

SECOND AFL TEAM GETS CLOSER

THE momentum is building up for a second AFL team out of Perth and West Coast officials have moved quickly to prevent their players migrating from the Eagles nest. KIM HAGDORN looks at the Fremantle team's prospects ... and also moves to marry up WAFL games with Eagles fixtures in Perth. PLUS ... the search for a champion; the Gary Ablett influence

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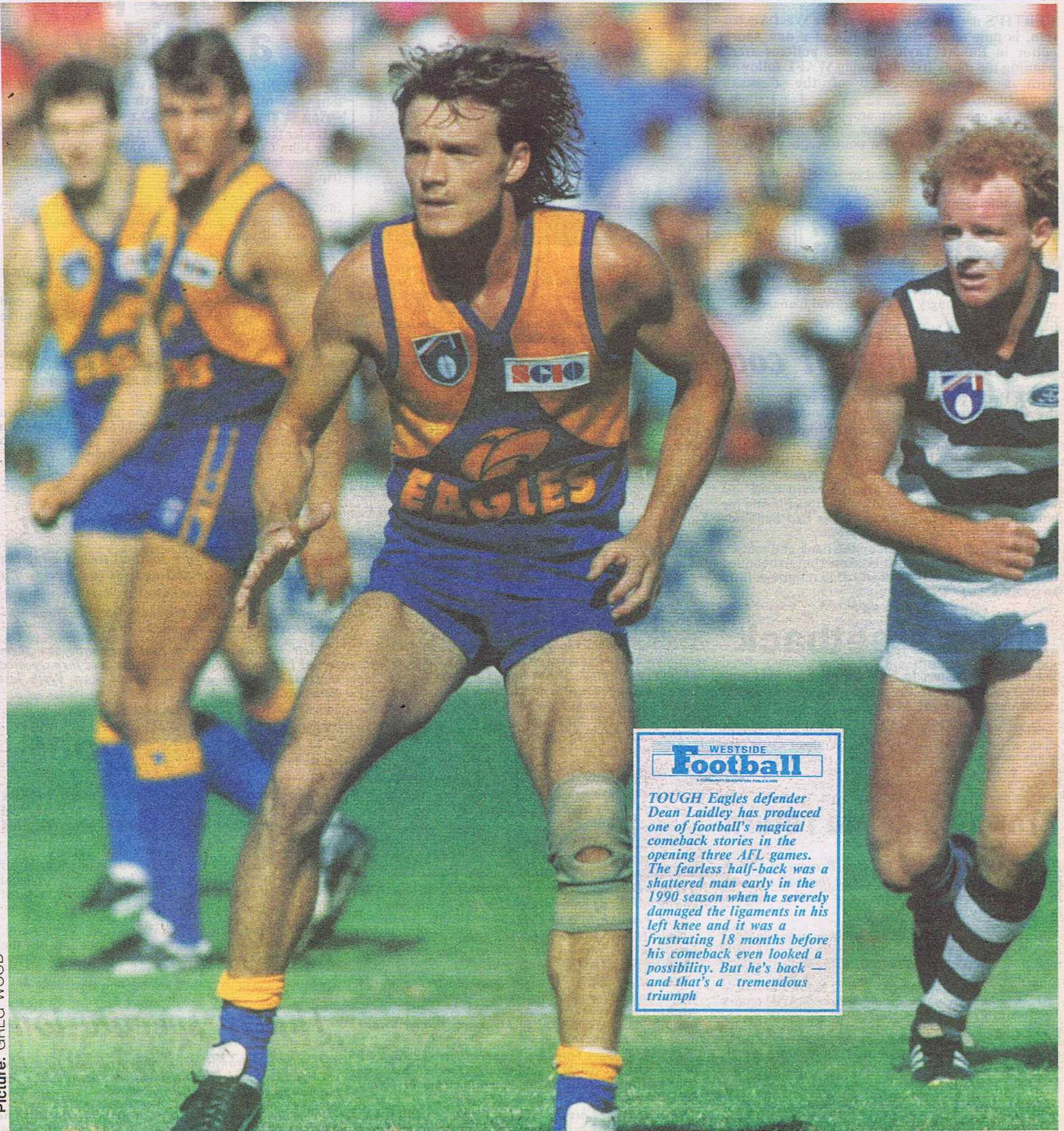
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Footy gossip

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THE WA Football Commission received support from an unexpected corner this week — controversial 6PR talk-back host (and South Fremantle fanatic) Bob Maumill. He suggested that the Commission didn't seem to be doing too bad a job and was probably putting the football arena in better order than some of the more-parochial and biased club officials.

with **KIM HAGDORN** and **TANIA ARMSTRONG**

Out of favour

PERTH'S morning newspaper, The West Australian, is now under the guidance of a new sports editor in Robert Taylor, but his policies aren't winning too many friends among WAFL followers with a reduced coverage of the domestic competition.

Not only has the paper stopped publishing the reserves and colts teams on a Friday morning, but now they don't even send a photographer to cover WAFL matches.

Fans who were once treated to an action shot from their local clubs on Monday mornings, now see a human interest photograph set up on Sundays, while live action shots of local rugby league, soccer and hockey appear a few pages in.

An aggregate attendance of 14,175 at last week's WAFL fixtures is surely an indication of the competition's popularity, which isn't getting adequate coverage. Unfortunately, the journalists are the ones on the receiving end of angry coaches, general managers and players.

Rookie plays it cool

EAST Perth rookie Michael Prior is showing all the signs of being a real cool customer.

The 18-year-old from Noranda has impressed in his two league games, especially with his ability to find time to deliver the ball with precision, despite being under pressure.

He kicked two goals off a half-forward flank last week, the second of which was a ripper from the boundary line — to make up for a bad handpass seconds beforehand.

Prior had trapped the ball on the flank and messed up his handball to Lloyd Haskett, but rebounded brilliantly to recover the ball and drop it through from an acute angle.

Mifka's setback

WEST Perth's loss to Subiaco on Saturday was further soured with the ankle injury to experienced defender Paul Mifka.

Mifka looks certain to miss this week's important clash with Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval and could be out of action for at least two weeks.

Browning set to return

EAST Fremantle veteran Clinton Browning took a big step towards a return to league football with an impressive five-goal performance in the reserves last Saturday.

Browning could bolster the Sharks goal-scoring potential in the league side for this week's big clash with reigning premiers Claremont, at Claremont Oval.

In East Fremantle's narrow loss to South Fremantle last Saturday, it was evident the Sharks lacked another key forward to assist Jeff Davidson.

At the other end of East Fremantle Oval in the early game last week, deposed Bulldogs big man Steven Grant answered his selectors in the best possible manner.

Grant kicked nine goals from his 15-mark, 14 kick performance after being dropped from the seniors.

Grant kicked just two goals in Souths first-up win over Perth and lost his spot with the return of Eagles squad member Mark Hepburn. But his good effort is no guarantee of a recall for this week's clash with East Perth at Fremantle Oval.



TWO men with strong South Fremantle ties were rival captains in the AFL battle at Subiaco Oval on Sunday. Eagles skipper John Worsfold, who learned a lot about captaincy under his Geelong counterpart Mark Bairstow while at South Fremantle, had the winning hand when he won Sunday's coin toss

Ratings battle

THE battle of the television ratings may turn into an Eagles duel, with Laurie Keene the latest West Coast man to take up a position in the electronic media.

Keene joins Eagles team-mate Guy McKenna as part of the Channel 10 sports team and they will slug it out with Channel 7's latest recruit Chris Mainwaring.

Keene, who will cover WAFL and Eagles games, had to leave his beloved Subiaco and journey to East Fremantle Oval for the derby on Saturday.

On a winner

GEELONG defender and former Eagle, Geoff Miles, is a man known to like a bet on the horses — but he might have met his match at Kardinia Park.

Speaking to the media at Sunday's post-match press conference, his team-mate Steven Handley was asked whether Joffa had him punting on the horses yet.

"Don't need to," Miles chipped in. "Toby Bairstow looks after that."

Bairstow had his first big win as a trainer when Big Shuffle (owned by Geelong president Ron Hovey) won the \$30,000 Country Cup at Sandown two weeks ago.

Swans find a bonus

SWAN Districts seem to have snared an exciting young rover out from under the territorial noses of South Fremantle and Perth.

Scott Hardy debuted in the black-and-white guernsey last week and showed plenty of promise, particularly when he posted Swans ninth goal.

The solidly-built 22-year-old played with Mandurah last season and was one of the most promising youngsters in the Sunday Football League. He was directed towards Bassendean Oval by his coach, former Swans legend Stan Nowotny.

Originally from Trayning, in the eastern wheatbelt, he played with St Norbert College, in Queens Park and then had two years with the Karratha Falcons before being transferred in the bank to Mandurah.

Hardy notched his first goal in league football in the third term, when he beat several East Perth defenders with some clever dodging and then kicked truly.

His great attitude was epitomised when he was taken from the ground immediately on kicking the goal — and sprinted to the interchange to allow his replacement into the action quickly.

Falcons plan a holiday

THE traditional end-of-season trip might be a long way off, but West Perth players are in full swing in their preparations.

Under the astute management of former team manager John Clinch, the Falcons have devised an interesting points formula to help players fund their own trip.

While a host of functions will help reduce the costs, incentives such as attending training, being among the best players or organising your own fund-raising efforts will all earn points towards the trip.

Players are required to put up a \$300 deposit towards their own costs, but this can be refunded if their final points tally exceeds the target.

With a bonus such as 50 points for being a good player in a winning team, there is plenty of incentive for the Falcons to play well.

To show that there are no ill-feelings in the Falcons camp, former coach George Michalczyk is co-ordinating the trip to Hawaii, through his city travel agency, Motive Travel.

Michalczyk has also stayed on at West Perth as a sponsor, providing a trip to the AFL grand final for a league player, with the team's top performer each week going into an end-of-season draw.

Swans repeat win

WHAT are the odds of a football team having the exact same score for and against two weeks in a row?

Pretty high, probably. But that's what the Swan Districts reserves side has managed to do.

Their first-up win over East Fremantle saw them record 122 points for and 56 against and they repeated those same scores as they downed East Perth last Saturday.

First-up goal

SWAN Districts unveiled three more rookies against East Perth and one of them — Chris Peel — joined that elite group to record a goal with his first kick.

The 18-year-old from Mazenod College came off the bench in the third quarter to kick Swans 10th goal just a few minutes after a fellow-debutant in Scott Hardy had goaled.

The third player to make his debut was Peter Kelly, who also performed strongly after coming off the bench in the second half.

Injury speculation

THE late withdrawal of Brendan Krummel from East Fremantle's side for the all-important derby had a few people speculating about his reasons.

The suggestion was that he might line up with the Eagles on Sunday as a replacement for Guy McKenna, who was under an injury cloud with a troublesome groin.

Krummel was one of three emergencies for the Eagles-Geelong game, but as it turned out, he was a genuine withdrawal through illness.



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With the Eagles going down to Geelong last week, many tipsters would have been off the mark with their forecast.

The West Coasters couldn't hold off the mighty Gary Ablett and the rest of the Cats, going down by 24 points.

But that result didn't bother Mr V. F. Sheills, of Craigie, whose entry was the first

correct one out of the Westside competition barrel and he wins a dinner for two at the 'Place for Ribs' — Sardi's, on the South Perth foreshore.

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Curtain-raisers for WAFL

THE eight WAFL clubs are keen to push the question of local league games being staged as curtain-raisers to West Coast AFL matches in Perth.

The WAFL general managers discussed the issue this week and league officials are anxious to promote some of the higher-standard matches to bigger live audiences.

The WA Football Commission has obtained permission from the AFL to add 50c — or even up to \$1 — to the ground entry price.

The financial spin-off would be paid directly to the WAFL clubs taking part, with the major slice going to the club losing its home game.

An estimated \$15,000 would be available under the scheme — and the Commission would consider adding a further financial incentive to clubs who take part.

West Coast have three successive away games before returning to Subiaco Oval on May 10 to play Footscray — and that would be a great time to revive the idea.

WAFL fixtures that week offer attractive curtain-raiser prospects, with the South Fremantle-Clairemont clash a stand-out.

The showdown between leading WAFL coaches Gerard Neesham (Clairemont) and South Fremantle's Malcolm Brown is an added attraction.

The presence of the WA Bulldogs playing before the AFL Bulldogs in Footscray would add to the

promotion.

The exercise would be a tremendous marketing move to display the domestic competition in front of thousands of AFL converts who, for many reasons, don't attend WAFL games.

It also offers promising AFL draftees at WAFL clubs the chance to experience the atmosphere and tension of a game in front of a big crowd.

There is a natural reluctance for an early start time of around 10.30am — when the Eagles play at 1.15pm — and there would be an inconvenience to club members who have already paid their admission fees for the season.

However, almost every WAFL club

is in favour of the curtain-raiser concept and such a move offers fans twice the value for their admission charge.

A WAFL curtain-raiser would have many other benefits such as increased food and beverage sales, which would indirectly boost revenue for the WAFL coffers.

Last Saturday's four WAFL matches were top quality, particularly the Fremantle derby and East Perth's impressive win over premierships fancies Swan Districts. Either game would have been worthy of a 30,000-strong audience.

The curtain-raiser concept almost came to fruition last Sunday, when Subiaco and West Perth were set to play before the Eagles clash with Geelong.

Subiaco had sought the change and West Perth were agreeable, but league officials were reluctant to make yet another alteration to the fixtures, which have already been tampered with since their initial release.

Brown helps out his Derby rivals

COLOURFUL South Fremantle coach Malcolm Brown played a leading hand in the shock move of former Perth ruckman Ian Newman to East Fremantle.

Newman turned in an impressive first-up performance with his new club in Saturday's derby — almost helping the Sharks down the Bulldogs.

Newman was cleared late on Friday and was set to play in the reserves before talented Eagles squad member Brendan Krummel withdrew from East Fremantle's senior side with a severe virus.

Sharks coach Ken Judge put it to his new big man at 10am on Saturday if he was "ready to play league football"

Newman jumped at the chance.

Brown had encouraged his derby rivals to chase the 27-year-old Newman and entice him back to league football.

The trade for Brown's advice was the finalisation of a clearance for Jon Derocourt to Souths after Judge had refused to release the 21-year-old defender unless a big player came in return.

Newman, who played the last of his 89 senior games with the Demons back

in 1990, spent 1991 with Avon Association club Brookton.

With a dearth of big men at East Fremantle, the lanky 200cm knock ruckman became a priority recruit after Brown's advice that Newman could be encouraged to have one last crack at league football.

Judge says there was no intention to hide Newman's inclusion.

"There was no intent to pull a blind and Brownie certainly knew all about it. It all just happened so quickly."

The Sharks coach is unlikely to incur any WAFL fine for bringing in a player outside the selected 23 players.

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THE AFL's proposal for a two division competition should be viewed with cynicism.

They appear to be taking the easy way out in nationalising the competition and having dollars before their eyes.

For a start, it is too early for another WA team to join the competition — let alone next season.

While the West Coast Eagles have been a force in the AFL since they joined in 1987, WA can't support another viable team after being ravaged by the draft in recent seasons.

Another WA team would need to be propped up initially. It would mean taking players from the West Coast Eagles and being given special consideration to recruit players from other AFL clubs.

The second point is something the AFL has said won't happen.

At the very least, there would need to be a moratorium for several years on recruiting players from WA.

While it can be argued that the Eagles have enough players on their list to make two teams, a lot of them need to be nursed into AFL football.

And how will the two divisions operate?

In the Foster's Cup, all the formidable teams were in one division and most of last season's also-rans in another.

It was a joke to see last season's premiers, Hawthorn, play last year's wooden spooners Fitzroy in the final.

AFL plans not best for WA

Contrary to current thinking I don't believe the public would fully support a WA team each week if there are two based here.

At the moment, everyone watches the Eagles because they are virtually a State team. Bring another side into the competition and loyalties will be divided. I doubt the supporters of each team will turn out in current numbers to see the other team play, especially if one is not as strong as the other.

But what advantage will there be in having two divisions?

The AFL has refused to bite the bullet and reduce the number of AFL clubs in the competition.

It is, and still will be under the new proposal, the old VFL with interstate clubs attached.

The AFL should be more intent on trying to make two of the interstate clubs, Brisbane Bears and Sydney Swans, more competitive.

The Bears have never looked like being anything other than basement-dwellers since they entered the AFL, while the Swans have dropped away since their glamour start.

Straight Shooting

with ROBERT BENNETT
of the Sunday Times



And while the Adelaide Crows have shown promising form since joining, they look like they have a hard slog before becoming finals material.

But more to the point, why more finals? To make even more money for the AFL?

If their is to be two divisions then at most there should only be six finals.

First should play fourth and second play third in each division and the winners play off for the right for a place in the grand final against the winner of the other division.

It will become something of a mockery if there is a complete finals series in each division.

The AFL is still only learning to crawl in its current format without trying to get it up and running in a different way.

Make the current competition strong and healthy and that means making it far more competitive than it is before looking to change it.

Freo scene can only get better

THE football season of 1991 was an unusual one for Fremantle folk; simply the worst ever.

Never before had both Fremantle teams finished in the bottom three on the premiership ladder.

All this seems a long way from the heady days of 1979, when a record 52,781 spectators crammed Subiaco Oval for the last derby grand final.

Despite the dismal WAFL showing, it was not all doom and gloom for Fremantle in 1991.

Of the 20 players who took the field for the West Coast Eagles in the AFL grand final, 12 had previously played for either East Fremantle or South Fremantle.

This remarkable statistic speaks volumes for football development in the district.

NEW IDENTITY

Some may even suggest that the West Coast Eagles should be the Fremantle based AFL team and any new team should find a home and identity north of the river.

Consider a team based around the defensive work of Michael Brennan, Glen Jakovich, Andrew Lockyer and John Worsfold; the mid-field run of Chris Mainwaring, Peter Matera, Scott Watters and David Hart; a couple of useful forwards like Peter Sumich and Peter Wilson and big men Dean Irving and Paul Harding.

Stars of the future like Brendan Krummel and Kane Morphett might

enjoy the ride too.

And wouldn't Nicky Winmar be a nice local choice?

You are looking at a group of players who wouldn't have to drive far to get to the new AFL base in Freo.

The Fremantle situation also highlights the problems for WAFL clubs in their new role as AFL feeder teams. For example, how do they now define success?

Is it winning a WAFL premiership, or is it developing players who are ultimately successful in the AFL?

It may be cold comfort for a sacked coach or a broke club to be told five years down the track that they have actually done a pretty good job.

Both Fremantle clubs appear to have taken positive steps to turn around last year's result with the appointment of full time coaches. These appointments are very much part of the AFL master plan and involve AFL funding.

PERMANENCE

Souths have gone for experience with Malcolm Brown and a feeling of permanence has been generated with his appointment. But there must still be some anxiety at a club with their third coach in as many years.

Brown has, to some extent, led the discussions about the Fremantle based

AFL team. There is speculation as to whether he will take an administrative or coaching role with the proposed new team — but his involvement seems assured.

Ken Judge has a bit more shuffling to do with his East Fremantle side, but his credentials for coaching are impeccable and there is something about his determined approach which inspires confidence.

Judge has very definite ambitions to coach at AFL level. He should not be ruled out of discussions about the likely coach of a new port-based team.

It would not be bold to suggest that WAFL season 1992 will be a more successful one for the Fremantle teams than 1991. It could hardly get any worse.

What is certain is that we are entering perhaps the most intriguing and challenging phase in Fremantle's proud football history.

The unprecedented co-operation between the clubs shows that they are

With LES EVERETT,
Fremantle
man-about-town and
football devotee



aware of the important times ahead.

Souths and Easts were united in their opposition to WA Football 2000 report, even to the point of issuing a joint press release. They are similarly as one in their determination to promote this year's Fremantle derbies.

Both clubs are keen about the idea of an AFL club based in Fremantle. However, they do have one area of disagreement — just where would the new club make its home?

A radical idea which has been touted by one powerful figure in Fremantle football is for the new team to be housed at a new multi-sport stadium in the Cockburn area.

As yet this proposal has not made it out of the back rooms, but it has definitely been aired.

Make no mistake about it, Fremantle is where the footy action will be in 1992 — on and off the field.

Eagles need fit Sumich

THE indiscretion by star West Coast Eagles full-forward Peter Sumich is now bearing its full ramifications.

Sumich lashed out in frustration in a Foster's Cup match against Geelong, striking Geelong's Mark Needl.

The result was a two-match suspension, followed by an ankle problem that ruled him out of last Sunday's disaster against Geelong.

The Eagles must quickly find a cure for the Sumich injury, because his absence is one of the major reasons for the current sticky situation of one win from three games.

A century goal-kicker will always be missed, but Sumich is more than that to the Eagles.

People can criticise his kicking action as much as they like. The fact is, he gets more touches of the ball than many midfield players.

And while he's got it, the opposition haven't.

Sumich would be the first to admit he shouldn't have lashed out in the Foster's Cup match, but the umpires should take some of the heat because his opponent persistently clung to him while the ball was in the air.

A close look at the scrapping and holding that most full-forwards suffer

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when the ball is in flight reveals that it goes on, unchecked, each week.

Because the Eagles were eliminated by the Cats in the night series, Sumich had to serve his time during the season.

It will now take a month of solid football to get him back in the groove and the Eagles must hope that they don't sink too much further down the table.

Though Paul Peos, David Hynes and Daniel Metropolis have chimed to give the Eagles a target up forward, they lack the consistency, class and experience of Sumich.

The Eagles have copped injuries to the wrong players at precisely the wrong time, but it is better early rather than later in the season.

With Brett Heady, Michael Brennan, Paul Harding and Ashley McIntosh injured, the Eagles lost their strike-power in attack, flexibility and experience in defence and midfield direction.

But things can only get better as these players recover and find their form.

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Coaching Swans is not easy

THE harsh reality of coaching in a State dominated by other football codes is hitting home to new Sydney leader Gary Buckenara.

Just days after the Sydney media snubbed an important pre-match Swans press conference, Buckenara watched in dismay as his side was humiliated by Melbourne guests, Footscray.

Now, just a fortnight after Sydney caused the upset of the season in toppling grand finalists West Coast, the side is again in the bottom four and sliding fast.

The lack of ready-made talent from the Sydney League and early injuries to key newcomers, including Simon Minton-Connell and Stuart Wigney, is decimating morale.

After Sunday's 45-point loss, Buckenara accused players of looking after



TOUGH TIMES ... Sydney's Gary Buckenara is finding out how tough life can be in the coaching lane

themselves, rather than the team and promised retribution at the selection table this week.

Unfortunately, the Swans lack of depth means that only a couple of players who missed Sunday are likely to come in — Leon Higgins and David Murphy — and they would have returned anyway, even if Sydney had won.

Up till now, Buckenara has had a "Midas touch" with Sydney.

After a marvellous playing career at Hawthorn, he had a season as assistant coach at Fitzroy.

But he's fast finding just how powerless a coach can be ... no matter what he says before a game and between quarters.

The Swans face another hiding this weekend, against undefeated Carlton at Princes Park.

"It's a real testing time for Buckenara," said former Sydney champion and Brownlow Medallist, Gerard Healy.

"It'll be interesting just how he handles it. His list of ready-made replacements are fast running out. If the realities of coaching in the big-time didn't hit home after the loss to Collingwood, they would have now."

WEST Australian goalkicking legend Austin Robertson is launching a new football book, "Just for Kicks," at the MCG next month.

Filled with football anecdotes and true and tall stories from past and present champions, Robertson hopes it will be as successful as its cricket equivalent, "Ashes Battles and Bellylaughs."

Those involved include West Australians Graham Farmer, Haydn Buntton, Barry Cable, John Ironmonger, Peter Sumich, John K. Watts, Ross Glendinning, Malcolm Brown and commentator Dennis Cometti.

THE RUN of 110 consecutive games by Brownlow Medallist Jim Stynes is in jeopardy.

After being worried by ankle problems pre-season, Stynes is struggling with a back injury and was reduced to just 22 possessions against Richmond, when he more often tallies 30.

Melbourne coach John Northey has ordered a strict medical examination and if rest is recommended, Stynes could miss his first senior match since 1987.

Only two other players in League football have played more games in a row than Stynes — Footscray's Steve Wallis (117) and teammate Brett Lovett (114).

CLAREMONT teenager Darren Kowal is in line for his first senior game with Melbourne on Easter Monday.

Kowal was joint best afield in Melbourne's State League team last weekend, with another interstater, Tasmanian State representative Grant Williams, who kicked 12 goals.

IN WHAT has been yet another topsy-turvy season start, Richmond's amazing transformation is of great credit to elder statesman, Allan Jeans.

On the East Coast with KEN PIESSE



After seeing his team humbled by Geelong by 21 goals, Jeans lifted the Tigers to a 50-point win against Melbourne ... almost a 30-goal swing-around in just eight days!

He told his players before the game: "A defeat like what happened at Geelong will never happen again while we have two arms, two legs and breath in our body."

According to insiders it was a "hum-dinger" of a pre-match speech.

"He was very convincing," said one Tiger.

BRINGING up a goal with your first kick is a magical experience — as Daniel Metropolis knows after his great debut against St Kilda recently.

Another AFL youngster who enjoyed the same experience was 18-year-old Randall Bone, of the Adelaide Crows.

He snapped a goal from a forward pocket when the Crows tackled Melbourne recently and finished with three for the game, from just seven kicks.

Another young Crows player who has made a quick impression is Ben Hart, a 17-year-old from North Adelaide.

After just 10 senior games in the SANFL, Hart was promoted to the AFL arena and given the task of standing alongside Melbourne's dynamic goalkicking machine, Allen Jakovich.

Jakovich finished with five goals, but three came in an electric burst in the third quarter and it was generally considered that Hart did a good job keeping the Demons forward under wraps.

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Hepburn could be rushed back



AN ANKLE injury to Eagles ruckman Paul Harding could hasten the return of Mark Hepburn to AFL duty for the crucial clash with Brisbane on Sunday.

