson, Hodges 3, McDermott, Marshall, Liptak. **Footscray:** Ballantyne 4, Pickering 2, Charles, C. Grant, West.

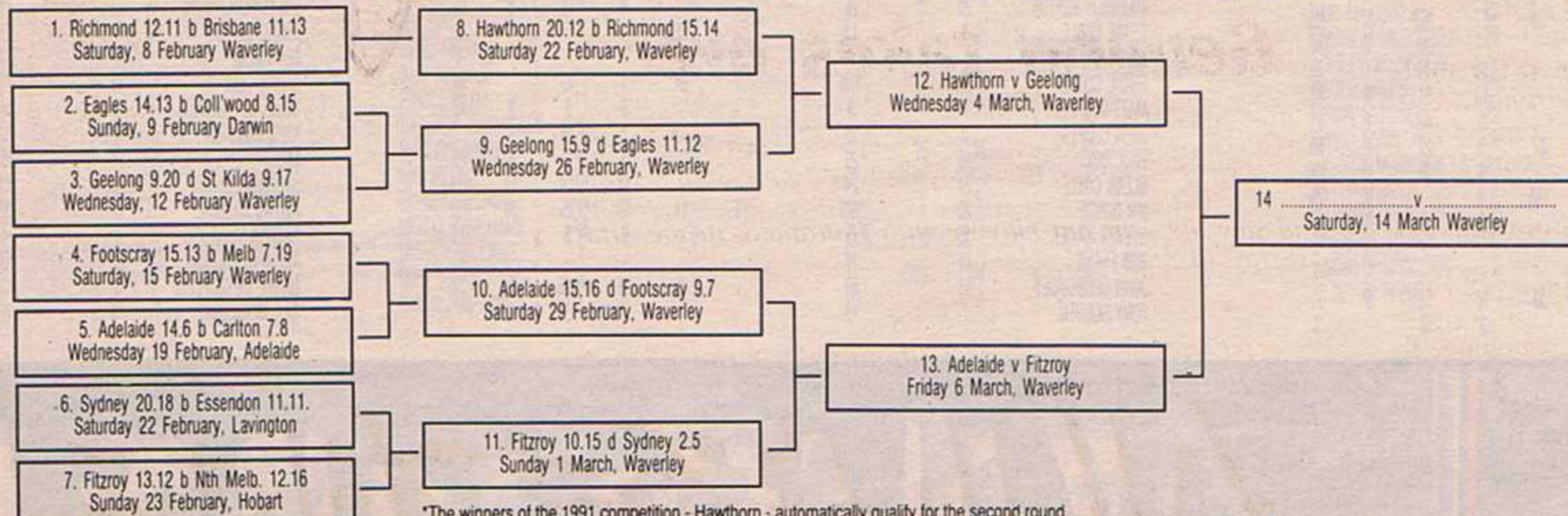
**BEST — Adelaide:** McDermott, Modra, Trengenza, Ingerson, Payze, Lee. **Footscray:** Ballantyne, Atkins, Liberatore, Wallis, Kellett. Played at Waverley. Umpires: Shane Harris, Gary Forster. Attendance: 10,765.

FITZROY	2.3	4.7	6.13	10.15	75
SYDNEY	0.0	2.4	2.4	2.5	17

**GOALS — Fitzroy:** Wheildon 3, Osborne, Stephens, McCormack, Sartori, Armstrong, Caven, Lyon. **Sydney:** Minton-Connell, Love.

**BEST — Fitzroy:** Lyon, Dundas, Abbott, Roos, Wheildong, Caven. **Sydney:** Kelly, Mitchell, Brunton, Lewis. Played at Waverley. Umpires: David Howlett, Gavin Dore. Attendance: 5,280.

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\*The winners of the 1991 competition - Hawthorn - automatically qualify for the second round.

# Fitzroy look the big improvers

**BEWARE the Lions — that's the message coming out of this year's Foster's Cup series as Fitzroy continue their impressive pre-season form.**

The Lions powerful Foster's Cup quarter-final win over Sydney last Sunday confirmed the suspicions of many AFL clubs that Fitzroy — and also the Adelaide Crows — can be AFL big-improvers in 1992.

Fitzroy were 58-point winners over Sydney in wet conditions, 10.15 (75) to 2.5 (17) and showed that they will be no easy-beats this season.

Lions coach Robert Shaw, in his second season at the helm, must have been pleased with the commitment his players showed in appalling conditions, making slick football a tough challenge.

Fitzroy have drafted well and it was no surprise that players such as former Hawthorn premiership star Paul Abbott dominated the ruck duels and played a servicable game in conditions not suited to big men.

### BIG MAN EXPERIENCE

Abbott's experience and ability should be a key factor in the Lions chances of securing a place in the finals come September. His versatility came to the fore in the second quarter when former Carlton player Peter Sartori was injured.

With a fit Sartori firing in the forward-line, the brilliance of Richard Osborne and the dangerous goal-kicking skills of Darren Wheildon, who kicked three goals against Sydney, Fitzroy have a potent attack that can trouble opposition sides.

Sartori was one of the Lions better players in their win against North Melbourne and has made a difference to a forward-line that looked very ordinary last season.

Fitzroy's style of play will also suit Sartori, who struggled to find a place in Carlton's attack up against Stephen Kernahan and Simon Minton-Connell, who has now gone to Sydney.

Veteran Brett Stephens, who has played in various positions during his career at Fitzroy, should now be able to settle at full-back, where he and Paul Roos can add some stability to defence.

### IMPRESSIVE CROWS

Fitzroy's improvement will be tested when they take on the equally-impressive Adelaide Crows in their semi-final clash.

Adelaide's new forward-line system was unveiled when they demolished Footscray by 39 points, 15.16 (100) to 9.7 (61).

Adelaide struggled up front last season, with star goalkicker Scott Hodges failing to live up to expectations.

New West Adelaide recruit Tony Modra kicked six goals from full-forward last weekend, with Hodges posting three and looking more comfortable at centre-half-forward.

The Crows are looking ominous already this season, after their demolition of Carlton and they will certainly push for a place in the final six later this year.

Adelaide's defence continues to work together with, with experienced players Darren Smith and Rod Maynard creating many opportunities for their forwards.

