

THE AFL KICKS-OFF

BOUNCEDOWN time has arrived . . . the pre-season formalities are over and now the real action begins. The 1992 AFL season kicks-off this weekend with four matches, with the other seven teams — including the West Coast Eagles — having a Round 1 bye. This week's AFL special looks at the strengths and weaknesses of all 15 sides . . . plus a complete statistical Who's Who of the Eagles — and some expert selections for the season ahead.

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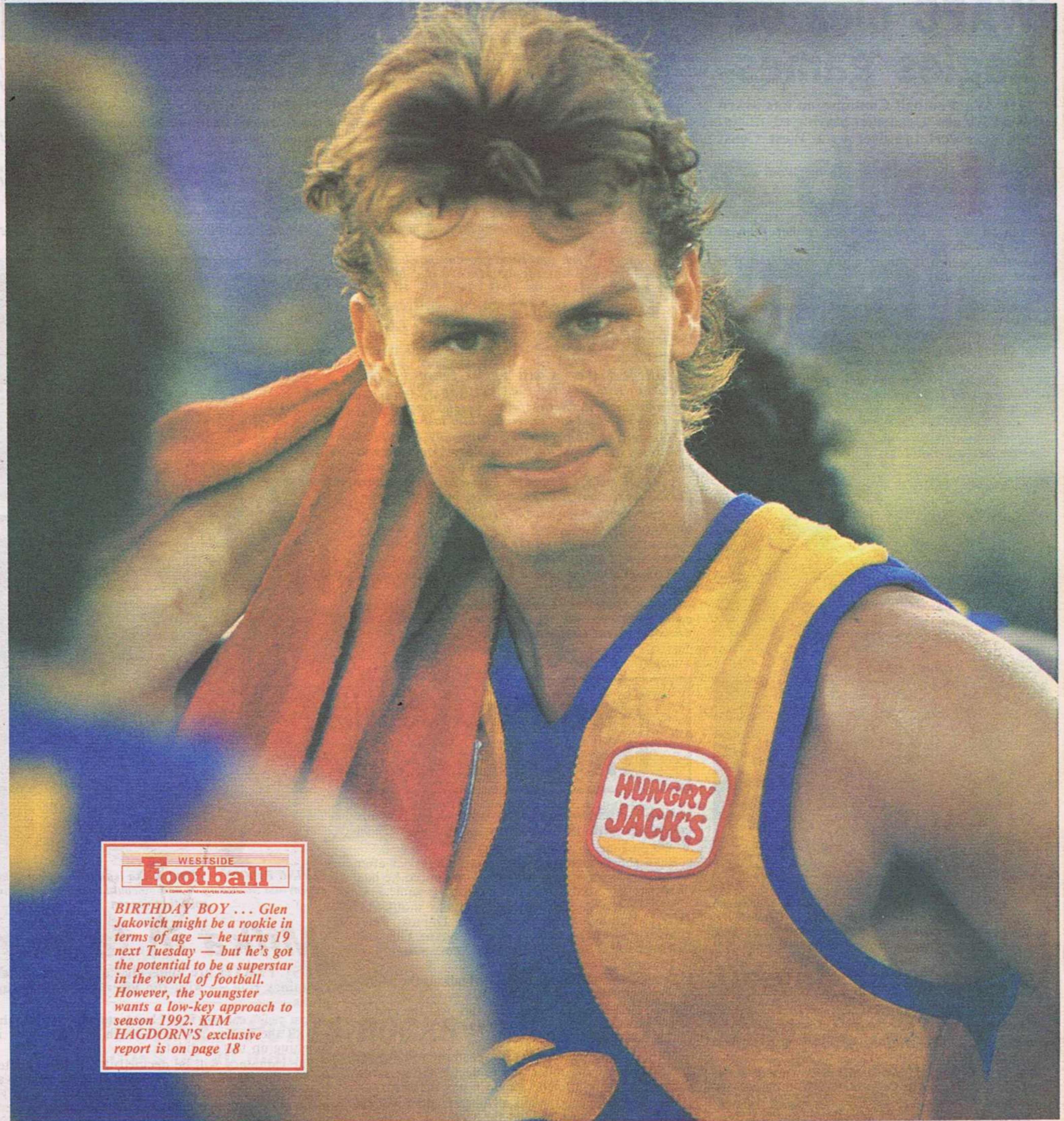
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BIRTHDAY BOY . . . Glen Jakovich might be a rookie in terms of age — he turns 19 next Tuesday — but he's got the potential to be a superstar in the world of football. However, the youngster wants a low-key approach to season 1992. **KIM HAGDORN'S** exclusive report is on page 18



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Pre-season footy gossip

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WAFC plea on Eagles games

THE WA Football Commission has asked all WAFL clubs to consider playing an official match as a curtain-raiser to a West Coast Eagles home game.

Most of the WAFL coaches are in favour of the concept.

However, some club officials are concerned at the potential loss of gate and bar revenue if certain games are played before Eagles matches, rather than at WAFL grounds.

Another concern is the extremely early start that would be necessary when the Eagles play 12.15pm games at Subiaco Oval on a Sunday.

Despite their worries, several clubs want the AFL curtain-raiser experience for their young players as part of their development and preparation to play in front of big finals crowds.



TIME OUT ... Andrew McGovern (left) and fellow WA player Gavin Rose listen to Sydney coach Gary Buckenara in last Saturday's practice match against the Eagles

McGovern's day off

SYDNEY draftee Andrew McGovern was granted a reprieve from new coach Gary Buckenara's compulsory 8am training session on Riverside Drive last Sunday.

The 1991 Claremont premiership centreman spent the weekend with family in Perth, before heading back to Sydney on Monday.

McGovern is expected to make a big impact in Sydney this year. Buckenara confidently predicts a successful initiation into the AFL for his hard-working midfielder.

However, McGovern battled against the Eagles in his tagging role on West Coast rover and former Tigers team-mate Don Pyke.

Mighty Mitchells

ESSENDON'S dumping of Claremont premiership player Kevin Mitchell (28) could prove a double boost to the Tigers premiership quest in 1992.

Mitchell's return, expected to be in time for the last pre-season practice match, could entice his brilliant brother Michael out of retirement and back to Claremont.

The dynamic Aboriginal pair have always had an ambition to play alongside each other.

Late last season Michael Mitchell told Claremont coach Gerard Neesham he might return to the Tigers.

But Kevin's draft to the Bombers threw a spanner in the works.

Neesham this week confirmed negotiations have reopened to pave the way for the Mitchell duo to wear Tigers jumpers this season.

Royals boosts

FORMER West Coast Eagles forward Craig McGrath will play for East Perth in 1992.

Doubts over McGrath's future were expressed after the Eagles decided not to re-draft him last week.

However, McGrath, who was originally brought to WA from Fitzroy, told Royals coach Stan Magro he will play this year.

McGrath lost his spot on the Eagles list of 52 players due to slow recovery from knee surgery in the off-season.

Magro, battling the odds in his first year as coach of the Royals, said McGrath will be a valuable asset.

East Perth must off-set the loss of key forwards Ken Seymour and Glen Bartlett, who have both retired.

Seymour (26) has heavy farming commitments at Miling.

He has opted out of league football after 77 senior games in a career that began at East Fremantle in 1986, where he played six league games.

Read quits the Sharks

EAST Fremantle's pre-season player exodus continues with the departure of defender Brad Read.

Read shocked club officials and team-mates after training last Wednesday when he announced he had "had enough" and lost his desire for the game.

East Fremantle have already lost star midfielder Darren Hammond, ruckmen Lance Durack, Peter Higgins and Greg Hodson, veteran Shane Ellis and defender Jon Derecourt from last season's senior player list.

Sharks officials remain hopeful of talking the talented key defender back to the club.

Read (23) was drafted to Hawthorn at the end of 1990, but returned to Perth in June last year after failing to secure a senior berth.

Mark Amaranti is another player in the wilderness.

Negotiations are under way to decide the versatile follower's future after he sought a pay increase.

The Sharks recently told all players they will be taking a 10 per cent pay cut for 1992.

After missing the long-weekend practice match against West Perth at Collie and the game against the Eagles B team last Friday, Amaranti played against South Fremantle last Saturday.

He is believed to be less than content with terms of a new agreement for 1992.

Back to '70's

DID you notice the 1970s hair-styles of Hawthorn stars Jason Dunstall, Paul Hudson and John Platten in last Saturday's Foster's Cup grand final against Fitzroy?

While Platten's flowing locks have long been his trademark, the others were sporting the short-back and sides fashion of more than a decade ago.

Apparently, it's all part of a promotional gimmick to attract patronage to a new Melbourne night-spot called "Dunstall's" ... no prizes for guessing whose club it is.

The dress requirements? Sideburns, pointed shoes and shirts buttoned to the neck.



FLYING FALCON ... Paul Mifka leads the Falcons into action last Saturday — and he could earn the captaincy role this season

Mifka in favour

WEST PERTH are undecided about this year's captaincy role — with the job very much up for grabs.

Last year's captain Paul Hasler stepped down at the end of the season and new coach Jeff Gieschen is weighing up the candidates.

The captaincy will be decided this Saturday after the Falcons play East Fremantle in a practice match at East Fremantle Oval. The announcement will be made at the club that night when the guernsey presentation is held.

Former Eagles squad member and top-quality utility player Paul Mifka, who captained the side against East Perth last Saturday, is an obvious candidate, while veteran Bill Duckworth, ruckman Craig Nelson and former East Perth player Angelo Del Borrello are all under consideration.



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Sheedy admits draft is unfair

THE controversial AFL draft system must be changed, according to Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy.

Sheedy, one coach in the hot seat after dropping young West Australian Jamie Billington off the club's list, agrees that the draft should offer greater protection to players.

Sheedy is concerned at the disruption caused to a young player's career by being drafted, relocated and subsequently dropped.

The outspoken Bombers coach has a few ideas how to better the draft system and questions whether the AFL has got it right.

"I've got my own ideas on the best method," Sheedy said from Melbourne this week.

By
KIM HAGDORN

"But put them to the AFL Commission and they are just as likely to laugh at me."

Sheedy agreed that a fairer draft system would be to exclude all 'freshmen' drafted in November, from the compulsory March draft.

That would guarantee all draftees at least till the mid-season June draft or, better still, the end of season to prove themselves and complete a year's study or work in a new environment.

Sheedy had to chop two drafted West Australians from his list before last week's internal draft.

Experienced Claremont rover-forward Kevin Mitchell and Subiaco rookie Billington, were omitted when Essendon cut their list to 49.

TWO OTHERS

Two other Melbourne clubs delivered stinging blows to WA November draftees Todd Hawes and Bruno Italiano.

Hawes (to Richmond) and Italiano (to Collingwood), were surprise choices in the November draft that took 27 WAFL players.

Sheedy said he was sympathetic to Billington.

The 18-year-old forward, who had played just two senior games with Subiaco late last season, cancelled study commitments in WA and moved to Melbourne with his "chance of a lifetime" offer from Essendon.

Now he's in football limbo, threatening legal action to gain recompense from the system.

"The draft is wrong," Sheedy said bluntly.

"It needs a lot of changes to offer better protection for players."

Sheedy said his biggest concern is how players continue their football future after the disappointment of being dropped from the draft.

"In Jamie Billington's case, I hope he continues along with the same desire to make the next move," Sheedy said.

"We've got a kid here named Dean Hoffman, who is not yet 18 and is just entering his HSC final year at school.

"He's been dropped off senior lists twice now.

"It is not just interstate draftees who make big decisions to move to Melbourne.

"Country Victorian kids get drafted, move to Melbourne and then get dropped from lists.

"There's no doubt the draft system must be fine-tuned a lot and hopefully the Commission will do that."



HOT TOPIC . . . Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy has some points to make about the AFL draft — and some words of encouragement for Subiaco youngster Jamie Billington (above)



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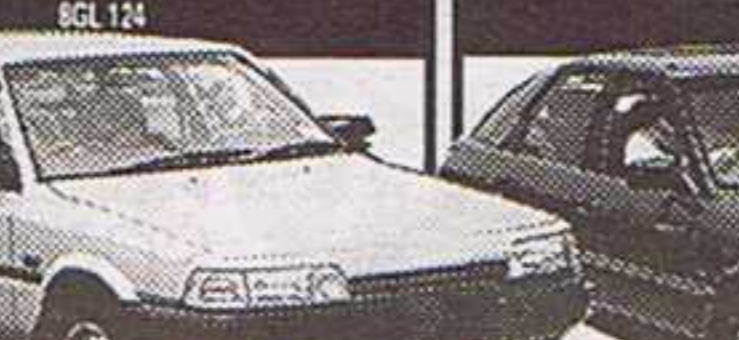




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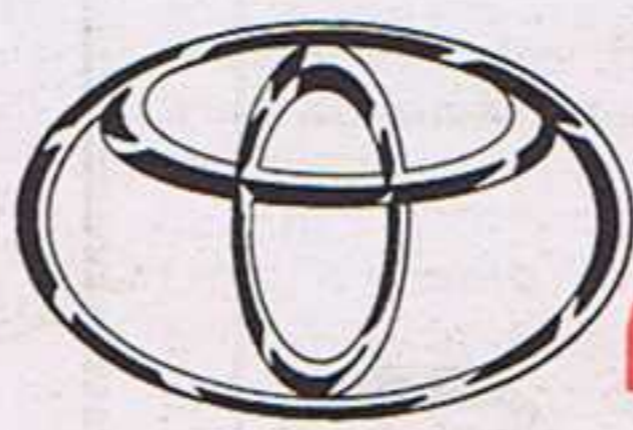
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ENCORE



HAWK POWER

DEVOUT West Coast Eagles supporters would have had quivers down their spine as the Hawthorn machine slipped into full stride to brush Fitzroy aside in Saturday night's Foster's Cup grand final at Waverley Park.

In a chilling re-enactment of their 1991 grand final discipline and team cohesion, the Hawks gave clear indication that they will again be the power to beat for this year's AFL premiership cup.

With brilliant ruckman Steven Lawrence and tough on-ball player Anthony Condon (both suspended) still to return to the powerful Hawks combination, the reigning premiers shape up as an awesome unit.

The powerhouse goal scoring potential, with a fully-fit Jason Dunstall; the brilliance of Dermott Brereton and the class of Paul Hudson, Darren Jarman and Tony Hall, the slick on-ball division and the methodical discipline of a defence headed by veteran Chris Langford, Chris Mew and Gary Ayres, the Hawks deserve to stand alone as premiership favourites.



