

THE EAGLES ARE UNDER PRESSURE

EAGLES coach Mick Malthouse is in the hot seat; the knives are out after a dismal start to the season. But, as KIM HAGDORN writes on page nine, the critics should show some patience. The second AFL team speculation continues to rage... and now Perth and Subiaco are having their say on WA's next national league side. PLUS... inside we look at the surprisingly good form of WAFL clubs East Perth and Perth — and the dilemma facing premiership coach Gerard Neesham.

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WESTSIDE Football
East Perth have become the giant-killers of the WA Football League with successive victories over premiership fancies Swan Districts and South Fremantle. Last Saturday's win over the Bulldogs at Fremantle Oval certainly brought a smile to the face of rover Paul Evans, while fellow Royal Shawn Colbung (left) was glad that the tough battle was over. Defender Dean Bertram also looks happy about the win. Photo GREG WOOD. More pictures, centre pages



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NICKNAMES in football are always a good talking point, but they don't always last.
 North Melbourne ruckman Alex Ishchenko was always known as "The Russian" in his East Perth and Eagles days.
 But with the dramatic political changes in the old Russia, an informed radio 6NR listener rang on Saturday to suggest that as Ishchenko was Ukrainian, not Russian, it should be changed!

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

OBSERVANT EAGLE



Injured Eagle Guy McKenna was braving the elements at Fremantle Oval last week as he watched East Perth down South Fremantle in a tough game at the Port. McKenna, who now runs a physical fitness programme for Bulldogs sponsors, the Esplanade Hotel, in Fremantle, was rugged up against the weather — and sharing some shelter with fiancée Kirsten Nicholls

Crows get a start

SOUTH Australia are well ahead of WA in their build-up for the interstate clash at Football Park, in Adelaide, on Tuesday, May 12.
 The announcement this week of WA's squad comes almost two weeks after SA named their players.
 The Croweaters will train together at least four times under new State coach Neil Balme, a former Subiaco player who has impressive credentials in the SANFL.
 The water side is being coached by Barry Cable, with Mick Malthouse handling the State-of-Origin battle with Victoria on May 26.

Brooks goes home

TOUGH utility player Nathan Brooks has left Claremont and will try his luck back at East Perth.
 Brooks walked out on the Tigers last Tuesday after failing for more than two years to establish a full-time berth in Claremont's seniors.
 A versatile mid-fielder or follower, Brooks managed just six senior games with Claremont in two seasons.
 The 22-year-old returns to Perth Oval where he made 12 league appearances between 1987-89 after graduating from their local juniors.

Players unite

THE WAFL Players' Association has been revived, with the election a new president and vice-president.
 The retirement from WAFL playing ranks of former office bearers Glen Bartlett and Brian Taylor has seen two new faces take up the posts.
 East Perth's Peter Miller was elected president and Claremont skipper Brian Beresford vice-president, while Chris Chadd was returned as Treasurer/administrator.

Weighting game

THE promising performances of Eagles recruit Matt Connell with Subiaco has many people wondering when the youngster will get his AFL call-up. But coach Mick Malthouse is in no hurry to blood him.
 "He doesn't carry a lot of weight and I would be loathe to introduce someone like him, only to see him get injured," Malthouse said on radio last week.
 "I'd like to see him put on a few pounds and continue to play good football and be ready if we need him at the right end of the season."

Handy onlookers

EAST Fremantle had a wealth of experience on the sidelines for last Saturday's win over Claremont, at Claremont Oval.
 As well as gifted midfielder John Lawrence out of the side through injury, the Sharks were closely observed by former stars Shane Ellis, David Rankin and Peter Higgins.
 Ellis and Rankin have retired, while Higgins is coaching in the country.

Johnson recovers

EXPERIENCED WAFL umpire David Johnson made good progress back to a full recovery from a knee injury, giving a promising display in the reserves at Claremont Oval last Saturday.
 Johnson, who has umpired AFL matches, damaged his knee in the final practice match of the pre-season.
 He made it through the reserves game on Saturday under the watchful of umpires coach Ron Buckey and he seems just a week or two away from a return to the seniors.

Expensive win

EVEN coaching the reserves can be an expensive business — as Paul Vasoli discovered last week.
 His powerful reserves side were far too strong for an ill-equipped East Perth, but he wasn't happy when they slackened off in the third term and only managed six goals.
 "I promised them a couple of cartons of Emu if they kicked 10 goals in the last term," said Vasoli at the club's presentation of trophies. "They didn't kick nine or 11 — they were spot on with 10 and that cost me dearly."

Interested observer

AN interested observer in East Perth's rooms after their win over South Fremantle was retired big man Ken Seymour. The farmer from Miling opted to stay in the country this season after being one of East Perth's most reliable players in recent seasons. He was obviously well-pleased with the victory over the Bulldogs — and Royals coach Stan Magro was quick to have a chat to Seymour when he spotted him in the rooms after the match.

Young Tiger stars

LITTLE-known Claremont forward Damon Lukins chimed in with a timely effort in the reserves against East Fremantle last Saturday.
 In the curtain-raiser before the seniors went down in a performance riddled with injury and poor form up forward, Lukins posted eight goals from a half-forward flank.
 His run into senior team calculations is another of the many success stories emerging almost weekly from the Claremont camp.
 Coach Gerard Neesham, in conjunction with reserves coach John Dimmer, adhered to a request from the 22-year-old Lukins for a change of scenery from defence to attack.
 In three previous seasons, Lukins has been a back-pocket specialist in the lower grades.

Champs disappointed

SOUTH Fremantle resurrected a couple of their former champion players as guests for Saturday's game against East Perth — but it turned out to be a disappointing day for John Gerovich and Graham Scott. Gero, one of the legends of the Port and a champion full-forward, was Malcolm Brown's idol when the current Souths coach was a youngster living in Dowerin.

Injury worries

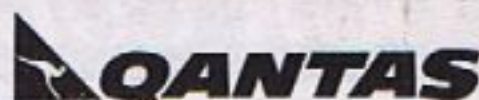
WHILE hamstring injuries have hampered the Eagles this season, Achilles tendon problems are causing headaches at Swan Districts.
 Captain Phil Narkle rolled an ankle and damaged his Achilles at training a fortnight ago, while Eagles squad member David Ogg left the ground early last Saturday with a similar strain in his Achilles.



Swan Districts captain Phil Narkle might be out injured at present, but he's not far away from the action. Here he chats with veteran midfielder Mike Richardson and Swans runner Ray van Burgel

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The game proved to be an exciting duel, with the Brisbane Bears hanging on in each quarter to keep up with the Eagles.

Many of the entrants in our competition tipped the Eagles to win by a large margin — others kept the margin in the low numbers after the Eagles loss to Geelong the week before.

Because of the draw, the competition will jackpot with two winners drawn next week for a dinner for two at Sardi's — 'The Place for Ribs' on the South Perth foreshore.

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State squad candidates stake claims

FORM, pace and a burning desire to represent WA will be priority requirements for State team candidates when coach Barry Cable meets his co-selectors next Monday night.

Cable, chairman John O'Connell and selectors Ian Miller and Noel Carter are expected to announce a provisional squad of WAFL players to prepare for the first interstate clash of the season against South Australia at Football Park in Adelaide on Tuesday, May 12.

As reigning Australian champions, with victories over SA and Victoria last year, Cable is determined to retain the title, this time on foreign soil.

For the first time since 1970, WA will play Victoria in a State-of-Origin clash at the MCG, on Tuesday, May 26.

"This year will be tough for us," Cable warned this week.

"Both games are away from home and we go in as champions.

"The Vics and South Australians will be out to knock us off good and proper."

Cable, who hands the coaching reins to Eagles coach Mick Malthouse for the Victorian clash, has already held discussions on squads for both interstate games.

The initial squad will be made up primarily of WAFL-based players.

West Coast Eagles who do not play in the AFL clash against Footscray at

Subiaco Oval on Sunday, May 10 will be eligible to play against SA.

Cable said his first priority will be pace to take advantage of the wide open spaces and smooth surface of Football Park.

The former playing legend will also encourage performances in the opening interstate fixture to be a stepping stone to selection in the State-of-Origin clash a fortnight later.

STEPPING STONE

"It's a natural progression that I will encourage," Cable said.

"It's a bit like the WAFL as a stepping stone to the AFL. The WA team can be an avenue to a place in the State-of-Origin side.

"At least it can be encouraged as an incentive to those players who get chosen to play against South Australia," said the triple Sandover Medal winner.

Cable said the opening three WAFL matches have provided the tight, competitive contests he wanted.

"The WAFL competition has picked up in tempo," he says.

"The slightly bigger crowds and their involvement also seem to be making for a better spectacle.

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"It certainly has offered the selectors a better product from which to choose our team.

"With the amount of form players around, it will be hard to pick the team.

"But that's a healthy problem we have.

"As coach, I want players who are skillful for the extra pace of interstate football, but above all they have to be totally committed to the cause of representing their State."

Cable was not willing to name WAFL players who have impressed in the opening three Pepsi Cup qualifying rounds.

But South Fremantle big man Martin Atkins, East Fremantle recruit Craig Treleven, Perth utility John Clarkson, East Perth rover Peter

Miller, Swan Districts ruckman Jason Ball and Subiaco's Matt Connell have been the form players of the WAFL and should all be in a provisional State squad.

Other WAFL-based players pressing claims include pacy East Fremantle winger Peter Quill, Swans versatile big man Travis Edmonds, Perth's Adrian Barich, Claremont duo Phil Gilbert and Paul Burton, Lions big-game experienced pair of Ian Dargie and Andrew Macnish and Souths former Eagles and Fitzroy rover, Wally Matera.



Matt Connell... a certainty for State squad selection

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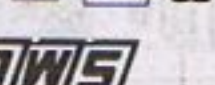
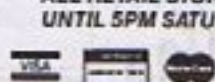
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THIS season is shaping as a repeat of 1989 for the West Coast Eagles, when a disastrous start anchored them near the bottom of the premiership ladder.

That turned out to be the Eagles worst season in the AFL.

They redeemed some pride when they won five of their last seven games and stepped on the springboard that catapulted them into the finals the next year.

As they were then, the Eagles are now looking very ordinary — and not surprisingly, theories are flying back and forth about their indifferent form.

With one win out of four games, the Eagles are on the back foot and one doesn't have to be Einstein to realise that unless they start putting together some wins, they will be spectators in September.

I don't believe the team is down on confidence — as suggested by some.

What is missing is the fierce desire that drove them into last year's grand final.

When Mick Malthouse joined the Eagles in 1990, he brought discipline and defence to the Eagles play.

It's difficult to say whether the discipline is there this season. It doesn't appear to be.

The defensive component is certainly missing ... and that's the main reason why they are struggling.

They should have at least three wins so far.

Against the Sydney Swans and Brisbane Bears they appeared to have the edge till it really counted, when the game had to be won.

Fierce desire is missing

The Eagles of last season would not have surrendered the lead as they did against both teams towards the end of the game.

Saturday night was an example of how easily they are handing the ball over.

It was pathetic, after hitting the front with a minute to go, that they conceded the ball with an indiscriminate kick after taking possession at the vital centre bouncedown.

The weakness in the Eagles defence this season was exposed by the Adelaide Crows in a pre-season game when they allowed 11 goals in the third quarter.

Against Geelong they lost the game through another anaemic performance in one quarter.

One can only wonder about the psychological make-up of a team that can win three quarters of a game and then completely fall apart by conceding 11 goals in the other.

The Eagles strength has been the way the defence was mustered and they were able to rebound quickly and efficiently.

Straight Shooting

with ROBERT BENNETT of the Sunday Times



There's no point saying that opposition sides have worked the Eagles out and that they are the tall poppies that everyone is shooting at.

The simple fact of the matter is that skill often isn't enough to win matches — there has to be desire.

Last season players had a kamikaze approach; this year some seem frightened of getting their jumpers soiled.

Compare the endeavour with some of the other AFL teams and the Eagles look puny.

Why such a marked change in attitude?

After having gone close to winning the premiership last season, one would think the Eagles would be even more determined.

Coach Mick Malthouse has suggested that perhaps the Eagles aren't as hungry.

If that's the case, then they will need to get an appetite soon, otherwise they will miss the finals feast.

Razzamatazz is costly

IS THE glamour and glitter of big-time football devouring the West Coast Eagles?

That could well be the problem causing them to collect just six premiership points from four games.

The high-profile Eagles are in such heavy demand for promotional work that it is distracting them from the task at hand — winning football matches.

Certainly a few senior players don't seem to have their minds on the job and are not as fiercely committed to winning the hard ball as they once were.

Last Saturday night's finish against Brisbane was totally inept and wingman Dean Kemp had every reason to feel let down by his team-mates.

After a tireless performance throughout the match, he produced that extra spark of brilliance in the dying minutes which should have won the game for his club.

He led to the half-back flank to accept a pass from Chris Waterman, bounced three times before passing the ball onto the chest of Karl Langdon.

When Langdon tried to pass the ball to a leading Peter Sumich, Kemp swooped on the crumbs, digging to the depths to pick up weary legs and slot the ball goalwards for a six-point lead and seemingly victory.

With less than a minute remaining, it

was remarkable that Kemp could produce a solo effort of such magnitude and it should have been the inspiration which sealed the game.

His teammates should have admired that effort so much they would have steeled themselves against allowing Brisbane back into the match. But in the next 40 seconds, the Eagles brought undone Kemp's work.

Kemp, one of the leading players who avoids the razzamatazz which goes with being an Eagle, has been in brilliant form.

And you have to wonder whether his absence from 'side-show alley' has something to do with that. He has not lost sight of his goals for 1992 and is one of a few in the camp who have remained focussed on the task at hand.

It is the form of some of the big guns which is the worry.

Last season's Brownlow Medal runner-up Craig Turley has had an ordinary start to 1992 and a cork last Saturday night does not help his cause.

Wingman Chris Mainwaring seems to have lost all confidence; a sparkling trade mark in recent years.

Chris Lewis has been a handy contributor, but not the match-winner he could be. He has lost the sparkle that made him one of the best players in the country.

Peter Matera, fourth in last year's Brownlow Medal, has started to run

into his best form and that is one of the few really encouraging signs — along with the return of John Worsfold who is moving freely for the first time in years.

Untimely injuries have also played their part, to Sumich and Brett Heady in particular. But all clubs must cope with that; it's part of the game.

The club's star recruits, Trent Nichols and Paul Harding, have not come to

TAKING STOCK

with GARY STOCKS of The West Australian



grips with life at the Eagles and they need to settle down quickly.

With 15 teams in the competition too many early season set-backs can make it impossible to climb back up the hill.

My View

with former player, coach and now Eagles selector IAN MILLER



Depth will be tested

THE Eagles certainly face a test of character — and the club's depth — over the next few weeks.

From a character point of view there can be no doubting the team's ability to rebound from their poor start; the outstanding bunch of men wearing the blue and gold have already proved their strength of character.

But the club's depth will be well and truly tested, with injuries and loss of form hitting a crucial nerve.

The current injury list is rather formidable, but it opens the way for more young players to get their chance. Already we've seen Jason Ball and Daniel Metropolis make their AFL debut and strong claims are emerging from Brendan Krummel and Matt Connell.

There's nothing wrong with blood- ing a few of these young guys at this end of the season; who knows when they could be needed in an emergency when the pressure really goes on.

Walls message shows out

THE Robert Walls coaching message is obviously getting through to the Brisbane Bears players.

And one of the most encouraging

signs for the Bears in their display against the Eagles was the young locally-bred talent that is emerging.

Marcus Ashcroft and Steve McLuckie are both from Southport, one of the leading sides in the Queensland domestic league — and they look like stars of the future. Ashcroft, particularly, was a busy and impressive on-ball player.

In addition, the Bears have drafted a promising player in Darryl White, an 18-year-old from Alice Springs. Even though he is small by ruckmen standards — standing just 183cm tall — he has a tremendous leap and a strong pair of hands.

They are starting to look like a hard-running team with a bit of spirit and feeling among them and maybe the tradition that has been so long coming in Brisbane is ready to emerge.

Learning by experience

TALKING about young players, Daniel Metropolis has certainly had a mixed start to his AFL career — but the experience will be great for him.

A dream debut followed by a disappointing game was backed up with the experience of travelling to Brisbane as the 21st man.

Naturally, Metro was disappointed not to be in the side, but he enjoyed the benefit of seeing what life on the road is like and that will help him in future weeks.

He went into the side initially when Brett Heady was an injury-absentee and then lost his place on Heady's return. Now, with Heady suffering another setback, Metropolis could well get a recall. But even if he doesn't, his experiences over the first month of the season have been a real bonus for him.

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Dermie's body starts to surrender

On the East Coast with KEN PIESSE



FOR years, Dermott Brereton has believed that 200 games and on-going success has been his virtual right.

Football's most charismatic figure has had a string of premierships that few have emulated.

But his confidence is starting to ebb, his long-term injuries reducing his stature and his performance.

After just seven kicks on Saturday, Brereton conceded that his body no longer allowed him to do what he wanted to do.

"I'm not playing well, or as well as I'd like to be playing," he said.

Many decorated past players are wondering just how much longer he can go on.

Even Richmond's legend, "Captain Blood" Jack Dyer, one of Brereton's greatest fans, simply said: "He's slowed down to nothing. He's got it up here (old-fashioned football nous) and in the upper body (with his strength), but that's about it."

It is clear that Brereton is not commanding the same respect he did even 12 months ago.

He's no longer Hawthorn's first choice centre-half-forward and teammates further afield have for years preferred to kick the ball to Jason Dunstall.

His lack of training has forced him to play a permanent forward pocket role and many are starting to wonder if he'll add many games to the 185 he's already played.

On Saturday, the challenge was presented to him to lift after teammate Andrew Gowers, who started at centre-

half-forward, was knocked out in the first 10 minutes.

Brereton immediately ran up the field to the half-forward line, keenly aware of his opportunity.

However, after having only one kick and one handball to half-time, he was quickly slotted back into a forward pocket, Jamie Morrissey being given a turn at in the key attacking position.

Brereton had his ankle heavily iced after the game, while other complaints extend from his knee to his groin and lower back.

"I'm 27, but I've got a body of a 37-year-old," he says, this time without any hint of a grin.



Dermott Brereton... says he has the body of a 37-year-old

His drop in form has mirrored Hawthorn's fall from grace and it will take a considerable improvement for the Hawks — and "Demolition Dermie" — to regain ground.

The Hawks meet leaders Collingwood on Saturday, a match which shapes as a virtual elimination final for the Hawks, even at this early stage of the season.

FOOTSCRAY'S flamboyant full-back Tony Campbell says the gloves he wears each week could be the coming trend in AFL football, especially as the winter rains set in. He is considering importing the gloves from America.

"It's probably the most outrageous thing I've ever done and it has drawn a lot of attention, but the criticism is a little off beam," he says.

"I've had it in my mind to wear them the last couple of years after watching grid-iron.

"It's been a matter of plucking up the courage to wear them. Since I've put them on, they've been fabulous. In the wet, they are three times as good as what your normal hands would be.

"I don't mind copping the criticism — because they really work!

"A few of the other blokes around the place are also keen to try them."

DEREK Kickett is showing career-best consistency after years of being

a fringe player at North Melbourne and his and current AFL club, Essendon.

"Last year and the year before I've been playing one good game every three or four weeks," he said. "This year I've been playing consistently every week."

He finds it more comfortable at Essendon, where fellow Aboriginals in Michael Long, Willie Dick and Gavin Wanganeen also play.

"We help one another. We look forward to playing and training with each another. We have a lot of confidence among ourselves."

DARREN Bewick is set to be one of the first players chosen in the WA squad for the coming State-of-Origin clash against Victoria in Melbourne.

Bewick has been one of the form rovers in the AFL, unanimously voted one of the best three afield against Hawthorn on Saturday.