# improvers

The Crows form in the Foster's Cup series has been impressive, as they have overcome the temporary absence of a number of their star players from last season, such as Mark Mickan, Andrew Jarman and John Klug.

Former Footscray player Tony McGuinness and captain Chris McDermott have continued on from last season and they will be a hard midfield unit to counter.

### POTENT CATS

The blistering start by Geelong in their victory over the West Coast Eagles confirm how potent their midfield unit can be.

They shattered the Eagles early, bursting to a six goal lead at quarter-time and then resisted a late West Coast fightback before winning by 21 points, 15.9 (99) to 11.12 (78).

The Cats are now scheduled to play reigning AFL premiers Hawthorn, who have advanced to the semi-finals with just one hit-out, a victory over Richmond.

## Promising starts

**A NUMBER of West Australians seeking to enhance their football reputations have been to the fore in recent Foster's Cup matches.**

Not only did Gary Buckenara open his Cup campaign as a winning coach, guiding the Sydney Swans to victory over Essendon, but a host of players showed encouraging early-season form.

Brad Tunbridge was rated as one of Sydney's best players, with 13 hit-outs and a continual stream of opportunities from centre bounce downs, while new draftee Andrew McGovern was a solid worker, picking up 13 kicks, coming off the interchange bench as a utility player.

Former Perth player Brad Fox put up a promising effort with 19 possessions with Essendon, indicating that he should build on his 10 AFL debut games last season.

Eagles discard Stevan Jackson gave further proof that he will be an ace in Richmond's forward-line plans with a four-goal display, matched by an impressive first-half performance from Todd Brehan.

Talented forward Peter Sartori, who has switched from Carlton to Fitzroy, dominated the forward line as he marked strongly and posted five match-winning goals for the Lions as they downed North Melbourne by two points.

Ironically, Sartori was opposed to a former Carlton team-mate and fellow West Aussie Richard Dennis, who was far from disgraced at centre-half-back.

East Perth's prime draft recruit Marcus Seccamp was a star for Fitzroy in defence before a knee injury forced him off the ground.

### NIGHT AND DAY: HOW THEY FARED

Year	Night premier	Finished season
1977	Hawthorn	third
1978	Fitzroy	ninth
1979	Collingwood	second
1980	Nth Melb	fifth
1981	Essendon	fifth
1982	Sydney	seventh
1983	Carlton	fifth
1984	Essendon	first
1985	Hawthorn	second
1986	Hawthorn	first
1987	Melbourne	fourth
1988	Hawthorn	first
1989	Melbourne	fourth
1990	Essendon	second
1991	Hawthorn	first



# FOSTER'S







EAST PERTH

Table with columns: 1991 games, NFL games, Total club games, 1991 State games, Total State games, Other club games, 1991 goals, Total club goals, Sand Medal votes, Club 18&b votes. Lists players like Lucio Baroni, Glen Bartlett, Dean Bertram, etc.



WAFL FACT FILE

This special Westside Football Fact File summary chart shows how the 327 players who featured in league football in last year's WAFL season stand in regards to career statistics.

WEST PERTH

Table with columns: 1991 games, NFL games, Total club games, 1991 State games, Total State games, Other club games, 1991 goals, Total club goals, Sand Medal votes, Club 18&b votes. Lists players like Tim Adam, Gavin Bailey, Glenn Bewick, etc.

PERTH

Table with columns: 1991 games, NFL games, Total club games, 1991 State games, Total State games, Other club games, 1991 goals, Total club goals, Sand Medal votes, Club 18&b votes. Lists players like Wayne Allard, Brendon Baker, Adrian Barich, etc.

SOUTH FREMANTLE

Table with columns: 1991 games, NFL games, Total club games, 1991 State games, Total State games, Other club games, 1991 goals, Total club goals, Sand Medal votes, Club 18&b votes. Lists players like Tony Amoroso, John Anwar, Martin Atkins, etc.

EAST FREMANTLE

Table with columns: 1991 games, NFL games, Total club games, 1991 State games, Total State games, Other club games, 1991 goals, Total club goals, Sand Medal votes, Club 18&b votes. Lists players like Mark Amaranti, Clayton Anderson, Scott Annandale, etc.

SWAN DISTRICTS

Table with columns: 1991 games, NFL games, Total club games, 1991 State games, Total State games, Other club games, 1991 goals, Total club goals, Sand Medal votes, Club 18&b votes. Lists players like Joe Amat, Darren Atherton, Shane Atherton, etc.

SUBIACO

Table with columns: 1991 games, NFL games, Total club games, 1991 State games, Total State games, Other club games, 1991 goals, Total club goals, Sand Medal votes, Club 18&b votes. Lists players like Jamie Billington, Andrew Grieve, Brett Hutchison, etc.

CLAREMONT

Table with columns: 1991 games, NFL games, Total club games, 1991 State games, Total State games, Other club games, 1991 goals, Total club goals, Sand Medal votes, Club 18&b votes. Lists players like Dale Ballantyne, Brendan Barrows, Tony Begovich, etc.



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# Bozo's still rolling along . . .

## Wheelchair doesn't stop this enthusiast

**BEING** confined to a wheelchair has certainly not diminished the sporting life of country identity Ray Williams.

With a commonly-used nick-name of Bozo — 'I've got no idea where that came from' — the lover of all sports is a well-known sight in the main street of Bruce Rock . . . with a reputation that has spread widely in the wheatbelt.

An active sporting life that featured cricket and football was transferred to the administrative area after a 1973 car accident and his role off-field since then has been impressive.

The former butcher is now a partner in the town's electrical store in Johnson Street, the main road running through the rural town that has featured prominently in sport over many years.

Having seen footballers of the calibre of Don Langdon, Bill Walker and, in recent years, David Hart, graduate through the local ranks, Williams has kept involved with local football over three decades.

### PREMIERSHIP GLORY

But his best memory must still be the 1977 premiership won by Bruce Rock in the Eastern Districts Football League.

"I had started playing football as a 13-year-old in B-grade around 1961," recalls Williams, a chirpy character whose wheeling up and down the main street of Bruce Rock is greeted with chit-chat all day.

"But the accident stopped me in my tracks, so I switched to administration, taking on the treasurer's role at the club in 1975. We had just \$26 in the bank and hadn't won a game for three years.