Harding's injury, sustained in the woes of last Sunday's loss to Geelong, is a crippling blow to the Eagles ruck, following Dean Irving's knee surgery.

Alternative bigman Ryan Turnbull was disappointing against Geelong and could be back with East Perth in the WAFL.

The ruck dilemma has forced the selectors to consider Hepburn well ahead of schedule for the Carrara game.

But right on schedule is the timely return of dashing, creative forward Brett Heady, who has recovered from a hamstring strain.

He will be a welcome addition to bolster what has been an ineffective forward line in the absence of star goal-kicker Peter Sumich.

Sumich, recovering from an ankle injury, was ruled out by coach Mick Malthouse last Sunday.

Leading South Fremantle's ruck in the WAFL last Saturday, Hepburn turned in his best performance since returning to WA last season after a four-year, 56-game stint at North Melbourne.

But that performance, while encouraging, was hardly sufficient to warrant immediate reinstatement as the Eagles No.1 big man.

But Harding's loss sees the Eagles in a desperate situation.

By **KIM HAGDORN**

They need a mobile big man to lead the ruck and there appears a reluctance to call-up former vice-captain Phil Scott or raw big man Matt Burton from Subiaco.

Bears in-form ruckman David White has been an unsung hero of Brisbane's early season threats to more fancied opposition and again shapes as a stumbling block the Eagles must counter.

Hepburn is hardly the long term answer to the Eagles ruck headaches, but could prove a capable pinch-hitter for Sunday against the raw-boned White.

Hepburn's Bulldogs teammate David Hart could also find himself on the plane for the Gold Coast.

Hart has turned in three strong performances with Souths since losing his spot after the Eagles Foster's Cup loss to Geelong.

Vice-captain Michael Brennan, who cleared the first hurdle in his fight to resume his post in the Eagles defence when he survived the derby, could be rushed in to allow the injured Guy McKenna to recuperate from his groin injury.

However, it would be a gamble to play Brennan, who was well down on fitness against South.

With Brennan and Troy Ugle missing from defence, the Eagles have been reluctant to rest McKenna.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse queried last Sunday's post mortem questions on McKenna's fitness.

"What injury?" Malthouse retorted, when asked why the reliable McKenna had been taken from the ground in the second quarter against Geelong.

"I didn't think he was playing well at the time. He went back on," the coach added.

McKenna is believed to have played the last two Eagles matches with the assistance of pain killers.

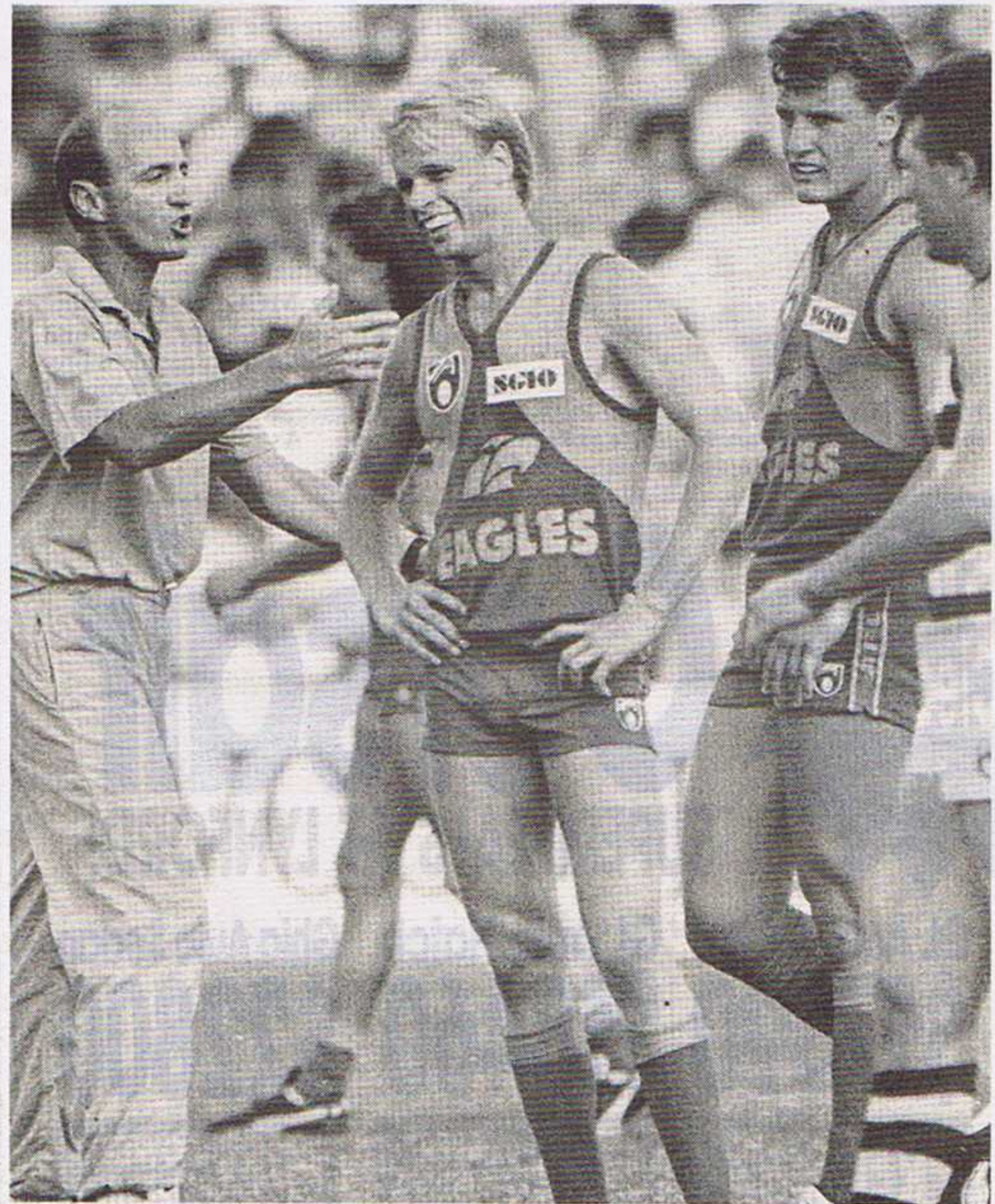
If Brennan is overlooked, McKenna's presence in the defensive unit becomes essential.

The Bears, coming off the bye last weekend and an impressive home ground victory over Fitzroy before that, pose a threat to West Coast.

Sandover Medallist David Bain and one-time Eagle John Gastev have found their best form and will be dangerous runners, along with talented on-ball player Michael McLean.

The Eagles will also need more of a four-quarter contribution from key forwards Karl Langdon and David Hynes in the continued absence of Peter Sumich.

Bears key defender Rick Champion has been in superb early-season form and also presents a barrier to West Coast.



MESSAGE MAN... Eagles runner Rob Wiley has some words of advice for Dean Kemp and Glen Jakovich, with Geelong star Mark Bairstow doing some eavesdropping



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Swan Districts v West Perth (3)	H	Swan Dist 28-30pts	
**Perth v Subiaco (4)	H	Perth 10-11pts	92
Hawthorn v Essendon (6)	H	Hawth 25-27pts	
North Melbourne v Footscray (7)	H	Nth Melb 43-45pts	
Carlton v Sydney Swans (8)	H	Carlton 34-36pts	
**Brisbane Bears v West Coast (5)	A	West Coast 55-57pts	112
Sunday, April 19			
Adelaide v Richmond (9)	H	Adel 7-9pts	
Monday, April 20			
Melbourne v Collingwood (10)	A	Collwd 4-6pts	
Fitzroy v St Kilda (11)	A	St Kil 19-21pts	

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South Fremantle b East Fremantle by 7 pts — \$19.65; East Perth b Swan Districts by 33 pts — \$25.65; Perth b Claremont by 53 pts — \$49.90; Subiaco b West Perth by 61 pts — \$3.10 (top score 125 pts - \$35.10).
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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



AFL fans in office, shop and school tipping competitions in Melbourne are at their wit's end.

After only four AFL rounds, picking winners has become tougher than keeping Tony Lockett goalless.

The aim for a more even competition has certainly been achieved, so much so that no team can "pencil in" any game as a win. Each side must give due respect to the opposition, no matter what their reputation, or position on the ladder.

If complacency creeps in, the shattering reality of a lost game hits home.

Football clubs not only employ full-time coaches, but a host of professionals, such as sports psychologists and dieticians to extract the most from players.

The AFL has become a tough, professional competition with players expected to prepare properly.

For individuals, this means studying videos of opponents in the week preceding a match to assess their strengths and weaknesses. Videos can also be used to look at a particular team's style. Coaches use them to

No more easy games in tight AFL

plan team-plays to expose opposition weaknesses.

So-called "upset wins" are a thing of the past, as any team can beat another on the day.

Hoodooos, such as coping with interstate plane trips and vocal home crowds, are nearing extinction, as clubs become more immune to circumstances that were once foreign to them.

This has been borne out clearly this season by Adelaide's defeat by Footscray at Football Park and Geelong's win over the Eagles at Subiaco Oval. Surely a year ago these games would have been certain victories for the home team.

No doubt Footscray and Geelong, with previous interstate outings under their belt, have methodically examined the previously unknown variables.

For example, flight times and eating arrangements before the game are calculated precisely in an attempt to make interstate matches as "normal" as possible.

AFL matches are no longer simply won on a Saturday. To be successful each game is approached meticulously and thoroughly, the same way a student prepares for exams.

It is not hard to see why the AFL has become so even and football tipping has become so difficult.

What the coaches had to say

Malcolm Blight (Geelong): "That terrific second quarter obviously set the game up for us. The Eagles are always going to be difficult to beat because they are a very good side and, to their credit, they fought back in the second half."
★★★★

Mick Malthouse (West Coast): "We were beaten by a very talented side. We didn't ever control the football and we didn't have enough players doing the things that we're good at."
★★★★

Gary Buckenara (Sydney Swans): "I think the players as a group went out and forgot the team goals we set ourselves. They got back to the old habit of looking after No. 1."
★★★★

Graham Cornes (Adelaide): "We got a good start and just needed to be able to maintain that momentum. But that slightly slipped away from us and, as it did, their better players got into the game."
★★★★



Graham Cornes ... needed momentum

Allan Jeans (Richmond): "It was very satisfying after the previous two weeks. They made a commitment to the club and to one another out on the field."
★★★★

Ken Sheldon (St Kilda): "We got off to a great start, which was a result of our commitment and preparedness to do the hard things."
★★★★

Alan Joyce (Hawthorn): "We only put three quarters in today. If you give them a start, defeat is what you can expect. With the competition the way it is, every week is going to be a contest."
★★★★

Leigh Matthews (Collingwood): "We were certainly running out of fit men in the end, so we were just happy to sneak our way home."
★★★★

John Northey (Melbourne): "If we continue to play the way we played today, we have no alternative than to make a few changes."
★★★★

David Parkin (Carlton): "For a side that capitulated pretty often in the latter half of last year, I think that's the best part of our performance — we haven't chucked it in at any stage, just methodically worked at it."
★★★★

Wayne Schimmelbusch (North Melbourne): "We didn't play the four quarters, simple as that. We'll have to find some players from our VSFL side who are prepared to work for four quarters."
★★★★

Robert Shaw (Fitzroy): "We've got a great rivalry going with Adelaide. The game was won with a fair amount of courage and persistence."
★★★★

Kevin Sheedy (Essendon): "We were disappointed with the way we played. A couple of crucial errors at vital stages just kept giving goals back to Collingwood."
★★★★

★★★★
ONE-TIME Carlton legend Alex Jesaulenko still has a soft spot for the Blues — and the odd word of advice.

Writing in his Herald-Sun column, Jesaulenko said that Carlton's best hopes of repeating their 1982 premiership success would be if they keep former tough defender Steve Silvagni at full-forward.

The son of another Blues legend (Sergio Silvagni) has returned to AFL ranks after missing most of last year following a severe knee injury. He posted eight goals against Hawthorn as he was 'eased' back into the fray at full-forward.

Jeza said that the temptation would always be there to switch Silvagni back to defence when things go wrong, but they should resist the move.
★★★★

THERE'S a definite move in the AFL this season to cut down on dangerous soccering that goes on, especially in the packs.

Umpires have been told to clamp down on kicking in danger and TV replays already show that the kicks are being handed out far more often.

AFL umpires director Bill Deller admits that the enforcement of this law has been overlooked a little in recent seasons.



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AFL ROUND 4

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	Tally	Hawthorn v Essendon	Nth Melb v Footscray	Carlton v Sydney	Brisbane v Eagles	Adelaide v Richmond	Melbourne v Collingwood	Fitzroy v St Kilda	Claremont v E. Fremantle	S. Fremantle v East Perth	Swans v West Perth	Perth v Subiaco
RON ALEXANDER	16	Hawthorn	Nth Melb	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Melbourne	Fitzroy	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Subiaco
TANIA ARMSTRONG	13	Hawthorn	Nth Melb	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Collingwood	St Kilda	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Perth
ROBERT BENNETT	16	Hawthorn	Nth Melb	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Collingwood	St Kilda	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Perth
PETER BOSUSTOW	21	Hawthorn	Nth Melb	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Collingwood	St Kilda	E. Fremantle	S. Fremantle	Swans	Perth
BRUCE BUTLER	20	Hawthorn	Footscray	Carlton	Eagles	Richmond	Collingwood	St Kilda	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Perth
WILL BUTUN	16	Hawthorn	Nth Melb	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Melbourne	St Kilda	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Subiaco
ALAN EAST	14	Hawthorn	Footscray	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Collingwood	St Kilda	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Perth
KIM HAGDORN	16	Hawthorn	Nth Melb	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Collingwood	St Kilda	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Subiaco
IAN MILLER	15	Hawthorn	Nth Melb	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Collingwood	St Kilda	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Perth
KEN PIESSE	17	Hawthorn	Footscray	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Collingwood	St Kilda	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Perth
GARY STOCKS	17	Hawthorn	Footscray	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Collingwood	St Kilda	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Subiaco
MOST FAVOURED	14	Hawthorn	Nth Melb	Carlton	Eagles	Adelaide	Collingwood	St Kilda	Claremont	S. Fremantle	Swans	Perth



Reckon you're as good as the experts.





WELL DONE ... Steven Handley (right) can afford to relax after a hard day's work at Subiaco Oval — along with Mark Bairstow (left) and Geoff Miles

THE recent success of former Swan Districts big man Steven Handley has raised a few eyebrows among those who felt he wasn't quite ready for the national league.

But with two successive top performances leading the Cats ruck division, Handley has proved himself more than capable in the big league.

He isn't surprised by his own success; as he says, he went to Geelong with the aim of breaking into AFL ranks — and staying there.

He was well-pleased with his top performance against the Eagles on Sunday, with 26 hit outs, 12 possessions and five marks to have him in the best two players on the ground.

Handley says he set himself for the trip back to Subiaco Oval when he first went to Geelong over summer — and it wasn't necessarily to erase the memory of his last game on the ground.

The preliminary final of 1991 will always be the stigma attached to the former Noranda junior, when he became the first WAFL player to be sent off after incurring umpire Phil O'Reilly's displeasure with a careless charge of Subiaco's Andrew Macnish.

"That wasn't the reason behind my determination," says Handley. "I just wanted to play well so everyone could remember me for the football, not for one little incident that happened."

Handley set himself for a big game

Handley was exhausted after his superb performance on Sunday, with the warm conditions taking their toll as he rucked virtually non-stop for the first 20 minutes or so of each quarter.

Supercat Gary Ablett was one of the first Geelong players to go up to Handley as he crouched exhausted in the centre square as the siren went. He offered a word of congratulations to the big rookie.

Handley's top game against Richmond a week earlier, when he had 14 hit-outs, eight marks and 13 possessions, was matched against the Eagles.

He took a points decision over West Coast ruckman Paul Harding and the two back-up Eagles in Glen Jakovich and Ryan Turnbull and did well enough around the ground.

"I'm not totally surprised by my good form, because I set myself the target of doing well in this game," says Handley. "But I guess the confidence-booster I got from the Richmond game helped me a lot."

Lewis scoops awards pool

CHRIS Lewis produced his second top game for the Eagles in as many weeks and was well-rewarded at Sunday's post-match presentations in the Subiaco social hall.

Lewis was presented with the Cheer Squad award for the best team player, along with the Qantas coach's award of \$250 towards an airfare, presented by Qantas representative Tony McGrath.

Dean Laidley, a close second to Lewis as the side's best player, collected the Marlow's player award from John Worsfold of a \$100 Marlow's voucher.

Coach's awards from Mick Malthouse saw Dwayne Lamb win the Prosimon Golf \$100 voucher and four tickets to the Country Wife at the Hole in the Wall Theatre.

The Nissan Motor Company coach's award of a \$250 voucher went to Dean Kemp for the second week in a row, while David Hynes collected the Vines Resort weekend-for-two.

Peter Matera's return to form on a wing saw him collect the last of the coach's awards, a new jacket from Joan Macfarlane, courtesy of Quit.

Woosha has no excuses

EAGLES captain John Worsfold was in no mood to accept Sunday's loss graciously or find excuses for their defeat by Geelong.


"We have to improve," he told members after the game.

"Our expectations are not as high as they should be. We seem reasonably happy to win a few games this year, instead of a lot, like we did last season.

"We knew Geelong would be fired up and we didn't challenge them as we should have done."

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tain John Worsfold certainly knows the score in that department.

When awarding the weekly Marlow's trophy for the player voted most worthy by the team members, Woosha said that the recipient, dashing defender Dean Laidley, was getting a bonus this week.

"There is an Easter sale on at Marlow's this week and he'll get twice the value for his voucher," said the man who tells the world in many different advertisements that Marlow's really do offer twice the value for half the price.

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Six of the Eagles stars feature prominently — and in typical Pickering caricature style — in the latest calendar to hit the market.

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Who is the West Coast Eagles player to celebrate his birthday the day before this year's AFL grand final?

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Entries close Tuesday, April 28. The first correct entries out of the barrel will be declared the winners. No correspondence shall be entered into.

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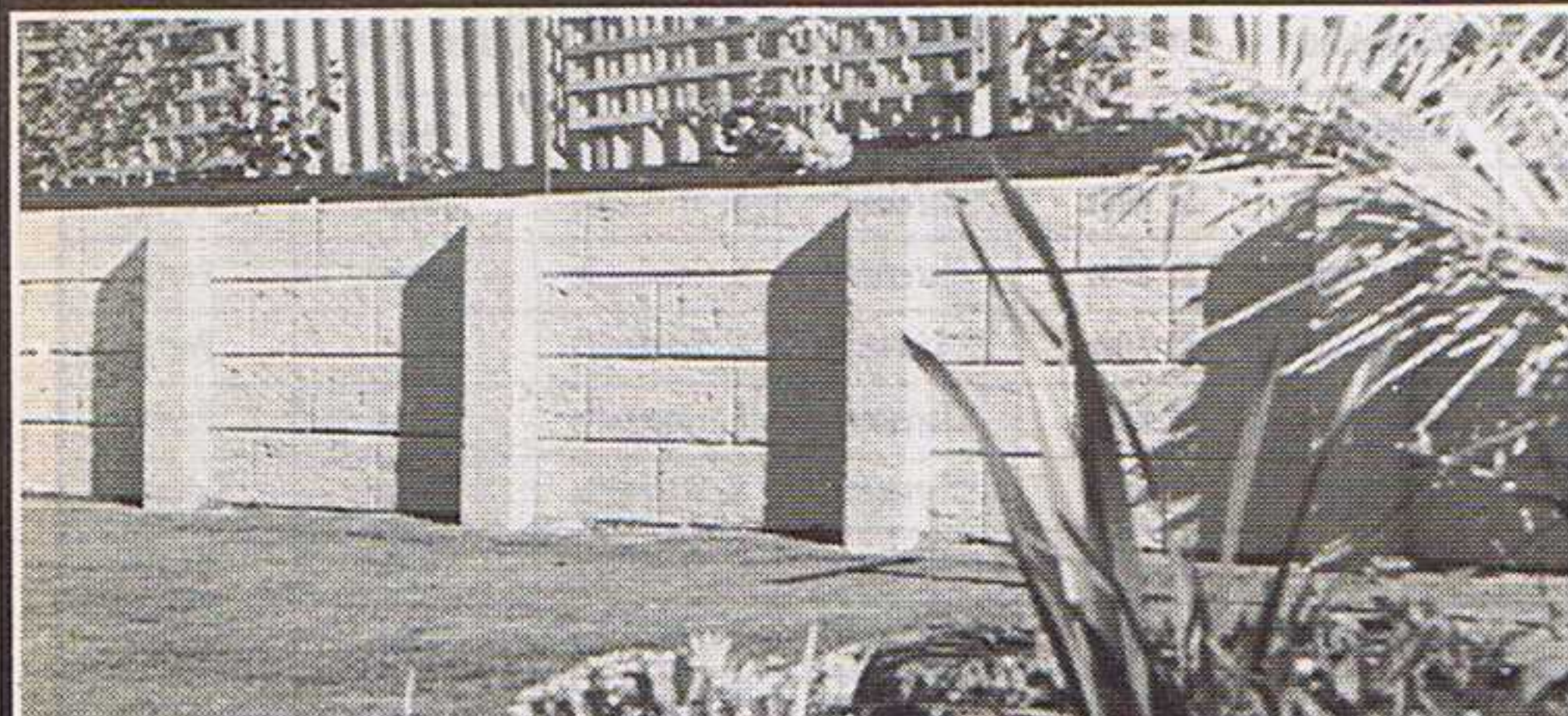
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COLLINGWOOD:	B,W(66),W(19),W(9)
ESSENDON:	L(17),L(52),W(22),L(9)
FITZROY:	B,W(52),L(24),W(33)
FOOTSCRAY:	W(27),W(32),L(22),W(45)
GEELONG:	L(20),L(8),W(126),W(24)
HAWTHORN:	W(20),L(26),W(26),L(10)
MELBOURNE:	B,W(8),L(11),L(50)
NTH MELB:	B,W(66),L(26),L(15)
RICHMOND:	B,L(66),L(126),W(50)
ST KILDA:	W(17),L(32),L(33),W(10)
SYDNEY:	B,W(3),L(19),L(45)
WEST COAST:	B,L(3),W(33),L(24)

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CLAREMONT:	W(29), L(53)
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PERTH:	L(32), W(53)
SOUTH FREM:	W(32), W(7)
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SWAN DIST:	W(38), L(33)
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 47 Julian Urquhart (West Perth) *

* Denotes games played with more than one club as follows: Ryan Turnbull 23 Claremont, 17 East Perth, 8 Eagles; Julian Urquhart 19 West Perth, 28 Claremont.

100 GAMES

99 Lucio Baroni (East Perth)
 99 John Worsfold (Eagles)
 99 Kevin Caton (Swans)
 98 Angelo Del Borrello (West Perth) *
 97 Steve Lally (Perth) *
 96 Ian Dargie (Subiaco) *
 96 Scott Watters (Eagles) *

* Denotes the tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Angelo Del Borrello 36 West Perth, 62 East Perth; Steve Lally 45 Perth, 52 Central District; Ian Dargie 85 Subiaco, 10 St Kilda, 1 Eagles; Scott Watters 31 Eagles, 65 South Fremantle.

150 GAMES

142 David Hynes (Eagles) *

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: David Hynes 119 Port Adelaide, 11 South Fremantle, 12 Eagles.

200 GAMES

195 Clinton Browning (East Fremantle) *

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Clinton Browning 191 East Fremantle, 4 Eagles

250 GAMES

244 Dwayne Lamb (Eagles) *

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The search for a champion



IT'S MINE... and it is this special style of magic that makes Gary Ablett a genuine champion in today's football arena. Ablett took this clever mark after working his Eagles rival Guy McKenna well under the ball and then falling back to mark one-handed. Sheer magic

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Ablett shows why he rates highly

THE outstanding performance by Geelong's Gary Ablett against the Eagles at Subiaco Oval last Sunday confirmed his nation-wide reputation as a true champion.

His five goal, 36-possession destruction of the Eagles underlined his superstar status.

It was a typical Ablett performance — showing all the brilliance he has exuded in his 150-game AFL career.

Ablett's mercurial, almost super-human ability and uncanny ball skills elevate the Super Cat into a class of his own.

The only element of his amazing repertoire he didn't turn on last Sunday was his spectacular high marking ... though he did try at least twice.

Ablett can do anything.

Even on rare quiet days the muscular, prowling cat is a constant danger.

Opposition coaches must apply the strictest tag to curb Ablett's class and match-winning influence.

Last Sunday, the best the Eagles could offer was grossly inadequate: West Coast had no answer to Ablett.

FLIRTATION

The Eagles, still young in AFL maturity — despite their flirtation with premiership glory last year — don't have a champion player in the Ablett category.

Certainly Peter Sumich, when he returns and finds form, Chris Lewis, Brett Heady and Craig Turley have the potential to win the champion status.

At this stage they are young and promising.

Coach Mick Malthouse has constantly reminded his team — and the Eagles adoring WA public — that it takes years of consistently high standards and match-winning endurance

With **KIM HAGDORN**



to be dubbed a champion.

Malthouse has encouraged the old philosophy that "a champion team will beat a team of champions."

The tag of champion, in Perth's high-profile one-team-town, is too readily handed to players who haven't produced great performances for long periods.

The only genuine champion to wear the Eagles jumper is former Brownlow Medallist and West Coast skipper Ross Glendinning.



John Platten ... Hawks champion

"A player can play some outstanding games. But it takes years and years of consistency before they truly earn the tag of champion," Glendinning said.

"The problem the Eagles face is that they are written up and spoken about in the media here so often. A couple of good games and they're dubbed a champion.

"That's dangerous to the player. They read it and start to believe it.

"Chris Lewis had a great 1990 finals and has only just started playing good footy again and Peter Sumich is battling to come to terms with his reputation after a good season last year.

"Suma is injured, but there were some worrying signs before that. He was remonstrating with umpires and seemingly losing his concentration too easily."

