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SELDOM has the pressure been as intense as that focused on the West Coast Eagles this weekend, as they return home to Subiaco Oval — but face the current AFL giant-killers and league leaders, Footscray... Mick Malthouse's old club, what's more. KIM HAGDORN looks at the problems plaguing the Eagles — and how last year's grand finalists can turn things around. PLUS... the interstate battle is ready to kick off and inside we have a two-page special on the WA campaign

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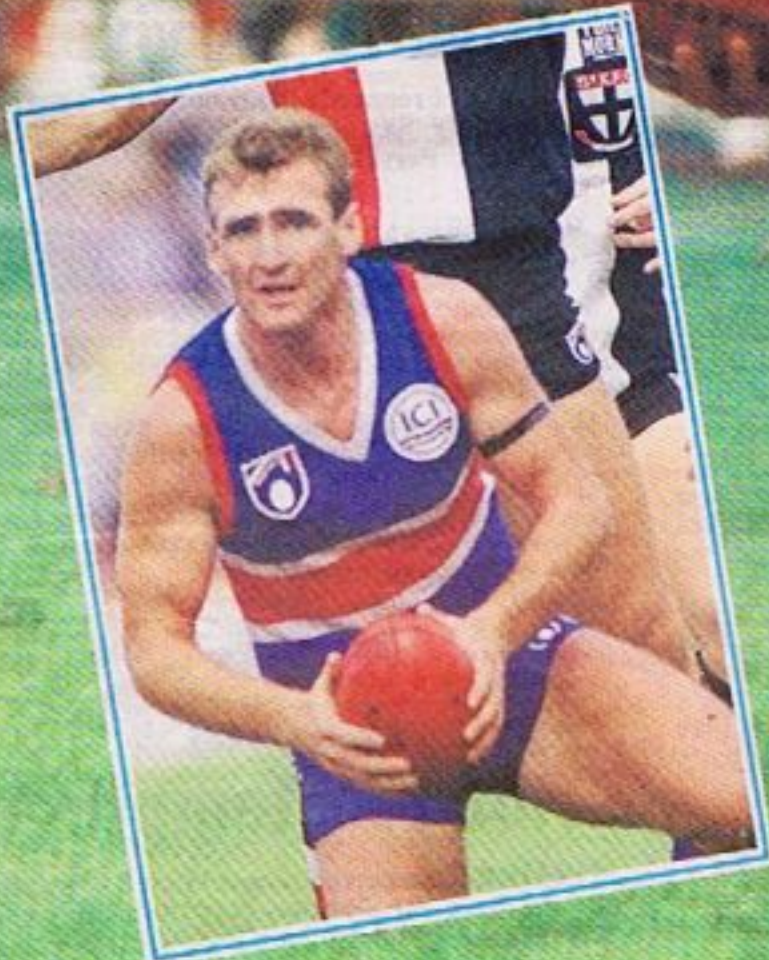
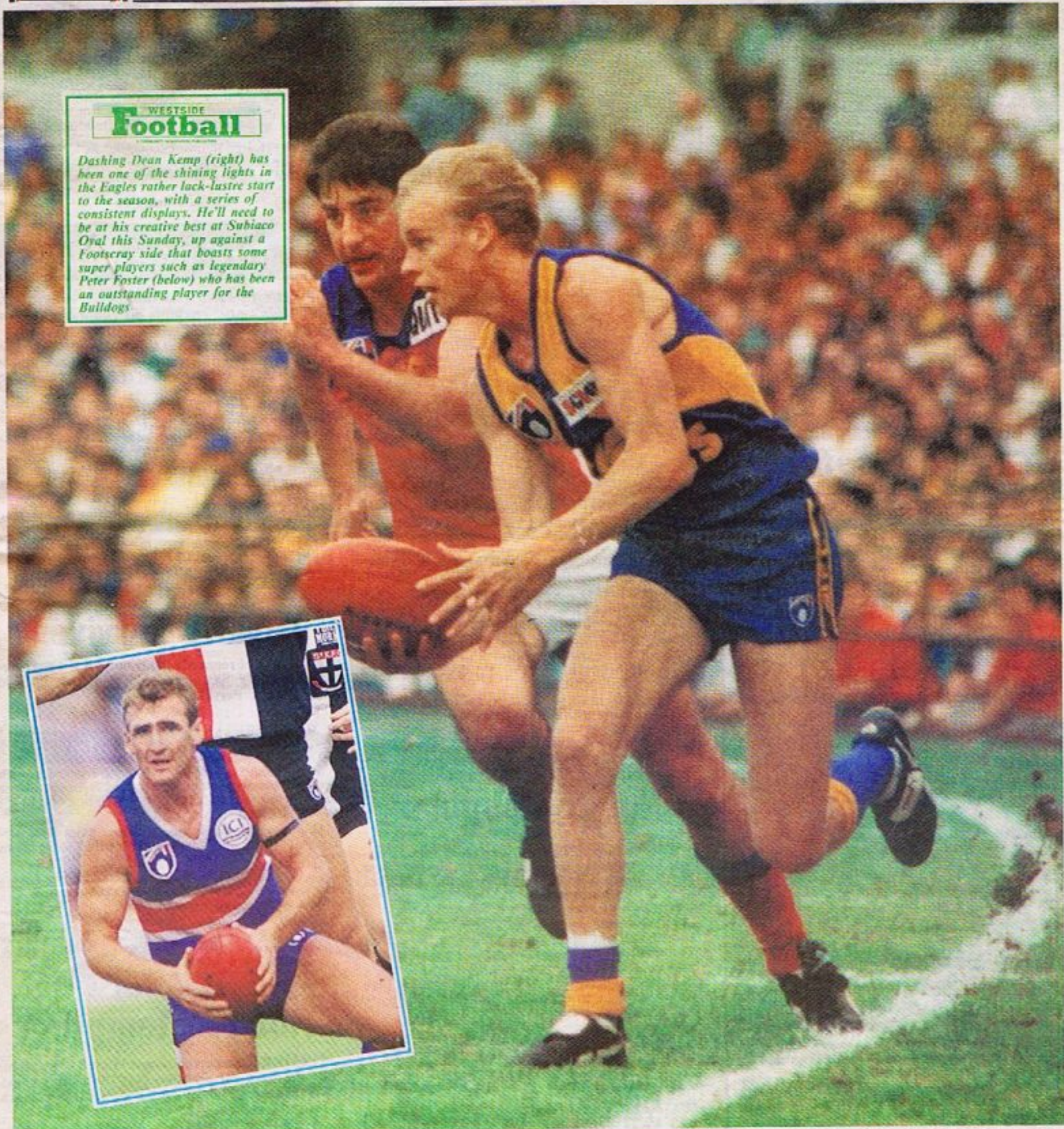
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Dashing Dean Kemp (right) has been one of the shining lights in the Eagles rather lack-lustre start to the season, with a series of consistent displays. He'll need to be at his creative best at Subiaco Oval this Sunday, up against a Footscray side that boasts some super players such as legendary Peter Foster (below) who has been an outstanding player for the Bulldogs



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SOUTH Fremantle president Ric Gloede has given Bulldogs members a guarantee over the possible Fremantle AFL team. "This is a members club and we will not do anything without giving you, the members, a chance to vote on any move," he told supporters.

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

Mixed feelings

ONE of WA's football legends in Peter Featherby is having some mixed feelings about his former football teams at present.

The former Subiaco champion kick-getter was in town from his Busselton home last weekend to see a disappointing Lions go down to South Fremantle.

But his previous AFL teams in Geelong and Footscray are certainly making up for it with their success in the national league.

Featherby rates the Footscray improvement, from virtual financial obscurity to top of the premiership table, as being an enormous achievement.

Speaking to Radio 6NR's half-time interview man Colin Minson, Featherby said the current form of Subiaco was a mystery.

"They seem very disjointed and lack cohesion," he said. "They have got the skill, but they can't put it together. Haydn Bunton faces an enormous challenge."

Featherby, who is no longer involved in senior football in Busselton after coaching the league side in the SWNFL for several seasons, is still keeping his finger on the football pulse. He coaches one of the 16s sides in Busselton, playing in the Bunbury under-age competition ... and has a pretty handy son emerging in the ranks.

Grieve's setback

SUBIACO'S playing crisis worsened this week when tough mid-fielder Andrew Grieve was forced to undergo arthroscopic surgery to his injured knee.

The gritty Lion had made an impressive start to the season, but damaged his knee in the WACA Ground match against Swan Districts on the Anzac Day long-weekend.

Grieve's loss is another bitter blow to the struggling Lions.

Adoring fans

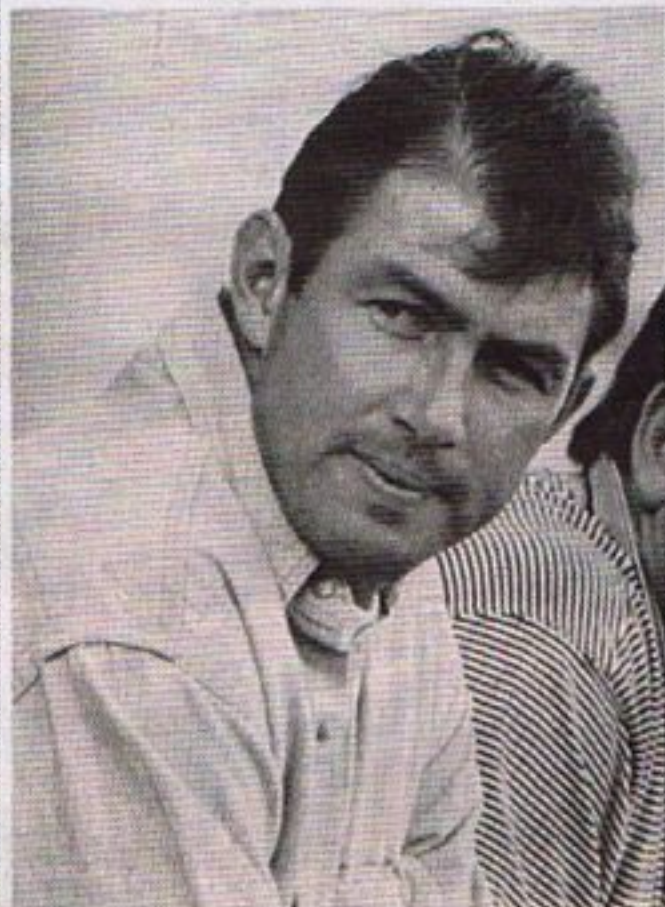


EAST Fremantle's current form is proving a bonus for Sharks supporters — and a real upsurge in interest has resulted from the young fans.

The Sharks players impressed when they took time out to sign dozens of autographs on the ground after Saturday's win over East Perth — a gesture that might have held up their after-match post-mortem, but won them plenty of fans.

That's big man Paul Harding obliging some young fans seeking autographs ... and he was just one of the many Sharks who found time to satisfy the stars of tomorrow.

Bulldogs recruit



BATTING ON ... Australian cricketer Geoff Marsh keeps a watchful eye on his favourite Bulldogs

STATE cricket captain Geoff Marsh was a surprise inclusion on the training track at Fremantle Oval on Monday night, when he joined the Bulldogs for a run as part of his fitness campaign after a month of celebrations following WA's Sheffield Shield win.

Marsh, who played a handful of games with South Fremantle before opting for a cricket career, is a regular at Bulldogs games.

During the cricket season he was often at Fremantle Oval for boxing sessions with Laurie Flanders, seeking to sharpen up his footwork when he found himself in the middle of a batting slump.

Not too popular

IT WAS no surprise that Perth defender John Clarkson was among the side's best players against West Perth — it seemed as though none of his rivals wanted to get too close to a man who had been in bed with the chicken pox all week.

Clarkson got a medical clearance to play and was selected after getting through a full training session on Wednesday night.

He shed a few kilos, but his quick recovery was a good sign for the State squad, with the team to play South Australia to be selected after this Sunday's Eagles-Footscray clash.

Spare players

TUESDAY'S interstate contest between WA and SA will again see 22 players used by both sides. But if a WA player is injured after the side arrives in Adelaide on Monday, a replacement will not be called up to fill the gap.

If an injury occurs at training on Monday afternoon, the side will play 21 players and the Croweaters will reduce their side in accordance.

Ryder switches camps

HARD-RUNNING mid-fielder Mark Ryder has switched Port clubs and joined East Fremantle.

Ryder, a member of last year's South Fremantle reserves premiership team, is a victim of an abundance of mid-field players in the Bulldogs den.

He was cleared to East Fremantle late last week and will make his first appearance for the Sharks reserves against West Perth this Saturday.

Lally not happy

POPULAR Perth and State squad rover Steven Lally didn't quite celebrate his 100th league game as he had planned.

Lally (27) turned in what he described as a "shocker" — but typical of his team-oriented approach, he cast aside his own effort in the light of Perth's third victory for the season.

"Thank God the club is bigger than the individual," Lally said after the Demons 41-point win.

"I wasn't happy with my game. But the important thing is we won.

"I'm not making excuses, but I did find it hard to come up for a Friday night game after playing on the Monday.

"But I think that's what the competition is about these days and you have to be able to cope.

"The competition is very tight. There are no easy games and that's good for the competition."

Loyalty survives

NEW South Fremantle centreman Joe Santostefano certainly hasn't severed ties with his old WAFL club, Perth.

The former Demon was conspicuous by his presence in the jovial Demons rooms after Friday night's impressive victory over West Perth, at the WACA Ground.

Santostefano has retained his close friendship with several Demons and shared in the victory till the Demons left for their club post-match function in the WACA's Lillie-Marsh Stand.

His brief time-walk didn't detract from Santostefano's performance for Souths, against Subiaco on Saturday.

The veteran mid-fielder was in superb form for his new club as the Bulldogs produced a 12-goal drubbing of last year's grand finalists.

Santostefano gained a clearance to South Fremantle during pre-season in a deal which saw Perth gain the services of promising ruckman Damian Eves, who is developing in the reserves.

Not too tempting

FORMER East Perth skipper Glen Bartlett came out of retirement briefly to join the ABC's television broadcast of the Subiaco-South Fremantle clash at Subiaco Oval.

Bartlett, the Royals leading goalscorer last season, admitted that he hadn't been to a football match all season — partly due to work commitments at Murdoch University ... but also for another reason.

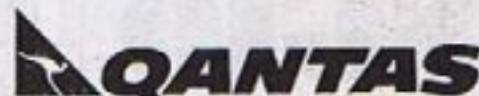
"I've been keeping well away because I know as soon as I start watching, I'll get the urge to be out there myself," he said.



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Consolation prize pays off

ANOTHER disappointing loss for the West Coast Eagles has seen them drop to 10th on the AFL ladder, leaving many fans wondering what is going on with the hometown team.

Fitzroy played well to keep the Eagles at bay and the West Coasters are still struggling to find the form of 1991.

However, for Susan Hastie of Bunbury, a dinner for two at Sardi's — the place for ribs — is some consolation for the 20-point loss.

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She had the closest winning margin for the Sunday game, with an entry of 21 points ... one off and that's good enough to be a winner.

Many of the entrants were close to the mark with numerous guesses of 23 and 17, with many other entries in the low 20s.

Let's hope this Sunday's game at Subiaco Oval against Footscray will lead to a much-needed victory and boost the Eagles morale.

Once again, all entrants will go into the barrel for the trip for two to Bali at the end of the season; a fabulous holiday spot north of Australia, flying Qantas and staying at the Bali Troppo Zone.

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Worsfold leads the revival

TEAM MEMBERS in the Eagles camp have under-estimated the fierce desire of opposition sides to dismantle West Coast as an AFL force.

And the players also believed that a 1992 finals appearance was a foregone conclusion — a right they had already earned.

They are the candid opinions of club captain John Worsfold as the team struggles through a tough period on the field.

Worsfold says the Eagles were being "hunted" by opposing sides, as they themselves had attacked other AFL teams last year.

But the beleaguered Eagles have vowed to end their woeful form and beat AFL leaders Footscray at Subiaco Oval on Sunday — as a mark of respect for coach Mick Malthouse, whose own performance is coming under increasing scrutiny.

RESPONSIBILITY

After a disappointing start to 1992 — and facing a public backlash not seen since the darkest days of 1989 under coach John Todd — the Eagles players reject any suggestion of disharmony in the camp.

The players accept total responsibility for the poor start — and want to save Malthouse the humiliation of losing to his old club on Sunday.

In a determined bid to resurrect the cohesive team football that was so prevalent in West Coast's barnstorming start to last season, the Eagles held a players-only meeting after their 20-point loss to Fitzroy at North Hobart.

Worsfold, the rugged skipper, instigated the meeting.

The Eagles leader this week admitted too many players simply assumed success would be a natural flow-on from last season.

"Other clubs have come out with a fierce desire to knock us off. They've been hunting us like we went after them last year," Worsfold said.

"Maybe we've been thinking finals football would just happen. We've been thinking about finals way too early."

Worsfold also blamed an apparent under-estimation of the early season draw.

In their opening six qualifying matches, for a return of just 10 premiership points, the Eagles have met only two of last year's finalists, St Kilda and Geelong, while struggling against last year's cellar dwellers Sydney, Brisbane, Richmond and Fitzroy.

Worsfold says the Eagles must show rapid improvement if their assault on the finals is to remain a possibility.

"At first glance, the draw looked as though it would give us an easy start," he said.

"We all know now that there is no such thing as an easy game.

"Last year we had the likes of Hawthorn, Essendon and Geelong in our first seven games. We knew before the start of the season it was going to be tough.



TOUGH LINE ... Eagles skipper John Worsfold says the players accept the blame for their poor form

"We were the hunters last year. We had the fierce approach that other sides have hit us with this year."

Worsfold dismissed suggestions that the Eagles are in a 'hangover' mood after a successful 1991 run into the historic grand final against Hawthorn.

"That may have been the case if we had won, but it's not," he said.

"The expectations of the Eagles, after the highs of last year, are even greater; we know that.

"We just haven't lived up to expectations and we are letting ourselves down as much as anything."

"I have the utmost confidence in the quality of the men in our squad. I have never doubted them to lift us out of this rut."

INJURIES

Worsfold, not keen to accept excuses for the poor start, admitted the crippling run of injuries in the Eagles camp had severely disrupted the team balance.

Dashing wingman Chris Mainwaring has also rejected any blame on the coaching staff.

Speaking to Radio 6PR's breakfast announcer Peter Newman on Monday morning, Mainwaring said the players were totally to blame.

"We've lost our sparkle," he said. "Sometimes we seem to be on a roll, but it doesn't last more than five minutes."

"There's nothing the selectors or the coach can do; we have to work it out ourselves."

Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett has agreed with suggestions that some players had let their egos get the better of them.

"A number of players have found it difficult coping with the success at a very early age," he said.

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Wynd winds up for Eagles clash



GIANT Footscray ruckman Scott Wynd is a major obstacle in WA's quest for football glory this month.

Wynd, the leading ruckman in the AFL, is just one hurdle the Eagles face in the crucial confrontation with Footscray at Subiaco Oval on Sunday as they try to halt the disasters of 1992.

The 22-year-old Wynd is also a candidate to take on WA's ruck in the State-of-Origin clash at the MCG on May 26, after being named in Victoria's provisional squad this week.

As the Bulldogs have leapt into finals calculations — against all odds and expectations — Wynd has emerged as the nation's in-form big man.

MATCH-WINNERS

In recent Eagles history, opposition big men have been matchwinners.

Hawthorn's Steven Lawrence, former WAFL players Brad Tunbridge with Sydney and Steven Handley at Geelong carved up the Eagles big men in the ruck and around the ground.

And last Sunday Paul Roos, at centre-half-back, was supreme in the air.

Rookie Glen Jakovich is the only Eagle who has shown any resistance to opposition big men.

Dean Irving, Paul Harding, Ryan Turnbull, David Hynes, Mark Hepburn and Phil Scott have all faded through injury or poor form, as opposing ruckmen run riot.

Jakovich (19) has great skills, youthful exuberance and stamina and has carried the responsibilities as the Eagles big-man problems continue.

By **KIM HAGDORN**

Against Fitzroy last Sunday, the Eagles finally got four-quarter service from Hepburn.

His constructive rucking and work around the small North Hobart ground will need to be repeated if the Eagles have any hope of countering Wynd and back-up big man Glen Coleman.

But even if the big-man brigade improves, probably minus Turnbull, who may renew acquaintances with East Perth team-mates, the ground players must find some form.

Trent Nichols and Daniel Metropolis can expect the axe to fall, making way for proven contributors Craig Turley and Brett Heady.

BALL-GATHERING

Turley and Heady, if fit, will return to bolster the ball-gathering ability on the ground and in front of goal.

The need for improved support at ground level could pave the way for West Perth mid-fielder Robbie West to show his value at the base of the packs.

Eagles players have this week said the team is unified and behind coach Mick Malthouse, in the wake of astonishing public backlash to the loss to Fitzroy.

But all the talk and promise in the

land won't be sufficient to hide the inadequacies if West Coast fail to beat Footscray on Subiaco Oval.

