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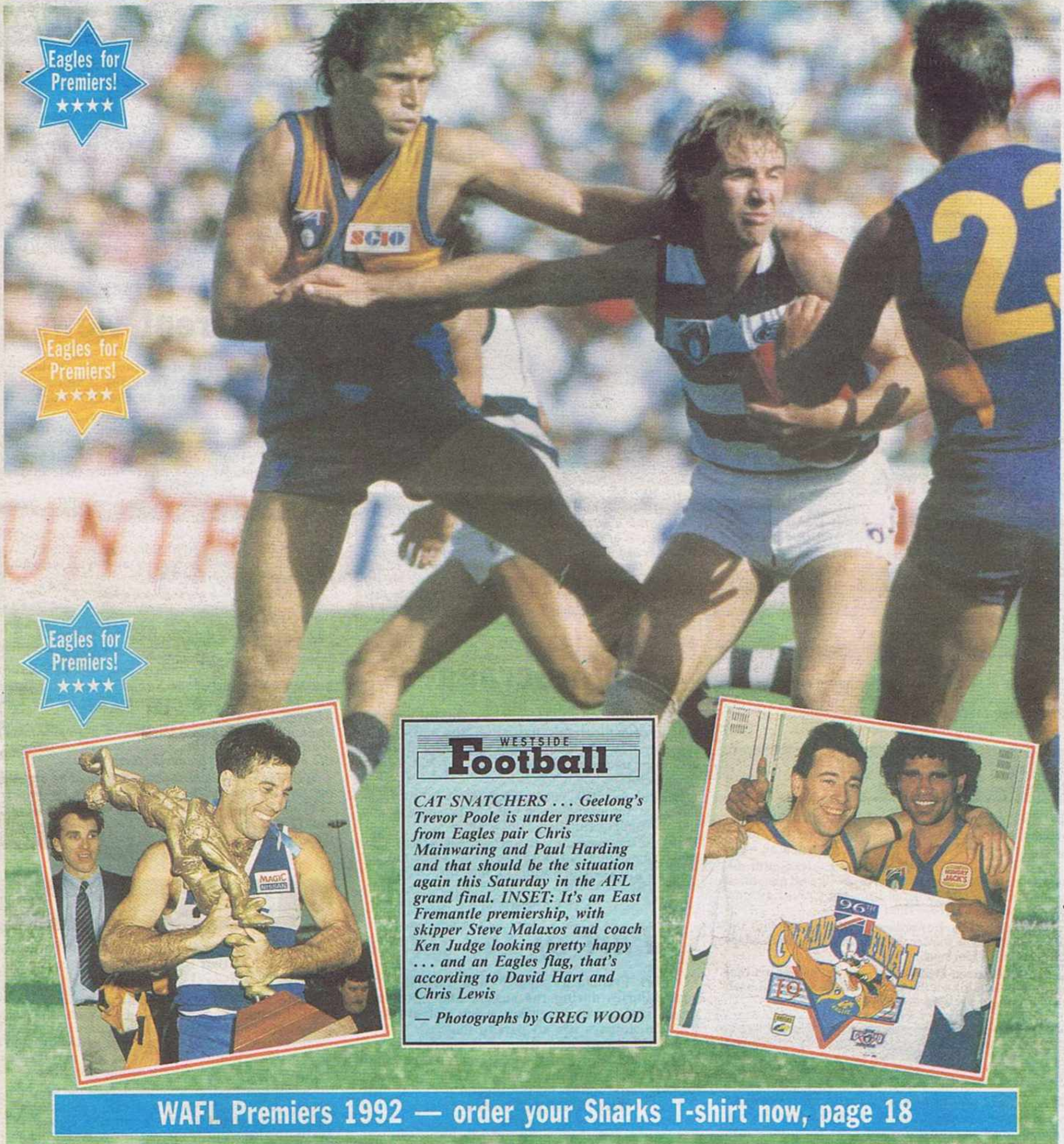
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## THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

THE Victorians are dreading this Saturday — the day their holy grail, the premiership cup, could leave their football-mad State. The West Coast Eagles are out for victory in the AFL grand final and inside this week Westside presents an extensive guide to the big game — words, photographs, previews, match-ups, exclusive interviews ... PLUS ... East Fremantle's Pepsi Cup premiership in words and coloured photographs from the match



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**CAT SNATCHERS ...** Geelong's Trevor Poole is under pressure from Eagles pair Chris Mainwaring and Paul Harding and that should be the situation again this Saturday in the AFL grand final. **INSET:** It's an East Fremantle premiership, with skipper Steve Malaxos and coach Ken Judge looking pretty happy ... and an Eagles flag, that's according to David Hart and Chris Lewis  
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# Footy gossip

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## It's no rumour...