"But there was plenty of spirit and enthusiasm off the field and in 1976 when we finished fifth, there were signs of encouraging times ahead.

"In 1977, we had Peter Bretag captain-coach, a local guy who was a handy player, but also had the ability to get the guys around him performing well.

"We had a couple of out-of-town recruits in Steve Mulhall, Peter White and Earl Hayes and a few good players coming through our ranks."

That year saw Ken Hart, a brother of current Eagles player David, star as a ruck-rover and was the attacking cog that generated a winning team.

Hart had been in the city for four seasons, playing at West Perth and then Maddington, but returned to Bruce Rock for the latter half of the year.

"It was certainly a joyous day when we won the flag, beating Kondinin," recalls Williams.

A loyal follower of East Perth, Williams started supporting the Royals in 1960 when local star Don Langdon went to the city to play in the WAFL.



**CHIT CHAT . . .** Bruce Rock sports identity Ray (Bozo) Williams (right) has a main-street chat with Ken Hart, father of Eagles rover David

Despite being a country-based youngster, he once collected the autographs of the whole team and has stuck with them ever since.

The 1973 accident near Pingelly, when he was a passenger in car that rolled over, saw Williams confined to a wheelchair. But he quickly renewed his love of sport, tackling basketball and weightlifting.

He represented WA in the national wheelchair weightlifting champion-

ships in Adelaide, collecting a couple of silver medals.

Williams served as club president at Bruce Rock in 1987-88-89 and has been a selector for the combined Eastern Districts Football League for the last 12 years.

He still serves as a committeeman with Bruce Rock and little happens in local football that he doesn't know about.

— ALAN EAST

# Umps shape up well

**THE** pre-season build-up involves umpires as much as footballers and a big group of whistle-blowers and flag-wavers are gearing up for a long winter.

The WAFL umpires panel — which includes those called up for AFL duties — boasts an enthusiastic group of field, goal and boundary men.

Sponsored by Ampol, the umpires are expected to maintain a certain fitness level during summer and a pre-season camp has confirmed that there will be a high quality of talent available to the Umpires Board when it comes to selection.

Since the inception of the West Coast Eagles, many WA umpires have been rewarded for their pre-season efforts and the fitness criteria set by both the WAFL and AFL umpiring boards was evidenced at the recent camp.

### FITNESS CAMP

The "Hal Symons Fitness Camp" went from 6pm on the Friday to 2pm on the Sunday at the Sorrento camp headquarters.

There were six teams of 10 members and the weekend was designed to be both competitive and enjoyable.

Three individual events dominated, starting with a 9km Sorrento run, when

boundary umpire Tig Bergersen held off a spirited challenge from field umpire Peter Repper to win for the second successive year.

A 30km cycle race was held on the Saturday, dominated by up-and-coming field umpire Cameron Dawe, covering the distance in about 50 minutes.

Team games filled the remainder of Saturday and heavy rain did not curtail activities that were set by fitness coach Clint Roberts.

The final individual event, the Iron Man, was held on Sunday morning and many umpires improved on last year's times by as much as five minutes.

The event went to boundary umpire Andrew Neale, with a big group finishing within seconds of each other.

Pre-season training has been made enjoyable under the guidance of Roberts, a former league footballer who has introduced a variety of activities such as cycling and swimming, combined with running, to give many umpires the chance to impress the selectors.

With WAFL practice matches about to start, WA football fans will not only see many new faces on the playing arena, but also in the umpiring ranks.

It is pleasing to see WA umpires being used in Foster's Cup matches, with Greg Scroop, Peter Repper, Trevor Garrett and Grant Vernon and all

# Giannakis stays a Royal

**TOUGH** East Perth defender George Giannakis will remain a Royal this season — despite being considerably out of pocket.

The veteran club fairest and best winner seriously considered moving to East Fremantle, but advised Sharks coach Ken Judge last week that he will stay at Perth Oval.

"In the end, I just couldn't leave East Perth," Giannakis said, confirming that he will sign a new contract with the Royals.

"East Fremantle were very good and professional in their negotiations and it was difficult to say no to them.

"But I couldn't feel comfortable with the thought of leaving the club I have been with for eight years.

"I'm sticking with the club in a difficult time in the hope that I can still get something out of my football."

The 25-year-old did not let the club's financial crisis affect his decision, particularly as the Sharks offer was better than any deal at East Perth.

### PAYMENTS OWED

East Perth's playing and coaching staff are owed \$132,000 for their 1991 services and arrangements are in place for partial payments to start early into this season.

The players have been told by club officials that they will receive all of last season's payments, plus this year's fees, by the end of the 1992 year.

However, players have been told that this season's payments will be cut by at least 20 percent.

"We've been told straight out by the board what each player's financial position is at the club," Giannakis said.

"The club has to tighten its belt and the players must accept that.

"I'm like a lot of the guys. I haven't signed my contract yet, but I've agreed in principle to the terms."

Giannakis, a key member in East Perth's hopes to qualify for this year's finals under new coach Stan Magro, is the hot tip to be named Royals captain, replacing the retired Glen Bartlett.

acquitting themselves admirably — with the latter two sharing the field umpiring duties in the first quarter final between Hawthorn and Richmond at Waverley.



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# Thinking aloud

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ALAN EAST

## Who is this man?



Yes, you guessed it! That's Malcolm Brown in a humorous mood in his days at Richmond. The colourful Brown is back in local coaching circles and he's sure to make an impact on the WAFL

## Coaching all the way to Parliament

FOOTBALL and politics do mix, which is unfortunate in a way — the further removed from sport our MPs are, the better the game is!

But it's interesting to note that Collie football coach Mick Murray has been endorsed as the Labor Party candidate for the Coalfields at the next State election.

Maybe the political heirarchy reckon if Murray can revive football clubs — as he has done with Carey Park and Collie in the SWNFL in recent years — then he can instil some team discipline into the Labor Party.

After all, Collie used to be the safest Labor seat around till it was won by the National Party's Dr Hilda Turnbull.

On the same topic, former East Fremantle player and official and one-time Channel Seven media man Arthur Marshall is a Liberal Party candidate at the next election, chasing a seat down near Mandurah.

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# Fixtures delay was a mystery

THE wheels of change certainly move at contrasting speeds out at WAFL headquarters.