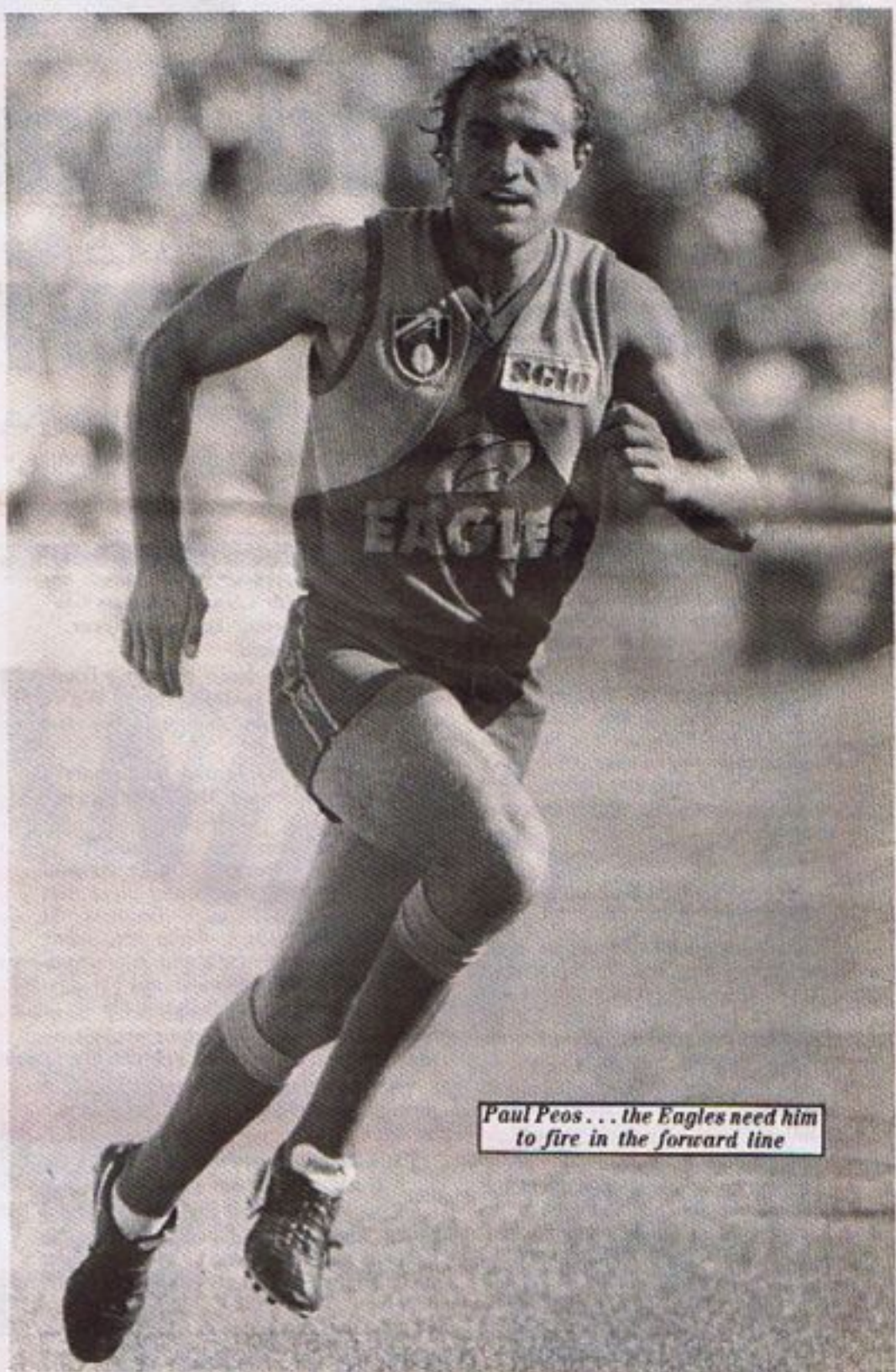
And talk won't stop three of the Scraggers' stars of 1992 — Simon Atkins in the centre, nippy Nigel Kellett and Steve Kolynuik up forward.

Malthouse's tagging tactics and better passing into the forward line are a must if the Eagles hope to stop the Bulldogs fairytale run at the top of the ladder.

Footscray have an old fashioned blend of youth and experience, which many had written off at the start of the season.

Even coach Terry Wheeler, an understudy to Malthouse three years ago, wasn't safe going into 1992.

But with renewed zest in the ageing legs of champion Doug Hawkins, clever forward Chris Grant, Tony Libertore, Coleman and a rock solid defence led by Peter Foster, Bernard Toohey and Tony Campbell, the Scraggers are now capable of beating any side in the AFL.



Paul Peos... the Eagles need him to fire in the forward line



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Swan Districts v Perth (2)	H	Swans 10-12pts	
West Perth v East Fremantle (3)	A	East Frem 52-54pts	
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St Kilda v Melbourne (7)	H	St Kilda 16-18pts	
Richmond v Fitzroy (8)	H	Richmond 16-18pts	
North Melbourne v Essendon (9)	A	Essendon 10-12pts	
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Foster's warning to WA fans

FOOTSCRAY legend Peter Foster has no soft spots for opposition sides — and couldn't care less what rival fans think of the Bulldogs style of football.

The 31-year-old veteran has warned West Coast fans not to look forward to a free-running classic display when they clash with Footscray, at Subiaco Oval this Sunday.

He says the Bulldogs will be doing everything possible to negate, smother and hinder the Eagles.

The four premiership points, rather than the spectacle, is the important objective.

DIFFERENT

"Perth fans don't appreciate that Victorian football is a little different to West Australian football," said Foster.

"They expect all those flashy things in a game. They are not used to seeing scruffy football, where teams go in hard."

"South Australians appreciate it more, probably because they play a similar style."

Foster says Victorian teams have learnt the futility of trying to match the Eagles "skill for skill".

"They'll generally get on top of you. We have to play them man-on-man and play them hard... that's what the crowd over there don't like; that Victorian brand of football."

Foster admits Footscray have always left Perth feeling sad and sorry.

But he believes the 1992 side has the best youngsters in his memory and they can adapt to sandy Subiaco Oval — and the torrent of anti-Victorian feeling that the crowd generates.

"There's a helluva of a one-eyed crowd over there," he says.

"They are worse than the other States, especially when it comes to Friday night games."

"They knock off work at 5.30 or six, go to the pub and get themselves charged up a little."

"There seems to be a bit more oomph about them. You watch those Sunday games (which start at noon) and there's more of a picnic atmosphere."

Sunday's match is virtually a finals preview for Footscray and they have had to prepare on heavy grounds, with Melbourne's winter rain setting in.

TOUGH TRIP

Foster concedes that Melbourne-based teams are still thrown off course by the trip to Perth.

"We do it only once a year, whereas West Coast and Adelaide do it every second week," he says.

"They get used to a system, where they stay, what they eat and how much sleep they have."

"When we go there, we've got the time difference and the travelling. People probably don't realise, but four hours in a plane is a fair trip, even the day before, as we're doing this time."

"One time when we went to Perth it rained by the bucketload. I'd never seen rain like that before. The skys were black. We got to the ground and they were using moulded soles and bouncing the ball!

"It seems it's always going to be dry over there, allowing for the ball to be moved around quickly in a very offensive fashion."

The closest Footscray have come to upsetting the Eagles at home was at the WACA Ground in 1988, when they were coached by Mick Malthouse and kicked six goals to two in the final quarter to lose by seven points.

STATE PLAYER

Foster, one of the team's most-seasoned players, is a late-developer who was unloaded by Fitzroy in his first season, before earning State selection at 29.

He hopes to play till at least 1993 and be part of the first Footscray team in years to play in the finals.

"I'm rapt to be playing in this era," he says.

"Football a few years ago may have been more enjoyable, especially at training, but it's an exciting time to be around."

"It's also damn hard for a young guy to really keep it up 22 weeks of a year."

"There's a lot more involved with footy now."

"It's no longer just a case of getting fit and kicking a footy around. There are that many tests now at the footy club, from body-fat tests to all sorts of things. It makes you nervous as you drive to the club on training nights!

On the East Coast with KEN PIESSE



"You don't know what's going to happen."

As part of his thorough approach, Footscray coach Terry Wheeler rates his team each week, handing out performance sheets to every player a day or two after the game.

"They help the younger players a lot, in particular," Foster says.

"They don't necessarily know if they have done the right thing or not. It's a good idea to give someone a rating. You want to know what the coach thinks of your game."

"There's no sense in reading the paper and seeing your name as the best player, when the coach doesn't agree from a team point of view."

"It's alright for the people at the weekend to see that Foster has had 18 kicks, but then on the Monday, Terry Wheeler gives me this other piece of paper which says I've had two effective kicks... that doesn't go over as well."

CONSISTENT

Foster says his side is far more flexible and the young players are becoming more consistent.

"They have matured in their attitude towards football. It's not such airy-fairy stuff anymore."

Asked about the team's overall ambitions, he says the side will not even contemplate September till at least halfway through the season, when every team has played each other.

"We had Carlton on Sunday and West Coast this week, so we didn't look any further forward than that," he says.

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It's about time someone started to take a caring approach to what was once Australia's greatest football nursery, the WAFL.

The greedy appetite of the AFL needs to be curtailed.

Before the West Coast Eagles joined the AFL, Victorian clubs were forced to take a moderate approach to the recruiting of interstate players.

To lure a player into the VFL, clubs had to make it worthwhile for the player in signing-on fees, match payments, accommodation, employment etc.

As a result, clubs were judicious in the way they recruited.

They were forced to concentrate on just a couple of players each year.

As a result they only nibbled away at competitions such as the WAFL and SANFL and the State bodies could absorb the loss of players and still flourish.

But now the AFL draft resembles the days in the WAFL when promising players from the country were invited to try out with a league side.

If they weren't good enough they simply returned to the bush.

But it can be an expensive exercise to try out with an AFL club if a player is drafted.

Naturally, players want a dash at the big time. But if

WAFL needs special care

they aren't up to it, what then?

For a start, a player may linger for a couple of seasons in the hope he will make it.

They may find a job that suits them and form new relationships that make them reluctant to return home.

It is also expensive to pull up stakes and move interstate again.

So many are lost to their State, even if they don't make it in the AFL. Over the past two seasons how many of the dozens of players drafted, have found a regular spot with AFL teams? Not too many.

LOST PLAYERS

If AFL clubs were forced to make a substantial up-front payment to a player and give other guarantees, as once was the case, they would be forced to be selective in who they drafted . . . not just dealing out players like a pack of cards when they know all the aces have gone.

The vagueries of the draft, where a club such as last year's premiers Claremont, can be decimated in one foul swoop, should be eliminated.

The WAFL shouldn't be like a see-saw each year. You can bet that the team finishing on top this season will also be savaged by the AFL.

The formation of another WA-based AFL team will further weaken the WAFL. And the latest move by the

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Eagles to merge with another WA club to get a team in the local league will have enormous ramifications on the already-ravaged competition.

What happens to the players already with that club?

And what happens to juniors in that district who will have their chances of playing WAFL football restricted?

A team of Eagles players would already be too powerful for the WAFL, without adding the top players from an established club.

And what happens when a Fremantle-based side joins the AFL? Will that also want to merge with a WAFL club?

It's time a plan was formulated with the intention of preserving the WAFL as a viable league.

The first step is to limit the number of players exported out of the State.

If the Eagles join the WAFL, there needs to be major changes, such as amalgamating clubs, pruning the number of existing ones and looking at introducing others.

But one thing is certain — there should be less concentration on the AFL and Eagles and more on the WAFL, which is not happening at the moment.

TAKING STOCK

with GARY STOCKS of The West Australian



Coach Todd brings up 300 game milestone

JOHN Todd has never made much of his own achievements.

And even last week when he coached Swan Districts for the 300th time, he preferred that no attention focussed on him.

Todd might want to play down his own milestones, but he has etched himself into the annals of Swan Districts history and rates as one of the great coaches of WA football.

There have been some turbulent times along the way, but results are all that matter and Todd has the runs on the board.

His remarkable coaching career began as a 21-year-old with South Fremantle when he had a one-season taste in 1959, before coming back for another stint after he retired as a player in 1966.

His brilliant playing career was cut short at 132 games with the Bulldogs, because of a crippling injury to his left knee.

After three further years at the helm of the Bulldogs, Todd had a break and then took charge of rival port club East Fremantle in 1973.

Just a year later he took East Fremantle to a premiership. He had made his initial breakthrough in the cut-throat coaching world.

After four years at East Fremantle, he was ready for another challenge and there was no bigger task in the coaching game than at Bassendean Oval.

MOST SUCCESSFUL

Only twice since losing the 1965 grand final to East Fremantle, had Swan Districts been in the finals and they were at a low ebb.

It took some tough decisions, but Todd gave the playing personnel an overhaul. He knew his crop of young players would cop some beltings along the way, but he was also confident a long-term plan would produce the desired results.

History now shows that Todd became the most successful coach at Bassendean.

Initially, he matched the hat-trick produced by Haydn Bunton in 1961-62-63 when he carried Swans to success in 1982-83-84 and then went one better by taking them to the 1990 flag.

An all-Australian coach as well, Todd has been an ornament to the game.

He was the first coach to take the Eagles into final round football when, with a squad of only 35 players, they lost the 1988 elimination final to Melbourne.

Who can forget the anguish on Murray Wrensted's face when he missed from about 35 metres in the dying seconds?

There was no mention of Todd's approaching milestone in the lead-up to last Saturday's clash with Claremont. He preferred to keep it under wraps and concentrate on getting his players set for the match.

In a post-match interview with 6NR boundary hound Colin Minson, Todd was still reluctant to talk about his

achievement.

Sometimes the media has not seen eye-to-eye with Todd.

But most things he has done, which we have not agreed with, have been done for the good of his team.

He has generally been loyal to his players, despite the inevitable personality clashes and has always encouraged them to graduate to the next level. He and Swans have never stood in the path of players who have attracted attention from AFL/VFL talent scouts.

It's a bit early in the season to be talking about premiership fancies, but obviously Swans rate as one of the main chances.

As has been the case for most of the time Todd has been in charge at the club, there are some exciting young prospects at Bassendean Oval and they are the reason Todd's appetite for the game has not waned.

He still gets a buzz out of seeing promising youngsters climbing football's ladder.



PUZZLED PAIR . . . Swan Districts coach John Todd and his offsideer Graham Melrose look a little puzzled last week — but they had no cause for concern

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



Claremont can take pride from AFL

CLAREMONT might be having a terrible start to this season — but they can be encouraged by the AFL statistics of round seven.

Ten teammates from my Claremont days featured in last week's league fixtures, some of them turning in outstanding performances.

John Hutton (Brisbane) kicked eight of the Bears 11 goals, virtually playing a lone hand against a record-breaking Geelong. He has obviously come to terms with the pace and rigours of AFL football.

He had his critics early in the year, but to kick eight goals in a team that was beaten all ends up was exemplary.

Geoff Miles (Geelong), who no doubt would have crossed paths with "Hutts" during this match, had

another useful game. His ability to jump and punch the ball away from opponents was a highlight.

Mark Brayshaw (North Melbourne) showed his usual confidence in an otherwise disappointing side. Twenty three possessions from a half-back-flank, on any day, is a good performance. It's a shame Mark can't transfer his authority on the football field to the golf course — he might save himself a few dollars.

Dale Kickett has settled into St Kilda and showed some of his brilliance with a one-handed grab that earned mark of the day against the Crows. Rumour has it Dale only just found out the mark of the year earns a car for the winner. That was all the incentive he needed to show his amazing talents.

Andrew McGovern (Sydney) has started his AFL

career in fine style. I never played league with Andrew, but he was captain of our colts side in 1986.

He seems very balanced and delivers the ball with accuracy out of the Swans back line. His skill level should see him in a running position, once he gets a bit more fitness.

Jeremy Guard (Fitzroy) has become a regular member of the league team, playing all six matches this year. Fitzroy obviously hold him in high regard — against the Eagles he was given the difficult task of minding Chris Lewis.

Other former Claremont teammates of mine such as Todd Ridley (Essendon), Peter Mann (North Melbourne), Brendon Barrows (Collingwood) and David O'Connell (Fitzroy) are regularly in the best players in the Victorian State League and are not far off "ones" selection.

Though struggling at the moment, the Tigers pride must be boosted by so many past players performing well in the AFL.

Geelong record left a sad taste

GEELONG'S feat in breaking the AFL score for the highest tally in a match was an impressive achievement last Sunday — but I didn't enjoy it!

The Cats kicked a record 37.17 (239) against the Brisbane Bears, passing the previous tally set by Fitzroy by one point — kicked on the siren.

My disappointment was purely personal — I had the honour of captaining the Fitzroy side in 1979 when we kicked 36.20 (238) to Melbourne's 6.15 (51).

That was also a record 185-point winning margin — which, fortunately, still stands, as the Bears kicked 11 goals against the Cats.

In the 1979 game, former Swan Districts forward Bob Beecroft kicked 10 goals and the side boasted champions

like Bernie Quinlan and Robert Walls.

Coach Bill Stephens kept sending messages out in the last quarter, like "one more goal and it's our greatest score against Melbourne" or "one more goal and it's the VFL Park ground record," and then "one more and it's Fitzroy's biggest score" and finally "two more to break the all-time VFL record."

It was fascinating to play in a side that scored so freely with total control.

The Cats also had complete control on Sunday and cut through the Bears defence as if it wasn't there. Mind you, with players like Gary Ablett, Barry Stoneham and Billy Brownless, Geelong will kick a lot more big scores.

The Bears had four regular members of their side out. But, lacking depth, their replacements are just not up to standard.

Firm stand

WEST Coast chairman Terry O'Connor is to be congratulated on his stand over the AFL grand final parade.

The Eagles are in the competition to win a premiership, not please the fans by parading down Melbourne's Bourke Street.

The AFL say the parade is for the football public. What they mean is that it's for the Victorian public.

Perhaps a compromise would be to hold one parade in Perth and the other in Melbourne, with the other grand final side flying to Perth early in the week and the Eagles parading in Melbourne on the Friday!

Childish? I agree!

Imagine trying to force a football team into a parade and then fining them \$25,000 if they refuse.

The AFL needs to re-think its high-handed approach on this one.

Fitzroy too

MUCH has been made of the Eagles injury list.

But last Sunday, their conquerors

My View

with former player and coach **RON ALEXANDER**



Fitzroy also had five players out who would be automatic choices in their 18 — Michael Gale, Peter Sartori, Paul Broderick, Brendan McCormack and Alastair Lynch, one of the best full-backs in Australia.

Krummel poser

ONE wonders what was in the minds of the Eagles selectors when they played Brendan Krummel in his debut game against Richmond.

If he was good enough to be in the 20, why did he spend less than two minutes on the field?

Obviously when it came to the crunch, they didn't have confidence in him. That begs the question — why pick him in the first place?



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RON ALEXANDER	38	Collingwood	Sydney	St Kilda	Fitzroy	Essendon	Geelong	Eagles	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.
TANIA ARMSTRONG	36	Collingwood	Sydney	St Kilda	Fitzroy	Essendon	Geelong	Eagles	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.
ROBERT BENNETT	39	Collingwood	Sydney	St Kilda	Fitzroy	Essendon	Geelong	Eagles	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.
PETER BOSUSTOW	46	Carlton	Sydney	St Kilda	Fitzroy	Nth Melb.	Geelong	Eagles	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.
BRUCE BUTLER	44	Collingwood	Sydney	St Kilda	Fitzroy	Essendon	Geelong	Footscray	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.
WILL BUTUN	36	Carlton	Sydney	St Kilda	Richmond	Essendon	Geelong	Footscray	East Perth	Perth	East Frem.	South Frem.
ALAN EAST	39	Collingwood	Sydney	St Kilda	Fitzroy	Essendon	Geelong	Eagles	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.
KIM HAGDORN	39	Collingwood	Sydney	St Kilda	Fitzroy	Essendon	Geelong	Eagles	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.
IAN MILLER	37	Collingwood	Sydney	St Kilda	Fitzroy	Essendon	Geelong	Eagles	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.
KEN PIESSE	40	Collingwood	Sydney	St Kilda	Richmond	Essendon	Geelong	Eagles	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.
GARY STOCKS	40	Collingwood	Sydney	St Kilda	Fitzroy	Nth Melb.	Geelong	Eagles	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.
MOST FAVOURED	39	Collingwood	Sydney	St Kilda	Fitzroy	Essendon	Geelong	Eagles	East Perth	Swans	East Frem.	South Frem.



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Time for a change

THE West Coast's Melbourne manager Stephen Nash — the man who has to live with the Eagles performances amidst his Victorian rivals — is confident the side can bounce back.

And he is convinced that this Sunday's clash with top-of-the-table Footscray — where both he and coach Mick Malthouse worked between 1984 and '89 — is the time to turn things around.

Nash, the Bulldogs former football manager, journeyed to Hobart last weekend for the clash with Fitzroy and believes the side's poor start to the season will benefit the club in the long term.

"The players will learn from it and to be a good side, you have to bounce back," said Nash.

Hepburn is rewarded

ONLY one post-match presentation was awarded to the Eagles at Hobart's Black Buffalo Hotel after the side's disappointing 20-point loss to Fitzroy.

Mark Hepburn, in his first game for the side since August 18 last season, was presented with the Emu Export award for a performance which showed considerable promise.