The Hawks all-round qualities are rivalled only by West Coast, Geelong and St Kilda.

The lingering doubts about West Coast's ability to win games in Melbourne and Geelong's defensive holes leave them with hurdles to cross before being competent enough to dismantle Hawthorn as the champion team.

Titleholders look the team to beat

KIM HAGDORN looks at the AFL season, which kicks off this weekend



St Kilda's hopes rest heavily on gigantic forward Tony Lockett's ability to remain injury-free — and suspension-free — throughout the season.

Hawthorn's authoritative approach to their title defence is strengthened with the growing stature of classy forward Paul Dear.

While Brereton battles constant back and hamstring troubles, restricting the champion to a virtual full-time forward-pocket role, the Hawks can continue with the luxury of Paul Dear at centre-half-forward.

Dear carved the Eagles up in last year's grand final and has picked up where he left off as a potential match-winner in the Hawthorn combination.

Another factor in Hawthorn's back-to-back premiership claims is the return of gangly ruckman Greg Dear.

The talented big man missed the entire 1991 season with a serious knee injury, but has shown in the Foster's Cup series that he will be a major factor in Hawthorn's destiny in 1992.

Despite flaws in comparison with the powerful Hawks, the Eagles, St Kilda and Geelong shape up as other combinations who should qualify for the play-offs.

West Coast, with a favourable draw, an amazing home-town record and enormous depth of talent, will continue as favourites to be the first non-Melbourne club to lift the AFL title.

But that ambitious plan is under siege from Adelaide.



The Crows, unquestionably, have the capacity to create their own little piece of history by qualifying for the finals in the new club's second season.

Adelaide have a host of new talent injected from the local SANFL after a year's moratorium from the national draft.

West Coast take into the new season much of the same glaring faults that have been evident for the past five years.

The tough centre-half-forward role and the need for creative, free-flowing rovers of the calibre of Hawthorn's John Platten, Geelong's Paul Couch and Mark Bairstow or Collingwood's Tony Francis, remain the Achilles heel for the Eagles.

While Eagles coach Mick Malthouse managed, admirably, to compensate for the missing links last year with his club's historic entry into the grand final, they didn't win the ultimate prize.

That will be the major spur in the Eagles quest to dethrone Hawthorn.

The Eagles have hurt all summer and will be a better finals unit for the lesson handed them on grand final day last year.

The key attacking position is still a hot topic... but there is another option for Malthouse this season.

Speculation is rife that crack goal-kicker Peter Sumich will play at centre-half-forward following the early success of David Hynes at full-forward.

That structure, though competent, hardly rivals the awesome goal-scoring talents of Hawthorn, St Kilda — with the irrepressible Lockett in front of goals and the majestic talents of Geelong pair Billy Brownless and Gary Ablett.

Fitzroy's impressive Foster's Cup run into the grand final guarantees the Lions will be among the competition's big improvers.

They underwent a rigorous off-season recruiting campaign that has eased the burden of responsibility and constant expectations for big performances from Paul Roos, Richard Osborne, Alastair Lynch and Ross Lyon.

Fitzroy will certainly remain in the hunt for a finals appearance.

The national draft is starting to take its effect and all clubs, perhaps with the exception of Brisbane, Sydney and Footscray, genuinely approach the new season with the prospect of qualifying for the finals.



A fierce battle will rage throughout the season for the lower two or three spots in the final six.

Collingwood, North Melbourne, Richmond, Essendon, Melbourne and Carlton all enter the season with justifiable claims to a finals berth.

The Magpies, after a sobering 1991 following the celebrations of 1990's historic premiership euphoria, will improve.

The 'Pies left their 1991 run too late to claim a spot in the finals series and finished seventh. An early return to that style of football would put the famous club on course for a finals spot again.

They will need stars like Peter Dai-cos, Tony Francis, Gavin Brown, Graeme Wright, Mick McGuane and ruckman Damian Monkhorst to rejuvenate the consistent form that played such a vital part in their 1990 premiership glory.



ON TARGET ... Hawthorn ace Jason Dunstall will be a worry for all defenders this season

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	FOOTY SCOOP	FOOTO	TOP SCORE
Saturday, March 21			
** Hawthorn v Geelong		Hawth 17pts	110pts
Brisbane v Carlton		Carl 29pts	
Sunday, March 22			
St Kilda v Essendon		St Kilda 14pts	
Adelaide v Footscray		Adel 14pts	

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BEN ALLAN, the West Aussie who won Hawthorn's club champion award in last year's premiership-winning team, writes from Melbourne exclusively for Westside Football

Melbourne Calling

THE MONTHS of February and March have come around quickly for players at the Hawthorn Football Club and the 1991 grand final is now a video memory.

The sight of well-tanned bodies running laps of Glenferrie Oval is as frequent as a Peter Schwab or John Kennedy grin.

Recruits seem to be in awe amidst their new surroundings, similar to the reactions of an opponent to Michael Tuck and his achievements.

Motivation for the long season ahead is not lacking as some performances by players in the weights room are simply inspirational, not unlike a Robert DiPierdomenico tackle or goal.

Once again pre-season training has that familiar feeling of heat about it and resultant degrees of sunburn.

Those who performed well during the previous year aim to repeat their success and ferociously protect their position from aspirates wishing to become a "ones" player at all costs.

Others wishing to become better players take the time to rectify their deficiencies, while those veterans lining up for the "umpteenth" season simply do what they know is required.

Down Linda Crescent way, 1991 is forgotten and

Retiring stars leave their mark

the training carries a similar theme to the previous 20 years or so.

But hang on a minute!

Where is Michael Tuck? Where is Peter Schwab? Where is John Kennedy? Where is Robert DiPierdomenico? Where have the 1078 games they represent gone?

Certainly what these players gave to the club was simply more than a total of games. They represented Hawthorn with distinction during the club's most successful period and in doing so, unconsciously prepared a path for younger players to follow to maintain their high standard.

Michael Tuck's achievements were not created solely from natural athletic ability — he worked hard for them. Players acknowledge this fact and attempt to follow in his footsteps by pushing themselves to the

limit and beyond, as Tucky had done so many times previously.

Seasoned players tend to be a little more relaxed and often heckle their team mates when training is in full swing. From this friendly mocking is created the intangible, yet vital, ingredient — team spirit.

Schwab and Kennedy unwittingly throughout their careers produced this component in vast quantities, which so often helped the team when the game was close.

Now that Dipper has gone, who will help Gary Ayres and Dermott Brereton inspire the team when we need a lift?

Tucky, Dipper, Roo and Schwaby will obviously be sorely missed. However, their spirit will undoubtedly remain as is revealed in the familiarity of February's training.

AFL KICKS OFF

Continued from previous page

North Melbourne, with one of the brightest crop of young players in the league, will again make a quest for a final six spot.

The Roos finals thrust will depend largely on the outstanding forward line combination of John Longmire and Wayne Carey.

Responsibilities for pushing the football to this talented duo from the mid-field, will rest with a competent band headed by Matty Larkin, Peter German, Tony Rock, John McCarthy, Wayne Schwass and trump recruit, Richard Dennis.

Richmond's hopes to climb up the ladder from their disappointing 13th last year will rest squarely with coaching guru Allan Jeans.

Jeans takes with him into a year of expectation for the Tigers, former West Coast forwards Stevan Jackson and Todd Breman and Melbourne ruckman Steve O'Dwyer.

The recruitment of O'Dwyer is a major coup in Richmond's finals plans, as will consistent seasons from skilful midfielders Matthew Knights, Tony Free, the ageless Dale Weightman and the versatile Jeff Hogg.

Carlton outlayed the biggest financial commitment — and have paid dearly — in their recruiting of brilliant Sydney centreman Greg Williams.



The move looked set to pay handsome dividends with Williams sharing midfield possessions with the skilful Craig Bradley and Stephen Kernahan, Earl Spalding up forward and Justin Madden capable of dominating in the ruck.

But a heavy suspension on Williams for breaching salary cap restrictions while at Sydney, has dampened the Blues' hopes.

Carlton will struggle to make the six, but should improve on their disastrous 11th last year, the lowest in the club's history.

Essendon and Melbourne, finalists almost by default last year, should again be in the race to qualify for a finals berth.

But both face difficult tasks after heavy player losses in their campaigns to retain finals billings.

The Bombers have greater call on retaining their place in the September play-offs with the brilliant Gavin Wanganeen, Michael Long, Mark Harvey, Greg Anderson and Darren Bewick on the ball and 'Big Fish' Paul Salmon up forward.



Melbourne have clung to finals places by their finger-nails in recent seasons and will again rely on 1991 Brownlow Medal winner Jim Stynes for the bulk of their on-ball work.

For the Demons to make the six, Gary Lyon, Allan Jakovich and Andrew Obst will need to have big seasons.

Brisbane coach Robert Walls and Sydney's new boss Gary Buckenara, look set to both have long hauls this season.

The former playing giants will both still be stuck in their rugby dominated environments come September.



MESSAGE MAN . . . Sydney coach Gary Buckenara hammers home the message to his Swans players at Subiaco Oval last week

Bucky promises tougher fight

SYDNEY coach Gary Buckenara says it will be a new-look Swans when they take on West Coast at the SCG on Sunday week.

Buckenara, stung by his side's 137-point drubbing by the Eagles, promised sweeping changes for the opening game of the AFL season.

The Swans went into the Perth match straight from Perth Airport after a five-hour flight from Sydney.

And they were without stars Dennis Carroll, Mark Bayes, Steve Wright, Terry Thripp and talented ball-getters Peter Kelly, Jason Love and Dale Lewis.

They are also missing exciting forward Simon Minton-Connell, who was swapped as part of last year's pre-draft dealing with champion centreman Greg Williams moving to Carlton.

Despite the absence of those top players, whose presence in Sydney on March 28 will guarantee fierce opposition for the Eagles, Buckenara was scathing of the Swans inept display.

By

KIM HAGDORN

"You don't sit back and cop that sort of performance. Something has to be done," he said.

"A scratch match or not, we were sadly let down by players who should know better.

"We'll make the necessary changes and come up with a side that will test the Eagles in Sydney on Sunday week."

Buckenara said the Swans would learn from the Eagles disciplined football.

"The Eagles are a good and well-conditioned unit," said the Sydney coach.

"They play Subiaco Oval very well and they have a depth of very good players.

"Like the Eagles are good at Subi Oval, it will be the aim of Sydney to play the SCG as well.

"I'd like to think we can win the majority of our home games."

How they finished last year

- 1 HAWTHORN
- 2 WEST COAST
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- 5 ST KILDA
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- 12 Sydney
- 13 Richmond
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Kim Hagdorn's predictions for this year

- 1 HAWTHORN
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- 13 Footscray
- 14 Sydney
- 15 Brisbane



Hawks continue their dominance

COACHING maestro Alan Joyce continued his unbeaten grand final record when Hawthorn demolished Fitzroy in the 1992 Foster's Cup premiership battle.

The Hawks sounded an ominous warning for the AFL season when they crushed the Lions by 65 points, 19.14 (128) to 8.15 (63).

The win gave Joyce his fifth grand final victory in three years — three night and two day premierships.

The Lions were impressive early in the first quarter when they challenged the Hawks and trailed by just nine points after a tight first quarter.

But the Hawthorn machine slipped into top gear in the second term, kicking nine goals to Fitzroy's two, setting up yet another Hawks premiership.

Paul Hudson, son of Hawk legend Peter Hudson, was best-afield, winning the inaugural Michael Tuck Medal (presented by Tuck) after kicking five goals from the half-forward-line.

Other top players for Hawthorn were Tony Hall and Andrew Jarman, who each posted three goals and added awesome power to a forward-line already boasting Jason Dunstall and Dermott Brereton.

For the Lions, Richard Osborne kicked three goals while Matthew Broderick chipped in with two.

Better players for Fitzroy were Ross Lyon, Osborne, Alistair Lynch and Broderick.

Joyce is satisfied with Cup format

VICTORIOUS Hawthorn coach Alan Joyce is more than happy with the current concept of the Foster's Cup.

With his third premiership in three attempts at the pre-season series, Joyce is obviously satisfied that the Cup suits the Hawthorn summer programme.

His previous Foster's Cup victories — 1988 and 1990 — were backed up later in the year by September premiership success, but the Hawks coach is making no rash predictions about this year's possibilities.

In typical modest style, Joyce was quick to pay tribute to Fitzroy after Saturday's grand final.

"We had expected a tough game and they certainly gave it to us, especially in the first half," said Joyce.

The powerful Hawks fielded something close to their best side in the victory over Fitzroy.

With the exception of Stephen Lawrence and Anthony Condon, the Hawks lined up all of their experienced senior players.

NOT WORRIED

But Joyce isn't worried by the fact that the team is close to full strength and in obvious good form so early in the season.

"It's not a problem, we've been in this position before and the players can handle it," says Joyce.

"We have really only played three competitive matches — against Richmond, Geelong and now Fitzroy. We had a couple of practice matches before that, but they were fairly low-key, so it's not as if we've had a hard programme."

Handy pay-day

THE HAWKS Foster's Cup win produced a healthy pay cheque for three weeks hard work.

Hawthorn, whose profit last year was only \$5700 despite winning the day and night premierships, gave their bank balance a handsome \$93,000 start for the year.

The Hawks pocketed \$16,000 for beating Richmond in their quarter final clash, \$22,000 for their semi final win over Geelong and \$55,000 for beating Fitzroy in the grand final.

Fitzroy left Waverley Park beaten and bruised after the grand final, but with a very important \$74,000 for their efforts in the Foster's Cup series.

The Lions won \$11,000 in their first round clash with North Melbourne, \$16,500 for beating Sydney, \$22,000 for downing Adelaide in the semi-final and \$25,000 in the losing the grand final.

Both Geelong and Adelaide, losers in their semi-finals clashes with Hawthorn and Fitzroy respectively, earned \$38,000 each.

Four teams — Richmond, West Coast, Footscray and Sydney — all crashed out of the quarter-finals, but pocketed \$19,250 each.

First round losers Brisbane, Collingwood, Melbourne, Carlton, Essendon, North Melbourne and St Kilda all received \$5500.

Mixed fortunes

THE Foster's Cup grand final produced mixed fortunes for four WA players.

Former Claremont star Ben Allan was in the winning side — though he probably remembers little about the match, copping a bone-crunching shirt-front in the second quarter.

His former Tigers team-mate, Jeremy Guard, East Perth's Marcus Seecamp and Joe Cormack (Swan Districts) were in Fitzroy's losing side.

Allan was a key performer early in the game, earning seven kicks before retiring to the bench.