TALKING about the radio 6WF commentary, one of the issues that irked GG and his fellow-commentator Keith Slater was East Fremantle's runner, Shane Ellis.

Grljusich continually harped on how often Ellis was on the ground, giving instructions and helping direct play — a complaint that was backed up by Slater.

But what GG and Spud missed was that every time they mentioned Ellis being out on the arena, South Fremantle's runner Kevin Cornell wasn't far away!

## Souths let fans down

THE South Fremantle entourage let their many fans — and football in general — down rather badly when they quickly left the ground after Saturday's grand final.

The players and their support staff vanished within minutes of the final siren signalling a premiership victory for East Fremantle.

Tradition rules that the losing side stay on the ground to acknowledge their conquerors and watch the medallions being presented. Some coaches use that as a form of punishment!

While the Bulldogs were obviously disappointed at losing after going into the grand final as hot favourites, it is surely a sign of respect for the supporters of the losers to stay out on the oval.

What would have happened, for example, if a South Fremantle player had won the Simpson Medal?

Bulldogs centre-half-back Mark Hepburn played a great game and was in the running for the Medal awarded to the best-on-ground, as was skipper Ned Fimmano and veteran Brad Collard.

Souths also kept the media out of the rooms after the match and controversial coach Malcolm Brown wasn't giving interviews, either.

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## Final message

JUST one quarter to go — that was the same message from the two coaches at three-quarter-time, when Mal Brown and Ken Judge addressed their sides with single-minded determination.

"Run your socks off," said the Bulldogs coach.

"If we win this, it will be one of the best victories in the history of the WAFL."

Judge took the other tack as he spelt out the situation to his Sharks, who were trailing by six points.

"The odds are stacked against us," said Judge.

"But if ever the Gods are going to smile on East Fremantle, it's going to be today. Let's forget about the breeze, that's not going to help us."

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## Top acting, guys

THERE are premiership medals handed out to the victors after grand finals — but there should be some Oscar best-acting trophies awarded as well.

East Fremantle's old-stager Neil Lester-Smith deserved one when he hit the deck like a punctured balloon after a late collision from big Craig Edwards, which was much worse than it looked.

After all, when Edwards gets his momentum up, stopping would be harder than turning the Queen Mary in Fremantle Harbour.

Sharks big-man Damien Condon put on one act that made him look like a flying swan as he hurled himself to the ground seeking a free kick.

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## Quick message

THERE are plenty of enterprising people around waiting for the opportunity to cash in on a good idea — and so they did when East Fremantle won their 27th premiership.

The Sharks players were proudly sporting newly printed T-shirts after the victory which thumbed their noses at the critics.

"Too old, too slow, too bloody good," was the message that echoed out after the match.

## So close, yet so far...



THE END OF THE DREAM... Footscray coach Terry Wheeler was a forlorn figure as he trudged across the MCG after a preliminary final loss to Geelong. In one final word of thanks to the Bulldogs supporters who had backed his side all year, he escorted his players across the ground to give the fans a round of applause. It was an emotional moment for the 1992 All Australian coach who took some solace from the fact that his side finished the season as the best team in Melbourne

## Tough Scraggers

THE demise of Footscray has finally ended a season of cynical speculation — and satisfied all those critics who continually wrote the Bulldogs off. But it took 25 weeks to get rid of the Scraggers!

Former top VFL coach Tom Hafey admitted on radio last Saturday that he was one person who continually under-estimated Footscray.

"I kept tipping against them," he said. "They've got a goal to goal line that looks like a VFA team, no stars, but they just keep on putting in; they turned out to be a real team of goers."