His speed and evasion skills resulted in many goals on Saturday, two to himself and several more he delivered to a grateful full-forward Paul Salmon.

Another player is on the short-list for selection is Sydney ruckman Brad Tunbridge, who has had a magnificent start to the season.

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Injuries help some big names survive



AN HORRENDOUS Eagles injury list may provide a reprieve for some big-name players in Sunday's MCG clash with a struggling Richmond.

In better times, the star play-makers might have been sent to the WAFL to regain touch before earning a recall to AFL duties.

Players under pressure include Chris Mainwaring, Chris Waterman, Trent Nichols and Scott Watters at ground level and Glen Jakovich, Paul Harding, Karl Langdon and Mitchell White in the big-man department.

The current casualty ward crisis and a reluctance to promote certain members of the Eagles squad to the starting 20, has given players who are sadly out of form "one last chance."

INJURED CANDIDATES

Brett Heady, Guy McKenna, Ashley McIntosh, David Hart, Dean Irving, Andrew Lockyer, Peter Wilson, Troy Ugle and Matt Clape would all press for inclusion if they were not injured.

That talented group forms an unusually long early-season injury list.

Reputations of senior Eagles personnel go on the line in Sunday's clash.

Another loss — or even another draw — to an AFL cellar-dweller and the Eagles match committee tolerance would run out.

Youngsters like Jason Ball, Daniel Metropolis, Matt Connell, Tony Evans, Brendan Krummel, Robbie West and Ryan Turnbull would have to be

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elevated and given time to settle at the highest level.

The Eagles have the golden chance to arrest their form slide on Sunday, against a battling Tigers side also hit by injuries to key players.

West Coast, with their renowned negating policies, have the talent to curb Richmond's talented ball-getters Dale Weightman, Craig Lambert, Matthew Knights and Tony Free.

The Eagles can also anticipate matching man-for-man the Tigers key position players, former Eagle Stevan Jackson, Jeff Hogg, Brendon Gale and Scott Turner.

Wouldn't Jackson, had he not been handed to the Tigers so easily late last year, be handy in the troublesome centre-half-forward spot.

But the Eagles biggest on-going 1992 headache remains the ruck.

A remedy must be found and quickly, before any premiership hopes can be seriously established.

The ruck problems have been the most glaring in their dismal run in the past month.

Rookie Brisbane ruckman Darryl White — who stands just six feet tall — again caused concern for the Eagles in last Saturday's draw.

His exciting leap and mobility around the ground left the Eagles big men in his wake... an all too familiar occurrence this season.

Richmond's top ruckman, Brendon Gale, should not hold enormous fears for Harding, or Irving, if he makes an early return after knee surgery.

The chance is there for the Eagles big men to exert some authority on an unsuspecting Tigers ruck and make some in-roads in preparation for the tough, winter games ahead.

An uncertain MCG surface on Sunday is another major hurdle in the Eagles desperate search to regain lost form.

The MCG has notoriously proved a graveyard for WA teams.

Last year's 24-point victory by West Coast over Melbourne in round 16, the day of Chris Lewis' nightmare biting incident with Todd Viney, is the only day win a senior WA team has achieved at football's Mecca.

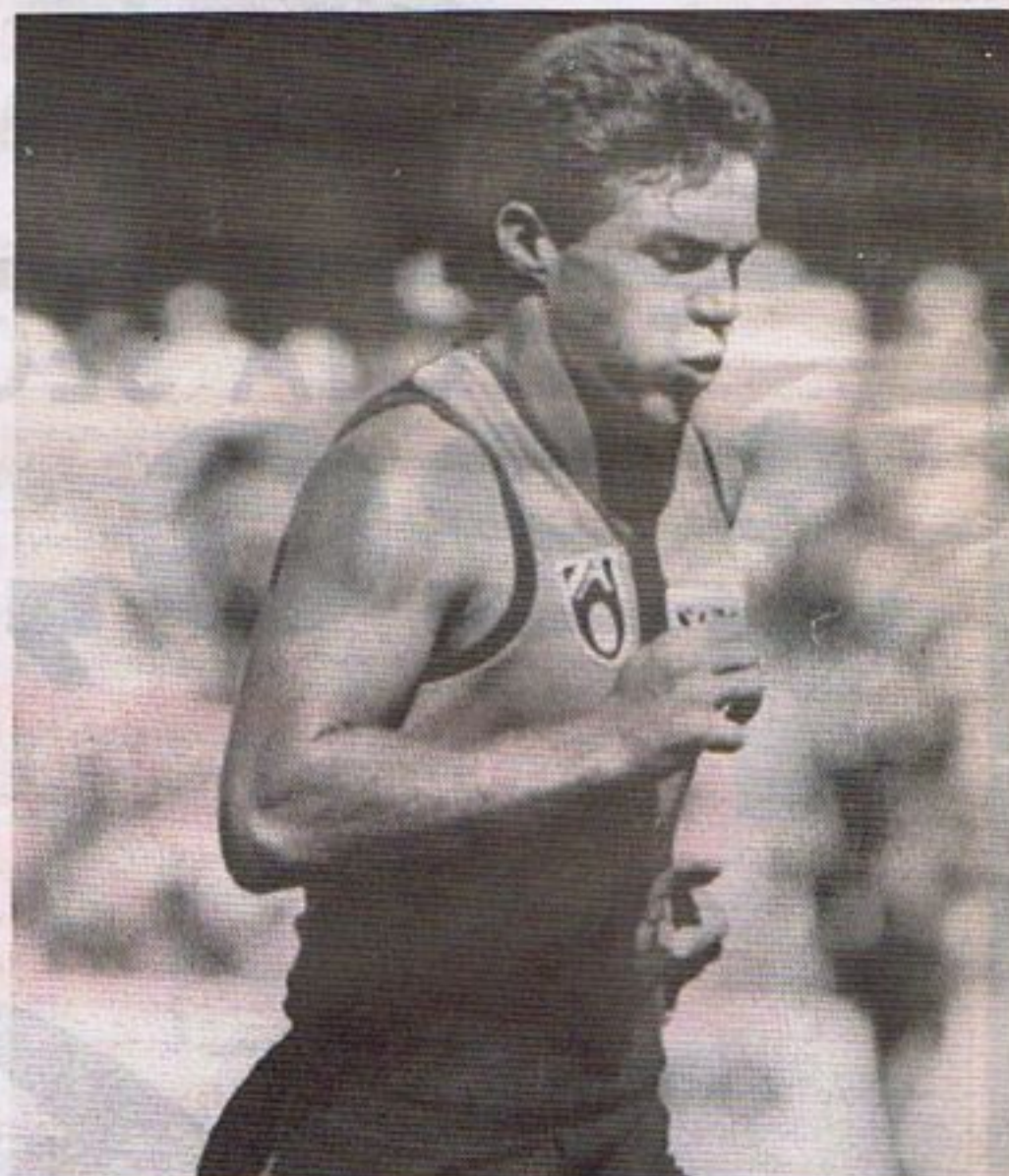
The insecure surface will hinder the Eagles running game and narrow the talent gap between the two clubs.

Many will argue the Eagles recent poor form has already reduced that gap.

In that case, the clash looms as another danger game for Mick Malthouse and his troops, against an opposition the Eagles would normally pencil in as an easy victory.

MCG officials have tampered with the hallowed turf after a long cricket season, to the detriment of the players.

Maintenance work was unavoidable according to reports from Melbourne, but the rough surface has been blamed for some injuries and at times unattractive football.



UNDER PRESSURE... Chris Waterman is normally one of the Eagles most reliable players, but his current poor form sees him under pressure this week



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Collingwood v Hawthorn (7)	A	Hawth 13-15pts	
Essendon v Melbourne (8)	A	Melb 7-9pts	
Carlton v St Kilda (9)	A	St Kil 16-18pts	
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Geelong v Fitzroy (10)	H	Geelong 25-27pts	
Adelaide v Brisbane (11)	H	Adel 16-18pts	
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West Perth v Sth Fremantle (2)	A	Sth Frem 37-39pts	
East Perth v Claremont (3)	H	E. Pth 22-24pts	
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Melbourne Calling

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



THE introduction of the national competition has seen a new structure to the lower grades of football in Melbourne.

The reserve grade has been renamed the Victorian State League and the under-19's have been abolished and replaced by an elite under-18 competition.

The under-18 teams have been divided into metropolitan zones and have no allegiance to any particular AFL club. All the young players are eligible to be drafted by any club in the national draft.

Personnel with previous AFL experience, such as Peter Russo, guide and coach these players to see them reach the highest football level.

The demise of the previous under-19 competition is unfortunate, but by protecting these players from the high pressure and tense environment of an AFL club, perhaps a more accurate level of their future potential can be gauged.

The Victorian State League serves virtually the same function as the old reserves competition. The only alteration to this level is the inclusion of the "supplementary list."

The State league sides remain directly linked to the senior AFL sides.

New structure helps young players

Up to 12 players over the age of 18 can be included on the supplementary list and play if injuries create the need.

For example, in a week when there are injuries to senior league players and State league players (reserves), those on the supplementary list will get their chance.

During the season supplementary list players mostly play for their non-AFL club, in the amateurs or perhaps the VFA.

These players maintain contact with their AFL team by training once a week with them, however the majority of their time is with their other clubs.

The difference that has occurred over the last year in the State League has been the amount of experienced players available to play "seconds" football.

But clubs can no longer afford to have experienced and expensive players languish in the State League. It has now become commonplace to see 16, 17 and 18-year-olds get a chance to prove themselves in this competition.

Jackson awaits his mate

WIN or lose this Sunday, Richmond forward and former West Coast Eagle Stevan Jackson won't lose his deep respect for his old club.

Jackson had mixed emotions when he left West Coast last October as part of pre-draft swap for Richmond rover Trent Nichols.

He was relieved to be free to take the opportunity to cement himself as a permanent AFL centre-half-forward, but the jovial big man knew he would miss the close associations formed in the Eagles nest.

Jackson, one of the few Tigers to put in a solid four-quarter performance in last Sunday's loss to Adelaide at Football Park, is set to be Richmond's key forward on Sunday at the MCG.

The burly forward admits he was partly to blame for his fall-out with the West Coast, which led to his transfer to Punt Road.

"I wanted to prove I could hold down centre-half-forward," Jackson said from Melbourne this week.

"But I blew it by never really being fit enough.

"I feel a lot fitter this year, although there is still a way to go. But I feel I can run out a full game at half-forward as well as take the occasional run on the ball."

Now the former Eagle and South Fremantle forward-ruckman wants to remind West Coast decision-makers what he can produce at the highest level.

"I'd like to make sure they retain in the back of their minds what they let go," he said.

"I had two years trying to establish myself under Mick (Malthouse) and I couldn't secure a regular berth."

"It was a case of having to try my luck elsewhere, though at the time I certainly didn't want to leave Perth, my family and many close friends at

the Eagles.

"I still have enormous respect for the blokes there and I'm sure when they get over this current bad run, they'll be a grand final side."

Jackson has retained his close connections with Eagles players, especially those from Fremantle.

One of those, exciting teenager Glen Jakovich, shapes as Jackson's opponent on Sunday.

"You never know with Mick. He might play someone on me as a complete surprise," Jackson quipped.

"I assume it would be Jako. I'm looking forward to the contest.

"Jako is a really good player and I'll have to play well up against such a good opponent.

"I hope to play well and hope we win.

"This game is important for Richmond too. But I don't think the MCG hoodoo for the Eagles is a factor anymore."

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JOVIAL JACKO... former Eagle Stevan Jackson, now a Richmond Tiger, is looking forward to Sunday's clash with his old side



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TANIA ARMSTRONG	19	Sydney	Hawthorn	Essendon	Carlton	Eagles	Geelong	Adelaide
ROBERT BENNETT	22	North Melb.	Hawthorn	Essendon	St Kilda	Richmond	Geelong	Adelaide
PETER BOSUSTOW	28	Sydney	Hawthorn	Essendon	Carlton	Eagles	Geelong	Adelaide
BRUCE BUTLER	26	Sydney	Collingwood	Melbourne	Carlton	Eagles	Geelong	Adelaide
WILL BUTUN	20	North Melb.	Hawthorn	Essendon	Carlton	Eagles	Geelong	Adelaide
ALAN EAST	21	Sydney	Hawthorn	Essendon	Carlton	Eagles	Geelong	Adelaide
KIM HAGDORN	21	Sydney	Hawthorn	Essendon	St Kilda	Eagles	Geelong	Adelaide
IAN MILLER	21	Sydney	Collingwood	Essendon	St Kilda	Eagles	Geelong	Adelaide
KEN PIESSE	24	Sydney	Hawthorn	Essendon	St Kilda	Eagles	Geelong	Adelaide
GARY STOCKS	23	Sydney	Hawthorn	Essendon	St Kilda	Eagles	Geelong	Adelaide
MOST FAVOURED	20	Sydney	Hawthorn	Essendon	Carlton	Eagles	Geelong	Adelaide

WAFL ROUND 4

	Subiaco v Swans	West Perth v South Frem.	East Perth v Claremont	East Frem. v Perth
	Subiaco	West Perth	East Perth	East Frem.
	Swans	South Frem.	Claremont	Perth
	Subiaco	South Frem.	East Perth	East Frem.
	Swans	South Frem.	Claremont	East Frem.
	Subiaco	South Frem.	Claremont	Perth
	Swans	West Perth	East Perth	East Frem.
	Swans	South Frem.	East Perth	East Frem.
	Swans	South Frem.	Claremont	East Frem.
	Swans	South Frem.	Claremont	Perth
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What the coaches had to say

Gary Buckenara (Sydney Swans): "We had blokes who were down, but they were still able to contribute. That's the difference between winning and losing. We worked on our team goals and stuck to the task."

Graham Cornes (Adelaide): "When you contemplated an eight-goal win at the start of the game, I guess you would have been satisfied with that. Our last quarter was pretty average — I suppose that's the residual taste that I have in my mouth."

Allan Jeans (Richmond): "To their credit, they stuck to it after half-time. The pleasing part from Richmond's point of view was we kept plugging away and outscored them in the second half."

Alan Joyce (Hawthorn): "We had a lot of players who were hoping things would happen, but unless you get in there and get the football, you have no chance. We have got to get it right because that is not Hawthorn, I can assure you of that."

Mick Malthouse (West Coast): "A lot of boys just lack an enormous amount of confidence at the moment. Probably no sportsman in the world knows why they lose confidence."

Leigh Matthews (Collingwood): "You've got to win a certain number of games to make it and we've got a head start now. We're not getting carried away though — we'll keep our heads above water."



Alan Joyce ... "It's not Hawthorn"

John Northey (Melbourne): "Everyone is as good as everyone else. It's the attitude on the day."

David Parkin (Carlton): "We were expected to win and we've been smashed. There is nothing in the game now, that's why it's important to win the games you really are expected to."

Wayne Schimmelbusch (North Melbourne): "I thought our endeavour had improved across the board this year over longer periods. But we're back to where we were a couple of years ago."

Robert Shaw (Fitzroy): "A little bit of immaturity and inexperience cost us dearly. At crucial times St Kilda were better than us. We're 2-2 now, but we can't complain — people said we wouldn't even be that."

Kevin Sheedy (Essendon): "We've been disappointing, but our form overall hasn't been disgraceful. Much better today because we played for the full 120 minutes."

Ken Sheldon (St Kilda): "Fitzroy never gave in. They threw everything — bar the kitchen sink — at us."

Robert Walls (Brisbane Bears): "I've been involved with draws before and you have felt that you lost, but this is a developing club and we'll take it as a win."

Terry Wheeler (Footscray): "With 10 minutes to go in the third quarter, there was a real show of character, commitment and football talent in being able to wrest back control of the game."

Kemp takes only award

DEAN Kemp was a worthy recipient of the only trophy awarded after the West Coast drew with Brisbane last Saturday night.

Kemp, who notched his 50th AFL game with a gutsy 31-possession performance, received the Emu Export award on a weekend when trophies were kept to the bare minimum.

It has been a tremendous start for Kemp, who missed most of the pre-season build-up with a troublesome groin injury.

His goal in the final minute against the Bears — which seemingly clinched victory — was a magnificent solo effort. He took the ball on the half-back flank, had three bounces before passing accurately to Karl Langdon. The ball then spilt out into a pack contest and Kemp, following his good work up, dashed around the boundary line to take possession again and kick quickly and accurately from 35-metres out.

Tough build-up

IT was a tough contract for the Eagles with their trip to Brisbane — especially the time-frame for Saturday as they built up to the game.

The 7.38pm start time was something the players have only experienced occasionally and filling in a full day leading up to the game was always going to be difficult, as the team travelled to Brisbane (via Sydney) on the Friday.

The players stayed at the Quality Beachcomber, which was just 50-metres from the ocean on the Gold Coast and the Easter holiday mood was certainly all around the team.

Draws are familiar

EAGLES coach Mick Malthouse must be getting accustomed to nail-biting draws — Saturday's all-square result with the Brisbane Bears was his fourth such experience.

The Eagles featured in that historic qualifying final with Collingwood in 1990, which came after two draws as coach of Footscray — against Carlton in 1989 and North Melbourne in 1987.

But, according to 'informed sources' in the Eagles camp, the tension in the

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coach's box was still pretty high!
The West Coast hierarchy was stunned by the number of times the game was won — and then lost — in the last 10 minutes. Several times it appeared certain that the Eagles had grabbed the four points, only to see a desperate Brisbane fight back.

When Dean Kemp goaled, leaving just 40 seconds of play remaining — and the Eagles winning the ball out of the centre bounce — victory seemed assured. But, as they say, the game is never over till the final siren.

Milestones a worry

THE next West Coast player to reach 100 AFL games will probably want to avoid the publicity surrounding the milestone!

So far four Eagles have joined the centurion club — but only Chris Mainwaring has celebrated with a victory, leading the side against Hawthorn in the qualifying game at Subiaco Oval last August.

Dwayne Lamb had to suffer a surprise loss to North Melbourne before that and Michael Brennan was the victim when the Eagles lost to Fitzroy in last year's final qualifying game.

The next player to reach 100 games will probably be Chris Lewis (94), closely pressed by Guy McKenna, who is on 93, but recovering from injury.



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COLLINGWOOD:	B.W(66), W(19), W(9), W(33)
ESSENDON:	L(17), L(52), W(22), L(9), W(27)
FITZROY:	B.W(52), L(24), W(33), L(20)
FOOTSCRAY:	W(27), W(32), L(22), W(45), W(39)
GEELONG:	L(20), L(8), W(126), W(24), B
HAWTHORN:	W(20), L(26), W(26), L(10), L(27)
MELBOURNE:	B.W(8), L(11), L(50), L(33)
NTH MELB:	B.W(66), L(26), L(15), L(39)
RICHMOND:	B.L(66), L(126), W(50), L(34)
ST KILDA:	W(17), L(32), L(33), W(10), W(20)
SYDNEY:	B.W(3), L(19), L(45), W(21)
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PERTH:	L(32), W(53), W(26)
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SUBIACO:	L(8), W(65), L(26)
SWAN DIST:	W(38), L(33), W(61)
WEST PERTH:	W(8), L(65), L(61)



Two losses and a draw . . .

but Malthouse needs time

THE knives are being sharpened behind Mick Malthouse's back.

In the wake of three unacceptable performances from the West Coast Eagles in the opening month, the feeling of discontent about Malthouse's coaching is spreading.

The sceptics, who have waited for almost two years to get at the Victorian import, are warming the tar and unfurling the feathers for a public slaying of the Eagles coach.

But wait a minute!

Before any vigilante group gets a lynching party under way, a brief reminder of recent history might prove to be a steadying influence.

In this year of uncertainty, Malthouse must be given time. By coaching standards, he is young and perhaps in many respects, naive.

HUMILIATING

His greatest learning experience came in the humiliating grand final loss to Hawthorn last September.