While some changes are brought in with ruthless speed, the case of the Anzac Day mystery remained unsolved for more than two months.

While everyone is gearing up for the rapidly-approaching football season, the decision-makers seemed to overlook the complications surrounding the Anzac Day long weekend.

The allocation of three games on Saturday, April 25 — Anzac Day — but no WAFL matches scheduled for the following Monday holiday, just didn't make sense.

Despite the fact that the WAFL fixtures were computerised way back before Christmas — and the Monday holiday proclaimed well before that — the WA Football Commission stalled before making an official change to the fixtures.

And while the decision was apparently taken last week, we still haven't seen the official announcement.

And the unofficial tip is that all three games will be changed to the Monday, with a planned Friday night game at the WACA Ground going to Saturday — leaving Friday empty.

## LUDICROUS

To plan three games on Anzac Day — when organised sport cannot start before 1pm and 60 percent of net gate receipts must be paid to the Anzac Day Trust — was ludicrous with the vacant Monday holiday just two days later.

With Subiaco playing Swan Districts at the WACA on the Friday night, the stage was set for the WAFL to get four days of football exposure by transferring at least one of the three Saturday matches to Monday; preferably two.

The decision to schedule three games on Anzac Day was a short-sighted one as far as clubs were concerned. Because of the 1pm start, the WAFL colts and reserves had to be played on another day anyway, thereby splitting club support.

With a whole heap of minor club-initiated complications, the decision to change was a drawn out one — and a costly alteration.

Thousands of WAFL fixture cards have been printed and distributed; football features have been organised by newspapers; club sponsor luncheons, tickets and other arrangements put in place — and even long weekend holidays planned by the fans.

Surely, in this day and age of computer planning, the Anzac Day disaster could have been avoided way back in December.

## Trial by TV

THERE has been a lot of talk in recent seasons about the trial by video cases in AFL especially.

Now, it seems, we have trial by TV commentators!

Respected Channel 7 commentator Bruce McAvaney certainly charged, tried and convicted Eagles full-forward Peter Sumich in last week's Foster's Cup clash with Geelong.

There was no umpires report after the match, but an AFL follow-up was on the cards, especially in view of McAvaney's persistence during the commentary.

Sumich's alleged indiscretion early in the match saw Cats star Mark Neeld finish prostrate on the ground and McAvaney made sure the TV viewers knew who had been involved in the incident.

Once again, our Victorian friends showed their parochialism!



## Bulldogs miss a bonanza

THE successful practice match staged at Fremantle Oval between South Fremantle and an Eagles side obviously caught Bulldogs officials by surprise.

With a crowd in excess of 6000 people flocking to the Port, the exercise could have been a financial bonanza for the club.

As it was, they reported a \$17,000 profit, but it should have been a lot more.

Gates were hopelessly undermanned, food stalls were restricted, with agonisingly-long queues, bar staff were under enormous pressure and a general lack of promotion probably cost the club another \$20,000.

At a time when relationships between the Eagles and WAFL clubs need to be capitalised on at every opportunity, that was a bonanza gone begging for the Bulldogs.

It's interesting to note that Swan Districts quickly cashed in on the idea and staged a similar match at Bassendean Oval last Friday evening — and doubled the admission price of \$2 charged by Souths!

But the Bassendean exercise was not as successful as Swans would have liked.

The reported crowd of 4000 fans was certainly a generous estimate, with less than 1000 people in the ground at the 6pm bounce-down.

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STAND-BY MEN ... the West Coast Eagles will have plenty of depth this year, based on their astute recruiting over summer. Mixing experience with newcomers in this picture are (from left) Steven Davies, John Worsfold, Brendan Krummel (rear), Adrian Barich and Jason Ball

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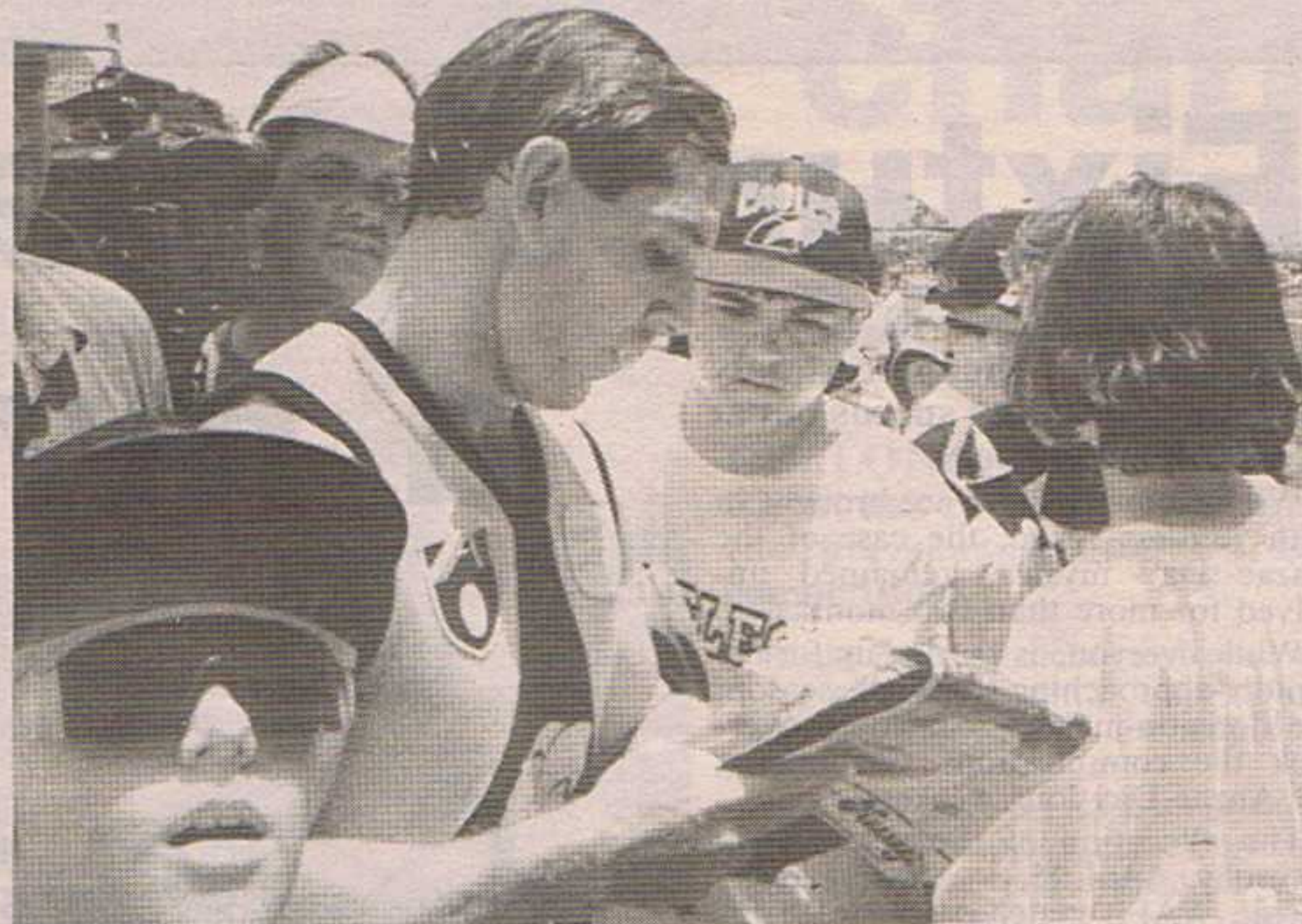
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**A week in the life of ...**