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## Part of the game

SOUTH Fremantle copped their fare share of head injuries during the season and Saturday's grand final was no exception — but club president Ric Gloede says it's all part of football.

"We believe that what happens on the field ends on the field and we won't be taking any further action," said Gloede after the match which left young Bulldogs forward Jason Spinks with a broken jaw.

Spinks left the field in the first quarter, appearing to be hit behind-the-play — and team manager Santo Pasqua was left shaking his head in disbelief.

Pasqua, escorting Warren Campbell to the interchange area as a replacement, took a short detour to see if emergency umpire Peter Repper had seen the incident.

Repper indicated that he had seen it... but there was no report.

## Support for Eagles

THE sensitive question of whether the Eagles should take part in the AFL grand final parade this Friday still hasn't gone away.

The West Coast management agreed to take part in this year's parade — under the threat of a \$25,000 fine if they didn't — and some strong support for their previous stand to boycott the traditional Melbourne event came from the Channel Seven football panel on Sunday.

The suggestion from former player and coach Ron Barassi that the Eagles were entitled to be reluctant participants because of the interruptions to their grand final routine, didn't even draw one comment of objection from the other panellists.

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## Different views

THE on-going battle of whether players should be eligible to drop back from the Eagles side to WAFL teams competing in the finals drags on.

Two men who come from different directions are Trevor Sprigg, chairman of selectors of the West Coasters and Claremont coach Gerard Neesham — whose strong stand last year over the forced inclusion of Mark Hepburn left a pretty bitter taste in Tiger-land.

Sprigg threw out his thoughts at 6PR's football panel show last week when he said that the answer could be no rules or regulations at all.

Neesham's reaction to that was simple — "You don't have to be the person to tell the player who has to drop out of a grand final."

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## Bunton's prospects

THE departure of legendary coach Haydn Bunton has left a big void at the Subiaco Football Club — but don't think you've seen the last of the Little Master.

Bunton's name has been linked with a proposed South West side in the WAFL, especially with his residential life based around Mandurah these days.

Speaking on radio last weekend, he said he was looking forward to some sort of challenge in the future.

"You can learn all the time and I've learnt a lot in the last 12 months," he said. "So I'm looking forward to doing something else."

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## Rival versions

THERE were two distinct versions of Saturday's grand final — that is, if you listened to the radio calls.

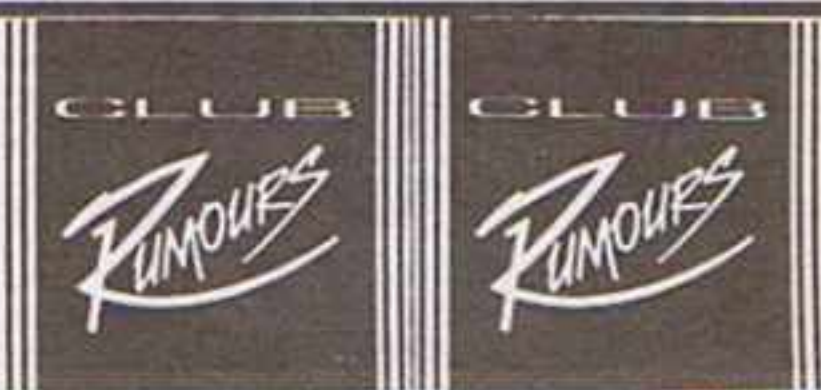
Radio 6WF's George Grljusich, whose loyalty for South Fremantle has never been questioned, certainly had a red-and-white flavour to his commentary, while rival station 6PR had a good blue-and-white duo in action, with former East Fremantle players Percy Johnson and Trevor Sprigg calling the kicks.

Sprigg, now chairman of selectors of the West Coast Eagles, was very unbiased in his call, while Johnson — who is emotionally involved with the Sharks — did his best to keep out of the commentary, letting Frank Sparrow share the action with Sprigg.

But there was the odd occasion when Percy couldn't help himself, especially in the closing minutes — but good luck to him! If you're that involved with a club, well why not show it? Maybe a bit more open loyalty wouldn't hurt the game.



