

# EAGLES FLY INTO ACTION

THE WEST Coast Eagles will wing their way across the Nullarbor this weekend to do battle with the Sydney Swans as their 1992 AFL season officially opens . . . and inside this edition, Westside Football looks at a trouble spot for the team and a skipper raring to go  
PLUS ... our big-name columnists are back. RON ALEXANDER looks into the future; GARY STOCKS has a gripe about television and ROBERT BENNETT ponders Mick Malthouse's challenge

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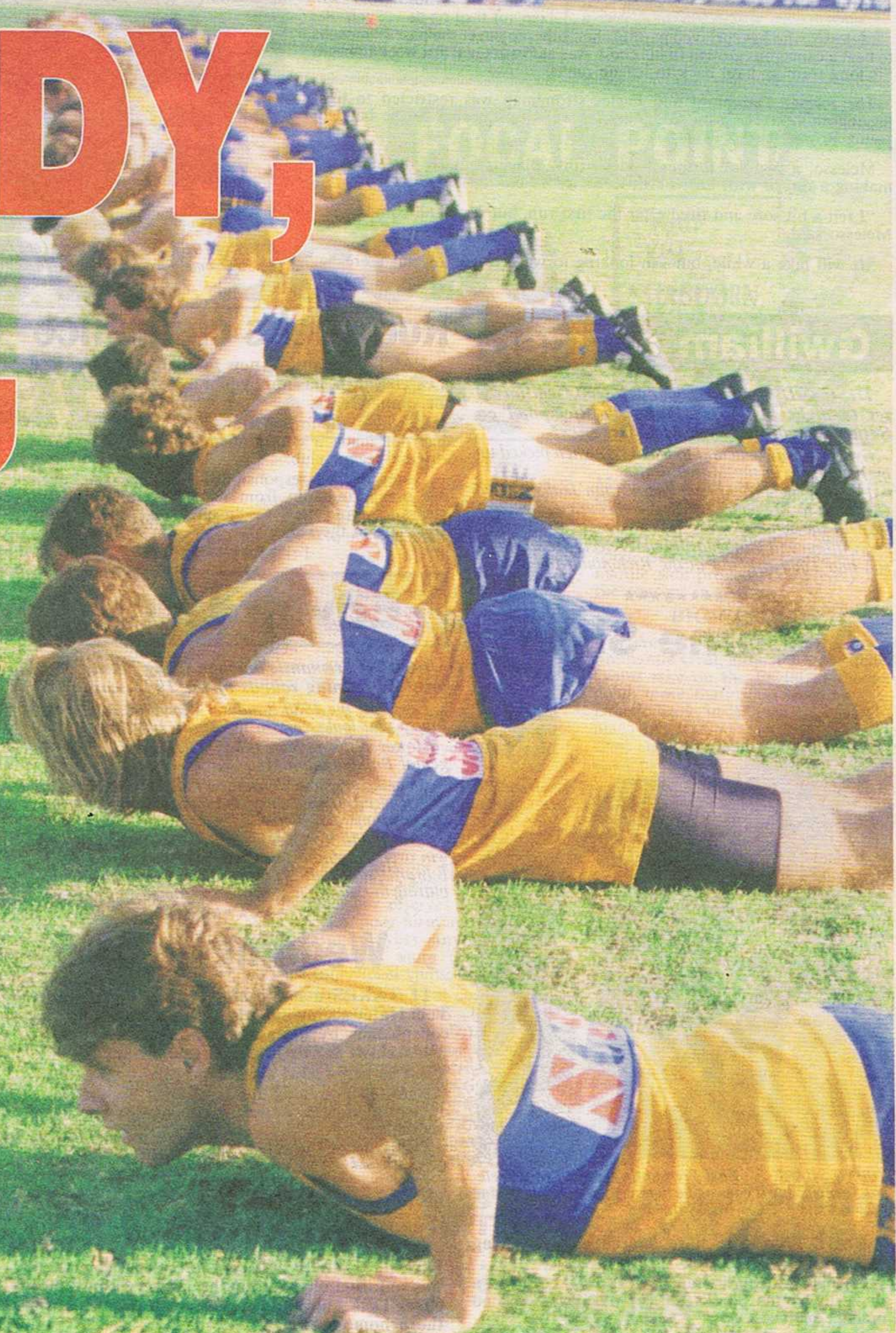
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# READY, SET, GO



## WESTSIDE Football

IT's time to get up and running, guys . . . this unusual training photograph of the Eagles captures the entire West Coast team lined up for a sprint session. Ironically, the man in the foreground, Michael Brennan, is ruled out of this week's opening game with an injury



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# Pre-season footy gossip

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## Great comeback

PETER Melesso's remarkable story of courage and endurance will continue this season with his vow to return to WA football in two months.

Melesso, who has survived painful chemotherapy over the past 18 months to beat a cancerous growth in his chest, was at Perth Oval last week to begin his long training haul back to league ranks.

The former Claremont and Eagles strongman was restricted to light jogging and exercises, but his presence was inspirational to the band of young Royals.

Melesso, a popular former Eagles utility player, has set his sights on making a return with East Perth in Series Two.

"I felt a bit sore and tired after the first run, but it will all come back," Melesso said.

"It will take a while, but I'm looking forward to getting out there."

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RIGHT: Peter Melesso (second from right) is all smiles as he catches up with some former East Perth team-mates at Bassendean Oval (from left), Steve Richardson, Mark Blakely and Craig McGrath

## Gwilliam a Tiger

DISCARDED Eagles defender Brad Gwilliam is set to make his AFL debut with Richmond on Saturday against North Melbourne.

Gwilliam was reluctant to leave WA when picked up by the Tigers in the March draft.

However, new Richmond coach Allan Jeans enticed Gwilliam to Melbourne with the encouragement of a start in the seniors.

Gwilliam will join fellow Eagles rejects Stevan Jackson and Todd Breman in the Richmond line-up.

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## Rod seeks clearance

EAST Fremantle's new football manager, Rod Lester-Smith, has applied for a clearance from the Brisbane Bears.

However, the former Hawthorn and Brisbane star has not made a commitment on playing with his original league club.

Lester-Smith's responsibilities at East Fremantle are preventing him from regular training and his clearance application was "just in case" he finds more time late in the season.

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## Falcons boost

WEST Perth's finals hopes received a boost this week with the arrival of two Victorian imports.

Anthony Reynolds, a 20-year-old ruckman from Wodonga and 25-year-old utility player Brett Jukawics, from Darwin, joined the Falcons at the request of new coach Jeff Gieschen.

Reynolds, a talented ruckman-forward, was coached by Gieschen at Wodonga last year. He was originally drafted to Footscray four years ago by current Eagles coach Mick Matthouse, but was de-listed last November.

Jukawics is an agile, skilful follower, with the ability to play any key position. He was best-afield in the Falcons two-point loss to Perth at Leederville last Saturday.

While West Perth have added to their big man department, the smaller brigade has received a setback with injuries to Darren O'Brien and Nick Tana.

O'Brien, one of the most polished ball users in the WAFL when fully fit, broke down with a knee injury in the reserves practice game against Perth.

Tana broke his leg in the same match and could be missing for up to four months.

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HAWTHORN'S win over Geelong was their 12th in the last 13 clashes between the two clubs.

The Hawks run of success started with the second clash between the two clubs in 1985 — the match which featured the famous incident between current Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews and veteran Cat Neville Bruns, which led to a legal charge against Matthews.

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## Quick replacement

FORMER Perth premiership player Jeff Dickinson has been appointed Demons reserves coach with the resignation of Ken Hunter.

The former Claremont and Carlton star pulled out due to personal and family reasons.

Dickinson was already at Lathlain Park assisting Steve Hargrave and Wayne Currie with the Perth colts during pre-season training.

He teams up with league coach Ken Armstrong, who coached Dickinson in the 1976 and 1977 premiership teams.

Dickinson acknowledges there have been major changes in the WAFL since he retired in 1979.

"For one thing, the WAFL is not as demanding as it was in my time, so the way coaches handle their players today is totally different," he said.

"The tackling and pressure are still the same, but the ages of league players have dropped dramatically."



YOUNG SHARK . . . East Fremantle recruit Craig Trelevan (centre) is all ears as he listens to coach Ken Judge last Saturday

EAST Fremantle have snared a high flying Shark from Esperance.

Promising forward Craig Trelevan has been flown to Perth by the Sharks for the past two weekend practice matches.

A creative right-footer, with uncanny aerial skills, Trelevan had been sought by Swan Districts.

But with the abundance of talent at Bassendean, he opted to try his luck with the Sharks.

The key to his immediate future is East Fremantle's hopes of finding him full-time work in the city.

## Edwards out

SOUTH Fremantle big man Craig Edwards will miss the opening rounds of the 1992 season.

Edwards, the 1989 Sandover Medallist, has a knee injury that looks certain to require surgery.

However, the problem is baffling the medicos and the genial Bulldog giant.

An arthroscopic examination failed to reveal the full extent of Edwards' injury, but he is suffering constant aggravation.

After South Fremantle's convincing practice match win over Claremont, at Claremont Oval last Sunday, Edwards said that an operation is now unavoidable, putting the start to his season back at least three weeks.

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## Wedding bells

IT TAKES a lot to stop tea-sipping stalwart Tom Hafey seeing a football match . . . but he was conspicuous by his absence at the Essendon-St Kilda clash at Waverley Park last Sunday.

But he had a good excuse.

Hafey had to swap his traditional T-shirt for a dinner suit as he gave away his daughter Joanne at her wedding.

These people who get married in the football season!

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## Flying the flag

HAWTHORN'S 1991 AFL premiership pennant was unfurled on Saturday by former skipper Michael Tuck and his wife Fay, in front of a Hawthorn home crowd.

The unfurling of the flag was warmly received by all sections of the crowd.

The crowd's attitude seemed to be summed up by one Cats supporter sitting behind me who commented: "We should cheer them. At least they beat the Eagles."

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**IN FAVOUR...** John Todd has supported Mick Malthouse's call for an Eagles reserves team



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# Todd backs Eagles reserves

WA coaching legend John Todd has emerged as the only staunch ally for Eagles boss Mick Malthouse's call for a West Coast reserves team to play in the WAFL.

Malthouse received mixed reaction from WAFL coaches when he suggested that an Eagles reserves team should be in the local competition.

Todd, the five-times WAFL premiership coach, says an Eagles side should be a bigger priority than a team from Kalgoorlie or Bunbury.

"I think it's an excellent idea," Todd said. "I hope the suggestion is given the support it deserves from other clubs.

"An Eagles reserves team in the WAFL would stimulate the competition.

"The Eagles players should all be under one umbrella; they really aren't a part of the WAFL as it is anyway.

## OPPORTUNITIES

"If this competition is to continue as the breeding ground for AFL clubs, then young players must be given their opportunities at local league level.

"An Eagles reserves side would create even more opportunities for young guys to prove themselves.

"It is difficult for young, aspiring WAFL players to be part of the league squad all week and then be dropped on a Friday night when Eagles players become available.

"If we're going to hold all these young players and give them a sense of

direction, then the Eagles players need to be as one club too," Todd said.

Most WAFL coaches appreciate the thinking behind Malthouse's plea, but they generally believe that an Eagles reserves team would be too strong.

Triple Claremont premiership coach Gerard Neesham says the Eagles are already a power because the WAFL, in its current format, provides such a strong base for Perth's national AFL club.

"With the way the national draft is headed, the Eagles reserves team would be full of interstate imports anyway," Neesham said.

South Fremantle coach Mal Brown would prefer to see any funds required for a reserves team allocated to the formation of a second AFL team from Fremantle.

Malthouse called for the Eagles to have a reserves team in the WAFL to boost the club's AFL premiership quest.

"Since the evolution of the Eagles, one of the best things I've seen is the comradeship that our B-team games against WAFL clubs has engendered in the Eagles camp," Malthouse said.

"For an entire month, we operated as a true club.

"It is imperative, in our bid to win a premiership, that we have a reserves team in the local competition. We should move on it quickly, before we are beaten to the punch by Adelaide.

"Adelaide have a nine-team local competition and with the incredible hype for the Crows, it's a logical move for them to put a seconds team into the SANFL."

Malthouse said it was only a difference in fitness levels that allowed his reserves team to remain unbeaten in the four WAFL club clashes.

The Eagles coach doesn't accept claims that his back-up team would be too strong for the WAFL.

"We beat the combined Fremantle team only because our squad has been training since last November," said Malthouse.

"The Fremantle team had been together for only one training session and WAFL clubs in general have only trained since the New Year.

"We haven't won any of those WAFL games by a great margin.

"In time, our reserves team would face injuries, poor form and be full of developing players anyway. That would make us more than suspect against other local clubs."

Opposition from local coaches and administrators is likely to curtail Malthouse's illustrious plan.

However, the outstanding success of the Eagles pre-season matches against WAFL clubs should hasten the restructuring of the local competition.

While conjecture on the future of the WAFL competition surrounds the introduction of a Kalgoorlie team,

Malthouse's call for an Eagles reserves side will be ever-present.

The experiment of Eagles matches against South Fremantle, Swan Districts, Subiaco and a combined Fremantle side proved conclusively that the concept is a winner.

## BIG CROWDS

A crowd of around 8000 went to Fremantle Oval; almost 4000 watched Swans take on the Eagles at Bassen-dean; more than 5000 went to Macdonald Park, in Whitfords, to see Subiaco and 3500 were at East Fremantle Oval for the combined Fremantle challenge.

The matches also put emerging WAFL footballers in the eye of Malthouse and his match committee — as well as other AFL talent scouts.

However, the most important factor was that the matches were a financial bonus for the local clubs.

The WA Football Commission has the opportunity to cash in on the huge Eagles supporter base with the introduction of a West Coast reserves team into the local competition.

The marketing and promotional exercises over the past month are evidence that the fans will support the Eagles at either AFL or WAFL level.

A reserves Eagles team in the local competition could be, at worst, an option to retain an even number of sides if the WA Football Commission goes ahead with plans to introduce Kalgoorlie next year.

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## WHO WOULD want to be in Mick Malthouse's coaching boots?

Plenty you might say. After all, he is in charge of probably the most exciting team in the AFL.

But Malthouse will have enormous pressure on him this season.

Having taken the West Coast Eagles into the preliminary final in his first season and the grand final last year, he would appear to be sitting on top of the football pile.

But that is not the case.

I think he's been too successful for his own good, to the point where he doesn't now have much room to manoeuvre.

Most people expect the Eagles to lope into a place in the finals and the bookies think they are not only sure things to make the grand final, but again have them short-priced favourites to take out the premiership.

Their 5/2 odds before the season to win the flag are very flattering considering the way Hawthorn have dominated so far this year.

While the Eagles appear to have the talent — and their pre-season form in recent weeks indicates they will be difficult to toss as minor premiers — anything less than a grand final appearance will be a disappointing result.

And it is here that the enormous pressure will be on Malthouse.

There has been a tendency since the Eagles entered

## Malthouse will be under pressure

the AFL in 1987 for those associated with the team to be impatient for a premiership.

There was a feeling in some quarters that it would be achieved within five years.

You didn't have to be Einstein to realise that the Eagles were always going to be successful in the AFL. It was only a matter of time.

But till they have won the premiership, they will not have realised their potential.

It will be interesting to see if impatience will turn the screws on Malthouse if the Eagles have an abortive season.

More so, if the Eagles repeat last year's effort by being almost unbeatable in the qualifying rounds only to stumble when it really counted, firstly in the qualifying final at Subiaco Oval and then the grand final.

The success of Hawthorn in last year's grand final and the Foster's Cup will take some heat off the Eagles this season.

In fact, I'm surprised that the Darwin bookies

## Straight Shooting

with **ROBERT BENNETT**  
of the **Sunday Times**



didn't have the Hawks as pre-season favourites for the September glory.

If anything, they look even more awesome than last year, when they brushed the Eagles aside to take the flag.

If Malthouse can't take the Eagles to a premiership in the next two seasons, then some will start to say that he had a very talented combination, but was unable to get the best out of them.

Malthouse has moulded the Eagles into a very disciplined and competitive side. But he has shown there is a deficiency in his coaching.

He is not the greatest tactician in my opinion.

It will be interesting to see if he takes a Hawthorn approach this season and allows players to settle in key positions instead of turning the team upside down from week to week.

Some believe this was the Eagles Achilles heel last season and was a major reason for them falling apart when the pressure went on in the grand final.

## Time to look ahead

IT'S THAT time of the year when everyone wants to be a prophet — who will win the premiership, the Brownlow Medal, take the minor premiership, kick all the goals?

Who will finish last?

The so-called experts love to look back on successful early-season predictions as confirmation of their knowledge of the game and its players.

Mind you, those who aren't so accurate quietly let all the early-season guesses remain undisturbed for evermore (myself included).

Football is played on the biggest team sporting arena in the world, with 36 participants and creates many intangibles which make long-term predictions fraught with dangers.