**POPULAR MAN ...** Eagles veteran Dwayne Lamb is always a popular target when it comes to autograph seekers

**Carroll again**

THE Sydney Swans have re-appointed Dennis Carroll as captain for the seventh year. Carroll (31) has been a loyal servant of the club since he started at senior level in 1981 and only triple Brownlow Medallist Bob Skilton, who skippered the old South Melbourne from 1961-71, has led the club longer than Carroll. The re-appointment ended speculation that last year's fairest and best winner, Barry Mitchell, would be offered the captaincy to entice the star rover to sign a long-term contract.

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**Harvey recovers**

**TALENTED** St Kilda star Robert Harvey has eased the worries of the Saints coaching staff. Harvey was carried off Waverley with a suspected broken leg in the Foster's Cup clash with Geelong, but the injury has turned out to be a badly sprained ankle. He has resumed training and will be ready for the Saints final practice match when they play Essendon on March 22.

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**Lyon's break**

**MELBOURNE** captain Garry Lyon has been told to take it easy in the build-up to the 1992 season. Lyon has been troubled with a number of niggling injuries, so the Demons medical staff have told him to ease off and be fresh for the start of the season. Lyon will take the next fortnight quietly as he recovers from an ankle injury, suffered during their Foster's Cup clash against Footscray.

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**Tuck honour**

**HAWTHORN** great Michael Tuck has been honoured by the AFL Commission with the naming of a special medal for the fairest and best player in the Foster's Cup grand final. Tuck, who retired over summer after a record 426 senior matches, also holds the record for the number of night matches — 31 — and has played in five pre-season premiership sides.

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**John in action**

**GARETH** John, the promising Sydney Swans ruckman, who suffered a serious throat injury early last season against Essendon, has come back strongly this year. He played his first senior game since then when he lined up against the Bombers in their Foster's Cup clash in Lavington last weekend. John suffered three fractures to his larynx and partially severed vocal chords in a freak accidental ruck clash with Bomber veteran Simon Madden. The Sydney youngster was a little nervous, but performed creditably for the Swans as the game progressed.

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**Shaw's concern**

**INJURED** Collingwood captain Tony Shaw says the current demands on AFL players is excessive. The veteran rover believes that the ever-increasing season is cutting the life span of present day footballers by at least three years. Shaw says the Foster's Cup pre-season series should be played over a maximum of four weeks from early March, when the weather is more ideal for playing conditions.

**WEDNESDAY**

IT WAS back on the football trail once again as we woke up in Melbourne and prepared for our Foster's Cup clash with Geelong, under lights at Waverley Park, a venue that we have quite a liking for!

We had flown in the previous evening to give us time to acclimatise and it was a relaxed day building up to the night-time game.

We had our usual jog through Fitzroy Gardens and down to the MCG, where we inspected the new grandstand development, which looks great.

We are staying at the Hilton Hotel this year, right opposite the MCG, which is very convenient ... and enabled us to chat with a few of the West Indian cricketers who were also staying there. Brunch was followed by a dip in the pool and then a brief stroll downtown to catch up with a Melbourne mate.

We had a team meeting mid-afternoon as we generally relaxed around the hotel and a light meal before our 6pm departure by bus for Waverley.

The football action wasn't so relaxing as Geelong proved very slippery; they were really fired up and out to take us early. We did fight it out to the end, but we just weren't on our game.

It wasn't a very exciting after-match get-together, though it was good to catch up with Peter Melesso ... and even Geelong's new acquisition, Geoff Miles, dropped in to talk about old times!

**THURSDAY**

WE WERE up nice and early — but not all that bright or chirpy after losing the night before.

We packed our bags and boarded the team bus for the journey out to Tullamarine Airport.

We arrived home around midday, so it was off home to Dianella to catch up with my wife Joanne and my 18-month-old daughter Brittany.

I've joined Commonwealth Industrial Gases as a sales representative, so I had to go into the office in the afternoon to catch up with some work I had neglected while interstate. Later I went down to the beach for a jog and a surf before going home and doing a bit of late-night shopping.

**Dwayne Lamb**

As told to **TANIA ARMSTRONG**

**FRIDAY**

HAD AN early start at work with CIG, in Subiaco, where I mainly deal with hospitality sales and spend most of the day calling on hotels and so forth. Caught up with a few clients and then lunched in Northbridge with one of my workmates.

Training at Subiaco Oval started at 5pm, with selector Tim Gepp in charge as coach Mick Malthouse and many of the squad who didn't go to Melbourne were involved in a practice match at Bassendean Oval.

A weights session followed the track work and then I went home and helped Jo pack some things for the weekend we were planning away.

**SATURDAY**

GOT AN early start and we all piled into the car for the drive to mum and dad's place at Falcon, just past Man-



**BACK ON TRACK ...** time for another training session at Subiaco Oval

durah, for the Labour Day long weekend.