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THE Eagles are on the verge of creating history by becoming the first non-Victorian team to win an AFL premiership and we have an extensive preview on the big grand final clash with Geelong. AFL news starts on page 3

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Mt Lawley claimed back-to-back premierships when the A-grade pennant was decided last weekend. For a full wrap up of the amateur grade premierships see pages 26 and 27

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# Loyal Vic. crowd will stir the Eagles

A FIERCELY anti-West Australian crowd will bring the Eagles closer together in Saturday's historic grand final at the MCG, according to tough skipper John Worsfold.

The first AFL grand final with an interstate team playing at the great Melbourne sports colosseum will attract ferocious opposition from the partisan Victorian crowd.

Most Vics were hopping mad that the Eagles went within a whisker of taking the premiership last year.

And this year's assault on the nation's Holy Grail, the equivalent to yachting's America's Cup or the coveted Ashes urn, is seen as a downright insult.

Former AFL star and football critic Ron Barassi has been outspoken in his parochial desire for a Victorian win.

But West Australian football — riding on the high-flying Eagles — is on the rampage again.

Most Victorians breathed a collective sigh of relief last year when Hawthorn stood firm on grand final day to prevent Worsfold hoisting the premiership cup aloft at Waverley Park.

Worsfold says crowd antagonism is just one of many things the Eagles have learned to counter in the past six years.

Leading West Coast into the club's second grand final appearance, Worsfold says the boos, jeers and focus of the Melbourne media is a spur to his team.



THANKS FANS... Eagles skipper John Worsfold leads a round of applause for their West Coast home-town fans

"We certainly never get any standing ovation when we run on to a Melbourne ground, that's for sure.

"Our guys have learned to cope with travel, different grounds and definitely the crowds.

"By the time we run onto the ground on Saturday, I'm sure the crowd response won't affect us. We'll be totally focused on the chance to win a premiership.

"Some of the treatment we get when away from Perth works in our favour.

"We have established a pretty good record in Melbourne over the years and most of our players are now very experienced in many ways.

"The lessons we learned out of last year's finals are also fresh in our minds and I think that should help us this time around."

Worsfold says he and his talented band face a unique second shot at lifting the AFL premiership.

"It's a bit of a rare opportunity to get another shot at winning a grand final so quickly after tasting defeat last year," he said.

"This sort of chance doesn't come around too often.

"After last year, we are certainly looking forward to actually winning.

"Last year was very disappointing."

Worsfold said that to beat the talented Geelong for the title would require a complete team effort, "all over the ground" on Saturday.

"We can't afford to rely on any one group of players or player," he said.

"It has to be a totally committed team effort.

"Geelong is a very good side, who deliver the ball well and run well.

"We'll have to be at our best."

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# Sumich, Matera the targets

WEST Coast are prepared for an ambush in Saturday's historic AFL grand final against Geelong at the MCG.

Eagles superstars Peter Sumich and Peter Matera are the prime targets.

An opening like the 1989 premiership showdown — when the Cats hit the more fancied Hawthorn with everything — is on the cards.

The Cats will claw at every physical and mental opportunity to put West Coast — considered by the Vics as aliens — out of business.

But who are the Cats with the capacity to upset the Eagles star duo?

Former Eagles defender Geoff Miles could be the man for Sumich and little-known tagger Paul Wills could get the assignment on Matera.

Sumich, with his massive goal-scoring ability and Matera's explosive pace are two of the most influential factors in West Coast's attempt to hoist Australia's most cherished sporting cup.

It was Matera who tore the Cats to shreds in the second semi, with a sensation 35 possessions.

## PUNISHMENT

In 1989 it was star Hawks, Dermott Brereton and winger Robert DiPierdomenico, who were on the end of some of the most brutal physical punishment ever handed out in the opening minutes of a grand final.

The Hawks withstood the buffeting to win the closest grand final of the '80s and one of the classic finals in memory.

Grand finals attract that intense aggression and fierce physical confrontation.

There are no prizes for second. The price that players are willing to pay will be the ultimate.

Tony Jewell, coach of Richmond's 1980 premiership team, once declared that he knew minutes before the game that his team was mentally primed to make the supreme sacrifice for club glory, when he overhead one of his

By

**KIM HAGDORN**

defenders ask a fellow backmen: "Are you willing to die for us today?"