Injuries create havoc with teams.

Just think back to how St Kilda performed when Tony Lockett was injured. Sides that lack depth suffer much more, which is one of the reasons why the Eagles are more immune from injury-related poor form than any other team.

The AFL draw has major difficulties, particularly for the middle-of-the-road teams. Each year the 15 teams don't play each other twice, therefore if a team misses playing Hawthorn, Geelong, Eagles or Collingwood twice and draws Fitzroy, Richmond, Brisbane and Sydney, then the chances of making the six are greatly increased.

Interstate teams have 11 home games, where teams like Collingwood may play only seven — this is a definite advantage in the minor rounds.

## My View

with former  
player and coach  
**RON ALEXANDER**



But when it comes to finals, teams that have played some of the home games at the MCG and Waverley have a head start.

Many other factors affect teams — weather, club financial pressure and uncertainties, to name a few, which make the season a fascinating exercise.

One certainty is that the Eagles have more talented depth than any other team. This, together with 11 home games, will ensure they finish in the top three — most likely minor premiers.

If teams like Hawthorn, Geelong and St Kilda arrive at the finals with star players like Jason Dunstall, Dermott Brereton, Billy Brownless, Gary Ablett, Stewart Loewe and Lockett fit and in top form, then we are in for a treat.

But if Eagles midfielders like Craig Turley, Peter Matera, Chris Mainwaring, Brett Heady, Guy McKenna, Scott Watters, Peter Wilson, Dwayne Lamb, Chris Lewis and John Worsfold all fire at their best, I can see an Eagles premiership.

## Grand final

## feeling lingers long

## TALKING STOCK

with **GARY STOCKS** of  
The West  
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**WATCHING** grown men fight back the tears as they stared into the sea of colour at Waverley last September, the reality of what had happened hit home.

Eagles stars like Chris Lewis could not be consoled, despite words of encouragement from champion Hawk Dermott Brereton.

The players were crestfallen. The biggest moment of their lives had turned into a nightmare. They were emotionally shattered.

It's not till a player has tasted that bitter losing AFL grand final feeling that the difficulty of finding success in the toughest sporting arena in the country can be imprinted on the mind.

This Sunday the Eagles start their quest for revenge and a chance to erase those memories. They open their 1992 campaign in Sydney.

### NEW START

It certainly doesn't feel like six months since the Eagles were out-classed by Hawthorn in the grand final.

The AFL missed a golden opportunity to launch a full-scale assault for the start of the season.

Many keen football fans in Perth were oblivious to the Channel 7 direct telecast of the Hawthorn-Geelong match beamed back to the West.

With half the teams not involved on the opening weekend, it was an fragmented, anti-climatic opening to the season, rather than one bursting with energy.

Perhaps it was worse in Perth because the West Coast Eagles were one of seven teams who did not play.

The lead-up just didn't feel right. The hype wasn't there.

There will always be strong support for the Eagles in Perth — but the fans were deprived of the emotional opening they had been waiting all summer for.

Since year's grand final, WA supporters have been anxious to get behind the Eagles and help them take that monumental premiership leap.

Though the Eagles kick off their campaign this Sunday, it will be via the TV screen for the fans. Not till round

three will home-town fans get the chance to see their heroes in the flesh.

That could be a mistake at a time when football is competing with numerous sports for a slice of the action.

There needs to be some continuity and the Eagles, being the premier club of WA football, must take an early advantage.

The Eagles will remain WA's No.1 sporting team for as long as the imagination can be stretched, but it is important to maintain an advantage over other sports, which are attracting more of the public eye.

Good news for the Eagles is that Perth fans are starting to build up their knowledge of other clubs and with that comes greater respect and perhaps lower expectations of the Eagles.

It is also time for the television station with the rights to the AFL to meet the heavy appetite of WA's football fans.

They now have a responsibility to show the Foster's Cup matches at prime time, if not direct, as opposed to screenings at 11.30pm or midnight.

The only games shown at a respectable hour during the lengthy pre-season competition were the Eagles clash with Collingwood in Darwin — a match played early in the day to fit in with Channel 7's other sporting commitments.

### RESPONSIBILITY

The competition is basically run to secure sponsorship dollars which become available because of the price Channel 7 pays for the rights.

So why not give the public what they want?

Rather than watching second-rate movies, most football fans in Perth would enjoy getting a sneak preview of the other clubs.

They are ready to broaden their knowledge and because they do not have the means to wander down to the local oval to catch the action, the television station has an enormous responsibility to the viewers.

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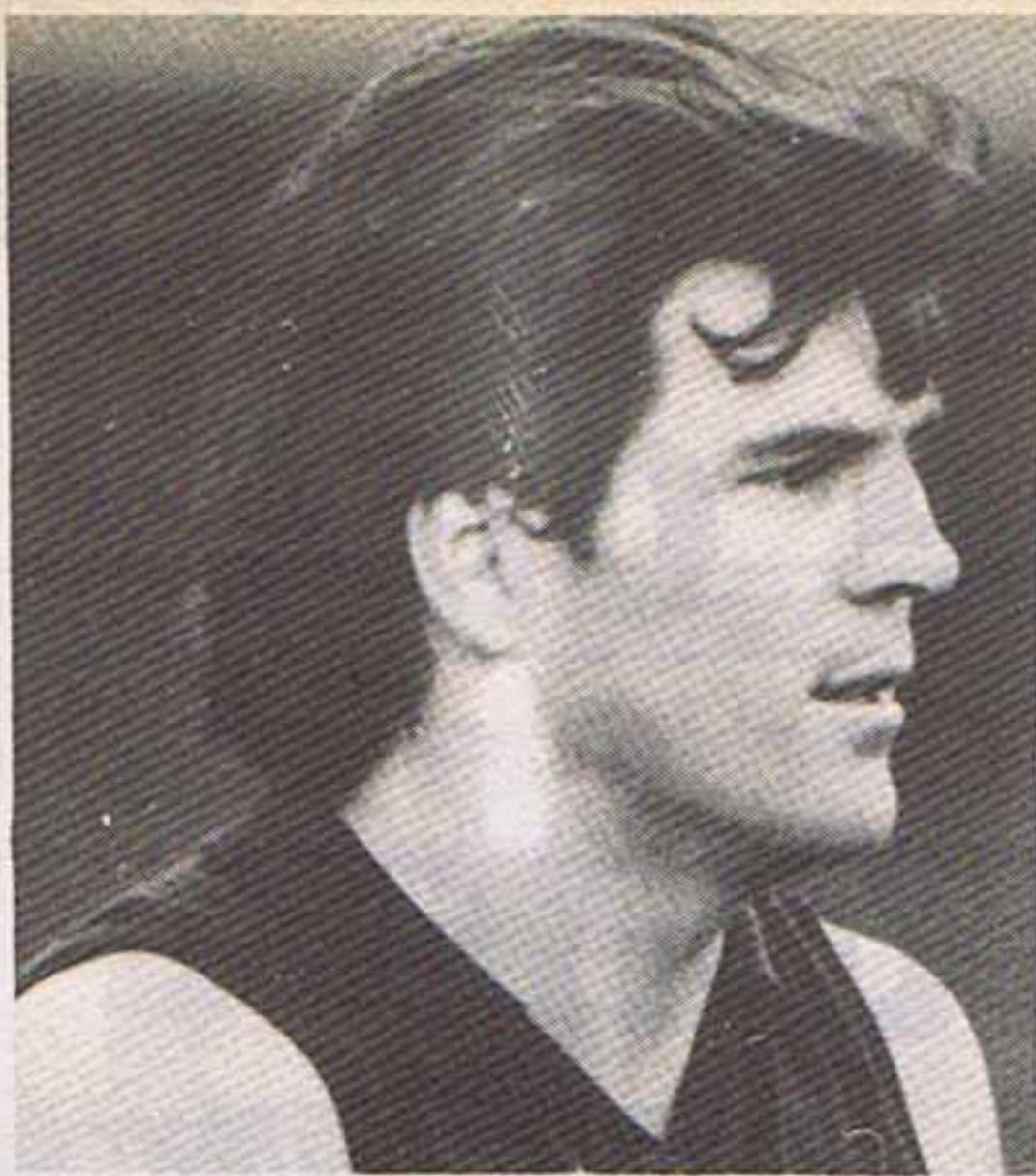
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JASON DUNSTALL ... Hawks star

After two injury-interrupted seasons, the two giants of goalkicking opened the new season in brilliant style.

Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall, looking fit and fast, posted 12 goals and St Kilda powerhouse Tony Lockett kicked seven.

With their clubs capable of playing 25 games in 1992, both need to average six goals a game to equal the record, jointly held by between-the-wars champion, Bob Pratt, of South Melbourne and former Hawthorn ace, Peter Hudson.

While Lockett was outgunned at the weekend, it's felt he has even more chance than Dunstall of breaking the record.

FREAKISH

Former champion teammate Trevor Barker said: "Tony is the best footballer around at the present time."

"Such is his freakish ability and skill, he's capable of becoming one of the all-time champions."

"He has a cult following and rightly so. I've never seen as many little kids running around with No. 4 on the backs of their St Kilda jumpers."

Sharpshooters shoot-out

Goals battle will be hot

THE Dunstall-Lockett sharpshooting match is on — and the winner could easily break the AFL's record of 150 goals in a season.

"He can run, jump and mark brilliantly."

"He breaks tackles, steamrolls packs and is also a wonder kick."

"I don't think he realises how good he really is."

"He's always said to me he's going to have a very short career, because of his huge physical build."

"It would be fantastic if he could play another five or six full years. He could create new goalkicking highs few have ever dreamed about."

PLAUDITS

There were no shortage of plaudits for Dunstall either, after he equalled his own best performance against Geelong and finished just one goal short of Lockett's overall Waverley Park ground record.

Hawthorn coach Alan Joyce agreed with reporters on Saturday that Dunstall deserves to be ranked among the game's greatest goalkicking champions.

"By his performance today and over his career he's got to be in that bracket," Joyce said.

Dunstall kicked 12.4 from 17 kicks while Lockett scored 7.4 from 11.

On the East Coast with KEN PIESSE



Dunstall's six-goal blitz in the third term was just one goal short of his best tally for a quarter; also against Geelong in the final quarter of the opening round of 1990.

An aggravation for Dunstall was his jarred ankle, but he expects to be fit for Saturday's game against Carlton.

Lockett's contribution helped St Kilda break a 12-year hoodoo of losses against Essendon. What's more, the Saints won at Waverley Park, one of their least successful grounds.

"It's always good to beat the Bombers," said a delighted Saint's coach, Ken Sheldon.

"It was great in a really tight game that we were able to continue with our game plan and in the end, overpower a side in an epic battle."

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TONY LOCKETT ... Saints hero

Pert just can't wait

COLLINGWOOD'S Gary Pert admits it's been tough switching homes.

But he's like a first-year player again as the Magpies opening match of the season against Brisbane approaches.

The 26-year-old All-Australian full-back, who missed the entire 1991 season because of knee surgery, is one of Collingwood's stand-out recruits, along with WA pair Brad Hardie and Brad Rowe.

"Going into a new environment is always a tough situation," he said.

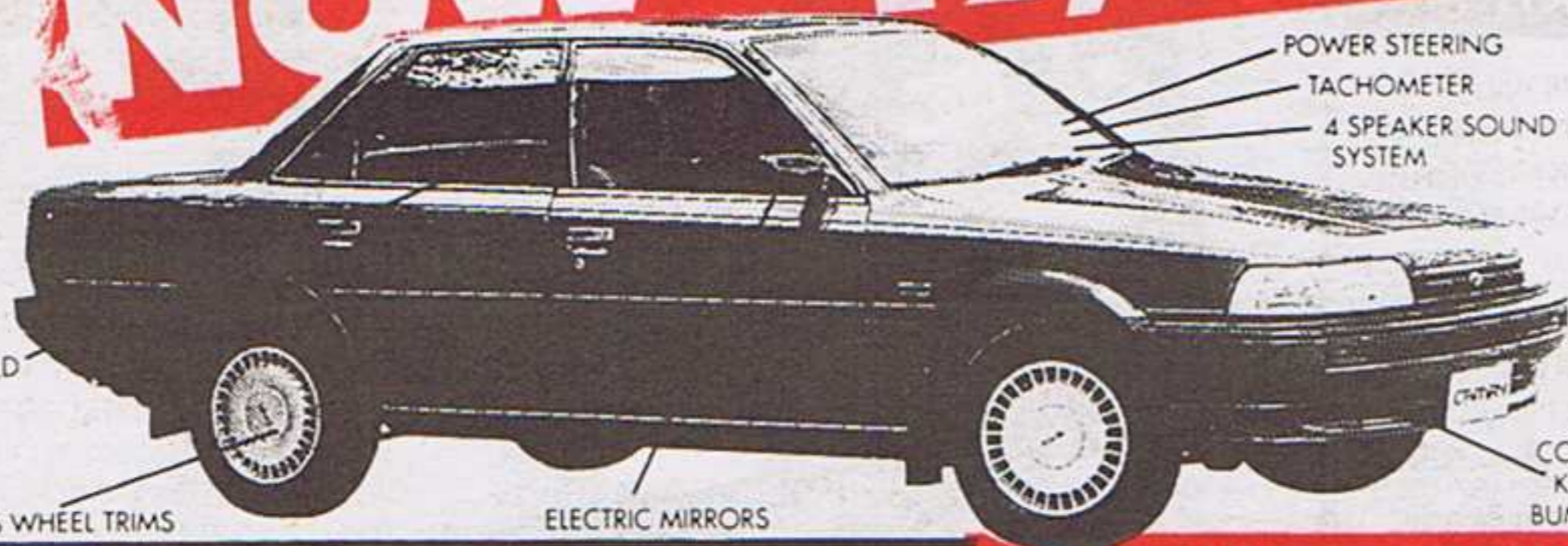
"It could have been difficult, but everyone at Collingwood went out of their way to make me feel welcome — the players, staff, coach Leigh Matthews and all of the supporters."

"I've met quite a few of the people from the coterie groups."

"They've all come up and shook my hand and welcomed me to the club."

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CRAIG Turley's better-than-expected recovery from injury should guarantee that the West Coast Eagles will take the majority of last year's grand final team into their season-opener against Sydney at the SCG this Sunday.

An edge in experience will be crucial to the Eagles, who confront a far more competent Swans than two weeks ago at Subiaco Oval, in a one-sided practice match that West Coast won by 22 goals.



BACK AGAIN . . . Gary Buckenara will relish the chance to turn the tables on the Eagles this Sunday

New Sydney coach Gary Buckenara brought a squad of virtual unknowns to Perth for that lack-lustre affair, leaving at home stars like Mark Bayes, Terry Thripp, Dennis Carroll, Simon Minton-Connell, Steve Wright, Jason Love, Dale Lewis and Jamie Lawson.

This week will see a more potent Sydney unit, a side capable of causing an upset on their home turf.

Due to heavy cricket commitments, however, Sydney have had few opportunities to train on the SCG to enhance that home ground knowledge.

But the Swans running brigade, headed by the brilliance of rover Barry Mitchell and midfielder David Murphy, has the capacity to unsettle the Eagles on-ball prime movers of Turley, Chris Lewis, Chris Mainwaring, Scott Watters, Don Pyke and Trent Nichols.

**BYSTANDERS**

Turley, the 1991 Brownlow Medal runner-up and his captain John Worsfold both shaped up as bystanders for this opening game up till late this week.

A polished training display by Turley dispelled any fears he had not recovered from his injury, while Worsfold was superb against Claremont in a WAFL practice match last Sunday.

The Eagles skipper has undertaken a rigorous rehabilitation and fitness programme since having corrective surgery before Christmas on his troublesome groin injury.

Worsfold has spring and authority back in his step and has declared he is fitter now than at any stage of last season's home-and-away series.

Turley and Worsfold are both key factors in the Eagles 1992 premiership campaign.

So too is the new blood in the West Coast camp.

Exciting teenager Jason Ball and Nichols both loom as trouble-shooters for the Eagles this season and should be vital cogs in brushing aside the danger game against the Swans.

Ball has shown sufficient skill and

# Bucky will be out to atone

By **KIM HAGDORN**

athletic agility to be the leading candidate to hold down centre-half-forward at the SCG, while Nichols should make his official debut, sharing roving duties with Pyke.

Ball, capable of assisting big Dean Irving with ruck responsibilities against Gareth John and expatriate West Aussie Brad Tunbridge, could get the nod ahead of experienced big man Paul Harding.

Harding was in brilliant form around the ground for East Fremantle against Subiaco last Saturday, but was probably beaten by big Phil Scott at the centre-bouncedowns.

The recovery of Turley and Worsfold from injury problems, the pre-season form of Nichols and Ball and the reemergence of Dean Laidley, David Hynes and Mitchell White could squeeze some of West Coast's bigger names back into WAFL ranks for the opening weeks of the new season.