Like the entire Eagles team, it was Malthouse's first AFL grand final as a coach.

The Eagles current playing talent is under siege by the dreaded grim reaper of the game — injuries.

But the spread of talent that earned the Eagles plaudits and praise in last season's qualifying rounds is still there.

The frustrations of last year's unsuccessful finals campaign can be turned into West Coast's favour.

The club and coach can only benefit from those lessons.

A run to September with better precision than last year, when the star-studded combination peaked too early and was in sights of their major opposition well before the end of August, will suit the Eagles.

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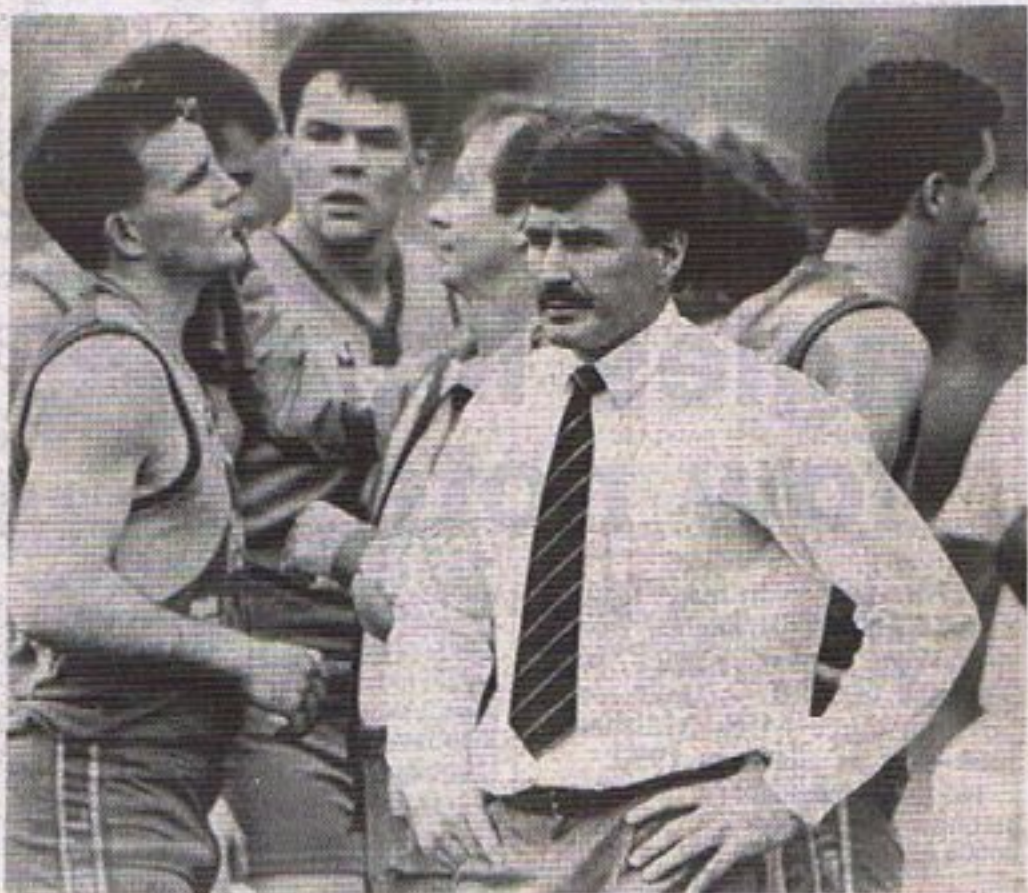
The football yardstick for success in the 1980s has been Hawthorn.

At this time last year, the bells were tolling for the Hawks as their ageing and somewhat familiar team appeared in disarray; they were out of the top six with a 2-2 record after the first month.

At the time, many football experts were claiming that West Coast could go through to win the flag undefeated.

When West Coast annihilated Hawthorn by 82 points at Princes Park in May, just six days after the Hawks had embarrassed Fitzroy with a massive 157-point victory, nobody was calling for the neck of Hawks coach Alan Joyce.

The Eagles were the new Hawthorn; the trendsetters in on-ball strength, team cohesion, tight defensive strategies and startling finishing power up forward.



TOUGH MESSAGE . . . Eagles coach Mick Malthouse is under pressure — but he still has time to turn things around

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- 47 Eric Maroni (East Perth)
- 47 Julian Urquhart (West Perth) *

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100 GAMES

- 99 Angelo Del Borrello (West Perth)
- 98 Steve Lally (Perth) *
- 97 Scott Watters (Eagles) *
- 97 Paul Peos (Eagles) *
- 96 Ian Dargie (Subiaco) *

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150 GAMES

- 143 David Hynes (Eagles) *

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200 GAMES

- 196 Clinton Browning (East Frem) *

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Important month

EAGLES coach Mick Malthouse is well aware of the importance of West Coast's current programmes — even if it is 19 weeks away from the season's most important date.

Malthouse made a surprise diversion from his normal coaching philosophies when he declared that these four weeks facing the Eagles were the key to West Coast's 1992 destiny.

In stark contrast to his accustomed "week-by-week" and "horses-for-courses" strategies, Malthouse said that the month of football would be the toughest of the season.

Previously the Eagles boss has been unwilling to contemplate any further than the next game at hand . . . publicly anyway.

Malthouse is not usually so frank. He has never been so bold as to predict over an extended range for his adopted West Australian club.

After two defeats from four starts, Malthouse heads to the MCG in the knowledge that the matches against Richmond, Fitzroy and then a Subiaco Oval appointment with the much-improved Footscray were now crucial.

A draw against Brisbane was small consolation, but certainly better than a no-points result.

"This month will be the toughest of the season and decide where we are headed this year," a blunt Malthouse says.

By
**KIM
HAGDORN**



The Hawks moments of triumph came at the right time of the year . . . in September. Joyce set the pattern at Subiaco Oval, for that historic September 8 final, when they downed the Eagles.

It had almost been inconceivable that West Coast would lose in Perth, especially after inflicting a stinging home-and-away defeat on the Hawks at Subiaco on August 18.

The precision with which Joyce and his powerful Hawks won the AFL's first finals match outside of Melbourne, instilled grave doubts on the Eagles capabilities to win under the immense pressure of finals games.

It has taken Hawthorn many finals experiences before being hailed as hardened finals campaigners.

It all takes time.

Malthouse, for all his tough and, at times, gruff exterior, may have conceded some ground last year, but he could to ultimately advance to greater heights as the Eagles coach.

Brett gets into print

STAR Eagles forward Brett Heady has only played two matches this season, but he has been busy off the field.

Heady, out for another fortnight with a hamstring injury, has written two information booklets in his role as a consultant for the Ministry of Sport and Recreation.

The two publications, 'Nutrition — A Recipe for Sporting Success' and 'Motivation Forces — A Ministry of Sport and Recreation Guide for Tormented Coaches' are available to the public free of charge.

"They've been written with coaches and the general sporting public in mind and can be extremely helpful to all individuals who like to be healthy," said Heady.

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Eagles hit a low note

AFTER last Saturday night's draw with the Brisbane Bears, the West Coast Eagles have slumped to 11th — their worst position since Mick Malthouse took over as coach in 1990.

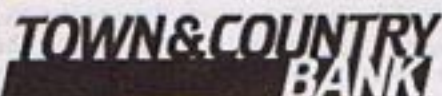
The Eagles finished 11th in 1989, the second of John Todd's two years as coach of the club.

MELBOURNE tumbled to 14th after their Monday loss to Colling-

EAGLES midfielder Dean Kemp stretched his lead in the ratings to two votes with another top performance against the Brisbane Bears at Carrara.

The consistent Kemp's nearest rival is Chris Lewis, while skipper John Worsfold and speedster Peter Matera aren't far behind the early leaders.

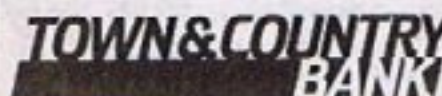
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wood — their worst position since John Northey became coach in 1987.

Previously the worst position Melbourne had held under Northey was 11th, after round three of 1987.

For the first time ever, the Demons



Eagle Karl Langdon... his zest on the half-forward line will be called upon against Richmond

are below 12th on the ladder. The last time that they were in 12th position was at the end of the 1981 season.

NORTH Melbourne coach Wayne Schimmelbusch, in his third year as senior coach, has never had his team as low as they are now.

The Kangaroos, sitting 13th, have not been in such a bad position since round one of 1988, when they were 14th.

FOR the third time in his coaching career with Hawthorn, Alan Joyce has his team in ninth position.

The Hawks have slumped to ninth early in each of Joyce's three years as senior coach.

In 1988, the Hawks were ninth after one game and last year they fell to ninth after round two.

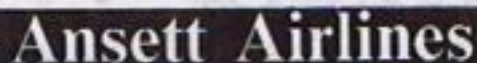
The last time Hawthorn had only two wins on the board after five games was in 1985. They have won at least two of their first five games in each of the last 22 seasons, since they were winless after round five of 1970.

FOOTSCRAY have won four of their first five games for the first time since 1985, equalling their best start to a season for 46 years.

The Bulldogs were undefeated after nine games in 1946. Since then they have been able to win four of their first five games on nine occasions.

Ansett Airlines AFL GOALKICKERS

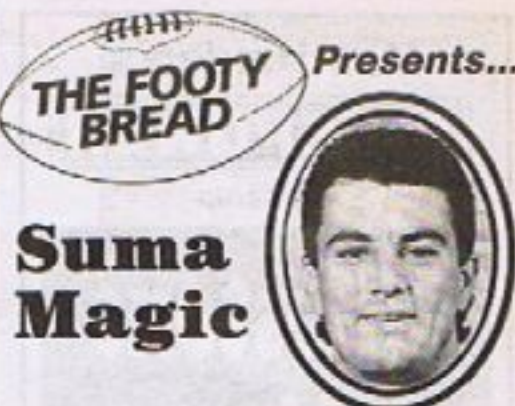
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HOW WA PLAYERS PERFORMED IN THE AFL

Table with columns: Team, Player Name, Kicks, Marks, H/balls, Player Score. Lists players from Hawthorn, Melbourne, Nth Melbourne, Richmond, Essendon, Fitzroy, St Kilda, Sydney Swans, Brisbane Bears, Collingwood.

HIT OUTS: Tunbridge 16; Ishchenko 16; Spalding 3; Hutton 1; Jackson 4; Henwood 1; Starovich 2.



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THE Eagles take on Richmond this Sunday in what is a very a crucial game for us.

It certainly won't be an easy game and it is imperative that we come away with the four premiers points.

A win will put us back on track and it is important that we keep in touch with the final six — at the moment one win and a draw from four starts is disappointing.

The MCG has never been a happy hunting ground for WA sides and with the finals being played at the MCG this year, we're after a good first-up performance on the ground for 1992.

The feeling in the camp after last Saturday's draw with the Brisbane Bears was disappointing, but the boys could still hold their heads high.

OFF TARGET

My ankle held up well and I was happy with my first-up performance for the season, even though my kicking was a bit off. This week I'm sure will be even better. The main thing that pleased me last weekend was that I got through the game okay. It's been a frustrating few weeks on the sidelines.

The attitude of the players before the Brisbane match was good and by no means did we go into the game thinking the Bears would be a pushover. They are a much-improved side and many teams will find it hard to knock them off in Brisbane this year.

Their young players are coming along nicely and they ran hard throughout the game.

LONG BUILD-UP

We had a whole day to fill in before the match, which is always hard.

After flying to Brisbane on Good Friday, we had three or four hours to fill in by ourselves before the Saturday afternoon team meeting and a few of us went for a swim and a walk — while I found time to journey down to the local TAB.

The match was disappointing for John Worsfold and Dean Kemp, playing their 100th and 50th Eagles games respectively. But Woosha is not big on personal milestones — he's more interested in seeing the team do well.

On Sunday, we had a look at the Adelaide Crows versus Richmond game and it will be interesting to see who I line up on now that former Eagles defender Brad Gwilliam injured himself in that crash into a goalpost.

ANOTHER disappointing result on the weekend was South Fremantle's loss to East Perth at the Port.

But it wasn't all bad news! Royals coach Stan Magro is a good friend of mine and it is great to see him doing well with his new club.

COACHING TIP

Choosing what type of kick to use can be difficult, but if you stick to drop punts, they are generally the safest in all conditions. The torpedo punt can be used when distance is the major objective.



Photo Sumich 4*

THE SIMON MADDEN DILEMMA

Old-time champ to fight back

RETIREMENT . . . the word every footballer dreads; especially when others use it.

And the word has hit the headlines again with Essendon's selectors wielding the axe over the head of champion Simon Madden.

Coach Kevin Sheedy relegated Madden, one of the greatest Bombers ever, to the reserves for the first time since 1988. It was only his fourth appearance in the seconds in a decade.

Madden, like the perennial champion he is, took it on the chin and fronted up with the other dew-kickers.

He didn't set the world on fire, but he did a lot of good things at the centre bouncers opposed to Hawthorn's Greg Dear. His reported match statistics were five kicks, four marks and two handballs.

The big plus was that he played out a full game, after spending a lot of time on the bench in previous weeks. Everyone knows that it takes big men a while to get going when they are interchanged regularly.

So at 34, with 376 senior games behind him, many are wondering if Madden made the right decision to continue playing this year.

His big incentive was the chance to reach that illustrious 400-game mark, but his relegation makes the task of joining that elite club so much more distant.

Essendon are going through a transition period and after the retirement of Tim Watson, it would have been a terrible blow to see Simon Madden and Terry Daniher follow suit.

DANIHER CONTINUES

While Madden took his place in the seconds, Daniher, also 34, continued to play well in the seniors, at centre-half-forward.

So just when should a player retire?

By **Tania Armstrong**

Most players would like to hang up their boots on a high note — after a premiership would be the ultimate.

Hawthorn's former captain Michael Tuck did just that, albeit reluctantly, after leading the Hawks to the flag last season.

The Hawthorn hierarchy made the tough decision to let Tuck know that they thought he should call it a day and they couldn't guarantee him a game in '92.

But not everyone is fortunate enough to end their playing careers in such a blaze of glory.

Injuries play a big part in the decision. Watson and former Sydney Swans star Gerard Healy will vouch for that.

Other players, like Tuck's Glenferrie Oval teammate, Brownlow Medallist Robert DiPierdomenico, do it the hard way — the way most distinguished players dread.

He played only one senior game last season, while he battled it out in the reserves. He missed a berth in the Hawks grand final side, despite showing good form in the seconds and at training.

Certainly no Hawthorn fans think any less of the man affectionately known as Dipper. Admiration for



MIGHTY MAN . . . big Bomber Simon Madden took his relegation in fine style, vowing to fight back

his tenacity probably rose as they watched him conduct the fight of his life.

It comes down to the fact that players who think they have something to offer will continue to play no matter how much others are against it.

After all, you're a long time retired in football.

Madden certainly has no plans of quitting.

He conceded that the buck stops with the coach; it was a tough decision to axe him, but he is determined to win his way back into the seniors.

Good on you mum, page 20

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Tough tests for two boom sides

GIANT-killers East Perth and Perth, riding high on the euphoria of recent upsets, face tough tests on Monday in the WAFL split round.

Subiaco meet Swan Districts on Saturday in the first of the Anzac weekend fixtures, while the Royals take on Claremont, East Fremantle meet Perth and West Perth play South Fremantle on Monday.

East Perth are coming off wins over premiership favourites Swan Districts and the previously undefeated South Fremantle, two victories that silenced critics who rated them as possible wooden-spooners.

Perth are in the same category after many predicted they would hit a flat spot after the revival of 1991.

The Demons have answered in the best possible way — disposing of last year's grand finalists, Claremont and Subiaco, in consecutive weeks.

The downside of those upsets is that opposition teams are now braced for a tough game and adding to early season wins becomes a tougher assignment.

After many years in the business, coaches Stan Magro and Ken Armstrong are aware of how quickly the bubble can burst.

Magro's Royals meet Claremont at Perth Oval where they beat Swans in round two.

By **Tania Armstrong**

East Perth and Claremont have an abundance of small, mobile players and there will be some torrid encounters around the packs.

Royals Peter Miller, George Giannakis, Heath East and Lucio Baroni will be asked for big performances, while Shane Evans and Lloyd Haskett will need to kick a winning score.

The Tigers had few four-quarter contributors in their last match against East Fremantle and they face their third loss in a row unless they can find form.

Coach Gerard Neesham will ask for big performances from runners Tony Evans, Brendan Green, Kelvin Holmes and Brian Beresford, and another good game from full-forward Paul Morgan.

ANXIOUS TRIP

Perth journey to East Fremantle Oval, anxious to notch their first win away from Lathlain Park.

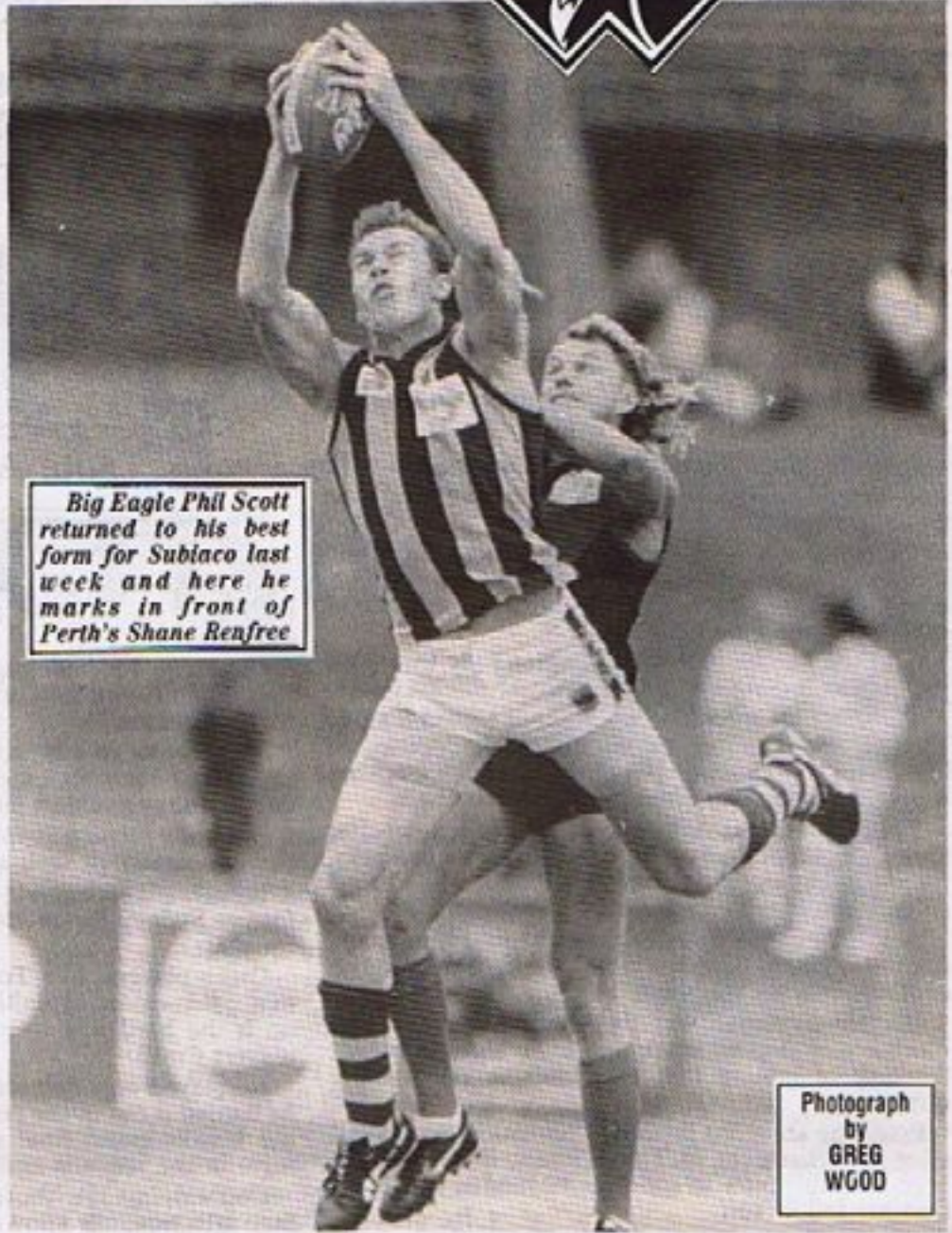
After a dismal first half against Subiaco, the Demons fought back well thanks largely to performances on the ball from Steve Lally and Brendon Baker.