To a man, his five team-mates are alleged to have replied "YES".

It is said the player who asked the question was Mick Malthouse.

## HOLY GRAIL

Malthouse is unbending in his devotion to making history as the first man to lift the Holy Grail of Australian sport from Victoria.

He was a ruthless player and approaches his coaching with the same tunnel-visioned passion.

His tactics and ability to turn the tables from last year's grand final loss will play an enormous part in the Eagles prospects.

The Eagles first priority will be to restrict Geelong's awesome goal-scoring prowess.

## JUGGLING ACT

Malthouse faces a juggling act to fit top defender Michael Brennan back into the line-up.

The Eagles vice-captain was forced to miss the second semi win over the Cats, because of a hamstring strain.

But Brennan is likely to replace an unlucky David Hynes.

Billy Brownless, Gary Ablett, Barry Stoneham and rover Robert Scott form the formidable Cats targets up forward.

Ashley McIntosh was an outstanding success on Brownless in the second semi, keeping the high-flying Cat to two goals.

Ablett, should be matched with tough Eagles skipper John Worsfold, while Glen Jakovich shapes as the man for Stoneham.

Scott is sure to again wear a tag from the close-checking Dwayne Lamb.

Geelong's strength lies with their po-

tential to pepper the ball at their big-marking, long-kicking forwards.

Skipper Mark Bairstow, back to his best with 33 possessions against Footscray, Paul Couch, Scott, Peter Riccardi, Garry Hocking and Michael Mansfield are the midfield play-makers that stand between the Eagles and glory.

West Coast's strengths are more widely spread.

Malthouse employs taggers Don Pyke, Dwayne Lamb, Craig Turley, Chris Waterman and Scott Watters to close down the trump Cats, as Matera and Mainwaring attempt to exert an influence from their wings.

If the Cats have a weakness, it is their defence which Matera and Main-

waring could cut to pieces.

Sumich could then capitalise on a midfield feast with a bag of goals.

The Eagles must decide just who is the best ground support to Sumich.

## ALTERNATIVES

Courageous rover Tony Evans, fiery Karl Langdon and Brett Heady have been the best crumbers when the Eagles ace forward fails to hold his marks.

Heady has recovered from injury, though a final decision on whether he is picked could be reserved until the last minute.

In-form Eagles ruckman Paul Harding also faces a big task against Geelong's inspired John Barnes, clearly best-afield against Footscray.

## AFL grand final likely line-up

West Coast Eagles in bold, kicking down the page



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2 Dean Kemp  
Rov: 10 Don Pyke