Seecamp struggled to get into the game, playing in the forward line and then going to defence after posting a handy goal.

Guard's second-half was encouraging, as he picked up 14 possessions after coming off the interchange bench.

Cormack got a run late in the game and picked up six kicks in the final term.



Australian Football League

FOSTER'S CUP GRAND FINAL

HAWTHORN	1.5	10.8	12.10	19.14	128
FITZROY	0.2	2.6	5.13	8.15	63

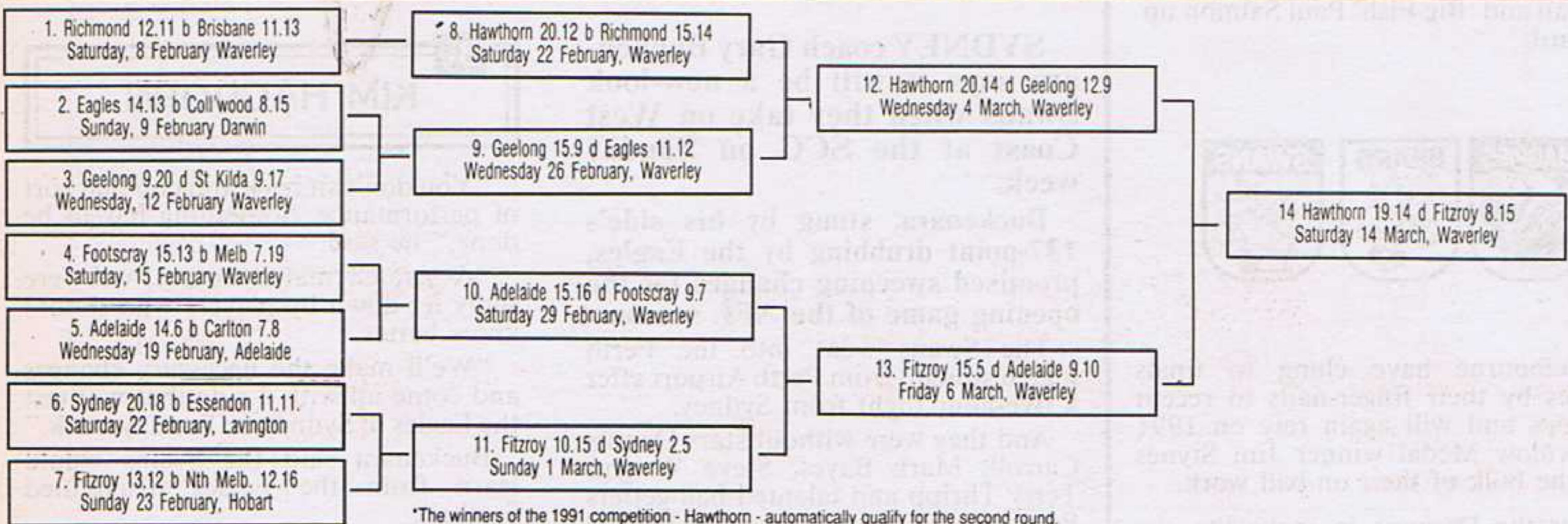
GOALS — Hawthorn: Hudson 5, Hall, Jarman 3, Brereton 2, Dear, Allan, Dunstall, Madigan, Platten, Gowers. **Fitzroy:** Osborne 3, Broderick 2, Gale, Seecamp, Stephens.

BEST — Hawthorn: Collins, Hudson, Hall, Langford, Mew, Pritchard. **Fitzroy:** Lynch, Dundas, Paxman, Broderick, Osborne, Lyon.

Played at Waverley. Umpires: Gavin Dore, Chris Mitchell. Attendance: 49,453.

BUBBLING OVER ... it was champagne all round as Hawthorn claimed yet another premiership flag ... the 1992 Foster's Cup. Dashing rover John Platten, who led the champagne squirting in last year's AFL grand final, was at it again with their win over Fitzroy to claim a second consecutive Foster's Cup

YOUR 1992 FOSTER'S CUP FIXTURES GUIDE



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



WINNING WAY ... Hawks coach Alan Joyce makes it five in a row



FOSTER'S



WHAT THE CRITICS SAY

Eagles have plenty of

support

FOOTBALL critics around Australia have a strong leaning towards the West Coast Eagles in their predictions for the 1992 season.

A number of critics have put the Eagles on top of their AFL premiership table — with Geelong, Hawthorn and Adelaide rating highly.

Sunday Age writer Mike Sheahan says West Coast will finish on top, followed by Hawthorn, Geelong, Collingwood, St Kilda and Footscray.

Sheahan says the grand finalists will be the same as last year with West Coast winning their first AFL premiership.

He has tipped St Kilda youngster Robert Harvey to win the Brownlow Medal, with team-mate Tony Lockett and Hawk Jason Dunstall sharing the goal-kicking honours with 150 each.

Channel Seven commentator Dennis Cometti tips West Coast to finish on top, followed by Geelong, Hawthorn, St Kilda, Adelaide and North Melbourne.

He sees the grand finalists being Geelong and West Coast, with the Eagles claiming the premiership.

Victorian coach and former Geelong rover Billy Goggin thinks Hawthorn will finish the season on top, followed by West Coast, St Kilda, Carlton, Geelong and Adelaide, with Sydney last.

He predicts Hawthorn and West Coast will play in the grand final with Hawthorn winning their back-to-back premierships.

Radio commentator Tim Lane forecasts that Hawthorn will finish top, followed by Geelong, West Coast, Collingwood, Adelaide, and St Kilda. He tips Geelong and Hawthorn to play off in the grand final, with Geelong winning their first flag since 1963.

Caroline Wilson, from the Sunday Age, has tipped Geelong to finish top, followed by Hawthorn, Adelaide, West Coast, St Kilda and Carlton, with Hawthorn and Geelong playing off in the grand final and Geelong taking the flag.

Football legend Ted Whitten, has predicted that West Coast will finish on top, from Hawthorn, Geelong, St Kilda, North Melbourne and Footscray, with West Coast favourites to win their first AFL flag.

Former Sydney Swans champion Gerard Healy has also tipped West Coast to finish the season on top, in front of Geelong, Hawthorn, St Kilda, Collingwood and North Melbourne.

Hawks have their woes

HAWTHORN'S latest premiership success only glosses over the most worrying start the AFL's power team has had in years.

Being premiership favourites is the least of the talking points at Glenferrie — even after the club's 10th flag in a decade.

Officials are fast adopting an "us versus them" stance after the AFL:

* Fined the club almost \$30,000 for being over their 1991 salary cap limit.

* Refused to allow two-match suspensions to grand final pair Steve Lawrence and Anthony Condon to be served in the Foster's Cup series — giving the pair five-week penalties.

In addition, the Hawks have had to withstand doubts about Dermott Brereton's playing future; the refusal of South Australian star Matt Robran to end his self-imposed exile and the retirements of champions Michael Tuck, Robert DiPierdomenico, John Kennedy and Peter Schwab.

Brereton makes a joke of his injury woes — saying he's had the body of a 40-year-old for years — but his latest

ailment, a debilitating hip injury is causing particular concern.

The charismatic centre-half-forward risks long-term osteo-arthritis because of the problem.

The Hawks are currently seeking advice from American sports medicine experts on how best to keep Brereton on the field.

Robran, the player the Hawks had groomed to replace Brereton on a long-term basis, continues to refuse pleas from officials to return from Adelaide.

Melburnians are amazed at his stance.

This week high-profile former Brownlow Medallist Gerard Healy said: "The only reason a footballer his age should stand out for 12 months is if he's forced to, through injury."



from
KEN PIESSE
In Melbourne

"He should take the opportunity while it's there.

"He turns 21 this week. Why doesn't he really come of age, admit he made a mistake and get on the first plane back to Melbourne."

Robran, Hawthorn's 21st man in last year's grand final, is following the example of his father, Barrie, who refused all overtures to go to Melbourne, gaining a reputation as the best footballer never to play in the VFL.

CHAMPIONS

The Hawks best 15 players are unequalled, but their depth rapidly falls away, especially now with the retirements of past champions, especially long-serving captain Tuck.

Off the ground, the club is regarded as the best-managed in the competition, yet their profit last year — after winning the day and night premierships — was just \$5740.

President Trevor Coote said: "The tight economic conditions apparent last year continued even more savagely this year... times are tough."



Stats AND Facts

with Richard Camm

Eagles aim to go one better

THE West Coast Eagles are trying to become the first team for 16 years to win the premiership after finishing first and second in consecutive seasons.

The last side to do so was Hawthorn, who recovered from a 55-point loss to North Melbourne in the 1975 grand final to win by five goals against the Roos the following year.

The Hawks emulated the feat of Richmond of three years earlier.

Fitzroy, from 1901-1904, are the only team to finish fourth, third, second and first in consecutive seasons.

ESSENDON will be chasing their ninth consecutive first-round victory in Sunday's match against St Kilda at Waverley Park.

Last year the Bombers became only the third team ever to notch eight opening round wins — a feat previously performed by Collingwood between 1926 and 1933 and Geelong from 1949 to 1956.

St Kilda will be seeking to stretch their sequence of opening round wins to four — one short of their club record of five, between 1970 and 1974.

HAWTHORN'S convincing win over Fitzroy last Saturday night maintained Alan Joyce's unblemished record in the AFL.

The Hawks have now won three night premierships and two day premierships in Joyce's three seasons as senior coach.

The only other coach with a perfect record of premierships is Geelong's Charlie Clymo, who coached the Cats to a premiership in 1931, in his only season as coach.



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AFL 1992 PREDICTIONS

AFL GAMES ROUND 1

	Minor Premiers	Grand final teams	Premiers	Leading goalkicker	Brownlow Medal winner	Hawthorn v Geelong	Brisbane v Carlton	St Kilda v Essendon	Adelaide v Footscray
RON ALEXANDER	Eagles	Eagles/Geel	Eagles	Jason Dunstall	Paul Roos	Hawthorn	Brisbane	St Kilda	Adelaide
TANIA ARMSTRONG	Eagles	Hawks/Eagles	Eagles	Tony Lockett	Mark Bairstow	Hawthorn	Brisbane	St Kilda	Adelaide
ROBERT BENNETT	Eagles	Hawks/Eagles	Geelong	Tony Lockett	Jim Stynes	Geelong	Carlton	St Kilda	Adelaide
DAMIAN BIANCHINI	Eagles	Hawks/Eagles	Hawthorn	Tony Lockett	Paul Hudson	Hawthorn	Brisbane	St Kilda	Adelaide
BRUCE BUTLER	Geelong	Geel/Eagles	Geelong	Tony Lockett	Tony Lockett	Geelong	Carlton	St Kilda	Adelaide
ALAN EAST	Hawthorn	Geel/Eagles	Geelong	Tony Lockett	Mark Bairstow	Geelong	Brisbane	St Kilda	Adelaide
KIM HAGDORN	Hawthorn	Hawks/Eagles	Hawthorn	Jason Dunstall	Gavin Wangeneen	Hawthorn	Brisbane	St Kilda	Adelaide
IAN MILLER	Eagles	Eagles/Hawks	Eagles	Peter Sumich	Ben Allan	Hawthorn	Carlton	St Kilda	Adelaide
KEN PIESSE	Hawthorn	Eagles/Hawks	Hawthorn	Jason Dunstall	Tony Lockett	Hawthorn	Carlton	St Kilda	Adelaide
GARY STOCKS	Eagles	Eagles/St Kilda	Eagles	Tony Lockett	Tony Lockett	Hawthorn	Carlton	St Kilda	Adelaide
MOST FAVOURED	Eagles	Eagles/Hawks	Eagles	Tony Lockett	Tony Lockett	Hawthorn	Brisbane	St Kilda	Adelaide



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Meet this year's Eagles . . .



Player	D.O.B.	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Came from	Debut	Games played	Goals kicked	State games	Occupation	Position
BALL, Jason	21.11.72	196	93	Swan Districts	—	—	—	—	Bank Officer	Ruckman
BARICH, Adrian	5.12.63	177	87	Canberra	1991 SD	10 SD	9 SD	—	Public Servant	Utility
BEGOVIICH, Tony	7.8.67	185	86	Newman College	1987 WCE	47 WCE	27 WCE	1	Student	Defender
BRENNAN, Michael	29.6.65	187	90	Karoonda	1984 Perth	102 Pth	67 Pth	—	Finance Consultant	Defender
BURTON, Matthew	19.15.70	211	95	Marist College	1990 WCE	9 WCE	2 WCE	—	Salesman	Ruckman
CLAPE, Matthew	28.5.69	185	84	Margaret River	1985 Clare	83 Cl	32 Cl	—	Sports Development Officer	Half-back
CONNELL, Matthew	3.8.72	180	73	Carine	1987 WCE	104 WCE	11 WCE	—	Student	Forward
DAVIES, Steven	1.4.72	187	87	Kalgoorlie	1983 East Frem	76 EF	3 EF	—	Mechanic	Defender
DISNEY, Jason	28.7.74	190	79	Baronia, Vic.	1990 Subiaco	26 Sub	15 Sub	—	Sudent	Half-forward
EVANS, Tony	14.6.69	178	79	Muresk	1989 EP	67 EP	7 EP	—	Student	Rover
FREEMAN, Peter	1.4.69	187	89	ST Kilda	1991 Subi	9 Subi	9 Subi	—	Student	Utility
GOW, Paul	27.5.69	188	89	Footscray/Swan Dist	1991 Subi	15 Subi	8 Subi	—	Student	Defender
HALL, Derek	29.11.70	189	84	Harvey-Brun	—	—	—	—	—	—
HARDING, Paul	4.6.64	193	95	St Kilda/Riverton	1991 WCE	2 WCE	1 WCE	—	Labourer	Half-forward
HART, David	3.3.64	179	79	Bruce Rock	1989 Clare	55 Cl	97 Cl	1	Sales Rep.	Ruckman
HEADY, Brett	4.1.70	183	82	Whitfords	1988 ST Kilda	5 ST K	—	—	—	—
HEPBURN, Mark	29.8.68	196	100	North Melb/Esperance	1987 SD	45 SD	3 SD	—	Student	Defender
HYNES, David	31.3.67	194	90	Pt Adelaide	1991 Foots	7 Foots	—	—	—	—
IRVING, Dean	1.9.66	200.5	102	Kalgoorlie	1990 West Pth	41 WP	80 WP	8	—	—
JAKOVICH, Glen	24.3.73	192	94	South Coogee	1981 EF	96 EF	29 EF	—	—	—
KEENE, Laurie	2.1.62	203	100	Karrinyup	1987 Haw	6 Haw	2 Haw	—	—	—
KEMP, Dean	17.2.69	180	76	Kalgoorlie	1988 ST Kilda	67 ST K	67 ST K	9 ST K	—	—
KRUMMEL, Brendan	26.6.72	185	80	Aquinas/Karoonda	1987 WCE	95 WCE	75 WCE	3	Courier driver	Rover
LAMB, Dwayne	20.12.61	178	90	Nth Innaloo	1984 Sth Frem	69 SF	77 SF	—	—	—
LANGDON, Karl	28.3.68	191	90	Guildford Grammar	1983 West Pth	7 WP	9 WP	—	—	—
LADLEY, Dean	27.3.67	180	76	Westminster-Balga	1990 WCE	20 WCE	23 WCE	—	Sports Officer	Half-forward
					1988 Subiaco	34 Subi	56 Subi	—	Student	Utility
					1991 WCE	5 WCE	— WCE	—	—	—
					1987 Nth Melb	56 NMel	29 NMel	—	—	—
					1986 Claremont	15 Cl	11 Cl	—	—	—
					1991 WCE	9 WCE	4 WCE	1	Sales Rep.	Utility
					1985 Pt Adel	119 PA	111 PA	—	—	—
					1991 SF	11 SF	7 SF	—	—	—
					1990 WCE	41 WCE	9 WCE	—	Student	Ruck
					1985 Sth Frem	38 SF	27 SF	—	—	—
					1991 WCE	16 WCE	8 WCE	—	Apprentice mechanic	Forward
					1989 SF	51 SF	77 SF	1	—	—
					1987 WCE	36 WCE	38 WCE	4	Salesman	Ruck
					1981 Subiaco	137 Subi	206 Subi	—	—	—
					1990 WCE	46 WCE	16 WCE	1	Electrician	Wing
					1989 Subiaco	24 Sub	9 Sub	—	Refrigeration mechanic	Forward
					1990 EF	24 EF	5 EF	—	—	—
					1987 WCE	108 WCE	36 WCE	9	Sales rep.	Ruck-rover
					1980 Subiaco	134 Subi	32 Subi	—	—	—
					1988 WCE	71 WCE	81 WCE	2	Radio Announcer/Promotions	Half-forward
					1986 Subiaco	32 Subi	49 Subi	—	—	—
					1987 WCE	38 WCE	9 WCE	6	Sports store prop.	Half-back
					1984 West Pth	67 WP	20 WP	—	—	—