Laidley has made a remarkable comeback from horrific knee and back injuries that have kept the gutsy defender out of AFL ranks since 1990.

Hynes has not played a senior Eagles game since that match against Sydney in Round 10 last year, a week after White had made only his second and last league appearance.

When fully fit, the disciplined, determined Laidley is one of the first players picked in the Eagles defence.

Hynes has completed a stringent preparation to replace the suspended Peter Sumich at full-forward and White has competently held down full-



WARMING UP . . . Brad Tunbridge is ready to lead the Sydney ruck this Sunday

back as Lockyer has recovered from injury during the off-season.

The fleet-footed Peter Matera, experienced Peter Wilson, Lockyer and David Hart could all fall foul of the selectors scalpel when they trim the team for Sydney.

An Eagles victory on Sunday will stretch to five West Coast's winning sequence over the Swans.

It would, however, be only the second time the Eagles have beaten Sydney at the SCG in five visits.

The first Eagles SCG success was in Round 18 1990, when West Coast won 12.11 (83) to 10.8 (68), a margin of 15 points which is the smallest margin between the two clubs in eight previous contests.



WORD OF WARNING . . . Eagles coach Mick Malthouse will be wary of a more aggressive Sydney Swans this week



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Richmond v North Melbourne (1)	A	Nth Melb 25-27pts	
Melbourne v Geelong (2)	A	Geel 37-39pts	
Carlton v Hawthorn (3)	A	Hawth 46-48pts	
Collingwood v Brisbane (4)	H	Coll 31-33pts	
<b>Sunday, March 29</b>			
Essendon v Fitzroy (5)	H	Essendon 16-18pts	
Footscray v St Kilda (6)	A	St Kilda 25-27pts	
** Sydney v West Coast (7)	A	West Coast 19-21pts	118pts

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# Melbourne Calling

**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**



**THE question of when to start — if at all — an AFL career is an important decision for many young AFL draftees.**

To the footballing public, the answer may seem clear-cut. However, it is one that should not be rushed into without a great deal of thought.

Questions such as where a WAFL player stands in terms of games played, finals appearances and how they have performed against more experienced opposition, are obvious starting points when considering an AFL career.

At 21 years of age, 62 WAFL games and two premierships, I believed I had served my apprenticeship and was ready to give AFL football a go. Why then did I only play six senior games in my first year and struggle to come to terms with the rigours of the next level?

I found out after my opening training session that to become an AFL player, requirements above and beyond natural ability were needed.

A higher fitness level was necessary; a strong mental attitude was vital, together with a ruthless desire to break into the "ones" as established players guarded their position at all costs.

The footballing qualities demanded at AFL level are perhaps obvious. But what about the changes that

# More to the AFL than just football skills

will occur to those WAFL youngsters who move to a Melbourne-based club?

These may be described as 'hidden changes' because, to the public, they haven't occurred at all.

The biggest problem for me was moving out of home for the first time — football socks, shorts and jumpers don't mysteriously clean themselves without help — as I soon found out.

Dinner each night does not simply appear on a plate and dirty dishes occasionally need washing.

Apart from these domestic duties, draftees have to cope with a new job, new workmates or perhaps a new tertiary institution.

When these hidden changes are combined with the more professional approach to football, then it seems reasonable that a settling-in period is required.

The trend seems to be to draft younger players each year.

But 18-year-olds cannot be expected to cope with such a dramatic lifestyle change... and play successful football as well.

In order to be prepared to cope with AFL football and a move to Melbourne, maturity in a personal sense is required; not only footballing potential.

So how do draftees know when it is time to make that move?

It's a difficult decision and the answer will obviously vary with individuals.

However, draftees — and the public for that matter — should always be aware that joining a Melbourne-based team means more than simply playing football in Victoria.

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## EAGLES FACT FILE

*How the players finished in 1991*

Name	Games	1991		1991		Free Kicks		Score
		Total	Kicks	Mrks	H/B	For	Agst	
BARICH, Adrian	7	46	48	17	17	1	8	8.4
BRENNAN, Michael	24	104	175	55	61	33	17	3.0
DARGIE, Ian	1	11	3	0	1	0	1	0.1
EVANS, Tony	2	2	15	5	6	1	2	1.5
HART, David	21	95	243	39	108	14	18	12.7
HEADY, Brett	26	46	350	149	100	32	37	47.36
HEPBURN, Mark	5	61	31	12	10	5	3	0.0
HYNES, David	9	9	56	19	55	7	13	4.7
IRVING, Dean	25	41	151	74	115	28	24	6.1
JACKSON, Stevan	7	38	56	29	33	6	14	10.8
JAKOVICH, Glen	16	16	178	69	94	16	18	8.8
KEMP, Dean	23	46	259	61	170	21	22	12.9
KICKETT, Dale	2	17	4	1	7	0	1	0.1
LAMB, Dwayne	23	108	272	55	154	27	17	8.9
LANGDON, Karl	18	71	149	66	78	13	33	17.14
LEWIS, Chris	21	90	277	61	99	24	38	31.19
LOCKYER, Andrew	20	76	133	65	92	20	18	0.0
MAINWARING, Chris	21	101	369	114	139	37	35	16.9
MATERA, Peter	26	31	401	87	134	48	44	32.25
MCGRATH, Craig	4	73	16	5	19	7	3	2.0
McINTOSH, Ashley	17	17	102	58	52	14	16	11.6
McKENNA, Guy	26	90	259	80	210	38	32	2.6
PEOS, Paul	7	42	65	22	31	7	7	6.2

PYKE, Don	24	44	301	49	94	26	35	4.11
SUMICH, Peter	25	67	297	171	34	24	39	111.89
TURLEY, Craig	26	58	330	83	247	40	25	25.14
TURNBULL, Ryan	5	5	33	12	17	5	3	1.0
UGLE, Troy	1	33	14	6	11	0	3	1.3
WATERMAN, Chris	26	49	308	65	127	45	25	6.3
WATTERS, Scott	15	28	183	45	111	12	4	4.2
WEST, Robert	1	1	9	4	7	0	1	1.0
WHITE, Mitchell	2	2	15	6	7	1	1	0.0
WILSON, Peter	22	95	245	83	114	20	42	23.23
WORSFOLD, John	21	96	186	56	130	22	23	1.0
YOUNG, Cory	1	7	2	0	1	1	0	1.0



## Stats AND Facts

with Richard Camm

## Saints beat hoodoo

**ESSENDON'S Kevin Sheedy tasted defeat by St Kilda for the first time in his coaching career in last Sunday's game at Waverley Park.**

St Kilda's 17-point win was the first over the Bombers since they won in Round 14 of 1980.

Essendon had stretched their winning sequence over St Kilda to 20 before Sunday's game.

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**HAWTHORN'S Jason Dunstall equalled the opening round record of 12 goals in Saturday's game against Geelong.**

Dunstall, who kicked 12 against Geelong in Round 1 of 1990, repeated the effort last Saturday. It was the fifth time a player has kicked a dozen goals in Round 1 of an AFL season.

The feat has previously been performed by Essendon's Ted Freyer (in 1935) and John Coleman (1949); Collingwood's Peter McKenna (1966); and Dunstall himself two years ago.

Dunstall had kicked four goals by half-time on Saturday. A six-goal third quarter set up his record-equalling feat.

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**THERE was considerable speculation about who would be given the onerous task of playing on St Kilda's Tony Lockett last week.**

The job was expected to go to Anthony Daniher, but when he didn't play, the task fell to former Perth player Brad Fox.

The team statistics suggested that Fox was conceding 5cm in height and over 18kgs in weight to his St Kilda opponent. But those at the ground thought that the height difference looked much greater.

Though Lockett kicked seven goals for the game, Fox was generally regarded as having performed well on the man who is the most difficult to stop in the AFL.

Fox, who moved to Essendon in 1990, played 10 senior games last year. If Sunday's game is any indication, the 22-year-old is set for a good season.

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**IF history is to repeat itself, the 1992 premiers will come from Geelong, Brisbane, Essendon or Adelaide.**

While a couple of those seem unlikely choices, the record book shows that in each of the last five seasons, the eventual premiers have been first-round losers.

For the Hawks, this record has even more significance.

Whenever they have lost their opening round fixture in the last five years, they have won the premiership. In 1987 and 1990, when Carlton and Collingwood were the respective premiers, the Hawks won their first round match.

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# The Eagles at work . . .

**MOST of the West Coast Eagles players have to combine their busy football life with a variety of chosen careers.**

While there is no distinction in the camp between the professionals, the tradesmen or the students, the Eagles squad does boast a healthy line-up of future business leaders.

Among those still studying — mainly at university — are Anthony Begovich (business), Matthew Connell (phys ed), Tony Evans (agriculture), Paul Gow (arts), Mark Hepburn (commerce), Ashley McIntosh (arts), Kane Morphet (physiotherapy), Mitchell White (economics) and Daniel Metropolis (arts).

Some of the players combine a media profile with their full-time football, such as Chris Mainwaring, who has joined Channel Seven's sports reporting team and regularly chats with Radio 6PR breakfast announcer Peter Newman; Guy McKenna, who shares the hosting for a children's Satur-

day morning show on Channel 7 with Mainwaring and Adrian Barich, the media manager for the Department of Social Security.

A number of players mix their leisure hours with associated sporting roles, such as Matt Clape, a sports co-ordinator at the Superdrome; Brett Heady, a sports development officer with the Department of Sport and Recreation and Chris Lewis, Dean Irving, Mainwaring and McKenna, all of whom do promotional work with the Football Development Trust.

Among the professional people are John Worsfold the pharmacist, accountants Don Pyke and Scott Watters and Phil Scott, an agricultural research officer.

Banking, finance and insurance consultancy work occupy the business hours of many players, including Michael Brennan, Jason Ball, Paul Peos, Chris Waterman and Andrew Lockyer.

There is no shortage of skilled tradesmen in the camp either, with Troy Ugle a welder; Dean Kemp an

electrician; Glen Jakovich and Steven Davies mechanics and newcomer David Regan a gas fitter.

Naturally, with football a high-profile business, there are plenty of sales representatives in the camp, including Matthew Burton, Paul Harding, David Hynes, Dwayne Lamb and Trent Nichols.

Several players have mixed their football with associated club activities, such as Peter Wilson, who is the business development officer for the Eagles and Craig Turley, who handles promotional work for the club.

Peter Sumich works in his family's huge market garden enterprise as a buyer — and is developing a promotions image; David Hart roves the metropolitan area with Eagles sponsors, Courier Australia and Dean Laidley runs his own sports store.

But the player with the best job as far as Eagles training is concerned must be Robbie West — he's a groundsman at Subiaco Oval.

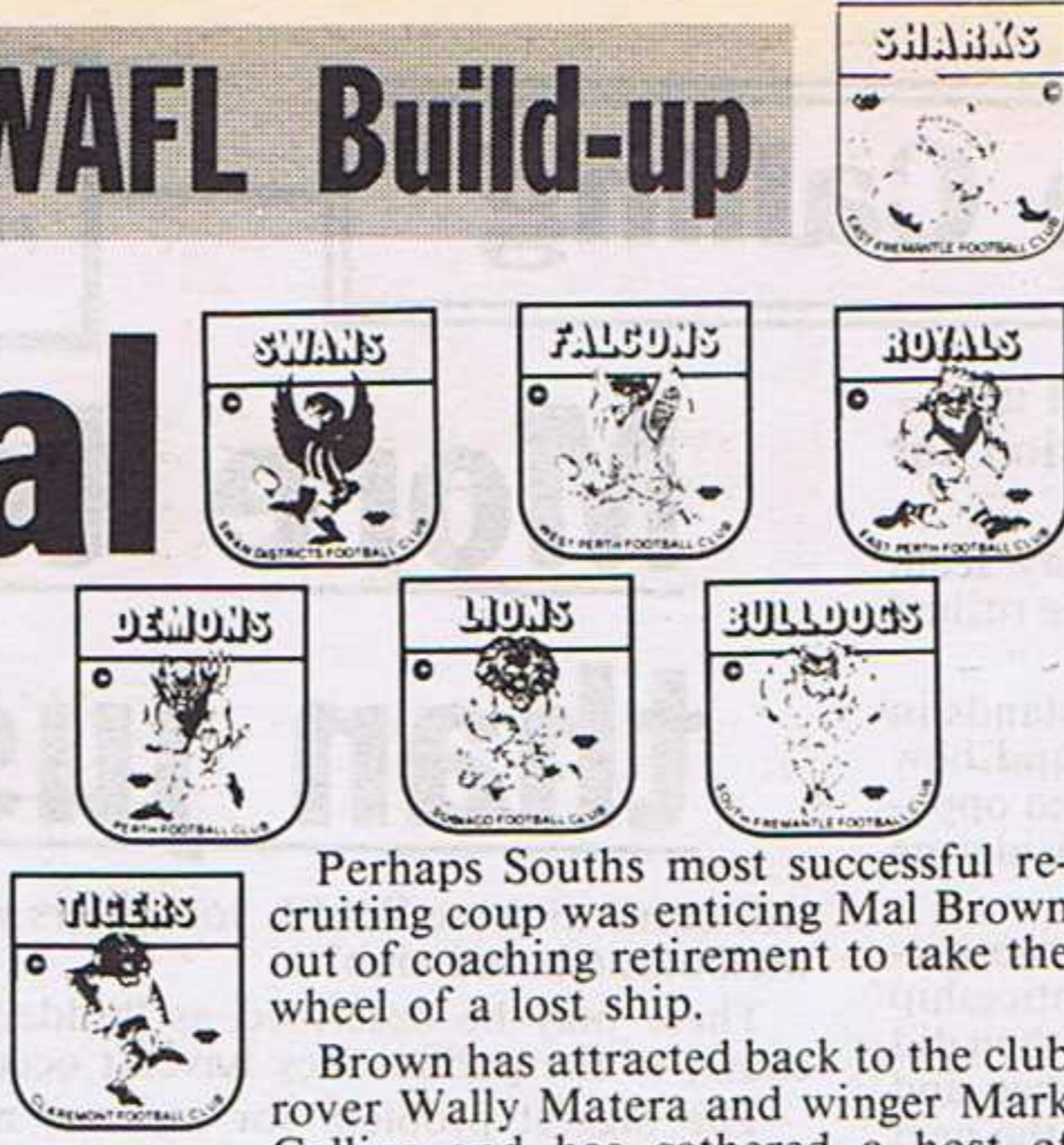
## HOW WA PLAYERS PERFORMED

Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score	CARLTON
David Bain	11	5	7	—
John Gastev	10	3	12	—
John Hutton	12	4	1	3.2
Earl Spalding	9	5	4	0.1
Darren Bewick	15	1	8	0.2
Derek Kickett	12	6	6	3.1

HAWTHORN				
Ben Allan	15	4	3	1.0
Willie Dick	7	5	5	2.1
Brad Fox	5	2	2	—
ST KILDA				
Nicky Winmar	20	5	9	2.1
GEELONG				
Mark Bairstow	20	4	9	4.1
Steven Handley	6	2	3	1.0
Geoff Miles	2	0	2	—

HIT OUTS: E. Spalding 4; S. Handley 4; J. Hutton 1.

## Todd's Lethal Swans back in business



### THE FOOTY BREAD Presents...

### Suma Magic



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

THE AFL season kicks off this Sunday for the Eagles as we travel to Sydney and all the guys are fired up to start off with a big win over the Swans.

Though we beat Swans when they came to Perth recently for a practice match, it will be a different story at the SCG and I'm sure coach Gary Buckenara would have learnt some lessons from that loss.

Sydney have often been a handful for us on the SCG, with players like Gerard Healy, Barry Mitchell and Greg Williams tearing us apart.

The SCG is a smaller ground and our style of play is better suited to the wide spaces of Subiaco Oval, so the ground size could be a factor.

All the West Coast players have trained hard during the week and Mick Malthouse and the coaching staff should have great difficulty in picking the side.

Players like Andrew Lockyer, captain John Worsfold and David Hart will come under close scrutiny from Malthouse after putting in good performances for their respective WAFL clubs last weekend.

Seeing that I'll be watching this game from the sidelines, I'd like to wish all the guys the best of luck — and I'll even spare a thought for Buckenara, that great WA champion, in his debut as a senior coach.

### BULLDOG TASTE

Last Sunday was the first time I pulled on the Bulldogs jumper for a while, lining up for the practice match against Claremont.

It was good to be part of South Fremantle again and it brought back a lot of memories for me, particularly with Worsfold, Hart and Peter and Wally Matera playing.

It was a great opportunity to be coached by Mal Brown. As a young aspiring footballer, Souths were a force with the likes of Stephen Michael, Maurice Rioli, Joe McKay, Phil Cronan, Wayne Delmenico and Brown at the helm.

While it was great to be back in the red and white jumper for that practice match, I hope I don't pull it on again for the rest of the 1992 season! Nothing personal, Brownie . . . I just want to be in the Eagles every week.