He finished with seven kicks, four marks, six handballs and nine hit-outs in a return to AFL ranks that was a fitting reward for his hard work and perseverance.

Loyal fan

THE Eagles have a firm supporter in Adelaide in the unlikely form of Craig Brown, the 11-year-old brother of Crows star David Brown.

The fact that his older brother debuted with the Crows last year was no reason for Craig to change his allegiance, which started when his brother's former Port Adelaide teammate, David Hynes, joined the Eagles.

Shows for the Eagles fans

EAGLES fans venturing to Victoria for matches can take advantage of a number of social functions offered by the club's Melbourne office.

A members luncheon this Friday, at the Hilton Hotel, will feature guest speaker Neil Kearney, an award-winning journalist and Wide World of Sports producer. Tickets are \$38, all inclusive.

Post-match presentations for the Eagles-Carlton game on Saturday, May 16 will be held at the Marquis of Lorne Hotel, 411 George Street, Fitzroy, free of charge.

The biggest event on the east coast will be on Friday, June 19, at the Emu Export Melbourne Banquet Auction at the Southern Cross Hotel.

Bookings for all events can be made by telephoning the Eagles Melbourne office on (03) 650 8016.

Good news

THERE was some good news for the Eagles among the doom and gloom of last weekend.

But it was all back in Perth in the WAFL when Dean Irving, Ashley McIntosh and Peter Wilson made strong returns to football action.

Irving has been laid up after knee surgery and he was a solid contributor for South Fremantle, while McIntosh's bad knee also got through a full game with Claremont.

Wilson returned to football with East Fremantle ahead of schedule after dislocating a shoulder in the Sharks final practice match of pre-season.



WIND DOWN... Eagles forward David Hynes has his strapping removed by trainer Dave Jones

Bucky not satisfied

SYDNEY Swans coach Gary Buckenara should have been pleased with his team's ability to draw with Melbourne — but he wasn't.

"We had 55 more possessions than Melbourne, but still only drew the game," he said.

Bucky, always one for a humorous line, asked his ABC radio interviewers if it was correct that Jason Dunstall had kicked 17 goals in the Hawthorn-Richmond game.

When told that it was right, the former Hawthorn champion half-forward quipped: "And I thought he was missing me feeding him the ball."

Neesham says no — but Tigers get Wolf

HIGHLY-regarded Claremont coach Gerard Neesham has ruled out any prospect of resuming his playing career.

The Tigers boss has also declared that 1989 premiership player Scott Rowland is unlikely to return to Claremont.

Neesham, a five-times premiership player at three WAFL clubs, was rumoured last week to have contemplated a comeback to arrest the Tigers slump.

It was claimed that he had applied for a clearance from country club Kel-

By **KIM HAGDORN**

ton Wolf back from Kalgoorlie. Wolf played with Claremont last season on a one-year release from East Fremantle, who failed to re-list the big man, leaving him up for grabs.

The Tigers acted quickly and listed Wolf last week and he is now set to resume training.

His return is timely, with regular top ruckman Adam Clark under an injury cloud with a troublesome shoulder.

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Westside's Pickering competition required readers to correctly tell us that Eagles captain John Worsfold is the man whose birthday is just before the AFL grand final.

The first four correct entries out of the barrel came from: John Spry, of Como; Karen Walsh, of Victoria Park; Scott Gaebler, of Parahurdoo and A. Fong, of Bullcreek.

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BRISBANE: L(24), L(66), W(24), b.d.L(60), L(164)
CARLTON: W(24), W(26), b.W(15), L(21), W(8), L(56)
COLLINGWOOD: b.W(66), W(19), W(9), W(33), L(24), W(50)
ESSENDON: L(17), L(52), W(22), L(9), W(27), W(1), b
FITZROY: b.W(52), L(24), W(33), L(20), L(98), W(20)
FOOTSCRAY: W(27), W(32), L(22), W(45), W(39), b.W(56)
GEELONG: L(20), L(8), W(126), W(24), b.W(98), W(164)
HAWTHORN: W(20), L(26), W(26), L(10), L(27), W(24), W(79)
MELBOURNE: b.W(8), L(11), L(50), L(33), L(1), d
NTH MELB: b.W(66), L(26), L(15), L(39), W(49), L(50)
RICHMOND: b.L(66), L(126), W(50), L(34), L(1), L(79)
ST KILDA: W(17), L(32), L(33), W(10), W(20), L(8), W(74)
STONEY: b.W(3), L(19), L(45), W(21), L(49), d
WEST COAST: b.L(3), W(33), L(24), d.W(1), L(20)

WAFL

W-Win, L-Loss (figures in brackets represent winning/losing margins)

CLAREMONT: W(29), L(53), L(20), L(10), L(59)
EAST FREM: L(38), L(7), W(20), W(37), W(52)
EAST PERTH: L(8), W(33), W(25), W(10), L(52)
PERTH: L(32), W(53), W(26), L(37), W(41)
SOUTH FREM: W(32), W(7), L(25), W(46), W(73)
SUBIACO: L(8), W(65), L(26), L(31), L(73)
SWAN DIST: W(38), L(33), W(61), W(31), W(59)
WEST PERTH: W(8), L(65), L(61), L(46), L(41)

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- 47 Adrian Barich (Eagles)
- 47 Scott Spalding (Perth)
- 47 Bill Monaghan (Subiaco)
- 46 Derek Hall (West Perth)
- 46 Paul Peos (Eagles)

* Denotes games played with more than one club as follows: Julian Urquhart 19 West Perth, 28 Claremont.

100 GAMES

- 99 Scott Watters (Eagles) *
- 99 Paul Peos (Eagles) *
- 99 Ian Dargie (Subiaco) *
- 96 Troy Ugle (Swans) *
- 95 Shane Renfree (Perth) *
- 95 Peter Matera (South Frem) *
- 95 Peter Wilson (East Frem)
- 95 Tony Begovich (Claremont) *

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150 GAMES

- 145 David Hynes (Eagles) *
- 144 Craig Edwards (South Frem)
- 141 Guy McKenna (Eagles) *
- 140 Mark Hann (Claremont)
- 140 Wally Matera (South Frem) *

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: David Hynes 119 Port Adelaide, 11 South Fremantle, 15 Eagles; Guy McKenna 93 Eagles, 48 Claremont; Wally Matera 84 South, 32 Fitzroy, 24 Eagles.

200 GAMES

- 198 Clinton Browning (East Frem) *
- 190 Peter Wilson (East Frem) *

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Clinton Browning 194 East Fremantle, 4 Eagles; 95 East Fremantle, 41 Eagles, 54 Richmond.

250 GAMES

- 247 Dwayne Lamb (Eagles) *

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Dwayne Lamb 113 Eagles, 134 Subiaco.

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Lions start to solve their problems



TOUGH TIMES ... Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton faces a real challenge getting his team back into shape

SUBIACO'S senior players have instigated a series of meetings this week to rediscover their best football.

Part of the therapy was the agony of watching a replay of last Saturday's disastrous performance against South Fremantle.

Lions captain Rod Willet started the ball rolling when he called a special training session for his beaten teammates at City Beach last Sunday morning.

The 8am run and swim sparked a busy week for the Lions, currently in danger of being dubbed the worst team in the WAFL, despite a crop of talented and experienced players.

Willet has held meetings with coach Haydn Bunton to discuss player attitudes and a programme for improved commitment.

The 1991 grand finalists lacked system, confidence and direction in the 73-point loss to Souths.

THIRD LOSS

Bunton admitted after last Saturday's third successive 1992 loss that the current crisis was the worst it had been in his time.

The Lions coach, in the twilight of his second stint at Subiaco, said bluntly: "It's as bad as I've ever known it."

Bunton coached Subiaco from 1968 to 1972, taking them to finals in three of those years before stepping aside to allow Ross Smith to claim the 1973 premiership. He resumed at the helm in 1984, taking the club to premierships in '86 and '88, plus three losing grand final appearances.

"I don't want to take anything away from Souths," he says. "They were fantastic."

"We just made so many unforced errors, many of them in defence."

"These current problems will test the whole club. We just can't keep going along with players who are not in the contest, particularly at ground level."

Bunton said his immediate task would be to increase Subiaco's overall pace.

The Lions are lamenting in sixth place on the Pepsi Cup ladder, ahead

By
KIM HAGDORN



of reigning premiers Claremont and 1991 wooden spooners West Perth, all with just win from five outings.

Claremont and West Perth, with less player depth than Subiaco, have both indicated stronger signs of potential improvement than the Lions.

The Subiaco players watched a replay of Saturday's debacle on Tuesday night.

Willet, in his first season as Lions skipper, likened the current Subiaco crisis to that of the West Coast Eagles.

"We're in a similar position as the Eagles, I guess," he said. "We have much the same player base as that which proved successful last year and yet can't put it all together."

"Our side isn't that much different to last year's team, so it can't be a loss of ability."

"We've been addressing a few things as a player group since the loss to Souths and, hopefully, we can turn it around."

Willet and senior players like Phil Scott instigated a frank post-mortem on Saturday evening, immediately after the loss.

TONGUE-LASHING

The players also copped a ferocious tongue-lashing from president David Williams in an unprecedented post-match address to club members.

Williams pointed out in no uncertain terms that efforts such as the one against Souths would not be tolerated.

"The Subiaco Football Club has worked long and hard, both on and off the field, for more than a decade now to become one of the powers of the competition," said the Lions chief.

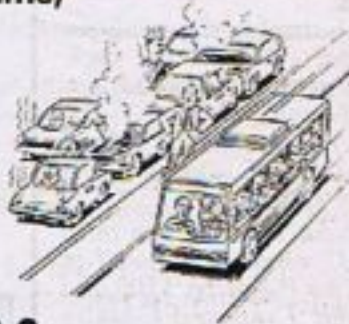
"We have achieved success. But that performance, to lose to Souths by 12 goals the way we did, took us back to the dark old days of the early 1980s."

"It simply wasn't good enough."

"As a player group, you must lift yourselves up."

"Never again should we accept a second-rate performance such as that," Williams added.

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UNDER PRESSURE ... Lions big man Phil Scott is under pressure from South Fremantle's Chris Pobjoy

Name	1992		1991		1990		1989		1988		Pen	Kicks	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980		
	Games	Total	Games	Total	Games	Total	Games	Total	Games	Total																Games	Total
BALL, Jason	1	1	3	2	0	1	1	2	0.1	4	3	2															
BARICH, Adrian	1	47	2	1	6	1	2	0.0	0	1	1																
BRENNAN, Michael	3	107	20	7	11	5	3	2.0	2	4	0																
HARDING, Paul	3	76	13	5	11	5	2	4.1	43	0	1																
HEADY, Brett	2	48	20	11	6	2	3	4.4	0	1	0																
HEPSURN, Mark	1	62	7	4	6	1	0	0.0	9	1	0																
HYNES, David	6	15	47	25	32	3	7	19.7	14	7	4																
IRVING, Dean	1	42	7	2	7	1	0	0.0	5	0	2																
JAKOVICH, Glen	6	72	67	22	35	13	7	2.1	24	6	3																
KEMP, Dean	6	52	109	12	39	11	9	2.5	0	22	2																
KRUMMEL, Brendan	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	2	1																
LADLEY, Dean	6	44	67	14	31	9	10	1.1	1	7	3																
LAMB, Dwayne	5	113	70	11	34	5	3	0.2	0	2	4																
LANGDON, Karl	5	79	50	26	31	6	11	7.8	9	9	6																
LEWIS, Chris	6	96	85	17	31	15	15	6.7	1	19	6																
LOCKYER, Andrew	2	78	15	1	2	1	1	0.0	6	1	0																



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STAR full-forwards Jason Dunstall and Tony Lockett achieved a unique double on Saturday when both reached double figures on the same day for the first time.

Dunstall and Lockett — probably the best pair of full-forwards since Peter Hudson and Peter McKenna were kicking bags of goals during the early 1970s — have now accumulated 19 double figure tallies between them. Saturday was the fifth day in the past

three years that a pair of players have kicked double figure tallies on the same day. Dunstall and Lockett both featured in those pairings, but not together.

In fact, the only time that neither Dunstall or Lockett featured in those five pairings was on August 3 last year, when Peter Daicos kicked 13 goals and Allen Jakovich 11.

Geelong's Gary Ablett, who went within one goal of his sixth double-figure tally on Sunday, was involved on two of the five occasions — once with Lockett and once with Dunstall.

Stats AND Facts

with Richard Camm



SATURDAY'S performances by the brilliant pair takes the number of double-figure tallies in the past 10 years to 51.

Dunstall's 17 goals against Richmond was the 11th time a player has kicked 10 or more against the Tigers in the past decade.

He is only the third player to kick 14 or more in a game during the past 10 years, joining Ablett and North Melbourne's John Longmire.

And Ablett also kicked his 14 goals against Richmond, in 1989.

BRISBANE have also fared badly, with six double-figure tallies kicked against them in their six seasons in the AFL.

Lockett is the only player to have kicked 10 or more against Adelaide — but he has repeated the dose in each of St Kilda's three games against the Crows.

ESSENDON are the only team not to have a double-figure tally kicked against them in the past 10 years.

The last player to kick 10 or more against the Bombers was Leigh Matthews, who kicked 11 for Hawthorn at Waverley in 1973.

TOWN & COUNTRY BANK

How the Eagles rated

EAGLES big-man Glen Jakovich moved within three votes of leader Dean Kemp in the Town and Country Bank ratings when he was voted best afield for the Eagles at North Hobart Oval.

Jakovich gained seven votes for his individual effort in the ruck, while Kemp was still a good performer in the midfield.

Kemp's six votes took his tally to 39, while Jakovich joined Chris Lewis on 36 votes.

Skipper John Worsfold, in third place with 35 votes, is still well in the running for the prize: \$500 and a trophy from Town and Country Bank.

Name	VOTES		TOT
	Syd	Sub	
BALL, Jason	4	-	4
BARICH, Adrian	-	3	3
BRENNAN, Michael	-	7	7
HARDING, Paul	7	5	12
HEADY, Brett	6	-	6
HEPSURN, Mark	-	6	6
HYNES, David	5	7	12
IRVING, Dean	5	-	5
JAKOVICH, Glen	5	6	11
KEMP, Dean	7	7	14
KRUMMEL, Brendan	-	1	1
LADLEY, Dean	5	4	9
LAMB, Dwayne	6	6	12
LANGDON, Karl	6	6	12
LEWIS, Chris	5	7	12
LOCKYER, Andrew	6	4	10
MAINWARING, Chris	6	5	11
MATERA, Peter	6	5	11
MCKENNA, Guy	6	5	11
METROPOLIS, Daniel	6	4	10
NICHOLS, Trent	5	-	5
PEOS, Paul	8	6	14
PYKE, Dan	5	4	9
SUMICH, Peter	-	5	5
TURLEY, Craig	5	7	12
TURNBULL, Ryan	5	4	9
UGLE, Troy	3	-	3
WATERMAN, Chris	6	5	11
WATTERS, Scott	4	4	8
WHITE, Mitchell	4	-	4
WORSFOLD, John	6	5	11

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Name	Score	Name	Score
Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	55.28	Steven Kolyniuk (Footscray)	18.13
Tony Lockett (St Kilda)	39.25	John Hutton (Brisbane)	18.5
Richard Osborne (Fitzroy)	27.15	Scott Hodges (Crows)	18.4
Gary Ablett (Geelong)	25.16	Doug Hawkins (Footscray)	17.9
Paul Brown (Geelong)	22.14	Peter Daicos (Collingwood)	16.11
Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)	21.15	Chris Grant (Footscray)	15.12
Allen Jakovich (Melbourne)	18.14	David Strooper (Sydney Swans)	15.10

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HOW WA PLAYERS PERFORMED IN THE AFL

Team	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
CARLTON	Earl Spalding 16	2	3	-
Jon Dorvalch 13	13	4	0.1	
NTH MELBOURNE	Mark Brayshaw 12	2	11	0.1
Richard Dennis 3	2	9	1.0	
Alex Ischenko 12	7	7	-	
BRISBANE BEARS	David Bain 19	3	4	-
John Hutton 11	6	4	0.0	
Brendan Retzlaff 13	8	6	-	
Mark Zanoli 7	3	3	0.2	
SYDNEY SWANS	Andrew McGovern 17	4	9	1.0
Brad Tunbridge 8	8	8	1.0	
Gavin Rose 1	1	-	-	
FITZROY	Joe Cornack 14	4	10	0.1
Jeremy Guard 3	2	5	1.0	
Marcus Seecamp 7	6	7	-	
GEELONG	Mark Bainslow 21	5	7	2.4
Steven Handley 16	10	7	-	
Geoff Miles 11	4	3	-	
HAWTHORN	Ben Allan 22	9	10	-
COLLINGWOOD	Michael Christian 5	6	7	-
Craig Starcevic 11	8	11	0.2	
ST KILDA	Dale Kickett 9	2	8	1.1
Nicky Winmar 14	6	9	4.0	
RICHMOND	Todd Brennan 2	2	1	0.1
Steven Jackson 4	2	1	1.1	

HIT OUTS: Ischenko 19; Handley 16; Tunbridge 14; Starcevic 1; Winmar 1; Spalding 1.

THE FOOTY BREAD Presents...



Suma Magic

WHAT a disappointing trip to Hobart for the Eagles last weekend! A loss to Fitzroy was always a worry, but it was something we just didn't need.

After our gutsy win against Richmond, the side's morale had really lifted at training during the week; we thought we had turned the corner and we were really confident of a win.

Losing the four premierships points was a blow — it was painful staying home and watching on television — and we've got to make sure we regroup against Footscray this Sunday; we just have to come away with the points.

We are still not playing our best football. But even though we have lost a couple of early games, the fact that we've been losing by small margins, while playing so poorly, is an encouraging sign for when we do get our act together.

Without offering excuses, playing in Tasmania for the first time and on a strange oval, along with three weeks on the road, all adds up.

Glen Jakovich's game in the ruck was superb and it was one of the really good signs to come out of the game.

It's important now that Jako strings four or five good games together, which is the sign of a good player.

Glen is really maturing as a player, he loves the game and is hungry for the football.

TREATMENT

I've been having treatment on my ankle a couple of times a week but it still kept me out of Sunday's game. The selectors will no doubt give me every opportunity to prove my fitness before this Sunday.

At the moment, it looks like it may be touch and go whether I play, we'll just have to see how it comes along.

I MISSED seeing South Fremantle play on Saturday, as I went fishing with my uncle to take my mind off football — and we caught a few fish as well.

By the time I got home, it was too late to set off for Subiaco Oval and luckily the match was on television, so I caught up with most of what was a very polished performance by the Bulldogs.

Souths are playing really good football and while their forwards in Jason Spinks, Warren Campbell (until injured) and Derick Woods are performing well and finishing off the good mid-field work, their backline is operating even better.

It was good to see Dean Irving back in action. He played a serviceable game in the ruck and it must have pleased him to get through his first match after a knee operation.

COACHING TIP

High marking is a difficult aspect of football — but there's one key to success... watch the ball all the time. Concentrate on the flight of the ball and watch it right into your hands; don't shut your eyes or drop your head.



John Sumich 4*



100 years of football rivalry comes alive



Rich history at MCG

MATCHES between Collingwood and Carlton — Victoria's fiercest rivals — are invariably emotional, last-man-standing affairs.

For Collingwood, Australia's most-followed football club, a win will be particularly cherished, as it's the club's centenary year.

The intense feeling generated when the two clubs meet often sparks on and off-field violence.

Carlton's reputation as "bluebloods" rankles the less well-to-do, working class Collingwood barrackers.

CAPTIVATED

Generations of players have become affected, ever since the clubs first met on May 7, 1892 at Victoria Park, Collingwood's first major game as a member of the Victorian Football Association.

That game, billed as a major social event, attracted 16,000 fans and was won by Carlton.

Now Collingwood are looking for revenge, not in only in this game, but for the season.

TWO of Victoria's most-famous football teams in Collingwood and Carlton meet in a much-heralded centenary match this Thursday night. The game will be televised throughout Australia and in metropolitan Melbourne — a first for a club match.

Westside Football's Melbourne correspondent KEN PIESE says the preparation by both teams rivals the build-up to a grand final.

Collingwood and Carlton were the first team to amass 1000 VFL/AFL wins, but Carlton are one premiership ahead — with 15 flags on their wall.

Apart from Essendon (14 flags) no other league teams approach their premiership dominance, despite Melbourne's golden run of premierships in the 1950s and Hawthorn's outstanding form of the 1980s.

Club insiders are keenly aware of the importance of Thursday's match.

Most players don't like playing more than one game in seven days. But this is different.

They are desperate to be part of this historical clash and club medical rooms have rarely been as deserted.

Carlton's training leading up to the game has been ultra-light, as you would

expect, with the club playing last Sunday, against Footscray. Collingwood have had an extra day's preparation, which gives them overall match favouritism.

In 203 league meetings, Collingwood have won 97, lost 102 and drawn four.

Ironically, both clubs are coached by former Hawthorn premiership players — Leigh Matthews (Collingwood) and David Parkin (Carlton).

According to Collingwood historian Richard Stremski, the "bad blood" between the two sides originated with the bitterly-fought 1910 grand final — and has been handed down through the generations.