We unpacked and settled in at the beachhouse late in the morning and then went down to the beach for a swim. I then drove to Avalon for a surf.

We spent the afternoon in Mandurah and went for a bike ride around the estuary.

We met some friends for dinner at the Peninsula Hotel, in Mandurah.

**SUNDAY**

WENT for a surf and a run first thing in the morning, had breakfast and then took Brit down to the beach and built some sand castles and other things that dads do.

We went into Mandurah around lunch time and spent some time wandering around the fair set up on the estuary and also had lunch there.

We spent the evening catching up with some friends again and had dinner at the Brighton Hotel, on the foreshore.

**MONDAY**

STARTED the day with a surf and a swim once again and then packed up the gear and the family and headed back to Perth.

We spent the afternoon lazing around the pool and had a bit of a snooze before heading off to training at 5pm. Joined the guys on the track at Subiaco Oval and then had the usual Monday evening post-training team meeting and barbecue.

**TUESDAY**

LEFT home early to start the day with a weights session at Subiaco Oval at 6.30am. Such an early start is not all that popular with a lot of the guys, but it beats staying back after training at night.

Work at CIG is only a short drive away just under the Subiaco subway and I was in the office by 8.30am, spending the day at meetings and calling on clients before a quiet night at home.

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The Great Test of Strength saw sports stars from a wide range of activities tackle the various fitness or strength challenges, with

Eagles dasher Chris Mainwaring taking third place, behind winner Risely and fellow gridiron player Howard Sanders.

Another Eagle in wingman Peter Matera demonstrated the best agility by moving a stack of 10 Emu Draft cartons five metres in just 31 seconds.



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Club Rumours manager Dennis Barbarich is pictured with the magnificent trophy, sculptured by former top umpire Ray Montgomery, which will go to this season's top performer in the Westside Ratings

## Did you know . . .

SUBIACO have lost the services of 25-year-old utility player Fintan Maguire, who recently announced his retirement.

Maguire played 32 games with the Lions after joining them in 1989 from Swan Districts, where he played 17 games.

Maguire has no plans of venturing to the country or tackling the Sunday League scene — he is off to Barcelona on business and to watch the Olympic Games.

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IT'S official . . . Perth and South Fremantle have successfully negotiated a swap between Damien Eves and Joe Santostefano after many telephone calls and fax messages between Lathlain Park and Fremantle Oval.

Santostefano, a former skipper and 100-game player with the Demons, pulled on a red-and-white jumper with his new team-mates last Saturday.

Santostefano was keen to venture to Souths to re-unite with his former coach, Mal Brown and the Demons were pleased to bolster their big-man department with the talented Kelmscott recruit.

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TRAINING at Lathlain Park took a new twist recently when Perth players were asked to put down their footballs and pick up their rakes and shovels.

In what is surely a sign of the times, the dedicated Demons stretched out their training nights to include a cool down which involved top-dressing the oval with sand.

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**BASEBALL**

WA Baseball League — Sunday: Wembley v Victoria Park; Gosnells v Swan Districts; Perth v Morley; West Stirling v Melville; South Perth v Wanneroo. State Super League — March 6, qualifying final, 6.30pm: Firebirds v Boomers; game two.

**SQUASH**

WA Squash pennant fixtures start at various metropolitan venues.

**CRICKET**

Thursday: World Cup, SCG — Australia v England (day/night). March 7-10, SCG Ground, Sheffield Shield — West Australia v New South Wales. WACA fixtures (round 12 start this Saturday, home club first): Scarborough v Wanneroo; Subiaco Floreat v University; Melville v Willetton; Gosnells v South Perth; Midland Guildford v Mt Lawley; Bayswater Morley v Fremantle; North Perth v Perth; Claremont Nedlands bye.

**GREYHOUNDS**

Friday: Heats of the \$7500 Mandurah Cup. Semi-finals of the Mandurah Cup on March 13, with the final on March 20. On March 14, the Australian Distance State final will be held at Cannington over 740 metres. April 2 at Cannington, heats of the WA Derby.



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**Did you miss this...**

**FEBRUARY 19:** FORMER West Coast Eagles player Peter Melesso was told by his doctor in Melbourne that his final cancer tests were negative and he declared an ambition to come back to WA and play with East Perth. CARLTON accepted an AFL ban on their star recruit Greg Williams, which will see him de-registered till April 30. THE Adelaide Crows accounted for a disappointing Carlton in their Foster's Cup clash in Adelaide, winning by 40 points, 14.6 (90) to 7.8 (50).

**FEBRUARY 20:** Eagles full-forward Peter Sumich has recovered from minor surgery to his left knee and will line-up in the Eagles B team to play South Fremantle in a twilight game at Fremantle Oval.

**FEBRUARY 21:** Richmond are confident star recruit Stevan Jackson was fully recovered from an ankle injury suffered in a recent practice match and would be in the Tigers side for the Foster's Cup game against Hawthorn.

**FEBRUARY 22:** Former Hawthorn star Gary Buckenara opened his coaching account with a win when his Sydney Swans downed Essendon in their Foster's Cup game at Lavington, by 61 points, 20.18 (138) to 11.11 (77). Hawthorn held off a determined Richmond by 28 points in their Foster's Cup clash at Waverley, 20.12 (132) to 15.14 (104), with Jason Dunstall kicking nine goals for the Hawks.

**FEBRUARY 23:** Fitzroy had a thrilling two-point win over North Melbourne in their Foster's Cup clash at North Hobart Oval, 13.12 (90) to 12.16 (88).

**FEBRUARY 24:** Claremont president Lew Mutch resigned, alleging behind-the-scenes dealings by other club officials and the Eagles to move Mark Hepburn to a rival WAFL club. FORMER East Fremantle star Rod Lester-Smith has returned to WA after stints with Hawthorn and the Brisbane Bears, to take up the position of football manager with the Sharks. LEADING Carlton players Jon Dorotich and Justin Madden were suspended by the AFL for four and three matches respectively, while Luke O'Sullivan was ousted for two games. The suspensions resulted from video replay charges after Carlton's dismal loss to Adelaide in the Foster's Cup.