Glendinning says "champions" must survive the test of time and the week-to-week, year-to-year confrontations with would-be successors.

TRUE CHAMPIONS

Throughout the AFL there is a sprinkling of true champions.

St Kilda full-forward Tony Lockett, Hawthorn's Dermott Brereton, Gary Ayres, Jason Dunstall and John Platten are champions.

Carlton captain Stephen Kernahan and top recruit Greg Williams, Collingwood marvel Peter Daicos and Essendon stalwarts Terry Daniher and Simon Madden also rest easily at the highest echelon.

Footscray's favourite son Doug Hawkins also comfortably wears the champion mantle.

"All those guys are rightfully referred to as champions," Glendinning said.

Name	1992 Games	Total Games	1992 Kicks	1992 Marks	1992 H/B	Free For	Kicks Agst	1992 Score	1992 H/Outs	1992 Tackles	1992 Shep	Name	1992 Games	Total Games	1992 Kicks	1992 Marks	1992 H/B	Free For	Kicks Agst	1992 Score	1992 H/Outs	1992 Tackles	1992 Shep
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HARDING, Paul	2	75	10	5	7	3	2	0.1	35	0	0	McKENNA, Guy	3	93	26	5	27	5	4	0.0	0	3	7
HEADY, Brett	1	47	12	9	2	0	2	3.4	0	0	0	METROPOLIS, Daniel	2	2	12	4	3	3	7	6.2	0	1	1
HYNES, David	3	12	27	17	21	2	2	7.4	3	4	3	NICHOLS, Trent	1	57	11	2	4	0	2	1.0	0	2	0
IRVING, Dean	1	42	7	2	7	1	0	0.0	5	0	2	PEOS, Paul	2	44	25	17	10	2	4	6.1	0	1	0
JAKOVICH, Glen	3	19	26	5	21	8	4	0.0	7	5	2	PYKE, Don	3	47	22	3	19	4	2	2.1	2	3	3
KEMP, Dean	3	49	58	8	21	7	2	1.3	0	10	1	TURLEY, Craig	3	61	39	11	26	4	4	2.4	0	2	3
LAIDLEY, Dean	3	41	34	7	16	5	5	3.3	1	3	2	TURNBULL, Ryan	3	8	18	3	9	3	1	2.1	9	0	2
LAMB, Dwayne	2	110	26	4	10	3	1	0.1	0	0	1	UGLE, Troy	1	34	1	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	1	1
LANGDON, Karl	2	73	18	10	13	3	3	1.3	2	6	4	WATERMAN, Chris	3	52	37	15	13	4	4	1.2	0	4	0
LEWIS, Chris	3	93	50	14	14	7	8	4.3	1	11	4	WATTERS, Scott	3	31	13	4	13	3	1	1.0	0	2	1
LOCKYER, Andrew	2	78	15	1	2	1	1	0.0	6	1	0	WHITE, Mitchell	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	0.0	0	1	0
MAINWARING, Chris	3	104	46	9	20	9	2	2.3	1	3	0	WORSFOLD, John	3	99	17	9	22	6	2	0.0	0	4	2



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Tigers win lands Bombers last

RICHMOND'S surprise victory over Melbourne on Saturday and the match ratio system, sent Essendon to the bottom of the ladder for the first time since 1933.

With the bottom eight clubs all without wins, Essendon's position is the worst, as they are the only team of the eight to have played four games.

It is the first time the Bombers have been on the bottom of the ladder at the end of a completed round for more than 58 years. A five-point loss to Hawthorn in the final game of 1933 enabled the Hawks to climb to 11th — and push the Bombers to 12th and the wooden spoon.

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How the Eagles rated

SPINDLY Eagles midfielder Dean Kemp has taken a single vote lead in a flying start to season 1992.

Kemp has gained seven votes on three occasions to give him a slender lead over dynamic Chris Lewis. The winner of the West Coast ratings will receive \$500 and a trophy from Town and Country Bank.

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HARDING, Paul	-	7	5 12
HEADY, Brett	6	-	6
HYNES, David	5	5	7 17
IRVING, Dean	5	-	5
JAKOVICH, Glen	5	6	6 17
KEMP, Dean	7	7	7 21
LAIDLEY, Dean	5	4r	7 16
LAMB, Dwayne	-	6	6 12
LANGDON, Karl	-	6	6 12
LEWIS, Chris	5	7	8 20
LOCKYER, Andrew	-	6	4r 10
MAINWARING, Chris	6	6	5 17
MATERA, Peter	6	5	6 17
McKENNA, Guy	6	6i	5 17
METROPOLIS, Daniel	-	6	4 10
NICHOLS, Trent	5	-	5
PEOS, Paul	-	8	6 14
PYKE, Don	5	4r	5 14
TURLEY, Craig	5	7	5 17
TURNBULL, Ryan	5	4	4r 13
UGLE, Troy	2i	-	2
WATERMAN, Chris	6	5	5 16
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FOLLOWING Richmond's round four win, all teams have had at least one victory this season. The last two years in which all teams were on the board after four rounds were 1982 and 1987.

However, this year all 15 teams won at least one of their first three games — and that hasn't happened since 1979.



Guy McKenna ... solid contributor in Eagles defence

GEELONG'S 24-point win was the 14th over the Eagles in Perth and the first for the Cats.

It was the Eagles biggest loss at home since round 20 of 1990, when Melbourne won by 36 points.

After Geelong's win, five teams are yet to win in Perth — Adelaide, Brisbane, Footscray, Richmond and St Kilda.

The Eagles score was their highest losing total in Perth since kicking 15.19 against North Melbourne under lights at the WACA Ground in round 19 of 1987.

The Eagles have now lost one game at home in each of the past three seasons — and each time kicked 15 goals for the game.

FOOTSCRAY was the final Victorian-based club to win in Sydney, when they finally broke the ice in April 1990.

Having overcome their SCG hoodoo, Sunday's win gives them consecutive wins in the Harbour City.

FITZROY'S win at Princes Park on Saturday was their first over the Adelaide Crows.

Four teams — Brisbane, Melbourne, Richmond and Sydney — are yet to beat the Crows.

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AFL GOALKICKERS

Name	Score	Name	Score
Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	22.17	Paul Brown	11.12
Tony Lockett (St Kilda)	20.16	Darren Bewick (Essendon)	10.9
David Strouper (Sydney Swans)	19.12	Stephen Silvagni (Carlton)	10.3
Richard Osborne (Fitzroy)	15.10	Robert Scott (Geelong)	10.3
Allen Jakovich (Melbourne)	14.13	Chris Grant (Footscray)	8.7
Doug Hawkins (Footscray)	13.5	Paul Hudson (Hawthorn)	8.6
Gary Ablett (Geelong)	12.9	Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)	8.6

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HOW WA PLAYERS PERFORMED IN THE AFL

Team	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Players Score	Team	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Players Score	Team	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Players Score
HAWTHORN					ESSENDON					CARLTON				
Ben Allan	11	2	3	1.1	Darren Bewick	14	7	6	5	Earl Spalding	8	3	7	1
MELBOURNE					Brad Fox	5	-	4	1.1	COLLINGWOOD				
Darren Bennett	1	-	1	0.1	Derek Kickett	15	5	13	-	Michael Christian	9	4	12	-
Allan Jakovich	9	8	1	2.6	FITZROY					Bradley Rowe	1	-	2	-
NTH MELBOURNE					Jeremy Guard	13	6	6	1.1	Craig Starcevich	17	15	3	3
Mark Brayshaw	9	3	4	-	Marcus Secamp	6	3	9	-	ST KILDA				
Richard Dennis	8	3	6	1.2	GEELONG					Dale Kickett	11	3	5	2.0
RICHMOND					Mark Bairstow	13	5	9	2	Nicky Winmar	11	4	3	1.0
Brad Gwilliam	5	-	2	-	Steven Handley	11	5	1	-	SYDNEY SWANS				
Stevan Jackson	14	8	7	3.1	Geoff Miles	8	-	-	-	Andrew McGovern	9	1	7	1.0
Todd Menegola	8	2	4	2.2		Brad Tunbridge	5	6	5	-				

HIT OUTS: S. Handley 26; B. Tunbridge 16; D. Bennett 2; E. Spalding 1.

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Suma Magic

IT was great to sample a bit of the old-fashioned Fremantle derby atmosphere last Saturday.

South Fremantle snatched a typical thrilling victory over East Fremantle, who had hit the front just going into time-on. But the Bulldogs showed plenty of grit to get back and win.

It was good to see Eagles squad members in Michael Brennan, Trent Nichols, Mark Hepburn and David Hart all play well. There's no shortage of good quality footballers in the WAFL ranks when you can see players like that in action each week.

Nichols, particularly, roved hard for East Fremantle, while Hepburn confirmed that he's on the way back with a strong display in the ruck and at centre-half-forward for Souths.

A couple of Bulldogs rookies showed plenty of potential, particularly Warren Campbell, whose last-quarter goal put Souths back into the game. It was a gem. First-gamer Derick Woods showed plenty of style as well.

Full marks to big ruckman Ian Newman, who came into the side at short notice and did extremely well. He obviously lacked match fitness, but he really gave the Sharks ruck division some leadership and he'll get better.

SUNDAY'S loss to Geelong was obviously a big disappointment for the Eagles, but the boys will regroup and should bounce back against Brisbane.

One of the outstanding features of the Eagles is that we have the ability to recover from setbacks like that. The players are able to make an honest appraisal of their form and I'm sure a couple of the boys who were down last week will not need any reminding that they have to atone.

Everyone accepts that players will have occasional bad days; what's important is that the individuals have the capacity to recognise that and turn it around.

The disappointing thing about Sunday was that we slipped back to some of the errors we made against Sydney in that opening loss.

On the positive side, David Hynes again played strongly in attack, giving a real contest at the ball and I'm looking forward to playing alongside him — when I recover from this ankle injury!

IT was a pleasure to see my old South Fremantle coach in Stan Magro work a couple of miracles with East Perth to record a stunning upset victory over Swan Districts.

Stan's a top coach and certainly helped me in my early days and I'm sure he'll do well with the Royals.

COACHING TIP

Concentrate on improving the non-preferred side of your body, especially when kicking. There should be a willingness to try and turn onto your non-preferred side and get used to kicking with your 'other' foot.



John Sumich

THE FREMANTLE PUSH

Eagles move to hold Port stars

WEST Coast officials have acted swiftly to stay ahead of moves to introduce a second AFL team from Perth.

The players were told at a meeting last Monday that the club would do everything possible to retain Eagles under contract.

The announcement of the go-ahead for the Fremantle team could coincide with a release next Monday of details for the \$40 million redevelopment of Subiaco Oval.

A second team is vital to help repay the multi-million dollar loans needed for extensions at League headquarters. It was originally thought that the new Fremantle team would have access to some Eagles players originally from the Port clubs.

But WA Football Commission chairman Peter Tannock declared this week that the Eagles would be protected.

"There is no chance we would encourage any current Eagles player to move to Fremantle unless he had the blessing of the Eagles," he said.

"We have not the slightest intention of upsetting the playing or financial viability of the Eagles."

DISCUSSIONS

Tannock had discussions with AFL executive commissioner Alan Schwab in Perth this week which revealed the possibility of a radical AFL restructure and formation of two eight-team competitions.

Anticipating the push for a second AFL team to be in place for 1993 or 1994, the Eagles have contracted star players like Peter Sumich, Guy Mc-

By

KIM HAGDORN

Kenna, Chris Lewis, John Worsfold, Craig Turley and Michael Brennan on long-terms.

Brilliant winger Chris Mainwaring, who signed a three-year contract at the end of 1989, is one Eagle who could be on the market at the end of this season.

Amidst speculation that the second side could be operating from Fremantle by 1994 at the latest, there has remained a misconception that some current Eagles would be freed to join the new club.

Rumours persist that former Fremantle players Sumich, Worsfold, Mainwaring and Brennan had "get out" clauses written into their contracts, ready for a new team.

That is not true.

The new team player-base will start from scratch, with certain concessions from the AFL, as for the Eagles, late in 1986.

Special pre-draft concessions and first option at players coming out of contract are anticipated for the Fremantle team.

Priority choices and up to 10 uncontracted players are expected to be the major concession for the Fremantle side.

It is clear attempts will be made to have all West Coast players sign long term commitments to the club as negotiations rage over playing personnel for the new team.

Eagles chairman Terry O'Connor was this week highly critical of the

They won't be moving clubs



STAYING PUT . . . the Eagles say stars like John Worsfold, Peter Sumich, Michael Brennan and Glen Jakovich will not be released for any Fremantle side

timing of announcements relating to Perth's second AFL team.

ACCUSATION

Connor accused Schwab of a complete turn-around on the second Perth team.

"Nine months ago, here in Perth, Alan Schwab said that a team from Perth wasn't on the cards in the near future," O'Connor said.

"He said the AFL priority was to ensure the financial and playing viability of Sydney and Brisbane, before any support for the move from Perth would be offered.

"This latest development confirms

my belief that the AFL has no firm planning to see the current concept of national competition develop.

"It smacks of them stumbling from one ad-hock decision to another.

"The push for another team out of Perth fails to take into consideration the potential needs for Adelaide to develop or for another team in the competition from Hobart to further enhance the national concept.

"The AFL clearly has no strategic view of the model of football in the year 2000."

Eagles officials believe the call for a team from Fremantle is designed to threaten and hamper the current financial and playing strength of the Eagles.

Exciting WAFL talent shows out

BIG name players in the WAFL might be few and far between — but stars in the opening two rounds have been a mixture of young and old.

The Eagles fourth draft choice and No. 29 overall, Subiaco's Matt Connell, has gone close to producing two best-on-ground efforts after showing signs of his potential last season.

The talented 19-year-old from Carine emerged as one of the Lions best players in the pressure of last year's final series, three games which secured his place in the Eagles squad.

Matt Cullen, in his second year with West Perth, has been a shining light in attack for the Falcons and veteran ruckman Craig Nelson is dominating the ruck.

Eagles recruit Peter Freeman has also settled well at Leederville and shows promise in defence.

East Perth, who produced the upset of the round by downing premiership favourites Swan Districts at Perth Oval, have received outstanding service from Peter Miller.

The tough midfielder has been the side's best in the opening two matches, while tough defender Dean Bertram has also been impressive.

By

Tania Armstrong

East Fremantle have unearthed Craig Treleven and rover Josh Gallop, who both gave good performances in the pressure-cooker derby atmosphere.

John Lawrence, who many thought would be drafted in the past two seasons, has been among the Sharks best in their first two outings.

Swan Districts most impressive performer to date is Stephen O'Reilly, who has answered coach John Todd's



DRAFT CHANCE . . . East Fremantle's John Lawrence would be an ideal draft choice for a Port side in the AFL

calls either in defence or sharing the ruck duties with Jason Ball and Travis Edmonds.

Geoff Passeri, a State player last season and one of the most underrated ball-getters in the WAFL, is showing the form which earned him State selection in 1991.

Passeri (22) must have been close to draft selection last November and may be using that as motivation this season.

One of the surprise packets of the season at Lathlain Park has been the superb touch of veteran John Van Rooye in the ruck and at full-forward against Claremont.

At 35, the amazingly fit Van Rooye is combining well with Stephen Pears in the ruck, who is also having his best season.

Talented Demons ruck-rover Robert Thomson, well established in his third league season, has been among Perth's best.

Veteran Wally Matera has led South Fremantle's undefeated charge.

Matera has returned to the Port to finish his football career after stints

with the Eagles and Fitzroy.

Matera hasn't lost his desire to run hard and his experience told in the derby when he sealed the match with his second goal.

Defenders Nick Bolton and Michael Dunstan have also performed well for the Bulldogs.

While Connell has been outstanding for Subiaco, new skipper Rod Willet has played some of his best football in the forward line.

Willet has answered coach Haydn Bunton's search for a spearhead up forward.

Reigning premiers Claremont have had a spasmodic start to the season but skipper Brian Beresford can shoulder none of the blame.

Beresford has been used mainly as a ruck-rover by Gerard Neesham and former captain Mark Hann has been consistent on a wing.

Paul Burton, drafted by Sydney Swans but opting for another season with the Tigers, has lost none of his touch in an impressive Claremont defence.

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Sharks eye vulnerable

EAST Fremantle, one of two sides to beat Claremont last year, have a chance to register their first win of the season against a vulnerable Tigers at Claremont Oval this week.

For the sake of the WAFL competition, the Sharks must claim the four points and coach Ken Judge is just the man to inspire them.

It was Judge's second game at the helm, in May last year, when the Sharks jumped the Tigers. That win followed the team's first win for the season, over East Perth at the WACA Ground, in his first game as coach.

Last week East Fremantle went with an ace of victory in the fiercely contested derby. They were set for their first win when they hit the front at the 24-minute mark of the final term.

It was only South Fremantle's experienced players, like Mark Hepburn and Wally Matera, who enabled the Bulldogs to claw their way back to the lead.

Claremont's confidence must be dented after a 53-point hiding from Perth, their biggest loss under coach Gerard Neesham.

Running players Tony Evans, Kevin Mitchell and Brian Sutherland were well down on form and it is here that East Fremantle could dominate.

Billy Krakouer, Peter Quill, Kane Morphet and John Lawrence were all in good touch in the derby, though they faded in the crucial final term.

Another healthy sign for the Sharks

Tiger prey

runners was the return to form of Trent Nichols after a nightmare first-up WAFL outing and Steve Malaxos will relish a run in the centre against his old side.

One loss does not mean it's all over for the Tigers and Neesham is still shuffling his players to find the right balance with his new line-up.

Healthy signs for the Tigers are the continued good form of newcomers Paul Morgan at full-forward and rover David Ham, while Brian Beresford, Mark Hann and Paul Burton have continued their form from last season.

CONFIDENCE

The clash between Perth and Subiaco at Lathlain Park promises to be a close affair and both sides are full of confidence after big wins last week.

Forwards Rod Willet, John Georgiades, Andrew Macnish and Brad McDougall will pose problems for the Demons in front of goals.



WAY TO GO . . . East Fremantle runner George Christie shows his coach the way to go — and Claremont are the targets this week

The Lions also possess a formidable band of runners in Matt Connell, Chris Batka, Ian Dargie and Steven Davies.

Perth have the ability to match it with Subiaco's on-ball brigade, but whether they have the personnel to kick a winning score will depend on Craig McNaughton, Matt Congleton, Geoff Wilson, Steve Lally and ruck duo Stephen Pears and John Van Rooye.

UNBEATEN

The other match of the day will be between Malcolm Brown's unbeaten Bulldogs and the all-conquering East Perth side, fresh from a big win over Swan Districts.

South Fremantle's experienced players such as Wally Matera, Martin Atkins and Ashley Flugge may be the difference between the two sides.

IMPROVEMENT

Swan Districts coach John Todd will demand a huge improvement from his players this week.

The Swans host West Perth at Bassendean Oval, often a graveyard for visiting teams and they will be in an angry mood after losing to East Perth.

Swans have a habit of celebrating milestones with a win and they will be hoping to present full-forward Kevin Caton with a bag of goals in his 100th appearance.

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Willet is on target

SUBIACO skipper Rod Willet is the surprise leader in the GIO goalkicking award after two weeks of WAFL competition.

Willet has kicked kicked eight goals from 11 scoring shots and his new-found form at centre-half-forward has been a bonus for the Lions.

Swan Districts sharp-shooter Andy Holmes has had the most scoring shots (13), but he has been off target and is languishing down the table in 14th spot.

Holmes and Kevin Caton, Swans two most prolific and usually reliable goalscorers, both kicked an inaccurate 2.5 against East Perth.

WAFL LEADING GOALKICKERS

Rod Willet (Subiaco)	8.3
Lloyd Haskett (East Perth)	7.4
John Van Rooye (Perth)	7.2
Mick Hastie (Swan Dist)	7.2
Matt Cullen (West Perth)	6.4
Warren Campbell (South Frem)	5.6
Shane Evans (East Perth)	5.5
Ashley Flugge (South Frem)	5.3
Brad McDougall (Subiaco)	5.2
Matthew Congleton (Perth)	5.2
Steve Lally (Perth)	5.1
Paul Morgan (Claremont)	5.1
Andrew Macnish (Subiaco)	5.1
Andy Holmes (Swan Dist)	4.9
David Rowe (East Frem)	4.4
Mitchell White (Subiaco)	4.2
David Ham (Claremont)	4.2
Steve Bazzo (Swan Dist)	4.1
Scott Spalding (Perth)	4.0



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When your back's to the wall . . .

PERTH and East Perth's upset wins over Claremont and Swan Districts last week were even more remarkable considering that there were talks of a merger between the two clubs just months ago.

Perth's 53-point win over the reigning premiers was their biggest against the Tigers since a 70-point drubbing on August 30, 1986.

Surprisingly, East Perth's 33-point win over Swans was their second in a row, following a two-point win on July 27 last year.

Talks of a merger between the Royals and Demons came from the WAFC in November, just after East Perth appointed Stan Magro coach for the new season.

While Perth recorded a profit after a rejuvenated season which saw them make the finals for the first time since 1986, East Perth were struggling financially.

The idea behind the merger was to field a team of combined Perth and East Perth players based at Perth Oval, coached by Magro and introduce a new team in the South Suburban corridor, coached by Perth coach Ken Armstrong.

Perth and East Perth — two clubs with tremendous rivalry — were dead-set against the plan.

While many Perth supporters are reluctantly resigned to leaving Lathlain Park for the South Suburban corridor, they assumed they would take their footballers with them.

Armstrong was concerned that he would be robbed of players he had worked so hard at turning into league footballers — and East Perth refused to budge.

The merger was forgotten and longer-term solutions to the WAFL seem more favourable options.

Magro, after his first win as coach of the Royals, was a happy man as he spoke to East Perth members on Saturday night.

"We're not in the competition just to make up numbers," he said defiantly.

"We have the right to stand up and take what's rightly ours. The players have worked very hard and deserve their success."

At Lathlain Park, Armstrong urged challenged supporters to find new members to build up the financial base of the club.

"Today we fielded the strongest side since I've been back with the club," he said after the win over Claremont.

"Claremont really rubbed our noses in the dirt a couple of times last year and it was nice to get our own back."

"We had enough possession of the football to win against South Fremantle and our record is still only one from two so it's nothing to get carried away with."

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KICKING AROUND

SYDNEY Swans ruckman Gareth John came off the interchange bench at the SCG on Sunday to make one of the most remarkable comebacks in recent football history. John had his larynx crushed in a freak ruck accident against Essendon's Simon Madden in 1990, which threatened his life and his voice, but he has shown tremendous courage to fight his way back to top football. He only had two marks, two kicks and two hit-outs, but they were very important statistics.

A **PLANNED** demonstration by St Kilda fans last Saturday aimed at forcing the Moorabbin City Council to upgrade the Saints home ground — and put off the planned move to Waverley next year — failed to get off the ground. With the big match against Hawthorn only hours away, estimates put the number of demonstrators outside the Moorabbin Town Hall at a dismal 350. No doubt many fans who felt strongly about the issue were already grabbing the best vantage points at Moorabbin.

THE AFL Players' Association had a major victory with an AFL decision to delay the start of the season by at least two weeks. Season 1992 began on March 21, a week before the Sheffield Shield final was even staged in Perth. If a second WA team is admitted into the competition, the season may be prolonged even further as the bye will be eliminated.

THE AFL has announced a \$25,000 grant to Life Education, an important initiative in reducing the incidence of drug misuse as part of the AFL's Drug Code. Apart from introducing a drug code for the competition, the AFL also undertook to start an educational programme for the community in general. The AFL money will go to Life Education headquarters to assist with the support of their committees and the development of further Life Education classrooms which will make contact with 200,000 students this year.

THE excellent crowd of 43,000 at last Friday's MCG clash between North Melbourne and Carlton left plenty of frustrated fans queuing at the turnstiles. While the AFL did concede that a couple more gates could have been operating, Commissioner Ross Oakley says that the fans have to be better educated. The last-minute rush to get into the ground caused chaos, but 20 minutes earlier, the turnstiles were just clicking around quite slowly.

CARLTON will be turning up the persuasion on reluctant Bendigo recruit Steven Oliver, judged on his current form. The 21-year-old kicked 17 goals as Castlemaine notched a huge 40-goal victory over Northern United to herald his return to the club after playing the opening two AFL games with the Blues. Oliver took 28 marks in Saturday's clash.

RICHMOND coach Allan Jeans deployed an interesting tactic to curb the effectiveness of Melbourne dangerman Jim Stynes last week. Jeans used big Brendon Gale against Stynes at the centre bounces, but he then dropped back to centre-half-back, allowing the more mobile Brian Leys to tag Stynes around the ground, restricting the Brownlow Medallist to 22 possessions.

TWO of football's most magical players were opposed to each other when Collingwood and Essendon did battle last week. Magpies magician Peter Daicos was matched up with Bombers marvel Derek Kickett and the two stars nullified each other, but were still effective players. Daicos finished with 25 possessions, while Kickett had 28.

COACHING CONTRASTS . . . rival Fremantle coaches Ken Judge (left) and Malcolm Brown provide an interesting contrast in experience — but both are destined to play an important role in WA's football future. They are in charge of East Fremantle and South Fremantle respectively and that is where WA's next AFL team should come from



Coaching line-up ranks as the best

SELDOM in the 107-year history of the West Australian Football League has there been such a line-up of quality coaching talent at the league clubs.

The 1992 season started last Saturday with the State's finest coaches in control — along with some of the most promising tacticians at the head of each WAFL club's premiership drive.

Legendary WA leaders John Todd, Ken Armstrong and Haydn Bunton are re-joined by Malcolm Brown as the four elder statesmen in the coaching stakes.

The wise — in some cases balding — heads of Todd, Armstrong, Bunton and Brown have between them already marshalled a combined tally of 14 WAFL premierships.

Bunton dates back to 1961, when he collected the first of three flags with Swan Districts.