In a game described as "disgraceful", two players, one from each side, were decked before the bounce of the ball.

By the last term, police, attendants and some spectators had invaded the ground and were in the melees. Noted umpire Jack Elder said it was the most violent game he ever umpired.

As tempers raged out of control, players were king-hit and others ran 60 metres to join in the brawls, the quick-thinking Elder bounced the ball, leaving players to decide whether to play football or fight.

Four players were reported, two receiving 18 months suspension and two 12 months each.

TEMPERS FLARE

Ill-feeling between the clubs raged for years.

In 1934, Collingwood captain Syd Coventry had his skull fractured in an incident with Carlton strongman Gordon Mackie.

In the violent 1945 preliminary final, which Carlton narrowly won — thanks to 7.3 in 20 minutes in the final quarter — players were punched and kicked. Carlton captain Bob Chitty took his place in the side despite an accident at work in which he sliced off the top of one of his fingers.

In the 1970 play-off, Carlton coach Ron Barassi's insistence on handball helped his team steal a premiership from Collingwood in extraordinary circumstances.

Seeing his side trail by 44 points at half-time, Barassi brought 19th man Ted Hopkins on to the ground and ordered his players to handball at all costs, running the ball up the ground in waves.



Jon Dorotich ... the former West Australian will be in thick of things with Carlton



Peter Dalcos ... the 'Macedonian marvel' who always performs in big games

Hopkins kicked four goals and Carlton won an incredible game by 10 points, having looked thoroughly inept in the first half. They had also lost to the Magpies in the second-semi.

The 1979 grand final was even closer, Carlton winning by just five points after Wayne Harmes produced an inspirational knock-on from deep in the forward pocket, which resulted in team-mate Ken Sheldon kicking a crucial goal.

Carlton's first-year half-forward Wayne Johnston was one of the stars of the game ... one of the many times he saved his best for crucial circumstances.

"Johnston needed the challenge of a big game," says Parkin.

"He had an enormous capacity to pump himself up and get the best out of himself when it mattered. He had a fire in his belly, a passion for the contest like very few other players."

CAPTAINS

Opposing captains for this week's game — Stephen Kernahan (Carlton) and Tony Shaw (Collingwood) — have similar attributes, both setting an inspirational example to their team-mates; Kernahan as a goalkicker and Shaw with his plucky tagging and on-ball duties.

A crowd of almost 100,000 is expected, the biggest mid-season MCG attendance since more than 91,000 saw South Australia play Victoria in 1989.



What the coaches had to say

Malcolm Blight (Geelong): "They (the Brisbane Bears) have had a bad week."
★★★★

Gary Buckenara (Sydney): "I can't be critical because our players played the game out. It was a contest where I thought we certainly had our opportunities to win. We should have put ourselves in a winning position earlier."
★★★★

Graham Cornes (Adelaide): "It was critical we had a good start, but then St Kilda just got its act together and lifted its workrate. We were a touch loose and allowed them to get into the game."
★★★★

Allan Jeans (Richmond): "We were undermanned, but to their credit most of the kids kept trying. Playing a top side at their home ground with their full-forward in full force was a very big ask."
★★★★

Alan Joyce (Hawthorn): "I was pleased. We played well last week and we were looking for another four quarters to back it up."
★★★★

Mick Malthouse (West Coast): "There are no excuses and I thought we were poor. The 20-point margin, in my view,
★★★★

was an injustice considering how well Fitzroy played. We played a very good side who beat us pointless."
★★★★

Leigh Matthews (Collingwood): "It's one of those really good, gutsy, character-building wins. Our whole defensive unit was good and our mid-field kept up the pressure when they could. So it was more our ability to keep them to an ordinary score than us kicking a million goals."
★★★★

John Northey (Melbourne): "It was disappointing from the fact that we got in front at the right time and didn't go on with it. We were probably lucky to get away with a draw."
★★★★

David Parkin (Carlton): "We'd scouted them very well. They've got a good structure, very good method, some outstanding individual players and most of them played very much to their potential — we didn't dominate one position."
★★★★

Wayne Schimmelbusch (North Melbourne): "I thought for the first quarter and a half we were OK. Then, for some unknown reason, when they lifted we didn't respond. Perhaps we've got too many spectators who stand back and wait for things to happen rather than make it happen."
★★★★

Robert Shaw (Fitzroy): "It was a really tough game and though they (the Eagles) kept coming back, we kept lifting. No one gave us a chance of covering our injury losses and we probably couldn't have done it last year, so this is our best win so far."
★★★★

Ken Sheldon (St Kilda): "I thought the spirit and endeavour shown by St Kilda was something to be proud of. From the 15-minute mark there were a number of ferocious smotherers and tackles laid and from there our spirits lifted."
★★★★

Robert Walls (Brisbane Bears): "To play well in these games you have to have courage to run."
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Rookie Shark thrives in his negative role

EARNING a reputation as an efficient tagger doesn't worry East Fremantle rookie Clayton Anderson.

In fact, the better the player Anderson is given to look after, the better he seems to play.

Last Saturday, the youngster from Palmyra gave himself an early 21st birthday present with a top-class effort against the WAFL's form player — East Perth rover Peter Miller.

Anderson celebrated his birthday on Wednesday, four days after keeping the ball-hungry Miller down to just 15 possessions as the Sharks stopped East Perth's winning three-game streak.

"It was a bit of a challenge playing on someone like that," said Anderson, who made his league debut at the start of last season, but finished with just three senior games when injury curtailed his year.

"I knew on Friday that I would be tagging one of the East Perth on-

ballers, so when I found out before the game that it would be Miller, I made up my mind that I'd just stay with him all game.

"He can certainly cover some ground and he's very clever. But I just stuck with him and I guess I'm pretty happy with the result."

Anderson had his 1991 campaign interrupted with a hamstring injury, but a solid summer has seen him go into this year fitter and stronger.

He has been one of the team's most consistent players in the opening five matches and is the man coach Ken Judge looks to when he's picking opponents to dangermen in the rival lineup.



THE SHADOW ... East Fremantle's Clayton Anderson tagged in-form East Perth rover Peter Miller out of the game last week

Demons chief leads way

FOOTBALL fans journeying to Lathlain Park on Saturday, May 16 for the battle between Perth and East Perth are urged to take the long way around — a detour in the name of good health.

Perth president Ted O'Connor, who suffered a heart attack in January, 1991, will lead a 6km walk from the Barrack Street jetty to Lathlain Park on the day of the match.

It's not a race and people of all ages are urged to take part. On arrival at Lathlain Park, the walkers will receive a drink, a snack and free entry to the game.

The walk will begin at 12.30pm and should take about an hour to complete. For more information, contact the Perth Football Club on 362 4499 or the National Heart Foundation on 386 8926.

Turner quits Lions

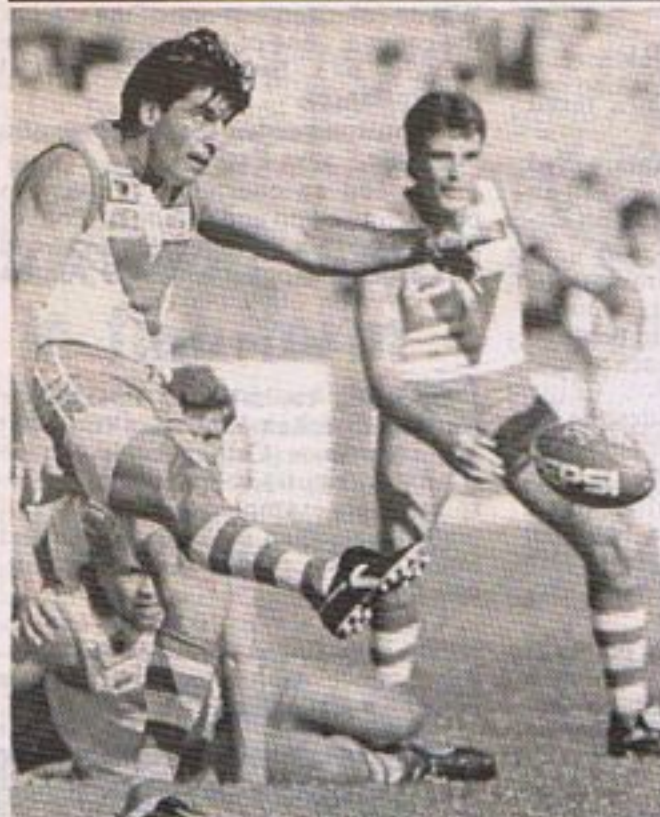
DEAN Turner's venture into Subiaco has been cut short.

The former East Perth, Eagles and Fitzroy mid-fielder severed connections with the Lions after round two, when they notched their only win of the season so far, against West Perth.

Turner joined Subiaco this year after ending a distinguished WAFL and AFL playing career. He cited increased work commitments for his decision to leave the Lions den.

However, it is understood that with Haydn Bunton as the senior coach and former Perth and Geelong star Bryan Cousins in charge of the reserves, Turner felt somewhat out in the cold at decision-time.

New Bulldog has a fit start



NEW BULLDOG ... Joe Santostefano drives South Fremantle forward last week

SOUTH Fremantle gained a handy recruit when they picked up former Perth skipper Joe Santostefano over summer — even though Mal Brown joked that they would need an ambulance on stand-by throughout the season.

The injury-plagued Santostefano (27) has had his fittest start to a season for several years, playing the last two league games for his new club — and says he is enjoying life at the Port.

"They're a great bunch of guys and life's always interesting under Brownie," he said.

Santostefano said it was great to have such a talented band of forwards to finish off his work in the mid-field and even though they kicked 19.19, Santostefano said there's still room for improvement.

"The side's playing pretty well, but our forwards could have kicked a few more — they missed some easy shots, so I guess that's where we could improve."

Caton: "I don't mind who kicks the goals."



SWAN Districts have the league's leading goalkicker in Kevin Caton and also the second-placed scorer in Mick Hastie.

But Caton, the man with the potential to post a century of goals in the Pepsi Cup competition, doesn't care whether he kicks big hauls or not.

"As long as the team is winning, I don't mind who kicks the goals," he said after Saturday's win over Claremont, when he bagged seven goals.

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Harding ready for WA role

THE revolving wheel of Paul Harding's football cycle is set for another turn as the WA selectors complete the make-up of the team to play South Australia in Adelaide next Tuesday.

The Simpson Medal winner produced a brilliant display of mobile ruck work to lead WA to a State-of-Origin victory over Victoria at the WACA Ground last July ... and he's now set for another interstate appearance.

Harding and his East Fremantle teammate Peter Wilson have emerged as prime candidates to play for WA as they await a re-call to duty from Eagles coach Mick Malthouse.

Harding returned to WA late last year, with the Eagles keen to use the mobile big man to plug some of their ruck deficiencies.

After three mixed performances with West Coast, Harding was dropped back to resume his WAFL career with East Fremantle, playing a leading role in victories over Perth and East Perth.

In another ironic twist to his football roller-coaster journey, Harding looks

By **KIM HAGDORN**

likely to contest a State spot with fellow Eagles ruckman Dean Irving — also hoping for a West Coast recall.

Irving, recovering from a knee injury, was encouraging in his first game for a month in South Fremantle's 73-point destruction of Subiaco. If he isn't required to play against Footscray, he would become a prime candidate to take on the Croweaters.

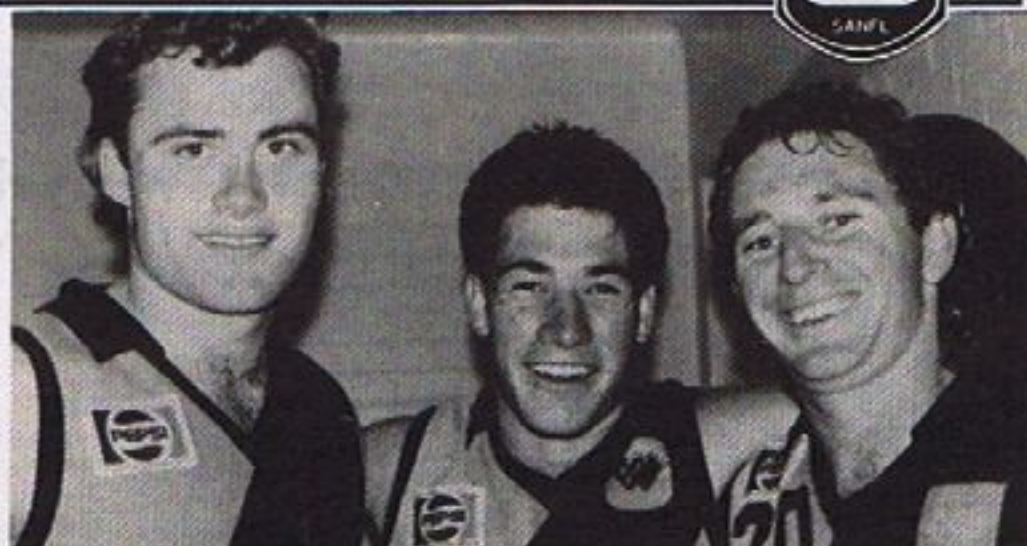
Injury and form in the WAFL round six matches this Saturday will sway the selectors before the team leaves on Monday morning.

The last-minute juggling of possible WAFL and Eagles players will determine the final shape of WA's team.

Talented Swan Districts forward-ruckman Jason Ball and Claremont rover Tony Evans are both on the borderline of an Eagles call-up, which could deprive them of a State guernsey.

Ball, with his mobility and versatility to play in the ruck or as a key forward, is headed back to the Eagles.

The gifted big man is a strong chance



SWANS TRIO... Three Swan Districts men who earned a State squad mention were (from left) Stephen O'Reilly, Rod O'Neill and Mick Hastie

to replace Ryan Turnbull, who has battled for form in the Eagles recent poor showings.

Other WAFL-based Eagles set for a State game are Claremont utility players Ashley McIntosh and Tony Begovich, Subiaco trio Phil Scott, Daniel Metropolis and Matt Connell, Perth's Adrian Barich and East Fremantle's Brendon Krummel.

Experienced rover David Hart would also come in for consideration if he recovers from a thigh strain to play for South Fremantle against Claremont on Saturday.

East Fremantle's third successive victory last Saturday also pushed two other influential Sharks into State team contention.

Former All-Australian and WA captain Steve Malaxos and ruckman Ian Newman threw their names into the selection ring with polished efforts in the demolition of East Perth.

Malaxos, keen to retain his WAFL

State captaincy, led WA to their stylish 44-point victory over SA in Perth last June and is yet to be disgraced in any of his 11 interstate appearances.

Newman, who has become the form ruckman of the WAFL since coming out of retirement a month ago, will have his fate decided by the availability of Eagles big men.

WA coach Barry Cable will be forced to wait till almost the 11th-hour before deciding his combination to meet SA at Football Park.

Cable and co-selectors John O'Connell, Ian Miller and Noel Carter will meet early on Sunday morning to finalise the travelling party.

But even then the squad may need reshuffling after the Eagles match against Footscray at Subiaco Oval.

Malthouse will release any fit players who don't play against Footscray — and are not required to play Carlton at Princes Park the following Saturday.

Pepsi Cup previews

Last chance to impress

By **Tania Armstrong**

STATE team candidates will be out to impress this Saturday when round six of the Pepsi Cup competition is contested — with three clubs in desperate need of a victory.

Subiaco, Claremont and West Perth are all languishing at the foot of the premiership table and need to bridge the gap.

They are two games away from the top five and face the prospect of losing touch if they don't reverse their form.

This Saturday the Falcons meet a much-improved East Fremantle, at Leederville Oval and the Sharks class will be hard to counter.

East Fremantle's forward line, with Eagles Paul Harding and Peter Wilson, will cause plenty of headaches.

Promising young Falcon Justin Drifil will get the job on Clinton Browning, while Derek Hall, switched into defence to regain some lost form, could line up at centre-half-back on Harding.

Rookie defender and All-Australian Teal Cup player Dean Brunton may be asked to watch Wilson.

West Perth ruckman Craig Nelson could make a last-minute bid for State selection if he performs against Ian Newman, one of the form ruckmen of the competition.

REBOUND

EAST Perth should rebound after last week's loss, when they tackle Subiaco, at Perth Oval.

The Royals will have too much run for the Lions, who struggled to curtail the Souths runners last week.

Subiaco have the talent to beat any team in the competition, but they lack cohesion and have resorted to their ineffective zig-zag football.

Sandover Medallist Ian Dargie is

wasted on a wing and coach Haydn Bunton should use him and Glenn Coyle in the centre, a combination which put the Lions into last year's grand final.

East Perth's Shawn Colbung, Heath East and Lucio Baroni continue to impress, while Peter Miller will want another good performance to further his State team ambitions.

East Perth skipper Craig McGrath returns to the league side, along with Steve Richardson after two weeks in the reserves.

Subiaco forwards John Georgiades, Andrew Macnish and Rod Willet failed to exert any influence last week and the best option available in the second half was Bill Monaghan, who did well when shifted from full-back.

CONFIDENCE

SWAN Districts, sitting on top of the premiership table, are unlikely to miss an opportunity to add to their points tally when they take on Perth, at Bassendean Oval.

Perth struggled against West Perth at the WACA, only hitting top form in the final term. But with an extra day's rest, they will be out to impress.

Perth big men John Van Rooye and Toby Jackson returned to form, with Jackson doing well in the ruck in the second half.

Steve Lally, Perth's driving force in the mid-field, was down last Friday and he will have to be in top form, along with Merv Kelly, Brendan Baker, Scott Spalding, Russell Thompson and Robert Thomson if the Demons

are to trouble Swans.

Swans confidence is riding high after thrashing Claremont and Mike Richardson in the centre, Michael Broadbridge, Geoff Passeri, Greg Walker and Michael Sidebottom will be hard to stop.

Swans spearhead Kevin Caton is in fine touch and will be a test for Perth full-back Ashley McPhail, who has conceded only 12 goals in five games.

BULLDOGS

SOUTH Fremantle lost their last home game — but it is hard to see the young Claremont side repeating East Perth's feat.

Gerard Neesham is doing his best bleeding replacements for the departed Tigers, but they are struggling to cope with the loss of John Hutton, Geoff Miles and Dale Kickett from their forward line.

Chris Gerryn, Paul Morgan and Damon Lukins were all down on form against Swans and they will find it no easier against the South Fremantle defence, led by State squad members John Porter, Nick Bolton and Martin Atkins.

Claremont will be badly undermanned in the big-man department, with ruckman Adam Clark expected to miss the match through injury. Rob Fitzgerald is the obvious replacement after some good reserves games.

South Fremantle's forward line is bursting with young talent such as Warren Campbell, Jason Spinks and Derick Woods.

Craig Edwards slotted in nicely at full-forward to finish off some good mid-field work and rookie ruck-rover Wayne Hernaman has made a spectacular entry to league football.

GIO Presents **Top Score**

SPEEDY Swan Districts full-forward Kevin Caton has taken over the lead in the GIO goalkicking award after a seven goal haul against Claremont, the highest tally of the season.

Caton's 7.2 went one better than the previous highest individual score, 6.2 from East Perth's Lloyd Haskett against Swans in round two.

The Swans sharp-shooter is now four goals clear of teammate Mick Hastie and both are under consideration for a State berth against South Australia.

West Perth's Matt Cullen moved into third place when he added two goals against Perth after spending the first half on the bench.

WAFL LEADING GOALKICKERS

Kevin Caton (Swan Dist)	19.12
Mick Hastie (Swan Dist)	15.6
Matt Cullen (West Perth)	13.8
Warren Campbell (South Frem)	12.10
Rod Willet (Subiaco)	12.3
John Van Rooye (Perth)	10.5
Andrew Macnish (Subiaco)	10.4
Heath East (East Perth)	10.4
John Georgiades (Subiaco)	9.9
Shane Evans (East Perth)	9.6
Clinton Browning (East Frem)	9.6
Paul Morgan (Claremont)	9.5
Steve Lally (Perth)	9.4
Wally Matera (South Frem)	9.4
Andy Holmes (Swan Dist)	8.11
Lloyd Haskett (East Perth)	8.7
Steve Bazzo (Swan Dist)	8.3
Ashley Fiugge (South Frem)	7.8
Steven Grant (South Frem)	7.6
Scott Spalding (Perth)	7.3

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FRIENDLY RIVALS ... the interstate battle at Adelaide's Football Park next Tuesday night will, in fact, see two West Australians coaching the rival sides — and they were once WA team-mates. WA's combination will be under the astute control of football legend Barry Cable (right), while the South Australians will be coached by former Subiaco player, Neil Balme, who has made his name in Adelaide as a premiership coach with Norwood. Back in 1977, the two men lined up together in WA's inaugural State-of-Origin side that beat Victoria



Talent depth a boost for SA

SOUTH Australia's depth of talent is their biggest asset for Tuesday night's match against WA.

A two-year moratorium on SA players, introduced when the Adelaide Crows joined the AFL, has allowed the State to retain many outstanding players.

It has also seen the emergence of some exciting young talent, which will be on display against WA.

The SA squad, minus Crows players, has trained for the past three weeks, but have been hampered by sickness, injury and employment commitments to at least half the squad.

By **ASHLEY HORNSEY**

The State selectors this week added 11 Adelaide Crows to the squad and the final team will be selected after training on Sunday.