While they kicked the highest score in the WAFL last Saturday, the Demons are still trying to find the right formula in front of goals.

Full-forward Matthew Congleton spent most of the second half against the Lions on the bench when Armstrong reshuffled his side. His place may be in doubt, which would leave a lot of responsibility with Geoff Wilson and Craig McNaughton.

East Fremantle ruckman Ian Newman will be out to prove something against his old side and his battle with Stephen Pears and John Van Rooye will be a highlight.

The Sharks are yet to win a game in front of their home crowd and Craig Treleven, Peter Quill, Billy Krakouer, Kane Morphet, Steve Malaxos and Josh Gallop will all be danger players to the Demons.



Big Eagle Phil Scott returned to his best form for Subiaco last week and here he marks in front of Perth's Shane Renfree

Photograph by GREG WOOD

FALCONS HOPES

It is hard to make a case for West Perth against a rebounding South Fremantle, but the fact that it is at Leederville Oval gives the Falcons some hope.

Changes are expected in the Falcons camp after their second half fade-out against Swans at Bassendean Oval.

Positive signs for the Falcons were the form of rovers Robbie West and Darren Harris and the spirit injected by rookie wingman Brett Jucawics.

South Fremantle look to have too much experience sprinkled throughout the ground, in the form of Martin Atkins at centre-half-back, rover Wally Matera, Ashley Flugge, defender Ned Fimmano and Mark Hepburn.

DESPERATE LIONS

Saturday's lone game between Subiaco and Swans sees the Lions desperate for success after one win from three outings.

The Lions are one of the enigmas of the WAFL. They have an abundance of talent, but struggle for consistency.

Subiaco's fragile defence will battle to keep Swans goalkickers Kevin Caton, Steve Bazzo, Mick Hastie and Andy Holmes quiet.

Add resting ruckman Jason Ball and Travis Edmonds to the forward line and any WAFL defence will struggle to restrict their goals.



Stephen Bilcich... one of the Sharks best against Claremont

Anzac Day game

SUBIACO and Swan Districts supporters will have to journey to two grounds this Saturday if they want to see all three grades in action.

The Subiaco-Swans game is the only WAFL fixture on Anzac Day and the main game at the WACA Ground will start at 3.30pm.

The reserves will also play at the WACA, starting at 1pm, in a day where part of the proceeds will go to the Anzac Day Trust.

The colts will be played at Subiaco Oval on Saturday morning, starting at 9.15am.

GIO presents

SOUTH Fremantle's Warren Campbell and West Perth's Matt Cullen, two forwards who played in losing sides last weekend, are joint leaders in the GIO goalkicking award after three weeks of WAFL competition.

Cullen, a shining light in the Falcons forward line, kicked 3.2 from limited opportunities as West Perth lost to Swans.

An accurate Campbell kicked four goals straight when the Bulldogs were surprise losers to East Perth.

Claremont's Paul Morgan was a big mover up the leader board despite only kicking one goal to move alongside Swans Mick Hastie, just one point behind the leaders.

WAFL LEADING GOALKICKERS

Matt Cullen (West Perth)	9.6
Warren Campbell (South Frem)	9.6
Mick Hastie (Swan Dist)	9.5
Paul Morgan (Claremont)	9.5
Steve Lally (Perth)	9.2
Shane Evans (East Perth)	8.6
Rod Willet (Subiaco)	8.3
Heath East (East Perth)	8.1
Kevin Caton (Swan Dist)	7.7
Lloyd Haskett (East Perth)	7.5
Andrew Macnish (Subiaco)	7.3
John Van Rooye (Perth)	7.2
Steve Bazzo (Swan Dist)	7.2
Scott Spalding (Perth)	6.2
Ashley Flugge (South Frem)	5.5
Brad McDougall (Subiaco)	5.3
Jeff Morris (East Frem)	5.3
Matthew Congleton (Perth)	5.2
Wally Matera (South Frem)	5.1
Andy Holmes (Swan Dist)	4.9

Gieschen learns hard way

WITH West Perth struggling at the bottom of the WAFL premiership table after encouraging signs pre-season, spare a thought for new coach Jeff Gieschen, who is trying to get to know how things are done in WA.

Apart from coaching a group of players he saw for the first time late last year, he is busy acclimatising himself with grounds in the West.

While his players struggled to keep Swans under wraps at Bassendean Oval, Gieschen got a first-hand look at the ground which has been a graveyard for many a visiting side.

In a bid to get a feel for the ground, the former Wodonga coach assembled his league players out in the middle at half-time in the reserves.

"I like to check out just how big the ground is, the surface, the wind, how far away the 50-metre line is from the centre — things like that," he said later.

Gieschen didn't expect any miracles to happen overnight and he said he was aware of West Perth's playing strength

when he took on the job.

"The challenge of being at a club which has been down for a while had a big bearing on my decision to come to Perth," he said.

"Wodonga was a well-established club and had been up for a long time. There wasn't too many doubts in my mind when I made my decision.

"We've set out to achieve one goal at a time. The first is to be competitive and then we'll be hoping to string some wins together."

Gieschen believes the standard of play in the WAFL makes the WA League the strongest competition outside of the AFL and he had always wanted to coach at a higher level.

"Across the board, the WAFL is a lot stronger in terms of playing standards," said Gieschen.

"The 20th player at West Perth would be better than the 20th player in Wodonga.

"That doesn't make coaching here any easier, there's no such thing, but the players are more motivated to do well."

Two of WA's best coaches search for success

Magro's Royal order gets results

NEW coaches generally move into a club like a change in the wind, scattering old theories and philosophies on the breeze and setting new directions.

Whether they can stay in the right direction generally comes down to a host of variables — playing strength, administrative support, their own coaching ability and, of course, injuries.

Less than a month ago, most East Perth fans were resigned to a long, cold and cheerless winter.

Despite the down-to-earth determination being spread by new coach Stan Magro, the facts were out on the field — an lack of playing talent, both in quality and quantity.

But two successive victories over finals fancies Swan Districts and South Fremantle have proved that attitude, not just ability, is a great substitute for any deficiency.

FAITH

Magro has developed enormous faith and confidence in his mixed team of raw youth and promising experience.

And the players have responded, knowing full well that the club's depth is not all that flash and that a poor game will not necessarily mean the chop.

A combination of a couple of players being fully fit (Peter Miller, George Giannakis); some border-liners blossoming into key performers (Anthony Stubberfield, Shane Evans); a couple of impressive comebacks after a break (Lloyd Haskett, from injury; Franco Delcasale from the wilderness) and the development of promising newcomers (Heath East, Michael Prior, Paul Sullivan and Graeme Garnaut) have helped revive the Royals.

The return to Perth Oval of football wonderlust Rob Solin — after a part-time engagement at South Fremantle last year that saw 12 league games and a premiership as coach of the reserves

By **ALAN EAST**

— the arrival of former Bulldog Richard Graham and the persistence of veteran John Scott have all added to the mixture.

Ever-reliables like Lucio Baroni and Dean Bertram are revelling in the increased support on-field — and playing better for it.

In addition, big Eagle Ryan Turnbull was back last week, new captain Craig McGrath is nearly ready to resume and Peter Melesso's inspiration is having its effect with his return to Perth.

It's a long way from September, but Magro says that thoughts of a finals appearance should not be a dream.

The tough, bow-legged little mentor travelled a nervous road last Saturday as he headed into the ground that had given him so many thrills — and one huge disappointment. Fremantle Oval, his football breeding ground, but his execution venue when he was sacked as coach in 1990.

There was plenty of feeling in the Royals camp, not so much from Magro himself — he kept that bottled up — but the players vowed to win it 'for the little bloke.'

Despite a frustrating first half reward of 3.10 from plenty of opportunities, Magro was far from disappointed as they trailed the Bulldogs by three goals.

He simply told the players to keep working hard and things would fall into place.

He didn't expect such quick results — six minutes into the third term, they had added another four goals to hit the front.



MAGIC MAN . . . new Royals coach Stan Magro has quickly developed strong confidence in his East Perth players.

"Their first half work wasn't all that bad," says Magro. "They had plenty of the football, they just didn't use it well. The defence was tight, but they expended a lot of energy in the midfield without the rewards.

"Maybe it was a combination of inexperience and over-enthusiasm as they were pretty keyed up for what was obviously a big game.

"They were keen to prove that last week's win over Swans wasn't a fluke."

Prove it they did, even though Souths were far below their potential best in a disappointing last half.

"And I'd be a fool to say I didn't enjoy the win, wouldn't I?" was his parting comment.

Neesham faces toughest year

REIGNING premiership coach Gerard Neesham is facing the toughest year of his short, but distinguished, coaching career.

After five successive grand finals with Claremont, claiming the coveted WAFL title three times, Neesham is confronted by a huge challenge.

One of WA's most colourful football identities, Neesham is also in the spotlight in relation to a proposed second AFL team out of Perth.

He is being touted as a leading prospect to coach the side . . . and admits that recent speculation over his future has overshadowed his immediate responsibilities of coaching Claremont.

"All I said in relation to a second AFL team is that I'm biding my time," says Neesham. "I said I would consider the possibility of coaching in the AFL if the opportunity came up.

LIMITED RESOURCES

"For the time being, I'm coaching at Claremont. This is my job and there is plenty for me to do here."

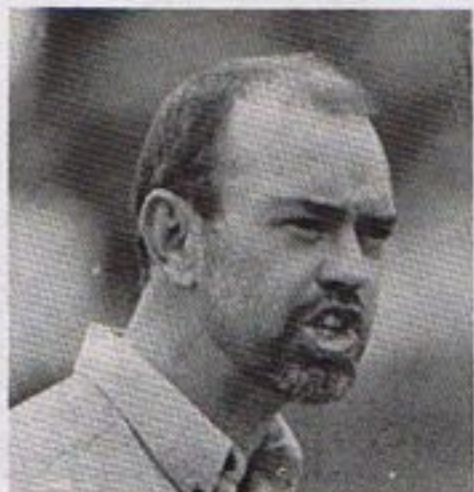
For the first time since arriving at Claremont from East Fremantle in 1987, Neesham has to create something from limited player resources.

In the past, the Tigers have had a playing depth to make any senior coach envious.

However, the continual player-drain reached a climax last November when the national draft devoured the Tigers depth.

After a 20-point loss to East Freman-

By **KIM HAGDORN**



TOUGH TEST . . . Tigers coach Gerard Neesham has a battle to maintain his impressive finals record

tle last Saturday — Claremont's second defeat in two weeks — Neesham admitted life was shaping up tougher than at any other stage of his coaching career.

"It's a real challenge," he emphasised.

"It's probably a challenge I'd prefer not to have. I'd rather have some of the players we developed at Claremont.

"But they've been drafted into the AFL system and there's nothing we can do about it now.

"Inevitably, things were going to catch up with us, I suppose.

"It's a matter of time now whether our turn-around will happen quietly or take some time.

"But I'm confident that we can turn it around.

"We're certainly not devoid of talent, but we haven't started like this in my time before."

Neesham expects Claremont's position of power over the last five years to be challenged by improving rivals. He sees the 1992 Pepsi Cup competition as the closest in his time as a coach.

TIGHT

"The competition will be tight all year," he said.

"It has already proved that way and I don't expect things to change."

Neesham and his re-shaped Tigers combination face a difficult confrontation with a rejuvenated East Perth at Perth Oval on Monday.

In 117 games at the Tigers helm, Neesham has never lost three games in succession.

On top of the 20-point loss to East Fremantle, after going down to Perth a week earlier, Claremont suffered injuries to key forwards Ashley McIntosh, Greg O'Malley and Paul Morgan and dashing winger Scott Edwards.

McIntosh damaged his right knee in his comeback match after recovering from a pre-season injury to his left knee.

O'Malley, with a knee problem and Morgan (foot) are viewed by Neesham as replacements for AFL draftees John Hutton and Geoff Miles, who kicked 168 goals between them last year.

Kicking around

OLD habits die hard, as Essendon veteran Simon Madden found out when he was relegated to the reserves last Saturday. Madden, with 376 games to his credit, went the wrong way when he walked off the field — obviously heading for the league rooms in a reflex action.

HAWTHORN champion Dermott Brereton has been voicing his opinion on people trying to take the shirt-front out of the game and he gave a perfect illustration against Essendon when he handed out two pearlers. Essendon's Dean Bailey can vouch for one — he was taken from Waverley straight to Dandenong Hospital where he spent the night. Luckily he was diagnosed with severe concussion and nothing more serious. The incident occurred in the dying seconds of the match as Bailey, playing his 50th game, turned head first back into a pack. To Brereton's credit he was one of the first to check out his condition.

SYDNEY Swans ruckman Brad Tunbridge is taking all before him in his third season of AFL football and he chimed in with another timely best-on-ground performance as Sydney upset Carlton. He beat opponents Andrew Cavendon, Stephen Kernahan and Earl Spalding, collecting 14 kicks, 11 marks, 10 handballs and 18 hit outs.

ROOKIE Swans coach Gary Buckenara denied using the Greg Williams affair to inspire his side to a big win over Carlton at Princes Park. Williams, who was enticed away from Sydney to Carlton, watched his fourth game from the grandstand, a seat he will warm until he is re-registered on April 30. Buckenara said he deliberately steered away from using it as motivation and just asked the players to set their own goals for the game.

THE pressure is showing on the mighty Hawthorn side as they approach round six — and unbeaten Collingwood — with the real possibility of three losses on the trot. After last Saturday's debacle against Essendon, Hawks coach Alan Joyce took the unusual measure of banning his players from speaking to the media. That's unusual for Hawthorn as they have always shown the professional attitude of welcoming media into the changerooms.

NORTH Melbourne unveiled recycled ruckman Alex Ishchenko last Saturday and the former Eagle, Brisbane Bear and East Perth player will be hoping it's a case of third time lucky in the AFL. Ishchenko gave an adequate display collecting 16 ruck knocks for the Kangaroos, but over four quarters he was out-pointed by Footscray's Scott Wynd.

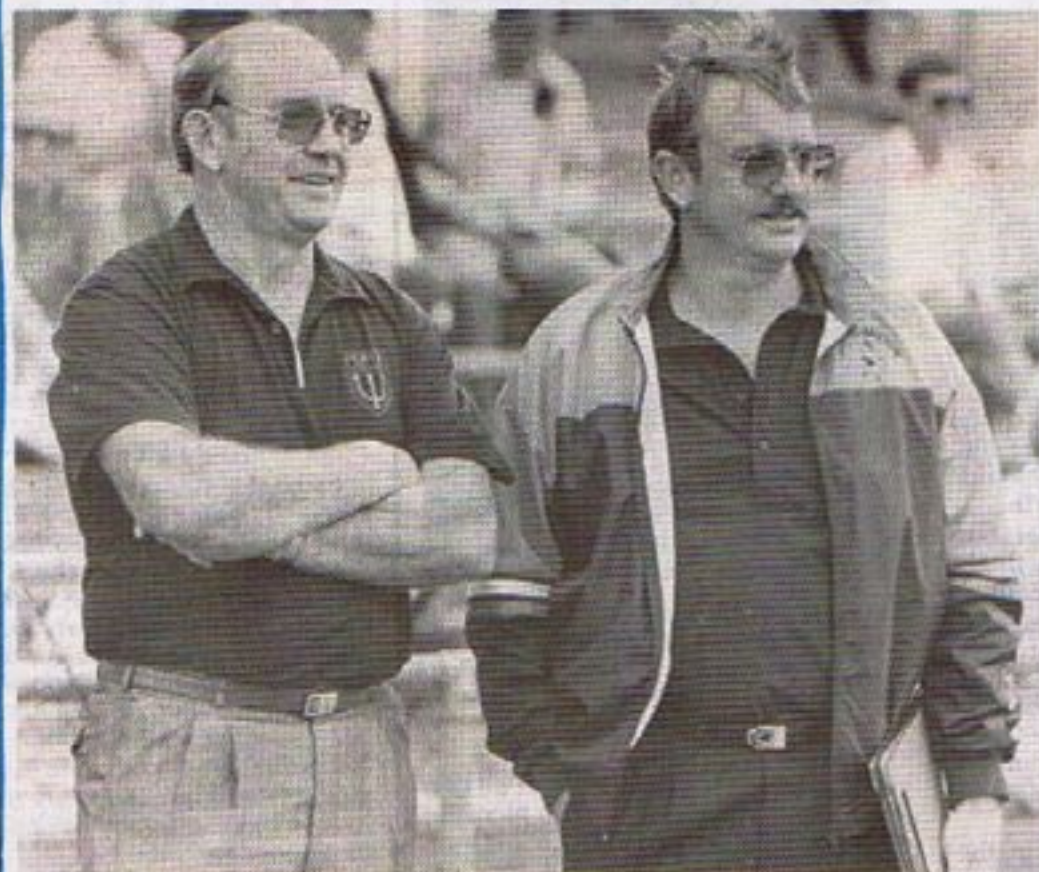
REMEMBER Cory Young? Yes, that West Coast recruit who failed to impress in a season in Perth, playing one game with the Eagles and 16 with Subiaco. Well, he's still getting kicks, these days he's playing with Frankston, in the VFA. Another well-known name to bob up in the VFA is former St Kilda legend Trevor Barker, who is coaching Sandringham.

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.