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Who's Who in the West Coast squad

Player	D.O.B.	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Came from	Debut	Games played	Goals kicked	State games	Occupation	Position
LEWIS, Chris	17.3.69	187	81	Mirrabooka	1987 WCE	90 WCE	118 WCE	2	Football Development Officer	Ruck-rover
LOCKYER, Andrew	7.7.65	192	95	Northampton	1986 Claremont	7 CI	6 CI	6	Supervisor	Full-back
McINTOSH, Ashley	20.10.72	194	92	Scotch College	1987 WCE	76 WCE	35 WCE	6	Student	Ruck
McINTOSH, Nathan	11.10.68	188	88	Claremont	1984 East Frem	59 EF	128 EF	1	Student	Half-forward
McKENNA, Guy	11.5.69	185	85	Carine	1991 WCE	17 WCE	11 WCE	3	TV journalist	Defender
MAINWARING, Chris	27.12.65	180	82	Geraldton	1991 CLare	5 CL	10 CL	9	Insurance Consultant	Wing
MATERA, Peter	3.4.69	180	81	Wagin	1991 CLare	4 CL	6 CL	2	Salesman	Wing
METROPOLIS, Daniel	17.3.72	185	82.5	Scotch College	1988 WCE	90 WCE	10 WCE	9	Insurance Consultant	Wing
MORPHETT, Kane	17.3.72	184	80	Christ Church Grammar	1985 Claremont	48 CI	3 CI	9	Insurance Consultant	Wing
NICHOLS, Trent	7.4.69	170	74	Sandy Bay, Tasmania	1987 WCE	101 WCE	44 WCE	9	Insurance Consultant	Wing
PEOS, Paul	28.1.68	183	85	Deanmill	1985 East Frem	48 EF	36 EF	2	Salesman	Wing
OGG, David	23.11.67	184	83	Cloverdale	1990 WCE	31 WCE	35 WCE	2	Salesman	Wing
PYKE, Don	5.12.68	180	78	Canberra	1987 Sth Frem	59 SF	96 SF	7	Apprentice Plumber	Utility
REGAN, David	18.9.72	189	88	Essendon	1991 SUBI	3 SUBI	4 SUBI	7	Research officer	Ruck
SCOTT, Phil	17.1.61	194	97	Scarborough	1990 EF	14 EF	3 EF	4	Promotions Officer	Full-forward
SUMICH, Peter	11.1.68	192	92	Cockburn	1988 Richmond	56 Rich	46 Rich	4	Football Promotions Officer	Ruck-rover
TURLEY, Craig	24.8.65	185	80	Nollamara	1987 WCE	42 WCE	16 WCE	2	Student	Defender
TURNBULL, Ryan	23.9.71	196	94	Christ Church	1986 East Pth	52 EP	11 EP	2	Student	Defender
UGLE, Troy	18.4.68	178	82	Carey Park	1986 SD	25 SD	SD	2	Teacher	Ruck-rover
WATERMAN, Chris	19.9.68	181	83	Rossmoyne	1991 BB	9 BB	3 BB	4	Accountant	Rover
WATSON, Tim	13.7.61	185	89	Essendon	1989 WCE	44 WCE	21 WCE	4	Accountant	Rover
WATTERS, Scott	25.1.69	176	81	Hamilton Hill	1987 Claremont	51 CI	80 CI	7	Apprentice Plumber	Utility
WEST, Robert	7.3.69	174	75	Wodonga, Vic.	1987 WCE	66 WCE	41 WCE	7	Research officer	Ruck
WHITE, Mitchell	28.3.73	190	86	West Torrens	1981 Subiaco	90 Subi	60 Subi	4	Promotions Officer	Full-forward
WILSON, Peter	15.11.63	183	90	Lynwood/Richmond	1989 WCE	67 WCE	246 WCE	4	Football Promotions Officer	Ruck-rover
WORSFOLD, John	25.9.68	182	88	South Frem JFC	1986 Sth Frem	58 SF	99 SF	2	Insurance agent	Half-back
					1989 WCE	58 WCE	45 WCE	2	Football Promotions Officer	Ruck-rover
					1985 West Pth	72 WP	34 WP	1	Groundsman	Rover
					1991 WCE	5 WCE	1 WCE	1	Groundsman	Rover
					1989 Claremont	23 CI	17 CI	1	Student	Half-forward
					1991 EP	17 EP	5 EP	1	Student	Half-forward
					1988 WCE	33 WCE	29 WCE	1	Business Development Officer	Utility
					1987 Swan Dist	60 SD	56 SD	1	Business Development Officer	Utility
					1988 WCE	49 WCE	31 WCE	2	Insurance agent	Half-back
					1987 East Frem	51 EF	37 EF	2	Insurance agent	Half-back
					1977 Essen	282 Essen	308 Essen	4	Sports writer	ruck-rover
					1989 WCE	28 WCE	8 WCE	4	Insurance broker	Rover
					1985 Sth Frem	65 SF	23 SF	1	Groundsman	Rover
					1991 WCE	1 WCE	1 WCE	1	Groundsman	Rover
					1991 West Pth	17 WP	18 WP	1	Student	Half-forward
					1991 WCE	2 WCE	—	1	Student	Half-forward
					1990 Subiaco	35 Subi	39 Subi	1	Business Development Officer	Utility
					1990 WCE	41 WCE	41 WCE	5	Business Development Officer	Utility
					1982 East Frem	94 EF	96 EF	5	Pharmacist	Half-back flank
					1987 Rich	54 Rich	40 Rich	5	Pharmacist	Half-back flank
					1987 WCE	96 WCE	13 WCE	5	Pharmacist	Half-back flank
					1986 Sth Frem	25 SF	5 SF	5	Pharmacist	Half-back flank



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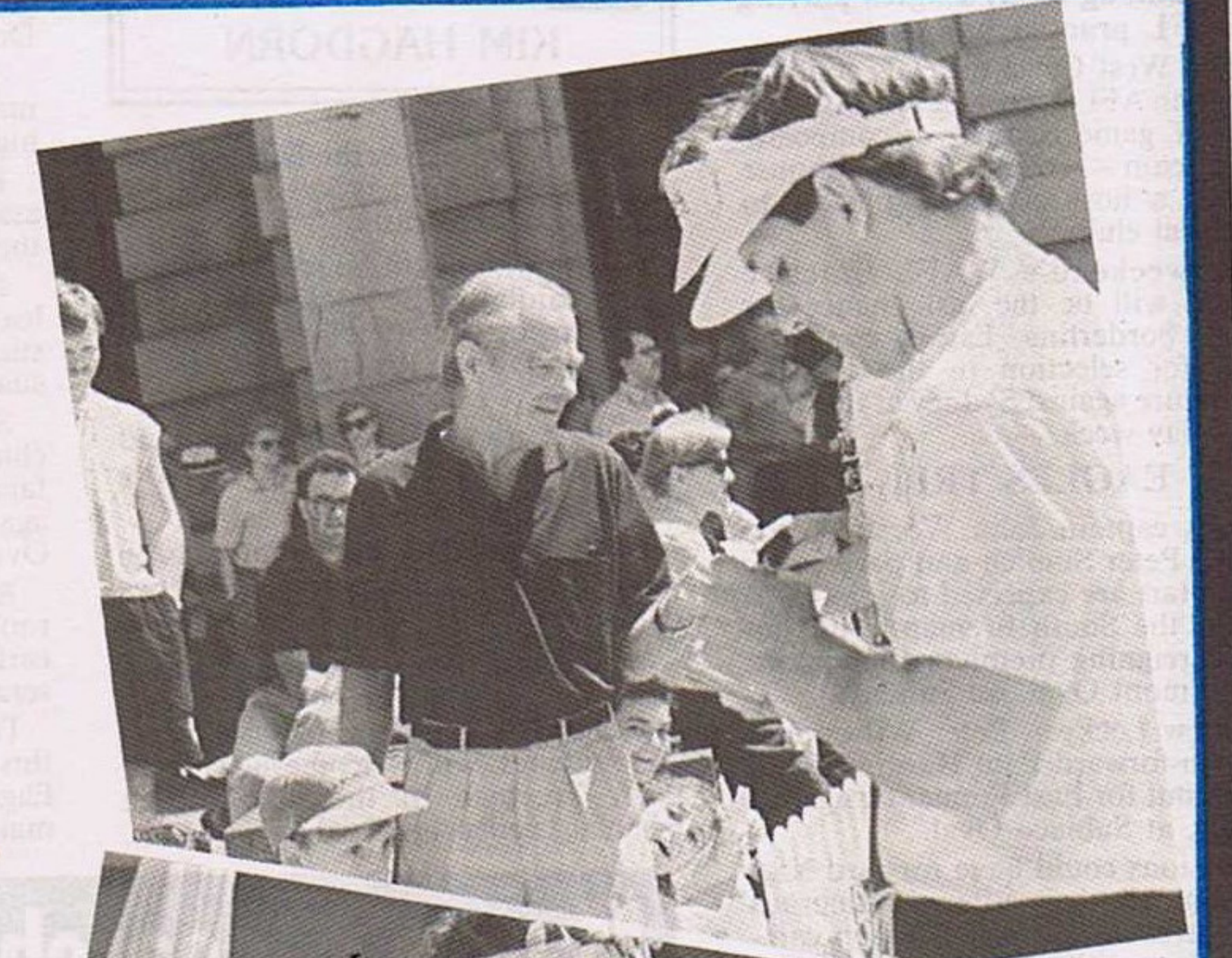


TOP: The chairman of Healthway, Harry Sorenson, announces a \$1 million boost for WA football. LEFT: The jubilant Eagles burst through a special banner ... followed by some Eagles of a different kind (below)

FORREST Place was invaded last week when hundreds of football fanatics joined key Eagles and WAFL players to turn the popular lunch-time venue into a football field.