At least 13 players, plus coach John Cahill, will be missing from the side that suffered a second-half fade-out, losing to WA by 44 points at Subiaco

Oval last season.

Cahill has been replaced by Woodville-West Torrens coach Neil Balme.

Balme's appointment was clouded with controversy as the job has traditionally gone to the reigning premiership coach.

That was North Adelaide's Mike Nunan, but he may have paid the price for his outspoken comments about the Crows and other football matters.

SA has stacks of experience with Mike Redden (ruck), Michael Aish (follower), Clayton Lamb (half-forward), Bruce Abernethy (half-back),

Roger Delaney (full-back), Darren Smith (centre-half-forward) all proven campaigners at State or AFL level.

Newcomers include outstanding teenager Nathan Buckley (wing) and Brett Chalmers (ruck) who have been starring at Port Adelaide this season.

HIGH-FLYER

Another to keep an eye on will be high-flying full-forward Tony Modra, who kicked six goals for the Crows against Fitzroy in a Foster's Cup match.

Former South Fremantle rover Stephen Rowe, close to regaining his place with the Crows, is also likely to be included.

The unknown quality of each side adds to the interest in interstate matches between SA and WA.

The South Australians



BRUCE ABERNETHY
Age 30, Ht 182cm, 85kg
Club: Port Adelaide/Crows
Games played: 180 Pt Adel, 10 Crows, 43 Nth Melb, 60 Coll, 10 SA
A veteran Crows squad member who kicks long and rarely wastes a possession.

NATHAN BUCKLEY
Age 18, Ht 184cm, Wt 79kg
Club: Port Adelaide
Games played: 20
Has emerged as the SANFL's outstanding player this season, dominating from the centre. Will probably play for Brisbane next year.

MATTHEW KELLY
Age 21, Ht 187cm, Wt 86kg
Club: Norwood/Crows
Games played: 36 Nor, 1 Crows
Attacking defender on the verge of Crows selection after a shocking run of injuries.

GARRY McINTOSH
Age 28, Ht 173cm, Wt 84kg
Club: Norwood
Games played: 244, 9 SA
A rugged performer who is rated as SA's best player outside the AFL. Can play anywhere, especially as a mobile on-baller.

PAUL PATTERSON
Age 26, Ht 189cm, Wt 90kg
Club: West Adelaide/Crows
Games played: 133 West Adel, 5 Crows
Handy utility who has filled a number of positions with his club side and the Crows.

MIKE REDDEN
Age 34, Ht 198cm, Wt 92kg
Club: North Adelaide
Games played: 294, 10 SA
SA's best ruckman who captained the side against WA last season. A veteran big man who thrives on the higher level contests.

MICHAEL AISH
Age 31, Ht 183cm, Wt 78kg
Club: Norwood
Games played: 287, 13 SA
A courageous and elusive ruck-rover who uses his experience to overcome a lack of pace.

BRETT CHALMERS
Age 19, Ht 193cm, Wt 90kg
Club: Port Adelaide
Games played: 25
A strong, highly-rated young ruckman who has dominated for his club side and has an AFL future.

PETER KREIG
Age 28, Ht 178cm, Wt 77kg
Club: North Adelaide
Games played: 218
A durable left-footer who has deserved a State chance before now. Plays anywhere across the centreline.

TONY MODRA
Age 23, Ht 184cm, Wt 78kg
Club: West Adelaide/Crows
Games played: 25 West Adel, 1 Crows
Exciting high-flyer who is certain to be a key player for SA.

ANDREW PAYZE
Age 25, Ht 178cm, Wt 78kg
Club: Eagles/Crows
Games played: 185 Eag, 5 Crows, 3 SA
A skilful link player who is close to regaining his place with the Crows; has always performed well in the interstate arena.

STEPHEN ROWE
Age 26, Ht 175cm, Wt 79kg
Club: Norwood/Crows
Games played: 110 Norw, 8 Crows, 1 SA
A former South Fremantle rover who has found it hard to regain a place with the Crows this season, but is playing strongly in club ranks.

BRODIE ATKINSON
Age 19, Ht 175cm, Wt 76kg
Club: North Adelaide
Games played: 24
An emerging rover whose determination highlights his game. Trained with the Adelaide Crows pre-season and is headed for an AFL career.

ROGER DELANEY
Age 26, Ht 186cm, Wt 86kg
Club: Port Adelaide
Games played: 100, 2 SA
A strong full-back, who has been showing his best form since a fruitless stint with Fitzroy two years ago.

CLAYTON LAMB
Age 27, Ht 182cm, Wt 88kg
Club: Glenelg
Games played: 220, 3 SA
A talented half-forward, who was dropped by the Crows after a succession of injuries, but has displayed good form around the goals this season.

MIKE MURPHY
Age 26, Ht 188cm, Wt 88kg
Club: Glenelg/Crows
Games played: 132 Glen, 8 Crows, 3 Nth Melb, 1 SA
Untimely suspensions have cost him the chance of cementing a regular place with the Crows, but recent performances have him close to a recall.

TIM PERKINS
Age 22, Ht 183cm, Wt 85kg
Club: North Adelaide
Games played: 55
A strong defender who has also been claimed by Queensland under State-of-Origin rules for the same night.

ADAM SALIBA
Age 21, Ht 176cm, Wt 85kg
Club: North Adelaide/Crows
Games played: 60
Classy mover who has been compared to Adelaide's Andrew Jarman.

PETER BANFIELD
Age 27, Ht 176cm, Wt 78kg
Club: West Adelaide
Games played: 54, 1 SA
An elusive left-foot rover who previously played for Essendon and Brisbane, but has settled down in Adelaide and is proving a top player.

DAVID HUTTON
Age 27, Ht 183cm, Wt 76kg
Club: Port Adelaide
Games played: 123
A skilful runner who likes to find open spaces. Works hard off a wing.

BRUCE LINDNER
Age 30, Ht 185cm, Wt 87kg
Club: West Adelaide/Crows
Games played: 62 West Adel, 11 Crows, 66 Geel, 6 SA
Injury-prone utility player who is usually at his best in State games.

MARK NALEY
Age 31, Ht 178cm, Wt 80kg
Club: South Adelaide
Games played: 198 South, 65 Carl, 15 SA
A Magarey Medal winner, who was rated SA's best against WA last year. An experienced rover.

DAVID PITTMAN
Age 23, Ht 198cm, Wt 96kg
Club: Norwood/Crows
Games played: 60, 1 SA
Improving with each outing and a big game against WA could elevate him into the Crows line-up.

DARREN SMITH
Age 27, Ht 193cm, Wt 84kg
Club: Port Adelaide/Crows
Games played: 195 Pt Adel, 8 Crows, 4 SA
A strong-marking centre-half-forward who has a powerful kick and presents a real contest in attack.

ANDREW BROCKHURST
Age 27, Ht 192cm, Wt 94kg
Club: South Adelaide
Games played: 90, 1 SA
A strong utility player who can be used in a key position or on the ball. Played 38 games with Fitzroy.

DAVID KAPPLER
Age 31, Ht 183cm, Wt 82kg
Club: South Adelaide
Games played: 25
A strong half-back; a long-kicking left-footer who always provides plenty of rebound from defence.

DAVID MARSHALL
Age 30, Ht 177cm, Wt 78kg
Club: Glenelg/Crows
Games played: 311 Glen, 18 Crows, 1 SA
Dropped by the Crows, but has returned to his best in recent weeks.

TIM NUNAN
Age 18, Ht 173cm, Wt 72kg
Club: North Adelaide
Games played: 32
A premiership rover who has rapidly emerged as a player destined for a long career.

ROB PYMAN
Age 20, Ht 175cm, Wt 77kg
Club: Eagles
Games played: 44
A back-pocket specialist who wins many possessions as an attacking player.

GRANT TANNER
Age 21, Ht 183cm, Wt 84kg
Club: Norwood/Crows
Games played: 45
Courageous defender who missed last season with injury, but is close to Crows selection.



Croweaters versus Sandgropers



BULLDOG BOYS... South Fremantle trio (from left) John Porter, Martin Atkins and Neil Bolton enjoy a drink after State training



GEARING UP... Claremont wingman Scott Edwards straps himself up for a training session



MEAN MACHINE... Tigers full-back Phil Gilbert earned a State squad call-up with some mean football in defence

The West Australians

MARTIN ATKINS

Age 23, Ht 190cm, Wt 83kg
Club: South Fremantle
Games played: 26
A player who sports a broad English accent and had his origins in soccer before developing into a consistent centre-half-back with the Bulldogs.

JASON BALL

Age 19, Ht 196cm, Wt 82kg
Club: Swan Districts/Eagles
Games played: 15 SD, 1 WCE
Tried in the first AFL game of the season, Ball has hit top form in the ruck and at centre-half-forward trying to regain his position.

ADRIAN BARICH

Age 28, Ht 178cm, Wt 85kg
Club: Perth/Eagles
Games played: 106 Perth, 47 WCE
The barrel-chested Barich can be used in a variety of positions. Has good pace and is creative in the forward line.

LUCIO BARONI

Age 26, Ht 175cm, Wt 78kg
Club: East Perth
Games played: 102, 1 WA
A hard working mid-fielder who can play in the centre or on a wing.

DEAN BERTRAM

Age 23, Ht 173cm, Wt 72kg
Club: East Perth
Games played: 76
A surprise pick in the squad, one of the most consistent Royals on the half-back-line.

NICK BOLTON

Age 20, Ht 182cm, Wt 83kg
Club: South Fremantle
Games played: 6
Another surprise inclusion in the squad, this raw youngster has only just begun his first full season of league football.

KEVIN CATON

Age 27, Ht 185cm, Wt 85kg
Club: Swan Districts
Games played: 102 SD, 1 WCE, 9 Fitz, 8 Bris, 1 WA
A fast leading full-forward with a spectacular mark. Has great ball-handling skills.

JOHN CLARKSON

Age 23, Ht 183cm, Wt 81kg
Club: Perth
Games played: 77, 1 WA
Hard running defender who can also play in the centre or on the ball.

MARK COLLINS

Age 24, Ht 182cm, Wt 84kg
Club: South Fremantle
Games played: 25
Returned from a season with the Sydney Swans without playing a game and has picked up where he left off in Perth by slotting back onto the wing.

MATTHEW CONNELL

Age 19, Ht 180cm, Wt 73kg
Club: Subiaco/Eagles
Games played: 14
In his second season of league football, this talented midfielder has taken the WAFL by storm.

TRAVIS EDMONDS

Age 21, Ht 195cm, Wt 82kg
Club: Swan Districts
Games played: 44
The form ruckman of the WAFL and is establishing himself as one of the best knock-ruckmen around.

SCOTT EDWARDS

Age 23, Ht 182cm, Wt 76kg
Club: Claremont
Games played: 66
The Claremont vice-captain is a dogged defender on the half-back line.

TONY EVANS

Age 23, Ht 178cm, Wt 75kg
Club: Claremont/Eagles
Games played: 58, 2 WCE, 1 WA
Long hampered by leg injuries, this classy rover is a quiet achiever who has a way of gathering possessions and feeding out the ball in an unobtrusive manner.

PHIL GILBERT

Age 22, Ht 183cm, Wt 87kg
Club: Claremont
Games played: 26
An accomplished full-back with the reigning premiers, Gilbert overcomes his lack of height with a strong mark.

PAUL HARDING

Age 29, Ht 193cm, 95kg
Club: East Fremantle/Eagles
Games played: 98 EF, 3 WCE, 6 Haw, 67 StK, 9 WA
A Simpson Medallist against Victoria in WA's State-of-Origin victory in Perth last season, Harding would be a great asset to the side in the ruck or at centre-half-forward.

DAVID HART

Age 28, Ht 177cm, Wt 79kg
Club: South Frem/Eagles

Games played: 71 SF, 74 WCE, 7 WP, 3 WA
This tough rover/tagger was on the verge of an Eagles recall before a leg injury struck.

MICK HASTIE

Age 23, Ht 180cm, Wt 82kg
Club: Swan Districts
Games played: 44
Opportunist in front of goal and is always a dangerman on the half-forward line.

BRENDAN KRUMMEL

Age 19, Ht 188cm, Wt 80kg
Club: East Fremantle/Eagles
Games played: 27 EF, 1 WCE
A versatile big man with exceptional skills, he can play effectively at either end of the ground.

STEVE LALLY

Age 27, Ht 182cm, Wt 72kg
Club: Perth
Games played: 48 Perth, 52 Central Dist
A big possession getter with a handy knack of finding the goals when in close vicinity.

WALLY MATERA

Age 28, Ht 170cm, Wt 70kg
Club: South Fremantle
Games played: 84 SF, 24 WCE, 32 Fitzroy
An original Eagle and older brother of Peter, he has returned to the West to finish his football career. One of the WAFL's best goal-kicking rovers.

ASHLEY McINTOSH

Age 19, Ht 193cm, Wt 90kg
Club: Claremont/Eagles
Games played: 6 Clare, 17 WCE, 1 WA
The AFL rookie-of-the-year last season is only just recovering from a knee injury sustained in the Foster's Cup. A versatile player with a cool head who can be used in a variety of key positions.

DANIEL METROPOLIS

Age 20, Ht 186cm, 82kg
Club: Subiaco/Eagles
Games played: 3 Subi, 4 WCE
An exciting half-forward who kicked six goals on debut with the Eagles.

PETER MILLER

Age 23, Ht 167cm, Wt 67kg
Club: East Perth
Games played: 70
Courageous rover-cum-centreman who has been in scintillating early season form.

KEVIN MITCHELL

Age 29, Ht 180cm, Wt 75kg
Club: Claremont
Games played: 67, 1 WA
Dropped from Essendon's list over summer, he is a creative forward/ruck-rover who approaches the ball with ferocious desire.

ROD O'NEILL

Age 21, Ht 185cm, Wt 82kg
Club: Swan Districts
Games played: 38
A dogged full-back who rarely lets a forward beat him. Punches the ball away effectively and has good recovery.

STEPHEN O'REILLY

Age 19, Ht 195cm, Wt 96kg
Club: Swan Districts
Games played: 27
One of Swans best players this season, his second in the tough centre-half-back position. His height makes it tough going for any forward in an aerial contest.

GEOFF PASSERI

Age 23, Ht 175cm, Wt 84kg
Club: Swan Districts
Games played: 105, 1 WA
Gradually playing himself into

form on a wing after a slow start. Is one of his side's top possession getters.

JOHN PORTER

Age 21, Ht 194cm, Wt 88kg
Club: South Fremantle
Games played: 41
The form full-back of the WAFL competition. Porter is cool in a crisis and creates many attacking moves from his post in the square.

MIKE RICHARDSON

Age 33, Ht 180cm, Wt 82kg
Club: Swan Districts
Games played: 110 SD, 59 C'wood, 16 Ess, 81 Bears, 7 WA
The oldest member of the WA squad who is best as a linkman through the middle of the ground. Is a fine reader of the play and his experience at State level makes him a crucial player.

PHIL SCOTT

Age 31, Ht 194cm, Wt 97kg
Club: Subiaco/Eagles
Games played: 93 Subi, 66 WCE
One of the league's most ex-

perienced ruckmen, he is in great form despite being overlooked for AFL selection.

CRAIG TRELEVEN

Age 21, Ht 187cm, Wt 86kg
Club: East Fremantle
Games played: 5
The only rookie in the squad, the highly skilled ruck-rover was recruited from Esperance after initially trying out with Swan Districts.

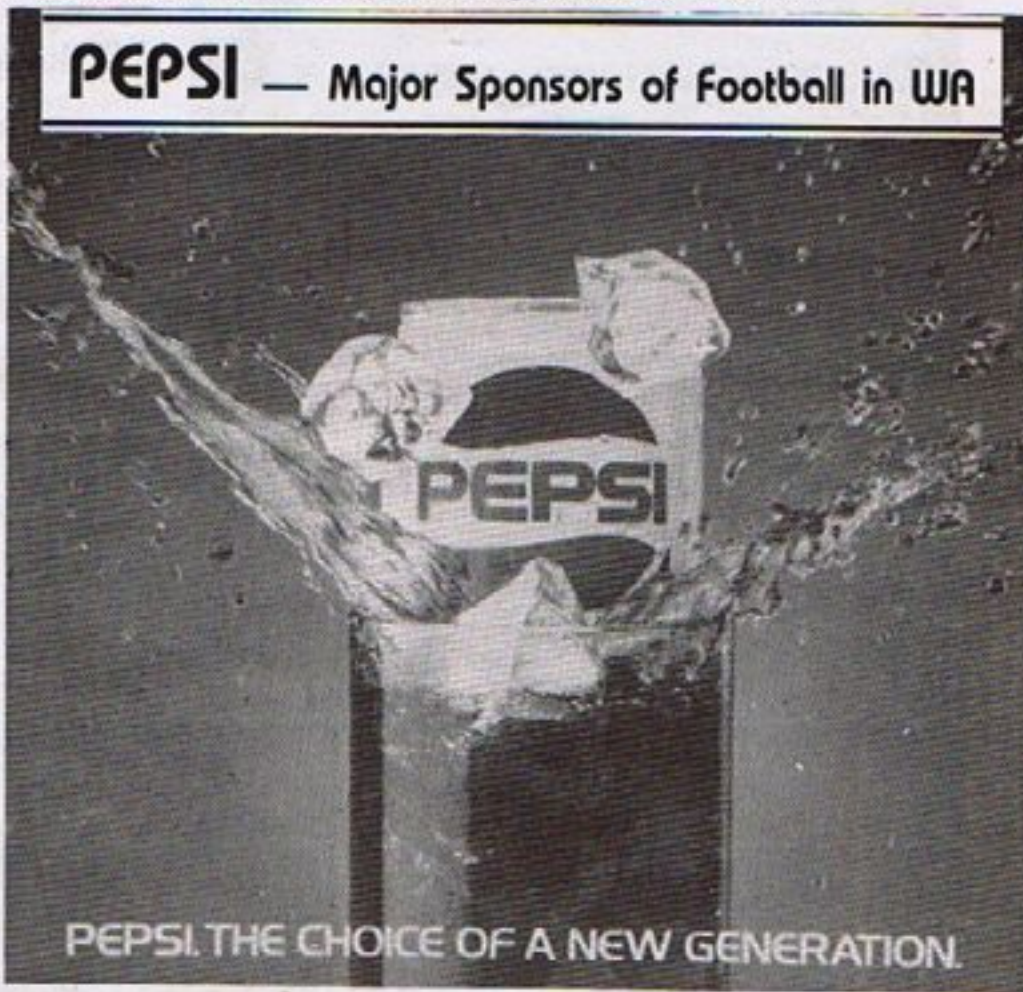
ROBBIE WEST

Age 23, Ht 174cm, Wt 76kg
Club: West Perth/Eagles
Games played: 22 WP, 1 WCE, 1 WA
Hard working rover from Victoria who is always found on the bottom of the pack.

PETER WILSON

Age 28, Ht 183cm, Wt 90kg
Club: East Fremantle/Eagles
Games played: 95 EF, 41 WCE, 54 Rich, 5 WA
Fiery half-forward who is recovering from a dislocated shoulder. His aggressive approach to the football makes him an ideal inclusion in the side if fit.

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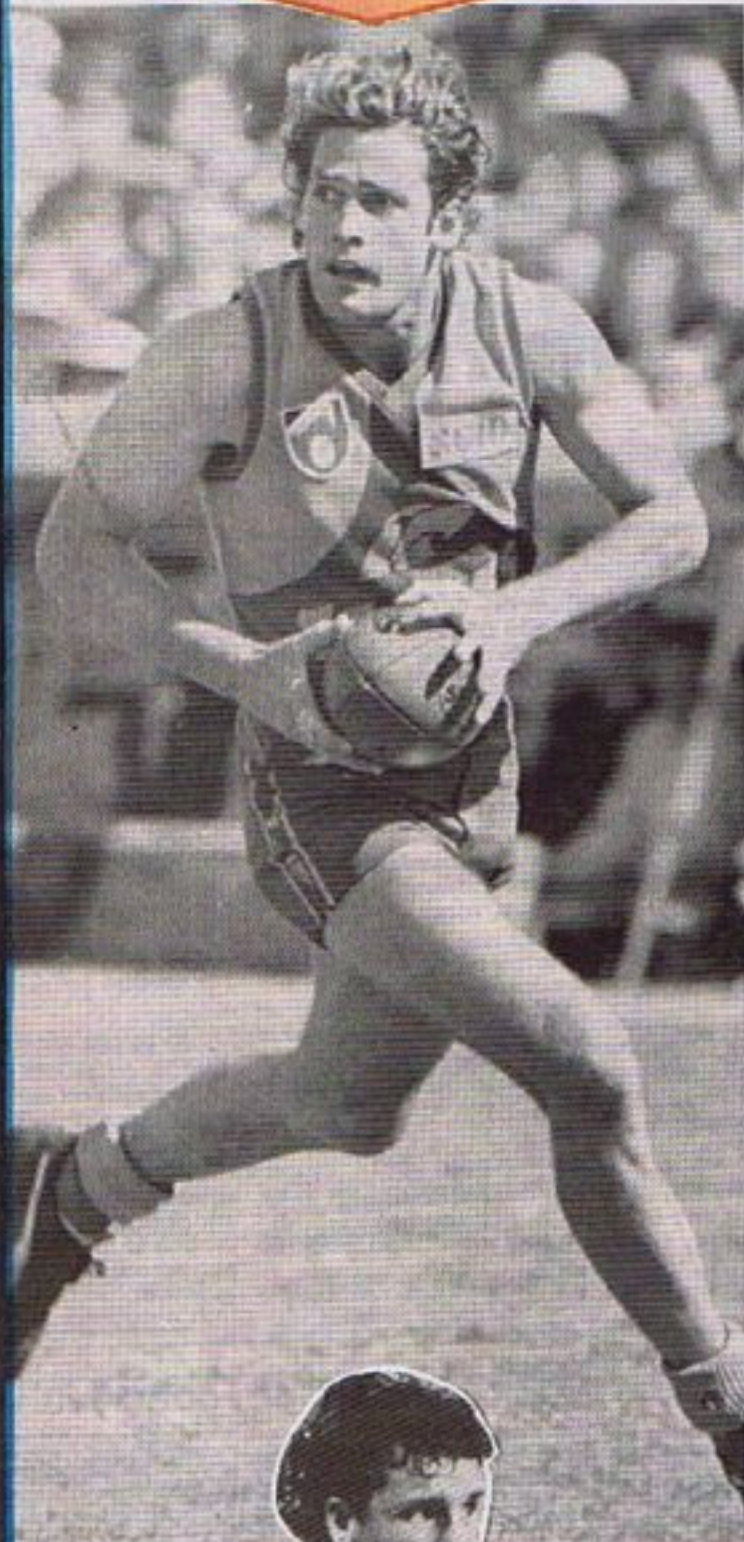
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THE FOCUS on the West Coast Eagles and their 1992 premiership campaign has seen the spotlight swing to a number of key players.