FOOTBALL critic Scot Palmer, writing in Melbourne's Herald Sun, had some interesting thoughts on what the proposed second WA side in the AFL should be called. Because Fremantle is leading the race, Palmer said the Pirates, Vikings and Buccaneers were good choices . . . or maybe the Fremantle Doctors

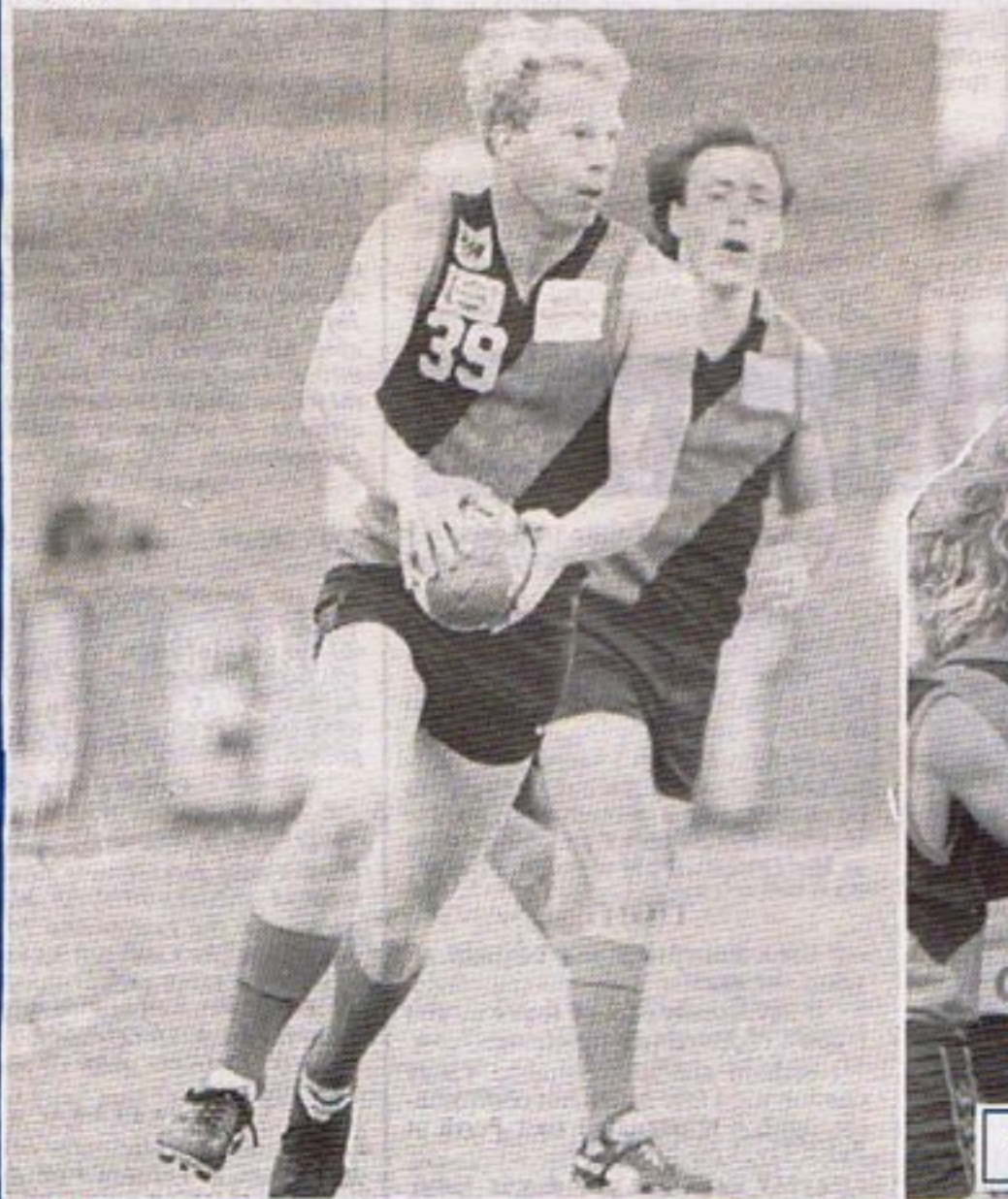
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ABOVE: Perth coach Ken Armstrong is all smiles as he surveys the victory alongside team manager and director Peter Pope. BELOW: Robert Thomson has been one of Perth's driving forces in recent years and here he sends the Demons forward once again.

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"Perth forever" is the chant as jubilant Royals (from Left) David Regan, Richard am, Dean Bertram, Paul Sullivan, George Giannakis and Shane Evans roar out the victory song.

FIERCE rivals Perth and East Perth have suddenly turned the WAFL competition upside down as far as form is concerned.

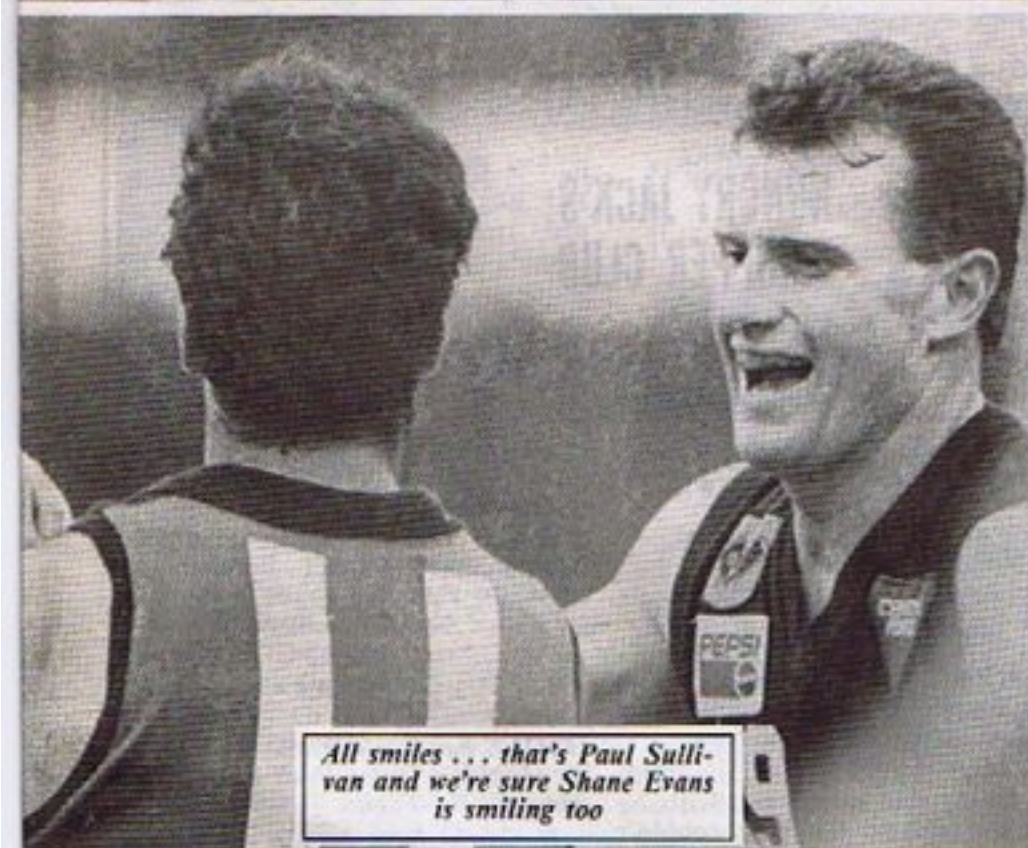
While some critics rated the Demons as reasonably good finals prospects, most judges had the Royals in the basement department.

But in the last two weeks, Perth have downed last year's grand finalists, Subiaco and Claremont, while the Royals have beaten premiership favourites Swan Districts and South Fremantle.

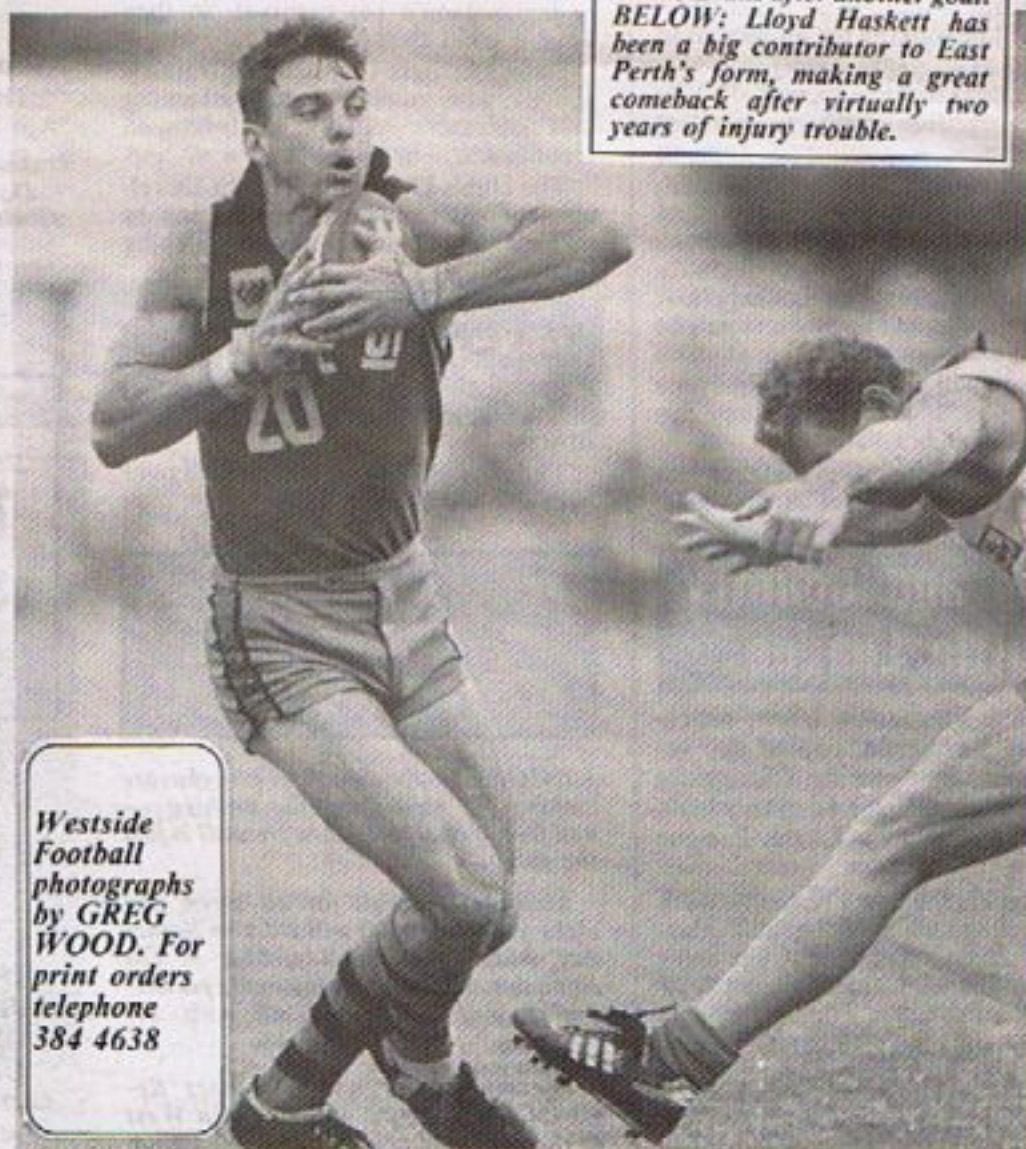
Westside Football photographer GREG WOOD captured these pictures last weekend.



ABOVE: East Perth's five-goal man Heath East has a congratulatory pat on the head for Shane Evans after another goal. **BELOW:** Lloyd Haskett has been a big contributor to East Perth's form, making a great comeback after virtually two years of injury trouble.



All smiles . . . that's Paul Sullivan and we're sure Shane Evans is smiling too



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Kicking Football into the Future



15s sides step up their training

THE annual inter-district 15s championships will be staged in May and most clubs are already into heavy training for the carnival.

All WAFL junior clubs will carefully monitor the carnival, which will lead to the selection of the State schoolboys squad to play in the national championships in Canberra in August.

Subiaco will start their training programme with a camp at Subiaco Oval this Thursday and Friday, with the players going through a series of skills tests.

"We plan to develop the boys for the WAFL and eventually the AFL and if they win games along the way, then that's good," says Lions football manager, Wayne Loxley.

Four Kalgoorlie juniors in Luke Toia, Peter Hicks, Kyle Robinson and Justin Philp will join the team.

Claremont football manager and 15s coach Phil Smart has got the juniors off to an early start with training over the past two weeks, concentrating on basic skills and developing fitness.

"After the carnival, we will keep training for a match down at Albany, which we will combine with a camp," Smart said.

Claremont will also include country juniors in the 15s side, but the players have not yet been named.

"The team is shaping up reasonably, but we will be looking for an increased effort this year," said Smart.

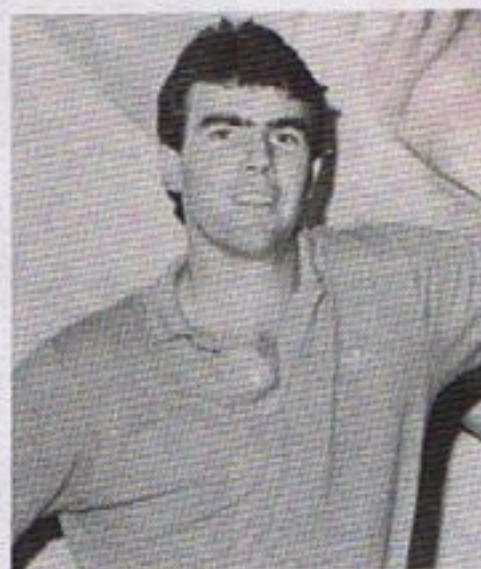
East Fremantle have kicked off their training schedule with a practice match against a combined side in Geraldton.

Coach Ken Ferguson is hopeful of more practice matches before the carnival to keep the team in peak form.

Ivan Yurisch is one country boy already in the squad and others will be named shortly.

Ferguson will be looking to fine-tune the team's skills and ensure they can perform under pressure.

West Perth coach Steve Heller has been training the 15s for three weeks,



SKILLS HELP... Clinton Pike will be in charge of East Perth's 15s combined side this season

putting them through a specially-designed programme of basic skills.

The best 14s and 15s from country areas will travel to Leederville this Friday for skills testing and talent identification.

"The idea is to teach these kids the skills of the game and look to include some of them in our carnival team," football manager, Matt Tweedie said.

"This year's 15s side finished third in last season's 14s carnival, so they have a good chance."

Swan Districts 15s will start training shortly, with an emphasis on attacking and defensive skills and follow-on techniques.

The club's Director of Youth Development, Allan Raynor, is hoping to include five country players in the team.

The coach of the East Perth's 15s side, Clinton Pike (the former East Fremantle football manager) has had his team training for two weeks, concentrating on skill development and fitness.

The championships will be held over May 30 and 31 and June 1.

Lesmurdie advance to Quit Cup

SUCCESS enjoyed by Lesmurdie Senior High in last year's CIG Shield competition has revived their interest in school football.

Lesmurdie made it to their zone final in the CIG Shield under the coaching of Swan Districts league player Michael Broadbridge.

Though Broadbridge has been transferred to another school, football has flourished at Lesmurdie and the school has entered a team in the Ross Glendinning Division of the Quit Cup.

In past years, Lesmurdie have struggled to field a full team, but Quit Cup coach Glenn Batten says the response after last season has certainly made a difference.

"Finding success in the CIG was a big factor and the students now have the confidence to go on and compete against stronger teams," said Batten.

"We have been in the Quit Cup before, but didn't win a game, but with last year's experience, we can continue to be competitive."

Lesmurdie went down by three goals

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to Maddington in their opening round clash of the South East Ross Glendinning Division, but the team combined well and showed positive signs for the future.

With more than 25 players to choose from, school football at Lesmurdie has never looked healthier and Batten says the team can only get stronger.

Best players for Lesmurdie in their opening clash were Mike Vacca, Scott Hodgen and Ben Hughes.

Sharks help

SELLING raffle tickets at East Fremantle Oval games now has a three-fold benefit.

Members of the East Fremantle Junior Council, which is supported by Tradelink Plumbing Supplies, have been selling raffle tickets to spectators for many years, as do juniors at other clubs.

However, the Sharks juniors have created a first in WAFL ranks by using the opportunity to do more than just support junior development.

The Sharks have urged all supporters to deposit their raffle tickets into Tradelink boxes around the ground — or drop them into the five Tradelink branches — and the club receives a cash return for every ticket.

WA juniors down Vics

WA recorded a big win over the Vics last week when a South West youth side beat Diamond Valley, a team of youngsters visiting from Victoria.

Playing at the Stewart Bovell Park in Busselton, the South West side, made up of 15 and 16-year-olds, won 10.14 (74) to 6.8 (44).

The winners were well-served by a best-on-ground performance from Collie's Lloyd Ugle and other good players were Sean Amis (Busselton) and Craig Giacomel (Manjimup).

The team is keen to travel to Victoria and meet the Vics on their home soil next April or July and fund-raising has already started.

Players representing the South West team were:

Daniel Turner, Graeme Offer, Gavin Italiano (Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault); Juston Golds (Eaton); Lucas Ramshaw, Daniel Morris, Vince Panetta (vice-captain, Mines Rovers); Stuart Cunningham, Shaun Amos, Peter Eades, Brad Hart, Shane Callegari, Andrew Scott, Matthew Cockin (Busselton); Lloyd Ugle (Collie); Clinton Todoroff (Bridgetown); Adam Huts, Dale Hodson (Donnybrook); Justin O'Reilly (Marist); Judd Brown, Aaron Depazzi (South Bunbury); Glen Decampo (captain, Southerners-Pemberton); Craig Giacomel (Manjimup-Imperials); Michael Cooke (Carey Park).

Town and Country Little League

THE East Fremantle team, represented by Karoonda, copied the senior Sharks by downing Claremont (Coolbinia Bombers) in Saturday's Town and Country Little League games.

Best players for East Fremantle were Kit Maddren, Chris Ding and Matthew Kennedy, and for Claremont were Clay Bland, Cameron Northway and Simon Prosser.

Perth (Avon) beat Subiaco (Sorrento-Duncraig) with best players Christian Ryder, Daniel Glass and Luke Simmons. For Subiaco Michael Jardine-Hargrave, Lindsay Gaunt and Dave Lyon were best.

West Perth, represented by Northern Districts, downed Swans (Midvale). Best for West Perth were Justin French, Liam Shaw and Daniel Cochane and for Swans Chris Vlahov, William Lyon and Denis Susar played well.

South Fremantle (Mandurah-Murray) beat East Perth (Victoria Park) with best players for Souths being Troy Thompson, Wade Miguel and Brandon Hill.

Kim Windows, Luke Jackson and Brett Norton played well for East Perth.

Fun times — and it's free

JUNIORS in the South West who are looking for something for nothing — and free of charge — then freeball is just the thing.

Modified football for all seven and eight-year-olds start will start on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3. The emphasis will be on enjoyment, participation and skills and all kids are welcome.

For more information, contact Regional Development officer Colin West at the Ministry of Sport and Recreation on (097) 910 800.

Teal Cup try-out

TALENTED Teal Cup hopefuls in the South West will have their chance to try out for selection at Boyup Brook on Saturday, May 9.

An invitation will be extended to 22 players, 16 from the South West and six from the Lower South West, to play in the trial match, which is the only opportunity for 17-year-olds to make their claims for a spot in the 1992 Teal Cup team.

THE HUNGRY JACK'S WHOPPER CLUB

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Woosha is a superb leader

IT'S tribute time this week — to John Worsfold, captain courageous of the West Coast Eagles.

Our tough skipper notched his 100th game for the club against the Brisbane Bears and though the boys couldn't win it for him, at least they didn't lose!

Woosha might have been the youngest skipper in AFL ranks — taking up the job at the start of last season at the relatively young age of 22 — but he's far from inexperienced when it comes to the tough action out in the middle of the arena.

He leads by example, both on and off the playing field. He's always talking to players, encouraging everybody, whether it's first game players like Daniel Metropolis or a couple of our veterans like Dwayne Lamb or Paul Harding.

Even at training, Woosha goes flat-out. He believes that you play as you

train; so working hard on the track is vital in your build-up to a game.

The Eagles now have four century-makers — Dwayne Lamb, Chris Mainwaring and Michael Brennan are proud to welcome John Worsfold to their elite club. Well done, Woosha.

WHILE handing out milestone praise, we shouldn't forget Dean Kemp's 50th game for the Eagles.

It should have been a game-to-remember after he kicked that magnificent goal in the final minute to put us six points in front. It was a superb solo effort and worthy of a match-winning result.

Unfortunately, that didn't happen, but well-done Tommy... we'll make it up to you!

Hungry Jack's Whopper Clinics coming up are:

Tuesday, April 28: Sacred Heart Primary School, with Mark Grogan (Perth).