**FEBRUARY 25:** The Claremont saga continued when the Tigers board refused to comment on the resignation of president Lew Mutch. THE AFL Commission has changed the final six system for the 1992 finals, with third team playing the sixth side and fourth clashing with fifth, with the highest survivor moving into the second semi final. THE board of the Claremont Football Club accepted the resignation of Lew Mutch, replacing him with vice-president Wayne Reynolds.

**FEBRUARY 26:** Former West Coast Eagles defender Geoff Miles was included in Geelong's team for their Foster's Cup clash with his former club. A BONE scan revealed that Hawthorn star Dermott Brereton has a serious hip injury and is in doubt for the first game of the season. THE Eagles went down



Dermott Brereton ... injury doubt.

to Geelong by 21 points, 11.12 (78) to 15.9 (99), in their Foster's Cup game at Waverley.

**FEBRUARY 27:** A GROUP of Bunbury businessmen indicated that a private bid could be launched to enter a South West team in the WAFL in

1993, despite the move being rejected by clubs in the SWNFL.

**FEBRUARY 28:** Peter Sumich's preparation for the 1992 season was under a cloud after he was reported for striking Geelong's Mark Neeld after AFL investigator Max Croxford viewed a video on the Foster's Cup game between the Eagles and the Cats.

**FEBRUARY 29:** The Hawthorn Football Club have been fined \$28,500 for breaching the salary cap last year, based on the club's policy to pay out injured senior players. THE Adelaide Crows progressed to the semi-finals of the Foster's Cup when they beat Footscray by 39 points at Waverley, 15.10 (100) to 9.7 (61).

**MARCH 1:** The West Coast Eagles expressed a desire to be allocated a Foster's Cup game in Perth next season, as general manager Brian Cook said that mid-week fixtures in Melbourne were disruptive to the working lives of players. EAGLES ruckman Mark Hepburn is undecided whether he will stay at Claremont or ask to be shifted to another club. FITZROY outclassed a lack-lustre Sydney Swans at Waverley by 58 points, 10.15 (75) to 2.5 (17), in their Foster's Cup clash.



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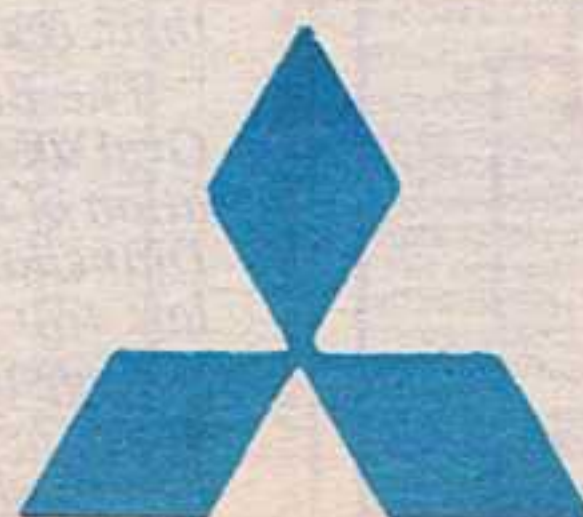
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**THERE** is no shortage of colourful characters in Australian Rules football... and Dermott Brereton certainly ranks high on the list.

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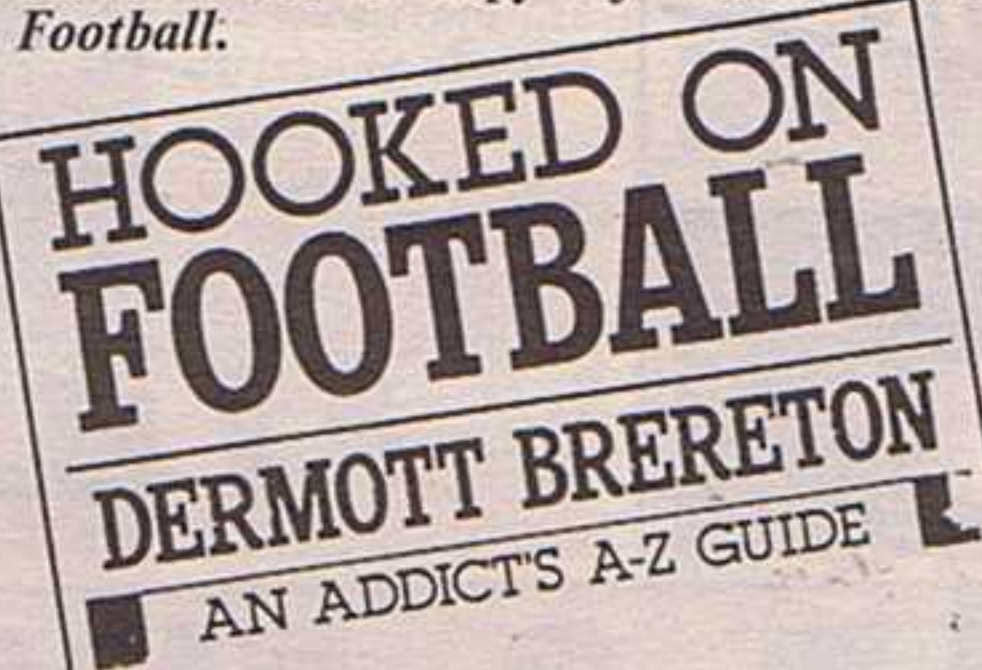
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By GERARD McNEILL, general manager of the Town and Country Football Development Trust

This year Eagles high-flier Brett Heady will be part of the Kellogg's Flying Freeball Squad which will visit many of the Freeball centres and he'll be helping the parents and coaches organise fun activities for any budding young Eagle, aged from five to eight years.

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## Junior news

### Starting again

REVIVING a team in a particular age-group is often a major challenge — but the Noranda Junior Football Club is aiming to do that.

The club will field a 14s team this season, after children in the 12s and 13s age group in the last two years have played a grade higher.

The players themselves have initiated the revival of their team and have started light training at Benara Reserve on Wednesdays.

Noranda, one of the strongest clubs in East Perth territory, are still searching for a couple of coaches in the younger age groups. If you are interested, call coaching co-ordinator Peter Selth on 276 3403.

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### Bombers' day

ONE of football's newer inner-city teams in Bombers, who are part of the Central Districts Association, will hold their registration day this Sunday.

The Bombers are based at Coolbinia Oval and are the result of an amalgamation of two junior clubs, Coolbinia and Dianella, enjoying ample success in the last two seasons.