Questions are coming thick and fast — is the team falling down on the ball, in the ruck, in attack or midfield?

Like every top AFL side, the Eagles have a hard-core of vitally-important players to build the side around — so just who are the top 10 and beyond?

A survey by West Coast marketing experts over summer, rated pin-up full-forward Peter Sumich as the most popular Eagle.

It's obvious that eligible bachelors like Chris Mainwaring, Craig Turley and Brett Heady are also high-profile public figures.

But popularity aside, who are the key players the club could ill-afford to lose through injury or suspension.

Turley, last year's club champion and Brownlow Medal runner-up, must be in the group, along with Chris Lewis, the 1990 player of the finals; captain courageous John Worsfold; goal-kicking forwards Sumich and Heady and Mainwaring, an experienced big-match performer.

The need for more agile ruckmen, coupled with

Dean Irving's knee injury, rocketed Eagles draft Paul Harding onto the top shelf as well.

In recent Eagles outings — good and bad — often big men have dominated and the ruck is becoming a crucial one.

That was clearly illustrated to home-town fans weeks back when Geelong's Steven Handley, promising rookie from Swan Districts, but not all that highly as a ruckman — chopped the following division to ribbons.

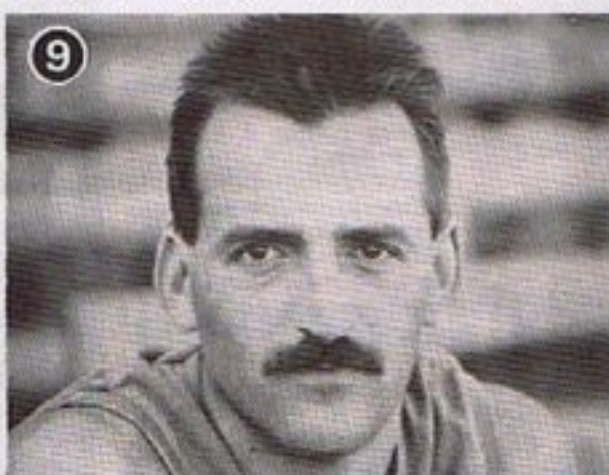
Hawthorn's Steven Lawrence, in last year's State Oval qualifying final and again in the grand final, simply brilliant.

Carlton's Justin Madden, North Melbourne's Michael Gallagher and Fitzroy's Matt Rendell were contributors in Eagles defeats in 1991.

Harding, the 1991 State-of-Origin Simpson Medalist, was one of the Eagles top performers in the point victory over St Kilda, his first senior appearance since joining the club last November.

His agility and mobility around the ground, a major factor in the Eagles enjoying their dominance on the ball.

With Laurie Keene still out with a serious injury — which threatens to cut short the tall ruckman's career — and the Eagles reluctance to veteran Phil Scott, Harding could carry the ruck most single-handedly.



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| 1. Craig Turley | 12. Chris Wat |
| 2. Peter Sumich | 13. Dean Laidl |
| 3. Guy McKenna | 14. Peter Mate |
| 4. Chris Lewis | 15. Dean Irvin |
| 5. Dean Kemp | 16. Ashley Mc |
| 6. Chris Mainwaring | 17. Scott Watt |
| 7. John Worsfold | 18. Paul Peos |
| 8. Glen Jakovich | 19. Don Pyke |
| 9. Paul Harding | 20. Dwayne La |
| 10. Brett Heady | 21. Karl Langd |
| 11. Michael Brennan | |

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Midfield motivators

Spindly young ruckman Matthew Burton, at 212cm, is the tallest player at any AFL club. But the 21-year-old is developing slowly and is a long way from playing in senior ranks.

But while the ruck is a worry, the ball still has to be carried out of the centre square for teams to develop dominance and rivals like Hawthorn, Geelong and St Kilda have their prime movers.

Hawthorn, the champion team of the past decade, have a nucleus surrounding Steven Lawrence, rover John Platten, centreman Ben Allan and champion forwards Jason Dunstall and when fit, Dermott Brereton.

Geelong's creators, Gary Ablett, Mark Bairstow, Paul Couch, Gary Hocking and ruckman Damian Bourke, make up one of the best in the business and are keys to the Geelong machine. Up forward, Billy Brownless caps off the talents of the midfield Cats.

St Kilda's top ranking unquestionably belongs to full-forward Tony Lockett, perhaps the most highly-rated player in the nation.

Lockett is the key to St Kilda; he wins games from his own sized 13 boot.

Other high-ranking Saints include forward Nicky Winmar, brilliant follower Robert Harvey, rover Danny Craven and tough defender Danny Frawley.

So what of the Eagles?

Sumich's goal-front finishing is crucial.

But Guy McKenna's reliable, cool and respected leadership across half-back and Turley's courage and ball-getting qualities, are also vital.

Dean Kemp's versatility to rove, play in the centre, on a wing or even up forward, puts him in the top five.

The speed and dash of wingman Peter Matera is important to the team's midfield supremacy, along with the versatility of Chris Waterman and Scott Watters.

The West Coast match committee rate each player from one to 20 after every game.

But they don't often rate their entire squad; which is obviously a very tough challenge — especially as you get towards the end of the list.

Surprise draftee Tim Watson, who says he won't be lured out of retirement, the injured Keene and the unknown Jason Disney sit at the bottom of the Eagles squad.

A fit Keene, however, would rocket to the top 10, as players of his ability are a rare breed.

The quality of the Eagles list is obvious as the depth extends well into the top 40 and as the season unfolds, injury, poor form and coach Mick Malthouse's "horses for courses" strategy should enable many of those players to get an AFL guernsey.

But based on sheer skill, effectiveness and importance to the team's on-field strategy, this is how I rate the entire West Coast squad.



LAGDORN rates the Eagles squad

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| 22. Peter Wilson. | 32. Matt Connell | 42. David Ogg |
| 23. David Hart. | 33. Tony Evans | 43. Nathan McIntosh |
| 24. David Hynes. | 34. Mark Hepburn | 44. Derek Hall |
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| 26. Andrew Lockyer. | 36. Adrian Barich | 46. Peter Freeman |
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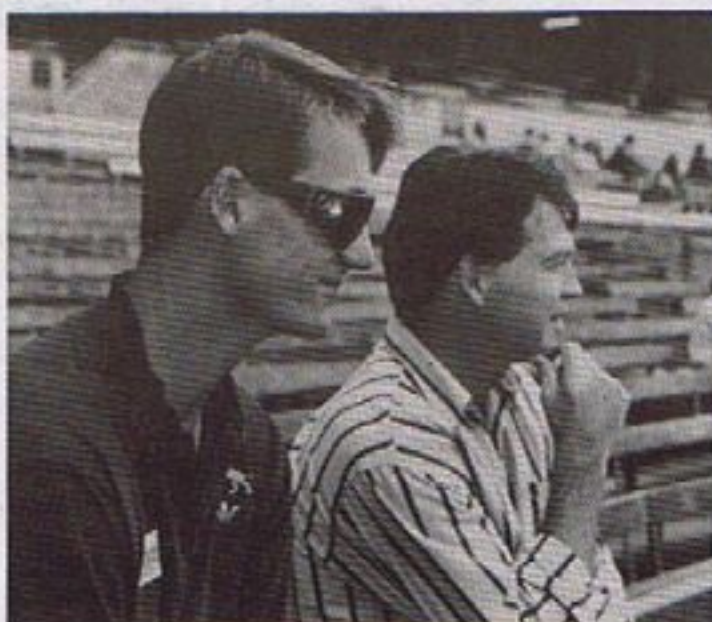
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Lions show their

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HELPING HANDS
... Subiaco's reserves coach Bryan Cousins (right) surveys the Lions cubs, with his team manager Gary Peach. **FAR RIGHT:** Lions team manager Barry Strack runs a very efficient operation at Subiaco



SITUATED at WA's home of football, Subiaco Oval, is one of the most efficient engine rooms of any football club in Australia.

The Subiaco Football Club has been credited with one of the most financially-viable off-field management teams in football — but that doesn't make the day-to-day tasks any easier.

Lions general manager Alan White heads an office which has been largely unchanged for the past two seasons.

White joined Subiaco at the start of last year after having his first taste of football administration across the railway line at West Perth.

He is in his sixth year as a full-time GM, having defected from the Education Department in mid-1987 after initially combining football development work with his role as a youth education officer at the Como Senior High School.

Alongside White in the office is football and development manager Wayne Loxley, a former player with the club.

The hard-working Loxley has been involved with Subiaco for the majority of his senior footballing years, starting in 1975 as an under-19s player.

Loxley joined the Lions administration in September 1989 after a stint as Aussie Footy co-ordinator with the Town and Country Bank's Football Development Trust.

Social club manager Greg Pozzi is the newest member of the staff, having joined the Lions this year. He spends most of his time upstairs in the large social halls, co-ordinating the workings of the bar and other social activities.

FEMALE SUPPORT

Three ladies complete the team in the office, with many years of experience between them.

The newest member of the trio is office secretary Karen James, who joined the team fresh out of school in 1988.

White's personal secretary, Sue Jetten, joined the club in the mid-1980s after a six-month introduction to life in a football office with the WAFL.

Accountant Rosemary Adams has been with the Lions for 14 years, going back to the days when Subiaco were struggling to make ends meet. She has seen the club complete a full cycle in the business world.

Former players, not necessarily with Subiaco, make up the coaching entourage, led by veteran Haydn Bunton, the longest-serving coach at the club. Bunton first coached the Lions between 1968 and '72 and after a brief visit back to his home town of Adelaide, he returned to start his current coaching stint in 1984.

ASSISTANTS


When Bunton is ready to step aside, Bryan Cousins, a former Perth and Geelong player and Subiaco's reserves coach for the last three years, would certainly have the credentials to take over.

Colts coach Mick Fuller, the only former Subiaco player on the coaching staff, took over at the helm three seasons ago.

Another long-time servant of the club is league team manager Barry Strack, who is in his 10th year with the Lions after starting off as reserves team manager.

George Young, another former player with the club, is continuing in his role as league team runner, while the Lions have just gained WAFL permission for player John Cooper to act as a runner for the reserves.

Cooper (22) has played 35 games with Subiaco, but opted for a season on




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the sidelines while he completes a demanding environmental course and he will resume his career next season.

President David Williams took over the presidency for season 1989 and he heads a distinguished board, consisting of Ian Brown, Cliff Fitzpatrick, Basil Fuller, Peter Metropolis, Gerry Stokes and Brian Warren, with Des Gaines as treasurer.

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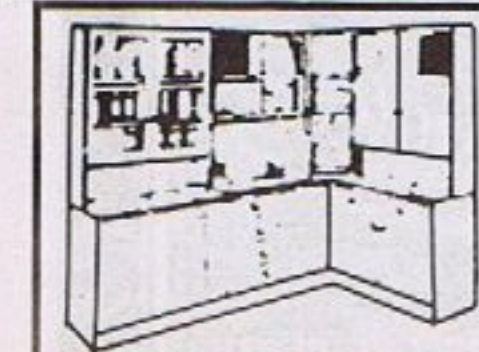
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Off the beaten track

with ALAN EAST



Meet a couple of country characters



Gate man has seen many champs

SITTING on the fence when it comes to living in a two-team football town is no easy task — but Len Thompson has managed the feat for nearly 40 years.

A veteran of sport in Collie, the long-serving football stalwart has seen hundreds of players pass through the gates at the local Recreation Ground.

As ground manager for the home of Mines Rovers and Collie, Thompson has sat on the fence by being an official paid-up member of both clubs.

"Both clubs treat me well," he says. "I barrack for whichever team is playing at home and when it's a local derby I become neutral."

Thompson, who retired from the coalfields in 1968, has an involvement with football that goes back many decades; to 1946, in fact, when he was a delegate for the now-defunct Centrals Football Club to the Collie Football Association.

Mines Rovers and Railways helped make up the league, but Centrals and Railways later amalgamated to form the Collie Football Club in the 1950s, which was the forerunner to Collie linking up with Bunbury teams.

Thompson, born in Watheroo some 83 years back, played a bit of football before the war, with New Norcia College and also on a wing for Towns, in Northam.

He arrived in Collie as a 30-year-old looking for farm

work, but settled for a role with a local hotel and then in the timber mill at Muja, just outside the town.

He moved to the coal mines when he returned from war action in New Guinea, the Middle East and Borneo, having served with the 2nd 32nd battalion.

"I got the job of ground manager at the Rec. in 1953 and I've had it ever since," says Thompson.

"That was basically the start of the South West League; it was called the Collie-Bunbury League then.

"I was president of the Collie Football Association and naturally became a foundation delegate to the new league that linked up the two towns, serving initially as vice president."

BIG NAMES

Years of service at the ground has meant that Thompson has seen plenty of good footballers pass through the gates — names like Les Mumme and his brother Harold, the Annandales, who were all local stars, Bill Hayward, Bill Skwirowski and Jon Fogarty, in recent years.

"But the best player I've seen was Mayne Coverley," says Thompson.

"He made a brief visit to the city to play with East Perth, but his career was legendary in the South West. He won three Hayward Medals for the fairest and best player in the league and he was just so tough and strong."

Len Thompson ... surveying the ground that he has managed for nearly 40 years

Family's heart has stayed put

IT WAS no April Fool's joke when the Hart family stopped over in Bruce Rock in 1970 for a temporary look at the work situation.

The Victorians were heading West to settle, but had been diverted to Bruce Rock when a job opportunity came up for father Frank, a builder by trade.

The football season was about to open and the family's eldest son, 16-year-old Ken, stripped down for training on the local oval.

HIGHER LEVELS

Some 22 years later, the Harts are still around town; three sons have passed through the local football team to higher levels and Frank is continuing his visits to the local recreation ground — as caretaker of a Bruce Rock pride and joy.

The sons — Ken, Geoff and David — all have their name on the club's fairest-and-best honour board, with Frank prominent as a former club president.

"We arrived in town from Melbourne on April 1st and we did think it was a bit of a joke," recalls Frank, a weather-hardened country stalwart whose only visits to the city nowadays are to see son David play with the West Coast Eagles or South Fremantle.

"But we were offered a home and a

job in town and we've never got around to leaving."

Ken, a member of Victoria's State schoolboys side two years earlier, went straight into the league side at Bruce Rock and the locals couldn't believe their luck. He was a real bonus, arriving in town just as the season opened and claiming the fairest and best trophy; repeating the effort in 1971 and 1978, proving his skills across the half-forward line.



STAYING PUT ... former Victorian Frank Hart is still living in Bruce Rock after a brief visit 20 years ago

Brother Geoff was a centreman and followed into senior football a few years later, winning the fairest and best in 1988 and retiring in 1990.

The family's youngest son David added his name to the club champion award in 1982 and graduated to West Perth the next year.

ENTICED BACK

He returned home after just seven games, but was enticed back to city football by South Fremantle coach Malcolm Brown the next year and earned his Eagles call-up after a couple of solid seasons with the Bulldogs.

"If Mal Brown hadn't chased him back after his return from West Perth, David probably wouldn't be playing football now," says a proud father who still puzzles over West Perth's attitude towards young players.

"I rang West Perth as soon as Brown contacted us about David, but they didn't seem too interested in following him up."

Hart served as Bruce Rock club president in their premiership year of 1977 and he has been closely involved with the club ever since.

SOFT TOUCH

Thompson says that players are his worst enemies when it comes to trying to get into the ground for nothing. But he has always been a soft touch for players — "especially when they spin a good tale about how they left their wallet home."

"As ground manager, it's my job to collect all the gate money and hold it till Monday, when I bank it ... and I've never lost any yet."

There have been some big gates at the local Recreation Ground; about 4000 people a few years ago for a local derby, for example — with gate takings around \$3700.

And there have been plenty of dramatic moments.

UMPIRE KICKED

"I called a game off once, Collie versus Margaret River it was, about 10 years ago.

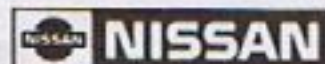
"The umpire was kicked by a fan who ran onto the arena. He came off and refused to continue and I wouldn't let anyone else take over. He still got paid, even though he didn't finish his job.

"But generally the Collie crowds have been well-behaved. We had a bit of trouble with drinking a few years ago, but that's all okay nowadays."

While Thompson, a life member of the SWNFL, is renowned throughout the South West for his football role, it is cricket that he likes best — especially when it comes to TV watching.



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The record-breakers

THE march towards the goalkicking history books by Hawthorn ace Jason Dunstall had one interested listener — the record holder, Fred Fanning.

The former Melbourne veteran, now living at Apollo Bay, down on Victoria's south-west coast, was on the end of a telephone interview with the ABC match commentary team as Dunstall's record bid finished one goal short.

In a fascinating live interview, the legendary Fanning recalled that he returned 18.1 from 19 kicks on that day back in 1947, when Melbourne thrashed St Kilda at the old Junction Oval.

"That wasn't a bad effort, was it?" he recalled. "But I wouldn't be too worried if it gets broken. I'll ring him (Dunstall) up and congratulate him on his good effort."

Fanning told listeners that he retired from the VFL at the relatively young age of 25 to move north to Hamilton, where he coached and went into a family business.

EQUAL SECOND

Dunstall's 17-goal feat puts him equal with Collingwood great Gordon Coventry, who kicked 17 goals against Fitzroy in 1930.

Dunstall says that his 17-goal haul wasn't achieved simply by himself despite.

"I think I got my season's share of free kicks in one game," Dunstall quipped after the match, which saw him kick three of his goals courtesy of

Record holder waits

the umpires, who paid plenty of attention to rival defenders holding him back.

Dunstall also praised the pin-point delivery into the forward line from teammates Darrin Pritchard and Darren Jarman.

"Some of the guys who were kicking the ball to me were fantastic," he said after the feat.

"You just don't get that every week. Your eyes light up when you see guys like Pritchard and Jarman get the ball with a bit of space, because if you get a yard in front, you'll get the ball on your chest."

Dunstall was ecstatic after his effort, not so much because he had challenged Fanning's long-standing target, but because he had set a Hawthorn club record.

He had overhauled the 16 goals that former Hawk champion Peter Hudson had kicked against Melbourne (at Glenferrie Oval) back in round five of 1969.

Dunstall wasn't shattered at missing Fanning's record — but said he didn't think he'd ever get that close again.

Cats beat the clock

GEELONG'S goal-scoring feast against the Brisbane Bears was a race against the clock.

With the AFL's highest-score record of 36.22 (238) under threat after a brilliant start to the final term, with 10 goals in 18 minutes, it was going to be a question of time.

The Cats surged forward consistently in the final minutes in search of the record and when Andrew Bews notched his first goal for the day — to become Geelong's 13th goalscorer — they became the first side to ever kick 37 goals.

But the record was only equalled, as the Cats were sitting on 37.16 (238) and they needed another score to claim their place in history — with just 29 seconds left on the clock.

HISTORY KICK

Big-marking forward Bill Brownless pulled in his ninth mark and fired on goal from about 40-metres out — and a point right on the siren was all that he needed to create history.

Kickin' around

REMEMBER Hawthorn veteran Ian Paton, a 170-gamer for the Glenferrie Oval club back in the 1980s? Well, he's still kicking around at the age of 36, guiding South Launceston to a 10-point win over Glenorchy in the Tasmanian Football League last week. Paton took some strong marks in defence and with another former Hawk in Bob Keddie coaching the side, Souths overcame Glenorchy's home ground for only the second time in TFL history.