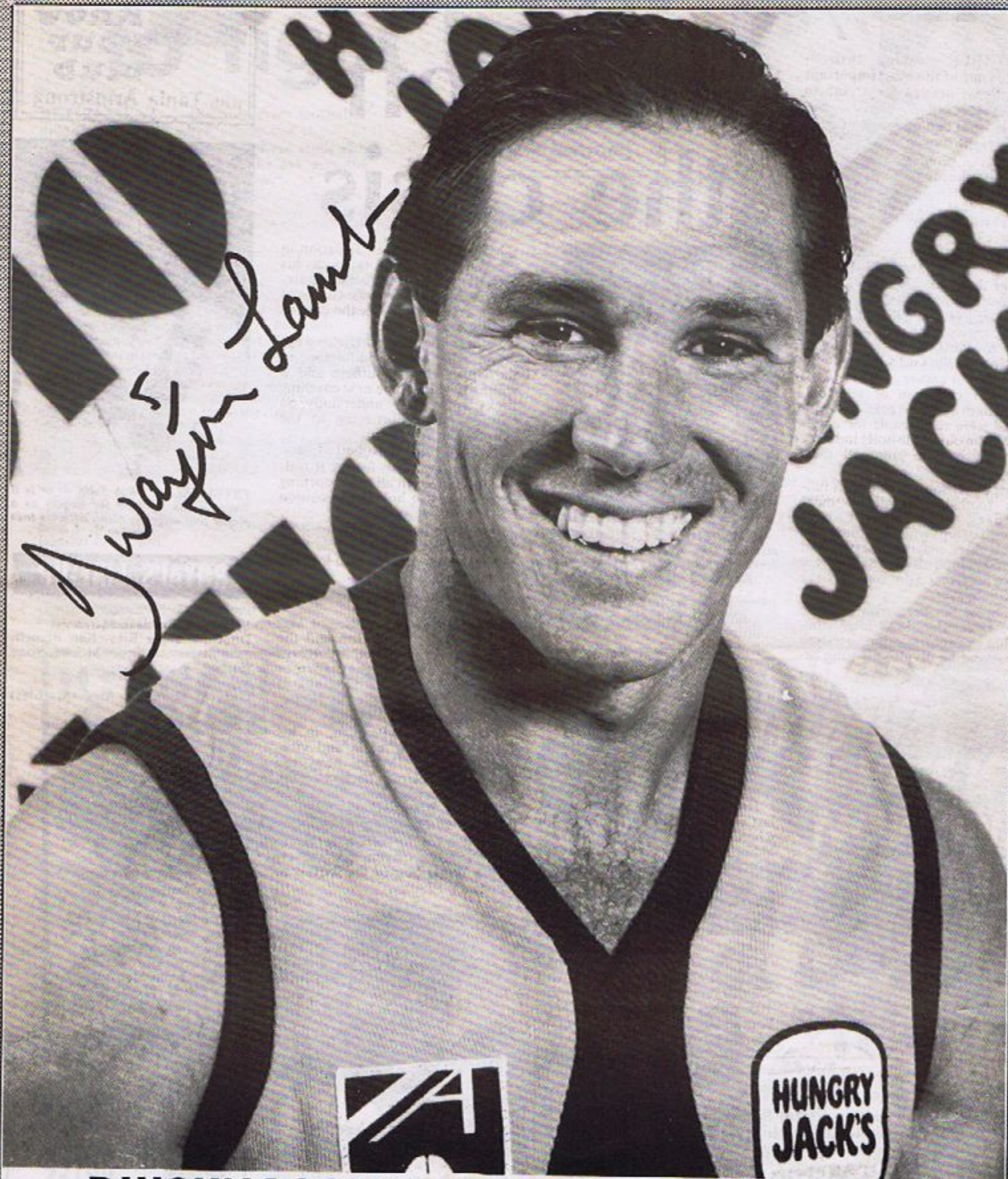
Wednesday, April 29: St Jude's in Langford, with Ian Wells or Mark Grogan.



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Royal workers beat off the crisis

A STABLE working environment is one of the most important ingredients needed for a club to fight its way out of a crisis — and that is what can be found at East Perth right now.

Financial problems were threatening the closure of doors at Perth Oval before season 1992 got underway and that has meant an even greater workload for the employees of the club.

Heading that list is club general manager Alex 'Marbles' Wilson, one of the longest serving general managers in the WAFL.

Wilson joined the Royals as marketing manager in 1984 and has been at Perth Oval ever since, switching to the GM's job in January 1985.

Former chairman of selectors, Jim Haines and then president Mal Atwell were responsible for enticing Wilson out of the hotel industry and they can be proud of their achievement.

One of Wilson's off-siders is full-time football and development manager Cam Robbins, who changed camps when he joined the Royals after playing reserves and under-19s football with Subiaco... where his father Tom was a former top-line player.

Robbins has been with the club since December, 1989 after completing a sports administration course and he divides his time be-



MAKING CONTACT... Royals football manager Cam Robbins keeps in close touch with many young players aspiring for league ranks at Perth Oval

tween player welfare and junior development in metropolitan and country centres.

Robbins has his work cut out, as senior coach Stan Magro holds a part-time position, compared with four WAFL coaches who are employed on a full-time basis.

Magro, at 37 years, divides his time between Perth Oval and his job as Berger paints sales manager with Dulux Australia, in O'Connor, after starting out as a painter.

His appointment as coach late last year saw his return to the club where he played 20 games in 1983-'84 on his return from a successful stint with Collingwood, in the VFL.

Magro fell one game short of playing 100 games for the Magpies after debuting in Victoria in 1977 and establishing himself as a tough defender.

His first taste of league football came in 1970, at the age of 16 with South Fremantle, where he played 105 games before going to Melbourne and then later returning to coach between 1987 and '89.

Magro has a unique situation in the WAFL coaching ranks, as his assistant coach Tony Solin is purely that and does not take charge of the reserves side, as is the case in the other seven sides.

Solin is serving his coaching apprenticeship with Boddington, in the Upper Great Southern and is willing to learn some new coaching tricks as Magro's understudy on Saturday and journeying to the country on Sunday.

His twin brother Robert is back pulling on the boots for the Royal and has played in all three opening games. He also holds the position of skills coach at the club.

Greg Henderson has stepped up to the reserves coaching role after serving as under-19s coach for nine seasons, while former 60-game player Mark Blakely has taken over the colts.

The selection committee of Magro, Robbins, Henderson and the Solin twins is chaired by Kevin Worthington, another former strongman with playing links at South Fremantle, Perth, Claremont and Collingwood.

President Bob Pearson, in his third year at the helm and vice-president Jack Marks head the board of directors, backed up by John Starcevich, Doug Riky, Ken Burnett, Brian Harty, Bruce McLean and secretary Eric Smith.

Hard working office secretary Cheryl Sachse, originally from New South Wales, joined the Royals in February 1990.



IN CHARGE... Royals president Bob Pearson has worked hard to keep the club's spirits high



WATCHING BRIEF... much travelled football man Kevin Worthington plays an important role as the chairman of selectors at East Perth



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TWINS HELP... Rob Solin — or is it Tony — has rejoined the Royals as a player and selector, along with his twin brother

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A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

Shepherd offers Uni. plenty of experience

UNIVERSITY Amateurs coach Cam Shepherd (30) has played under some of the game's greats in his 10-year career.

Ken Armstrong, Malcolm Brown, Alan Joyce, Ian Miller, Graham Moss and Gerard Neesham all coached Shepherd in his playing days.

Now in his second year with University, Shepherd hopes to use that wealth of coaching experience to lift the students up the ladder.

A Scotch College junior, he was zoned to Claremont, but made his league debut in 1979 under Armstrong at Lathlain Park, using the father-son rule to become a Demon.

It was the start of a seven-year stint that produced 106 league games with Perth.

After winning the club fairest and best in 1983, Shepherd was earmarked to go to Footscray, but dislocated an ankle in a pre-season game; an injury that threatened to end his career.

"I had gone over to Footscray a couple of times and it looked like I would join them," he recalls. "But things were a bit different then and I was only 21 or 22.

ANKLE INJURY

"Most players waited till they were at least 22 or 23 and I was planning to go the next year. But I dislocated my ankle and missed the entire season."

A tireless ruck-roving half-forward who picked up many kicks, Shepherd did not play in 1984 as he struggled to recover his fitness.

But he was back in 1985, playing his 100th game for the Demons.

Starved of finals football, with Perth and looking for a change, he joined Claremont, returning to the club where he began as a junior.

Shepherd, who says he played his best football with the Tigers in 1986 and '87, was deputy vice-captain in their 1987 premiership side.

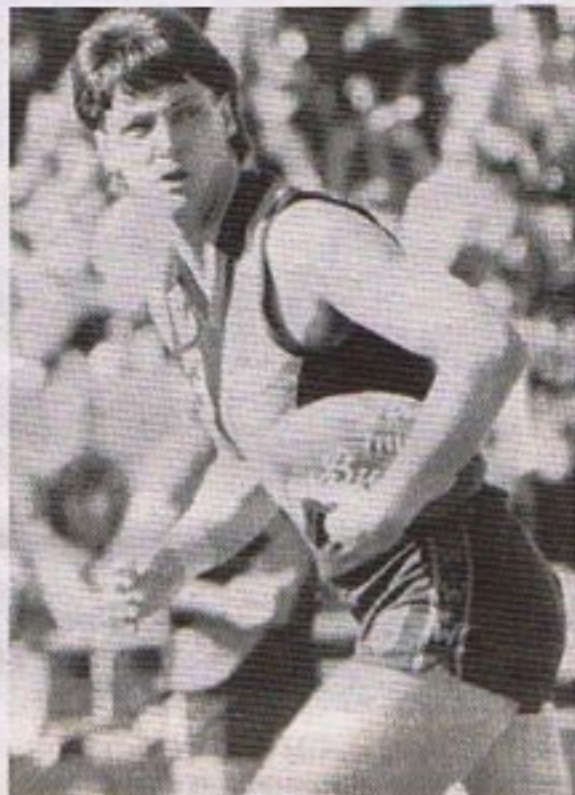
He rates current Tigers coach Gerard Neesham as the most astute football brain he has played under.

"I was lucky, I had some tremendous coaches, but Neesham is without doubt, the best of them," he says.



QUICK LEARNER . . . University amateurs coach Cam Shepherd has learnt a lot from his many coaches

By
BRUCE BUTLER



FLASHBACKS . . . Cam Shepherd as a Claremont player (left) and a Demon

"Alan Joyce probably wouldn't be happy with that with his record, but Gerard's methods are very good and different from other coaches."

"From a tactical point of view, he is more akin to other games, such as water-polo," says Shepherd. "Gerard has a had a lot to do with water polo at an international level and that helps his different approach."

This year Shepherd, now married with three young children, hopes to mould University into a successful combination.

After finishing seventh last year, Uni disposed of Nollamara by nearly 20 goals in the opening A-grade round.

PLAYERS OUT

But Shepherd doesn't place too much stock in the early win, given that Nollamara were without many of last year's key players.

After the 1987 Tigers premiership, Shepherd damaged his other ankle early in 1988, which signalled the end of his career.

The following year he dropped out of the WAFL to coach Sunday League team Osborne Park, playing half the season before injury again took its toll.

He returned to the Tigers in 1990, but played just a handful of games — taking his tally with Claremont to 47,

before injury again restricted him.

"I ended up being Gerard's runner and was involved in selections, which was a good experience.

"We had a good side, but lost to Swans in the grand final."

The likeable Shepherd, who runs his own table-ware business with outlets in Claremont and Karrinyup, admitted that injuries had cut short his playing career.

"My legs are pretty well shot," he says. "I'd love to play, but it's just too tough and I would be holding back a young guy who is good enough to play."

Shepherd says that University's Accolts had won three premierships in a row and he is keen to see that talent emerge in senior football.

"There was obviously a wealth of talent there and I am trying to get these younger guys into senior ranks," he says.

"The amateur competition is a good breeding ground for today's higher levels of football.

"It is different from Sunday football and enables young, skilful players to come through to league ranks."

University this week take on Trinity-Aquinas, who also had a good first-round win under coach Kevan Sparks.

Superules

Bunbury to host first carnival

SUPERULES kicks off season 1992 this weekend with a full set of fixtures hosted by Bunbury at Payne Park.

A slightly different format will prevail as Bunbury have organised post-match entertainment for the visiting Perth clubs.

Games will start at noon, with Bunbury playing Mandurah, Eastern Hills vs Northern Warriors, Wembley vs Southern Saints and Fremantle vs Victoria Park.

Superules WA is hoping to consolidate their domestic competition this year after an outstanding effort at last year's national carnival in Darwin, where WA won both the Superules and Masterules titles, playing at the new Marrara sporting complex.

WA and Tasmania tied for division one with two wins each before WA were awarded the title on percentage.

Changes to the format for this year's carnival see Victoria Country dropping to division two, swapping places with division two winners, Northern Territory.

BONUS

On their way to winning the title, WA beat Victoria Country and Tasmania, before losing to Victoria Metropolitan.

An added bonus for the Sandgroppers came when WAFL and AFL boundary umpire Graham (Tig) Bergersen winning his second fairest and best carnival award; WA skipper Bruce Tschirpig being named All-Australian captain and WA coach Mike Evans being named coach.

WA players also won the annual golf day; former South Fremantle speedster Roley Daw won the over-40s 75-metre sprint for the third successive year and Masterules centre-half-forward John Leeds topped the goalkicking with six goals for the carnival.

WA players named in the All-Australian team were Tschirpig, Bergersen, L. Bennett, T. Bruce, R. Minson and I. Watkins.

The All-Australian side played in the umpires carnival as a prelude to the start of the Northern Territory's domestic season. They had one win over Bagot, but were knocked out by the highly-fancied Tiwi Islanders.

WA and national chairman Bruce Arlow, who was awarded life membership to Superules Australia, said it was one of WA's best all-round performances.

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Footy devotion started early

THE raw, young age of 14 is a pretty inexperienced time to embark on a lifetime in football.

But, in 1959, the woman who has since stood alongside one of Australia's legendary footballers, took her first steps into the arena.

Helen Cable has been the woman behind the man as husband Barry, then a 15-year-old apprentice butcher, set out on his path to conquer the football world.

Helen met Barry when she was at school and the relationship blossomed from their first date at a Salvation Army youth club in Narrogin.

Introduced to football by her father, a devout fan, Helen would often spend weekends at the local ground even before she met Cables — as the little blond bombshell is affectionately known.

"Barry was into a lot of things then, including basketball, cricket and cycling, plus football," recalls Helen.

SUPPORT GREW

As Cables grew more successful in the football industry, Helen's interest and support followed.

"I guess I'm from the old fashion mould. You join in, there's no point in complaining," she says.

"If either one of you do something, the other should follow.

"Barry involved me in football. Wherever he went, I went. I watched him play, I watched him train so I became involved, not shut out and I guess I've grown to love the sport."

In those subsequent years, Helen saw a succession of triumphs — premierships with Perth and North Melbourne, Simpson Medals for best-on-ground in grand finals, three Sandover Medals for WA's best player, triumphs in the interstate arena and coaching success at the top level.

Cable's magnificent career continued till 1979, when a tragic accident on his Orange Grove farm tore his right leg apart.

Understandably, it was a hard time for the Cables, as the end of a career was thrust at them, forcing both to rearrange their lives.

"Life was a little different for 12 months till he pulled himself right up," she says. "But being the very competitive person he is, I knew he would do something, because it's not like him to sit idle."

SIDELINES

When the family's life eventually got back to something like normal, Cable was back into football, only this time on the sidelines, but nevertheless fighting for the sport.

His goal to always keep football in the forefront of Australian sports made him even more dedicated — and right behind him all the way was Helen.

"I just naturally supported him the whole way, because it was so important to him," she said simply.

"If he can help football and keep it in the forefront, then that's very impor-

LISA VERSCHOOR talks to Helen Cable about life alongside a football legend.



tant to him — he doesn't use it as a substitute for playing at all."

With both sons Shane (22) and Barry (23) following their father into football, many eyes were on the progress of the pair. It's always difficult to follow a famous father, but the Cables knew that and were able to cope.

However, though both boys share their father's love for the game, they do have other sporting interests, plus their own careers.

Shane is a payroll officer and Barry is studying computers at Curtin University. Both are married and living away from home.

"Though they've been exposed to football at an early age, the boys certainly didn't play simply because of their father," says Helen.

"They've been brought up by a very devoted father who has taught them to handle the pressure and to develop their own identity.

"Besides, if they didn't get pressure while playing football, they would get it in another sport, so really it's just part of playing sport," she said.

The success of Cable throughout his playing and coaching career — and even now with his well-known cycling achievements and his development work in the football community — has never faded Helen.

"Those sort of things shouldn't worry you," she says.

AUTOGRAPHS

"What you should be worried about is when nobody is interested and when a child doesn't want Cables autograph.

"I think it is good that people are still interested in him, especially the young children who never saw him play."

So, when asked what is so special about Barry Cable, Helen quickly answered: "His personality.

"Cables is a very positive person. He sets goals and achieves them.

"His parenting and philosophies on life are excellent."

Helen says that Cables has no desire to coach at senior level again, preferring to concentrate on the development of the game as a whole and not individual teams.

And, whatever he intends to do in the future, Helen will be there with him.

Helen herself has a soft spot for North Melbourne, where Cable coached and played, saying that the club was very good to them.



WELL DONE ... Helen Cable loves her football and seldom misses a game, especially if her family are involved

She follows the West Coast Eagles with avid interest and is glad to see they are No. 1 with West Australians.

Perth is also on the top of the family's popularity list as both Shane and Barry play there and Cable himself started with the Demons.

Helen reflects on high points in Cable's career, such as playing in the 1975 and '77 premierships with North Melbourne and the many medals and trophies he has gathered over his career.

But, for Helen the triumph of his career is not material — but the respect and admiration the community has shown her husband.

"To me, this far outweighs the medals and trophies he cherishes, just to know that he is appreciated is important to me," she says.

As for football in the future, Helen would like to see the AFL clean their act up before a second WA team is introduced.

"There are too many teams and I think personally, that some should merge to get a better standard of competition.

"The season is also too long and

should be cut back by at least three weeks to save the players."

Helen has one complaint about football — and one only.

"The game itself is still spectacular and is still the No. 1 sport to watch, but I think the players are pushed too hard," she says.

"If we continue in this way and not let the children develop at their own pace, we're going to end up with burnt-out footballers," she warned.

Helen believes that new recruits should be kept in the WAFL longer to develop both mentally and physically and let kids be kids before the serious grind.

Cables is well into working full-time with country clubs and spends endless hours at the Football Development Trust in his quest to help juniors along the way in Australia's greatest sport.

"I'd say he will continue to fight for football for a long time," says Helen.

"It was always his dream to see WA in the AFL and now that has happened, he will no doubt fight for the rest of his life to see the State stay there, prosper and grow.

This week's top performer with the West Coast Eagles was:



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Baroni leads Royals feast

IT may have been a milestone game for Lucio Baroni on Saturday — but all he wanted to talk about after the stunning victory over South Fremantle were his East Perth team-mates.

The man they call Butch, with heaps of stamina and fearless courage, notched his 100th game for East Perth and revelled in the glory of the 25-point win over the Bulldogs.

"The real character of the boys came out today," said Baroni, after the win at Fremantle Oval.

"It was an important game for us and I wasn't worried about my 100th — I was just determined to win.

"We've now won the last five straight against Souths and we've certainly put the Fremantle Oval hoodoo behind us."

Baroni was one of five Royals midfield runners who had a smorgasbord of the football, especially after a lacklustre first half. Baroni finished with 24 possessions, rover Heath East had 25, ruck-rover Lloyd Haskett 26, gutsy centreman Peter Miller 30 and ball-hungry George Giannakis, 26.

Baroni says the Royals "put in" for Stan Magro, knowing he was returning

to his former home ground. That same feeling of determination was there for former Souths players Richard Graham and Rob Solin — the latter earning special praise before the game from Magro.

BEST EFFORT

The third-quarter eight-kick effort from East was certainly his best performance in league football.

With just 11 league games behind him, the 20-year-old Manjimup graduate could do no wrong after half-time.

After kicking only three goals in the first half, East Perth changed the course of the game in the first six minutes of the third term, when they kicked four goals — with East having a hand in all of them.

He helped set up the fourth and fifth and then kicked the next two on his way to a five-goal haul — and he couldn't stop smiling after the match.

"That was definitely the best game I've ever played," he said. "I certainly enjoyed kicking those goals."