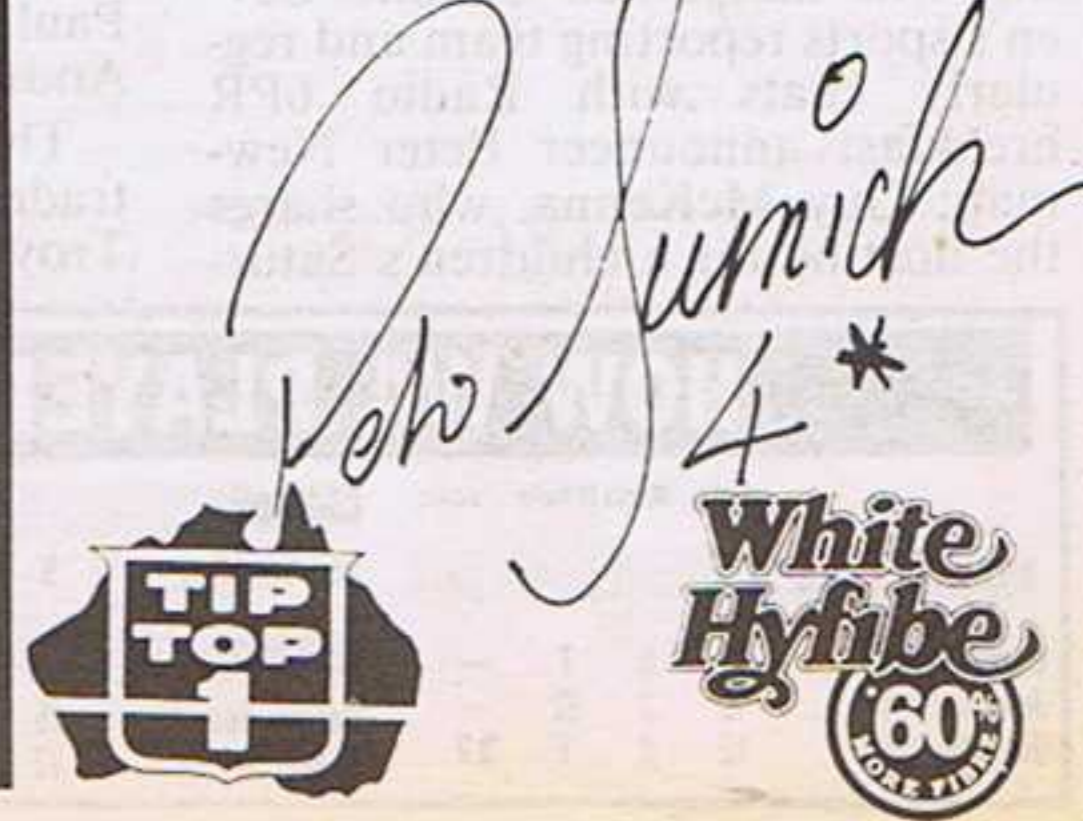
From last Sunday's game, I believe that Brown has got some great talent down at Fremantle and they should be in for a big season, particularly young Jayson Spinks, who kicked six goals.

### COACHING TIP

This week's Tip Top coaching hint to juniors is a simple one — always take the ball in two hands when marking out in front of your body.

It is important to extend the arms fully as it makes your opponent's attempt to spoil the ball a lot harder.

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



IN 1982, John Todd conjured up a lethal weapon called a premier-ship team.

Ten years on and Todd is formulating a repeat dose with "Lethal Weapon II".

The surprise West Coast Eagles drafting of talented follower David Ogg (back from Brisbane) has helped elevate Swans to pre-season WAFL premiership favourites.

Ogg joins other gifted Eagles squad members in Jason Ball, Troy Ugle and Paul Gow, plus veterans Murray Rance, Phil Narkle, Mike Richardson and Brent Hutton in what shapes as a class act from Bassendean.

Todd went on to make it three successive titles after his 1982 triumph, producing graduates to the then VFL, just as this current crop will provide AFL stars of the future.

### BRILLIANT DEBUT

Ball is shaping as the find of the 1991 season after a brilliant debut last year.

The skilful 19-year-old ruckman-forward may have to bide his time in the WAFL. But his outstanding practice match form clearly indicates the big man is not far from a regular Eagles berth.

Even so, Todd has the stock to counter the loss of Ball.

The decision by ruckman-forward Travis Edmonds to stay one more season in the WAFL before heading to Hawthorn after he was drafted last November, was another boost to Swans premiership hopes.

Scott Cummings, a competent big man, looks ready to step into league ranks as a key position player and another exciting youngster is 1991 under-19s premiership captain, Peter Kelly.

Swans also retain the talented services of seasoned campaigners Steven Bazzo, Geoff Passeri, Greg Walker, Andy Holmes, Kevin Caton, Danny Penny and Michael Broadbridge and can anticipate further improvement from promising types like Rod O'Neill and Stephen O'Reilly.

### EAGLES MEN

Subiaco, last year's beaten grand finalists, will benefit with the presence of borderline West Coast Eagles squad members as they mount their premiership bid.

Exciting youngsters Daniel Metropolis, Matt Connell and Steven Davies join bean-pole ruckman Matthew Burton in a willing quartet of young Eagles in the Lions den.

The Lions were dealt another trump card when experienced rover-forward Andrew Macnish was ignored by AFL clubs in the March draft.

Macnish, Ian Dargie, Bret Hutchinson and John Georgiades offer the Lions a talented band of on-field leaders.

Claremont, under the astute guidance of Gerard Neesham can never be discounted as a premiership threat.

By **KIM HAGDORN**

Neesham, with three premierships from five grand finals in his five seasons at the Tigers helm, is sure to again produce a winning unit.

Neesham must restructure his personnel — and perhaps revive his successful game-plan — to cover for the loss of ace forwards John Hutton and Geoff Miles, who between them kicked 168 goals last year.

Emerging big man Rob Fitzgerald shapes as a key to Claremont's new-look forward line, with speedy forwards Kevin Mitchell, Jason Norrish, Tony Evans and Dale Kickett all certain to improve their goal-kicking value to the side.

West Perth will be the WAFL's most-improved team this season.

The Falcons have claimed the wooden spoon for the last two seasons and will be keen to rekindle pride and desire with the appointment of a new coach.



SUPER SWAN . . . Scott Cummings is ready to step up into senior ranks with Swan Districts

Already Jeff Gieschen has made a strong impression, with his low-key approach and stern discipline.

Giant ruckman Craig Nelson will be operating in tandem with an exciting roving combination of recruit Darren Harris and Eagles squad member Robbie West — both of whom played under Gieschen in country Victoria.

The club has added to their goal-kicking power with Paddy Madaffari back to support improved full-forward Matt Cullen, alongside Derek Hall, one of the best forwards in the League and a player progressing strongly in the Eagles squad.

South Fremantle and East Fremantle have embarked on ambitious, nation-wide recruiting campaigns after disappointing 1991 seasons, when the two Port clubs missed the finals in a rare double.

Kim Hagdorn's predictions for the WAFL SWAN DISTRICTS CLAREMONT SUBIACO SOUTH FREMANTLE EAST FREMANTLE West Perth Perth East Perth

Perhaps Souths most successful recruiting coup was enticing Mal Brown out of coaching retirement to take the wheel of a lost ship.

Brown has attracted back to the club rover Wally Matera and winger Mark Collins and has gathered a host of promising youngsters on which his plans for success will hinge.

Big Kurt Shepherd, defender Tom Bottrell, rover Derrick Woods and forwards Jayson Spinks and Warren Campbell are just some of the youngsters expected to make an impact.

Developing big men Nick Caputti and Steven Grant and centreman Chris Pobjoy offer the Bulldogs justifiable cause for expectation of a climb up the premiership ladder.

East Fremantle will bank heavily on veteran Steve Malaxos, exciting AFL draftee potentials Jeff Davidson, Billy Krakouer and John Lawrence and discarded Eagles players.

However, without a recognised ruckman, East Fremantle will be largely dependant on Eagles selections.

Paul Harding's duties with the Eagles will have a big bearing on East Fremantle's fortunes.

With Harding leading the ruck, East Fremantle are a genuine top-five threat . . . but he could well be a regular Eagle, offering the West Coasters plenty of skill and experience.

The Sharks will bank heavily on veteran Clinton Browning remaining injury free and leading their goal-kicking, assisted by experienced forward Neil Lester-Smith and new rover Josh Gallop.

Perth, the surprise packets of last season, face the acid test.

### UNDER SIEGE

The Demons will be under siege from South Fremantle, East Fremantle and West Perth.

All four clubs shape as worthy finalists.

With Swans, Claremont and Subiaco all certain top-five candidates, the bottle-neck for the final two spots will be intense.

Perth's hopes of another September campaign rest with veteran coach Ken Armstrong's capacity to bring the Demons up again after the euphoria of last season.

The Demons will be a closely-monitored team this season; too often last year they were under-rated and regarded as easy beats, which brought other sides unstuck.

Perth's biggest loss is Willie Dick (to Essendon) and ruckman John Gavranich (retirement) and they will be tough to replace.

East Perth's player loss and on-going financial strain will hamper the club's ambitions for 1992.

The Royals have lost almost a complete goal-to-goal line, with little replacement in sight.

### BIG LOSSES

On-ball organiser Dean Turner, leading goal-kicker Glen Bartlett and hard-working big man Ken Seymour all retired and talented defenders Marcus Seecamp, Gavin Rose and Leigh Willison moved east to Fitzroy, Sydney and Geelong.

East Perth's hopes of staying in the top five received a boost when tough midfielder George Giannakis resisted invitations to join East Fremantle and injured former Eagle Craig McGrath opted to stay with the Royals.

A lot will depend on how East Perth's three Eagles squad members perform in the national league — with Ryan Turnbull, Matt Clape and Paul Peos all in Royals colours, they look a better side.



## Skipper is fired up

EAGLES captain John Worsfold is fully fit and champing at the bit for a piece of AFL action.

After an injury-interrupted pre-season, the tough Eagles skipper has made a desperate bid to win a spot for West Coast's opening AFL clash with Sydney at the SCG on Sunday.

Worsfold, recovering from a summer groin operation, put in a sparkling display for his WAFL club, South Fremantle, against Claremont last Sunday.

But his immediate AFL fate hangs on the outcome of Eagles selection meetings late this week.

Worsfold's disrupted pre-season programme left the aggressive defender in a race against time to start the Eagles 1992 premiership campaign.

After one of his more dashing displays for some time, a delighted Worsfold said he was fitter and fresher than at any stage in the past two seasons.

Groin strains constantly curtailed Worsfold's game and training time last season.

He was restricted mostly to negating and tagging roles on key opposing forwards.

An operation over the summer to rectify the popular Eagles captain's groin injury has paid early dividends.

"So far so good. I feel great," a beaming Worsfold said after Sunday's Bulldogs practice match.

"I haven't felt this fresh for a long time. I feel fit and strong and I'm looking forward to the start of the season.

"I know it was only my first full game, but hopefully the selectors will see it my way."

Worsfold's pre-season game program has been carefully monitored by the Eagles hierarchy.

He made his first appearance when he played a half in the Eagles twilight match against South Fremantle a month ago, before playing a full match against Swan Districts a week later.

He then played half the match against Sydney at Subiaco Oval two weeks ago, after a rest for the Eagles game against Footscray.

"After the couple of games against WAFL clubs, the rest was very beneficial," Worsfold said.

"It was only precautionary, but I came through without any further soreness or swelling.

"I'm ready to go."



STAND ASIDE . . . Eagles skipper John Worsfold is geared up to lead the team into battle this Sunday

## Fast debut for Willie

AFL FOOTBALL is faster and tougher than former Perth star Willie Dick had ever imagined.

Melbourne is certainly a far cry from Dick's peaceful home-town of Goomalling, 140kms north-east of Perth, but the quietly-spoken Aboriginal made his Essendon debut last Sunday in the thrilling Waverley Park clash against St Kilda, in front of 44,500 people.

"It was fast; bloody fast," Dick said from Melbourne this week.

"The big crowd made for a great atmosphere, but the pace of the game and the pressure we were under was nothing I had ever experienced.

"The practice matches we played before last Sunday were also nothing compared to that. It's pretty hard to explain. The few State games I played were a great experience and a lot faster than club footy with Perth. But the game against St Kilda was definitely the highlight of my career."

Dick finished Sunday's game with two goals after a variety of forward line roles in the cliffhanger that St Kilda eventually won by 17-points.

The former Demon started on a half-forward-flank and at one stage was at full-forward as the Bombers looked capable of upsetting the more fancied Saints.

"It felt strange at full-forward, but everything's a challenge over here," said Dick, who described his new club as a "home away from home", with the club making him feel really welcome.

Essendon now has the biggest contingent of expatriate West Aussies in the AFL, with the departure of a host of West Australians from Brisbane.

Dick joins established players Derek Kickett, Darren Bewick, Peter Cransberg, Brad Fox and Todd Ridley and fellow draftees Michael Symons from Subiaco and Shane Stempel, from the Brisbane Bears.

## Tough start for Handley

FORMER Swan Districts key position player Steven Handley copped a tough initiation into AFL ranks.

Handley has played just two senior games with his new club Geelong, both against the awesome might of reigning night and day premiers Hawthorn.

He played in the Foster's Cup semi-final against the powerful Hawks and then made his official AFL debut in the season-opener at Waverley last Saturday against the Hawthorn machine.

But the man who created WAFL history in last season's preliminary final, when he was sent from the ground after allegedly charging Subiaco rover An-

drew Macnish, says he wouldn't have his AFL start any other way . . . apart from a couple of victories.

"It would have been much better to start with two wins, but at least I know what to expect now," Handley said from Geelong this week.

"It would have all seemed too easy if we'd won comfortably.

"This way I know how rough and tough it's going to be at this level."

Handley has been shunted up and down the Cats goal-to-goal line as coach Malcolm Blight searches for a position best-suited to his versatile recruit.

"Playing a variety of key position

roles isn't new to me. I used to do that a lot under John Todd at Swans," Handley said.

"It's taken me some time to get used to how the guys play here at Geelong and for them to get to know my game.

"But everyone associated with the club have been fantastic and I'm really happy with the move."

Handley was initially recruited to Geelong as a full-back and says he would like to eventually slot in at centre-half-back.

But typical of a youngster serving an apprenticeship, Handley says for the time being he'll do as Blight says.



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ROBERT BENNETT	2	Nth Melb	Geelong	Hawthorn	Collingwood	Essendon	St Kilda	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	3	Nth Melb	Geelong	Carlton	Collingwood	Essendon	St Kilda	Eagles
DAMIAN BIANCHINI	2	Nth Melb	Geelong	Hawthorn	Collingwood	Essendon	St Kilda	Eagles
BRUCE BUTLER	2	Nth Melb	Geelong	Hawthorn	Collingwood	Fitzroy	St Kilda	Eagles
ALAN EAST	1	Nth Melb	Geelong	Hawthorn	Collingwood	Essendon	St Kilda	Eagles
KIM HAGDORN	2	Nth Melb	Geelong	Hawthorn	Collingwood	Essendon	St Kilda	Eagles
IAN MILLER	3	Richmond	Geelong	Hawthorn	Collingwood	Fitzroy	St Kilda	Eagles
KEN PIESSE	3	Nth Melb	Geelong	Hawthorn	Collingwood	Essendon	St Kilda	Eagles
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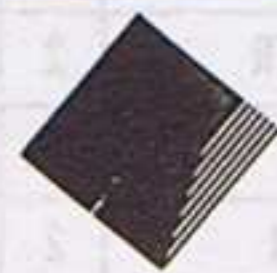
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# Eyes on the Eagles

KIM HAGDORN looks at a trouble-spot inside the West Coast Eagles camp



# Full-back looms as a test

WEST COAST coach Mick Malthouse will expose his "horses for courses" selection strategy as the Eagles launch their 1992 premiership quest over the next three weeks.

The Eagles first three appointments — Sydney at the SCG, then St Kilda and Geelong at Subiaco Oval — will call for extremely careful planning in the man-to-man selections.

On top of the list is who is going to play at full-back?

The key defensive position is the most pressing problem for the Eagles boss and his band of advisors.

## COMPLICATED

Injuries to veteran Michael Brennan and rookie Ashley McIntosh — causing longer than expected absences — has complicated the Eagles defensive dilemma.

McIntosh has not recovered sufficiently from a knee injury to even resume running and Brennan is still hampered by back and hamstring troubles.



In successive weeks the Eagles full-back will be asked to mark live-wire Sydney recruit Simon Minton-Connell, the almost unbeatable Saint Tony Lockett and clever Cat, Billy Brownless.

Eagle rookie Mitchell White has shown sufficient improvement and pre-season form to win the first-up job on Minton-Connell.

However, White is not an ideal candidate for the formidable Lockett.

Lockett, pound-for-pound the most valuable player in the nation, is too big, strong and cagey for the raw-boned White.