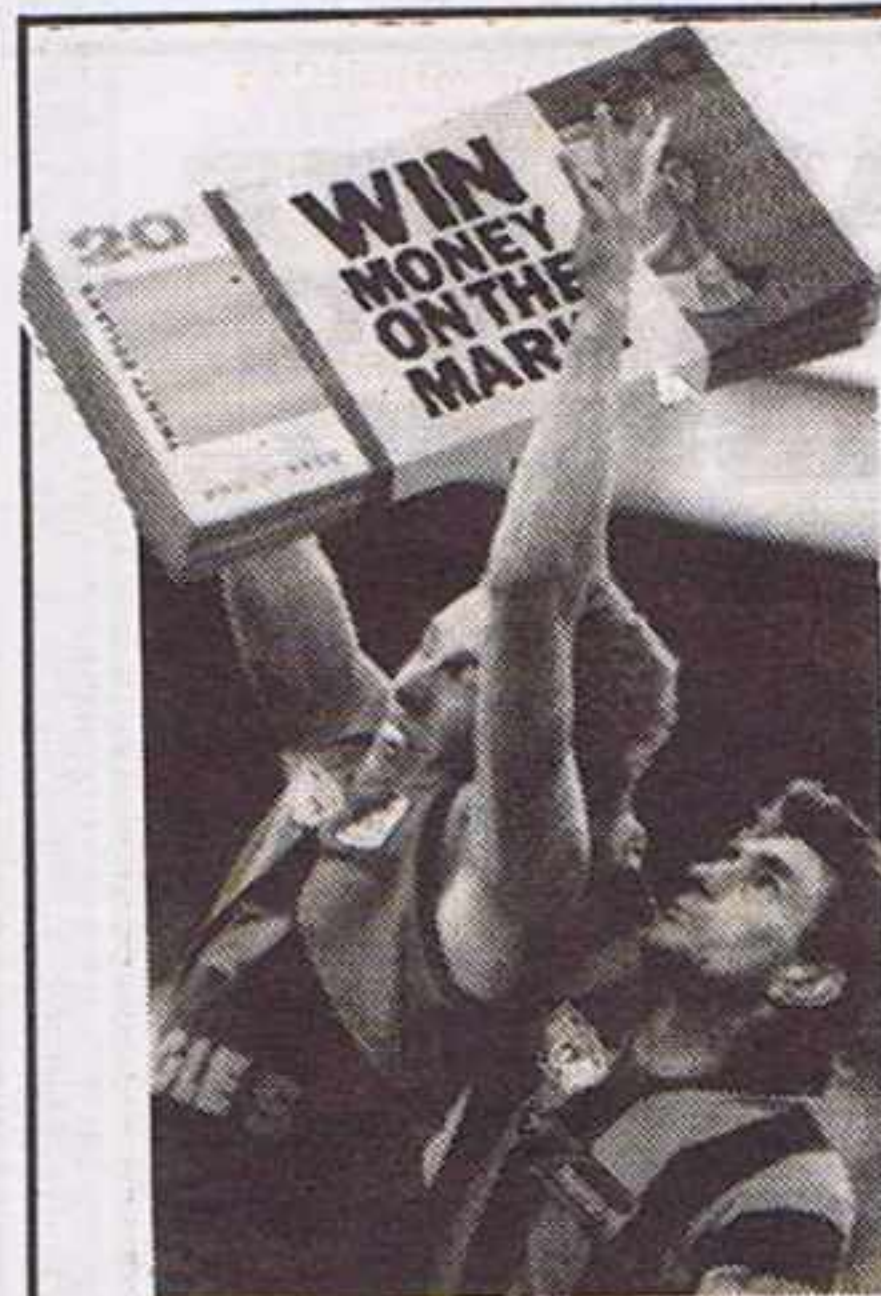
Ruck: 6 John Barnes  
3 Mark Bairstow  
Rov: 32 Garry Hocking



Int: 31 Mitchell White  
14 Michael Brennan  
1 Brett Heady  
13 Scott Watters  
In: 14 Michael Brennan  
1 Brett Heady  
Out: 36 David Hart.



Int: 15 Peter Riccardi  
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In: 14 Steven Handley  
19 Neville Bruns  
Out: 27 Andrew Bews (inj)  
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# Cats have to stop Suma to win

STOP Peter Sumich and you'll win the AFL premiership... that's the message in Melbourne as the long-awaited grand final showdown approaches.

Geelong coach Malcolm Blight was so worried by Sumich's eight-goal swag in the second semi-final that he gambled on the form and fitness of full-back discard Tim Darcy in Saturday's preliminary final, hoping he would measure up.

Darcy hadn't played for five weeks after breaking his left arm in a State league (reserves) match.

He had a 10cm plate with seven screws inserted just over a month ago and on Saturday wore a protective bandage over his injured arm, similar to those used this year by Carlton's Peter Dean and Footscray's Michael Mansfield.

After a nervous start, Darcy played some inspired football in Geelong's runaway 11-goal victory.

He held Footscray's leading goalkicker Danny Del'Re to just two goals.

## HARD TRAINING

Blight worked a squad of fringe senior players, including Darcy, particularly hard in the lead-up to the preliminary final.

His other two inclusions, Russell Merriman (four goals) and Trevor Poole were also valuable contributors, both having a dozen disposals to retain their spots for Saturday.

Blight is hoping versatile Steve Handley, who injured his shoulder in the second-semi and was unavailable for Saturday's preliminary final, will also return — providing a further defensive option in case Darcy fails.

## TWO ON ONE

Whoever is given the full-back's role can expect to receive large doses of assistance with Blight deliberately dropping his No.1 ruckman deep into defence in an attempt to restrict Sumich's influence.