MELBOURNE'S Sunday Age newspaper has done some digging into where the \$120 million earned by the AFL and its 15 clubs actually goes to. A handy slice goes to administration costs, naturally enough, with AFL chairman Ross Oakley reportedly operating on a package deal of \$220,000, including a Nissan 300Z car. His deputy, executive commissioner Alan Schwab, is said to be on a package of a car and \$170,000. The administrative line-up has four part-time commissioners and 12 full-time staff.

THE AFL hierarchy has moved its headquarters right into the heart of football territory. After many years at AFL House, in Jolimont Road, just around the corner from the MCG, the Commission has now moved into the ground and taken up luxurious offices in the newly-completed \$140 million Great Southern Stand. One relic of the past that got left behind in AFL House was the magnificent board room table. Built especially for the 12 VFL teams of the past, it has now been outgrown, with 15 AFL clubs, so it was time for a new table to pound fists on.

Fitzroy had held that previous tally, compiled against Melbourne at VFL Park in 1979 — with the Lions captained that day by WA's Ron Alexander and a team that included Robert Walls ... the coach on the receiving end of the slaughter on Sunday.

Other high-scorers in recent seasons have been Hawthorn (231 points against Fitzroy last year) and Sydney (236 points against Essendon in 1987).

There were a few other interesting statistics from the Geelong victory.

The Cats had 254 kicks and 104 handballs in a hungry ball-getting display, with the possessions being shared around. No player passed the 30-possession figure, but eight players had 20 possessions or more.

Geelong took an impressive 101 marks, with Barry Stoncham (13), Steven Handley (10) and Trevor Poole (10) all in double figures.

ST KILDA man-mountain Tony Lockett is still in doubt for the State-of-Origin clash with WA on May 26. Lockett has declared himself available after being threatened with a week's suspension by the AFL for saying he didn't want to play. Lockett had a pain killing injection in his groin before Saturday's clash with Adelaide and whether he can play three matches in seven days is doubtful. The Saints play Brisbane on Saturday, May 23 and Geelong on Saturday, May 30.

THE GAME'S never over till the final siren sounds ... but when are Melbourne going to learn that? The Demons lost to Essendon in round six after being 47 points in front in the last quarter and they were eight points clear of Sydney in time-on in the final term last Saturday, only to see the Swans snatch a draw.

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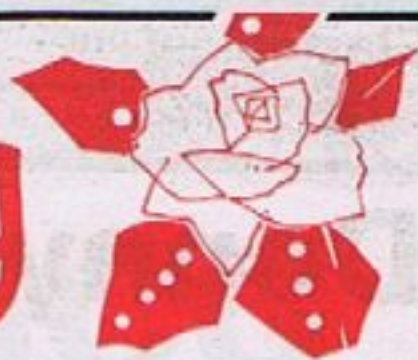
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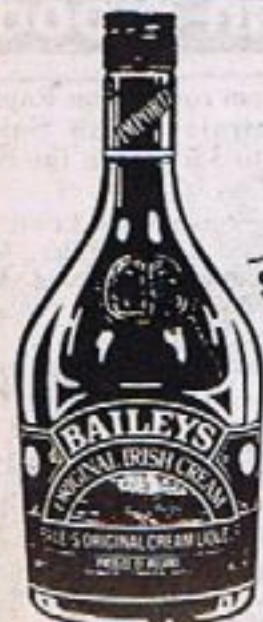
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Donnybrook snatch an upset victory

DONNYBROOK produced the shock of the season when they snatched a two-point win over South Bunbury in the South West League.

The Dons, comfortably beaten in their first three games, showed great character to down the more fancied Tigers, 8.13 (61) to 8.11 (59) at V.C. Mitchell Park.

Donnybrook centreman Darren Atherton was instrumental in the victory, as was ruckman Quentin Dilley and rover Stuart Humble.

SUPERB PLAY

South Bunbury's better players were again their defenders, with centre-half-back Andrew Repacholi and half backs Darren Jefferies and Steve Baskerville rebounding superbly.

Bunbury's barnstorming start to the season continued when they demolished Augusta-Margaret River by 55 points.

The Bulldogs overran a disappointing Hawks and had a convincing win, 18.7 (115) to 8.12 (60).

Bunbury were led by centre-half-

back Matt Hislop, ruck-rover Grant Hawkes and centreman Brett Lee.

Augusta-Margaret River's Robbie Thompson in the back-pocket and rovers Wayne Roser and Troy Clarke were their only clear winners.

Collie jumped into the top five when they defeated arch-rivals Mines Rovers by 34 points in the Collie derby.

The Saints led all day to finish 13.8 (86) to 7.11 (53) winners. Full-forward David Lewis, centre-half-back Peter Slater and half-forward David Hollins were prominent for Collie.

Eagles centre-half-back Paul Moyses and wingmen Paul Barrett and Grant Powell were their team's best, collecting numerous possessions and providing great drive.

Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup's unbeaten run came to an abrupt halt when they struck a determined Carey Park, losing 14.10 (94) to 10.16 (76).

Carey Park ruckman Sean Widdeson returned to form, while captain-coach Shaun O'Callaghan and Michael Martinson played great games.

For the Cardinals, centreman Brett Glass and defenders Dean Dezotti and Anthony Licardello worked tirelessly.

A six-goal third quarter by Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault paved the way for their comfortable win against Busselton, 9.8 (62) to 4.11 (35).

The reigning premiers led by only seven points at half time but with centreman Paddy Papalia, ruck rover Chris Macri and centre-half-forward Oscar Moreno firing, they skipped away to take the four points.

For Busselton, wingman Mark Stojanowski and big man Todd Hayley produced solid four quarter performances.

—DIGBY BEACHAM

BROOKTON snatched a thrilling one-point win — their first of the season — when they beat York in the Avon Football League.

Kim Fancote continued his superb form for Brookton, along with D. Seaman and P. Mourish.

For York, Boundry kicked five goals and Hodson, Jones and Kelly played well.

Nine goals from Quairading's Grant Johnson helped them thrash Railways, 20.20 (140) to 9.7 (63).

EASY WIN

Top team Beverley easily beat Cunderdin, 12.9 (81) to 6.13 (49).

For Beverley, S. Thompson, Edwards and Carr shone, while Ganzer, Pearse and Hill stood out for Cunderdin.

Federals had a comfortable win over an inaccurate Tammin, 18.12 (120) to 12.22 (94).

Tigers open account

TIGERS had their first win of the year, beating Munglinup, 13.12 (90) to 10.9 (69) in the Ravensthorpe Football League.

Greg Fisher, Jeff Tink and Warwick Martin were Tigers best, while Robin Ingram, Mark Scott and Andrew Bott were best for Munglinup.

Southerners outplayed Lakes, 14.13 (97) to 8.10 (58), leaving all four teams with one win after two rounds.

For Southerners, Paul Foulds, Shane Fisher and Brad Crane did well, while Lakes best were Tim Bridges, Jim Ferrier, Kevin Powley and Paul Taylor.

Big win for Three Springs

THREE Springs trounced Carnamah by 127 points, 25.20 (170) to 5.13 (43) in the North Midlands Football League.

Wayne Hambley, with six goals and Todd Harry with five, capitalised on Three Springs complete mid-field dominance.

Craig Morgan and Billy McGree set up the win and Roger Dring, David Gault, Steve Davis and Des Smith battled hard for Carnamah, who are struggling after two heavy losses.

Dongara beat Morawa, 13.13 (91) to 8.3 (51). Len Ferguson, Paul Goss and Dave Thomas (five goals) were Dongara's best.

Coorow-Latham had their first win of the season, beating Mingenew, 13.20 (98) to 8.8 (56).

Centrals in mean mood

SIX goals from rover John Raphael helped Centrals thrash Saints, 23.21 (159) to 3.6 (24) in the Newman League.

Centrals ruckman Gary Lewis was outstanding and Dave Miller, Mick Jones and centre-half-forward Mick McCormack dominated in the 135-point win.

The win lifted Centrals to the top of the evenly fought four-team competition.

Reigning premiers Tigers suffered a second-half fade-out, losing to Pioneers, 13.14 (92) to 12.7 (79).

The Tigers led by 28 points at half-time, but went down by 13 points as Peter Meesman, Dave Cant and Damien McCarthy inspired the second-half revival.

Tigers best were Peter Clancy, Mick Jones and Nick Crosswell.

Rovers take the honours

ROVERS grabbed a hard earned 11-point win over Chapman Valley, 17.20 (122) to 17.9 (111) in the Great Northern Football League.

Spratt kicked five goals for Rovers, while Taylor, Farrell, Stavenuiter, Matthews and Lynch played well.

Top team Brigades continued their good form with a thumping win, 21.19 (145) to 3.6 (24) over Northampton.

Scott, Gibson, Ding, Gillingham and Blewitt led the way for Brigades, while Simkin, Teakle, Steel and Sullivan battled hard for Northampton.

Mullewa easily beat Railways, 14.18 (102) to 8.4 (52).

Boxwood open in fine form

BOXWOOD Hill opened the Ongerup Football Association season with a 17-point win over Gnowangerup, 12.9 (81) to 9.10 (64).

Borden beat Pingrup, 18.10 (118) to 11.12 (78); Jerramungup downed Newdegate, 18.19 (127) to 12.13 (85) and Ongerup easily beat Kent 17.14 (116) to 8.14 (62).

Williams grab tight victory

WILLIAMS snatched a five-point win over arch-rivals West Arthur, 14.12 (96) to 13.13 (91), in the Upper Great Southern Football League.

Williams second victory for the season leaves West Arthur languishing on the bottom, along with Railways with both sides yet to win a game.

Top players for Williams were Warren Cowcher and Ashley Stone, with Peter Higgins and Andrew Fisher each kicking three goals.

Best for West Arthur were Mark Wunnenburg and Murray Steddy, with a top performance by Brett Duffield to kick five goals.

Top team Kukerin-Dumbleyung remained unbeaten, disposing of Towns, 12.23 (95) to 8.4 (52) with the help of leading players Nigel Faulkner and Shane Bayley, plus Todd Gray with four goals.

Playing well for Towns were Jamie Campbell and Anthony Dowling, with the leading goalscorer Sheldon Hayden kicking three.

Wagin's Gavin Bolt and Bret Genefini helped their team to another win, this time over Pingelly, 16.16 (112) to 14.10 (94).

Pingelly had courageous performers in Robbie Kirk and Darren Turvey.

Lake Grace notched their third win, beating Boddington, 15.8 (98) to 12.17

(89) with best players John Walton and Greg Pinney, with Sascha Bozanich kicking five goals.

Best for Boddington were Danny Norrish and Ken Bell, with Michael Sherry kicking four goals.

Wickepin had their first success, beating Railways, 22.22 (154) to 14.10 (94) with the good form of Graeme Manton and Marton Atwell with Gerald Ugle and Gavin Kerruish contributing five goals each.

Best for Railways were Malcolm Parker and Dean Winning.

Rovers top spot

ROVERS took top spot in the Central Midlands Coastal League with a thumping win over bottom side Leeman, 26.20 (176) to 6.3 (39).

Rovers have now edged a game clear of Jurien, who had the bye this week.

Dandaragan notched their second win, beating Cervantes by 13 points, 15.13 (103) to 13.12 (90).

Bindi-Miling continued their improvement with a comfortable win over Warriors, 13.21 (99) to 11.14 (80).

Pollard sinks Panthers

FIVE goals in the final term by Kalgoorlie full-forward Trevor Pollard fired his side's big win over Railways in the Goldfields League.

Kalgoorlie, leading by 21 points at the final change, steamrolled Railways with a 10-goal final term, winning 19.17 (131) to 8.10 (58).

The game was in the balance at three quarter time, but ruck-rover Wayne McNeil, ruckman Clinton Wolf and midfielder Greg Rogers took control.

Pollard, who started at centre-half-forward kicked three goals in the first three terms but his five-goal burst — to finish with eight — sank the Panthers.

Wolf dominated the big man duals, taking the honours over Railways Todd Colquhoun.

Kalgoorlie also had good players in pacy Glen Moir, in the second half, and rookie Adrian Hicks.

For Railways, no one did better than tough skipper, Merv Dellar and Robbie Payton on the ball. Dellar roamed all over the ground for his kicks, but lacked the support to keep Railways in the fight.

Mines Rovers beat an inaccurate Boulder, 16.16 (112) to 9.19 (73). Boulder dominated the first half, but were shockingly astray in front of goal, kicking just 3.10 from 13 shots at goal in the first quarter.

Mines only had two forward thrusts but added 1.1 to keep them in touch.

For Mines, centre-half-back Craig Hoycard did a magnificent job cutting Boulder's star forward Quentin Bandry, fresh from a seven goal haul last week, out of the action.

Bandry was kept goal-less and Boulder lacked a target up forward.



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Saints kick their way to top



OSBORNE Park claimed top spot in the Sunday League with an impressive 27-point win over reigning premiers Wanneroo.

The Saints won 12.13 (85) to 9.4 (58) to record their first victory over Wanneroo since 1990 and the performance stamps them as the side to beat in 1992.

Ruck-rover Mike Smith and centreman Greg Carpenter set up the victory, ruckman Tim Scanlon controlled the big-man duels and half-back Billy Kickett played strongly.

For the Roos, former Falcon Ross Munns battled hard, along with Mal Grubisa and centre-half-back Graeme Sims.

BIG IMPROVERS

Thornlie, 10th last year, continued to be the big improvers with a 113-point drubbing of injury-hit South Perth, 23.16 (154) to 5.11 (41).

The Lions, under former club champion Dennis Evans, have now beaten Willetton and South Perth and meet lowly Kenwick this week.

A dynamic 10.1 third term into the wind — while they held Souths to just two points — set up the runaway victory.

Full-forward Jon Hearn kicked five goals, with centreman Andrew Glendinning, 16-year-old rover Darren Kidd and centre-half-forward Shane Stiles three each.

Ruck-rover Randall Prowse set the standard and Glendinning, Stiles, in his first game from East Fremantle and wingman Matt Bateman played well.

FIRST WIN

Willetton had their first win of the season over Kenwick, 13.25 (103) to 9.13 (67).

Rover Craig Flowers was busy, with five goals, while back-pocket Carl Regan and full-back Steve Perejimbida dominated. Big man Karl Ukich also played strongly for Willetton.

For Kenwick, Neville Luff, Grant Johnson and Paul Williams battled hard and Peter Ashworth kicked four goals.

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KELMSCOTT

Kelmscott, finals contenders last year, notched their first win by beating wooden-spooners Kalamunda, 19.22 (136) to 8.9 (57).

Full-forward Brandt Softley kicked six goals, but missed several more chances and Craig Annison grabbed four goals before coming off with a hip injury in the third term.

For Kalamunda, Wayne Dover and Neil Mercer kicked two goals each.

Kelmscott's runners, Rohan Howatson, Brendon Braithwaite and Robbie Turner, dominated and Lee Gorton was superb at centre-half-back.

For Kalamunda, centreman Peter Spalding, rover Scott Hall and Mercer did well.

SECOND SPOT

Gosnells — with three wins from four games — claimed second spot with a comfortable win over Canning, 25.7 (157) to 14.8 (92).

Chris Johnston continued his good form at full-forward with seven goals, half-forward Mark Dominish kicked five and Gary Foster bagged three from a flank.

Paul Rond, normally at centre-half-back, tagged former Shark Colin Waterson and kept him to just two goals at full-forward.

With newcomer Danny Birrell firing at centre-half-forward and Johnston, Dominish and Foster in good form, Gosnells have a particularly potent forward line.

For Canning, centre-liner Dean Piccirilli kicked four goals and was his side's best, along with Allan James and Bradley Herne.

CLIMBERS

Maddington continued their climb up the ladder with a convincing win over struggling Applecross, 15.9 (99) to 6.19 (55).

For the Bulls, coach Darren Williams, at full-forward and Jayson Mackey bagged three goals each and Brad Smith, Darren Johnston and Geoff Hales put in top games.

For Applecross, on the bottom without a win, Darren Muir kicked two goals and Stuart Van Duren, David Arthur and Steve Latimer tried hard all day.

THIS WEEK

The clash of the round this week sees Armadale, runners-up last year, against Kelmscott; Maddington play South Perth; Applecross are at home to Willetton; Thornlie take on Kenwick; Kalamunda host Osborne Park and Wanneroo will look to wipe away the taste of defeat against Canning.

Sunday Football League

Club	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Osborne Park	3	3	0	0	309	284	108.471	12
Gosnells	4	3	1	0	328	485	138.270	12
Thornlie	3	2	1	0	349	258	135.269	8
Maddington	3	2	1	0	331	295	112.230	8
Wanneroo	3	2	1	0	282	253	111.462	8
South Perth	4	2	2	0	258	349	73.926	6
Kelmscott	4	1	3	0	319	296	107.905	4
Armadale	3	1	2	0	280	290	97.275	4
Willetton	3	1	2	0	275	290	95.202	4
Canning	4	1	3	0	278	332	83.725	4
Kalamunda	4	1	3	0	238	338	70.710	4
Kenwick	4	1	3	0	236	306	70.268	4
Applecross	3	0	3	0	206	283	72.792	0

Peel Football League

Club	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Mundijong	4	4	0	0	710	574	123.694	16
Mosman Park	4	4	0	0	574	235	244.175	16
Mandurah	4	4	0	0	551	253	221.199	16
Pinjarra	4	4	0	0	560	255	221.211	16
Waroona	4	4	0	0	563	358	157.532	16
Cockburn	4	4	0	0	366	418	88.028	16
Manning	4	4	0	0	368	353	104.249	16
Belmont	4	1	3	0	337	477	70.850	4
Vic Park	4	1	3	0	298	434	68.666	4
St Marys	4	1	3	0	306	441	69.377	4
Kenwick	4	0	4	0	187	678	28.219	0
Midland	4	0	4	0	111	690	16.857	0

Sth Mandurah grab upset victory

TEN goals from South Mandurah's Bruce Thomas gave them a surprise win over Cockburn, 19.18 (132) to 15.16 (106) in the Peel League.

Derren Thornton and Blair Mourish chipped in with three goals for Souths, but Thomas was the difference between the sides, with Souths jubilant at their first win for the year.

For Cockburn, Steve Camara, Brett Sinnott and Clinton Mitchell, with four goals, battled hard.

Six goals each from Ron Black and Brett Little helped undefeated Mosman Park crush Kwinana, 22.13 (145) to 8.9 (57).

Mosman are now second on percentage to Mundijong and just ahead of Mandurah, who are also unbeaten.

Black was superb all day and Danny Yorke and Brett Devereaux also played solidly. For Kwinana, Peter Shaw, Don Garlett and Robert Callow battled hard.

Mandurah easily beat Belmont, 20.14 (134) to 8.8 (56).

Mike O'Donahue kicked four goals for Mandurah, who were well served by Wayne Morrison and Wayne Stevenson.

For Belmont, Marcus Donato kicked three and Ray Allender, Shane McIntyre and Bowes Summerton tried hard.

Mundijong inflicted Waroona's first loss, crushing them, 21.13 (139) to 10.15 (75).

Mal Pratt bagged seven and Graham, Haynes and Hewson three each for Mundijong, who had top players in Gary Gianatti and Kim Sparks.

For Waroona, Dion O'Byrne, Anthony De Rosa and Dom Crugnale battled hard.

North Fremantle had their first win, 16.13 (109) to Midland 6.6 (42).

Rob Collica kicked four goals and Jarred Dougan three, while Albert Fernandes, Nathan Dibbs and Paul McDonald played well. For Midland, Brett Snedden, Luke Pallister and Wayne Snedden did well.

Pinjarra beat Manning 19.13 (127) to 10.8 (68).

Yakov Usic and Grant Gray kicked four each and had good players in Bruno Maiolo, Keith Douglas and Usic, while John Dabbs, Matthew Treloar and Ross West played well for Manning.

Bunbury too strong

SUPERULES



Carlton.

BUNBURY were too strong for John Morley's Mandurah in the first Superules game at Bunbury's Payne Park, winning 14.10 to Mandurah 1 supergoal, 4.5.

Centre-half-forward Francis was best on ground, kicking six goals while other good players for Bunbury were Nani and French.

None played better for Mandurah than former South Fremantle wingman Roley Daw and he got good support from Blair and Morley.

Bruce Tschirpig's Fremantle proved they will be a force in the competition, easily beating an undermanned Victoria Park, 11.3 to 2.2.

Best for Fremantle were Mills, Barton and Haydinger. Best for Vic Park were new coach Peter Coffey, Franklin and Johnson.

Former South Fremantle premiership player Paul Vasoli led the Southern Saints to an 8.6 to 1 supergoal 2.3 win over Wembley. Robins and Watkins also played well while Wembley's best were Eddy Reynolds and Norrish.

Eastern Hills showed they will be big improvers, beating Northern Warriors 12.7 to 1.8.

Players to stand out in a consistent team effort were former Swans star Mike Smith, Carrotzollo, Wilkinson and Flinn, who chipped in with five goals. Best for Northern Warriors were

State coach Mike Evans, Carroll and Knights.

Northern Warriors will host the second round of fixtures at McDonald Reserve, in Whitfords, on Sunday, May 17, where a feature will be a Masterules (over/40's) game.

The second Superules country carnival is on this weekend at Esperance.