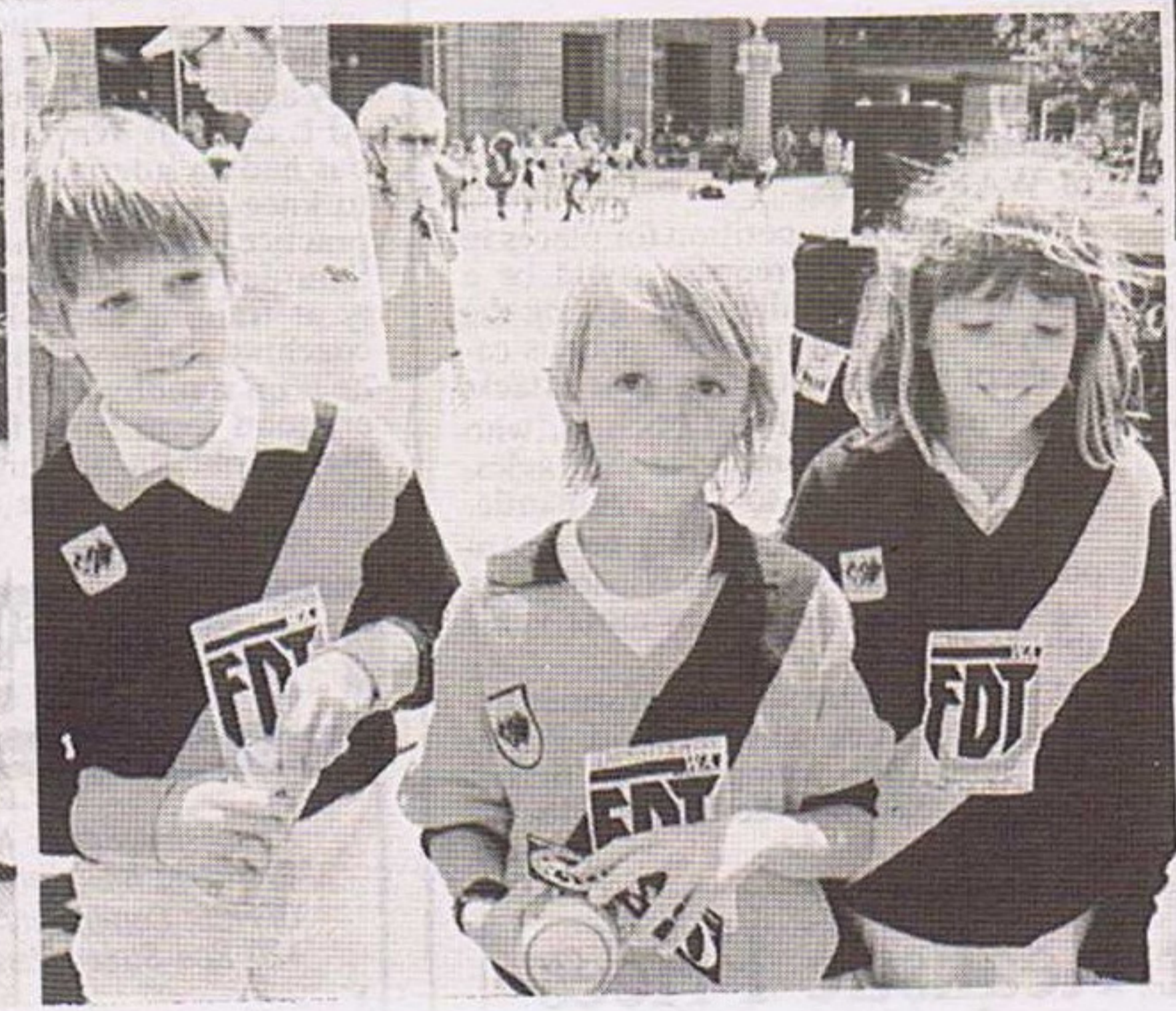
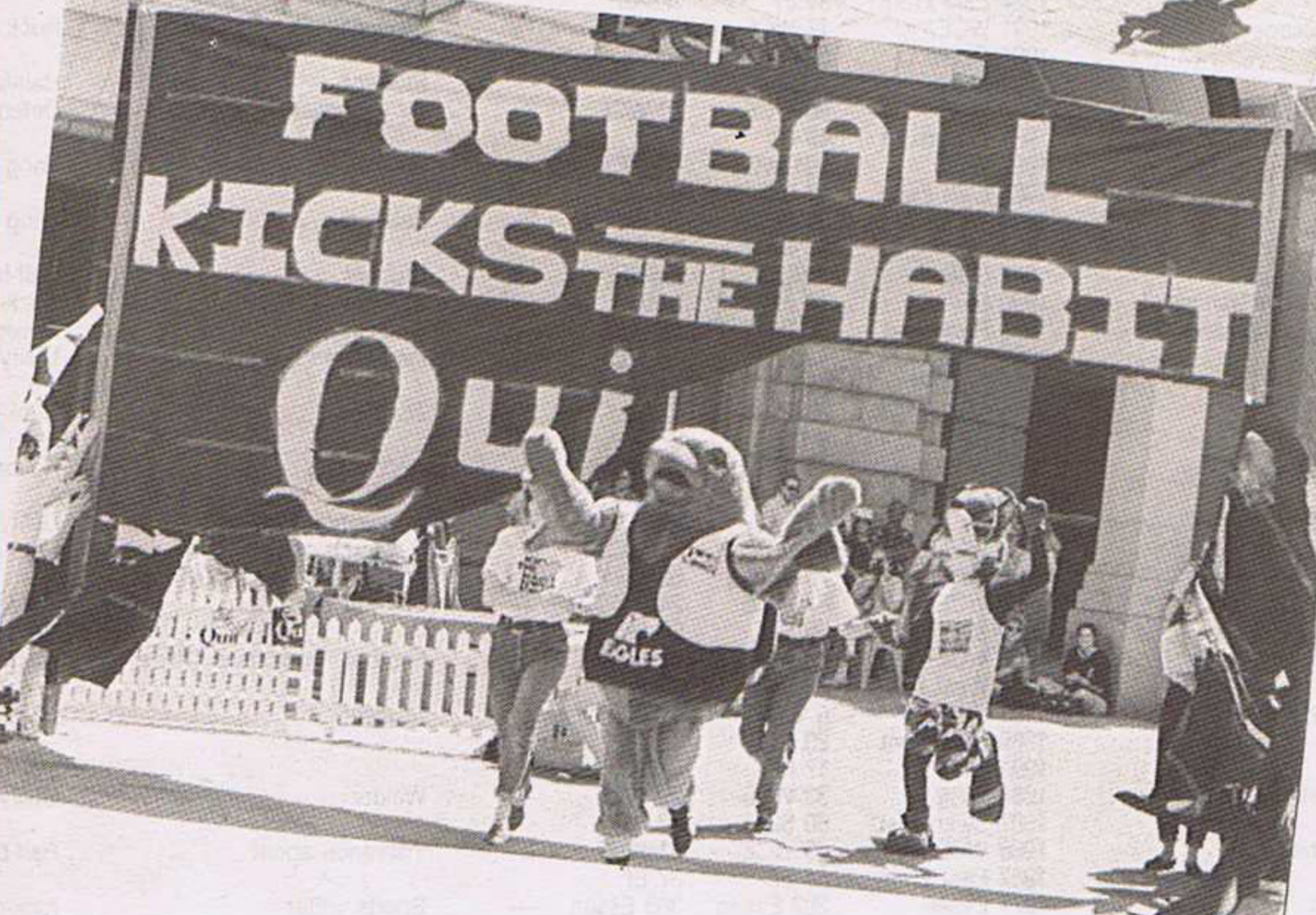
The spectacular show saw major sponsor, Healthway, announce their \$1 million boost for football, through the Quit campaign.

Scores of lunch-time shoppers saw students from Ocean Reef take part in an extravagant display ... and the Eagles heroes were sought out for their autographs.



ABOVE: Students invade Forrest Place to spread the Quit message. BELOW LEFT: Dwayne Lamb, Scott Watters and Craig Turley share a joke with Quit coordinator, Joan Macfarlane. BELOW RIGHT: Eager fans line up to join in the activities and score an autograph from their favourite players

Autograph seekers come from all ages ... as these Eagles discovered, Dwayne Lamb (above), Dean Irving (left) and Craig Turley (below)



NUMBER ONE MEETING PLACE

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Hepburn in quick debut for Bulldogs

EAGLES big man Mark Hepburn hasn't had to wait long for a clash with his former WAFL club, Claremont.

Hepburn, allocated to South Fremantle this week after failing to get a regular ruck berth at Claremont, will be among many Eagles playing in WAFL practice games.

When West Coast officials couldn't arrange an AFL opponent for this week — or a game against a composite WAFL team — coach Mick Malthouse released a host of senior players to their local clubs.

The weekend's WAFL practice matches will be the last chance for several borderline Eagles to press claims for selection in the opening AFL fixture against Sydney at the SCG on Sunday week.

EAGLES TRIO

Eagles captain John Worsfold, ace forward Peter Sumich and pacy rover David Hart are expected to join Hepburn in the South Fremantle line-up against reigning premiers Claremont, at Claremont Oval, on Sunday.

Andrew Lockyer, Peter Wilson and ruckman-forward Paul Harding could all turn out for East Fremantle against Subiaco, at Subiaco Oval.

The Lions could have forward Karl Langdon, who has suffered numerous injury setbacks to his pre-season campaign, along with exciting young Eagles Daniel Metropolis, Matt Burton, Matt Connell and Steven Davies.

However, Subiaco may be without Dwayne Lamb, who has played the bulk of the Eagles pre-season matches.

By **KIM HAGDORN**

Lamb is one player the Eagles match committee believe has had a sufficient build-up to the season.

Others who could be rested include Dean Laidley, Guy McKenna, Chris Mainwaring, Trent Nichols, David Hynes, Dean Irving and Glen Jakovich.

Craig Turley, Michael Brennan and Ashley McIntosh are all nursing injuries.

Of that trio, only Turley remains on track to be fit for the journey to Sydney next week.

West Perth, set for a big improvement this year under new coach Jeff Gieschen following several good practice matches, will welcome newcomer Peter Freeman in their clash with Perth at Leederville Oval on Saturday.

The Falcons will also boost their goal-kicking power with the return of Derek Hall and Robbie West.

The clash offers in-form local ruckman Basil Zempalis another crack at a highly respected opposition big man.

Perth have big Toby Jackson back to assist the Demons ruck battery after the retirement of John Gavranich.

Jackson was tempted to resume his league career at West Perth after a successful country stint, but was persuaded to return to Lathlain Park.

Saturday's other game offers fans the chance to see pre-season premiership fancies Swan Districts in full flight against East Perth, at Bassendean Oval.

All eyes will be on clever Eagles rookie Jason Ball, who has starred in early West Coast games against Footscray and Sydney.

David Ogg returned to Perth earlier this week after being picked up by the Eagles in the March draft and could make his re-appearance at Bassendean.

Kicking around

Saint moves

FORMER St Kilda defender and Victorian State player Russell Jeffrey will move to Brisbane and pull on the boots for the Bears. Jeffrey, who was drafted to Brisbane from St Kilda, has been playing football in Darwin, where the season is nearly completed and has not played or trained with the Bears this season. The rugged defender rang Brisbane's general manager Andrew Ireland and told him that he would make the move from Darwin next week.

Bombers hope

ESSENDON may have solved their goal-kicking problems with the recent form of 22-year-old Dean Wallis, who has kicked six goals against Brisbane and four against Richmond in practice matches. Wallis, a favourite of coach Kevin Sheedy's, has been restricted to 40 senior appearances in five seasons, due to hamstring troubles. The young Bomber has played most of his football in the backline or on the wing, but now gives Sheedy an extra option in attack.

Top performers

RESPECTED Melbourne football journalist Mike Sheahan, writing in the Sunday Age, has included eight West Coast players in his top 50 AFL stars. Sheahan rated St Kilda giant Tony Lockett at No. 1, closely followed by another full-forward in Jason Dunstall, from Hawthorn. Hawks rover John Platten was third, with Carlton's Greg Williams fourth and Geelong's Gary Hocking fifth. Of the Eagles, last year's Brownlow Medal runner-up Craig Turley slotted in at No. 6, with Guy McKenna at 12, Peter Matera 14, Brett Heady 18, Chris Lewis 29, Peter Sumich 45 and captain John Worsfold at 49. Hawthorn's 1991 club champion Ben Allan completed the list at No. 50.

Hopeful Cats

GEELONG are deliberating over whether No. 1 ruckman Damien Bourke will return to action this Saturday against Hawthorn in their opening AFL clash at Waverley Park. Bourke has had an interrupted pre-season due to knee troubles and missed the Cats practice match against Footscray last Saturday. But he has been moving freely at training and while the Geelong coaching staff won't take any chances, he is on standby for this week. However, good form from former Essendon player John Barnes might influence the Cats to leave Bourke on the sidelines for another week.

Magro's search for height

EAST PERTH coach Stan Magro is desperately searching for some key-position players.

The Royals coach was disappointed at the way the team was brushed aside by West Perth in a practice match last Saturday.

"West Perth made us look very ordinary," he said.

"At this stage of the season we look a bit under-done, so we'll obviously improve.

"I was impressed with the way West Perth approached the ball and they will certainly be a much more competitive side this season.

"Up against West Perth we looked very light and our lack of key positional players showed out.

"Though we had a number of key players missing, it doesn't compensate for our poor performance. We are just going to have to work a lot harder on the track."

EXPLOITED

The Falcons exploited East Perth's big-man weakness, with Basil Zempilas, Matt Cullen, Troy Fullgrabe and Bill Duckworth putting in strong performances.

West Perth youngster Todd Curley was dominant on his wing, with new Wadonga rover Darren Harris continuing to play well.

Better players for East Perth were midfielders Lucio Baroni and George Giannakis, with John Scott playing a servicable game out of defence and in attack in the second half.

Former South Fremantle player Richard Graham struggled for the

By **DAMIAN BIANCHINI**

Royals in the first half, but improved as the game went on.

Some of East Perth's key position worries were solved earlier this week when Craig McGrath signed with the Royals and he will be a key player when he returns to full training.

Bonus for Falcons

WEST Perth were all smiles when they secured versatile St Kilda player Peter Freeman when the Eagles allocated their new squad members to WAFL clubs.

With fierce competition for places in the Eagles side, Freeman could be a regular at Leederville Oval, giving the Falcons plenty of options, as he is capable of playing in defence or attack.

Talented rover Trent Nichols, who crossed from Richmond to the Eagles, has been allocated to East Fremantle.

The Sharks will probably be disappointed with the choice of Nichols, as a big man would have been more valuable to them.

East Perth were allocated former Essendon reserves player David Regan and though the youngster will find it hard to break into the Eagles side.

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New image for Tigers

LOYALTY was certainly rewarded when Claremont held their second Corporate Classic function to unveil their major sponsor for season 1992.

With almost 300 entrants in the draw — at \$250 a marble — the search for a major sponsor for the year drew a big crowd to the clubrooms for the official function.

Tigers coach Gerard Neesham rolled the barrell and No. 14 was first out — belonging to long-time supporters Tom and Judy McKenzie, of Apparition Costume Hire.

The Claremont-based company — who have also opened a branch in Fremantle — were among the two associate sponsors last year and went one step better in this year's draw.

"What a huge thrill," said an excited Tom McKenzie after the draw. "I thought we did well enough last year winning one of the consolation prizes.

"I have followed Claremont since 1936 and my wife was a supporter before I even met her."

The fancy dress and formal hire company is based in Shenton Road, Claremont and with partners David and Shirley Medcalf, they have been staunch supporters of their local WAFL club for many years.

RIGHT: Tigers coach Gerard Neesham congratulates a delighted Tom McKenzie on his company's success



Presents...

Suma Magic



West Coast Eagles star forward **PETER SUMICH** joins Westside Football with this special column

THE 1992 football season is shaping up as a very exciting time ... on and off the field.

The West Coast Eagles, naturally enough, are out to go one better than last year, when we set the pace for most of the season, only to falter in the grand final.

The Eagles were proud to finish on top of the AFL premierships table, but losing to Hawthorn, a very experienced finals side, taught us that we still have a fair bit to learn in the world of football.

However, I can assure all readers that every member of the West Coast playing and support staff will never forget that losing feeling ... and we'll be out to remedy the situation as soon as we can.

My own personal ambitions for season 1992 haven't changed much from last year.

I'm still setting my sights on kicking four goals a game; that was the target I set last season and while I missed a few shots, I felt fairly satisfied about my end-of-year tally of 111 goals.

Naturally, I'm keen to improve on my accuracy ... but more about that another day!

I will be concentrating on improving my game in a number of areas, particularly my physical strength to enable me to hold my ground better. Tackling is another aspect of my team play that I want to work on.