Malcolm Blight ... non-committal on grand final eve

Playing two-against-one is a common tactic all the best full-forwards, including Jason Dunstall and Tony Lockett, have had to combat this season.

Blight will order his assisting ruckman to concentrate on filling a hole on the left side of full forward, thereby forcing Sumich to lead and take most of his set shots from his less-preferred right-hand side of goal.

Key consideration is also being given to Peter Matera's opponent, with 20-year-old Andrew Wills the front-runner to tag him.

Blight prefers to win games with all-out attack, but realises he must restrict the run of the expert Eagle midfielders for the Cats to be truly competitive.

Veteran Neville Bruns may come in for the injured Andrew Bews, while South Australian Andrew Rogers, who started on the interchange on Saturday, is in danger of losing his place to star first-year player Handley.

The Cats have not won a premiership since 1963 and so intent is Blight on keeping the player's attentions focused, that he ordered a media ban on all of his 25-man squad including captain Mark Bairstow.

## DANGERMEN

Blight was also unusually non-committal at his media conference after his team's big win against Footscray.

While most Melburnians have installed Geelong as a sentimental favourite for Saturday's play-off, the Eagles are firm flag favourites.

They could start as short as 5/2-on come matchday.

Geelong's major plusses are prolific goalscoring pair Bill Brownless and Gary Ablett, who have kicked 145 goals between them this year.

Brownless has 16 goals in the finals (including 5.6 on Saturday) while Ablett has 13.

While Sumich is potentially the most dangerous forward afield, Eagles coach Mick Malthouse will have to carefully monitor both Brownless and Ablett — and Geelong's other forward line champion Barry Stoneham, who was quiet on Saturday and is unlikely to play two bad ones in a row.

While Geelong have won only two of their last 12 games against the Eagles (including one earlier this year at Subiaco) and has had to qualify for the grand final the hard way, they still have great support.

## PREDICTIONS

Brownlow Medallist and Channel 7 commentator Gerard Healy is confidently predicting a bolover.

"Call it intuition, but I believe the Cats will get up," he says.

"After such a great season of football, the finals have fallen flat so far. The last two weekends have lacked a



TOUGH LUCK ... Geelong's Mark Bairstow explains how the Cats lost to the Eagles

lot, especially close scoring.

"It would be disappointing if it was a one-sided grand final on Saturday.

## THRILLER

"Somehow I feel it's going to be a thriller, making up for the lack-lustre last two weeks."

Fellow Channel 7 commentator Peter McKenna agreed: "On a given day, Geelong can beat anybody."

Earlier this year the Cats kicked 37 goals and 17 behinds against Brisbane in establishing a record score for the club.

Ablett has shown glimpses of his best form of 1989, Brownless could finish with more than 80 goals for the year, while Stoneham is one of the top five players in the country.

On the East Coast with KEN PIESSE



With so much class in their line-up, it will take a committed West Coast to repeat their great win from second-semi final day.

## BIG ADVANTAGE

A week off is a great advantage at this time of the year.

Teams which win the second-semi final invariably take the flag.

Many critics claim the West Coast-ers were unlucky not to win in 1991 after clearly being the best team during the home-and-away season.

This year they were struggling at one stage to make the six, but they now have the momentum when it counts.

Their midfielders will burn off their Geelong opponents. Sumich could even break Gary Ablett's grand final goals record of nine.

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HIGH-profile Hawk Dermott Breton is collecting football anecdotes for a humorous football book for 1993.

Here's a sneak preview of one of his favourites, from young Brisbane Bears star Marcus Ashcroft, who says:

"I took this girl I hardly knew out one night with a friend of mine. We had tea and went out afterwards for a while. I was dropping her home pretty early when the jealous boyfriend came around. Before I knew it, he'd put his fist through the passenger side window and as I've gone to take off, I've hit a tree on the way out!"

"The police arrested him and charged him. He paid for the damage to the car and so on.

"But the story spread right around the club and Matty Rendell, who has a segment up here (Queensland) on K-Rock, put it over on the radio. Not only did the club know about it, but the whole of the Gold Coast as well!"