Junior loyalty rewarded



WELL DONE... Ron Tester receives his Certificate of Recognition from Eagles general manager, Brian Cook

HELPING junior footballers graduate from their humble beginnings to colts ranks and ultimately up further is all part of Ron Tester's life.

Subiaco nominated Tester for a special WAFL Volunteer Award for his hard work and dedication; 23 years of service to Australian football, filling numerous positions in his time.

Between 1968 and 1987, he worked tirelessly with the Karrinyup Junior Football Club, the last eight years as president. He acted as co-ordinator for the Little League teams and manager of Subiaco's juniors.

Tester has been awarded life membership of both Karrinyup JFC and Subiaco JFC.

Since 1988, he has managed Subiaco's colts team, strengthening the relationship with players and coaching staff and helping graduating juniors fit into the club.

In between his devotion to football, Tester has also been involved in athletics, being a life member of the Hamersley Little Athletics Club.

Caton marks his century

WHEN enigmatic Swan Districts forward Kevin Caton kicked the last goal of the day at Bassendean Oval, his fifth for the afternoon, it was as if he had read the script for his 100th game for the club.

Caton kicks goals with seemingly effortless ease and after stints with the Brisbane Bears and Fitzroy, he said it was great to play his milestone on his home ground.

"It was always going to take a while, but it's good to be home and to reach my 100th," said Caton.

Money men

THE AFL'S top 30 money-earners were released last week and there was no surprise as to who headed the list. Carlton's Greg Williams is reported to be on \$200,000-plus, with St Kilda's Tony Lockett second on \$175,000. Carlton's Stephen Kernahan is third on \$140,000, with former Glenelg teammate Tony McGuinness also on \$140,000. Three Hawthorn players made the top 10 with Dermott Brereton on \$140,000 and John Platten and Jason Dunstall sixth and seventh respectively, both on \$130,000. Chris Mainwaring was the only Eagles player to make the list, scraping in at No. 30, on \$100,000.

Draw reactions provided a stark contrast

A COMPARISON of the starkly different reactions to Saturday's draw from the Eagles and Bears camps shows how far the WA club has progressed.

The two sides entered the AFL in 1987 and while the Eagles have played in three finals series, the Bears haven't finished higher than 10th position, in 1989.

Thank goodness the Eagles didn't carry on like the Bears after the scores were tied at Carrara on the Gold Coast.

While Bears coach Robert Walls had every reason to be proud of his side's grand performance in matching it with last year's grand finalists, a draw is still only half-a-win!

The Eagles had made the long trek to Queensland to collect four premiership points. They came away with only two and saw it as failure.

Every side goes into a game to win and when that doesn't happen they should be disappointed. It is a sign of the Eagles maturity that they were not satisfied with a hard-fought draw.

Take nothing away from the Bears, they are struggling to establish themselves in an environment that craves for rugby league.

They should feel proud of their performance on Saturday and the players should be commended on their endeavour and never-say-die attitude.

But shouldn't Walls have been disappointed the Bears didn't snatch an upset victory after they hit the front early in the third term?

Instead he was quick to join his players in some joyous back-slapping on the ground before they left the arena and he was a happy man when he was interviewed soon after.

The Eagles players were a dejected lot, holding their head in their hands as they left the ground; scenes that brought back memories of that painful qualifying final draw against Collingwood in September 1990.

It was a far cry from back-slapping. Coach Mick Malthouse was lost for words to describe his player's lack of confidence and skipper John Worsfold, always a harsh self-critic, said he would long remember his 100th game with the club — for all the wrong reasons.

Youngster's trip well worthwhile

SOUTH Fremantle are hoping that history can repeat itself with their latest Kojonup recruit.

All-Australian State schoolboy Peter Bell took out the best player award for the Bulldogs colts on Saturday — and if he follows in the footsteps of Kojonup's favourite footballing son, Stephen Michael, Souths fans will be happy.

Bell made a special 560km round trip from Kojonup with his family to line up in the colts match.

Dual star

WEST Perth's talented sporting all-rounder Dean Solly faces a tough decision in the future about which sport to pursue, football or cricket.

Solly, a talented fast bowler with Mt Lawley, has represented WA at youth level in cricket and made his league debut in round one this year, playing in all three games so far.

Solly is not the only dual sportsman in the Falcons camp — Michael Jeps is a former State representative in the javelin.

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SHARKS UNITE ... former East Fremantle club mates Colin Waterson (above) and Ron Wilcox (below) are forming a strong player-coach relationship at Canning



Sharks input in Canning revival



By **BRUCE BUTLER**

FORMER East Fremantle premiership player Colin Waterson's presence at Canning gives the club a distinctive Sharks flavour.

The big forward, nicknamed "Kanga", has come out of a two-year retirement to pull on a guernsey for former East Fremantle coach, Ron Wilcox.

Waterson, 33 in June, is assistant-coach at Canning, joining forces with Wilcox, who coached him in East Fremantle's 1989 reserves premiership side.

Waterson, at the end of his 120-game league career, was persuaded by Wilcox to stay at the club and help the young Sharks side. He lined up at full-forward and played a key role in the premiership.

SIX GOALS

Waterson, whose pre-season was restricted by an old knee injury, starred in Canning's opening game, kicking six goals from full-forward against Applecross.

Wilcox, East Fremantle's league coach in 1990 before being dumped four games into last season, is blunt about Waterson's potential in Sunday football.

"He has the ability to kick 100 goals for us this year," Wilcox said.

Despite Waterson's six-goal haul in his first serious game for two years, Wilcox wasn't completely happy with his form.

"He didn't play too well really. He dropped a lot of marks in front of goal, but that will come with a few more games under his belt."

Waterson, a manager with the National Bank, quit the Sharks at the end of 1989, after seven years.

He came to WA after 13 games with VFL team Richmond. He joined the Sharks in 1982 and at 193cm tall (6ft 4in) quickly established a reputation as a strong marking key forward and ruckman.

He was at full-forward in the Sharks 1985 premiership win over Subiaco and won a State guernsey against South Australia that year.

Wilcox is back at Canning after six years on East Fremantle's coaching staff, that saw him graduate from the colts, to the reserves side and then the league.

Two other Sharks, former wingman Gavin Miller and reserves centre-half-back David Hewett, have joined Waterson and Wilcox.

Miller was one of the Tigers best last week, dominating in the centre, but Hewett, was a casualty with a hamstring strain.

Canning also lost centre-half-forward John Mansbridge, who received an accidental knee in the head and was stretchered off the ground early in the

third term.

For Wilcox, unlike most other coaches, the Easter bye came at the perfect time to give those players a week's rest.

Canning started impressively with a comfortable 31-point win over Applecross, but this Sunday they meet last year's beaten grand finalists Armadale, hungry for their first win.

Armadale were narrowly beaten by South Perth first up and then went down to Wanneroo by just 16 points.

Armadale coach Craig Smith is hoping to repeat a practice match result against Canning when they won by 25 goals.

In that game, full-back Kelly Quartermaine held Waterson to just three goals (out of six) and he will be given the job again.

LIVEWIRE

Andy Ward will tackle Miller in the centre and Armadale will also look to livewire wingman Matt Hill to give them control across the centre.

Hill, a younger brother of former Perth star Kevin Hill, has been in top form this season.

Smith said: "We are looking for a win this weekend and our next four games are very important to us, after dropping the first two narrowly."

"But we have been beaten by teams who will be right up there this season. We played much better against Wanneroo and the game was up for grabs till the time-on period."

"You are never happy losing, but the breaks went their way at the right time."

Wanneroo should have few problems with Thornlie, despite Thornlie's 20-point win over Willetton last week.

Les Fong, after an impressive first-up win against Armadale, has too much talent at his disposal to allow an upset.

Applecross and Kalamunda are both without a win, but Sunday should see Applecross grab the four points over last year's wooden spooners.

WINNING CHANCE

Kenwick and Kelmscott are also without wins, but Ray Witt's Kelmscott look the stronger side and should begin their climb up the ladder with a win over Dean Warwick's young Kenwick team.

Gosnells should have beaten South Perth last game — they were three goals up going into time-on — and they look certain to beat Maddington, though they will have to stop centreman Kim Lambkin and coach Darren Williams, at full-forward.

Willetton, upset by Thornlie last outing, will be hard-pressed to match Osborne Park, who thumped Kenwick by 15 goals.

The Saints, under Ed Blackaby, are looking good again and with ruck-rover Ray Ewen, full-forward Steve Syrananama and recruit Oral McGuire in good form, they will be hard to stop.

Front-runners South Perth, the only side with two wins, have a bye this Sunday.

Sad Slater

IT WAS a sad-sounding Keith Slater when the weekly topic of a second AFL team out of Perth came up for debate on Saturday's ABC sports show on Radio 6WF. Slater, a strong critic of a second team in the short term, wants to see the number of clubs in Victoria reduced before any expansion takes place. "We are rushing into this and we'll pay the penalty, as we did after that hasty 1986 decision," he said.



Thinking aloud

A column of news and views by **ALAN EAST**



Mixed feelings at the Port

THERE were plenty of people at Fremantle Oval who had mixed feelings when one of their favourite sons, Stan Magro, returned triumphant on Saturday.

One of the first to congratulate Magro on East Perth's victory was veteran Bulldogs volunteer Arthur Price, who shook the former Souths player and coach by the hand as he left the arena amidst the jubilant Royals players.

The East Perth players accepted an invitation from their conquered rivals to join them for an after-match drink and Magro was made more than welcome in the Souths president's lounge.

However, he must have had a tough job preventing a winning smile creeping over his face.

It was noticeable that a couple of Souths officials — who had obviously helped Magro on his way at the end of the 1990 season — weren't relaxing all that much!

But it was good to see former Souths people like Rob Solin, Richard Graham and Kevin Worthington welcomed back into the Bulldogs camp.

Even South Fremantle coach Mal Brown must have had mixed feelings when his old club handed out an unexpected victory in front of the Bulldogs home-town crowd.

"They were wonderful," he said of East Perth. "Their commitment was fantastic and taught our guys a few things."

"We were pathetic and now we have to re-group and find out where we are going."

Interesting comments from a man who tried to get Magro back to the club this year.

Experts not always right

CHANNEL Seven set themselves up as the experts on football, but they do let themselves — and the game — down quite often.

Take their Saturday night coverage of the Eagles-Bears game from Brisbane.

At half-time they slipped in an interesting feature on the WAFL — but their homework was a little sloppy. Not only did they spell Haydn Bunton's name wrong, but they referred to South Fremantle being bolstered by two "seasoned AFL players in Wally Matera and Mark Collins returning to the club."

Sure, Matera was a good player in the national league, for the Eagles and Fitzroy, but Collins was drafted by the Sydney Swans last season, only to return to Souths without cracking senior ranks.

In addition, why couldn't Seven have slipped in the Saturday afternoon WAFL results as part of that half-time fill-in?

Sumich had some motivation

ONE wonders whether Eagles coach Mick Malthouse provided the incentive for ace goalkicker Peter Sumich to fight his way back into the side last Saturday.

On the previous Sunday, after the loss to Geelong, Malthouse emphatically ruled Sumich out of last week's

side, saying his ankle injury would not be right.

The coach's opinions filtered back to Sumich, who obviously didn't agree.

He worked hard all week to recover from the ankle strain and got the green light from the trainers to make the trip to Brisbane.

While he was a bit off-target and lacking match practice in his first game since the Foster's Cup match in February, Sumich did get his share of the ball, taking six marks, but finishing with 2.5 for his efforts.

But the good news was his ankle stood up to the test.

South Bunbury hold on to win thriller

A NINE-goal final quarter by Busselton just failed to lift them to victory in their nail-biting clash with South Bunbury at Bovev Park on Sunday.

The Magpies struggled for the first three quarters and at the final break trailed by 39 points.

But they rallied superbly and attacked relentlessly to lose by just three points, 15.16 (106) to 16.7 (103).

South Bunbury were best served by rover Lou Grasso, centreman Gavin Thornton and full-forward Jason Ninnett, who kicked six goals, while Busselton's best were wingman Kim De Morton and back pocket Neil Forster.

DETERMINED

Carey Park overcame a determined Augusta-Margaret River to score a hard fought, 15.12 (102) to 13.11 (89) win at Kelly Park.

Scores were level going into the last quarter, but the Panthers skipped away in the final stages thanks to three goals in time-on to Wayne Ryder.

He finished with six goals and was well supported by talented teenager Paul Barnard, who kicked four.

Exciting Hawks teenager Lee Walker kicked six goals in a brilliant display at centre-half-forward and full-forward.

Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup continued their good form upsetting Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault at Boyanup Oval.

The Cardinals overcame a poor first quarter to run over the top of last year's premiers and win 15.16 (106) to 15.7 (97).

Former Subiaco player John Sullivan controlled the centre for the Cardinals, Angelo Conti roved well and Craig Reimers was the dominant ruckman.

Lions ruck-rover Chris Macri and rover Tony Strano, who kicked seven goals, worked hard to be their team's best players.

COMFORTABLE

Bunbury stayed on top of the ladder when they comfortably accounted for Collie by 50 points at Payne Park.

South Barker spring upset on town rivals

SOUTH Mt Barker produced the upset of the season in a runaway win, 26.17 (173) to 7.5 (47) over arch rivals, North Barker.

Souths turned the tables in the Mt Barker derby, stopping the Demons high-scoring winning run.

Craig Anning led the way for the Maroons and Patrick Winmar kicked four goals. Richard Ugle, Eric Krakouer and Steven Mead also played well for Souths.

Darren Long, Peter Sundo, Kelvin Hardy, Mead, Krakouer and Anning all kicked three goals for Souths.

For the Demons, Gary Pope, Tim Williams and Robert Woods kicked two goals and Ian Higgins, Nathan Ashton, Winston Williams and Brad Kleeman battled hard.

Royals had their third straight win, thrashing reigning premiers Tambellup, 28.14 (182) to 5.2 (32).

Tambellup have been decimated by player losses from last year and have

started with three defeats.

Royals star full-forward Tim Hunter continued his great form, kicking nine goals and James House bagged four.

Wayne Hulm, Joe Tricholo, Steve Ored and Hunter dominated for Royals and for a disappointing Tambellup, Jeff Farmer, Brian Aylmore, Craig Webster and Graham Quartermaine tried hard.

IMPROVEMENT

Katanning Australs continued their improvement with a big win, 22.21 (153) to 6.4 (40) over North Albany.

Darren Byrne kicked six, Ronald Coles and Barry Jolly four each and Richard Press got three.

Best for Australs were Jolly, Press, Jamie Weston and Ross Nicholson.

For Norths, Paul Marchesi, Gavin Michael, Ray Mountford and Eddie Inman fought hard and Brendon Noakes kicked three of their six goals.

Undefeated Railways had a predictable 27.24 (186) to 10.8 (68) win over Katanning Wanderers.

Todd McGregor bagged eight goals, Kim Arundel five and David Palfrey three, while Mal Thomson, McGregor, Troy and Jamie Sutherland were the Tigers best.

For Wanderers, who are desperately short of big men and yet to win, Chris Ward bagged four goals while Daniel Ramm, Paul Hansen, Cameron Taylor and the reliable Mick Quartermaine worked hard.

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Despite being weakened by injury, the Bulldogs led from the outset to win 16.16 (112) to 8.14 (62).

Defenders Scott Cooper and Brett Maguire provided the springboard for numerous attacks, which were capitalised on by ace midfielders Brett Lee, Grant Hawkes and Mark Skehan.

The Saints Brad Barton played well alternating between centre and centre-half-forward as did centre-half-back Chad McElroy.

Donnybrook's woeful season continued when they received their second successive thrashing.

The Dons lost by 84 points to Bunbury last weekend and on Sunday at the Collie Recreation Ground, they were handed an 88-point hiding, 20.22 (142) to 7.12 (54) by Mines Rovers.

Mines Ruckman Troy Fare turned in an excellent game, Gary Winterton was solid across half-back while wingman Paul Barrett provided drive on his wing.

Donnybrook centreman Darren Atherton and centre-half-forward Lindsay Dale worked hard for four quarters to be their team's best players.

Kalgoorlie hand out a thrashing

KALGOORLIE continued their top form with a thumping win, 24.23 (167) to 11.9 (75) over Boulder in the Easter round of the Goldfields Football League.

Forwards Wayne McNeil and Russell Wellstead kicked five goals apiece and were instrumental in setting up the big win.

Former Subiaco follower, Glenn O'Loughlin, turned in another busy performance around the ground for Kalgoorlie.

Trevor Pollard also played well and kicked four goals.

Boulder were outclassed by a much stronger side, despite a superb seven-goal (out of 11) solo-effort by Quentin Bandry.

For Kalgoorlie, McNeil, O'Loughlin, Wellstead, Pollard, Clinton Wolf and Craig Murphy were among the best.

Boulder had strong contributors in Bandry, Coleman, Mark Softley, Ernie Dimer and former East Perth man, Russell Sparks.

STRONG FINISH

Mines held off a fast finishing Kambalda to win, 10.13 (73) to 8.9 (57).

Kambalda trailed all game after a shocking first term when they could only manage a single point, while Mines slammed on five goals.

They clawed their way back into the game and in the final term kicked four goals to Mines two, but couldn't quite peg back the big start they gave away.

For Mines, Paul Clinch and Terry Gordon kicked two goals each and Craig Reid, Craig Hoycard, Brett Turner and Terry Gordon played well.

For Kambalda former Perth utility player Mick Garbin kicked three goals, and was well supported by Jason Epis, Lou Pryce, Steve Kreinbuhl and Paul Watson.

This Sunday Kambalda play Railways and Kalgoorlie take on Mines.

COUNTRY PREMIERSHIP TABLES

Newman League

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Santa	3	2	1	271	259	129.66	8
Pioneer	3	3	1	267	258	102.33	8
Central	3	1	2	258	223	116.14	4
Tigers	3	1	2	214	264	75.31	4

Avon Association

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Quandring	2	2	0	330	154	307.79	8
Beveling	2	2	0	230	145	160.68	8
Kilberwin	2	2	0	196	170	115.29	8
Cunden	2	1	1	253	147	172.10	4
Tamin	2	1	1	188	188	111.24	4
Railways	1	0	1	100	107	93.45	
Federals	1	0	1	97	151	64.23	
York	2	0	2	140	255	49.12	
Bookton	2	0	2	110	308	35.59	

Upper Great Southern

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Bodongton	2	2	0	336	95	352.63	8
Kakato	2	2	0	272	121	224.79	8
Wage	2	2	0	193	172	106.39	8
Williams	1	1	1	196	135	145.18	4
Freely	1	1	1	257	239	122.96	4
Toers	1	1	1	301	254	119.29	4
Lake Gibson	1	1	1	171	248	68.96	4
Wickip	1	0	2	151	218	69.26	0
West Arthur	1	0	2	148	250	49.62	0
Railways	1	0	2	122	287	42.62	0

Great Southern

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Railways	3	3	0	0	454	179	252.21	12
Royals	3	3	0	0	398	165	239.73	12
Austral	3	3	0	0	447	242	184.71	12
North Barker	3	3	0	0	568	278	204.32	12
Kalgoorlie	1	1	0	0	172	139	123.82	4
Stn Mt Barker	1	1	0	0	225	174	129.31	4
Wanderers	1	0	2	0	113	325	36.01	0
North Albany	1	0	2	0	148	482	30.64	0
Tambellup	1	0	2	0	102	631	25.43	0

Eastern Districts

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Burkesbrook	3	3	0	404	174	232.18	12
Buck Rock	3	3	0	227	137	165.69	12
Nakara	3	3	0	121	98	123.67	12
Kindra	1	1	1	183	180	101.67	4
Narabean	1	1	1	169	164	103.63	4
Kain	1	1	1	154	210	87.62	4
Hydra/Kalgan	1	0	2	78	122	63.93	0
Stn Ouse	1	0	2	110	248	44.36	0
Osprey	1	0	2	104	374	33.15	0

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Goldfields

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Kalgoorlie	3	2	0	0	299	138	216.66	8
Railways	2	2	0	0	280	171	163.74	8
Mines	2	1	0	1	168	178	94.38	4
Boulder	3	1	0	2	223	365	61.08	4
Kambalda	3	0	0	3	179	277	64.62	0

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SOUTH WEST

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Bunbury	3	3	0	0	241	137	225.33	12
Carey Park	3	3	0	0	239	195	122.56	12
Boy Coat	3	3	0	0	209	187	111.77	12
Mines Rovers	1	1	1	1	209	154	135.74	4
Harvey Blues	1	1	1	1	187	173	108.14	4
Busselton	1	1	1	1	209	188	110.64	4
Stn Bunbury	1	1	1	1	212	240	88.33	4
Aug Marg Riv	1	0	2	1	179	205	87.33	0
Cole	1	0	2	1	145	218	66.51	0
Donnybrook	1	0	2	1	92	271	36.53	0

PRUDENTIAL

CENTRAL COASTAL

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Juren Bay	3	3	0	0	389	127	306.12	12
Cavanahs	3	2	0	0	222	174	127.58	8
Rovers	3	2	0	1	304	244	124.59	8
Wahroos	2	1	0	1	271	108	250.00	4
Dandaragan	3	1	0	2	245	249	98.4	4
B-Ming	2	0	0	2	194	231	70.0	0
Leeman	3	0	0	3	157	504	31.91	0

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War years delayed Joe's career for a decade

Courage award

Courage award

SWAN Districts have instituted the Joe Pearce Award of Courage in recognition of his triumph over adversity.