Young Eagles defender Glen Jakovich is an option for the selectors as they search their squad for an opponent for Lockett.

## Falcons boss sees touch of reality

WEST Perth's new coach Jeff Gieschen believes that the Falcons good pre-season form has restored reality to Leederville Oval.

And he warns that the Falcons — wooden spooners for the past two years — are once again a force to reckoned with in the WAFL.

West Perth have been particularly impressive in their practice games, winning by big margins over East Fremantle and East Perth and losing to Perth by just two points last Saturday.

Gieschen says the club has been in a slump for some time, but believes he has injected a fresh attitude and discipline into the players, which has produced results on the field.

"In our practice matches we have kicked five goals before the opposition has had a chance to score and when we have been down, we have fought back," Gieschen says.

"In previous years the club hasn't displayed this type of attitude.

"The young players at Leederville are level-headed and though there is a degree of expectancy, we have to remember it is only March.

"There are some good signs showing. The players are more competitive, disciplined and fitter.

"We are more purposeful in our approach to the football, we are playing a more direct game and our tackling has been tremendous."

But Jakovich is a more logical marksman for dangerous St Kilda centre-half-forward Stewart Loewe.

Andrew Lockyer, who Lockett kicked eight goals on at Subiaco Oval in Round 15 last June, is another alternative for the Saints clash.

Significantly, Lockyer played as a permanent defender with East Fremantle in last Saturday's WAFL practice match against Subiaco.

He played fiercely; as if preparing for a confrontation with the big Saints forward.

Lockyer repeatedly ignored trying to mark; content to spoil the ball vigorously in his aerial contests. That is a tactic coach Malthouse will call for from defenders tagging Lockett.

A week after Lockett's arrival comes Geelong's free-wheeling, high-flying Billy Brownless.

## HEAVY-WEIGHT

Depending on the outcome of his heavy-weight joust with Lockett, Lockyer could make way for a more mobile defender to handle Brownless.

Brennan's slow recovery continues to be a major worry.

But there were happier signs this week when the Eagles vice-captain completed half training sessions with team-mates, before opting for short, lighter kicking and jogging duties.

Brennan's recovery could involve a short stop-over with East Fremantle in the WAFL opener against Swan Districts next week.



TOUGH TASK ... Michael Brennan is keen to get back in goal



CONFIDENT COACH ... Falcons boss Jeff Gieschen is confident of a new-look West Perth this season

Though West Perth haven't recruited any top players to the club, Gieschen is pleased with the form of young players who have come from the colts and reserves.

"Players like Justin Drifill, Dean Brunton, Glenn Bewick and Basil Zempilas have been performing well and all the players know that mediocrity won't be tolerated at West Perth," says Gieschen.

"Competition for places is fierce and that has created a good atmosphere at West Perth."

# Kicking around

THE decision of Collingwood champion Peter Daicos to sign on with the Magpies for the next two years has occurred with little fanfare out at Victoria Park. The brilliant forward is expected to play out his career with the Magpies.

★★★★★★

HAWTHORN have handed down celebrated Michael Tuck guernsey No. 17 to forward-line dynamo Paul Hudson — and Robert DiPierdomenico's No. 9 has been allocated to the absent Matthew Robran. John Hendrie's No. 25 went to pre-draft recruit Jason Taylor. Though the private view at Hawthorn seems to indicate that Robran is a lost cause, he remains on the list.

★★★★★★

FITZROY reject Jason Taylor was well-pleased with his debut in new colours as he featured prominently in Hawthorn's win over Geelong. Taylor had five marks, six kicks and three handballs when he entered the game in the second half. "He did a good job and you can't ask for much more in your first game," Hawks coach Alan Joyce said.

★★★★★★

WEST Coast have the tallest player in the AFL with Matthew 'Spider' Burton reaching 211cm. Beanpole Burton is desperately trying to bulk up to be a serious ruck contender with a six-meal daily menu. At 21, he starts the day with 12 Weetbix and sits down at least four more times a day for meals including a bowl of porridge before bed.

★★★★★★

A STRAINED hamstring muscle will keep injury-troubled Collingwood captain Tony Shaw out of this week's season-opener for the Magpies. After battling a back injury over summer, Shaw limped from the field in last week's final practice match hit-out against Richmond and will miss the opening two games.

★★★★★★

HAWTHORN legend Michael Tuck has admitted that he would have liked another season in the big league. Unfurling Hawthorn's premiership banner at Waverley Park last Saturday, the 38-year-old said: "I would have liked to see just how far I could have gone."

★★★★★★

NORTH Melbourne wound up their pre-season practice match hit-outs with a comfortable 97-point victory over VFA side Williamstown. The Roos had opted out of travelling to Perth for a game against the Eagles and stayed at home to play a rare match at their old Arden Street headquarters.

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# They said it over summer

## OCTOBER:

**"I'm more interested in staying at Claremont and coaching the Fremantle side when it starts."** Claremont coach Gerard Neesham, denying suggestions that he could coach the Sydney Swans.

**"Alan Joyce should be banned because he makes coaching look too easy."** AFL legend Ron Barassi on Joyce's perfect record of two premierships and two night premierships in just two seasons as an AFL coach.

**"I told Sydney I had no coaching ambitions whatsoever."** former Eagles captain and 1983 Brownlow Medallist Ross Glendinning rejecting the Sydney Swans coaching offer.

**"The opportunity to coach at what I consider the best standard of football outside the AFL is something that you do not pass up if it comes along."** Jeff Gieschen on his appointment as coach of West Perth.

**"I feel I've got a couple of good years left in me and so do Geelong, which is good."** Eagles player Geoff Miles, set to be drafted by Geelong after talks with West Coast officials.

**"We met our budget on expenses pretty well, but we were \$100,000 short on what we estimated our income would be."** East Perth president Bob Pearson on the club's estimated deficit of \$80,000.

**"The only way we would release him is in a deal that gives us adequate compensation, such as getting Brisbane's first draft pick."** Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett on speculation that Stevan Jackson would go to the Bears.

**"Darren had the power to motivate others and everyone at Collingwood stood taller when he was on the field."** Collingwood general manager Rob Petrie on the tragic death of star Darren Millane in a car accident.



Dean Turner ... off to Subiaco

**"John was surprised when he heard the story because no-one from Sydney has been in touch with him."** Swan Districts football manager Ray Reynolds on suggestions that John Todd would coach the Sydney Swans.

**"He's a genuine rover and has demonstrated in a struggling side that he is a very good player."** Eagles recruiting manager Mick Moylan on Richmond player Trent Nichols, swapped for Eagles duo Stevan Jackson and Todd Breman.

**"We realise it was an exhibition game, but it was good to see all players display the talents that are synonymous with football."** Eagles coach Mick Malthouse after West Coast beat Hawthorn 14.12 to 10.6 in the Foster's Cup match in London.

**"I am absolutely delighted and thrilled to be given the opportunity to start my senior coaching career with the Swans."** Former WA star Gary Buckenara on being appointed coach of Sydney.

**"I was as skinny as a rake and really struggling; they thought I was gone."** Former Eagles star Peter Melesso winning his battle against cancer.

**"I'm very happy to be given the challenge of playing with Australia's most famous sporting club."** Much-travelled West Australian Brad Hardie, moving from Brisbane to Collingwood.

**"It has been a long couple of weeks while negotiations have taken place."** Swan Districts player Paul Gow on being picked by the Eagles in a pre-draft deal with Footscray.

**"I'm glad to be back at East Perth and just thankful I've been given the opportunity to coach at a club where there is a wealth of talent."** Stan Magro on being appointed coach of East Perth.

**"There were times when I wondered whether I was doing the right thing, but I'm now happy to get on with playing football."** Sydney Swans star Greg Williams on signing with Carlton.

## NOVEMBER

**"The Football Commission is aware of the situation, but basically they said it is up to us to look after our financial affairs."** East Perth president Bob Pearson on the Royals debts.

**"I'd certainly encourage any young player who is drafted to seriously consider another year in the WAFL and carefully examine their options on what is offered."** Swan Districts player Brendon Retzlaff on the AFL draft.

**"It's unreal. Since I was six years old, I've been able to choose where to play my football, now I can't."** Former Claremont full-forward John Hutton rejecting suggestions that he might be drafted by the Brisbane Bears.

**"Any system that can destroy a football club in one foul swoop has to answer to somebody."** Claremont president Lew Mutch on the selection of 10 Tigers in the AFL draft.

**"I will be playing under a good coach in Robert Walls and will play half my football on a good dry ground, which suits me."** John Hutton, accepting his call-up to the Brisbane Bears.

**"It is deeply regretted that so many players can be taken from one club."** Peter Tannock on the drafting of 10 players from Claremont to the AFL.

**"I'm prepared to give them any assistance we can, short of funding a legal campaign."** Sports Minister Graham Edwards supporting the WAFL clubs protest over AFL drafting rules.

**"The only competition the AFL draft is likely to even up is the WAFL — by decimating it."** Glen Bartlett, president of the WAFL Players' Association.

**"I've decided to leave basically because of a lack of opportunity."** Andrew Macnish, opting out of the West Coast Eagles for the March draft.

**"It's pretty good; I'm in remission so hopefully everything is going to be okay."** Peter Melesso on his battle to beat cancer.

**"We don't want East Perth to collapse, but all the clubs have been told they are responsible for their own destiny."** WA Football Commission chairman, Peter Tannock.

**"The Eagles have developed a lot, but they are still a way short of where they could be."** Sacked Eagles weights coach Matt Barber.

**"It affected my football. When footy's your only income, the pressure is on to really perform."** Paul Gow, coming back to WA after a stint in Melbourne.

**"The club can thank the board for turning; the financial position around."** Claremont president Lew Mutch on the Tigers healthy financial position.

**"It's going to be a big year for Collingwood and hopefully I've joined at the right time."** Brad Hardie on his drafting to Collingwood.

## DECEMBER

**"I don't think I'm experienced enough to coach yet, but hopefully I can learn from people like Hayden Buntton and Bryan Cousins and pass some experience on to the younger players."** Dean Turner on his appointment as assistant coach at Subiaco.

**"Basically there just aren't enough hours in the day to play football and study."** Glen Bartlett on his decision to retire from East Perth.

**"Our profit of \$99,612 is a big boost in view of the difficulties facing football clubs today."** South Fremantle president Bill Hughes.

**"West Perth's result is outstanding when you consider the economical situation and our lack of on-field success."** West Perth president Tom James on the club's 1991 profit.

**"It's a great thrill and I'm looking forward to it."** Robert Wiley on his appointment as assistant coach of the Eagles.

## JANUARY

**"It's great to be back, you can't beat home."** Eagles draftee Paul Harding on his return from Victoria.

**"East Perth are an important part of the future of WAFL football and the club should be helped to resurrect itself."** WA Football Commission chairman Peter Tannock.

**"It's ludicrous, I can't ever see football moving from Fremantle Oval."** South Fremantle president Bill Hughes on the WAFC's Report 2000 proposal to shift the Bulldogs to the Cockburn-Rockingham area by 1996.

**"I believe East Fremantle can service areas like Willetton and still play at our traditional home ground."** East Fremantle president Len Hitchen on suggestions that the club move to the Willetton area.

**"Subiaco will never move as long as I am president. The members would vote 2000 to nil against what the Commission is trying to do."** Subiaco president David Williams on the possibility of the Lions moving to the northern suburbs.



Bill Hughes



John Hutton



Len Hitchen



David Williams

**"Our members and supporters have clearly indicated that they want to remain at Lathlain Park and feel that is their home."** Perth president Ted O'Connor.

**"They've exceeded their authority and their charter. What they are doing is playing around with our competition. This is not the Sunday League or the country league."** Swan Districts president Bill Walker on WAFC suggestions to relocate WAFL clubs.

**"If a club were to show a strong interest in me, then I'd be keen to nominate for the draft."** Veteran Steve Malaxos.

**"There is no incentive to stay in Perth while you can earn more money in South Australia and that is something the WAFL has to come to terms with."** Subiaco's Ian Dargie on the possibility of playing in Adelaide.

**"I strongly believe that it would not be appropriate for me to be part of the decision-making process, but not be there to implement those decisions."** Bill Hughes standing down as president of South Fremantle.

**"It's disappointing to leave the club because I've got many happy memories there. But I suppose it's time to make way for some young players."** Phil Narkle on being dropped off the Eagles list.

## FEBRUARY

**"Everything was going good at training. I was getting to know the blokes and starting to settle in. It was like a dream."** Former South Fremantle player Bruno Italiano dropped off Collingwood's list because of injury.

**"The Eagles were sharp and crisp with their disposal, they were as cheeky as ever."** Adelaide coach Graham Cornes after West Coast had beaten the Crows in a practice match at Football Park.

**"The members showed they are prepared to support the club in fund-raising."** East Perth president Bob Pearson on a decision by Royals members to reject a rescue package offered by the WA Football Commission.

**"As you get older, it gets harder to stay fit and with my injuries, I needed to put in a lot of extra time, which I didn't have."** East Fremantle's Shane Ellis on his retirement.

**"It was pretty tough conditions out there,"** Eagles coach Mick Malthouse after the side beat Collingwood in a Foster's Cup game in 38-degree Darwin heat.

**"Hopefully, I'll be fit enough to have a kick and even have a game with East Perth."** Peter Melesso, given the all-clear after his battle with cancer.

**"If I get 200 shots at goal this year, I expect to kick 135 or 140 goals."** Eagles full-forward Peter Sumich.

**"My resignation will be on the club fax tomorrow morning."** Lew Mutch resigning as Claremont president after alleged dealings behind his back to shift Mark Hepburn to another club.

## MARCH

**"I'm really fired up to do well in another club. I just want the opportunity."** Andrew Macnish on his chances of being drafted by an AFL club.

**"In a sense, it would have been easier to walk into a successful club and just pick up where somebody else left off. At West Perth, I realise I have a big job to do."** Jeff Gieschen on his appointment as coach of West Perth.

**"I'm disappointed. I let a few of my teammates and myself down."** Peter Sumich, copping a two-game suspension after being found guilty of striking Geelong's Mark Neeld.

**"Steve's a creative player who we could use on the tight ground here in Sydney."** Swans coach Gary Buckenara on the possible drafting of Steve Malaxos.

**"They all showed something today."** Eagles coach Mick Malthouse on the performances of rookies Jason Ball, Brendan Krummel and Daniel Metropolis in the practice match against Footscray.

**"I might have trod a fine line in the past, but I've always let my on-field performances do my talking for me."** Chris Mainwaring after being named deputy vice-captain of West Coast.

**"Last year was a big learning experience for me, not only as a player but as a leader. I'll try to show more guidance to the younger guys. You tend to forget what it's like to be a new player at an AFL club."** John Worsfold on his re-appointment as captain of the Eagles.

**"I think there will be a strong influence on the '90s from Hawthorn players of the '80s and my time there should serve me well."** Sydney Swans coach Gary Buckenara.

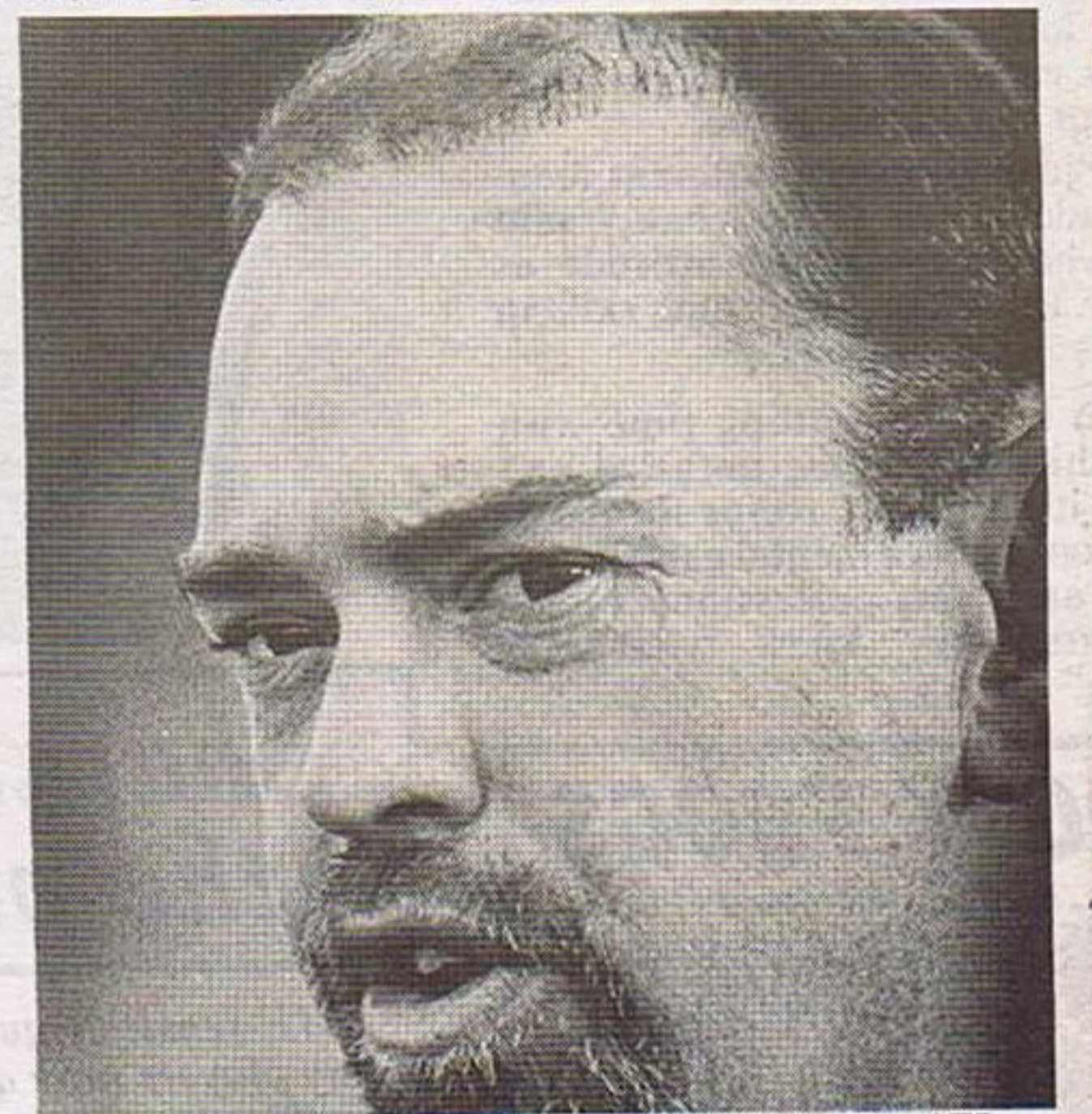
**"He'll go down as one of the greats of the game, so if we can get one or two years out of him, it would be tremendous. If not, we haven't lost much."** Eagles coach Mick Malthouse on the surprise draft selection of retired Essendon legend Tim Watson.