Brown's first success was in 1972 with East Perth and the colourful Bulldogs coach was victorious with Souths in 1980.

Todd's first title came in 1974 with East Fremantle, followed by the first of his four flags at Swans in 1982. The Swans guru emulated Bunton's hat-trick with the black and whites in '83 and again in '84 and was back again in 1990.

Armstrong's back-to-back glory was achieved when many of his current young footballers were too young to recall — in 1976 and '77.

GRAND FINALS

Claremont's reigning premiership coach Gerard Neesham is establishing himself as a leader of quality to ultimately match the outstanding records of his more experienced counterparts.

Neesham, who has been either a player or coach at the last nine WAFL grand finals, is being widely touted as an AFL coach of the future.

In five short years, Neesham has already taken the Tigers to three titles in five successive grand final appearances.

Brown has made no secret that he believes Neesham would be a leading contender to coach the second national league side to operate out of Perth before the end of the decade.

East Fremantle's rookie Ken Judge has also earned a healthy reputation for innovative, constructive tactics with limited player-depth in the Sharks pen since he took over four games into last season.

Highly respected former player and past South Fremantle

coach Stan Magro has taken over at East Perth and at Leederville Oval, new boss Jeff Gieschen comes to WA from country Victoria with top credentials and on the recommendation of West Coast Eagles coach Mick Malthouse.

It is significant that the likes of Todd, Armstrong, Bunton and Brown should be at the helms of local league clubs.

The WAFL is currently surviving the most tumultuous upheaval in its history.

Few better-qualified men in the nation could be in place to assist the ride through the torrid times.

Financial constraints through club debts; constant attention from AFL talent scouts and the modern problems of unemployment and sporting alternatives for young men offer coaches even greater challenges than at any other stage of the game's evolution.

But the buoyancy of the competition and the amazing production rate of quality players is testimony to the quality of the WAFL . . . and certainly the coaches themselves.

All current coaches take great personal pride and satisfaction in developing young players and seeing them succeed at WAFL level.

This season will again be no exception.

League premiership flags attract the all-important dollar from sponsors, members and supporters.

While Brown and his South Fremantle management embarked on an ambitious, but successful talent drive, the Bulldogs — like Todd at Swans and Neesham at Claremont — did not lose sight of the need to inject youngsters into the camp.

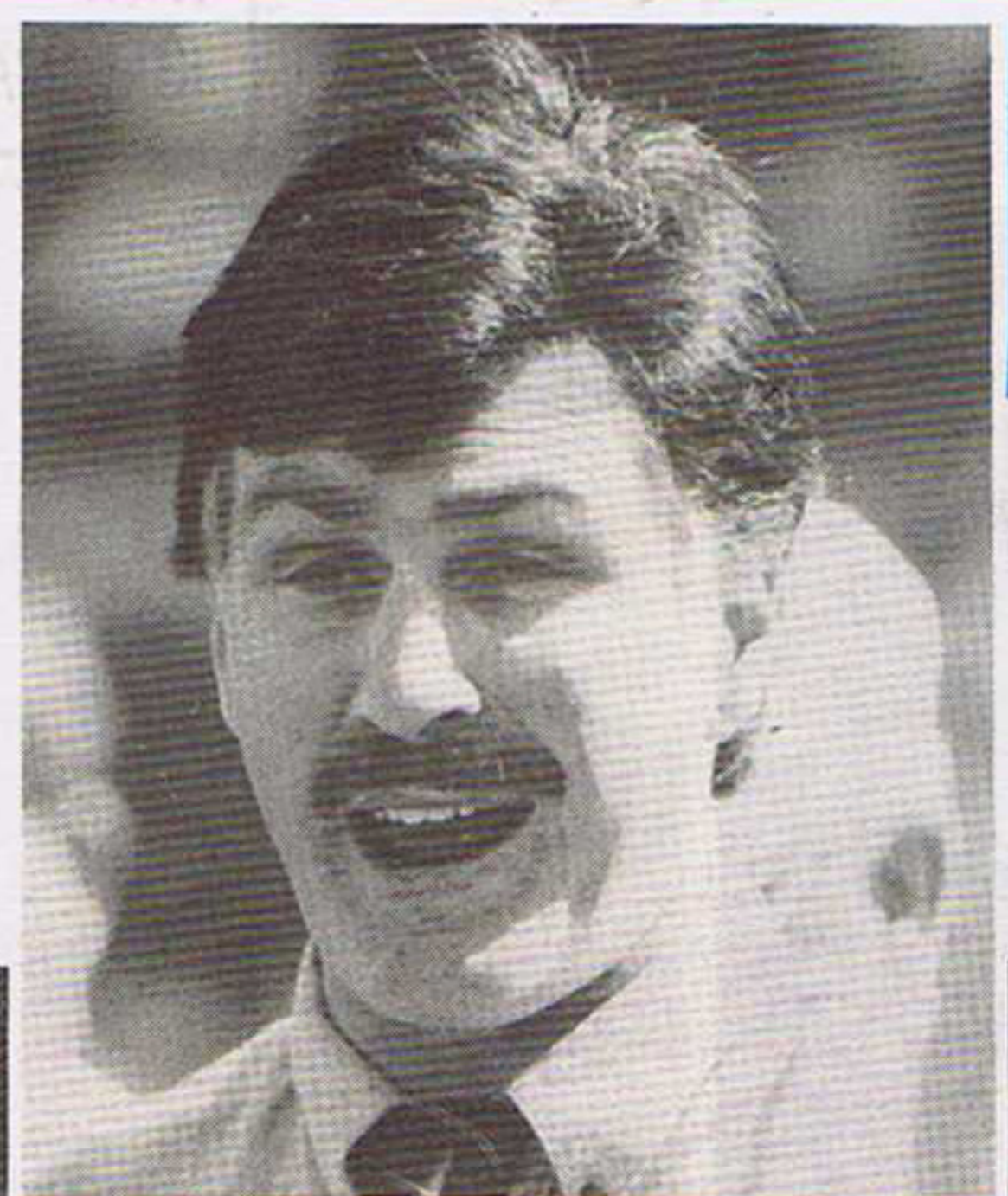
DRAFT CONCERNS

Brown remains concerned that in a short period, his budding young stars like Derrick Woods, Warren Campbell and Jason Spinks could be whisked away into the AFL system via the national draft scheme.

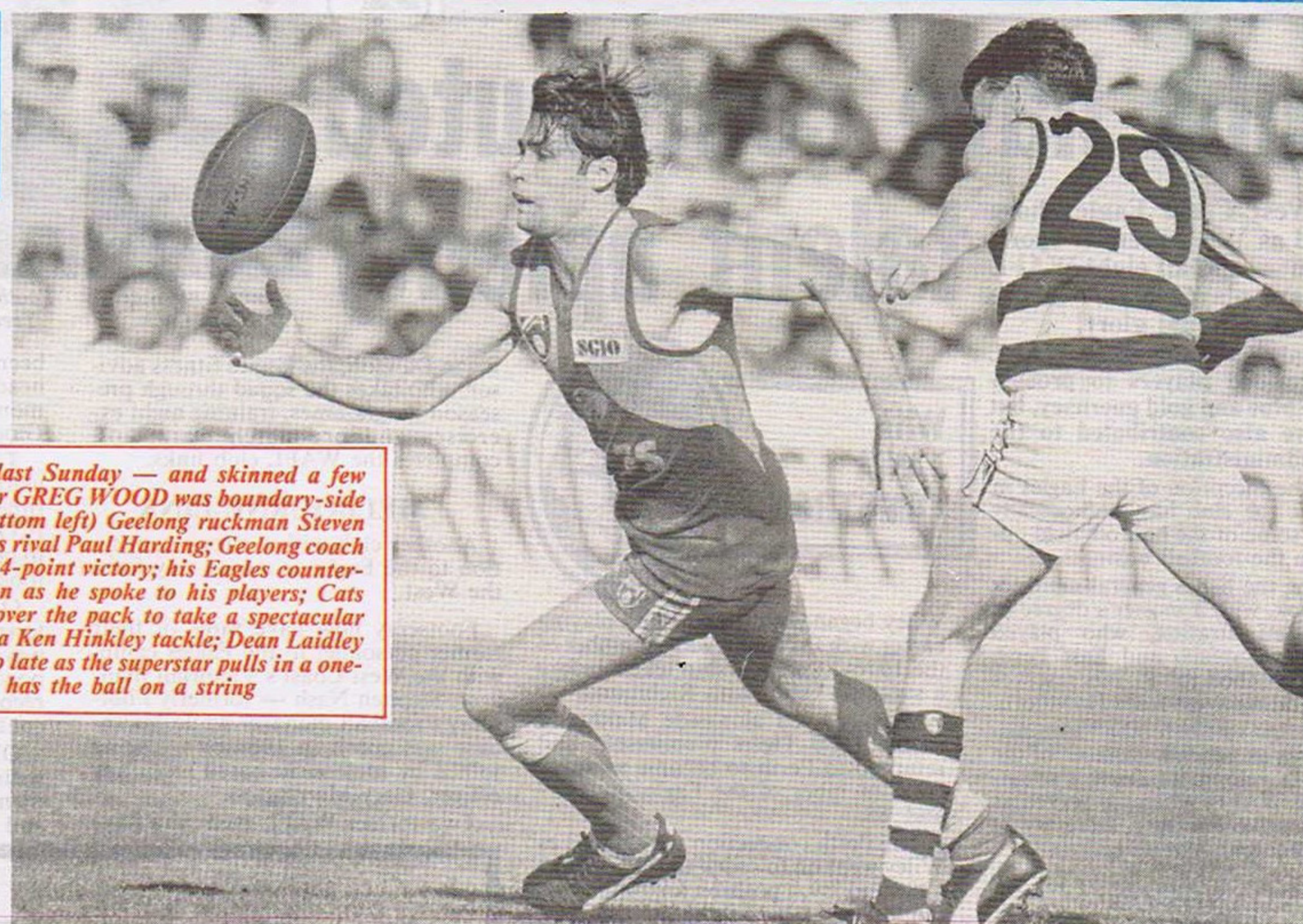
Todd and Armstrong have constantly made public comment on concerns of how easily young players are "lost in the system" of AFL clubs when drafted and encouraged to the East too quickly.

Indeed, all WAFL coaches — as well as club presidents and WA Football Commission personnel — remain concerned that the current national draft system exposes many developing footballers when they are too young and still learning so much about life, not just football.

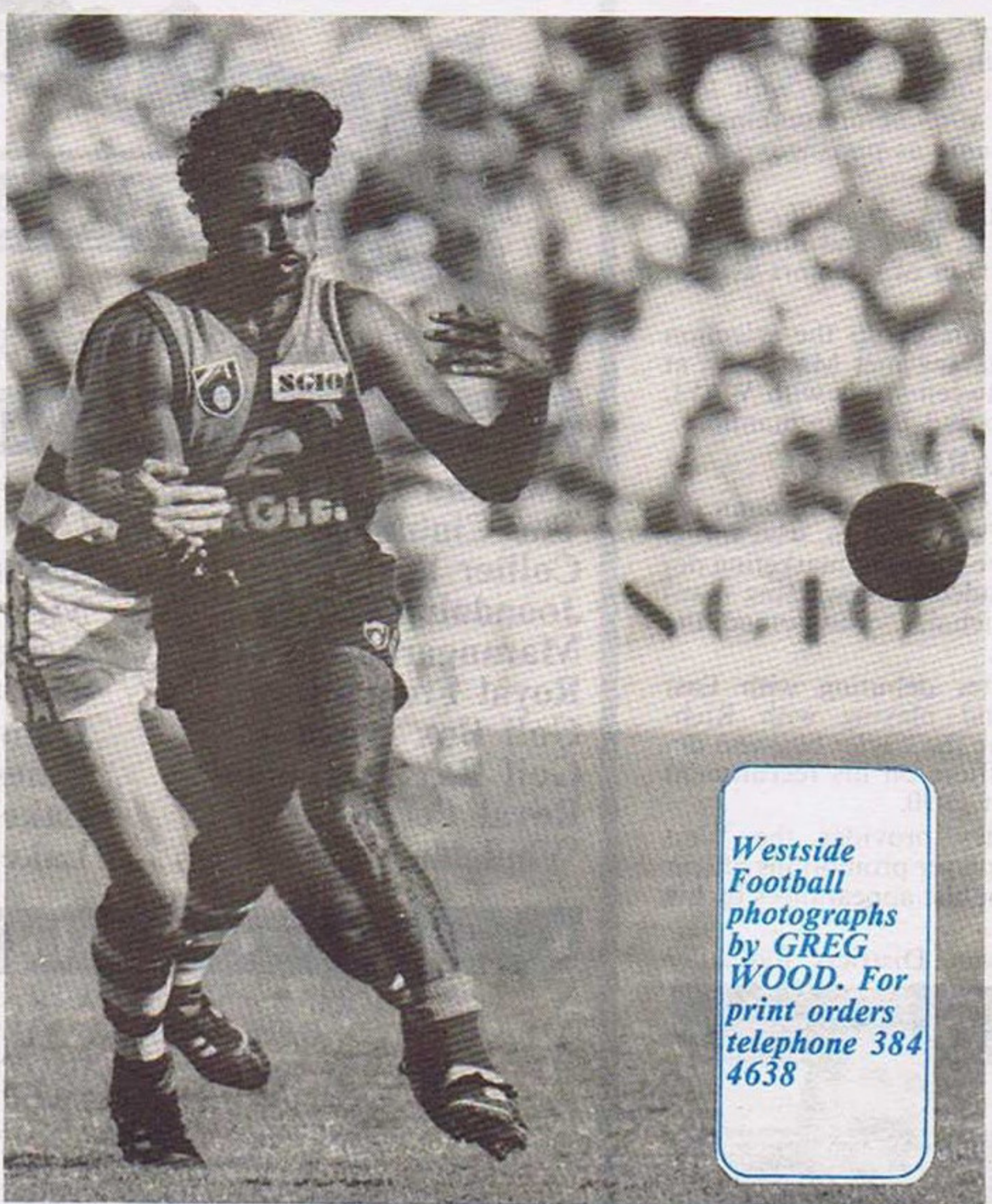
But while the current stock of WAFL coaches are on board and with the wealth of knowledge that backs them up, aspiring young stars can be assured of making the initial steps to the big time with the right guidance.



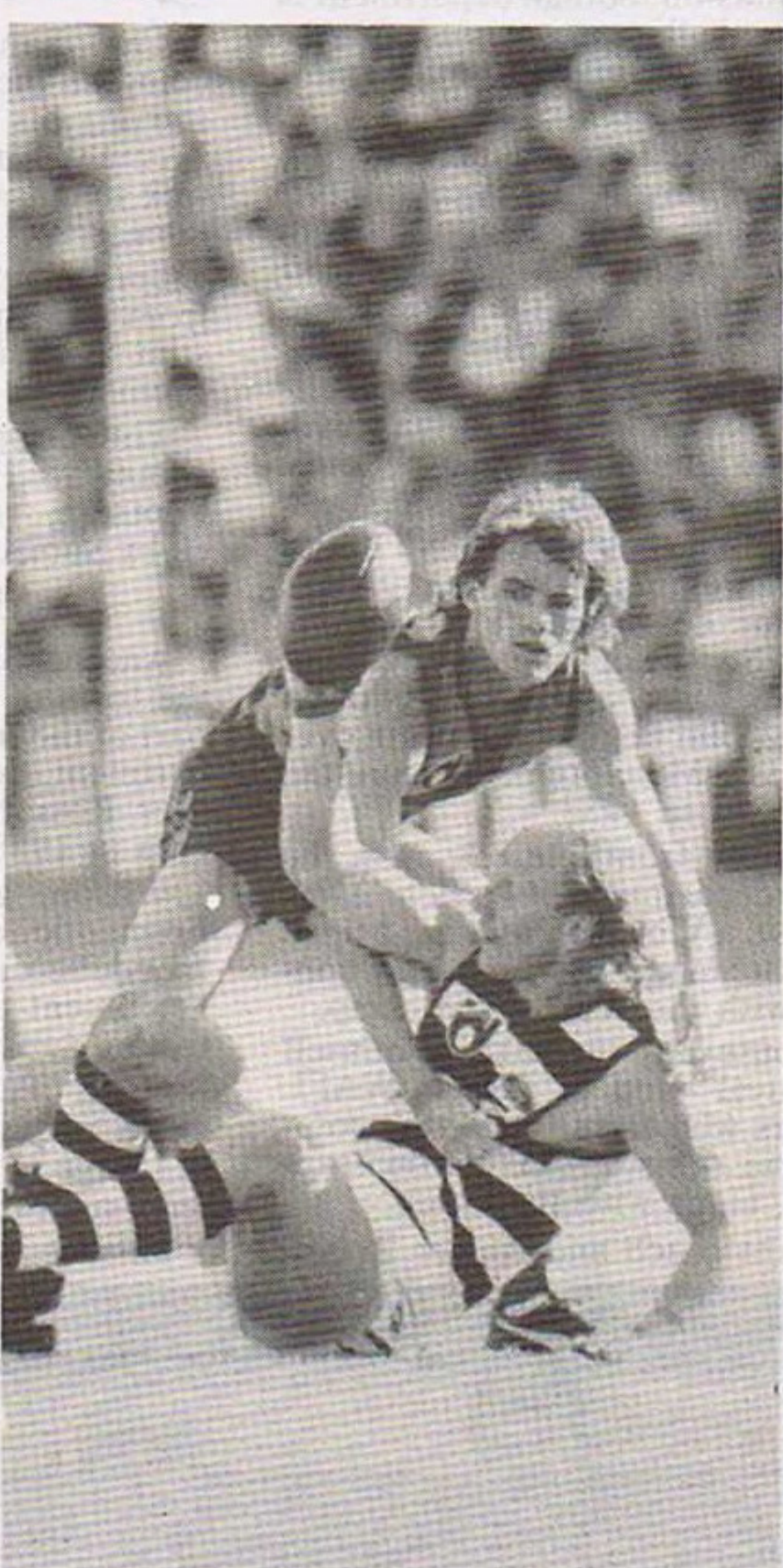
Super-Cats



The Geelong Super-Cats came to town last Sunday — and skinned a few Eagles with a superb display. Photographer GREG WOOD was boundary-side to capture the action (clockwise, from bottom left) Geelong ruckman Steven Handley jostles for position with his Eagles rival Paul Harding; Geelong coach Malcolm Blight was all smiles after the 24-point victory; his Eagles counterpart Mick Malthouse was a worried man as he spoke to his players; Cats dangerman Barry Stoneham soars high over the pack to take a spectacular mark; Craig Turley does well to shrug off a Ken Hinkley tackle; Dean Laidley tackles that man Gary Ablett — but all too late as the superstar pulls in a one-handed mark and Chris Lewis has the ball on a string



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Clubs have contributed talent aplenty

THE West Coast Eagles have emerged as WA's premier sporting team — and all eight WAFL clubs have played a role in the search for national glory.

Not only have the eight WAFL clubs provided players to proudly wear the blue and gold guernsey, but they have also contributed to the team's administration.

Since the inception of the Eagles in late 1986, the club has methodically gathered some of the best off-field operators in the football business.

Heading the list is general manager Brian Cook, with a master's degree in sports administration, who played football for Subiaco and East Perth and later coached the Royals reserves after migrating West from Hawthorn.

Cook's first role in football administration was as general manager of the Football Development Trust, graduating to the WAFL, where he served as chief executive and then secretary of the WA Football Commission.

HANDS-ON

The hands-on football department is led by football manager and former East Perth and Subiaco administrator, Trevor Nisbett.

Nisbett played five games for East Perth before turning his talents to off-field duties, which saw roles as football manager, development manager and general manager with the Royals and then football manager with the Lions.

One of Nisbett's off-siders is recruiting officer Mick Moylan, a man with playing and administration experience at Claremont and South Fremantle.

Moylan first took up off-field duties while at Claremont, in the late 1970s as a part-time development officer. He moved to Souths in the early 1980s, as general manager and then followed coach Malcolm Brown once again over to Perth as GM before being recruited to the Eagles in 1988.

Taking the front-line role with the football department is coach Mick Malthouse, a Victorian who has helped forge a Richmond and Footscray connection with the West Coast camp.

Malthouse has surrounded himself with a loyal band of former WAFL footballers who form the match committee, the decision-makers on team selection, along with the coach.

Assistant coach and runner Robert

With **TANIA ARMSTRONG**



Wiley began his distinguished playing career with Perth and was a member of the 1976-77 premierships teams before a successful stint with Richmond.

Wiley played alongside Malthouse in the 1980 Tigers premierships and returned to Perth to become an inaugural member of the Eagles in 1987 and '88.

The Perth connection strengthens as Wiley went on to coach the Demons in 1988 and '89, a position fellow selector Ian Miller had held earlier, in 1982 and '84.

Chairman of selectors Trevor Sprigg brings in the first link with Fremantle, starting his football career with East Fremantle in 1965 before making the trek to Tasmania as playing-coach of Glenorchy.

Sprigg returned in 1976, retired from playing in 1977 and then had a stint as chairman of selectors at East Fremantle.

Tim Gepp makes up the selection committee, having met Malthouse at Footscray between stints with WAFL clubs Subiaco and East Fremantle.

MARKETING

Another Sharks connection comes in the form of Peter Wilson, who forms part of the five-member marketing department, headed by marketing manager Ross Nicholas, who joined the club in 1988.

Wilson, after debuting with East Fremantle and playing with Richmond, became the Eagles business development officer on his recruitment to the club in 1990.

Craig Turley provides the West Perth link as player promotions officer in charge of public appearances by his team-mates.

Former Swan Districts footballer



General manager
Brian Cook

Football manager
Trevor Nisbett

Chairman of selectors
Trevor Sprigg

Brian Dawson, the Eagles fitness advisor, who takes the squad through pre-season programmes, training night exercises and pre-match warm-ups, completes the WAFL club links.

MELBOURNE LINK

Another club with a strong connection to the Eagles is a long way from the West.

Footscray now have three of their former personnel in the Eagles camp, with the West Coast's Victorian manager, Stephen Nash — formerly Footscray's football manager while Malthouse was coach in 1984-89 — being joined by Melbourne-based recruiting officer, Gary Merrington.

Two former WAFL men who have

been with the club from day one are head trainer Brian Sutherland (Claremont) and property manager Hank Gloede (South Fremantle).

The Board of Management, which works in close contact with the full-time staff, is headed by chairman Terry O'Connor QC, who was approached to take on the position after the WAFC took control of the Eagles in 1990.

O'Connor had previously led an Interim Commission set up to examine ways of re-establishing football as a power in WA in 1987-'88 and strongly recommending that the WAFL regain control of the Eagles.

O'Connor heads a five-man board, with Dwane Buckland his deputy and members Bill Kerr, Murray McHenry and John Adams.



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To be successful in football is similar to being a successful golfer. You must have a good CLUB — West Coast Eagles are a successful club! Best wishes to Mick Malthouse and the boys for the 1992 Football season.