Pearce was overwhelmed when Swans announced the award on the eve of the 1990 premiership between Swans and Claremont.

The initial award went to the late John Byrne, a club worker who died just before that 1990 premiership victory and last year's winner was Ken McKay, another club stalwart who has triumphed over a severe accident.

"I was pretty proud when they announced it," says Pearce. "Apparently, they had looked through all their old players and chose me."



TOUGH GUY . . . Joe Pearce is at home on the land, but with good memories of a career at Bassendean.

MAKING comebacks is something that presents a challenge for many a footballer these days — and successful returns are well-highlighted.

But there would be few comebacks to match that of Joe Pearce, a Swan Districts fairest and best winner in 1949 and 1950; a feat that really was miraculous.

Pearce, now a sprightly 75, but still very much addicted to football, virtually came back from the dead, surviving three years on the infamous Burma railway during his incarceration in Singapore's Changi Prison during the war.

The father of 1981 Claremont premiership player Tom, Pearce started his own career with Swans back in 1939, when he was plucked out of country football — but it was to be 10 years before he made his mark.

Pearce's initial appearance at Bassendean Oval didn't exactly set club officials smiling with glee. But his courage, strength and determination was later to prove a real inspiration.

That early change from country football at remote Moulyinning, in the far eastern wheatbelt, to Bassendean was a cultural shock for the tough little man.

"I had never trained much in my life before," he says.

"Jim Ditchburn was the coach and he sent me onto the track with Spec Sinclair, the fittest man in the club. He raced us around the oval three times before we started training — and that was just about it for me."

"But I enjoyed the season, even though I had limited success, playing 14 games and was 19th man quite a few times.

"I enlisted then, but stayed at home on the farm in 1940, playing with Moulyinning in the old Dumbleyung-Lake Grace League, waiting to get called up.

"We beat Dudinin in the grand final and I left on the train the next day for army service."

The season of 1941 saw Pearce play himself into a little bit of football history — lining up with three different major leagues, in an era when servicemen didn't require clearances.

Based at Northam, he started the season with Swans before being transferred to South Australia, where he finished off with seven games at Glenelg.

He capped off the year by playing in the Army team in the Northern Territory competition during a posting to Darwin; accompanied on the historic three-league journey by another local in Ron Anderson, from Quairading.

Five years later, Pearce was a shattered man after the war. Gone was the 78kg tough utility player and in his place was a 40kg weakling — but a man determined to make up for those lost years.

He returned to the land, taking up farming duties with brother Tom and it wasn't till the middle of the 1948 season that he ventured back to Bassendean.

"It took me two years to get fit enough to play again," he says, admitting that marriage to Gwyn in 1946 gave him the benefit of some good, old-fashioned home cooking in preference to a handful of rice a day.

"I was determined to get back into the game because I felt the war had robbed me of a lot of football and I worked pretty hard on the farm, doing a lot of running and so forth."

"It was still a gamble going back to Swans at the age of 31, but I put my age back two years, so they didn't think I was all that old.

"Bill Kingsbury was coach and I slotted in mainly on a half-forward flank that year, but I was well behind the other guys in fitness."

Pearce has good memories of some of those bygone players, especially Spec Sinclair, a Bassendean legend who was tough, versatile and courageous. He also pays tribute to one of the game's all-time greats — an opponent, in Haydn Bunton snr.

"He was a real champion, a man with plenty of stamina and he would still be a great player in today's style of football. Sometimes you could hold him for a quarter, but you could never out-run him for the whole game."

Pearce was back to his best by 1949, switching to a half-back flank and changing on the ball with Jack Murray as a ruck-rover.

But even that wasn't easy as the farm still required attention and it was a long 500km round trip over gravel roads from Moulyinning to Bassendean — even if he did it in reverse . . . a country footballer

based in the city.

The couple rented a home in Scarborough and Pearce would drive back to the farm on Sunday night for a week's work and then return on Friday afternoon while his wife stayed in the city.

Pearce played regularly for about five years after returning to live in Moulyinning in 1952 and started a 20-year coaching reign that produced 12 premierships, including nine in a row.

He played on and off over those years — and even filled in for the reserves when he was in his 50s.

Son Tom won two flags coaching Kukerin when they were in the Central Great Southern and last year they dominated the Upper Great Southern, losing only two games, but being out-foxed by Tony Solin's Boddington in the grand final.

Some pretty handy players have graduated to city ranks from the Moulyinning region, with legendary East Perth coach Phil Matson originally from that way and even former great player, coach, umpire and media man Mick Cronin went to school in the district.

Swans grabbed a few other league players such as Gary Gray and Dennis Frost, but then the traffic was diverted to Claremont, with Tom Pearce heading there, along with the Gooding brothers, Dalton, Malcolm and Graham.

Claremont had earlier picked up one of their most outstanding players from that district — Allen Mycock, one of the original flying footballers, who made the weekly trip by air. But he could almost have gone

to Swans, who signed him up initially, but stood out for a year when he accepted an offer from Claremont.

Pearce still enjoys watching the local youngsters play and he has the rare distinction of seeing four generations of one family line up in local colours.

"We've got a young guy playing now in Brayden Mott and I remember his great-grandfather Harold play when I was a youngster," says Pearce. "Then I saw his grandfather Jack play, followed by his father Merv."

"There are plenty of three generation families that I've seen as well."

Son Tom is now 32, married with young sons in Daniel and Ben, living on an adjoining property and running two family farms, about 50kms apart, with 7000 acres with 6000 sheep.

Pearce's daughters, Allison and Tracy, are married and living in the city.

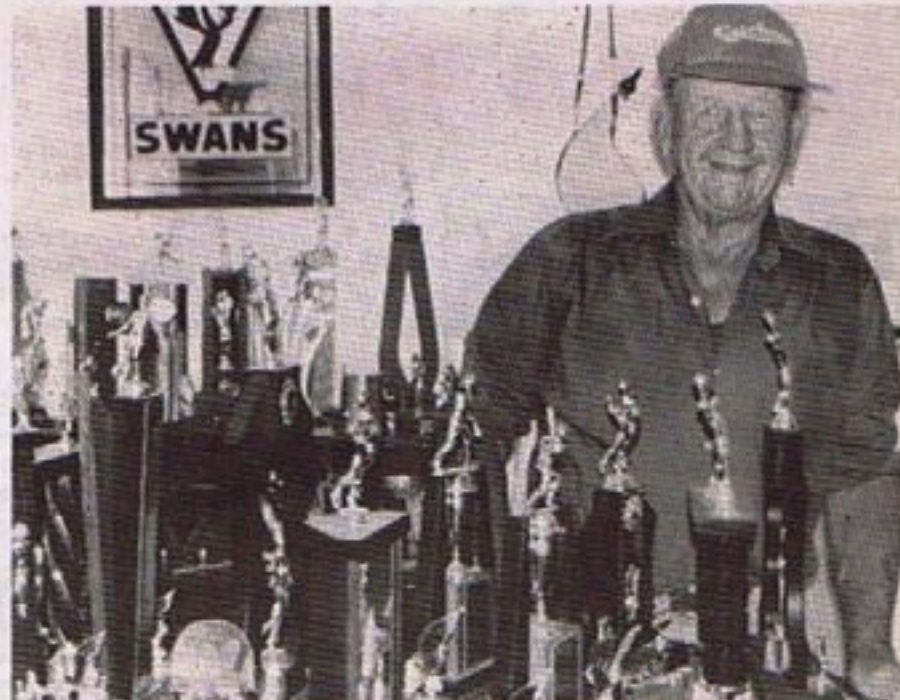
Current South Fremantle coach Mal Brown was the man who tempted Tom to Claremont.

He had played with Kukerin, with Moulyinning not able to field a junior team and, together with another local in Ray Smith, boarded at Swanleigh, near Guildford, where Brown clinched their signatures.

Joe Pearce has a healthy sporting line-up among his sisters — the famous Pearce hockey girls all coming from the little township of Moulyinning. May, Jean, Caroline and Norma all went on to play for Australia.



TROPHY TIME . . . Joe Pearce with a couple of trophies of his own (above) and a shelf full for son Tom



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WHISTLE-BLOWERS

200 games up for O'Reilly

VETERAN umpire Phil O'Reilly takes charge of his 200th league game, including six AFL matches, this Saturday.

One of the top umpires in the game, O'Reilly's career has now extended over 16 seasons.

A hallmark of his work has been the unobtrusive and efficient manner he has gone about his job.

Other recent umpiring milestones include goal umpire Gil Bishop's 150th league outing last week. This tally includes 125 games as a boundary umpire spanning 21 seasons.

Grant Vernon recently umpired his 150th senior game, including 62 AFL matches.

Boundary umpire Peter Frusher celebrates his 100th game this week, including 23 AFL appearances, while Tony Franchina made his AFL debut, running the boundary when the Eagles played St Kilda.



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Football diary

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Stephen O'Reilly... impressive against West Perth

APRIL 16: CLAREMONT coach Gerard Neesham confirms he would like to coach the new Fremantle AFL team, likely to start next year. SOUTH Fremantle's president, Ric Gloede expressed an interest to enter the AFL alone to maintain the club's history but says he will get the consent of the WA Football Commission first. WEST Coast chairman Terry O'Connor condemns the Victorian AFL clubs for pressing for a second WA team to weaken the Eagles, re-iterating the promise of AFL Commission chairman Ross Oakley that there would be no more clubs until the Sydney Swans and Brisbane Bears are well established. THE AFL Players' Association is also unhappy with the plan for another WA AFL team entering next season, threatening to boycott the Brownlow Medal count and instigate a pre-season strike.

APRIL 17: A BATTLE is brewing in the Port with East and South Fremantle jockeying to become the base for the second AFL team. WEST Coast star goalkicker, Peter Sumich looked likely to play for South Fremantle after Ea-

gles coach Mick Malthouse prematurely ruled him out for the Brisbane Bears clash. SOUTH Australian National Football League president Max Basher and Victorian Football league legend Ted Whitten both attacked the proposed second WA team entering the AFL in 1993, saying that is far too soon.

APRIL 18: ONE of football's toughest men, East Perth's Lucio Baroni played his 100th game in the match against South Fremantle.

APRIL 20: GEELONG officials were pleased with the efforts of Swan Districts draftee Stephen O'Reilly after restricting West Perth's Derek Hall.

APRIL 22: COLLINGWOOD remained the only unbeaten AFL side this season after five rounds, when they defeated Melbourne 19.17 (131) to 14.14 (98). EAST Perth's Peter Miller polled eight out of 10 votes in the Magic Nissan, The West Australian Footballer of the Year award. Eagles Chris Lewis and Dean Kemp also feature in the voting.

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Aust. Football League

FRIDAY: Round 6 — Sydney v North Melbourne, at SCG (delayed Channel 7, 11.35pm). SATURDAY: Collingwood v Hawthorn, at Waverley; Essendon v Melbourne, at MCG; Carlton v St Kilda, at Princes Park (highlights Channel 7, 5pm to 6pm). SUNDAY: Richmond v West Coast, at MCG (live Channel 7, noon); Geelong v Fitzroy, at Kardinia Park (highlights Channel 7, 3pm); Adelaide v Brisbane, at Football Park. Footscray bye.

WA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ROUND 4

SATURDAY: Round 4, 3.30pm (Reserves 1pm): Subiaco v Swan Districts, at Subiaco Oval, (6WF, 6PR, 6NR); MONDAY: 2.20pm: West Perth v South Fremantle, at Leederville Oval, (6NR); East Perth v Claremont, at Perth Oval, (6PR); East Fremantle v Perth, at East Fremantle Oval, (6WF).

Sunday League

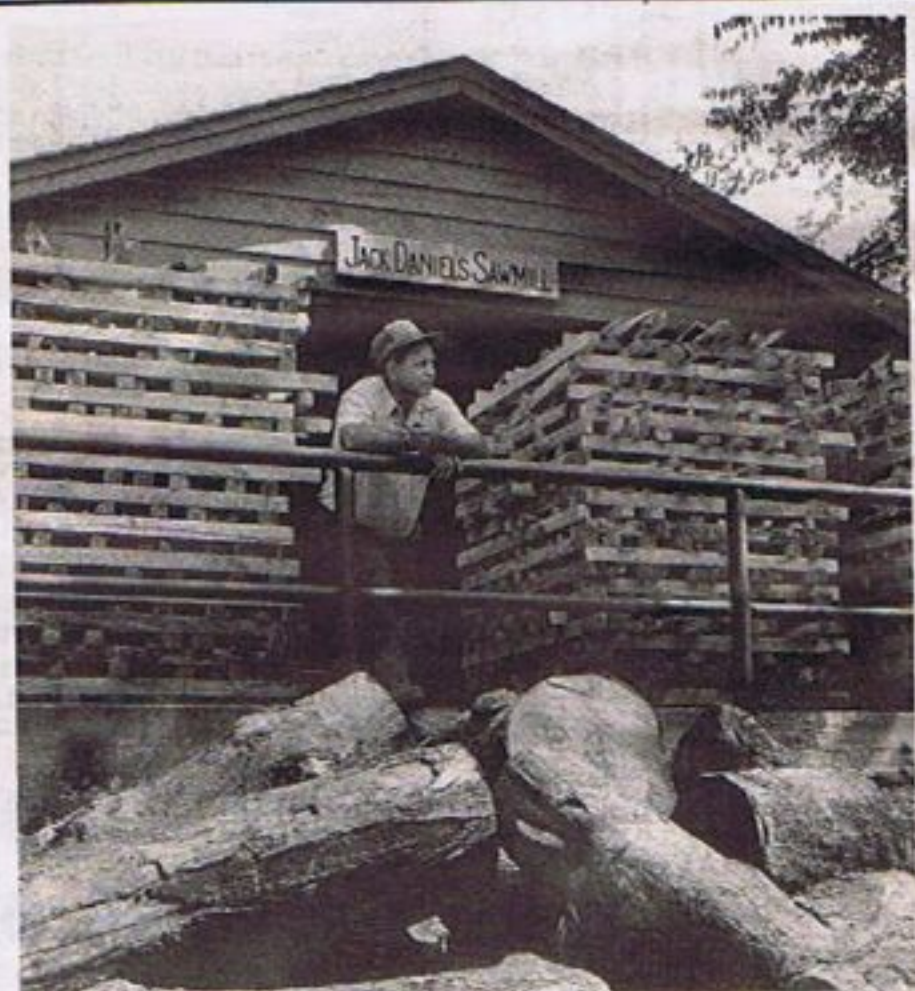
SUNDAY: Round 3: Colts 9am, reserves 11.45am, league 2.20pm: Canning v Armadale, at Wyong Oval; Wanneroo v Thornlie, at Kingsway Reserve; Kalamunda v Applecross, at Ray Owen Reserve; Kenwick v Kelmscott, at Mills Park; Gosnells v Maddington, at Gosnells Oval; Willetton v Osborne Park, at Burrendah Reserve. Bye South Perth.

Amateur League

SATURDAY: Round 2: Nollamara v Wembley, at Des Penman Reserve No.1; Trinity Aquinas v 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.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Saturday: Round 6 — Central District v West Adelaide, Sturt v Glenelg, double-header at Football Park; South Adelaide v Eagles, at Adelaide Oval; Norwood v Port Adelaide, at Norwood; North Adelaide bye.



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NEW SLANT... Perth president Ted O'Connor has his own ideas about a new AFL team out of WA

Demons chief stirs AFL team debate

By

KIM HAGDORN

PERTH president Ted O'Connor has called on the WA Football Commission to consider basing WA's second AFL club at Lathlain Park — not Fremantle.

O'Connor stormed into the debate over a Fremantle AFL side this week with claims that the new team should not necessarily be at the Port.

He joins Swan Districts president Bill Walker and Subiaco boss David Williams as opponents to the push for a team from Fremantle to enter the AFL.

Walker believes the new team will sound the death-knell of the local com-

petition, while Williams is an advocate of a second side based at Joondalup.

O'Connor has also called on the WAFC to make early clarification on who will control Perth's new team. He wants clear indication on whether pub-

lic investment opportunity will be made available.

Currently the WAFC control 75 per cent of the West Coast Eagles, with the other 25 per cent held by shareholders of Indian Pacific Ltd.

"We need to know whether the Commission will hold the licence entirely or offer some public involvement," O'Connor said.

Rattling the Bulldogs and Sharks teeth with a series of stinging verbal blows, O'Connor said the WA public deserve more than the foregone conclusion that Fremantle is the best place for the new side.

O'Connor wants south of the river teams — East and South Fremantle, Perth and Swan Districts — to feed the new side, while Claremont, Subiaco, East Perth and West Perth would fall under the Eagles wing.

He says the State's next team must be marketed, sold and promoted on a south of the river concept, not just Fremantle.

In another option to the Fremantle push, O'Connor says an obvious name for the new club is the Perth Sharks.

"Including Perth in the team name is a better marketing ploy and the nickname Sharks would be new to the AFL," he said.

"There are already teams in the AFL known as the Bulldogs, Demons and Swans."

O'Connor also wants any future introduction of clubs to the WAFL to be of benefit to Perth-based AFL teams.

While O'Connor prefers Lathlain Park as the alternative home to a Fremantle-based AFL club, he does not mind where the club is located.

POTENTIAL FANS

"It just makes more sense for the new team to be established with the support of all potential football fans and supporters south of the river," O'Connor said.

"It has to spread to include people from the Hills district, out to Armadale and Byford and down to Rockingham, not just Fremantle."

"The membership, supporter-base and franchising potential is far greater if the team is promoted as a south of the river concept."

"There is something like 500,000 people on that side of the river."

"That's a heck of a lot more potential supporters than the Fremantle district alone."

"Let the Eagles establish their support and future north of the river and the new team can go south."

ZONING CONCEPT

O'Connor's elaborate plan effectively calls for a zoning of Western Australia, a concept fully endorsed by Eagles management.

However, AFL officials and Melbourne clubs are totally opposed to WA zoning.

And if country teams are to join the WAFL, O'Connor says two clubs should come in at once and be aligned with one of the State's AFL teams.

"Bunbury, for example, would be under the south of the river club and the Goldfields with the Eagles," O'Connor explained.

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