**"I was all set up and ready to go. I wasn't too happy when they told me I was surplus to their requirements."** Subiaco rookie Jamie Billington after being dumped from Essendon's senior list.

**"A lot of Melbourne clubs have got us pegged. They say we can't win a flag in Melbourne unless we become a real club and to become a real club, we need a reserves team."** Eagles coach Mick Malthouse on the need for a reserves side in the WAFL.

**"We completed our pre-season goal last Saturday night and now it's down to the real business."** Hawthorn coach Alan Joyce after the team's Foster's Cup grand final victory over Fitzroy.

**"It's an honour as both a Fremantle person and a keen supporter of the club."** Federal Treasurer John Dawkins, accepting South Fremantle's No. 1 ticket.



Gerard Neesham ... keen to coach in the AFL



# Thinking aloud

A column of news and views by ALAN EAST

## Beecroft was the name we missed



OUT OF SIGHT... former Swan Districts star Bob Beecroft is recalled from the wilderness to join our Great Southern All-Stars team

### Big money for Brown

THERE'S no doubt that Malcolm Brown ranks high as one of Australia's most colourful football characters... and he's had a fascinating four decades of involvement.

An up-coming book on Mal the Mouth reveals some fascinating insights to the man and the player and one of the prized relics to emerge from some research is a 1967 letter from the Richmond Football Club.

Written by the late Graeme Richmond, a man renowned as an astute talent-spotter and football administrator, it invited Brown, then a 20-year-old rookie with East Perth, to try out with Richmond, one of the VFL power clubs at the time.

"There is no doubt in the minds of several astute judges of football ability that you will do well here," said Mr Richmond.

The letter also pointed out that the remuneration from football in Melbourne would be far greater than Perth. Brown could expect to earn up to \$60 a match in 1967, if he made the switch!

### Mental attitude plays the game

HAWTHORN showed their great team discipline last Saturday to come from behind and beat Geelong in their opening match of the season.

And Hawks coach Alan Joyce said it was purely mental attitude that achieved victory for his Foster's Cup winning champions.

Trailing by 28 points at half-time, Geelong looked set to atone for some previous early-season losses to Hawthorn, but it was not to be.

"They just adopted a different mental attitude in the second half," said Joyce, who rates mental attitude as probably the most important skill in football.

"It can be an unsettling time with premiership flags being unfurled and so forth; it's almost a recipe for disaster. But football is a mental game today and they are a very professional bunch of players; they knew what was required."

A FEW weeks back Westside ran a feature article on the number of footballers who had graduated out of the wheatbelt farming regions around the Upper Great Southern area.

Prolific football-breeding grounds such as Wickpin, Dudinin, Pingelly, and Lake Grace had produced a stream of top-line players... and we published an "all-stars" team that would have done justice to Hawthorn.

Naturally enough, we left some-one out!

Actually, we were surprised that we didn't receive a few more calls about players who we had overlooked — after all, it's a big stretch of country and the memory does fade.

### ILLUSTRIOUS

Well, one name that has emerged — rather accidentally actually — is Bob Beecroft, who probably rates as one of the most illustrious products from the region.

He went on to be an All-Australian player, notching more than 300 senior

games in WA, Victoria and South Australia and is a member of Westside's elite 300-game group of WA-bred players.

A flashback segment in Melbourne's Sunday Herald-Sun newspaper actually brought Beecroft's country background to our attention.

Writer Glen McFarlane pointed out that Beecroft, now aged 40 and living in Adelaide, started as a 17-year-old in Narrogin and graduated to Swan Districts in 1970.

After six years — including his 1972 Australian championship efforts that earned a trip to Europe with the All-Stars — he moved to Fitzroy for five years before stopping off at Woodville on his way home... but never quite finishing the trip.

The article mentioned Beecroft's son Brett, who is emerging through the SANFL under-18s competition and will be a name to watch out for.



CANDID CAMERA... no, Eagles ace Peter Wilson hasn't been snapped sneaking a roll-your-own during the annual team photo session at Subiaco Oval! That's just a piece of sticking plaster the flamboyant forward has in his mouth. Willo made an encouraging return to senior football last week with East Fremantle and is still pushing for his place in the Eagles line-up

### Name change might help

ONE can't help but feel for footballers who continually see their name in print — or on the TV screen — and it is spelt wrongly.

Former East Perth and West Coast Eagle Alex Ishchenko has had that problem all his career — so much so that he has jokingly considered changing the spelling to suit everyone else!

The common complaint, of course, is that the first 'H' is left out, turning the name into Ischenko.

Even his new club North Melbourne and the AFL made that mistake recently when they released their list of March draftees.

### Barich loyalty

LONE Perth Eagle Adrian Barich must have been sorely tempted to switch WAFL clubs this season — but loyalty prevailed.

Barich, an original Eagle with 47 games behind him, was tipped to swing over to South Fremantle in the March pre-season shuffling, but he opted to stay put at Lathlain Park.

He admits that the temptation was there, particularly because of a long-standing friendship with Bulldogs coach Mal Brown.

"Being the only Eagle at Perth can be a bit frustrating at times," says Barich. "It would have been good linking up with Brownie again, but in the end I felt happy about staying at Perth."

### Sharks feel the pinch

THE sensitive question of why so many players have quit the East Fremantle camp over this last summer was raised on Radio 6PR on Saturday by Percy Johnson — one of the Sharks most-ardent fans.

Johnson said that there had been a big exodus of players and the question had to be asked why.

But he was quick to point out that he wasn't inferring that anything was wrong in the camp; simply that a few players had been found wanting under the stern training of coach Ken Judge, whose standards of discipline this year will have shocked a few of the not-so-keen types in the Sharks pen.

"Some players were wondering whether it was all worthwhile for \$100 a week when they could make twice that in the country," said Johnson.



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## SFL sticks with WAFC

THE Sunday Football League will continue its affiliation with the West Australian Football Commission for season 1992.

The decision to maintain their links with the WAFC was made last Tuesday when the SFL delegates voted at a special meeting.

In the past, the SFL has had little assistance from the WAFC, either financial or in the provision of umpires and so, little help has been forthcoming for 1992.

The delegates also reached a unanimous decision to introduce a send-off rule and adopt the 50-metre penalty rule for this season.

The SFL has decided to drop its broadcasts of games on Sunday afternoons for financial reasons and will suspend their involvement with radio 6NR for season 1992.

## Morton takes role again

FORMER Claremont premiership player Noel Morton has been re-appointed as coach of the Ongerup Football Association.

Morton, who coaches Newdegate in the association, will lead Ongerup in the Wesfarmers Championships in July in Perth and in the Great Southern Carnival in Albany.

Vic Bertola, a former All-Australian country player, has returned to the league and will resume playing with his old club Boxwood Hill, after a stint in the Great Northern Football League.

A local product from the Ongerup Association making his mark in WAFL football is Jayson Spinks.



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## Fans flock to see Eagles

TAKING football to the people is a theory many clubs are striving to put into practice, especially the Eagles.

The recent experiment by the West Coasters to take their official guernsey presentation to a public function at the Hillarys Marine Harbour, Sorrento Quay, confirms just how popular the players are.

The crowds attending the annual Channel Seven Masters Choc Milk Regatta were delighted when all 52 Eagles members lined up to accept their guernseys for the 1992 season.

Excited spectators gathered less than two metres from their football celebrities as they individually accepted their official numbers.

### SPEECH-MAKERS

Along with Eagles coach Mick Malthouse, his assistant Rob Wiley, sponsors and officials, the crowd heard speeches from captain John Worsfold and his two deputies, Michael Brennan and Chris Mainwaring.

While there was a constant level of encouraging applause for the fresh-faced recruits, the whistles and yells rose considerably when the team's star players such as Chris Lewis, Craig Turley, Chris Mainwaring, Guy McKenna, Scott Watters and Peter Sumich came forward.

Sorrento Quay promotions manager, Julie Reid, said the response from more than 1000 people proved the exercise was a success.

"The idea originated when Channel Seven asked us whether we would be interested in holding the presentation on regatta day and from there, the Eagles were all for it," she said.

### OLD FAVOURITES

"It was a chance to introduce new players to the public and have the old favourites up on the stand," she said.

After the official presentation, a special morning tea was held for the players, with autograph signing and a junior membership enrolment stand operating for the juniors.

Some of the Eagles players joined in the regatta commentary, passing some opinions on the merits of the various performers.

"It was a great success because Sorrento Quay has the capacity to gather large crowds," Julie said.

"I think next year would attract even more people and we would certainly love to have the players back to do it again."

## Have your say

You can have your say on any football matters in Westside's Letters column. Keep them brief and only signed letters will be published

### Give Jakovich recognition

I would like to complain about something I find extremely aggravating.

It is concerning Glen Jakovich's lack of media attention. In season 1991 both Jakovich and Ashley McIntosh were new to the AFL scene as Eagles rookies.

Jakovich was often disregarded, while the other player was constantly being called a great asset to the club and one of the top finds of the season.

While McIntosh received all the attention, it was Jakovich who took the Eagles best first year player award.

Maybe that attention was because McIntosh's father John was a VFL player and the question was whether Ashley would perform as well.

Jakovich is only 18 years old and the second youngest in the Eagles squad and it's about time he received some recognition.

*Sarah Young  
Rockingham*

*EDITOR: We agree... hope you enjoyed last week's front page photograph and a special feature on Glen Jakovich*



## Amateurs stalwart has a break

LONG-SERVING amateur administrator Tom Naylor has retired as registrar after 25 years in the position.

Naylor, a brother of legendary South Fremantle full-forward Bernie Naylor, began his association with the amateurs in 1933, playing with CBC Old Boys and later serving as captain and coach of the club.

He was awarded life membership of CBC in 1954 and joined the West Australian Amateur Football League in 1957, as a general clerk.

In 1967, Naylor was appointed general registrar of the League, a position he held till February, 1991.

### VOLUNTARY

Though he has officially retired, Naylor will still help out at the League on a voluntary basis and continue to be the timekeeper for CBC on Saturdays.

After more than 58 years of service to amateur football, as an administrator, player and coach, Naylor says it was time he stepped aside.

"I've been there a long time and it

was time I let somebody else have a turn," says Naylor.

"And I am getting on, so it's time I had a rest."

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## Rumours chip in to help Crisis Centre

CLUB Rumours might be the most popular night club venue in town, especially as far as footballers go, but they haven't forgotten about another section of the community.

Club manager Dennis Barbarich — a devout South Fremantle and Eagles fan — is launching a special appeal to support Father Brian Morrison's Crisis Care centre.

An open function will be held at the club on Wednesday, April 1, with the Blues Brothers and Magnificent Seven entertaining the crowds. The club's staff, the DJs, the management and the entertainers will all donate their time for the appeal.

All bar and door proceeds (\$10 at the door, \$8 pre-sale) will go directly to the Crisis Centre, which is in need of urgent financial support to keep its doors open.

Rock up at 7.30pm on April Fool's Day for a good cause.

## What's on at your club

EAST Perth will hold a Trash-Treasure day at Perth Oval this Sunday in support of Appealathon.

The fair is open to buyers and sellers with the official guernsey presentation for the 1992 league team winding up the day in the clubrooms at 5pm.

The fair will feature TV celebrities, Eagles and league players, a sausage sizzle and the chance to win a Ford Laser, donated by Centre Ford, in a hole-in-one competition.

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WEST Perth will present their guernseys this Saturday night with a special function at the club.

The presentation is open to public and members and is staged as the official opening to the 1992 season.

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THE guernsey presentation for South Fremantle will be held at 4pm this Sunday.

The Bulldogs will hold their first cabaret at 7.30pm on April 11, in the social hall. Entry is \$10 and all members and guests are welcome.

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PERTH will present their guernseys to the senior players this Saturday night at a special cabaret.

The night is open to the public and members and all inquiries should be directed to the club.

Perth will hold a Ladies Day on April 5.

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SWAN Districts will stage a players revue on April 26

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SUBIACO will hold their guernsey presentation next Tuesday at 7.30pm.

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CLAREMONT will take part in the annual Rotary Fair this Friday at 7pm at Bayview Park, on the corner of Stirling Highway and Bayview Terrace. The fair continues on Saturday, with heaps of prizes to be given away.

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EAST Fremantle's presentation of guernseys will be held on Saturday night at the club, combined with a chicken and spaghetti treat. Meals will be available from 5pm, with the presentations at 6.45pm. Cost is \$5.





PRESENTS...



# Off the beaten track

with ALAN EAST



# Rookie joined roving legends



OLD MEMORIES ... the Doncons, Brett, Glenice and Keith, glance through some old football cuttings



FARM LIFE ... sharing the workload on their Wickepin farm, Keith Doncon and son Brett

WHEN football talk swings to great rovers, the names Barry Cable and Bill Walker are foremost. After all, they collected six Sandover Medals between them.

But the good judges always include a third rover, a talented youngster who was rated in the same breath as the big two.

He was Keith Doncon, a country recruit whose effect on city football was stunning, albeit intermittent.

The roving rivalry was at its peak in the mid-1960s when all three wore State guernseys. In fact, Doncon created a touch of controversy when he won a place in the WA side alongside Cable, leaving Walker on the reserves bench.

Confirmation of Doncon's class came in 1966 when he earned an All-Australian jumper at the Australian championships in Hobart.

Back in Perth the roving duels between the three little champs produced some great contests, but the battle was short-lived.

Cable and Walker became veterans with Perth and Swan Districts. But Doncon was lured back to his Wickepin farm and though he made several come-backs, he was thwarted by injury.

Doncon first flirted with city football in 1963 and '64, joining The Royals after being recruited by the doyen of talent scouts, Hec Stempel.

## GRADUATE

Walker and Cable — also country stars from Narbeem and Narrogin — were established rovers, but the 19-year-old Doncon had a good enough season to be rated by much-travelled big man, Bob Johnson, as the best rover he had seen in four States.

A graduate from the football-rich Scotch College system, Doncon went back to help Wickepin win the 1965 Upper Great Southern grand final.

He also went home to marry his country sweetheart, Glenice, a union that produced children Brett (20), who helps run the family farm; Stephanie (25), who works in Perth and Wendy (23), a wool-classer at Boyup Brook.

"I never planned to leave the family farm for long, it was always going to be a short stay in the city," says Doncon, now content with farming and a successful lawn bowls career.

*"Those two years gave me a taste of football, but I was quite happy to go back to the bush. The incentives weren't all that great and the travelling killed it more than anything."*

"But East Perth kept in touch and after a season with Wickepin, I was enticed back to Perth," he said.

Doncon was invited to an end-of-season game in Bunbury in 1965 where he first met Kevin Murray, who influenced him to return to the Royals.

Doncon was back in top football in 1966, winning his State guernsey for the Hobart carnival and re-igniting the rivalry with Cable and Walker.

"I played the first game against Tasmania, then against South Australia I was a reserve and went on at half-time when someone got hurt; the selectors put Bill on a wing and I roved."