A selection of former WAFL men who now form part of Malthouse's match committee ... (from left) Ian Miller, Rob Wiley and Tim Gepp

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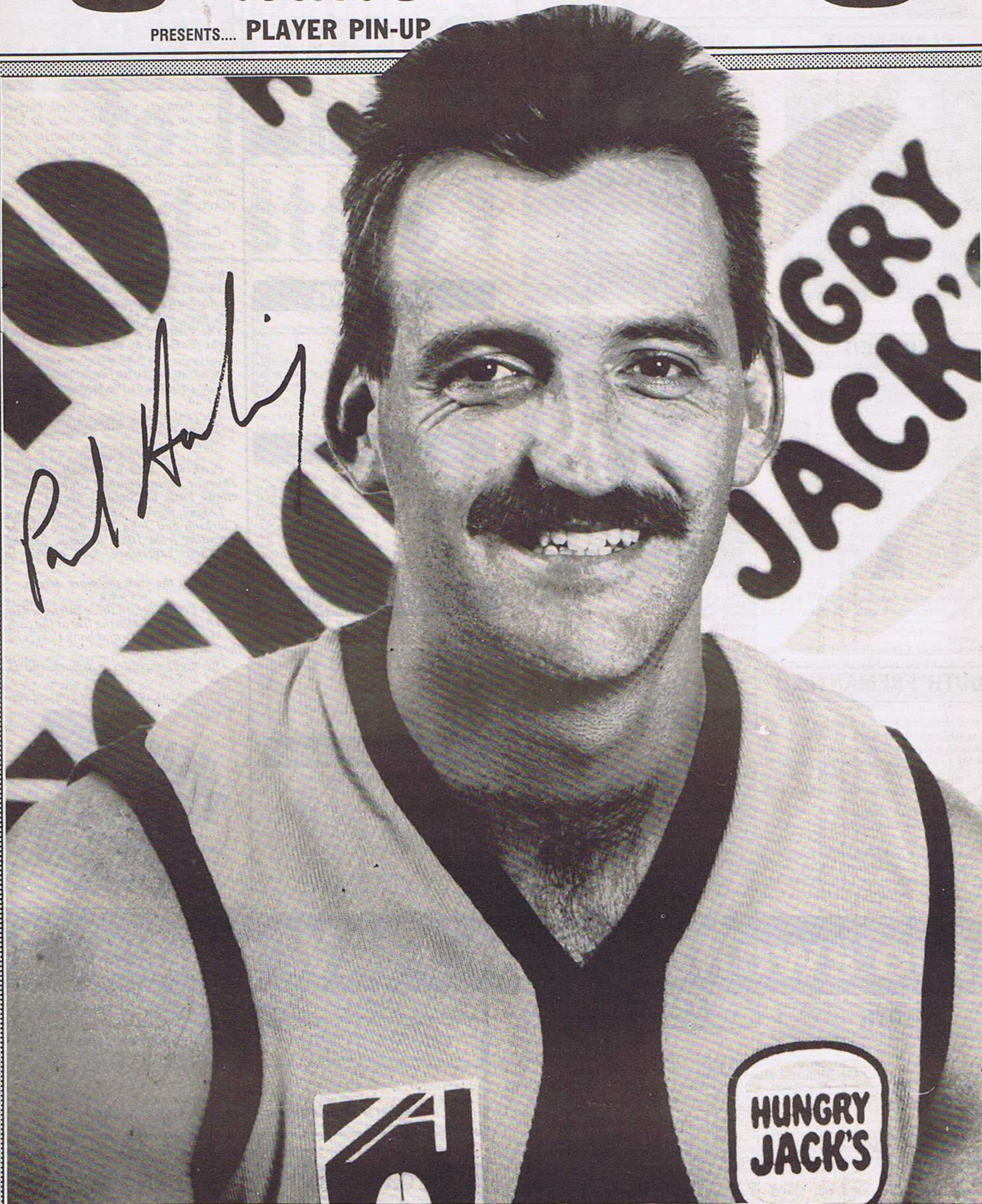




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THE Club Rumours player-of-the-year award for WAFL footballers is under way — with a \$500 reward, plus a magnificent trophy for the winner. Each week the players are rated out of 10, with an 'i' indicating they were injured and an 'r' showing that they were a reserve

CLAREMONT

	V	P	TOT
BALLANTYNE, Dale	4	4	8
BEGOVICH, Tony	6	4	10
BERESFORD, Brian	7	5	12
BURTON, Paul	8	5	13
CLARK, Adam	6	4	10
EDWARDS, Scott	7	5	12
EVANS, Tony	-	4	4
GILBERT, Phil	-	6	6
GILL, Bill	4	-	4
HAM, David	6	6	12
HANN, Mark	8	5	13
HENDRY, Brendan	6	4	10
HOLMES, Kelvin	7	5	12
MITCHELL, Kevin	4	4	8
MORGAN, Paul	6	7	13
NANNUP, Wayne	5	5	10
O'MALLEY, Greg	5	-	5
PANIZZA, Darrell	6	5	11
SMITH, Brad	6	4	10
SUTHERLAND, Brian	5	4	9
TAYLOR, Michael	5	4	9
WRIGHT, Simon	6	6	12

SWAN DISTRICTS

	V	EP	TOT
BALL, Jason	8	5	13
BAZZO, Steve	6	5	11
BROADBRIDGE, Michael	6	6	12
CALLOW, David	4	4	8
CATON, Kevin	-	5	5
EATON, Steve	7	3	10
EDMONDS, Travis	6	-	6
GOW, Paul	4	5	9
GRASSO, Mick	3	-	3
HARDY, Scott	-	4	4
HASTIE, Mick	7	6	13
HAWES, Todd	-	3	3
HOLMES, Andy	7	4	11
HUTTON, Brent	3	-	3
KELLY, Peter	-	4	4
NARKLE, Phil	6	-	6
OGG, David	7	-	7
O'NEILL, Rod	5	6	11
O'REILLY, Stephen	6	7	13
PASSERI, Geoff	8	5	13
PEEL, Chris	-	3	3
RANCE, Murray	5	3	8
RICHARDSON, Mike	5	6	11
SIDEBOTTOM, Michael	6	5	11
WALKER, Greg	7	5	12

SUBIACO

	V	WP	TOT
BATKA, Chris	5	7	12
BURTON, Matthew	7	-	7
CARTER, Vaughan	-	5	5
CHAPLIN, Simon	5	5	10
CONNELL, Matt	8	8	16
COX, Paul	4	-	4
COYLE, Glenn	3	5	8
DARGIE, Ian	7	7	14
DAVIES, Steven	5	6	11
GEORGIADES, John	-	7	7
GOLDING, Wayne	5	6	11
GRIEVE, Andrew	6	8	14
HUTCHINSON, Bret	3	-	3
KEMP, Garry	-	4	4
LANGDON, Donal	5	-	5
LESTER, Stephen	-	6	6
MACNISH, Andrew	6	6	12
McDOUGALL, Brad	5	7	12
McINTOSH, Nathan	4	4	8
WILLER, Paul	4	5	9
WONAGHAN, Bill	6	4	10
SCOTT, Phil	5	7	12
WHITE, Mitchell	5	6	11
WILLET, Rod	6	7	13

EAST FREMANTLE

	V	SD	SF	TOT
AMARANTI, Mark	6	6	12	
ANDERSON, Clayton	6	6	12	
BUSS, Cadell	4	-	4	
BILCICH, Stephen	6	7	13	
BRENNAN, Michael	-	5	5	
CONDON, Damien	5	4	9	
DAVIDSON, Jeff	6	4	10	
EVANS, Paul	-	3	3	
GALLUP, Josh	4	7	11	
KRUMMELL, Brendan	8	-	8	
KRAKOUER, Billy	3	6	9	
LAWRENCE, John	7	6	13	
LESTER-SMITH, Neil	4	5	9	
MALAXOS, Steve	-	5	5	
MORPHETT, Kane	7	7	14	
MORRIS, Jeff	5	-	5	
NEWMAN, Ian	-	7	7	
NICHOLS, Trent	4	7	11	
O'SULLIVAN, John	6	5	11	
QUILL, Peter	6	7	13	
RALPH, Graham	5	5	10	
ROWE, David	4	6	10	
STILES, Shane	4	-	4	
TRELEVEN, Craig	5	7	12	

SOUTH FREMANTLE

	P	EF	TOT
ATKINS, Martin	6	8	14
BALL, Michael	6	4	10
BOLTON, Nick	6	5	11
BOTTRELL, Tom	5	7	12
CAMPBELL, Warren	7	6	13
CAPUTI, Nick	4	6	10
COLLARD, Brad	-	5	5
COLLARD, Cliff	-	4	4
COLLINS, Mark	6	4	10
JUNSTAN, Michael	6	7	13
IMMANO, Ned	7	6	13
LUGGE, Ashley	5	6	11
GRANT, Steven	5	-	5
HART, David	7	6	13
HEPBURN, Mark	7	7	14
IRVING, Dean	4	-	4
MATERA, Wally	7	7	14
MOSCONI, Warren	5	-	5
NARKLE, Dempsey	5	6	11
POBJOY, Chris	6	5	11
PORTER, John	5	7	12
SPINKS, Jason	5	-	5
WILLIAMS, Russell	6	4	10
WOODS, Derick	-	5	5

WEST PERTH

	V	EP	S	TOT
CULLEN, Matt	5	6	11	
CURLEY, Todd	6	5	11	
DEL BORRELLO, Angelo	7	5	12	
DRIFILL, Justin	5	3	8	
DUNKELD, Ross	2	-	2	
EDWARDS, Tony	5	5	10	
ELLIOTT, David	6	5	11	
FREEMAN, Peter	7	5	12	
FULLGRABE, Troy	5	4	9	
HALL, Derek	6	5	11	
HARRIS, Darren	5	5	10	
JEPS, Michael	6	4	10	
MADAFFARI, Paddy	7	3	10	
MIFKA, Paul	7	3	10	
NELSON, Craig	6	5	11	
SANZONE, Paul	4	4	8	
SHELDRIK, Jeremy	-	3	3	
SOLLY, Dean	4	3	7	
TOOVEY, Rick	6	6	12	
WEST, Robbie	6	5	11	
ZEMPILAS, Basil	6	4	10	

PERTH

	V	WP	TOT
BAKER, Brendon	4	5	9
BARICH, Adrian	6	6	12
CLARK, Russell	4	5	9
CLARKSON, John	6	8	14
CONGLETON, Matthew	5	5	10
CUMMINGS, Steve	6	5	11
KELLY, Merv	6	4	10
LALLY, Steve	5	7	12
LOFTS, Jared	4	-	4
MAHONEY, Warren	4	-	4
McNAUGHTON, Craig	-	5	5
McPHAIL, Ashley	5	5	10
MOORE, Jeff	-	5	5
NICHOLAS, Warren	4	-	4
PEARS, Stephen	6	8	14
RENFREE, Shane	5	6	11
RIGBY, Darren	5	5	10
SPALDING, Scott	5	7	12
THOMSON, Robert	4	6	10
THOMPSON, Russell	6	5	11
VAN ROOYE, John	7	7	14
WILSON, Geoff	5	5	10
ZAIKOS, John	-	6	6

EAST PERTH

	V	W	SP	TOT
BARONI, Lucio	6	7	13	
BERTRAM, Dean	6	8	14	
CHALMERS, Michael	-	5	5	
CLAPE, Matt	5	-	5	
COLBUNG, Shawn	6	6	12	
DELCASALE, Franco	6	6	12	
EAST, Heath	-	6	6	
EVANS, Paul	6	6	12	
EVANS, Shane	6	6	12	
GARNAUT, Graeme	5	5	10	
GIANNAKIS, George	5	7	12	
GRAHAM, Richard	6	6	12	
HARRIS, Mark	5	-	5	
HASKETT, Lloyd	5	7	12	
McKNIGHT, Bruce	5	-	5	
MILLER, Peter	7	8	15	
PRIOR, Michael	5	5	10	
REGAN, David	3	3	6	
SAXBY, Craig	3	-	3	
SCOTT, John	5	6	11	
SOLIN, Robert	5	5	10	
STUBBERFIELD, Anthony	5	6	11	
SULLIVAN, Paul	-	4	4	
WILLISON, Greg	-	3	3	

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	Ratio
COLLINGWOOD	3	3	0	0	394	300	12	131.30
CARLTON	3	3	0	0	332	267	12	124.30
FOOTSCRAY	4	3	1	0	455	373	12	122.00
FITZROY	3	2	1	0	338	277	8	122.00
GEELONG	4	2	2	0	555	433	8	128.20
HAWTHORN	4	2	2	0	429	419	8	102.40
St Kilda	4	2	2	0	392	450	8	91.20
Nth Melbourne	3	1	2	0	316	291	4	108.60
WC Eagles	3	1	2	0	315	309	4	101.90
Adelaide	3	1	2	0	289	338	4	85.50
Melbourne	3	1	2	0	276	329	4	83.90
Sydney Swans	3	1	2	0	314	375	4	83.70
Brisbane Bears	3	1	2	0	238	304	4	78.30
Richmond	3	1	2	0	256	398	4	64.30
Essendon	4	1	3	0	415	471	4	88.10

PEPSI CUP LADDER

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
STH FLEM	2	2	-	192	153	8	125.49
SUBIACO	2	1	1	211	175	4	120.57
EAST PTH	2	1	1	233	198	4	112.63
PERTH	2	1	1	221	200	4	110.50
SWANS	2	1	1	208	203	4	102.45
Claremont	2	1	1	201	225	4	89.33
West Pth	2	1	1	158	215	4	73.49
East Frem	2	-	2	141	186	-	75.81

PEPSI RESERVES

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
SWANS	2	2	-	239	112	8	213.39
STH FLEM	2	2	-	293	193	8	151.81
CLAREMONT	2	1	1	193	187	4	103.21
PERTH	2	1	1	195	192	4	101.56
WEST PTH	2	1	1	172	177	4	97.18
East Pth	2	1	1	159	213	4	74.65
Subiaco	2	-	2	156	186	-	83.87
East Frem	2	-	2	159	306	-	51.96

PEPSI COLTS

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
CLAREMONT	2	2	-	-	183	80	8	228.75
WEST PTH	2	2	-	-	187	95	8	196.84
EAST FLEM	2	2	-	-	180	119	8	151.26
STH FLEM	2	1	-	1	125	118	4	105.93
SWANS	2	1	-	1	160	198	4	80.81
Perth	2	-	-	2	97	138	-	70.29
East Pth	2	-	-	2	132	198	-	68.67
Subiaco	2	-	-	2	82	200	-	41.00

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
NORWOOD	3	3	0	0	341	234	6	59.30
PORT ADELAIDE	4	3	1	0	505	366	6	57.98
SOUTH ADELAIDE	4	3	1	0	497	406	6	55.04
WEST ADELAIDE	4	2	2	0	460	459	4	50.05
NORTH ADELAIDE	4	1	3	0	448	440	2	50.45
Central District	3	1	2	0	294	337	2	46.59
Sturt	3	1	2	0	254	321	2	44.17
Glennelg	4	1	3	0	380	506	2	42.89
Eagles	3	1	2	0	276	386	2	41.69

Sunday Football League

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
South Perth	2	2	0	0	217	195	100.000	8
Osborne Park	1	1	0	0	155	73	223.288	4
Canning	1	1	0	0	108	77	140.260	4
Maddington	1	1	0	0	128	106	120.755	4
Thornlie	1	1	0	0	119	99	120.202	4
Wanneroo	1	1	0	0	108	92	117.391	4
Gosnells	2	1	1	0	237	209	113.397	4
Armadale	2	0	2	0	192	220	87.273	0</

Wanneroo a power once again



REIGNING premiers Wanneroo opened their Sunday Football League title defence with a hard-fought 16-point win over last year's grand finalists, Armadale, 16.12 (108) to 13.14 (92).

But they had to fight grimly to stay in front after Armadale, sensing victory on their home ground, hit the front early in the last term.

Former Swan Districts player Aaren Kiernan lifted Wanneroo with two crucial goals in the final term.

Resting ruckman Ian Jansen bagged another late in the game to seal the issue, but not before Armadale showed they are a side to be reckoned with again this year.

Roos ruck-rover Kiernan was busy, but missed some easy shots at goal. His partner, Michael Paterson, rover Neil Whatmore and wingman Rod Gibson gave Wanneroo plenty of drive.

New centre-half-back Graham Sims starred for the Roos in his first game after joining from Tammin.

Former Falcons, Heath Soutar and Chris Davies, contributed with valuable goals for Wanneroo.

For Armadale, who have narrowly lost their first two games, wingman Matt Hill, centre-half-back Barry Gibb and defenders Bruce Atwell and Greg Barron played strongly.

Full-forward David Marwick kicked three goals and followers Bruce Loo and Clive Walley notched two each.

UNLUCKY

South Perth shot to the top of the table when they stormed home in the final 10 minutes to beat a desperately unlucky Gosnells.

At the 23-minute mark of the last term, Souths trailed by 21 points, but kicked three goals in time-on to finish over the top of Gosnells.

Gosnells looked to be in complete control till Souths veteran Tony Capriotti kicked his fourth to spark the Tigers.

Souths wingman Jamie Giancola and ruck-rover Shane Eramiah also goaled and Souths hit the front.

For Gosnells, centre-half-forward

By **BRUCE BUTLER**

Gary Foster kicked two goals and centre-half-back Colin Rond, wingman Paul O'Keefe and half-forward Darren Pegler were superb.

Souths best were ruckman Scott Robins, full-back Adrian O'Malley, half-back Troy Wilson and ruck-rover Graham Hampson.

Gosnells coach Noel Baker, stunned by the loss, said: "We should have won. There's no excuse for losing when you're three goals up into time-on."

UPSET WIN

Thornlie, who finished 12th last year, upset the more fancied Willetton, 18.11 (119) to 15.9 (99).

Margaret River recruit Anthony McAleer, dominated for Thornlie with four goals and Jon Hearn kicked five, well-supported by James Ninyett who bagged three.

Willetton lapsed after a promising five-goal first term, despite a seven-goal bag from full-forward Karl Ciccane and strong performances from former Shark Graham Kerr, half-back Michael Fairnie, Doug Gibb and Greg Hall.

Osborne Park crushed Kenwick, 25.13 (163) to 11.7 (73), with ruck-rover Ray Ewen kicking six goals and full-forward Steve Syrananamual five.

Former Perth live-wire Oral McGuire made his debut for Osborne Park, kicking two goals off a half-forward flank.

Followers Darrell Woods and Mike Smith played well, while Clint Roberts was solid at centre-half-back.

Kenwick's best were Grant Johnson, Les Greenwell and Phil Sorrell.

Maddington's new coach Darren Williams led the way for his side in their win over wooden spooners Kalamunda, 19.14 (130) to 16.10 (106).

Williams, who played five games with Subiaco last year, kicked four goals from full-forward, with good support from Paul Bennett and tough centreman Kim Lambkin.

For Kalamunda, forward Ronnie Roberts (from Midland) kicked four goals, as did King. Wayne and Simon Dover and Trevor Hart were their best.

Sunday Football League

ROUND TWO

MADDINGTON	3.5	6.7	13.12	19.14	130
KALAMUNDA	3.2	5.5	12.6	16.10	106

GOALS — Maddington: Williams 4, Bennett, Harbrow, Lambkin, Olsen, B. Weaven 2, Hales, Mackey, Smith, Vaughan, A. Weaven. **Kalamunda:** Roberts, King 4, Della, Mercer 2, Crawford, Gallagher, Hart, Spalding.

BEST — Maddington: Darren Williams, Paul Bennett, Kim Lambkin. **Kalamunda:** Wayne Dover, Simon Dober, Trevor Hart.

CANNING	6.3	9.3	12.9	16.12	108
APPLECROSS	3.3	7.7	10.9	11.11	77

GOALS — Canning: Watson 6, James, Piccirilli 2, Cole, D. Cook, G. Cook, Gurney, Hayes, C. Yarran. **Applecross:** H. Thorne, Aitken 3, Duren 2, D. Thorne, Taylor, Thompson.

BEST — Canning: Dean Piccirilli, Andrew Thomas, Gavin Miller. **Applecross:** John Murray, Dean Thorne, Ben Simpson.

OSBORNE PARK	6.2	14.8	18.12	25.13	163
KENWICK	4.2	5.4	9.5	11.7	73

GOALS — Osborne Park: Ewen 6, Syrananamual 5, Roberts 3, Fleming, Gianopolous, Heys, McGuire 2, Woods, Franceschini. **Kenwick:** Ashworth 3, Christie, MacDonald, Thorne 2, Lavell, Johnson.

BEST — Osborne Park: Darrell Woods, Clint Roberts, Mike Smith, Oral McGuire. **Kenwick:** Grant Johnson, Les Greenwell, Phil Sorrell.

SOUTH PERTH	4.2	6.7	9.12	15.15	105
GOSNELLS	3.3	8.6	13.10	14.11	95

GOALS — South Perth: Capriotti 4, Hampson, Haunold, Robins 2, Boyd, Drake-Brockman, Eramina, Giancola, Wisken. **Gosnells:** Foster, Johnston, Keen, O'Brien, O'Keefe 2, McGilvray, McLeish, Mills, Regler.

Former East Fremantle and State forward Colin Waterson kicked six goals in his return to football and helped Canning beat the young Applecross side, 16.12 (108) to 11.11 (77).

Waterson marked strongly at full-forward and finished off good work by another former Shark, centre-liner Gavin Miller, Andrew Thomas and Dean Piccirilli.

For Applecross, John Murray, Dean Thorne and Ben Simpson battled hard. All teams have a bye for Easter.

BEST — South Perth: Scott Robins, Adrian O'Malley, Troy Wilson. **Gosnells:** Colin Rond, Paul O'Keefe, Darren Regler.

THORNIE	3.6	10.8	15.9	18.11	119
WILLETTON	5.1	7.3	11.6	15.9	99

GOALS — Thornlie: Hearn 5, McAleer 4, Bateman, Ninyett 3, Boyd, Kidd, Prowse. **Willetton:** Ciccane 7, Kerr 5, Batt, Kujawski, Pratt.

BEST — Thornlie: Anthony McAleer, Jon Hearn, James Ninyett. **Willetton:** Doug Gibb, Michael Fairnie, Greg Hall.

WANNEROO	4.3	8.6	11.10	16.12	108
ARMADALE	3.3	4.7	10.11	13.14	92

GOALS — Wanneroo: Aaren Kiernan 4, Soutar 3, Davies, Hill 2, Carey, Campagnoli, Jansen, Munns, Paterson. **Armadale:** marwick 3, Loo, Walley 2, Baxter, Carlson, Hill, Mathieson, Ward, DeRoost.

BEST — Wanneroo: Rod Gibson, Neil Whatmore, Aaren Kiernan. **Armadale:** Matt Hill, Bruce Atwell, Kelly Quartermaine.

Peel Football League

Round Two

MUNDIJONG	10.8	17.15	26.18	36.23	239
KWINANA	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	7

PINJARRA	5.4	14.10	18.15	26.20	176
COCKBURN	1.5	3.6	4.9	5.11	41

MANDURAH	3.4	9.11	14.14	20.18	138
NTH FREMANTLE	6.3	9.4	10.7	10.10	70

MANNING	7.9	12.17	18.23	24.30	174
MIDLAND	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.7	13

MOSMAN PARK	1.6	8.7	20.16	25.19	169
STH MANDURAH	1.2	3.4	5.4	9.8	62

WAROONA	4.5	12.8	16.9	22.12	144
BELMONT	8.2	10.5	16.7	17.8	110

Mundijong still hard to beat

MUNDIJONG, who won last year's Metropolitan League premiership, continued their domination of the new Peel League with a record 36.23 (239) to 1.1 (7) win over lowly Kwinana.

Half-forward flankers John Haynes, with seven goals and Brad Graham (six), led the Mundijong goal-feast.

Full-forward Mal Pratt chipped in with four and Daniel Cooper, Joe Gangemi, Graham Hewson and Leon Winmar kicked three each.

Mundijong's reserves side also kicked more than 30 goals in the minor grade.

For Kwinana, Brett Donnelly, Peter Shaw and Ron Simpson tried hard.

HARD-FOUGHT

The only close game was Waroona's hard-fought win against Belmont, 22.12 (144) to 17.8 (110).

Belmont got away to an eight-goal first quarter, but Waroona answered with eight goals in the second. After an even third term, Waroona, with Adrian Jetta and former Souths player Michael Cockie firing, stormed away to win by five goals.

Jetta (four goals), Cockie and Paul Caratti engineered Waroona's win, while Marcus Donato, with five goals, Craig Hughes (six) and Jon Ninyett (three) kept Belmont in the game.

Pinjarra thrashed Cockburn, 26.20 (176) to 5.11 (41), with Dennis Hancock bagging eight goals for Pinjarra. McPherson kicked four, Andrew

McTaggart, three and Shane Sutton put in a top display.

Mandurah had an easy win over North Fremantle, 20.18 (138) to 10.10 (70).

Aaron Fitzpatrick led the way with a four-goal, best-afield performance, James kicked five and Geoff Hodge and Gary Cant were top contributors.

For North Fremantle, Matthew Verney, Jarrod Dougan and Steve Levar battled hard.

EASY VICTORY

Manning crushed a depleted Midland, 24.30 (174) to 1.7 (13), with the solitary goal coming in the final term.

Yarran, with six goals, finished off good work upfield by Rowan Carson, Reynold Coyne and Rohan Clinch.

Mosman Park brushed aside South Mandurah, 25.19 (169) to 9.8 (62).

Former South Fremantle player Brett Little kicked six goals and set up the win with good support from Alfred Hayden and Denis Radetic. For Souths, Greg Johnston, Grant Piotrowski and Clint Renfrey worked hard.

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Holiday fun for the juniors

HUNDREDS of local juniors will have a fun time at various venues around town next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday when the Blockbuster Smokebuster holiday coaching clinics kick-off.

As part of Quit's 'Kick the Habit' campaign, clinics will be held from 9am to noon — and there will be plenty of give-aways.

League footballers from WAFL clubs and the West Coast Eagles will take part and the clinics are open to girls and boys aged between six and 12 years.

Participants will receive a Scooter Smokebuster kit and other handouts, including club junior memberships, T-shirts or guernseys, plus Pepsi and Kellogg's products.

ROYALS DAY

East Perth juniors will have their chance to join the fun at Perth Oval.

WAFL players helping take the juniors through their paces will be Mark Harris, Rod Wheatley, Troy Starcevic and Eagles star Ryan Turnbull.

CLAREMONT VENUE

Claremont Oval is the holiday venue for young Tigers, with senior players such as Brendan Green, Brad Smith, Jason Norrish and Matt Elliott helping out.

The Rosalie Primary School will be the venue for the Subiaco Blockbuster clinics.

Apart from receiving coaching by key WAFL players, the juniors will be

addressed by Lions league coach Haydn Buntton.

Perth's clinics will be held at John Dunn Oval, in Kelmscott, with Demon Mark Grogan helping out.

Eagles players Craig Turley, Scott Watters and Chris Waterman will be travelling to all venues over the course of the week giving valuable advice to all juniors.

The cost for all the clinics is just \$20 for three days or \$10 a day.

Hepburn leads school jumpers

STUDENTS at Rostrata Primary School at Willetton had a special guest skipper when they staged their annual Jump Rope for Heart event.

West Coast Eagles big man Mark Hepburn started the students off on a non-stop hour of skipping last Friday to raise money for the Heart Foundation.

The students had been training over recent weeks for the event, sharpening up their skipping skills and improving their fitness level.

Rostrata Primary is one of 241 schools taking part and last year were the highest fund-raisers, collecting more than \$5000 for the National Heart Foundation's work into research and education in the community.



Cameron Barr receives the match football from Quit's Joan Macfarlane

Swan View recovery

A SENSATIONAL eight-goal second half by Swan View Senior High School saw them beat Lockridge in the second Quit Cup curtain-raiser last Sunday.

Playing before a big Subiaco crowd before the Eagles/Geelong clash, Swan View fought back from a seven-point half-time deficit to easily win the Graham Farmer Division game, 10.7 (67) to 3.3 (21).

The Farmer Division is for medium strength schools, while last week's Barry Cable Division matched two stronger teams.

Goals were hard to come by in a tight first half, with Lockridge leading 3.3 (21) to 2.2 (14) at half-time, before

Swan View swung into top gear in the final 25 minutes.

Best-on-ground was Swan View's Cameron Barr, who was presented with the match football after the game. Team-mate Ben Muojanko also played well. Best for Lockridge were Brett Harris and Darren Holdaway.

Other Quit Cup results were:

BARRY CABLE DIVISION: Newman 7.2 d Willetton; Carine 8.2 d Hamilton 4.7; Wesley 9.4 d Mazenod 5.12.