PROMOTIONS

Off the field this year, I'm very excited about my promotional role with Tip Top Bakeries to help push their healthy new Footy Bread, White Hyfibe ... and there will be more about that later also.

It's interesting to note that Hawthorn's Dermott Brereton is used in Victoria to promote the bread. I hope to be as successful as Dermie ... in football and business!

I'd like to congratulate John Worsfold and Michael Brennan on being re-appointed captain and vice-captain. They proved to be outstanding leaders last season and are well-respected by all the guys.

It's great to see Chris Mainwaring elevated to deputy vice-captain; a worthy honour, especially after his role as captain of WA's winning State-of-Origin side over Victoria last year. Mainy is a top character (even though he comes from East Fremantle!) and is always contributing on and off the field.

COACHING TIP

This week's Tip Top coaching hint to juniors is a simple one — practice makes perfect, guys.

The more practice you can do at home with a football, the better your skills will be later on. Try to keep a footy handy all the time, even when you head to bed!

PS: Don't forget your daily dose of Tip Top's fabulous new Footy Bread, White Hyfibe — get mum to buy some today.



Annear hangs up his boots

FORMER West Coast Eagles vice-captain John Annear has retired.

Annear has opted to hang up his boots, ending his illustrious 14-year AFL and WAFL career.

Annear (32) told South Fremantle team-mates of his decision to quit last Monday night.

"I started to feel as though I was just going through the motions," he said.

"It wouldn't be right to get half-way through the year and still have mixed feelings on whether I should be playing or not, so I thought it best to make the decision now.

"I think players know when their time has come.

PERFORMANCES

"The worst thing I could have done was continue on and let my doubts affect my performances.

"I've been working longer hours and not making the special effort to get away for training and my fitness has fallen behind.

"There are a lot of good young players around South Fremantle and they deserve their chances."

Annear will continue with Souths as the club physiotherapist.

An original West Coast Eagle when the club was formed late in 1986, Annear has recently opened a physiotherapy practice in Winthrop.

Reflecting on the ups and downs of his 247-game career, Annear said that being a member of the original Eagles squad was one of his fondest recollections.

"Coming back to Perth to be a part of the State's history, was a big thrill," he said.

"There was so much hype and razz-

By **KIM HAGDORN**

mataz and some of the things that happened had to be seen to be believed.

"But it was worthwhile."

Annear played with three AFL and two WAFL clubs in a career that began as an 18 year-old with Claremont in 1978.

A premierships medal eluded the aggressive, hard-working follower, who finished with 58 games at West Coast; 65 with Richmond (1984-86); 43 at Collingwood (81-83); 63 at Claremont

(1978-80) and 18 with Souths last year.

"My timing wasn't too hot wherever I went," Annear reflected.

"I left clubs just as they were entering their good times.

"But I have no regrets about anything. Footy has been good to me."

Annear said he would sit this year out and decide his future in time for the 1993 season.

He admits that coaching at league level has always been an ambition and he would consider a coaching career in the future.

Annear is also looking at a job in Perth football media this season.

... and Hunter leaves Demons

By **TANIA ARMSTRONG**

PERTH have been dealt a severe blow on the eve of the 1992 WAFL season with the news that assistant coach Ken Hunter will return to Melbourne.

Hunter is going back to Victoria with his wife Mandy, who requires medical treatment in Melbourne.

"From a family point of view, we decided it would be best if we were in Melbourne, as Mandy's family is there," he said.

Hunter took the Perth reserves side to the minor premierships in 1991, before the young Demons faltered in the final round by losing both matches.

He said he will miss Perth and the people at the club, where he was playing a major role in developing the younger players.

RIGHT MOVE

"When I first started at Perth I was concerned whether I had made the right move as the coach (Tom Mullooly) resigned, then the football manager and they were having trouble finding a president," says Hunter.

"The appointment of Ken Armstrong as senior coach turned the club around; there was an instant professional attitude around the place."

Armstrong says Hunter's hard working football brain would make him an ideal senior coach and he hopes he pursued his coaching dreams.

"We complemented each other well — he was a lot quieter than I was — but he is very cool and calculating and I hope he gets involved at another club on his move to Melbourne," said Armstrong.

"He could make coaching a career

path as he is a good communicator ... he knows what he wants and he works hard to get it.

"He's certainly helped me and I'd like to think that I've helped him and all of us at the club are hopeful that everything works out well for Ken and Mandy and their family."

Armstrong says he hopes to cover Hunter's loss with a reshuffle within the coaching ranks at Lathlain.

Hunter, who is hoping to secure a transfer with his job at Carlton United Breweries, says he would love to rekindle his involvement with his old club Carlton, but says that is doubtful in the near future.

"I haven't spoken with anyone at Carlton regarding what I'm going to do," he said.

"I'd like to get involved, but at this stage of the year it's a bit late.

"I'd love to be involved at an AFL level. I think I would get a lot of pleasure out of helping young blokes to achieve their dreams."

"Coaching is a lot different from playing," says Hunter. "It has taken me a long time to get out of being a player and one of the boys to actually taking on the role of being a coach.

"I'm slowly getting into it and if I can further develop it, I would then feel more comfortable about being a senior coach ... I'm still heading in that direction."

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Thinking aloud

A column of news and views by ALAN EAST

Draft looks like the killing fields



HEADING WHERE . . . Essendon champion Tim Watson is a wanted man in the West

Top topic

THE drafting of Essendon legend Tim Watson has been a great talking point for football — and a tremendous publicity gimmick for the West Coast Eagles.

Watson says he won't consider a comeback and therefore the Eagles choice could be seen as a waste.

But, the Eagles didn't really need another player (maybe they didn't see anyone around worthwhile), so why not grab the Australia-wide headlines?

Then again, what if Watson does see the challenge in the West as being worthwhile — and he comes back into action next year, at the ripe old age of 31.

And here's another thought . . .

What if Eagles coach Mick Malthouse decides that there is a time in the future when he wants to move back to Melbourne (this has been a strong tip for a few weeks), why couldn't Watson become the Eagles coach?

Costly kicks

THE price of success is certainly high.

To charge \$8 for admission to last Saturday's Eagles v Sydney Swans practice game was surely a little over the top.

In this current economic climate — with most of the Eagles official home games virtually a sell-out anyway — surely a nominal entrance fee could have been applied last week to see a very ordinary practice match against a below-standard opposition.

Bumbling along

CALLING the football action behind a microphone is a difficult task, a job for specialists, that's for sure.

The feast of footy served up by Channel 7 gives the lounge-room fans plenty of choice in voices and opinions . . . but you do shudder at times.

Take Saturday's Foster's Cup grand final when one commentator (no names; don't want a writ) just kept blundering and blubbing all night.

Suggesting that Richard Osborne was having a 'reasonable' game at a time when he was dominating and wondering why Ben Allan was 'surprisingly' on the bench after he had been cleaned up in a great shirtfront, were just two examples of nonsense talking.

References to Hawthorn coach Allan Jeans must still irk current five-times premiership coach Alan Joyce (especially when commentators call him Jeans) and then to 'transfer' Hawks veteran Gary Ayres to Fitzroy was the final straw.

SO the annual cattle muster has left a few more slaughtered beings lying beside the road to stardom.

Those critics of the AFL draft system — where the major participants, the players, don't get a say in their own lives — are obviously having mixed feelings right now.

Their oft-repeated claims that the draft is totally unfair and a restraint of trade have been justified once again. But the cost has been high, with a host of young men finding their football lives in tatters.

To be selected at the end of one season and persuaded to move your living and playing headquarters to Melbourne — regardless of whether your home is Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane or the back-of-Bourke — is like a dream come true.

To be rated highly enough to earn a draft number can be a head-swelling moment.

But to then be sliced off the list like a lump of fat on the rump steak is quite

shattering, especially if you have changed employment, education or even your personal relationships.

There is no doubt that the AFL draft is an unfair arrangement and will, sooner or later, be successfully challenged and thrown out in a court of law.

No sporting organisation's rules should be framed in such a way that the person involved has no say in their own future.

Sure, you don't have to take up the draft invitation if you don't want to. You can stay home and vegetate; fail to fulfil your sporting ambitions.

Sure, you can hope and pray that the club selecting you might see you as a pawn in a chess game and trade you off at some stage in the future and, hopefully, dump you somewhere pleasant.

But the draft as it is now simply

makes life easier for those clubs who don't know how to recognise young talent, nurture it and cultivate it.

The age-old theory that if you don't have a draft system and it's open-go on recruiting, then the strong will get stronger and the weak will keep losing, no longer can be argued on justifiable grounds.

After all, doesn't everyone involved in the AFL want fewer teams?

Isn't there a continual call for the AFL to be reduced to maybe 10 teams?

So why don't we let the strong keep winning and the weak drop out?

Then, maybe, we'll have a national competition that really is national-based and not relying on unfair rules and regulations to help the lowly clubs survive.

Happy days

IS this a sign of the happiness to come in season 1992?

That's West Coast general manager Brian Cook (centre) having a pleasant chat at training with two of the town's leading Eagles scribes, Charles Happell (left), of The West Australian and Ray Wilson, of Sunday Times fame.

Let's hope that the harmonious relationships continue all year and aren't interrupted with hot letters!



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Basically, Fantasy Football starts with a draft, where each participant selects 20 players from AFL ranks and then takes part in weekly matches with other competitors.

Each week you, the coach, nominate nine players from your squad of 20, based on three forwards, three midfielders and a ruckman, a tackler and an interchange player.

You nominate your nine players to the opposing coach for that week — by telephone, inter-office memo or at a Friday night get-together — and your rival reciprocates with the nine men to do battle with your side.

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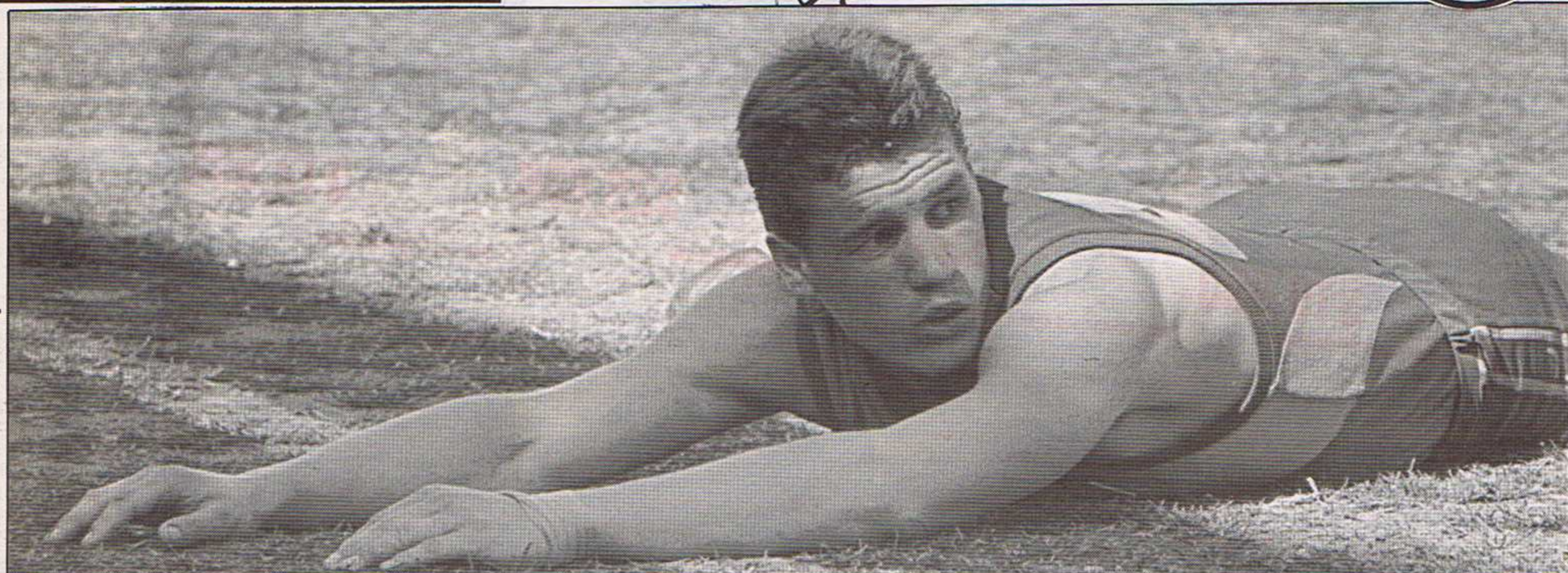
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FLAT OUT ... and loving every minute of it; that's the mood of Eagles teenage star Glen Jakovich

Softly, softly for Jakovich

EAGLES teenage pin-up Glen Jakovich has embarked on a virtual mission impossible on the eve of his second AFL season.

Jakovich, who made a stunning debut to the big time last year, wants to keep out of the limelight as part of his battle against the traditional second-season blues.

The exciting key-position player knows that in Eagles-mad West Australia, his ambitious plans for obscurity will be one of the toughest tasks he faces in 1992.

One other assignment the gifted 18-year-old is anxiously awaiting is his next confrontation with reigning AFL glamour side, Hawthorn.

The sour taste of the grand final defeat at the hands of the mighty Hawks last September has haunted Jakovich all summer.

"Playing Hawthorn won't come around quick enough for me," says Jakovich, who has been quietly, but efficiently, playing himself into top form in the pre-season games.

"Hawthorn were responsible for the most demoralising day of my life in that grand final and among my goals for 1992 is the chance to get something back on them.

"I know I have to take one game at a time. But definitely Hawthorn are the team I want a crack at this season.

"Hawthorn have become the trendsetters of the competition because they are the premiers.

"We were the pacesetters for most of last season, before Hawthorn ended all that in the finals.

"So now, like all teams in the AFL, we set out to try and knock Hawthorn from top spot."

Jakovich has successfully completed a summer of extra strength and sprint work in an endeavour to improve his already classy skill levels and enviable natural strength.

A programme of weight training and beach sprinting has prepared the strongly-built Eagle to withstand the pressures from some of the toughest opponents in the competition as the season unfolds.

Jakovich, a natural athlete of immense class, says he is now better-prepared for his physical contests at the ball.

"I feel a lot stronger in the legs and I don't feel as though I am getting pushed off the ball," he said with the confidence of a veteran.

"Actually, I've had a good pre-season and I think the work I've put in has paid off handsomely.

"I know that the pressure of second-season blues will always be there, but probably more from people following the game.

"If I can keep my attention focused on training hard and playing each game as it comes and not looking too far ahead, I'm sure I can cope with the pressures."