Doncon's return meant that Walker, the 1965 Sandover Medallist, had to make way for a country comeback kid who stole his starting spot for the clash with Victoria.

He admits that being grouped with legends like Cable and Walker was an achievement to be proud of.

"It's probably one of the things that I look back on that does give me a sense of satisfaction. It was rewarding to be rated so highly for the short time I played."

His return coincided with East Perth's grand final re-appearance and though the 1966 and '67 seasons ended in defeat, Doncon was the team's best player in the premiership play-offs. But Cable, his immediate rival, added two Simpson Medals to his premiership medallions.

"It was good roving against Cable and Walker; they were top players and I always admired them," says Doncon. "You lifted when you played against them."

"I seemed to play well in the bigger games; the bigger the match, the better I played," he modestly concedes.

In 1968 the farm lured him home again, tired of the constant travelling up and down to Perth on Saturdays.

"I hardly ever trained with East Perth, maybe three or four times a year," he says.

"At that stage we had little babies and it was just as easy to come straight home after the game as it was to find somewhere to stay."

But the city lure was ever-present and he was back at East Perth in 1969 — only to be hit by injury.

In a farm accident he broke a vertebra in his back, just weeks before going to South Australia with the State side. But he worked hard at Hollywood Rehabilitation Hospital to get fit for East Perth's finals.

"But that's when I copped the famous Polly Farmer KO; it was the third quarter of the second semi-final, but it wasn't the reason that I missed the grand final."



OLD BUDDIES ... flashback to 1966 when rival rovers Bill Walker (left) and Keith Doncon joined forces to travel interstate to do battle with the Vics

"I never saw him coming and though he flattened me, I came back to life and continued playing. But about 20 minutes after that, I turned to shepherd Brad Smith and did my knee. It wasn't related to the Farmer incident; it just went and no-one was anywhere near me."

Doncon played two games at the start of 1970, but was told to rest until June, when he played with Wickepin, qualifying for the Great Southern carnival.

It was a remarkable comeback, producing two 40-kick games and exciting Royals officials again.

He returned to Perth Oval and trained solidly for a week leading up to the finals. But his left leg blew up and an operation revealed a cartilage split in three places.

He played a few more games with Wickepin, but his 75-game league career was over.

While Doncon suffered a broken jaw in 1963 which cost him four games and a broken collarbone, he successfully switched to lawn bowls.

*"I look back on East Perth as being an important part of my life," says Doncon. "But I can't see how today's can swap from club to club so quickly."*

Doncon was one of a host of sporting stars to come from Scotch College.

But after leaving school he could have been an East Fremantle player. He played one practice match on Saturday with East Fremantle in the pre-season of 1963 — before lining up with East Perth on Sunday.

## IN DEMAND

Wife Glenice explains: "He thought he would play two games in the one weekend to make the trip down worthwhile. By the Sunday night word must have got out about him and the phone was running hot where we were staying."

But it was Hec Stempel who enticed Doncon to East Perth.

Former Scotch star Don Langdon was playing with East Perth and Doncon was best mates with his brother Winton. The pair would watch the Royals and were always well looked after by the persuasive Stempel.

There are many fond memories about city football and the game's characters for the Doncons.

Glenice remembers Malcom Brown's mother. She says: "His mother sticks in my mind more than anyone. She would be there every week, with her umbrella and she'd get so angry when things went bad for East Perth."

The iron man of football, Kevin Murray, influenced Doncon's 1966 comeback and was always an inspiration to him.

"He used to play with a great big brace on his back," says Doncon. "If you ever went out there thinking your knee was a bit sore, you'd look at Murray and suddenly realise you were quite okay."

Doncon later played country week cricket for Wickepin but gave up because of his knee problem, taking up lawn bowls. Teaming with local bowler, Colin Fleay, the pair soon made their mark.

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# Cool cat Turley sets new targets

**GOING** into the new AFL season as the reigning club champion for the West Coast Eagles puts a fair amount of pressure on midfielder Craig Turley.

But the cool temperament of one of the most improved footballers in the nation gives Turley plenty of confidence as he shapes up for his fourth season in the national competition.

As runner-up in last year's Brownlow Medal — finishing five votes behind Melbourne's popular winner, Jim Stynes — Turley expects to be a targeted player this year.

But, again, he's not troubled by the close-checking tactics that will be applied to him as he free-wheels around the middle of the ground and operates as a key part of the Eagles engine.

The improved form of Turley over the years has been one of football's success stories — right from the days when he struggled to be a regular at West Perth, where his two-game debut towards the end of the 1985 season was followed by just 10 games the next year.

The good judges at the Eagles had him pencilled in as a 'developing player' when he was added to the squad for the 1989 season. However, he was still only rated as an 'average contributor'; a 50-50 performer, playing 11 games for the season.

But all that uncertainty was about to change and in 1990, Turley came of age, with a hard-running game based on superb stamina and fitness, increased strength and an unshakeable determination.

He played 17 games under new coach Mick Malthouse, gathered more than 300 possessions (to be in the club's top 10) and finished in the top 12 in the club champion voting.

Season 1991 saw another leap forward; advancing to be the clear winner of the club champion award and top possession-getter in the side — 577 kicks and handballs, or an impressive average of 22 grabs of the football per game.

The improved form was acknowledged by the AFL umpires, who rated him highly in their Brownlow Medal voting and certainly noted by the opposing coaches, who would rate his ball-getting as a major obstacle in their quest for victory.

But for Turley, there won't be too many changes in his approach to season 1992.

His preparation was somewhat different to the rest of the squad — he spent two months surfing up and down the Spanish coast after the team's trip to London. But that late start didn't affect him at all; evidenced by his best-on-ground display in the opening Foster's Cup game in Darwin's sweltering heat in early February.

*"It was certainly an enjoyable summer holiday, but I did put in a lot of work while I was away," says Turley.*

"I had a good rest, which is just as important to me as training, as it helped freshen me up. But I never stopped working on my fitness. If I wasn't surfing, I'd be putting in a run quite often.

"I'll definitely be re-assessing some of my personal goals for this season. But I'm not thinking any different than I was this time last year.

"I'll look at the areas where I think I can improve and work on those areas. I'll still concentrate on hard work and I know there's plenty of hard work to do.

"Personal things like my speed and strength can always be improved, but basically I'll keep my goals to myself and just quietly work away at my game."

Quiet is certainly the operative word for the softly-spoken 26-year-old, who hails from Nollamara and is almost a full-time footballer, mixing his sport with a part-time promotions role with the Eagles.

*"I realise that I will be watched a lot closer this year; that's something I have to live with," he admits.*

"It happened a couple of times last season and I learned a few valuable lessons, especially when I played on Dennis Carroll, of the Sydney Swans.

"He shut me right out of the game, so that's another obstacle to be taken into account and I'm confident I can come to terms with situations like that.

"I have to do the things that come naturally and running hard is one of them. I like spending as much time near the footy as I can. Centre is probably my favourite spot, but the half-back or half-forward line is okay.

**TURNING IT ON ...**  
Eagles star Craig Turley is one of the team's most damaging midfielders — and he can certainly smile about his achievements



The modest Turley doesn't like to reflect too much on last year's success; he is a real team man and puts a lot of his personal improvement down to coaching encouragement and strong support from team-mates.

*"I certainly felt as though I achieved most of last year's targets, but I still need to re-assess my goals again this year."*

Turley, a lover of travelling, reading books, surfing and sleeping in, is a quiet achiever in every sense.

After graduating from Mirrabooka High School, Turley studied business management at the Edith Cowan University. He then had a tough taste of life in the Police Force, with his fitness and strength making him a suitable candidate for the Tactical Response Group. In fact, he finished dux of the class of more than 100 rookies after four months in the Police Academy.

Unfortunately, the Police Force interfered with his football commitments, so he opted out, but with plenty of lessons learnt from the disciplined world of drill sergeants.

From there, he branched out into private enterprise, doing some modelling assignments for television and newspaper advertisements and now he is engaged by the Eagles to help co-ordinate the promotional aspects of the in-demand team members.

But the bottom line of all those activities is that Turley is a full-on professional-thinking footballer and he doesn't want any second placings this year — either in a team situation or individually.

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## Champs get taste of new footy product

FOOTY champions from two eras shared a common taste recently — the launch of the new Tip Top Footy Bread, a white hyfibe product that has taken Victoria by storm.

Tip Top have joined the world of football as a sponsor in a number of ways — from junior development through the Football Development Trust to a major promotion involving the West Coast Eagles.

Ace Eagles goalkicker Peter Sumich is the man spearheading the WA campaign — as has Dermott Brereton in Victoria — and Suma is backed up by former champion and living legend, Barry Cable.

Sumich features prominently in a television commercial that Tip Top launched this week — and Cable will be involved with the company as part of his junior encouragement awards for country players.

The new Footy Bread gets Suma's stamp of approval in the TV commercial and the Tip Top promotion also features a magnificent colour poster of the Eagles star — in addition, of course, to his weekly column in Westside Football.



ABOVE: Peter Sumich and Tip Top's marketing manager, Ray Lennon, launch the new Footy Bread. BELOW: Barry Cable looks pretty happy with the new white hyfibe bread



## Sharks mix with juniors


EAST Fremantle juniors had the chance to meet some of their league heroes and newly-appointed coaches at a special promotional day organised by the club last Wednesday.

About 60 juniors aged 13, 14 and 15 took part in the clinic at the Bullcreek-Leeming Junior Football Club.


The juniors were put through their paces by players such as Steve Malaxos, John Lawrence, Peter Quill and Neil Lester-Smith, along with coach Ken Judge and new football manager, Rod Lester-Smith.

The 13s, unaware of any tackling techniques, were put through the basic skills, while the 14s and 15s learned the importance of team skills.

A sausage sizzle ended the day and organiser Rod Lester-Smith says it was a good success.



THE HUNGRY JACK'S WHOPPER CLUB



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WELL, we're off to Sydney this weekend and it's going to be a tough encounter with the Swans.

The boys have been in great touch during the practice matches and though we gave Sydney something to think about when they came over recently, our form then counts for little now. The real stuff starts this Sunday.

You can bet former Hawthorn and Subiaco star Gary Buckenara will have a different Sydney Swans line-up and all the players will be fired up to give Bucky his first win in the AFL.

The players to watch out for Sydney will be wingman David Murphy, Barry Mitchell, Dennis Carroll and Mark Bayes, all players with considerable experience and who have been a thorn in our side in past encounters.

Last season we didn't play in Sydney, so some of our new recruits probably will need time to adapt to the surroundings. What is also in the back of our minds is that since 1987, we have only one once and that was in 1990.

### TIGERS MATE

Also watch out for a former teammate of mine down at Claremont in Andrew McGovern, who should line-up for the Swans in his AFL debut.

## Big thrills coming for Falcons

WEST Perth will be giving some juniors the opportunity to play under the public spotlight when the 1992 WAFL season kicks off in April.

For each Leederville Oval fixture, a junior mascot will be chosen from the six local clubs to lead West Perth onto the field at the start of the game.

The club's 15s team have begun training under Steve Heller, while the 14s are gearing up for their start on April 3, under Dave Hicks.

The 13s coach is yet to be appointed and Matt Tweedie, Football Manager for West Perth, is set to train the 17s.

This season's holiday clinics on April 22-23 at Kingsley Reserve will be hosted by Eagles stars Craig Turley and Dean Laidley, plus West Perth players, Basil Zempilas, Glen Bewick and David Elliott.

All participants will be made junior members of the club and receive a West Perth jumper or T-shirt, with Pepsi and Kelloggs give-aways.

Sponsored by Quit, juniors have to enrol through their local schools or junior clubs.

## Off to Sydney for a tough battle

Andrew had a sensational 1991 for Claremont and his form for Sydney over the pre-season has been impressive.

The Eagles are just about full strength, posing plenty of selection problems for the coaching staff, with Michael Brennan and Ashley McIntosh still recovering from injuries.

Coach Mick Malthouse has been stressing to the players during the week the importance of getting off to a good start and building a solid foundation for the rest of the season.

## Flying high

WITH a name like the Eagles and with a home ground near Perth Airport, you would expect a team to set its sights high.

Such is the case with the Airport Eagles Junior Football Club, who are fast becoming a force to be reckoned with in the local competition.

With the influx of new families into the Redcliffe district, the club is expecting bigger numbers.

The Eagles are also in need of more coaching assistance, so anyone who can help should call 277 3135 or 277 7684.

## He's a winner

**Congratulations Luke Stanley, of Maddington — you are a Westside winner!** Luke's entry for our Dermott Brereton competition was the first correct entry out of the barrel, listing his guernsey number as 23.

He wins a copy of Brereton's book, *Hooked on Football* and that will provide many hours of enjoyment.

## Tigers have been busy

CLAREMONT footballers have been kicking the ball around local schools and handing out leaflets to promote the club and generate interest among juniors.

Club officials have worked hard over the past two weeks organising senior players to visit State and private schools in the area.

With registration day just around the corner, the Tigers players have been flat out working with prospective junior players.

Claremont Football Manager, Phil Smart, says there has been a good response so far with Claremont now offering five junior clubs.

The club is also gearing up for holiday clinics to be held this Saturday and Sunday on April 21-24 between 9am and noon.

Claremont league players were involved in special clinics last weekend, passing on skills and advice to a host of juniors.

The club is also looking forward to the 14s, 15s and 16s Country Development Squads to play in the lower Southern region later in the season.

The combined 15s are also gearing up ready to start training on April 13.

## Demons to help juniors

PERTH league players will be giving Kelmscott juniors a few hints on skills when they journey to John Dunn Oval, on Sunday April 9, for a coaching clinic.

Four senior Demons will be on hand before the main Sunday Football League match between Kelmscott and Gosnells to go through a few exercises with the juniors in a special promotional day organised by the Perth club.

Coaches are still to be appointed for the nine junior clubs, with a series of promotional clinics for the juniors coming up shortly.

The popular Whopper Clinics, sponsored by Hungry Jack's, are being organised for the club this year by league player Mark Grogan, who is planning 18 clinics in total.

The first will held on Monday, March 30 at East Maddington Primary School and hosted by Mark himself.

The second clinic is at Langford Primary School on Wednesday, April 1 taken by Mark and Ian Wells and the third will be Thursday, April 2 at Seaford Primary School by Mark.

Keep an eye out for more Whopper Clinics to be announced in Westside Football.

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# Summer diary

## Did you miss this...

## Fantasy footy stirs the fans

**MARCH 18:** THE South Australian National Football League Commission approved the introduction of a send-off rule for serious offences in local games this year. THE taste of victory over Essendon for Collingwood's forward **Shane Watson** was soured when he suffered an injured thumb and finger, sidelining him for a month.



PHIL NARKLE ... Swans captain

**MARCH 19:** GEELONG named former Eagle **Geoff Miles** to make his debut for the Cats against Hawthorn, along with Swan Districts rookie, **Steven Handley**. CARLTON fans have rallied behind de-registered centreman

**Greg Williams**, sending letters of support and demanding the lifting of the ban imposed because he failed to reveal his full contractual details of 1990.

**MARCH 20:** HAWTHORN star **Dermott Brereton** was ruled out of the Geelong game due to a hip injury incurred in the Foster's Cup final. AUSTRALIAN Football League chairman **Ross Oakley** rejected an AFL team from Tasmania or the ACT, but says there may be another side from WA or South Australia by 1995.

**MARCH 21:** AUSTRALIA'S treasurer and the Member for Fremantle, **John Dawkins**, was presented with the No. 1 ticket-holder's badge for South Fremantle, an honour previously held by **Bob Hawke** and **Alan Bond**. PERTH assistant coach **Ken Hunter** has stepped down so he can join his wife in Melbourne undergoing treatment for an illness. The position has been filled by former premiership player, **Jeff Dickinson**. WEST Coast captain **John Worsfold** played strongly in a practice match with South Fremantle and other solid efforts by injured Eagles came from **Paul Harding**, **Karl Langdon**, **Andrew Lockyer**, **Peter Wilson** and **Peter Matera**.

**MARCH 22:** HAWTHORN continued their opening-game hoodoo over Geelong, coming from behind to beat the Cats by 20 points, 21.15 (141) to 18.13 (121). CARLTON managed to scrape through against the Brisbane Bears at Carrara, St Kilda beat Essen-

don for the first time in 12 years and Footscray upset the Adelaide Crows at Adelaide.

**MARCH 23:** Eagles coach **Mick Malthouse** has agreed to coach WA's State-of-Origin side in their MCG clash with Victoria this year.

**MARCH 25:** WEST Coast rookie **Daniel Metropolis** is in doubt for the game against the Sydney Swans due to a hamstring injury, while **Ashley McIntosh** has been sidelined for another two weeks with his knee injury. **Craig Turley** and **Brett Heady** looked strong at training and both should be available for selection. THE AFL tribunal cleared Geelong duo **Damian Bourke** and **Andrew Rogers** and St Kilda's **Russell Morris** of charges after being booked in the opening round, but Carlton rookie **Paul McCormack** was suspended for two matches for charging Brisbane's **Matthew Campbell**. **PHIL Narkle** was named club captain of Swan Districts for 1992, with **Murray Rance** his deputy. CLAREMONT'S **Brian Beresford** will captain the Tigers, assisted by **Scott Edwards**.