GRAHAM FARMER DIVISION: North West Blue: Duncraig 7.10 d Wanneroo 4.1; Ocean Reef 14.8 d Woodvale 2.1. Black: Balcatta 8.10 d Churchlands 3.6; Greenwood 6.10 d Warwick 4.2. North East Blue: Morley 6.5 d Mercy 5.6. Black: La Salle (B) 5.3 d Governor Stirling 4.4. South West: Corpus Christi 10.10 d Leeming 5.4. South East: Kent Street 7.6 d Forrestfield 3.9; St Norberts 11.9 d Lynwood 1.2; Kelmscott b Belmont on forfeit.

ROSS GLENDINNING DIVISION: Servite 13.9 d Newman 4.8; Scarborough 13.6 d Hollywood 3.6; Mt Lawley 18.6 d Kingsway 2.3; Swan Christian 8.9 d La Salle 2.2; Rockingham 12.2 d John Curtin 5.6; South Fremantle 17.12 d Kolbe 1.0. Blue: Thornlie 12.9 d Kewdale 2.3; Armadale 10.4 d Ursula Frayne 1.11. Gold: Cecil Andrews 8.13 d Kalamunda 3.2.

Town and Country Little League

THE West Coast Little League team produced a reverse result to their senior side when they beat a team of juniors representing Geelong.

Best players for the West Coast were Noel Bennett, Russell Swinbourn and Scott Davies.

But for Geelong were Clinton Robinson, Bradley Robinson and Richard Preston.

Subiaco, represented by Carine, beat West Perth (Edgewater) with best players for Subiaco Sewell, Smith and Nicholson and for West Perth, Kenneth Ewen Chappel, Jay Birch and Ricky Birchall.

Pickering Brook represented Swan Districts and downed East Perth's Noranda side with best players for being Jason Lindsay, Andrew Fife and Bradley Robinson. Best for East Perth was Todd Stafford, Trent Jenneson and Ryan Blod.

South Fremantle's Lakes beat East Fremantle's Lynwood-Ferndale.

Best players for Souths were Frost, Campbell and Ford and for Easts, Penny, Beaton and Glass.

Perth (Carlisle) beat Claremont's



This junior took part in Little League action at the derby

Cardinals with Simon Douglas, Craig Dickinson and Shane Duxbury best and Stewart Parry, Johnathon Lockwood and Ricky Marino best for Claremont.

This week's Little League teams will be as follows: Sorrento-Duncraig (Subiaco); Midvale (Swans), Northern Districts (West Perth), Mandurah-Murray (South Fremantle) Victoria Park (East Perth), Bombers (Claremont), Thornlie (East Fremantle) and Avon (Perth).

THE HUNGRY JACK'S WHOPPER CLUB

with **Guy McKenna**

We learn a lesson in loss to Cats

THE loss by the Eagles to a very slick Geelong combination last Sunday was a classic lesson for young footballers.

The Eagles simply didn't do enough hard work to run in numbers and support each other.

The stats will show that West Coast had more of the ball than Geelong, yet we lost by four goals. We had more kicks, more handballs and more marks, yet we turned the ball over to the opposition too many times.

That comes about mainly because of a lack of support from team-mates. We need to get back to last year's situation where our players were putting in third and fourth efforts, not just being content with a second back-up effort after getting rid of the football.

Geelong were simply too good; they outran us and worked much better as a team.

But we'll learn fast!

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IT'S great to see the WAFL competition producing some upset results and unveiling a lot of new and exciting players.

Last week's derby was a top contest and quite a few good names emerged as

players of the future; eight or nine youngsters really stamped their claims on the game and that's good for the future.

It was pleasing to see the Eagles squad members do well in a tight game.

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THE Eagles certainly have a tough month ahead of us, as coach Mick Malthouse has emphasised.

We're on the road for three tough matches — in Brisbane, Melbourne and Hobart and none of those games should be accepted as foregone conclusions.

It's a pretty tough draw, but we'll take it week by week and won't look too far ahead.

We were certainly very disappointed about Sunday's match and you can be assured that every team member will be working hard to turn things around.

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Thinking aloud

A column of news and views by ALAN EAST



Sharing the ball-getting

EAST Perth's ability to spread the work load among a number of mobile on-ball players was a key factor in their shock 33-point win over premiership favourites Swan Districts.

In previous seasons the Royals have looked to George Giannakis and Lucio Baroni to be their main possession-getters.

But last Saturday, Peter Miller, who played a roving role out of the centre and Lloyd Haskett, who had a free-wheeling assignment off a wing, joined the ball-getting.

While Giannakis was in top form with 17 kicks and 16 handpasses, he was well-supported with Miller (19 and 11), Haskett (19 and eight) and Baroni (17 and five).

In the wrong place . . .

IT'S not often umpires admit they make mistakes — but when they do, we should give them an accolade.

AFL whistle-blower John Russo admitted his error publicly when he reported Eagles defender Guy McKenna against the Sydney Swans, but withdrew the complaint a day later when he realised his mistake.

While WA's most experienced umpire in Michael Ball didn't have to publicly admit his mistake, he did cop a bit of ribbing at Perth Oval on Saturday night for a blatant error.

Ball had completely missed an obvious free kick to Royals defender Dean Bertram, when he nearly had his head pulled off as he endeavoured to clear the ball out of the danger zone.

Ball conceded later that he hadn't seen the incident because he had misread the direction of the ball and in that split second when he changed direction to get back in line with the play, Bertram suffered his high tackle.

Ball knew that he had missed something when the crowd roared loudly — but he couldn't take a punt and blow the whistle; he had to let it go . . . and got more than a gentle ribbing about it in the social rooms afterwards!

Royals promise to improve

TALKING about getting in first, East Perth have already promised an improvement to their scoreboard service for their next home game — before anyone can fire in their complaints.

General manager Alex Wilson was embarrassed when the scoreboard just didn't function efficiently last Saturday, with very few scores from other games being posted and race results being totally unreliable.

With WAFC Commissioner Kevin Edwards and WAFL general manager Trevor Howard among the special guests, the Royals acted quickly to promise an improved service next time around.

Apparently, illness to a volunteer put the system under pressure at short notice.

Who needs boots, eh?

BOOTS are considered compulsory football attire for all WAFL players — but South Fremantle's goal-scoring rover Ashley Fluge doesn't seem to think so.

Fluge kicked his side's first two goals in the final term, which proved to be crucial goals and both kicked without his right boot.

"I had a bit of skin taken off my toe and it got jumped on during the game, so I decided to leave it off," Fluge said after the game.

"At the end I think our fitness told. A few of their runners went out of the game, while ours came to the fore."

Team spirit showed out

IT doesn't take long for a footballer to develop team spirit in a new camp, judging by the reaction of Eagles recruit Trent Nichols when he kicked a goal that nearly snatched victory for East Fremantle in the derby.

Nichols, playing only his second game for the Sharks, marked a pass from Billy Krakouer and ran into the pocket to kick an inspirational goal which put the Sharks in front going into time-on in the final term.

The former Richmond rover threw his arms in the air as his team-mates rushed to congratulate him.

The return to form by Nichols was an encouraging sign for the Eagles and though his kicking was sometimes ineffective, he showed glimpses of brilliance with a couple of memorable dashes out of the pack.

Conceding ground

YOU often see players creeping over the mark when an opponent is shooting for goal — every little bit of ground that can be 'pinched' is well worth it, especially when the kick falls short.

But you don't often see defenders give their opponents and extra five metres to run up and shoot from.

Such was the case with East Perth's Eagles recruit David Regan, who generously gave Swan Districts dangerman Kevin Caton a spare five metres to help him post his second goal last Saturday.

Caton marked the ball just outside the 50-metre line, but Regan stood on the mark some 10 metres inside the line and ran forward just a couple of steps as Caton quickly took the generosity offered by his opponent, kicking from well inside the 50-metre line.

Royals snare a Bulldog

EAST Perth have done more than snare a coach (Stan Magro), a chairman of selectors (Kevin Worthington) and a couple of players (Rob Solin and Richard Graham) from South Fremantle territory.

They have also enticed a prominent Fremantle sponsor north of the river!

Well-known Fremantle businessman Phil Backshall, of Backshall Ford fame, was a guest of the Royals last week and says his loyalty to Magro influenced his decision to watch the Royals play Swans, in preference to the derby.

Surprise move gave Evans nice reward

EAST Perth coach Stan Magro sprung a late surprise on the versatile Shane Evans before Saturday's victory over Swan Districts — and he revelled in the challenge.

Magro gave Evans the role of full-forward, telling him about the task on Friday night and a strong and promising three-goal return was the reward.

Evans, who has played most of his 41 games in defence, attacked the ball strongly and could easily have had a bigger haul, especially with his long, accurate kicking style.

"It was a bit of a surprise to get the job," said Evans, who had previously produced a couple of outstanding games in the centre.

"I've certainly never played at full-forward before, though I've had a couple of runs off a half-forward flank.

"When Stan told me about the job on Friday night, I thought it would be a good challenge. It was particularly pleasing the way blokes like Peter Miller put the ball down my throat."

Karl is off-line

KARL Langdon is one of those footballers that you either love or hate — just ask a Victorian next time you are talking football!

Even in the West Coast camp, he can provide moments of frustration.

Several times last Sunday Langdon led quickly and marked strongly, only to

find himself well outside the 50-metre line.

On a day when goals had to be built up closer to the scoring region, Langdon steadfastly refused to accept the short-lead option and fired on goal himself.

Chris Mainwaring and Dean Kemp certainly let him know that they were in

a closer position — and unguarded — on one occasion when Langdon deliberately lined up from well out of kicking range . . . and missed.

It's all very well to bring the house down occasionally with a superb long goal, but teamwork in the forward line has to come first.

Clubs want bigger slice

THE enormous gate-money generated in Adelaide by the highly-popular Crows is starting to cause a few twitches among other AFL clubs.

Naturally enough, those struggling concerns in Melbourne want a share of the action.

For years, clubs like Footscray, Richmond and Fitzroy have battled to get huge numbers through their gates and have been subsidised by the Collingwood mass-hysteria and the big support for Essendon, Geelong and Carlton.

Now we see where Footscray, for example, travel to Football Park in Adelaide and play in front of 40,000 people — but return home with just a pittance, \$2000 or so as their share of the gate.

The interesting aspect of Adelaide's enormous success is that only 5800 people were actually paying customers; there were 15,000 SANFL members and 18,500 Crows members at the game.

Under the AFL gate-disbursement system, home-town membership admission money can be retained by the club — something that the West Coast Eagles have pushed for in their five years.

The more memberships the Eagles sell, with season tickets attached, the bigger percentage of the gate they retain.

So we've now got Victorian-based clubs asking the AFL to review the gate receipts arrangement . . . and no wonder.



SURPRISE SHARK . . . big Ian Newman was a bonus for East Fremantle with a late clearance last week

Birthday feelings

AT THE ripe old age of 35, Perth ruckman John Van Rooye has found a new lease of life in the absence of retired big man John Gavranich.

But he gave coach Ken Armstrong a scare at the post-match presentations after his five-goal performance against Claremont.

Scooping the awards pool at a combined presentation for the first two matches, Van Rooye quipped that it was just like a birthday.

"Please don't tell me you're any older than you already are Dutchy," came the reply from Armstrong.

AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

Uni open with big victory

UNIVERSITY were the big improvers when they opened the 1992 A-grade amateurs season with a massive 118-point win over Nollamara.

The Cougars went into the game as favourites after their impressive form last year, but soon found the going tough.

They failed to score in the first quarter and Uni had control in nearly every position on the ground, winning 20.18 (138) to 3.2 (20).

Across the centreline, Richard Caldan dominated his wing.

Ben Matthew started at full-forward, kicking five goals, before going on to the ball, while the clash of the day was between ruckmen Frank Wilson and Mal Bennett.

Bennett struggled in the hit-outs, but did a lot of work around the ground to be Nollamara's best. Harley Haywood also played well from a half-forward-flank, as did backman Dennis Smith.

UPSET WIN

Scarborough produced an upset by downing last year's premiers, Mt Lawley, at Millington Reserve.

The Hawks took an early lead through good play by defenders Kevin Glynn and Tony Williams. However,

Scarborough fought back in the second quarter to take the lead and pull away to a 42-point win, finishing 12.17 (89) to 6.11 (47).

Scarborough had good players in Glenn Hermans, Dale Babbington and Chris Conn, while Blackburn chipped in with four goals.

A young Wembley side struggled against Trinity Aquinas, who have also been big improvers, losing by 66 points at Henderson Park.

The Magpies, sticking with their successful policy of promoting their younger players, played four colts. Though the players performed creditably, they were no match for Trinity going down 22.13 (145) to 11.13 (79).

Best for Wembley included wingman James Ferguson, rover Robbie George and ruck-rover Roger Piggott, while Trinity had good players in Paul Higgins, Green and Keyser.

North Beach easily accounted for North Fremantle at Charles Riley Reserve winning 17.8 (110) to 7.8 (50).

Best for the Tigers were Dargie, Larsen and Kieley, while the Magies had good players in Ferraz, Melson and Heatley.

Around the grades

C-GRADE

WEMBLEY 14.12 (96) lost to Cockburn Lakes, 18.7 (115) at Anning Park, with Paul Ryan and Wayne March kicking three goals each.

Best players for Wembley were Neil Lantzke, half-back Jeff O'Regan and Russell Kane on the wing.

Coach Grant Callaghan, a 200-game veteran, was happy with the first quarter, but hopes to eliminate unforced errors to improve their premiership hopes.

E GRADE

John 23rd had a big win over Carlisle with their running players maintaining a good supply to the forward line.

Carlisle were slow to respond despite winning on the ball and had no focal point in attack.

After half-time, the game tightened up but John 23rd, were too far in front.

Peter Berry played his 50th game for Carlisle.

Best players for Carlisle were Terry Dunley, Peter Russell and Darryn McKay.

G-GRADE

Wembley easily accounted for Brentwood, well-led by ruckman Mark Hinchley, with support from rover Mike Rowney.

Half-back Dave Collins put in a solid game with sharpshooter Kevin Symons bagging three goals.

A new-look Hellenics side easily beat Bayswater by 47 points.

Hellenic's fitness proved the deifference after an even first half, when players like Robin Mountjoy started to show their supremacy.

The centreline was dominated by Claude Delcasale and John Nicoleau.

I GRADE

NORM Woods celebrated his 50th game for Carlisle Cougars against Bullcreek, but did not have much to smile about.

Bullcreek completely dominated the game, trouncing Carlisle 28.19 (187) to four points.

Carlisle showed great endeavour, but could not match Bullcreek's runners.

Bullcreek looked sharp and should be among the early pacesetters.

Best players for Carlisle were Bren-

don Rumkroff, Steve Hall and Brad Don.

K-GRADE

Wembley's Laurie Pettigrove celebrated his 100th appearance with a convincing win over Bassendean, 31.10 (196) to 4.10 (34).

Chris Payne and Wayne Thomas were accurate up front, kicking seven goals each. They were backed up by veteran Bill Payne and Ian Dawe, both with three goals.

Centreman Daw led the charge with strong contributions coming from Half-forward Len Holmes and half-back Trevor Smythe.

A COLTS

MT LAWLEY ran out 36-point winners over Scarborough in a tough, hard fought A colts match.

The Hawks superior marking power proved to be the difference between the two sides.

Centre-half-back Damien Cranwell put in a superb game for Mt Lawley, as did ruckman Troy Babich and wingman Gavin Cloete.

Wembley carried on their form from last year with a convincing win over Trinity Aquinas.

The Magpies started well with last year's colts medallist Simon Ham dominating on the ball. Ham's explosive pace will prove a headache for all sides this season, combined with talented full-back Damien Bennett and centre Calhen Castledine, Wembley look to be in for a good season.

University will again be the side to beat for this year's flag and they proved this with a powerhouse display over Nollamara.

Uni's full-forward Robert Munrow posted 13 goals and will be a difficult opponent for any full-back.

While University were big winners, nothing should be taken away from the young Nollamara players. Though soundly beaten, they did not give up and fought the game out to the final siren.

In the other games, North Beach were comfortable winners over North Fremantle, while Collegians held on to win by six points over West Coast.

Lions pair share first-up wins

By

BRUCE BUTLER

FORMER Subiaco stars Brian Taylor and Mick Lee celebrated their Amateur League coaching debuts with first-up wins.

The damaging former Lions runners — with 368 league games between them — have added a host of skill and experience to the competition.

The hard-working Taylor (31), a prolific kick-winner with the Lions, retired after a career spanning 13 years and 211 senior games, while the courageous Lee (30) ended his run after 12 years and 157 league games.

Both are keen to continue playing for several years, but could not justify the commitment required to stay in WAFL football.

Taylor, a primary school teacher, now has two young sons, aged four and 18 months and after a frustrating, injury-riddled 1991 season, he decided to bow out and take on an amateur coaching role.

"I had a disappointing season last year, with a run of frustrating injuries that hadn't happened to me before.

"I would play a couple of games, then do a hamstring, come back and then have groin trouble. And I got knocked out.

"That was frustrating and I now have two young boys who I want to spend a lot of time with.

"But I still want to play football and I think I've got a few years left."

Taylor, helped North Beach to an easy win over North Fremantle on Saturday, but admitted it was difficult to concentrate on the team as well as his own game and plans to play in the centre or on the ball to overcome the situation.

Lee, who won a reputation as a fearless ball-getter when he came to Perth from Kalgoorlie, quit WAFL ranks to devote more time to his family and his job as a financial adviser.

"I wanted to keep playing football, but didn't want to continue with the hours required to play at the top level.

"I came down from Kalgoorlie when I was 18, so I've played a fair bit of football. I hope I've got a bit left in me, but family and work commitments are important."

Lee's West Coast ended newly-promoted Old Scotch-Collegians hopes of winning their first A-grade game for nearly a decade when they snuck home by nine points.

Lee was happy to pick up four points.

He said: "We lost the grand final last year and have lost a lot of players from that team, so we had plenty of new faces on Saturday."

AMATEUR RESULTS

EMU EXPORT LEAGUE

A GRADE: University 20.18 d Nollamara 3.2, Trinity-Aquinas 22.13 d Wembley 11.13, Scarborough 12.17 d Mt Lawley 6.11, North Beach 17.8 d North Fremantle 7.8, West Coast 12.10 d Collegians Old Scotch 11.7.

B GRADE: Bassendean 21.12 d CBC 14.13, Dianella-Morley 24.13 d Osborne Dist 9.6, Rockingham 19.17 d Wesley-Curtain 13.6, Whitfords 18.14 d Innaloo 11.5, Swan Athletic 24.17 d University 9.17.

C GRADE: Cockburn Lakes 18.7 d Wembley 14.12, Nollamara 16.20 d Coolbinia-Yokine 11.9, Trinity-Aquinas 15.20 d Mt Lawley 14.2, Bullcreek 10.15 d Scarborough 6.6.

D GRADE: Wanneroo 27.15 d West Coast 9.2, Lynwood Ferndale 12.20 d North Beach 7.16, Cowan Uni 13.8 d Hamersley Carine 11.14, Mundaring 16.20 d Melville 12.6, Wesley Curtin 13.10 d University 13.6.

E GRADE: Balcatta 15.17 d Sawyers Valley 12.14, Collegians Old Scotch 24.8 d St Norbert's 13.7, Dianella-Morley 16.9 d R&I Bank 13.6, Redcliffe 29.23 d CBC 3.5, John XXIII 24.19 d Carlisle 3.1.

F GRADE: Wembley 15.8 d Brentwood 8.13, Nollamara 17.8 d Vic Park 13.8, Swan Athletic 24.9 d Innaloo 4.3, National Bank drew Mt Lawley 18.14.

G GRADE: Osborne Districts 21.11 d Uni 14.6, Whitfords 19.27 d Bassendean 13.9, North Fremantle 20.20 d Forrestfield 5.5, Hellenic 16.19 d Bayswater 10.8, Ocean Ridge 30.12 d Riverton 9.8.

H GRADE: East Fremantle 41.17 d CBC 4.4, RAAF 20.11 d North Beach 12.5, Trinity-Aquinas 19.16 d Rockingham 10.10.

I GRADE: Bullcreek 28.20 d Carlisle 0.4, Old Guildfordians 12.24 drew Redcliffe 13.18, Warnbro Swans 18.10 d High Wycombe 3.18.

J GRADE: North Fremantle 19.13 d Lynwood Ferndale 12.14, Wanneroo 21.14 d Whitfords 7.17, Coolbinia Yokine 18.7 d Collegians Old Scotch 10.6 d Dianella Morley 14.21 d Melville 14.12, Ocean Ridge 17.16 d John XXIII Swanbourne 4.9.

K GRADE: Wembley 31.16 d Bassendean 4.10, Coolbellup 23.14 d Swanview 11.17, Mt Lawley 29.27 d Forrestfield 3.6, Rockingham 31.22 d Nollamara 4.3, Cowan Uni 17.12 d Mundaring 7.14.

L GRADE: Bullcreek won on forfeit from Innaloo, Dianella Morley 33.19 d Swan Athletic 8.8.

COLTS

A GRADE: University 27.20 d Nollamara 2.3, Wembley 18.12 d Trinity Aquinas 8.5, Mt Lawley 12.14 d Scarborough 7.8, North Beach 22.16 d North Fremantle 6.6, Collegians Old Scotch 12.11 d West Coast 11.11.

B GRADE: CBC 26.22 d Bassendean 3.1, Dianella Morley 16.13 d Osborne Districts 8.4, Whitfords won on forfeit from Innaloo, Uni 14.13 d Swan Athletics 6.7.

C GRADE: Lynwood Ferndale 13.10 d North Beach 7.11, Cowan Uni 18.17 d Ocean Ridge 4.4, Mt Lawley won on forfeit from Forrestfield, Whitfords 21.22 d Wanneroo 3.5.

Milestone man

WEMBLEY veteran Laurie Pettigrove has celebrated his 100th game.

After starting with Wembley juniors in 1971, Laurie progressed through to A-grade in 1983.

He is a hard-working team man who has played a variety of positions, including centre, ruck-rover and wing.

He was a member of the winning H grade premiership side in 1987, and L grade premiership team last year.

He has served the club with distinction as a player and on the committee for two years as secretary. He is vice-president this year.

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DON'T DESPAIR... the Fremantle derby provided a thrilling finish, with some mixed emotions on the South Fremantle coaches bench. **LEFT:** Reserves coach Paul Vasoli acknowledges a mark, while Mal Brown looks on anxiously. But not to be... However, the Bulldogs did get up to win by seven points

Hutton takes that tough decision

SWAN Districts star Brent Hutton's retirement last week was forced upon him on two counts.

The dual premierships player was influenced by medical advice — and a well-meaning challenge from his long-standing coach, John Todd.

Hutton has admitted having some apprehension about his football since being involved in a heavy collision with teammate Michael Sidebottom in a pre-season practice match.

Brain scans carried out revealed no structural damage, but suggested an element of risk if he continued playing a contact sport.

Todd reluctantly "forced the issue" for Hutton to make the decision to retire.

The veteran coach played Hutton in the league team season-opener against East Fremantle to make the veteran utility player realise he was not fully committed to the game.

"Getting a player to realise that his

decision

By **KIM HAGDORN**

time has come is one of the toughest aspects of coaching," Todd said.

"It's sad when it happens. But it's part of the game.

"I've seen men like Ron Boucher, Brad Shine, Keith Narkle and plenty of others who had to realise that they had lost what made them good players.

"Brent hadn't been attacking his football with the same zest that I've seen throughout his career. But I had to get him to realise that.

"I didn't want it on my head to send a great bloke like Hunky into a game and see him get hurt.

"There is a life after football for everybody, especially a professional and family man like Brent Hutton.

"But he had to make the final decision himself.

"I played him in the league team because his service to the club and his record deserved better than to come to his final decision in the reserves."

TOUGH DECISION

Todd and Hutton had several talks before the 28-year-old 1984 and 1990 premierships medal winner opted to hang up his boots.

Hutton agreed with Todd — but said it was the toughest decision of his life.

"The hardest part was making the actual decision," Hutton revealed.

"To keep playing or not after the collision had been in the back of my mind for a long time.

"Ironically, the day it happened, was the very day I had taken my new baby son Matt home.

"Lying around for four or five days after that with heavy concussion, left me plenty of time to think.

"Toddy was good about it. He played me in that first game of the

season, which brought my feelings to a head.

"I didn't want to finish playing ordinary football."

Hutton said the highs of his 164-game career, which included 13 matches with the Eagles, were the two premierships flags with Swans.

"I've also been lucky enough to play alongside some top footballers like Ron Boucher, Keith and Phil Narkle, Brad Shine, Graham Melrose, Stan Nowotny and Murray Rance," he said.

"A lot of guys never experience half of what I've enjoyed, so I've been extremely fortunate and can go out with a lot of great memories."

Hutton is expected to assist another of his long-standing Swans friends in Tom Mullooly, who is coaching the colts side at Bassendean.