Jakovich, the ideal pinch-hitter up the middle of the ground for coach Mick Malthouse, modestly dismisses talk of preferences for positions in the Eagles line-up.

"At this stage, all that worries me is getting a game next week and holding my spot in the side," he said.

"I suppose I'm a bit fortunate in that I played all my early football at South Fremantle in the forward line and I've played most games with the Eagles in defence.

"That gives me a bit of versatility and that's important in footy.

"But I'll play anywhere Mick has a job for me."



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Quit message aimed at juniors

A HANDSOME cash boost to the Town and Country Bank's Football Development Trust by Healthway will help promote a series of coaching clinics to emphasise the Smoking — No Way message to juniors.

During the first and second term holidays this year, eight metropolitan venues and six country towns will be targeted with an expected 3300 children set to take part.

The main star of the Blockbuster Smokebuster Holiday Clinics will be the reputable Scooter and his gang, a character created by the Health Department to emphasise the dangers of smoking to primary and secondary school children.

A specialised coaching programme will be implemented to cover all Aussie Rules skills by high-profile footballers.

The anti-smoking message will be prominently displayed on banners, T-

By
LISA VERSCHOOR

shirts, logos and even the footballs used during the clinics.

Scooter and his gang will be used in a special competition organised by the Health Promotion Foundation and the FDT involving primary schools.

The competition involves a series of Super Clinics conducted by key WAFL and Eagles players for years six and seven.

The growth of schools taking part has been enormous — with 250 in 1990; 300 in 1991 and this year's figure expected to top 200 in the metropolitan area alone.

The metro area will be divided into the Education District zones and within each zone, schools will be grouped into divisions according to size and location.

The competition is organised for six to eight weeks on a round-robin system.

A Scooter shield will be presented at a special assembly to each zone winner at the end of the season.

Scooter will hand out Scooter packs to the involved schools and awards will be presented by an Eagles player to individuals who excelled over the season.

For more information on the Smokebuster Clinics or the Scooters School Competition, contact the FDT on 381 5599.

Swans gear up for '92

SWAN Districts are firing up their juniors for the coming season, appointing coaches, planning carnivals and starting a combined 17s training programme.

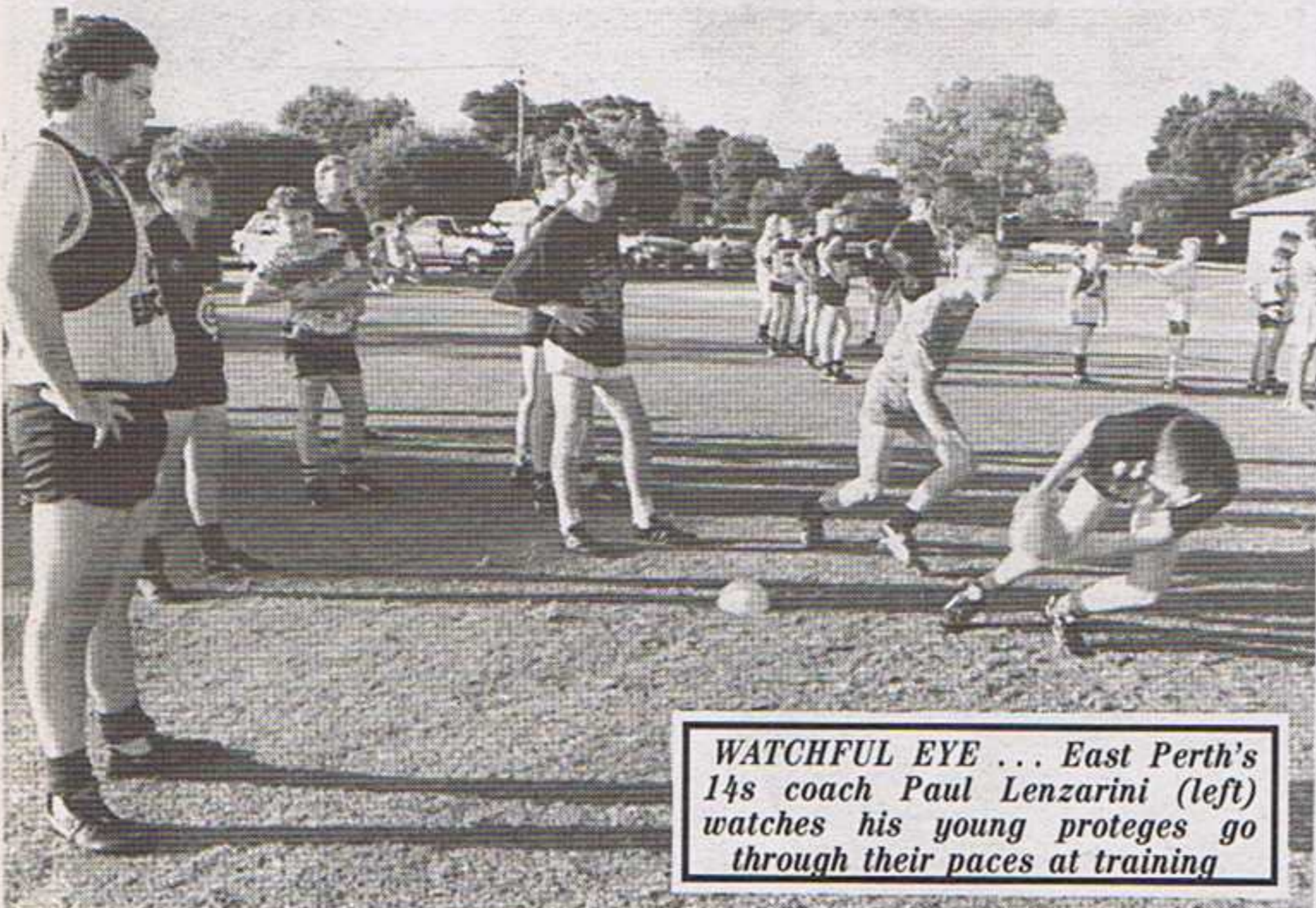
Coaches for this season include Tom Pivac for 13s, Joe Both for 14s and Peter Mahoney for 15s.

Rod Mohr is assistant-coach and manager for the 13s and Chris Oakley will be co-ordinating the 17s.

Allan Raynor, the Director of Youth Development at Swans, is expecting eight teams to compete, a vast improvement on two years ago when just two teams were in action.

The combined 17s are already involved in a new training programme, with other combined teams set to start training in May.

In July, the club's 13s and 15s will travel to Bunbury for the regional carnival involving metropolitan sides, Bunbury and Esperance teams.



WATCHFUL EYE ... East Perth's 14s coach Paul Lenzarini (left) watches his young proteges go through their paces at training

Royals talk about the future

EAST Perth's junior coaches and managers met with Royals officials recently to review programmes and events for the coming season.

The meeting emphasised the importance of juniors in the football scheme and outlined a new course in junior development.

The meeting was attended by 15s, 16s and 17s coaches, plus Royals president Bob Pearson, league coach Stan

Magro, colts coach Mark Blakely and football manager Cam Robbins.

They all agreed that juniors would play an important part in the club's future, particularly in their bid to receive more public support and attention.

Magro told the coaches that today's WAFL clubs were the training ground for players of the future.

The players were the apprentices on their way to AFL ranks and it was important to encourage kids to enter the WAFL at a young age to give them every chance to graduate.

The East Perth 14s have started training, meeting every Sunday in preparation for the inter-districts carnival on May 31 and June 1-2.

Mainwaring back home

EAST Fremantle juniors will have a chance to meet top league players, plus West Coast Eagles star Chris Mainwaring at a holiday clinic in April.

Mainwaring, a former Geraldton junior and Sharks star, will be a special guest at the junior clinic.

Sponsored by Quit, the clinic runs from April 22 to 24 at the East Fremantle Football Club and includes fun and games for juniors, with the opportunity to learn new skills from celebrity players and receive Quit give-aways.

East Fremantle have also appointed their junior coaches for the 1992 season.

Brian Kuzich will coach the 13s, Harry Bentley the 14s, Ken Ferguson the 15s and Stan Brice the 17s.

Time to be a Bulldog

JUNIORS in the South Fremantle area are encouraged to attend a registration day at Fremantle Oval this Sunday.

The day, which kicks off at 8am, will consist of advice from several guest speakers and a host of football activities for the juniors.

Bulldogs president Ric Gloede will join with coaches, managers and former Subiaco coach Eddie Pitter to welcome past and present members.

Trainers Merv Lockett and Darrell Foster will address the gathering, as well as organiser Tom Hanrahan, who will discuss coach monitoring.

There will be a host of Aussie Rules activities planned for the juniors and it promises to be a fun day.

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The players are geared up for another gruelling year, but, hopefully, we can go one better and bring the premiership cup and flag back to Subiaco Oval.

With the demands of football being so great, I decided to give up my summer job with Channel 10 to concentrate on my football with the Eagles.

My commitment with one of our joint major sponsors, Hungry Jack's, gets under way next week when a number of Eagles and WAFL players start coaching clinics in primary schools in the metropolitan area.

TV SHOW

Also starting next week is the Hungry Jack's Junior Eagles Show, screened on Channel 7, with Eagles deputy vice-captain Chris Mainwaring as my co-host.

The show will include quizzes such as beat the buzzer and beat the champ, coaching clinics and competitions and it will involve hundreds of primary school children.

Chris and I have met regularly during the past few weeks, discussing the format of the show and are pleased with the way things are falling into place.

The show will screen on Fridays from 3.30pm to 4pm and Chris and I will give a review of the previous week's Eagles match.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Also appearing on the show will be a number of guests each week, including other Eagles stars who will help out with the running of competitions and quizzes.

Earlier this week, Peter Sumich and I flew to Melbourne to do a promotion for Puma.

As all the Eagles wear Puma boots, we were asked to help with the promotion, which was held at Olympic Park. We were joined by a number of other AFL players who play in Puma boots.

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Aust. Football League

SATURDAY: Round 1 — Hawthorn v Geelong, at Waverley, (Channel 7); Brisbane Bears v Carlton, at Carrara, (delayed telecast by Channel 7). **SUNDAY: St Kilda v Essendon**, at Waverley; Adelaide v Footscray, at Football Park (Channel 7).

WA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRACTICE MATCHES

Saturday, 2.20pm: Swan Districts v East Perth, at Bassendean Oval; Subiaco v East Fremantle, at Subiaco Oval; West Perth v Perth, at Leederville Oval. **Sunday, 2.20pm:** Claremont v South Fremantle, at Claremont Oval.

Sunday League

PRACTICE MATCHES

Sunday: Colts 9am, reserves 11.45am, league 2.20pm: Kalamunda v Canning, at Ray Owen Reserve; Wanneroo v Thornlie, at Kingsway Reserve; Applecross v Kenwick, at East Fremantle Oval; Gosnells v Willetton, at Gosnells Oval. **Thursday, 6pm:** Kelmscott v Armadale, at John Dunn Oval.

Amateur League

Saturday: Mt Lawley v Osborne Park, at Balcatta Reserve; **Sunday:** Trinity Aquinas v West Coast, at City Beach Oval.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Saturday: Round 1 — Glenelg v the South Adelaide, at Glenelg Oval.

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Did you miss this...

MARCH 10: Eagles ruckman Mark Hepburn decided to leave his WAFL team, Claremont and move to another club in search of a regular full game. FORMER Brisbane Bears ruckman Alex Ishchenko ruled out any possibility of returning to the AFL, despite suggestions that North Melbourne would draft him.

MARCH 11: The WA Football Commission announced a \$1 million sponsorship from Quit, with the money to be distributed to the FDT, the Eagles, WAFL clubs, Superules and the Amateur League. A PRIVATE bid to launch a South-West team into the WAFL was aborted through lack of support by SWNFL clubs.

MARCH 12: RETIRED Essendon

champion Tim Watson was a surprise selection by the West Coast Eagles in the AFL draft, but said he would not be making a comeback. Dumped Eagles forward Dale Kickett was drafted by St Kilda, but said he would stay at Claremont for one more season, while Andrew Macnish, who opted out of the Eagles hoping for a draft selection, was overlooked and will play with Subiaco. FORMER Eagles big man Alex Ishchenko had a change of mind and said he would accept North Melbourne's draft call-up.

MARCH 13: FORMER Subiaco player Jamie Billington is considering legal action against Essendon after being dumped from their list four months after being drafted. THE WA Football Commission expressed concern about the cut-throat nature of the AFL draft system.

MARCH 14: West Coast rookie Daniel Metropolis kicked six consecutive goals in a practice match against the Sydney Swans, at Subiaco Oval, finishing with nine as the Eagles won 31.17 (203) to 10.6 (66). HAWTHORN scored another Foster's Cup

victory, beating Fitzroy 19.14 (128) to 8.15 (63), with Hawks star Paul Hudson winning the inaugural Michael Tuck Medal. WEST Coast coach Mick Malthouse expressed support for an Eagles B side in the WAFL.

MARCH 15: ESSENDON veteran Tim Watson, drafted by West Coast, turned down a suggestion to play Melbourne games only and not shift to Perth. THE WAFC agreed to discuss a suggestion to field an Eagles B side in the WAFL.

MARCH 16: FOUR West Coast players were allocated to WAFL clubs — Mark Hepburn switched from Claremont to South Fremantle, while the interstateers went as follows: Peter Freeman to West Perth, Trent Nichols to East Fremantle and David Regan to East Perth. BROWNLOW Medallist Jim Stynes says he will be fit for Melbourne's opening game of the AFL season despite suffering an ankle injury in a practice match with Brisbane.

MARCH 17: WEST Coast officials are seeking a final practice match opponent after North Melbourne withdrew from their planned trip to Perth.

**Bulldogs to
invade
Rockingham**

ALL roads lead to Rockingham this Saturday when the South Fremantle Football Club's Junior Council host a day of fun and fanfare to promote football to adults and juniors alike.

In conjunction with Pepsi, Watsonia Foods and Tip Top Bakeries, the Bulldogs have planned a day of events at Anniversary Park for footballers aged from six to 17 years.

The day will start with a parade by footballers to the Rockingham Shopping Centre and back, waving banners and wearing club colours which should promise a colourful display.

From there, numerous games will be organised for the kids, including Aussie Rules matches, handballing, distance kicking, goal kicking, target kicking, leader ball and cops and robbers.

About 25 league players will be on hand to sign autographs and footballs for the fans and all participants will receive a Pepsi drink, a Tip Top roll and a Watsonia frankfurt.