Teams from Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Kambalda, Norseman, Collie and a combined Perth side will play a round-robin knockout on Saturday.

Entertainment and awards will be put on by the host club and organisers are hoping for a repeat of last year's successful carnival.

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Trinity show plenty of power

TRINITY-Aquinas showed some signs of powerful football when they finished strongly to beat West Coast by 32 points in Saturday's A-grade clash at City Beach Oval.

The Coasters started with the aid of a slight breeze and opened up a 21-point advantage at quarter-time.

But Trinity fought back to reduce the deficit to just four points going into the long break.

Trinity big man John Hackett was exerting his influence on the game and along with Domenic Dwyer and Bernard Hogan, reduced the margin to one point at three-quarter time, with their side coming home with the strengthening breeze.

West Coast threw everything they had into the final 30 minutes, with rover Andrew Partington continuing his fine form, along with his partner Peter Howard and back pocket Larry Patane.

However, despite their efforts, they could not hold Trinity and finally went down 16.12 (108) to 11.10 (76).

TIGHT AFFAIR

North Beach and Nollamara fought out a dour struggle at Charles Riley Reserve, which saw Nollamara hold a four-goal lead at half-time.

The Cougars maintained their work rate throughout the third quarter, but did not use the breeze to best advantage, increasing their lead by just five points.

The Tigers slowly whittled away the Nollamara margin over the final 30

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minutes and with 20 seconds remaining, goaled from 25 metres out to hit the front by a point — just as the siren sounded, leaving North Beach winners, 14.7 (91) to 14.6 (90).

Clint Johnson, playing his first game for Nollamara, put in a good effort from the half-back flank to be his team's best player, while Dean Wilson alongside him was also resolute.

Up forward, Willie Farmer capped off a good day with five goals.

For North Beach, their best were Garton, Stewart and Perrie.

UNDEFEATED

University carried on their good form to notch their third win and stay undefeated as they downed Collegians Old Scotch, at Dalkeith Oval.

University dominated the following division and kicked 10 goals in the first quarter to set up their 107-point victory, 28.15 (183) to 11.10 (76).

Rover Michael Prindiville was all over the ground, kicking six goals for Uni, as was his counterpart, Brad Mumme, who finished with five goals and Edwards posted eight majors.

Shaun Mossey, playing on the wing, was another good performer for Uni-

versity. Better players for Collegians were Geoff Newman, Neil Park, Mike Bowden, Paul Crawford and Grant Aitkenhead.

A nine-goal to nil third quarter sealed the game for Mt Lawley over North Fremantle, at Hamer Park.

The first two quarters were even, with Norths holding a seven-point advantage at half-time.

The Hawks started to dominate from the centre square, with big ruckman Andrew Chapman feeding his smaller players in Ben Stewart and Gerard Paganoni. The Magpies could only manage 2.1 in the second half, losing 24.15 (159) to 14.3 (87).

Mt Lawley full-forward Victor Lowe had an outstanding game, bettering Norths tally off his own boot, finishing with 14.5.

DOMINATED

Scarborough dominated against Wembley, at Henderson Park, winning 21.7 (133) to 7.14 (56).

The Magpies, coming off a strong win over Nollamara, could not produce the same form and went down by 77 points.

Ruckman Dan Foley continued to play well for Wembley, along with rover Tony Newham and Grant Ryan.

Best for Scarborough were Anderton Blackburn and Armstrong.

Armstrong settles well in amateurs

SCARBOROUGH coach and football strongman Gary Armstrong moved into Amateur ranks after a chequered — and somewhat frustrating — league career with Subiaco and Perth.

A range of crippling injuries — he broke his left leg twice and had his jaw broken twice — forced him out of league football at the age of 23.

The son of Perth stalwart Ken Armstrong, who notched 170 games as a Demons player and has coached for nearly 25 years, never had an easy introduction to WAFL ranks.

As a junior, he graduated from Kalamunda to Lathlain Park to follow his father's footsteps, never missing a Demons training session or his dad's pre-match pep-talks in Perth's power days of the 1970s.

ENTHUSIASTIC

"I was 15 and just about to start playing with Perth in those days," he recalls. "I knew everyone at Perth and every pre-match address would see me sitting there listening."

"I'd grown up with league football since I was 12 years old and I knew what to expect."

Big and strong, Armstrong was vice-captain of WA's 1978 Teal Cup team, which boasted the talents of WAFL stars-of-the-future in Steve Malaxos, Phil Narkle, John Ironmonger, Grant Campbell and Brian Taylor, the latter going on to play for Richmond.

Now 31, Armstrong admits he overdid the aggression at times.

"I think I was far too physical; I like the tough side of football," he conceded. "But my league career was frustrated by too many serious injuries."

"As a 17 year-old, I had been approached by Richmond, who made a

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bit of an offer and I went to Melbourne and stayed with Kevin Sheedy for a while and was their guest at the 1978 grand final.

"But I broke my shin in the last practice match of the pre-season back in Perth and missed the entire year."

After recovering from that set-back, Armstrong moved to Subiaco, where his father had the coaching job.

LIONS DEBUT

He made his league debut for the Lions and put together 17 games, mainly at full-back.

"That wasn't much fun at Subiaco," he says. "They were well down in 1981 and '82 and we won 10 games the first year and only one the next season."

Armstrong says that it never worried him playing in a side coached by his father, but claims it was harder to get a game under him, than it would have been with any other coach!

"I had to be the best player in the reserves for five weeks in a row before he would pick me!" he says, with a grin. "I really had to earn my spot, but that was good for me in the long run"



Gary Armstrong... coach of the undefeated Scarborough Eagles

With three wins from three games this year — including victories over both of last season's grand finalists — Armstrong seems to have found the right recipe.

And for Scarborough, who have never won an A-grade amateurs premiership, the 1992 hopes are high.

Armstrong, at 188cm, is still leading from the front and with five goals on Saturday in the win over Wembley, he hopes to be a major contributor this season.

After an undisciplined fade-out in last year's qualifying final, the coach is demanding that Scarborough concentrate more on the football this year.

"I have asked the players to be more disciplined; we want to keep the mouths shut and let our football do the talking" he says.

"We are only interested in the ball and we have a very good tackling side."

Helping Armstrong in his premiership bid are former Lions league players John Bengough, Steve Lawrence and Ian Putt, with Tony Fullgrave, recruited from Wanneroo and former Demon, Mick Morris.

One-time AFL player Warren Dean is also back and the club is hoping that Amateurs fairest and best winner Wayne Dawson may return from Ballarat, where he works.



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WINNING WAYS... juniors from the Northern Districts club kicked West Perth to victory over Perth in their Town and Country Little League battle at the WACA Ground last Friday night

Town and Country Little League

EAST Perth (Carlisle) headed the list of winners in the Town and Country Little League last week, beating East Fremantle (Bullcreek/Leeming).

Best for the Royals were David Scott, Daniel Yarran and Nathan Hebbard, while Mark Sheehan, Wade Prowse and Sam Clark played well for East Fremantle.

West Perth (Northern Districts) beat Perth (Maddington) with strong performers in Ricky Bryant, Tyson Joyce and Wesley Robinson.

Best for the Demons were Michael Iannolo, Bradley Simms and Shaun Diver.

Claremont (Mosman Park) drew an exciting game with Swan Districts (High Wycombe), with Alex Gillam, Jamie Christopher and Damien Adams playing well for Claremont. Robert and Phillip Campo and Michael Gallop represented Swans well.

STRONG PLAY

South Fremantle (Kwinana) beat Subiaco (Marist) with Dean Collis, Adam Roberts and Brett Strother doing well for Souths.

Michael Evans, Michael Taylor and Myles Quinn put in a good effort for the Lions.

This weekend's games see Bayswater (East Perth) v Karrinyup (Subiaco); Safety Bay (South Fremantle) v Mt Lawley (Claremont); Bassendean (Swan Districts) v Forrestdale (Perth) and Ocean Ridge (West Perth) v Kardinya (East Fremantle).

Milestone year for CIG Shield

A SPECIAL milestone will be created in school football when the 1992 CIG Shield kicks off next Monday.

This year is the 10th anniversary of the CIG Shield — a coveted event contested by up to 100 metropolitan, country, private and State schools.

The anniversary also marks the longest running sponsorship for school football, with support from CIG right from the outset.

"The competition has gone through a number of transitions since it was first initiated," says Ross Luckman, the Youth Football co-ordinator for the Football Development Trust.

NEW STRUCTURE

"For example, changing from a straight knockout competition to a mixture of that and a round-robin series so we don't eliminate teams after just playing once.

"We've also changed it to involve years eight and nine students instead of years 10, because we found we were turning away youngsters from the sport at an age where they should be urged to join in."

FIRST STARTED

When the competition started in 1983, 33 schools took part including some country schools.

Now the number of teams has grown to 100, with small schools combining to produce a side strong enough to enter the annual event.

"We allow smaller schools to combine so that they can be competitive and to have some chance of winning," Luckman said.

"For example Northam Districts, who were the 1991 winners, was a combined side of five smaller schools, including Beverley, Brookton and York."



One of the important aspects of school football, according to Luckman, is the captive audience it generates.

"When played in school, football is watched by students who like the sport, but might not have previously shown an interest," he says.

"Whereas the local junior club only has the audience of those children already involved in the club and has limited chance of attracting any newcomers."

BIG ATTRACTION

The object of school football is to provide a sport for juniors to continue in community football, colts, reserves, and finally a senior career.

Over the 10 years, it is estimated that the CIG Shield has attracted more than 18,000 participants.

Luckman said the competition is packed with talent and it is difficult to predict from year to year who will be the winners.

The only team to win the shield twice has been Aquinas, who beat Trinity in 1990.

Both teams went into the match with one victory each, making it an historic event.

In 1989, Narrogin took the honours, being the first country town to win the shield and in 1991, Northam was the first combined team to win.

"It really is a competition that fields so much talent it would be impossible to even suggest a winner at this early stage," he said. "But we're sure it is set to be another exciting season."



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Strong finish is a good sign

WHAT a disappointing outcome against Fitzroy at North Hobart Oval.

We let Fitzroy get on top early and after struggling all day, the boys left their run too late when they came home strongly.

Our ability to come back, as shown against Fitzroy, the Bears and Richmond, is a good sign. But let's hope we get on top early against league leaders Footscray this week.

Everyone is glad the tough three-week road trip, which has taken us to all points of the compass, is over. The guys looked a little jaded on Sunday and let's hope we can get back to our 'run and stun' style of football at Subiaco Oval.

Footscray are looking really good and they're a side we've got a good record against, having beaten them all but once.

We should have a few of our players back from injury this week, but it's still touch and go as to whether I'll be playing.

I've been doing everything possible to get my groin right and have even tried seeing an acupuncturist.

NEXT Tuesday evening between 6pm and 7pm come and see me at Hungry Jack's, in Melville, where I'll be signing autographs and giving away team posters.

It was great to see a big turnout on my recent visit to the Cannington Hungry Jack's store.

KEEP an eye out for some super Hungry Jack's whopper clinics coming up at the following primary schools:

Thursday, May 7: Wanneroo Primary with Basil Zempilas (West Perth).

Friday, May 8: Warwick Primary with Matt Connell (Subiaco/Eagles).

Monday, May 11: Doubleview Primary, Lymburner Primary with Matt Connell.

Tuesday, May 12: Neerigan Brook Primary with Mark Grogan.

Wednesday, May 13: Clifton Hills Primary, Our Lady of Grace with Mark Grogan or Ian Wells.

SUNDAY'S curtain-raiser to the Eagles-Footscray clash at Subiaco Oval will see the best 15s players in the State in action.

The players are the product of the 14s skill squad — a group of 50 who were nominated by their respective clubs to join an intense off-season training programme.

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Teal Cup campaign kicks off

WA'S 1992 Teal Cup campaign is underway after trial matches at Claremont Oval and Dongara last weekend.

A group of 58 metropolitan youngsters assembled at Claremont on Sunday and the selectors will view the group again this Sunday at Leederville Oval.

Selectors for the under-17s national carnival in Melbourne from July 2 to 11 are coach Eddie Pitter, Greg Hyde, Ian McRae and Rod Barrett.

The try-out in Dongara on Saturday was the first of three country matches and a squad of 22 country hopefuls will be selected on Monday after matches at Burracoppin Oval and Boyup Brook this Saturday.

Players in the country trials were picked by the FDT's regional development officers and local country officials.

The country and metropolitan squads will assemble in Perth on May 24 for further trials, with competition fierce for a spot in the squad of 25 to go to Melbourne.

Pitter, a former East Perth star and Bulldogs premiership player, bring a wealth of playing and coaching experience to the side.

Pitter is in his third year as Teal Cup coach after success with the East Perth and Subiaco colts sides, while last year Barrett coached Wesley College to the Teal Cup premiership in the Barry Cable Division.



What's happening in football.

Aust. Football League

THURSDAY: Collingwood v Carlton, at MCG (delayed telecast Channel 7, 9.30pm). **FRIDAY:** Sydney v Brisbane, at SCG (delayed telecast Channel 7, 11.45pm). **SATURDAY:** St Kilda v Melbourne, at Waverley (highlights Channel 7, 5pm to 6pm); Richmond v Fitzroy, at MCG; North Melbourne v Essendon, at Princes Park; Geelong v Adelaide, at Kardinia Park. **SUNDAY:** West Coast v Footscray, at Subiaco Oval 12.15pm (delayed telecast Channel 7, 3.30pm). Hawthorn bye.

WA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ROUND 6

SATURDAY: East Perth v Subiaco, Perth Oval
Swan Districts v Perth, at Bassendean Oval, (6NR)
West Perth v East Fremantle, at Leeder-ville Oval, (6PR)
South Fremantle v Claremont, at Fremantle Oval, (6WF)

Sunday League

SUNDAY: Round 5: Colts 9am, reserves 11.45am, league 2.20pm: Maddington v South Perth, at Maddington Oval; Armadale v Kelmscott, at Gwinn Park; Applecross v Willetton, at East Fremantle Oval; Thornlie v Kenwick, at Thornlie Oval; Kalamunda v Osborne Park, at Ray Owen Reserve; Wanneroo v Canning, at Kingsway Sporting Complex; Gosnells bye.

Peel Football League

SUNDAY: Round 5, 2.40pm: Midland v South Mandurah, at Midland Oval; Cockburn v Belmont, at Davilak Oval; Mandurah v Kwinana, at Rushton Park Oval; Mosman Park v Waroona, at Tom Perrot Reserve; Manning v North Fremantle, at James Miller Oval; Pinjarra v Mundijong, at Greater Sports Ground, Pinjarra.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Saturday: Round 8 — Eagles v Central, at Football Park; Glenelg v Port, at Glenelg; West Adelaide v Norwood, at Richmond Oval; North Adelaide v Sturt at Prospect Oval; South Adelaide bye.



Dean Irving ... back in action for Souths

Amateur League

SATURDAY: Round 4: Nollamara v West Coast, at Des Penman Reserve No.1; University v Mt Lawley, at McGillivray Oval No.1; Trinity Aquinas v North Beach, at Ernest Johnson Oval; Scarborough v Collegians Old Scotch, at Millington Reserve; North Fremantle v Wembley, at Gil Fraser Oval.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Team	W	D	L	For	Agst	%	Pts	Ratio
Footscray	7	2	1	723	546	132.42	20	83.33
Collingwood	6	3	1	752	536	139.54	20	83.33
Geelong	6	2	2	669	585	114.36	18	86.67
Carlton	5	3	2	586	502	116.73	18	86.67
Hawthorn	4	4	2	552	574	96.16	16	83.33
St Kilda	4	3	3	772	724	106.63	16	80.00
Essendon	3	3	4	680	796	85.43	12	59.09
Adelaide	3	2	5	633	666	95.05	12	58.00
Rocky	3	1	6	625	662	94.41	12	58.00
W. Eagles	3	1	6	545	585	93.16	12	58.00
Sydney Swans	2	4	4	520	569	91.39	10	47.62
Melbourne	2	3	5	628	623	100.80	10	47.62
Melbourne	1	1	4	533	620	85.97	4	18.18
Broome Bears	1	1	4	497	759	65.48	4	18.18
Richmond	1	0	5	582	618	94.17	4	18.18

PEPSI CUP LADDER

Team	W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
SWAN DIST	4	1	569	405	16	138.71
SOUTH FREM	4	1	522	389	16	134.19
EAST FREM	3	2	426	362	12	117.88
PERTH	3	2	511	460	12	111.89
EAST PERTH	3	2	447	420	12	107.82
Subiaco	1	4	482	586	4	80.59
Claremont	1	4	373	496	4	75.20
West Perth	1	4	356	561	4	63.46

PEPSI RESERVES

Team	W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
SOUTH FREM	5	1	780	343	20	227.41
SWAN DIST	4	1	486	355	16	139.72
WEST PERTH	3	2	450	486	12	92.02
CLAREMONT	3	2	483	428	12	128.66
PERTH	3	2	504	486	12	103.96
East Frem	1	4	416	607	4	68.53
East Perth	1	4	341	612	4	55.72
Subiaco	1	4	376	526	4	71.58

PEPSI COLTS

Team	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
WEST PERTH	4	1	1	483	289	20	168.21
EAST FREM	4	1	1	483	304	16	148.07
CLAREMONT	3	2	1	361	347	12	104.03
SWAN DIST	3	2	1	342	357	8	98.80
SUBIACO	3	2	1	303	357	8	84.87
East Perth	1	4	3	411	493	4	80.37
Perth	1	4	3	283	372	4	75.08
South Frem	1	4	3	334	441	4	75.74

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE LADDER

Team	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
PORT ADELAIDE	7	0	1	835	614	12	60.56
NORWOOD	6	4	0	636	523	12	54.57
WEST ADELAIDE	4	4	2	704	587	8	54.57
SOUTH ADELAIDE	4	4	2	658	745	8	50.08
GLENELG	3	3	3	635	695	6	48.11
Eagles	2	2	5	544	683	4	44.24
Central District	1	4	5	545	669	4	44.89
North Adelaide	1	4	5	611	618	2	49.72
Sturt	1	4	5	452	746	2	37.73

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JACK DANIEL'S

MAN OF THE WEEK

GUY McKenna, the Eagles Mr Cool in the back-line, is one of the side's most consistent defenders, though he has been troubled by a groin strain in recent weeks.

McKenna is often given the job on the opposition's most dangerous forward and he creates many attacking moves with his hard-running style of play off his half-back-flank.

The agile red-head is cool in a crisis, displays experience beyond his years and loves nothing better than seeing his opponent beaten.



GUY McKENNA

AGE: 23
HEIGHT: 185cm
WEIGHT: 85kgs
GAMES PLAYED: 93



JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY



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DOUBLE TROUBLE... that's the story as Western Australia gears up to tackle South Australia in the interstate arena next Tuesday. And the WA side will be outfitted in some flash new gear as the WA Football League launches a range of clothing featuring a football theme and the slogan 'Above the Rest'. That's Swan Districts pair Jason Ball (left) and Travis Edmonds checking how they look in a clever mirror shot by photographer GREG WOOD



WA gears up for two big battles

WESTERN Australia's football pride goes on the line next Tuesday in the first of two interstate clashes for 1992.

WA are the unofficial Australian champions after beating South Australia and Victoria in Perth last year.

But now WA take on the Croweaters at Football Park, under lights — on the same day that New South Wales and Queensland do battle in Sydney for their first State-of-Origin clash.

WA's attempt to confirm interstate supremacy will continue against Victoria on Tuesday, May 26 — the first interstate clash at the MCG between the two States since 1970.

TOP QUALITY

Though next Tuesday's clash with SA is not a State-of-Origin battle, the availability of Eagles and Crows players will make for a top-quality contest.

WA coach Barry Cable takes a band of youngsters to Adelaide in a side that has an exciting blend of potential AFL players and current Eagles men searching desperately for a West Coast recall.

Talent scouts from around the nation will be in Adelaide to monitor yet another talent-rich WA side.

Last year WAFL stars Brendon Retzlaff, Andrew McGovern, Jason Norrish, John Hutton and Willie Dick enhanced their AFL draft chances when they gave polished displays against SA at Subiaco Oval.

Next Tuesday, a new crop of AFL rookies will go under the spotlight.

The traditional battle between the WAFL and the SANFL has been restored somewhat with a WA Football Commission pledge to maintain the interstate rivalry and the mix of WAFL players and Eagles squad members will produce a competitive side.

SIGNIFICANT

The interstate clash in Sydney is also significant.

Football's man-of-the-moment Jason Dunstall has declared he will play for Queensland, despite a request from Hawthorn that he take a break to have his troublesome heel operated on.

Dunstall's exciting Hawthorn teammate Steve Lawrence will also play with Queensland against a strong NSW unit headed by Essendon's Daniher brothers, North Melbourne forward John Longmire and former Sydney big man Glen Coleman, who is in great form with Footscray.

The State-of-Origin concept was originally adopted in 1977 to allow WA expatriate players to return home and represent their initial State in a bid to determine where the real football power lay.

Tuesday's two interstate games will be a great lead-up to the return of WA-Victoria clashes to the home of football, the MCG.

Westside Football writer **TANIA ARMSTRONG** will be in Adelaide next Tuesday for the WA-SA game. Watch for her report direct from the big game

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