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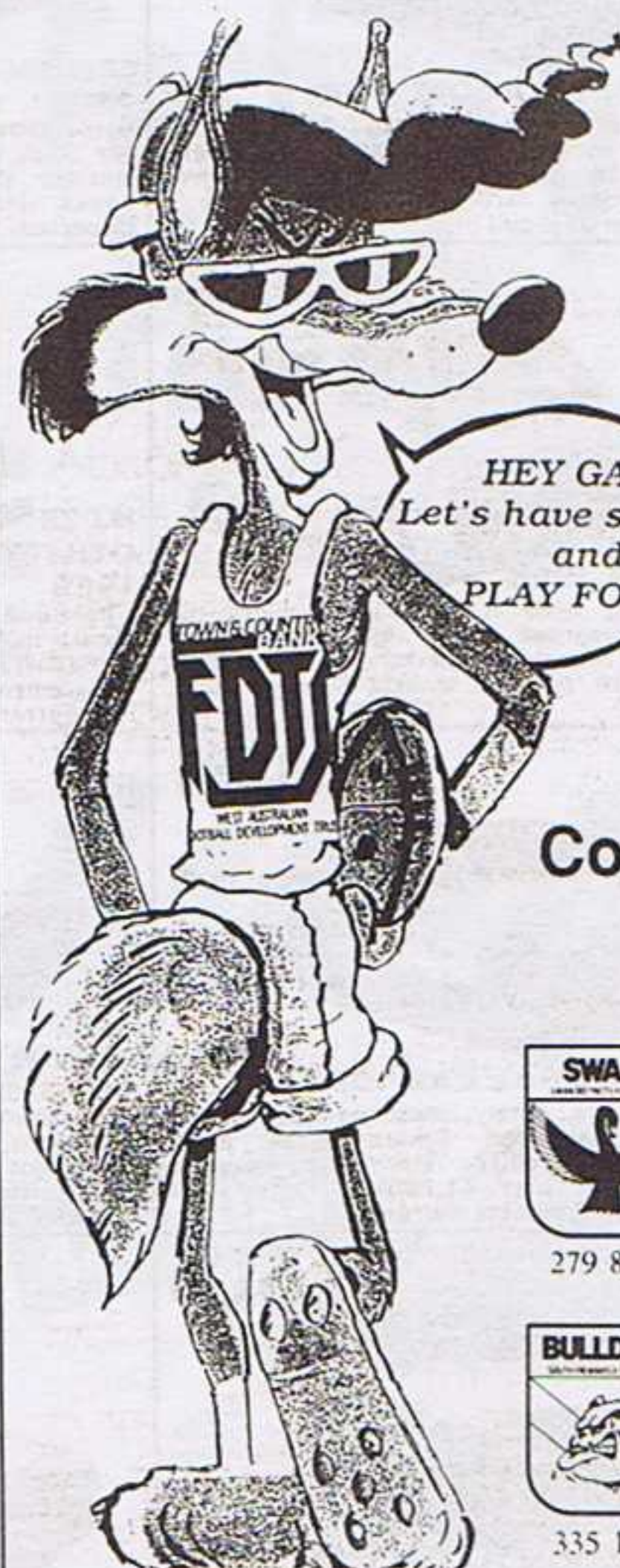
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Country football round-up

Boddington's big margin

BODDINGTON produced the biggest win in last week's Upper Great Southern fixtures when they downed West Arthur, 23.31 (169) to 8.4 (52).

Boddington's Michael Sherry continued his good form kicking eight goals, while Alan Crocket kicked four and Rodney Williams three.

Kukerin-Dumbleyung had an easy win over Lake Grace, 21.14 (140) to 6.12 (48), with Todd Grey and John Ditchburn best. Ross Ditchburn kicked eight goals and Ian Polter four.

Best for Lake Grace were Andrew

Curruthers and Kelvin O'Neil.

Wagin were narrow seven-point winners over Towns, 17.12 (114) to 16.11 (107), with their best being Geoff Genefini and Gavin Bolt, who kicked three goals.

Pingelly beat Wickopin, 23.11 (149) to 13.8 (86), with best players being Albert Humphries and Jason Beswick, while Anthol Jeddar and Brett Blechynnden kicked five goals each.

Williams overcame Railways after being four points behind by three-quarter time, winning 18.13 (121) to 12.11 (83).

Best for Williams were Glenn Cowcher (five goals) and Peter Kain, with Dean Winning, Rodney Wood and Wayne Coles (five goals) doing well for Railways.

Jurien unbeaten

JURIEN Bay remain unbeaten after a third crushing win in the Central Midlands Coastal League.

They toppled a dismal Leeming, 25.25 (175) to 1.3 (9), to take top spot with a huge percentage.

They have now won three out of three, with Cervantes the only other unbeaten side has two wins from two games.

Bindi-Miling, wooden spooners last year, fought gamely against Cervantes, losing 16.21 (117) to 13.11 (89).

Rovers had another easy win, 16.15 (111) to 8.6 (54) over Dandaragan.

Clear winners

RAILWAYS and Kalgoorlie were clear winners in a one-sided Goldfields Football League round.

Railways beat Boulder, 20.19 (139) to 10.16 (76), to move to the top of the table after two games.

Their goals came from Dean, (five) and Smith, Finlay and Reghenzani who kicked three each.

Best for Railways were Dean, Dellar, Dodd, Colquhoun, Borchett, Lohoar. For Boulder, Sparks, Ewen, Edwards, Anderson, Softley and O'Loughlin played well.

Kalgoorlie, now second with a massive percentage, easily beat Kambalda, 20.12 (132) to 8.15 (63).

Kellerberrin win thriller

KELLERBERRIN ran out exciting seven-point winners over Railways, 16.11 (107) to 15.10 (100) in the Avon Football Association.

Taylor and McIntosh kicked four goals each for Kellerberrin as they battled to free off Northam Railways, who were magnificently led by forward John Simpson.

The former Port Adelaide star kicked 12 goals for Railways — a superb solo-effort in the forward line.

For Kellerberrin, young Alex Bradley, Rob Broakell and Roger Pascoe were dominant and for Railways, David Knipe, Matthews and Simpson did well in a tough, tight game.

Top team Quairading had an easy win over York, 25.19 (168) to 6.11 (47).

Paul Holly kicked six goals, and the Johnston twins kicked seven between them.

For Quairading Mark Wells, the Johnstons and Paul Vernon dominated, while York's Greg Kelly, Peter Ashworth and Greg Jones battled hard.

Shane Darmond's nine goals helped Cunderdin to a big win over Brookton, 27.21 (183) to 9.4 (58).

Rob Morcombe kicked five and Ian Hill bagged four against a Brookton side that was swamped by a better team. Slater and Kim Fancote were dogged triers for Brookton.

Beverley ran out easy winners over Tammin, 16.21 (117) to 9.8 (62).

Kevin Comeagain kicked five goals, and brothers Andrew and Simon Young two each.

For Tammin, Derek Cheffers kicked four goals.

Beverley were well served by Thomson, Peter Edwards and Mark Graham, while Cheffers, Ivan Rogers and David Thompson played well for Tammin.

Winning five say No Way

FIVE winners have been found in Westside's Smoking? No Way! contest which asked readers to come up with a smoking slogan around the football theme.

The winning slogan was 'Footballers say smoking? No way!' and winners are Stuart Cruse, of Marmion; Shaun Burrell, of Swan View; John Lynch, of Coolbellup; Chris Quirk, of Falcon and Yvette Hansen, of Maddington.

The winners received tickets to last week's Eagles-Geelong match.

Other good entries worthy of a mention were:

*Smoking footballers don't fire.
A player sucking nicotine ... he must be on the losing team.*

*Footballers give smoking the boot.
Make your mark — Quit smoking.
Footballers win — smokers only draw.*

*Watch football live — don't smoke.
Smoking's out of bounds.*

*Smoking puts you points behind.
Only drop kicks smoke.*

*Win the game of your life — Quit smoking.
Pass the pack — Smoking? No way!
Top footballers never smoke. No way!*

Embrey switches clubs

FORMER East Perth player Andrew (Jock) Embrey will play for Busselton, in the South West National Football League this season, under new coach Allan Sidebottom.

Embrey, who played 24 games for the Royals between 1987 and 1989, left Perth after sustaining a broken leg and had been playing in Esperance since then, where he was based as a teacher.

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COUNTRY PREMIERSHIP TABLES

Mooney shift fires premiers

REIGNING South West National Football League premiers Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault opened in style to beat Mines Rovers by 33 points at Brunswick Oval on Sunday.

After an even first term, Mines jumped to an 11-point lead at half-time.

The Lions responded to the challenge and levelled the scores at three-quarter time.

Lions coach Terry House then shifted full-back Sean Mooney to full-forward for the final term.

Mooney was an effective spearhead and led his team to a 13.22 (100) to 10.7 (67) win.

Other key Lions players were new captain and ruck-rover Chris Macri, rover Tony Strano and ruckman Bernie Sloan.

Eagles centreman Kim Young was superb, while skipper Paul Moyses was faultless on a half-back flank.

BENEFITS

Carey Park showed the benefits of a big pre-season by kicking 11 goals in the final term to overrun South Bunbury at Hands Memorial Oval.

The Panthers trailed all day, but rallied to win, 20.17 (137) to 16.10 (106).

Teenager Paul Barnard dominated around the ground to be Carey Park's best, followed by centreman Andrew De Campo and former Perth forward

Wayne Ryder, who posted 5.8 in his debut.

South Bunbury worked tirelessly, with ruckman Todd Wallrodt and mercurial full-forward Jason Ninnett, with five goals, their best.

Busseton upset Collie at the Collie Recreation Ground, 15.15 (105) to 11.17 (83).

The Magpies are tipped as the season's big improvers under former VFL and WAFL star Alan Sidebottom.

Sidebottom and Blair Carter dominated the ruck, while Jason Hayden was solid at centre-half-back.

David Hollins and David Lewis worked tirelessly up forward for the Saints, but lacked support.

A dynamic performance by Goldfields medal winner Brett Lee led Bunbury to an 84-point win, 18.21 (129) to 6.9 (45) over Donnybrook at Mitchell Park.

Lee and ruck-rover Grant Hawkes gave the Bulldogs midfield supremacy and provided forwards Shane Taylor and Kelvin Gribble plenty of opportunities.

Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup surprised Augusta-Margaret-River, 15.13 (103) to 13.12 (90) at Gloucester Park.

Dennis Hill kicked six goals and centreman Brett Glass and rover Angelo Conti outran the Hawks.

Eight goal burst sets up Saints

AN EIGHT-goal first term by Saints set up an impressive 82-point win against Pioneers, 22.13 (145) to 8.15 (63) in the Newman Football League.

Saints young David Donnelly dominated centre ruck duels and followers Peter Walker, Ian Wolfenden and coach Wayne Morey fed the ball to forwards Darryl Rowe and Meekatharra recruit George Flanigan, who tallied 12 of their 22 goals.

Pioneers were well-served by Damian McCarthy, defenders Bill Cant and Mick McKoy while Captain Ron Adams played well at centre-half-forward.

Centrals had their first win of the season, beating Tigers, 18.12 (120) to 9.15 (69).

It was a good team effort by Centrals who have struggled against more physical sides in recent weeks.

Centre-half-forward Mick Jones played strongly while coach Mark Needham, rover Todd Gardner and full-forward Colin Smith, with three goals, played well.

Sixteen-year-old Tigers rookie Brett Austin, with three goals, continues to impress and Colin Walker, defender Robert Studham and Reynolds all contributed.

FOOTNOTE: The league is looking for a coach to take control of the Newman combined side to play Tom Price on May 30. Applications to Wayne Price, 12 Kitchener Place Newman.

Goal spree in GSFL

THREE Great Southern teams continued their dominance of the GSFL with big wins at the weekend — North Mt Barker, Railways and Royals

North Barker went on another goal-spree with a 26.23 (179) to 7.7 (49) win against old rivals North Albany.

Best on ground Steven Woods kicked five goals, Winston Williams kicked four (after 13 last week) and Robbie Woods and Tim Williams three each as the Demons ran riot in front of goal.

Darryl Williams, Ian Higgins and Clint Willis played strongly for the Demons while Paul Marchesi, Gavin Michael, Ian Inman and Jamie Curlewis, with two goals, battled hard for North Albany.

Railways cruised to an easy 19.13 (127) to 6.16 (52) win over South Barker with Damon O'Meara (4), Todd McGregor and big Mal Thomson with three each, sharing the goals.

For the Tigers, Brian Porteous, David Palfrey, Colin Pearson and Jim Churley set up the big win.

For South Barker, skilful forward Keith Punch kicked three and Mal Bryant, Shane Kerr and the talented Russell Jones fought hard.

Royals won a low scoring game against Kojonup, 11.12 (78) to 4.9 (33).

James House and clever forward Tim Hunter kicked three each and Gavin Morgan, Jeff Simpson, Kim Crabb and Bruce Turner played well.

Katanning Australs claimed fourth spot with a massive win, 27.31 (193) to 11.8 (74) over rivals Tambellup.

Ronald Coles, with six goals, Darren Byrne and Aaron Gorbonow, five each, led the scoring and Richard Press kicked four.

Best for Australs were Ian Batchelor, Ronald Coles, Wayne Howard and Barry Jolly.

For a dispirited Kojonup, Kerrin Olliffe and Brian Johns battled hard and four players kicked one goal each.

Newman League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Saints	3	2	1	271	209	129.66	8
Pioneer	3	2	1	207	258	80.23	8
Centrals	3	1	2	259	223	116.14	4
Tigers	3	1	2	214	284	75.31	4

Avon Association

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Quairading	2	2	0	320	154	207.79	8
Beverley	2	2	0	233	145	160.68	8
Kellerberrin	2	2	0	196	170	115.29	8
Cunderdin	2	1	1	253	147	172.10	4
Tammin	2	1	1	188	169	111.24	4
Railways	1	0	1	100	107	93.45	4
Federals	1	0	1	97	151	64.23	4
York	2	0	2	140	265	49.12	0
Brookton	2	0	2	110	309	35.59	0

Upper Great Southern

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Boddington	2	2	0	335	95	352.63	8
Kukerin	2	2	0	272	121	224.79	8
Wagin	2	2	0	183	172	106.39	8
Williams	2	1	1	196	135	145.18	4
Pingelly	2	1	1	257	209	122.96	4
Townsville	2	1	1	321	204	157.36	4
Lake Grace	2	1	1	171	248	68.95	4
Wickinup	2	0	2	151	218	69.26	0
West Arthur	2	0	2	146	293	49.82	0
Railways	2	0	2	122	287	42.82	0

Great Southern

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Nth Mt Barker	2	2	0	0	441	105	420.00	8
Railways	2	2	0	0	278	111	250.45	8
Royals	2	2	0	0	206	134	153.73	8
Australs	2	1	1	0	294	202	145.54	4
Kojonup	2	1	1	0	172	129	133.33	4
Sth Mt Barker	1	0	1	0	52	127	40.94	0
Wanderers	2	0	2	0	108	339	36.69	0
North Albany	2	0	2	0	108	330	32.72	0
Tambellup	2	0	2	0	130	455	28.57	0

Eastern Districts

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Burracoppin	2	2	0	404	114	354.38	8
Bruce Rock	2	2	0	227	137	165.69	8
Nukarni	1	1	0	121	58	208.62	4
Kondinin	1	1	1	193	180	107.22	4
Narembeen	1	1	1	188	194	96.90	4
Kulin	1	1	1	194	210	92.38	4
Hyden/Karlgann	1	0	1	76	122	62.30	0
Sth Cross	2	0	2	110	248	44.35	0
Corrgin	2	0	2	124	374	33.15	0

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Goldfields

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Tot	
Railways	2	2	0	0	260	171	152.04	8
Kalgoorlie	1	1	0	0	132	63	209.52	4
Boulder	2	1	0	1	148	198	74.74	4
Mines	1	0	0	1	95	121	78.51	0
Kambalda	2	0	0	2	122	204	59.80	0

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SOUTH WEST

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Tot
Bunbury	1	1	-	-	129	45	286.6	4
Harvey Bruns	1	1	-	-	100	67	149.2	4
Carey Park	1	1	-	-	137	106	129.2	4
Busseton	1	1	-	-	106	83	127.4	4
Boy Capel	1	1	-	-	103	90	114.4	4
Aug Marg Riv	1	1	-	-	90	103	87.3	4
Collie	1	1	-	-	83	106	78.3	4
Sth Bunbury	1	1	-	-	106	137	77.3	4
Mines Rovers	1	1	-	-	100	67	149.2	4
Donnybrook	1	1	-	-	45	129	34.8	4

PRUDENTIAL

CENTRAL COASTAL

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Tot	
Jurien Bay	3	3	0	0	389	127	306	12
Cervantes	2	2	0	0	222	174	127	8
Rovers	3	2	0	1	304	244	124	8
Warriors	2	1	0	1	271	108	250	4
Dandaragan	3	1	0	2	245	249	98	4
B-Miling	2	0	0	2	164	231	70	0
Leeman	3	0	0	3	157	504	31	0

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Downsborough bags record goal haul

A REMARKABLE 25-goal performance by Craig Downsborough helped Burracoppin to a massive 40.21 (261) to 10.5 (65) win over Corrigin in the Eastern Districts Football League.

Downsborough, a 22-year-old wheat farmer, had the incredible statistics of 25 marks and 39 kicks for a return of 25.5 — more than double Corrigin's total score off his own boot.

The mobile big man, whose game is based on a strong mark and long accurate kicking, has already been approached by West Perth, but rejected a move to the city.

He won the league's Miller Medal and his club fairest and best in 1990 and looks set to repeat that performance.

Craig, a handy cricketer, starred in Merredin's winning A grade Country Week cricket premierships this summer, notching 52 runs and taking two wickets.

He shares the family wheat and

sheep farm with his father Max and younger brother Ian, who also plays for Burracoppin.

His swag of goals puts his two-game tally at 32 — 21 ahead of his nearest rival and ensured top spot on the ladder for Burracoppin.

Coach Peter Hooper kicked five goals and Ian Downsborough bagged three in the Burracoppin goal-feast.

RECORD BREAKER

The young forward's record feat broke the previous league best — 23 goals by Oliver Haines, of Nukarni, back in 1960 and smashed his uncle John's club record of 19 goals in a game.

Aaron Smith, Len Yarran and David Collins also played well for Corrigin.

Kulin, 16.25 (121) beat Kondinin 11.14 (80) with Shane Page and David Morton standing out as best players for their sides.

Nukarni beat Narembeen 17.19 (121) to 8.10 (58). Nukarni centre-half-back Ken Hooper was best on ground, with rover Dan Bradstreet playing well. Narembeen full-back Ian Mortimer tried hard.

Bruce Rock had an easy win over Southern Cross, 15.15 (105) to 8.13 (61), with Glen Meredith and Jason Bow doing well. For Southern Cross, Ben Panizza rucked strongly.

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Football diary

Did you miss this...

APRIL 9: WEST Coast squad member **Matt Clape** had a plate inserted in his arm after breaking it while playing for East Perth. However, Eagles ruckman **Dean Irving** was relieved when exploratory surgery revealed only minor damage to his knee, forcing a two-week break. **SYDNEY** Swans ruckman **David Willis** will make a full recovery despite being told he could spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair after a bone-crushing collision against Collingwood that broke a bone in his neck. **STAR** Adelaide centreman **Andrew Jarman** has been cleared to play after being sidelined for 10 weeks with surgery to a finger.

APRIL 10: **EAGLES** defender **Guy McKenna** is in doubt to play against Geelong's **Gary Ablett** as he recovers from a groin strain. **COLLINGWOOD'S** **Craig Kelly** was suspended for five matches for striking Sydney Swans wingman **Ben Doolan**, resulting in Doolan's front teeth being knocked out.

APRIL 11: **THE** Eagles match committee stuck with a winning formula from their St Kilda clash, naming an unchanged side to tackle Geelong.



Brent Hutton ... called it a day

COLLINGWOOD president **Allan McAlister** faces a fine for improper language and conduct after a tribunal hearing ousted **Craig Kelly** for five matches.

APRIL 12: **GEELONG'S** chances of beating West Coast at Subiaco were dampened when a freak accident at work put star rover **Garry Hocking** out of contention with a rolled ankle.

APRIL 13: **SWAN** Districts premiership player **Brent Hutton** retired after medical advice, saying that the

crash with team-mate **Michael Sidebottom** in a pre-season game had left him with a suspect head injury. **EAST Fremantle** coach **Ken Judge** faces a \$500 fine for bringing former Perth ruckman **Ian Newman** into the side unexpectedly when **Brendan Krummel** was ruled out with a virus on Saturday morning.

APRIL 14: **GEELONG** star **Gary Ablett** produced a sensational 36-possession performance at Subiaco Oval, to lead the Cats to victory over the West Coast Eagles.

APRIL 15: **RADICAL** changes in the AFL are being discussed which could see two eight team conferences, one with the Eagles included and the other with a Fremantle team, according to an AFL Commission vision. **MAL Brown** and Collingwood coach **Leigh Matthews** have backed a call from Hawthorn's **Dermott Breerton** for umpires to stop cracking down on off-the-ball shirtfronts. **SUBIACO'S** **Matt Connell** has hit the front in the Magic Nissan-The West Australian Footballer of the Year competition with his second-successive best on ground award.

Getting ready for Teal Cup

JULY may seem a long way away to most people, but not to Teal Cup selectors and aspiring State representatives whose minds are set on the Melbourne carnival.

WA's Teal Cup campaign begins at Leederville Oval this Thursday when the 50-man State Youth Development Squad has a final skills and theory meeting.

School holidays provides an opportunity for young country footballers to journey to Perth for the one-day seminar.

Teal Cup coach **Eddie Pitter** says the present squad is highly talented, but the last five months of work, since November, is no guarantee of selection.

Teal Cup trials will begin on the first weekend in May.

"The talent we have is excellent and there is no doubt the WAFL 16s carnival in October was a key factor in producing such highly skilled footballers," said Pitter.

"The 16s play offs was the first time the WAFL had staged such an event and it proved to be a great success.

"Not only was it well organised, but player identification was made so much easier that it reduced our work load by half."

The squad will have two practical sessions, one under Pitter and the other under West Coast Eagles assistant coach **Robert Wiley**.

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Aust. Football League

SATURDAY: Round 5 — Hawthorn v Essendon, at Waverley; North Melbourne v Footscray, at MCG; Carlton v Sydney, at Princes Park (highlights Channel 7, 5pm to 6pm); Brisbane v West Coast Eagles, at Carrara (delayed telecast Channel 7, 7.30pm). **SUNDAY: Adelaide v Richmond**, at Football Park (live Channel 7, noon). **MONDAY: Melbourne v Collingwood**, at MCG (live Channel 7, noon); Fitzroy v St Kilda, at Princes Park. Geelong bye.

Colts 9am, reserves 11.45am, league 2.20pm: Canning v Armadale, at Wyong Oval; Wanneroo v Thornlie, at Kingsway Reserve; Kalamunda v Applecross, at Ray Owen Reserve; Kenwick v Kelmscott, at Mills Park; Gosnells v Maddington, at Gosnells Oval; Willetton v Osborne Park, at Burrendah Reserve. Bye South Perth.

Amateur League

SATURDAY April 18: Easter — General bye. **Saturday April 25: Nollamara v Wembley**, at Des Penman Reserve No.1; **Trinity Aquinas d University**, at Earnest Johnson Oval; **Mt Lawley v North Beach**, at Hamer Park No.1; **North Fremantle v Collegians Old Scotch**, at Gil Fraser Oval; **West Coast v Scarborough**, at City Beach Oval.

WA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ROUND 3

SATURDAY: Round 3, 2.20pm: Claremont v East Fremantle, at Claremont Oval, (6PR); South Fremantle v East Perth, at Fremantle Oval, (6NR); Swan Districts v West Perth; Perth v Subiaco, at Lathlain Park, (6WF).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Saturday: Round 5 — Eagles v North Adelaide, at Football Park; South Adelaide v Norwood, at Adelaide Oval; Central District v Glenelg, at Elizabeth Oval; Port Adelaide v Sturt, at Norwood; West Adelaide bye.

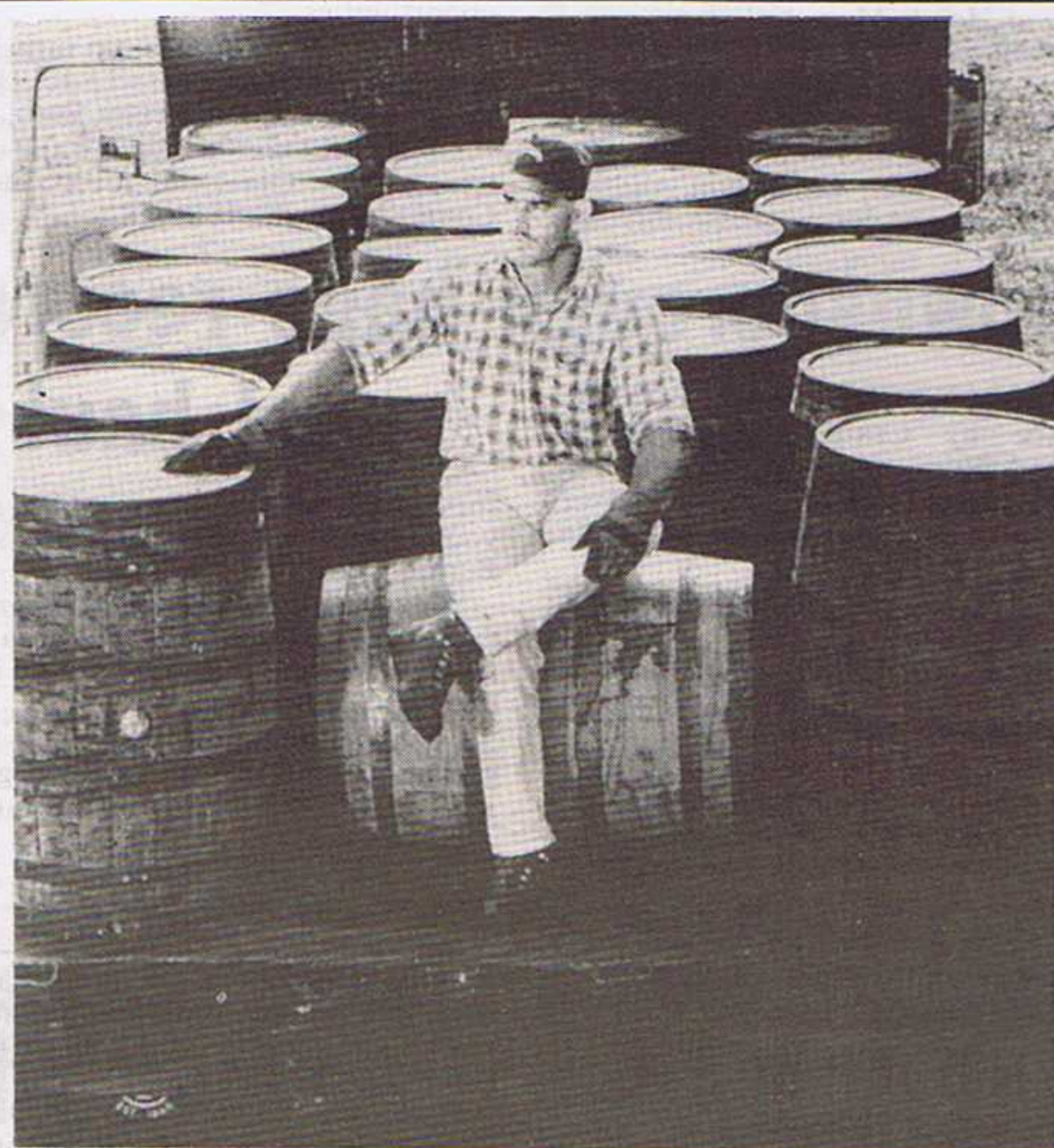
Sunday League

SUNDAY April 19: Easter — General bye. **SUNDAY APRIL 26: Round 3:**

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AFL — Round 4

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

CARLTON	2.4	10.6	12.9	19.11	125
NORTH MELBOURNE	2.3	6.7	13.10	16.14	110

GOALS — Carlton: De Lullo 5, Alvin 4, S. Kernahan, Arceri 2, B. Sholl, Spalding, Meldrum, Athorn, Tarazon, Gleeson. **North Melbourne:** Romero 4, Carey, C. Sholl, Crocker, Dwyer 2, Dennis McCarthy, McDonald, German.
BEST — Carlton: Bradley, De Lullo, B. Sholl, Alvin, Hanna, Arceri. **North Melbourne:** R. Smith, Rock, Fairley, Crocker, Spargo, Larkin. Played at MCG. Umpires: Michael Viney, Bryan Sheehan. Attendance: 43,231.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

COLLINGWOOD	6.3	11.8	18.9	19.10	124
ESSENDON	5.3	6.4	11.8	17.13	115

GOALS — Collingwood: Watkin 5, McKeown 4, Starcevic 3, Morwood 2, Williams, Lehmann, S. Russell, Daicos, McGuane. **Essendon:** Bewick 5, T. Daniher 3, Madden 2, Salmon, C. Daniher, Long, Flood, Grenvold, McMullin, Sporn.
BEST — Collingwood: Williams, Starcevic, McKeown, Watson, Russell, Long. **Essendon:** Kickett, Bewick, Harvey, Thompson, O'Donnell. Played at Waverley Park. Umpires: Hayden Kennedy, Denis Rich. Attendance: 54,984.