Registrations will be taken between 4pm and 6pm and further inquiries can be made to coaching co-ordinator Charles Musca on 375 1525.

## Bonus buy

THE annual grand final Football Budget produced for the WA Football League is a magnificent review of the 1991 season.

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## Royals lose a stalwart

FOOTBALL lost one of its long-time stalwarts when East Perth veteran Arthur Hall died, aged 76.

Artie, as he was known to decades of Royals followers, was buried with his guernsey No. 2, which he wore for 64 games from 1936 to 1947, with a break for the War years.

Hall debuted in the East Perth league side as a 16-year-old in 1936, graduating from the local East Perth metropolitan juniors. He went on to represent the Royals in their premiership win that season.

A wingman, he served football in many ways after his retirement, working as club secretary in the 1940s and also as a delegate to the WANFL. He managed a State side to Brisbane and was continually involved in voluntary fund-raising activities at Perth Oval.

A brother of premiership rover Reg (in the Royals 1950s golden era), Artie was a competent sportsman in other areas. A State schoolboys cricketer, he went on to play A-grade cricket with East Perth (later known as Perth) and first-grade lawn bowls with Bedford.

A life member of East Perth and the Past Players' Association, Artie's first wife Olga pre-deceased him. They had three children, a daughter Lorraine and sons Colin, who also played league football with East Perth and Peter.

Artie and his second wife, Betty, were familiar faces at almost every Royals function in recent years and he will be sadly missed.

As Colin Hall said in a letter of tribute to the East Perth Football Club:

"I remember all the years spent with mum and dad at the club. The times when I was able to sit on Ned Bull's knee; the scenes in the rooms in 1956, the special times when mum cooked for Polly, Square and Jack Hunt. I remember the players' teas mum and Gwenda Carlless prepared... and all the times of dad picking a better team than the selectors."

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## Bears for Gabba

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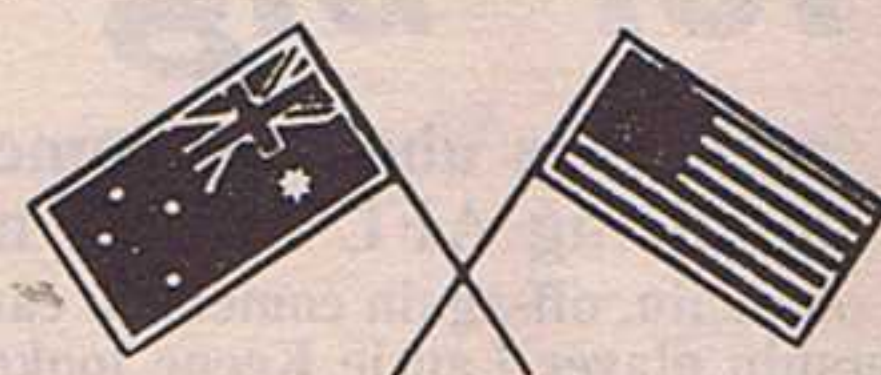
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# Keene saga nears an end

## D-day approaches for big Laurie

THE curtain is about to come down on one of football's most agonising AFL careers next week.

The on-again, off-again comeback campaign from injury for big Subiaco premiership player Laurie Keene looks like it's over for good.

The West Coast Eagles will continue their pre-season shake-up of players on Monday and the genial giant ruckman, a match-winner when fully fit, is sure to be dropped from the camp.

The Eagles must trim two players from their list and the injury-plagued Keene is resigned to the fact that his 11-year senior career is over.

By **KIM HAGDORN**

He seems certain to be dropped, along with Tasmanian recruit Shane Porter, whose Perth career has been dogged with injury.

The Eagles have already de-listed Ian Dargie, Dale Kickett, Phil Narkle and Andrew Macnish, who has indicated a desire to go into the March pre-season draft.

### McGRATH'S BID

West Coast can have three picks in that draft, but Keene and Porter would be unlikely choices — especially with Craig McGrath (dropped last year) showing signs of renewed fitness and hoping for a recall.

So apparent is the prospect that Keene will be axed, club officials are believed to have helped the inaugural Eagle find a position in local football media.

Keene has battled on-going Achilles tendon problems and countless heel operations in an agonising attempt to resurrect his AFL career.

The Eagles simply cannot afford to take further risks with the skilful big man, despite his match-winning capacity — confirmed with Subiaco's 1988 premiership win.

He has undergone two further operations over summer, but neither have been able to rectify his troubles.

As recently as this week, Keene was on crutches again in an effort to alleviate the pain he endures in his normal lifestyle away from football.

### IN JEOPARDY

The prospects of Keene enjoying even a healthy recreational life are in jeopardy, such is the extent of the trauma his Achilles has provided over the past three years.

Keene last played AFL football during the 1990 finals.

The Eagles have definitely looked a better unit when Keene has led the ruck.



He was an integral part of Eag coach Mick Malthouse's premiership plans for last season, till it became blatantly obvious his season and possibly his career was over.

The rangy left-footer was restricted to just three reserves games with Subiaco last year, before his ankle troubles flared again.

Porter was enticed West last year again, but his season ended on a disappointing note when he was injured just before the finals.

The Tasmanian recruit has not looked like playing a senior Eagles match since his arrival in Perth, but he has given the Demons good service.

Porter has been unable to train in recent months because of severe stress fractures in his shins, being restricted to swimming.



**DOWN AND OUT . . .** lion-hearted Eagle Laurie Keene is down (above) and even though he still manages a smile now and then (left) he's likely to go out of the Eagles squad after a long battle against injury.

Porter, who has 12 months to serve on a Westrail apprenticeship, has told Perth officials that he will stay in WA for at least another season.

Other candidates to be dropped by West Coast's match committee include defender Brad Gwilliam and recent draftees David Regan and Nathan McIntosh.

Gwilliam, who made four senior Eagles appearances early in 1990, was plagued with groin and back problems throughout 1991.

While he has undergone corrective surgery in an effort to mend his injured groin, the rangy defender could find himself back at West Perth.

Regan, back in his home town after football travels that included a stint at Essendon and McIntosh (from Subiaco), were both drafted last November, but have battled to impress in their early endeavours with West Coast.



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