FANTASY Football has become the 'in-thing' right across Australia as the game to be played off the field by the dedicated fans.

Designed and launched by West Australians **Glen Stewart** and **Gary Thomas**, Fantasy Football is played between friends (or foes), in offices, among football club members or just your neighbourhood colleagues.

The game kicks off with a draft, which allocates each coach 20 players, of whom nine are used in action each week.

Individual participants who form their own leagues can make up teams to suit themselves — and some of the names competing in last year's various leagues make for fascinating reading.

For example, one league had the Whips and Spurs, the Bull Creek Brownies, the Windjammers, the Vic Park Pillows, the Manglers and Perth Meat.

It's easy to set up your own league, simply subscribe to Fantasy Football and you will receive a book of instructions.

Even though the AFL season has already kicked off, it's not too late to join in. Private leagues can start up anytime, with weekly fixtures structured to fit in with any round of the AFL.

## MASTERS CHOC PRESENTS

# What's happening in football.

### Aust. Football League

**SATURDAY:** Round 2 — Richmond v North Melbourne, at Waverley; Melbourne v Geelong, at MCG, (Channel 7); Carlton v Hawthorn, at Princes Park; Collingwood v Brisbane Bears, at Victoria Park. **SUNDAY:** Essendon v Fitzroy, at MCG; Footscray v St Kilda, at Western Oval; Sydney v West Coast, at SCG, (Channel 7); Adelaide-bye.

### Sunday League

**PRACTICE MATCHES**  
Sunday: Colts 9am, reserves 11.45am, league 2.20pm: Gosnells v Thornlie, at Gosnells Oval; Wanneroo v Kelmscott, at Kingsway Reserve; Armadale v Canning, at Gwynne Park; Applecross v Kalamunda, at East Fremantle Oval; Kenwick v Willetton, at Mills Park.

### WA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**PRACTICE MATCHES**  
Saturday, 2.20pm: Perth v East Perth, at Lathlain Park; West Perth v East Fremantle, at East Fremantle Oval; South Fremantle v Subiaco, at Fremantle Oval; Claremont v Swan Districts, at Claremont Oval.

### Amateur League

**PRACTICE MATCHES**  
Saturday: West Coast v University, at McGillivray. Sunday: Trinity Aquinas v Northam, at Northam.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Saturday: Round 2** — Norwood v Sturt, at Football Park; Glenelg v Eagles, at Football Park; West Adelaide v Port Adelaide, at Richmond Oval; North Adelaide v South Adelaide, at Prospect Oval; Central Districts-bye.



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**AFL — Round 1**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

HAWTHORN	4.3	7.10	15.13	21.15	141
GEELONG	5.3	12.8	14.10	18.13	121

**GOALS — Hawthorn:** Dunstall 12, Hudson 3, Collins, Hall, Jarman, Allan, Pritchard, Platten. **Geelong:** Bairstow 4, Couch 3, Scott, Brownless, Forssman, Brown 2, Poole, Handley, Ablett.

**BEST — Hawthorn:** Dunstall, Jarman, Platten, Langford, Collins, P. Dear. **Geelong:** Couch, Barnes, Bairstow, Scott, Stoneham, Ablett. Played at Waverley Park. Umpires: John Russo, Bryan Sheehan. Attendance: 34,677.

CARLTON	1.5	2.9	7.14	13.14	92
BRISBANE	4.3	7.6	10.6	10.8	68

**GOALS — Carlton:** S. Kernahan 5, Silvaghi, Arceri 2, Gleeson, Sexton, Brown, De Iulio. **Brisbane:** Hutton 3, Owen, McLean, Schache, Merrett, Campbell, Ryan, Alexander.

**BEST — Carlton:** Brown, S. Kernahan, Arceri, Athorn, Hanna, Alvin. **Brisbane:** Merrett, White, Owen, Hutton, Alexander, Baine. Played at Carrara. Umpires: Brett Allen, Chris Mitchell. Attendance: 9,066.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

ST KILDA	5.3	9.9	13.12	18.20	128
ESSENDON	7.0	9.5	15.8	17.9	111

**GOALS — St Kilda:** Lockett 7, Allen 3, Winmar 2, Devonport, Coghlan, Loewe, Greig, Harvey, Pekin. **Essendon:** Kickett 3, Dick, C. Daniher, Madden, O'Donnell 2, Ezard, Somerville, Flood, Bower, Denham, Hird.

**BEST — St Kilda:** Harvey, Dwyer, Loewe, Pekin, Devonport, Burke. **Essendon:** C. Daniher, O'Donnell, Long, Kickett, Flood, Bower. Played at Waverley Park. Umpires: Michael Abbott, Gavin Dore. Attendance: 44,520.

FOOTSCRAY	6.3	9.5	13.11	17.12	114
ADELAIDE	2.3	6.9	6.11	12.15	87

**GOALS — Footscray:** Hawkins, Kolyniuk 3, Charles, Atkins, Liberatore, Ballantyne 2, Kellett, Coleman, Grant. **Adelaide:** McGuinness, Hodges, Jameson 2, D. Hart, Marshall, McIntyre, Bickley, Liptak, Weidemann.

**BEST — Footscray:** Hawkins, Atkins, Kolyniuk, Wynd, Toohey, Liberatore. **Adelaide:** B. Hart, McGuinness, Maynard, Tasker. Played at Football Park, Adelaide. Umpires: John Harvey, Grant Vernon. Attendance: 40,381.

**Sth Australia Football League**

Round 1

SOUTH ADELAIDE	4.4	7.7	12.10	22.13	145
GLENELG	4.3	8.7	9.12	13.15	93

**GOALS — South Adelaide:** Groom, Bone 5, Heath, Stoeckel 3, Troy, Page 2, Naley, Osborne. **Glenelg:** Lamb 5, Russell, Hallahan 2, Chigwidden, Mansell, Fidge, Hele.

**BEST — South Adelaide:** Groom, Bone, Heath, Troy, McCarty, Page. **Glenelg:** Lamb, Hallahan, Russell, Stuart, Gibbs, Thompson. Played at Glenelg Oval. Attendance: 6,030.

WEST ADELAIDE	6.0	8.8	15.11	22.15	147
EAGLES	3.7	7.11	11.14	12.18	90

**GOALS — West Adelaide:** Modra 10, Woosnam 3, Patterson, Grosser, Deptula 2, Byrne, Porter, O'Donohue. **Eagles:** Morphet 3, Niemann 2, Klemm, Geyer, Spehr, Di Biase, Taylor, Haylock, Totham.

**BEST — West Adelaide:** Modra, Grosser, Patterson, Lindner, McKinnon, Carlson. **Eagles:** Klemm, Morphet, Haylock, Schwarz, Payze, Pyman. Played at Football Park. Attendance: 8,173.

PORT ADELAIDE	4.4	9.7	13.10	17.13	115
NORTH ADELAIDE	6.3	8.10	13.16	14.21	105

**GOALS — Port Adelaide:** M. Williams 5, Grimm 3, Buckley 2, Ginever, Chalmers, S. Williams, Smith, Settre, Hutton, Abernethy. **North Adelaide:** Hill 3, Morton, Nunan, Atkinson 2, McCarthy, Smith, Redden, Sanders, Saliba.

**BEST — Port Adelaide:** M. Williams, Smith, Abernethy, Grimm, Buckley, Hutton. **North Adelaide:** Atkinson, Saliba, Redden, Morton, Nunan, Holland. Played at Football Park (double header). Attendance: 8,173.

CENTRAL	4.3	6.6	15.11	20.15	135
STURT	5.3	6.9	8.11	11.16	82

**GOALS — Central:** Chaplin, Handley 5, Mandemaker 3, Haraida, Smith, Gunn 2, Reimers. **Sturt:** Obst 3, Kitschke, Johns, Stevenson 2, Viney, Roberson.

**BEST — Central:** Smith, Chaplin, Handley, Haraida, Hocking, Viney. **Sturt:** Paynter, Richter, Russell, Sanderson, Gunn. Played at Elizabeth Oval. Attendance: 3,110.

**AFL GOALKICKERS**

	Games	Score
Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	12	12.4
Tony Lockett (St Kilda)	7	7.4
Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)	5	5.3
Mark Bairstow (Geelong)	4	4.1
John Hutton (Bears)	3	3.2
Tim Allen (St Kilda)	3	3.1
Paul Hudson (Hawthorn)	3	3.1
Paul Couch (Geelong)	3	3.0
Doug Hawkins (Footscray)	3	3.3
Steven Kolyniuk (Footscray)	3	3.1
Derek Kickett (Essendon)	3	3.1

**AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	%	Pts	Ratio
CARLTON	1	1	0	0	92	68	135.29	4	100.00
FOOTSCRAY	1	1	0	0	114	87	131.03	4	100.00
HAWTHORN	1	1	0	0	141	121	116.53	4	100.00
ST KILDA	1	1	0	0	128	111	115.32	4	100.00
ESSENDON	1	0	1	0	111	128	86.72	0	0.00
GEELONG	1	0	1	0	121	141	85.82	0	0.00
Adelaide	1	0	1	0	87	114	76.32	0	0.00
Brisbane	1	0	1	0	68	92	73.91	0	0.00
West Coast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Sydney Swans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Richmond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Nth Melbourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Melbourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Fitzroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Collingwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE LADDER**

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
CENTRAL DISTRICT	1	1	0	135	82	2	62.21
WEST ADELAIDE	1	1	0	147	90	2	62.03
SOUTH ADELAIDE	1	1	0	145	93	2	60.92
PORT ADELAIDE	1	1	0	115	105	2	52.27
NORTH ADELAIDE	1	0	1	105	115	0	47.73
Glenelg	1	0	1	93	145	0	39.08
Eagles	1	0	1	90	147	0	37.97
Sturt	1	0	1	82	135	0	37.79
Norwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

# Swans pair are rewarded for service

SWAN Districts pair Allan Raynor and Kevin Knighton have been honoured by the West Australian Football Commission with Certificates of Recognition for their service to the sport.

Raynor has played an active role in the Swan Districts Regional Junior Football Association with his local side, High Wycombe, going from being a committee member to club president, as well as a coach.

"It was a tremendous honour to receive such an award," says Raynor. "There has been a lot of hard work over the years, but it's all worth while.

"I enjoy football, I've made many friends and I wanted to give something back to football, because it's been an important part of my life."

Raynor has been active as a coach at High Wycombe and also with Swans junior sides at inter-district and country carnivals.

Swans also recognised Raynor's talents by appointing him as the Youth Development Director at the club this season.

Knighton has clocked up almost 20 years as the scoreboard attendant at Bassendean Oval and has never missed a home game.

In 1984, he received a 10-year Certificate of Merit for his service to the black and whites and his devotion to Swans means that he never misses a goal kicked by his favourite players.

**WELL REWARDED** ... Swan Districts general manager Brian Close with scoreboard attendant Kevin Knighton (left) and (below) junior coach Allan Raynor



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<b>Saturday, 21st March (Round 1)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawthorn 21.15 (141) v <input type="checkbox"/> Geelong 18.13 (121)	<input type="checkbox"/> Brisbane 10.8 (68) v <input type="checkbox"/> Carlton 13.14 (92)
<b>Sunday, 22nd March</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Kilda 18.20 v <input type="checkbox"/> Essendon 17.9 (111)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adelaide 12.15 (87) v <input type="checkbox"/> Footscray 17.12 (114)
<b>Bye:</b> Collingwood, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Nth Melbourne, Richmond, Sydney, West Coast.	
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<b>Bye:</b> Adelaide	
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<b>Bye:</b> Carlton	
<b>Friday 10th April (Round 4)</b>	
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<b>Saturday, 11th April</b>	
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<b>Bye:</b> Brisbane	
<b>Saturday, 18th April (Round 5)</b>	
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<b>Monday, 20th April</b>	
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<b>Bye:</b> Geelong	
<b>Friday, 24th April (Round 6)</b>	
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<b>Saturday, 25th April</b>	
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<b>Bye:</b> Footscray	
<b>Saturday, 2nd May (Round 7)</b>	
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<b>Bye:</b> Essendon	
<b>Thursday, 7th May (Round 8)</b>	
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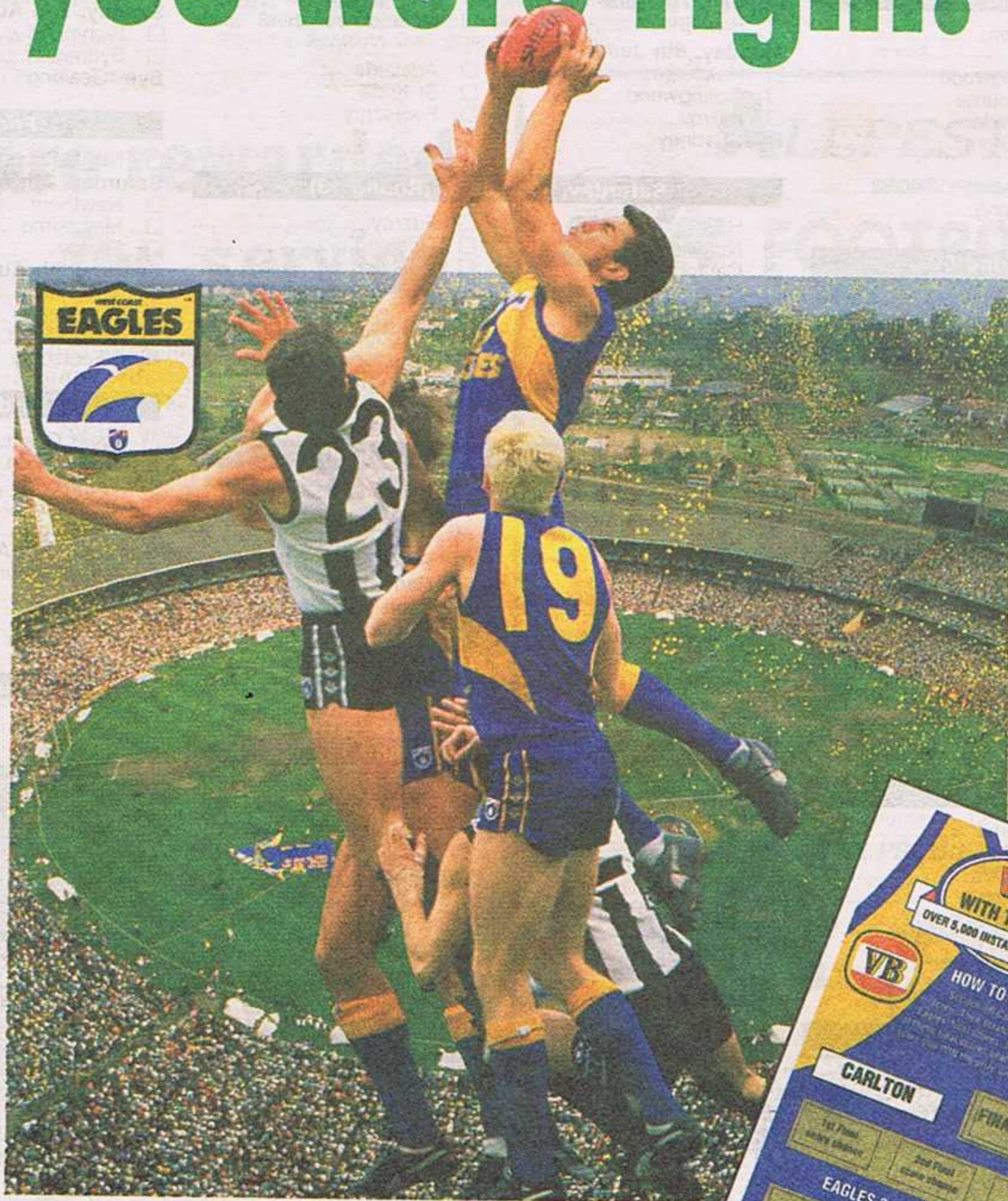
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<b>Bye:</b> St Kilda	
<b>THE FINALS</b>	
<b>WEEK 1 (September 5/6)</b>	
Qualifying final: 1st v 2nd.	
Second elimination final: 3rd v 6th	
First elimination final: 4th v 5th	
(The two lowest ranking losers are eliminated).	
<b>WEEK 2 (September 12/13)</b>	
Second semi-final: The two highest ranking winners from week 1 play each other.	
First semi-final: The two remaining teams play each other.	
<b>WEEK 3 (September 19)</b>	
Preliminary final: Loser of the second semi-final plays the winner of the first semi-final.	
<b>WEEK 4 (September 26)</b>	
Grand final: Winner of the second semi-final plays the winner of the preliminary final.	



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