DEVELOPMENT

"The whole concept of the day is the development of junior football in the district," says Bulldogs league coach Mal Brown.

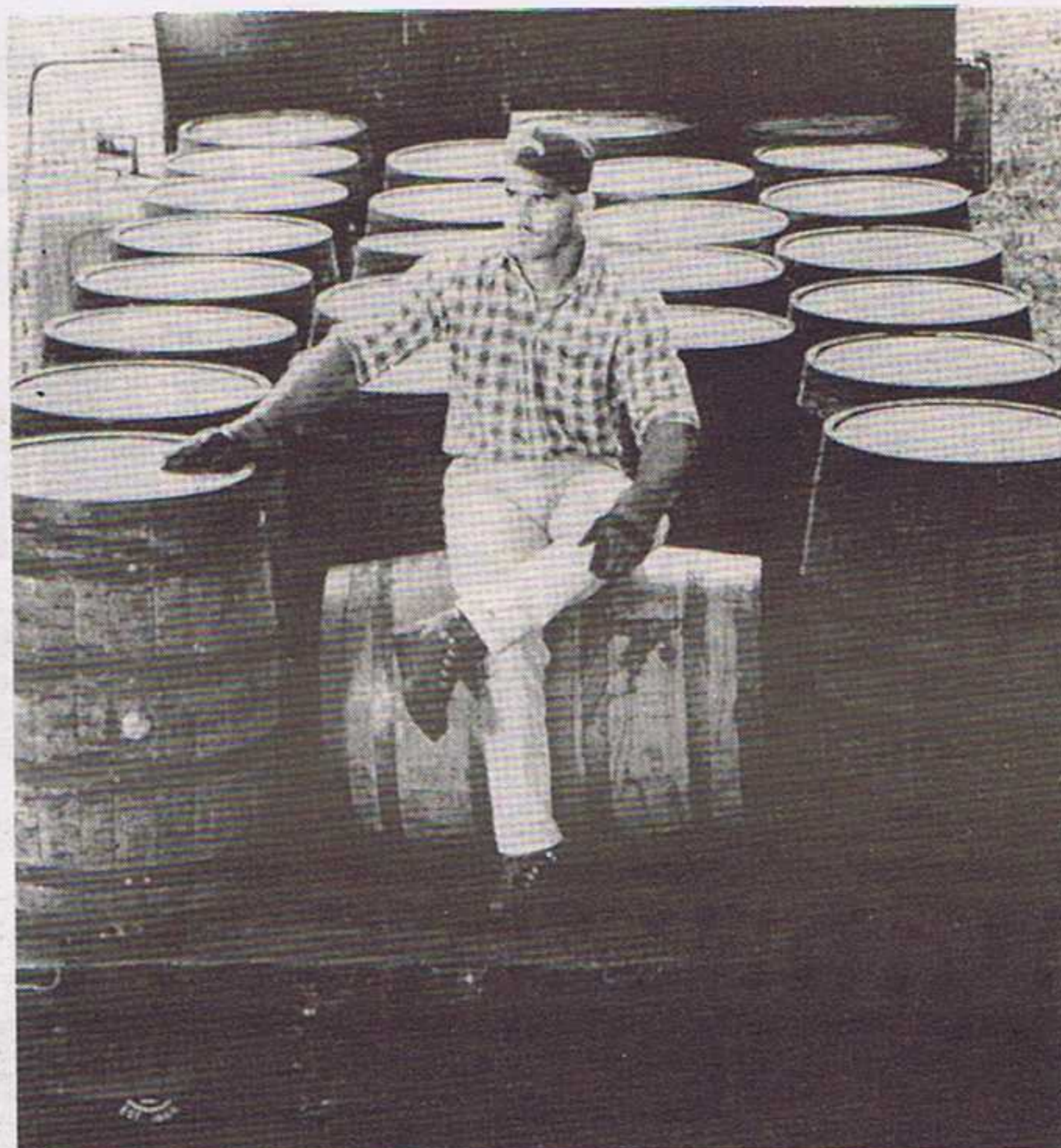
"The programme should go a long way to kick the 1992 season off on a sound footing, as well as provide a grounding for the development of football in the district.

"The contribution by the major sponsors will assist in creating a suitable environment for the development of junior footballers, including a talent identification process, special-skills coaching, planning future games and promotions in junior clubs and schools."

For more information contact the South Fremantle Football Club on 335 1555.

Demon woes

MELBOURNE'S coaching staff had mixed feelings about their impressive 63-point win over the Brisbane Bears, 20.8 (128) to 9.11 (65), at Carrara last Saturday. Captain Garry Lyon's injury troubles continued when he suffered an ankle injury that will keep him out of action for the opening of the AFL season. However, goal kicking sensation Allen Jakovich returned to his best form with 10 goals. Jakovich was simply superb, staking a place in the Demons line-up for their first match against Geelong in Round 2. It was a welcome return of form for Jakovich, who has had stints in the reserves due to poor form and injury problems.



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EAGLES	5.1	7.2	12.5	13.8	86

GOALS — Hawthorn: Dunstall 6, Brereton 4, Dear, Pritchard, Hudson 2, Condon, Hall, Anderson, Morrissey. **Eagles:** Sumich 5, Heady 4, Lewis 2, Wilson, Pyke.

BEST — Hawthorn: Dear, Lawrence, Morrissey, Pritchard, Brereton, Platten. **Eagles:** McKenna, Sumich, Pyke, Mainwaring, Heady, Hart. Played at Waverley. Umpires: John Russo, Bryan Sheehan. Attendance: 75,230.

AFL RESERVES

GRAND FINAL

BRISBANE	2.4	3.7	8.8	16.13	109
MELBOURNE	2.3	5.5	9.9	11.9	75

GOALS — Brisbane: Lester-Smith 4, Curran, Windsor 3, Ogg, McLuckie 2, Row, Dickson. **Melbourne:** Sullivan, Gorozidis, Wearne, Howat 2, Lovell, Lamb, Keogh.

BEST — Brisbane: Bell, Clarke, Ishchenko, Lester-Smith, Curran, Ogg. **Melbourne:** Keogh, Hoppood, Howat, Mahoney.

UNDER-19s

GRAND FINAL

NORTH MELBOURNE	5.0	9.4	9.8	14.8	99
COLLINGWOOD	2.4	4.6	6.10	8.13	61

GOALS — North Melbourne: Archer 3, Hilbrick, McNamara, Anderson 2, Anning, Jennings, Lissenden, McKirnan, Hardwick. **Collingwood:** Walsh 3, Bennett 2, Rocca, Cameron, Galletly.

BEST — North Melbourne: Jennings, Kilpatrick, Millar, McNamara, Archer, McCarthy. **Collingwood:** Lees, Murray, Lambert, Fraser, Walsh, Rocca.

PEPSI CUP — LEAGUE

GRAND FINAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

CLAREMONT	8.2	13.7	18.14	19.18	132
SUBIACO	1.1	2.3	4.4	8.7	55

GOALS — Claremont: Hutton 5, Kickett, Guard 3, Evans, Mitchell 2, Hepburn, Norrish, Malone, Hann. **Subiaco:** Kemp 3, Maguire 2, Macnish, Breman, Georgiades.

BEST — Claremont: Mitchell, Hann, Kickett, Malone, McGovern, S. Edwards. **Subiaco:** Cocker, Golding, Williams, Macnish, Snow. Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Trevor Garrett and Grant Vernon. Attendance: 22,731.

PEPSI RESERVES

GRAND FINAL

SOUTH FREMANTLE	2.2	10.5	12.9	16.10	106
SUBIACO	5.3	9.4	14.6	16.9	105

GOALS — South Fremantle: Grant 5, Spilsbury, Ball 3, Mazurek 2, Caputi, Dunstan, Walters. **Subiaco:** Young, Scott 4, Grieve, Taylor, Metropolis, Spilcker 2, Davies, Billington.

BEST — South Fremantle: Mazurek, Graham, Dunstan, Grant, Maskos, Macdonald. **Subiaco:** Lester, Grieve, Scott, Taylor, Metropolis.

PEPSI COLTS

GRAND FINAL

SWAN DISTRICTS	3.3	7.6	9.8	16.11	107
SUBIACO	2.3	5.4	7.8	8.7	55

GOALS — Swan Districts: Cummings 6, Montgomerie 4, Castledine, Netherway 2, Newby, Cornelius. **Subiaco:** Travis, Burton 2, Sierakowski, Martin, Mohen, Dunn, Bell, Perrie.

BEST — Swan Districts: Castledine, Kelly, Bradbrook, Cummings. **Subiaco:** Travis, Burton, Perrie, Esposito.

Sth Australia Football League

GRAND FINAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

NORTH ADELAIDE	5.4	11.9	15.12	21.22	148
WEST ADELAIDE	4.2	7.3	10.4	11.7	73

GOALS — North Adelaide: Hart 7, Burton 4, Hamilton, Parsons 2, Atkinson, Sanders, Perkins, Kriegt, Clisby, Nunan. **West Adelaide:** Banfield 3, Mellor, Fitzsimmons 2, Morris, Blythe, Lindner, Modra.

BEST — North Adelaide: Perkins, Sanders, Redden, Krieg, Marshall, Hart. **West Adelaide:** Banfield, Goss, Schumann, Kennedy. Played at Football Park. Umpires: Michael Abbott, Laurie Argent. Attendance: 39,279.



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 West Perth..... v East Perth.....

Saturday, 11th April 1992 (Round 2)

East Fremantle..... v South Fremantle.....
 East Perth..... v Swan Districts.....
 Perth..... v Claremont.....
 Subiaco..... v West Perth.....

Saturday, 18th April 1992 (Round 3)

Claremont..... v East Fremantle.....
 Perth..... v Subiaco.....
 South Fremantle..... v East Perth.....
 Swan Districts..... v West Perth.....

Saturday, 25th April 1992 (Anzac Day) (Round 4)

Subiaco..... v Swan Districts.....(WACA 1pm)

Monday, 27th April 1992

West Perth..... v South Fremantle.....
 East Perth..... v Claremont.....
 East Fremantle..... v Perth.....

Friday, 1st May 1992 (Round 5)

Perth..... v West Perth.....(WACA 6.30pm)

Saturday, 2nd May 1992

East Fremantle..... v East Perth.....
 Subiaco..... v South Fremantle.....
 Claremont..... v Swan Districts.....

Saturday, 9th May 1992 (Round 6)

East Perth..... v Subiaco.....
 Swan Districts..... v Perth.....
 West Perth..... v East Fremantle.....
 South Fremantle..... v Claremont.....

STATE MATCH: Tuesday, 12th May 1992.

Football Park, Adelaide:

South Australia v West Australia

Friday, 15th May 1992 (Round 7)

Claremont..... v West Perth.....(WACA 6.30pm)

Saturday, 16th May 1992

Perth..... v East Perth.....
 South Fremantle..... v Swan Districts.....
 Subiaco..... v East Fremantle.....

SERIES TWO

Saturday, 23rd May 1992 (Round 8)

East Fremantle..... v Swan Districts.....
 East Perth..... v West Perth.....
 Subiaco..... v Claremont.....
 Perth..... v South Fremantle.....

STATE MATCH: Tuesday, 26th May — MCG (State-of-Origin)

Victoria..... v Western Australia

Saturday, 30th May 1992 (Round 9)

Claremont..... v Perth.....
 West Perth..... v Subiaco.....

Monday, 1st June 1992 (Foundation Day)

South Fremantle..... v East Fremantle.....
 Swan Districts..... v East Perth.....

Saturday, 6th June 1992 (Round 10)

East Fremantle..... v Claremont.....
 East Perth..... v South Fremantle.....
 Subiaco..... v Perth.....
 West Perth..... v Swan Districts.....

Friday, 12th June 1992 (Round 11)

South Fremantle..... v West Perth.....(WACA 6.30pm)

Saturday, 13th June 1992

Perth..... v East Fremantle.....
 Swan Districts..... v Subiaco.....
 Claremont..... v East Perth.....

Saturday, 20th June 1992 (Round 12)

East Perth..... v East Fremantle.....
 Swan Districts..... v Claremont.....
 West Perth..... v Perth.....
 South Fremantle..... v Subiaco.....

Saturday, 27th June 1992 (Round 13)

Claremont..... v South Fremantle.....
 East Fremantle..... v West Perth.....
 Perth..... v Swan Districts.....
 Subiaco..... v East Perth.....

Saturday, 4th July 1992 (Round 14)

Subiaco..... v East Fremantle.....
 East Perth..... v Perth.....
 Swan Districts..... v South Fremantle.....
 West Perth..... v Claremont.....

** Subject to possible change to Sunday if the West Coast Eagles are involved in a Saturday AFL finals match*

SERIES THREE

Saturday, 11th July 1992 (Round 15)

West Perth..... v East Perth.....
 (Kingsway Reserve, Wanneroo)
 Claremont..... v Subiaco.....
 South Fremantle..... v Perth.....
 Swan Districts..... v East Fremantle.....

Saturday, 18th July 1992 (Round 16)

Subiaco..... v West Perth.....
 Perth..... v Claremont.....
 East Perth..... v Swan Districts.....
 East Fremantle..... v South Fremantle.....

Saturday, 25th July 1992 (Round 17)

Claremont..... v East Fremantle.....
 Perth..... v Subiaco.....
 (John Dunn Oval, Kelmscott)
 South Fremantle..... v East Perth.....
 Swan Districts..... v West Perth.....

Saturday, 1st August 1992 (Round 18)

East Fremantle..... v Perth.....
 East Perth..... v Claremont.....
 Subiaco..... v Swan Districts.....
 West Perth..... v South Fremantle.....

Saturday, 8th August 1992 (Round 19)

Subiaco..... v South Fremantle.....
 Perth..... v West Perth.....
 East Fremantle..... v East Perth.....
 Claremont..... v Swan Districts.....

Saturday, 15th August 1992 (Round 20)

East Perth..... v Subiaco.....
 South Fremantle..... v Claremont.....
 Swan Districts..... v Perth.....
 West Perth..... v East Fremantle.....

Saturday, 22nd August 1992 (Round 21)

Claremont..... v West Perth.....
 Perth..... v East Perth.....
 East Fremantle..... v Subiaco.....
 South Fremantle..... v Swan Districts.....

THE FINALS

Saturday, 29th August (double header, Subiaco Oval)

Elimination final v
 Qualifying final v

* Saturday, 5th September (double header, Subiaco Oval)

First semi-final v
 Second semi-final v

* Saturday, 12th September

Preliminary final v

* Saturday, 19th September

Grand final v



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