RICHMOND	3.6	7.9	11.13	17.17	119
MELBOURNE	1.6	4.9	8.12	9.15	69

GOALS — Richmond: Weightman, Hogg, Jackson 3, Menegola 2, Lambert, Leys, Maxfield, Powell, Campbell, Knights. **Melbourne:** Sullivan 3, Jakovich, Stretch 2, Beveridge, Lyon.
BEST — Richmond: Leys, Lambert, Maxfield, McQueen, Knights, Campbell. **Melbourne:** Schwarz, Rohde, Howat, Sullivan, Yeats, Febey. Played at MCG. Umpires: John Harvey, Shane Harris. Attendance: 27,572.

FITZROY	3.3	10.5	14.12	19.16	130
ADELAIDE	5.1	7.5	12.10	14.13	97

GOALS — Fitzroy: Osborne 5, Broderick 3, Roos, Lynch, Caven 2, Dundas, McCormack, Guard, Gale, Exell. **Adelaide:** Brown 4, Hodges 3, Jarman, D. Hart, Tregenza, Liptak, Ingerson, Bone, Modra.
BEST — Fitzroy: McCormack, Broderick, Roos, Caven, Osborne. **Adelaide:** Liptak, Maynard, Brown, McGuinness, Tregenza, Lee. Played at Princes Park. Umpires: Brendan Carland, Trevor Garrett. Attendance: 8,484.

ST KILDA	8.3	11.6	15.12	16.12	108
HAWTHORN	0.3	7.7	11.10	14.14	98

GOALS — St Kilda: Lockett 6, Devonport 3, Kickett 2, Newport, Winmar, Fletcher, Clark, Loewe. **Hawthorn:** Dunstall 3, Hudson, Gowers 2, Platten, Morrissey, Brereton, Allan, Lawrence, Anderson, Collins.
BEST — St Kilda: Loewe, Greig, Harvey, Bowey, Kickett, Newport. **Hawthorn:** Jarman, Platten, Gowers, Ayres, Condon, Collins. Played at Moorabbin. Umpires: Gavin Dore, Chris Mitchell. Attendance: 25,000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

GEELONG	4.2	15.5	17.9	20.11	131
WEST COAST	5.3	8.9	11.14	15.17	107

GOALS — Geelong: Ablett 5, Brown 3, Birstow, Stoneham, Darcy 2, Willis, Couch, Scott, Riccardi, Bews, Mensch. **West Coast:** Hynes 4, Langdon 3, Peos, Lewis 2, Pyke, Matera, Waterman, Turnbull.
BEST — Geelong: Ablett, Handley, Stoneham, S. Hocking, Couch, Hinkley. **West Coast:** Lewis, Laidley, Kemp, Worstfold, Hynes, Matera. Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Peter Cameron, David Howlett. Attendance: 32,458.

FOOTSCRAY	7.2	14.4	20.7	25.14	164
SYDNEY	3.4	8.9	13.14	17.17	119

GOALS — Footscray: Del-Re 7, Hawkins 4, Grant, Liberatore 3, Royal 2, Kellet, Coleman, Kolyniuk, Atkins, Smith, Baxter. **Sydney:** West 4, Lewis, Mitchell, Kappler, Strooper, Bayes 2, McGovern, Wheeler, Lawson.
BEST — Footscray: Grant, Del-Re, Hawkins, Royal, Toohey, Liberatore. **Sydney:** West, Bayes, Lawson, Kappler, Mitchell, McGovern. Played at SCG. Umpires: Peter Carey, Anton McKernan. Attendance: 8,309.

Richardson, Hardy, Rance, O'Reilly, Sidebottom 1.0, Ball 0.2, Hawes 0.1.

BEST — East Perth: Miller, Bertram, Haskett, Giannakis, Baroni, P. Evans. **Swan Districts:** O'Neill, Hastie, Broadbridge, Sidebottom, Caton. Played at Perth Oval. Umpires: Ray Zoch, Mike Ball. Attendance: 2,893.

PERTH	3.7	10.9	12.11	21.13	139
CLAREMONT	4.3	7.5	9.13	12.14	86

GOALS — Perth: Van Rooye 5.1, Spalding 4.0, Lally 3.0, Congleton, Wilson 2.1, Clarkson 2.0, McNaughton 1.3, Russ Thompson 1.1, Zaikos 1.0, Kelly 0.2, Barich, Baker, Rob Thomson 0.1. 1 point forced. **Claremont:** Morgan 5.1, Ham, Evans 1.1, Taylor 1.2, Beresford, Sutherland, Nannup, Hendry 1.0, Mitchell 0.2, Hann 0.1. 5 points forced.
BEST — Perth: Pears, Clarkson, Spalding, Van Rooye, Lally, Rob Thomson. **Claremont:** Morgan, Ham, Wright, Panizza, Nannup, Burton. Played at Lathlain Park. Umpires: Geoff Pritchard, Sam Kronja. Attendance: 2,588.

PEPSI RESERVES

SWAN DISTRICTS	6.3	8.11	10.14	17.20	122
EAST PERTH	1.3	4.8	6.12	7.14	56

GOALS — Swan Districts: Hannan 4, Cummings, Bennell 3, Poultney, Millington 2, Dehning, Pensini, Stone. **East Perth:** Yarran, Allbury 2, O'Connell, Wheatley, Dawson.

BEST — Swan Districts: Pensini, Foote, Atherton, Hannan, Stone, Byrne. **East Perth:** McNamara, Gabbedy, J. Garnaut, Colthart, Christison, Rigoli.

PERTH	5.1	7.4	10.5	16.9	105
CLAREMONT	2.5	4.8	8.10	12.11	83

GOALS — Perth: O'Keefe 4, Jackson 3, Eves 2, Gandini, McMurray, Polak, Allard, Clement, Dominish, Nicholas. **Claremont:** Lukins 5, Green, Simpson 2, Hutton, O'Malley, Weir.
BEST — Perth: Nicholas, Lofts, Mahoney, Mills, O'Keefe, Jackson. **Claremont:** Lukins, Green, O'Malley, Johnson, Elliott, Parry.

SOUTH FREMANTLE	4.7	11.16	19.18	27.22	184
EAST FREMANTLE	4.1	6.1	9.5	16.7	103

GOALS — South Fremantle: Grant 9, Hernaman 5, D'Angelo 3, Spilsbury, D. Collard, Clancy 2, Maskos, Grijusich, D. Ball, Carradus. **East Fremantle:** Browning, Morris 5, Stagg, Testrow, Wasley, Sanders, Doyle, Buss.
BEST — South Fremantle: Hernaman, Fitzpatrick, Shepherd, D'Angelo, Maskos, Santostefano, Grant. **East Fremantle:** Burrows, Morris, Testrow, Browning, Bushell.

WEST PERTH	2.3	5.4	7.7	11.10	76
SUBIACO	2.1	3.9	7.11	10.14	74

GOALS — West Perth: Bewick 3, Wasley, Moreno 2, Dunkeld, Beeck, Phillips, Smith. **Subiaco:** Billington, T. Burton 2, Williams, Donnelly, Cox, Omedei, O'Connor, Humphries.
BEST — West Perth: Nicholls, Barratt, Proctor, Bewick, Beeck, Phillips. **Subiaco:** Slatter, Piggott, Williams, J. Burton, Teeuwissen.

PEPSI COLTS

WEST PERTH 11.13 (79) d SUBIACO 6.6 (42)
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GOALS — West Perth: Leckie 4, Liddle, Vollprecht 2, Collins, Harby, Symmons. **Subiaco:** Dixon 2, Omedei, Martin, McFarlane, Edwards.

CLAREMONT 9.8 (62) d PERTH 5.10 (40)

GOALS — Claremont: Kirk, Hitsert, Burns 2, McPhee, Spencer, Costantino. **Perth:** M. Drake-Brockman 3, Abraham, Marshall.

BEST — Claremont: Burns, Delaney, Vajs. **Perth:** Drake-Brockman, Burke, Moore.

SWAN DISTRICTS 14.6 (90) d EAST PERTH 12.7 (79)

GOALS — Swan Districts: Matson, Cooper 3, Manson, Brown, Bialobrodzki 2, Sara, Callaghan. **East Perth:** Pickett 3, Merrylees, Barton, Anderson, Mourish, Cheeseman, Degois, Harp, Straw, Brunckhorst.

BEST — Swan Districts: P. Bialobrodzki, Laurito, Smith. **East Perth:** Sziglieti, Van Der Steen, Anderson.

EAST FREMANTLE 8.12 (60) d SOUTH FREMANTLE 7.7 (49)

GOALS — East Fremantle: Evans 4, Reilly 3, Bondin. **South Fremantle:** Mawby, Gaspar 2, Grosse, Bayliss, Spinks.

BEST — East Fremantle: Allen, Ahern, Andrews. **South Fremantle:** Mawby, D. Gaspar, Fiorenza.

Victorian State League

(FORMERLY AFL RESERVES)

CARLTON 20.16 (136) d FITZROY 20.15 (135)

GOALS — Carlton: Parker 4, Welsh, O'Sullivan 3, Snooks, Heaver, Cook 2, Christou, Darui, Bond, Robertson. **Fitzroy:** Wilkinson 6, Fleming 4, Jordan 3, Armstrong, O'Connell, Wallis 2, Payne.
BEST — Carlton: Koutoufides, Welsh, Bond, Parker. **Fitzroy:** Davis, Armstrong, Cormack, Bryson, Wilkinson.

ST KILDA 18.12 (131) d HAWTHORN 13.15 (93)
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GOALS — St Kilda: O'Brien, Fode 3, Evans, Flanigan, Addison 2, Reade, Ford, Ralph-Smith, Georgio, Cummings, Dwyer. **Hawthorn:** McCrabb, Murton, Nugent, Graham, Berry.

ESSENDON 30.19 (199) d COLLINGWOOD 8.9 (57)

GOALS — Essendon: Strempe 6, Plain 5, Somerville 4, Cransberg 3, Ridley, Considine, Werner, Filandia, Denham 2, Hills, Alessio. **Collingwood:** Pascoe 3, Barrows 2, Hardie, McCartney, Johns.
BEST — Essendon: Denham, Alessio, Strempe, Ezzard, Somerville, Mercuri. **Collingwood:** Hecker, Barrows, Tranter.

MELBOURNE 27.21 (183) d RICHMOND 12.12 (84)

GOALS — Melbourne: Williams 12, Keogh 4, Lamb 3, Cuthbertson, Eishold 2, Kowal, Hoppgood, MacKay, Kilmartin. **Richmond:** Keays 7, Donald 2, Scott, Bowden, Griffiths.
BEST — Melbourne: Kowal, Grinter, Williams, Lamprill, Burgmann, Ford. **Richmond:** Lennon, Keays, Scott, Bowden, Esler, Griffiths.

FOOTSCRAY 22.24 (156) d SYDNEY SWANS 13.19 (97)

GOALS — Footscray: Ballantyne 7, Grant, Campbell 3, Bloom, West, Charles 2, Barrow, Reynolds, Stanley. **Sydney Swans:** Luff 6, Scott, Neill 2, Sanson, McKellar, Krakouer.
BEST — Footscray: Grant, Reynolds, Kretiuik, Ballantyne, Ryan, Rundle, Croft. **Sydney Swans:** McKellar, Luff, Neill, Thompson, Green.

NORTH MELBOURNE 32.22 (214) d GEELONG 12.13 (85)
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Queensland Football League

SOUTHPORT 22.35 (167) d WEST BRISBANE 2.6 (18)
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COORPAROO 13.20 (98) d **KEDRON GRANGE** 11.14 (80)
MORNINGSIDE 13.16 (94) d **MAYNE** 11.6 (72)

Tasmanian Football League

NORTH HOBART 22.21 (153) d GLENORCHY 12.10 (82)

HOBART 19.13 (127) d **BURNIE** 8.17 (65)
DEVONPORT 19.16 (130) d **NEW NORFOLK** 11.6 (73)
SOUTH LAUNCESTON 18.29 (137) d **SANDY BAY** 12.10 (82)
NORTH LAUNCESTON 24.11 (155) d **CLARENCE** 9.13 (67)

Sth Australia Football League

Round 3 SATURDAY, APRIL 11

NORWOOD	8.0	13.9	17.12	20.19	139
GLENELG	2.2	4.2	6.11	13.13	91

GOALS — Norwood: Ducker 8, Jones 4, Thomas, Bozicevic 2, Mellow, Patterson, McIntosh, Pittman. **Glenelg:** Seebohm 4, Lamb, Thornborrow, Hallahan 2, Symonds, Bromilow, Rouvray.

BEST — Norwood: McIntosh, Ducker, Kelly, Aish, Ross, Pittman. **Glenelg:** Kretschmer, Hallahan, Seebohm, Lamb, Reubenicht. Played at Norwood Oval. Attendance: 4,901.

WEST ADELAIDE	5.5	7.8	11.16	18.19	127
NORTH ADELAIDE	2.2	8.5	11.7	16.11	107

GOALS — West Adelaide: Deputa 6, Grosser 4, Woosnam 2, Ricciuto, O'Donohue, Banfield, Fielke, Byrne, O'Dea. **North Adelaide:** Saliba, Burton 3, Bennett, Mail, Hill 2, Mancini, Krieg, Molloy, Dyett.
BEST — West Adelaide: Banfield, O'Donohue, Fielke, Grosser, Porter. **North Adelaide:** Krieg, Redden, Saliba, Saunders, Hill. Played at Prospect Oval. Attendance: 3,123.

STURT	0.2	9.3	11.3	17.6	108
SOUTH ADELAIDE	3.9	4.13	10.20	12.26	98

GOALS — Sturt: Gask 4, Bastian, Packer, Schaeffer 3, Kitschke, Field, Sanderson, Schoell, Viney, Russell, Judd. **South Adelaide:** Stoeckel 5, Bennett, Trevena 2, Kappler, Page, Brockhurst.

BEST — Sturt: May, Gask, Paynter, Viney, Russell. **South Adelaide:** Bennett, Kappler, Brockhurst, Naley, Whitford, Grummet. Played at Adelaide Oval. Attendance: 3,194.

PORT ADELAIDE	3.6	8.11	12.15	20.21	141
CENTRAL DISTRICT	4.3	7.6	9.9	11.14	80

GOALS — Port Adelaide: Tylor 8, R. Smith, Borlase, M. Williams 2, Ginever, S. Williams, Fiacchi, Settre, Hutton, Gaffney. **Central District:** Smith 4, Chaplin 3, Jenkinson, Mandemaker, Haraida, Handley.

BEST — Port Adelaide: Delaney, Chalmers, Abernethy, Tylor, S. Williams, M. Williams. **Central District:** Smith, Chaplin, Coffee, Lynn, Schwerdt, Girdham. Played at Football Park. Attendance: 5,277.



Sharp shooters . . . South Fremantle's two top goalcorers Ashley Flugge (left) and Wally Matera show their delight at a derby win

PEPSI CUP LEAGUE

SUBIACO	5.3	9.8	12.13	18.17	125
WEST PERTH	2.1	3.5	7.7	8.12	60

GOALS — Subiaco: Willet 5.2, Georgiades 3.6, Connell 3.0, McDougall, Macnish 2.1, Davies, White, Scott 1.0, Batka, N. McIntosh 0.2, Monaghan, Carter 0.1. 1 point forced. **West Perth:** Cullen 5.0, Hall 1.4, Del Borrello 1.1, Harris 1.0, Edwards 0.3, Sheldrick, Curley, West 0.1. 1 point forced.
BEST — Subiaco: Grieve, Connell, McDougall, Batka, Scott, Dargie. **West Perth:** Toovey, Cullen, Del Borrello, Harris, Curley, Hall. Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Greg Scoop, Darren Starcevic. Attendance: 2,973.

SOUTH FREMANTLE	2.2	6.8	7.8	11.12	78
EAST FREMANTLE	3.3	4.9	4.15	9.17	71

GOALS — South Fremantle: Flugge 3.1, Matera 2.0, Campbell 1.4, Woods, Caputi, Narkle, Hepburn 1.1, C. Collard 1.0, Ball 0.1. 2 points forced. **East Fremantle:** Rowe 2.3, Brennan 2.0, Gallop 1.2, Davidson, Lester-Smith 1.1, Nichols, Morphet 1.0, Krakouer, Lawrence, Malaxos 0.2, Quill 0.1. 3 points forced.
BEST — South Fremantle: Atkins, Dunstan, Fimmano, Porter, Matera, Bottrell. **East Fremantle:** Treleven, Gallop, Quill, Morphet, Nichols, Billich. Played at Fremantle Oval. Umpires: Grant Vernon, Phil O'Reilly. Attendance: 5,721.

EAST PERTH	6.2	10.6	15.8	20.13	133
SWAN DISTRICTS	4.5	6.10	11.13	14.16	100

GOALS — East Perth: Haskett 6.2, S. Evans 3.3, East 3.1, Prior 2.0, Miller 1.3, Colbung 1.2, P. Evans, Chalmers 1.1, Baroni, G. Garnaut 1.0. **Swan Districts:** Hastie 3.1, Caton, Holmes 2.5, Walker 1.2, Bazzo,



PORT INVADE ... East Perth coach Stan Magro is looking forward to his return to hostile territory at Fremantle Oval

Magro marches boldly back to Port

STAN Magro this week steps into foreign territory he once proudly called his own.

The new East Perth coach takes his fresh-faced Royals to Fremantle Oval, the scene of many Magro triumphs and where the tough defender carved a reputation as one of the Port's greats.

Magro's confrontation with another Fremantle legend and former East Perth premiership coach Malcolm Brown, is one of many major drawcards in an exciting WAFL third round of fixtures.

But Magro takes with him to Fre-

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mantle a bitter taste and he is out for revenge.

Some of the current Bulldogs board of directors were at Souths when Magro's controversial sacking came at the end of the 1990 season.

After taking a young and developing Bulldogs side into the 1989 grand final, Magro was ruthlessly squeezed aside after Souths preliminary final loss to eventual premiers Swan Districts a year later.

The former Bulldogs, Collingwood and East Perth strongman is back in business as coach of the Royals and he warmed up for his return by masterminding a brilliant victory over Swan Districts last week.

Controversy surrounding the Magro saga died a slow death last season as the Bulldogs slipped into the cellar region of the WAFL premiership ladder.

A popular former Bulldog and coach of four seasons, Magro retained close communication with players and was constantly a spectator and supporter of the club's fortunes before heading for Perth Oval this year.

Win or lose in his return to Fremantle on Saturday, Magro said the events of last year are now completely overshadowed by the exciting challenges ahead with an emerging Royals.

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"All that is behind me now," Magro declared this week. "When one door closes, another opens.

"I hope this door at East Perth opens really wide.

"I'm just wrapped I've been given the chance to coach guys as committed as these guys at East Perth.

"You can't ask more of a bunch of blokes who haven't been paid from one season, take a pay cut before the next year and then put in as well as the East Perth players have done so far.

"I'll be having a drink at Souths on Saturday night, whether we win or lose.

"I have no gripes.

"I'm too concerned with the progress and development of this East Perth team."

Magro finds himself experiencing an ironical touch of de je vu.

When he took South Fremantle's coaching reins five years ago, the club was experiencing similar financial problems as currently confront East Perth.

At the time, Magro was also forced to motivate an emerging Bulldogs unit through pay cuts and emotional times of uncertainty within the Port.

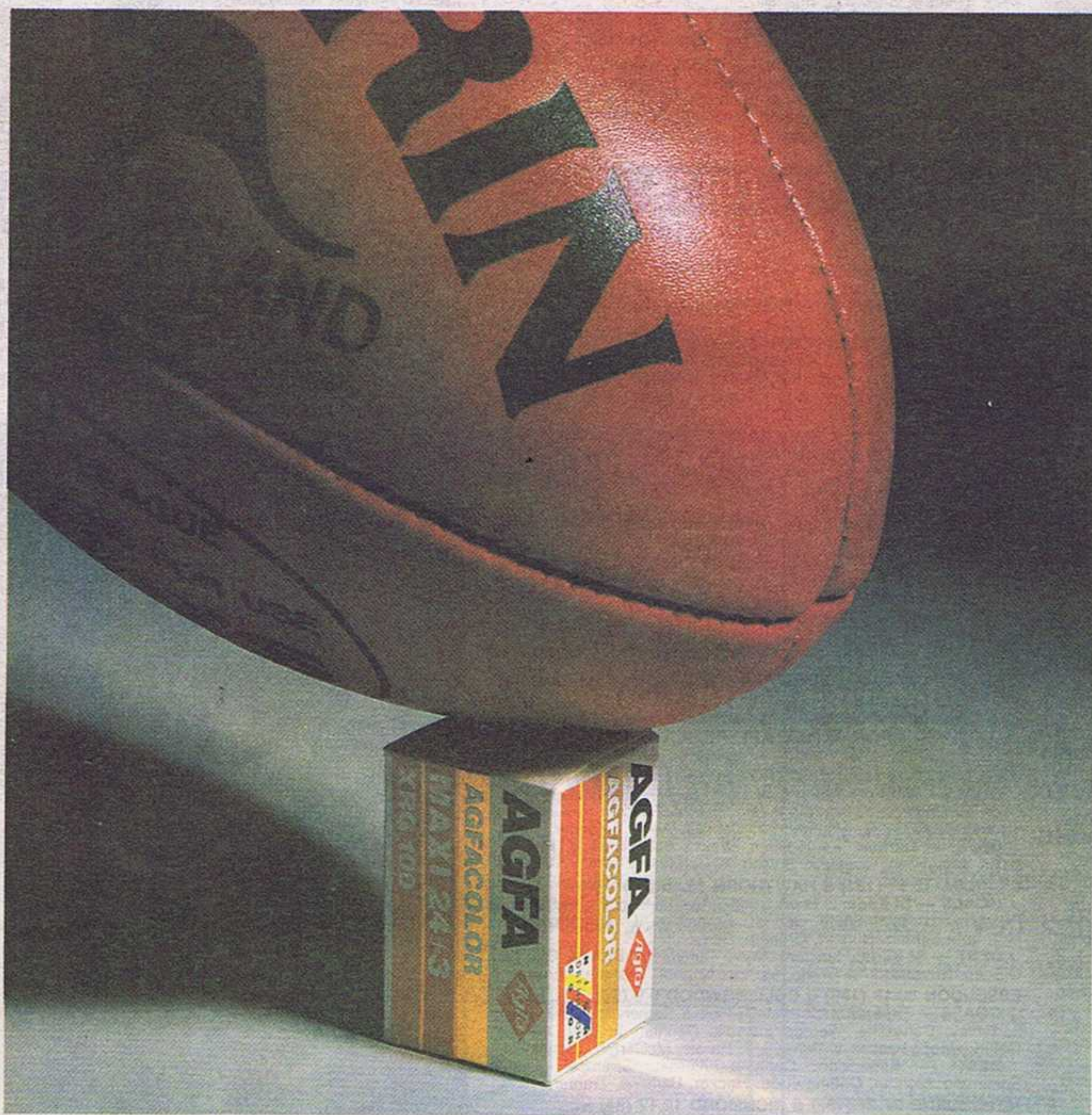
Milestone day for trio

IT'S a big weekend for three of the West's most popular players in John Worsfold, Lucio Baroni and Kevin Caton, who will all play their 100th games.

West Coast skipper Worsfold becomes the fourth Eagle to reach the century, after Dwayne Lamb, Chris Mainwaring and Michael Brennan.

Baroni has been a loyal Royal for a number of years after being surprisingly overlooked in the draft and Caton has returned to the Swans side after stints with the Brisbane Bears and Fitzroy.

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