"I haven't been out with the same girl again. In fact, I haven't got a regular girlfriend. I'm concentrating purely on my footy!"

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## HOW good are the West Coast Eagles? By WA standards I mean.

Over the past 30 years, WA has produced some outstanding players. But if you were to pick an all-star team over that period, how many of this year's grand final side would make the team?

Starting with the backline, who would you select to fill the back pockets out of these players — Colin Maynard, Dobbie Graham, Tony Nisbett and Mal Atwell? And who would play at full-back — John Watts, Gary Malarkey or Ross Glendinning?

How would you like to have any of these players on your half-back line — Denis Marshall, Brian France, Norm Rogers, Ken McAullay or Ken Bagley.

### GREAT CENTRELINE

The centre-line virtually picks itself. You couldn't look past Greg Brehaut and Derek Chadwick for the wings and Ray Sorrell in the centre.

John Todd, despite being on one leg, still managed to make an All-Australian team and could be used on this line or in attack, while Maurice Rioli and Phil Narkle were great performers in midfield.

The half-forward line is not so easy to pick.

Don Langdon, (Karl's uncle) only had a short WAFL career because of farming commitments, but was one of the most dazzling forwards to play in Perth.

Throw in players like Mal Brown, Stephen Michael and Tom Grljusich and selecting the key centre-half-forward position is not easy.

The full-forward position picks itself. Even though John Gerovich is probably the most mercurial player

## Do Eagles match the true greats?

I've seen, Austin Robertson would get the nod on consistency.

Ocker was a reliable full-forward. He headed the WAFL goalkicking eight times in 11 years and holds the record for the most goals kicked in a qualifying season.

### KNOCK RUCKMAN

The following division is the toughest to pick.

In the ruck you have Graham Farmer, Graham Moss, Ron Boucher, Keith Slater and Mike Fitzpatrick, to name a few.

I've left Jack Clarke out of the time frame, but he rates with Farmer and Merv McIntosh as the three best ruckman this State has produced since World War II, if not ever.

And then you have big versatile players such as Bill Dempsey and John McIntosh (Ashley's father).

The roving division is a nightmare, with Barry Cable and Bill Walker outstanding. But there are also Robert Wiley, the Krakouer brothers and midfielders Peter Featherby, Leon Baker and Brian Peake.

How would Eagles wingmen Peter Matera and Chris Mainwaring go against Brehaut and Chadwick? Would Brett Heady be able to cope with Marshall?

## Straight Shooting

with ROBERT BENNETT  
of the Sunday Times



Would the Eagles have the tagger to nullify Cable and Walker and would Karl Langdon be able to match Norm Rogers in ruggedness?

How would Peter Sumich go against Glendinning or Atwell? Forget the ruck, the Eagles have never had a player anywhere near the capabilities of Farmer.

It is difficult making comparisons between past and present players, but if a computer game was played between an "all-stars" side and the Eagles, similar to the one to decide the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time, the result could be interesting.

Here's a side I would like to see matched against the Eagles.

**Backs:** Bob Graham, Ross Glendinning, Mal Atwell.  
**H/backs:** Denis Marshall, Brian France, Norm Rogers.  
**Centre:** Greg Brehaut, Ray Sorrell, Derek Chadwick.  
**H/forwards:** Stephen Michael, Don Langdon, John Todd.  
**Forwards:** Barry Cable, Austin Robertson, Jim Krakouer.  
**Ruck:** Graham Farmer, Mal Brown, Bill Walker.  
**Interchange:** Maurice Rioli, Graham Moss.  
**Coach:** Jack Sheedy.

It would be some team. Three players I would love to have squeezed in are Bagley, Dempsey and Boucher.

## TAKING STOCK

with GARY  
STOCKS of  
The West  
Australian



# Let Eagles play in WAFL finals

IT IS time the WA Football Commission and the eight WAFL clubs bit the bullet and lifted all restrictions on the qualification of West Coast Eagles players dropping back for WA finals.

After last week's fiasco, which proves the WAFC is no closer to finding the balance between the integration of both levels of senior football, it seems the only way to prevent controversy is to relax the laws completely.

It was ludicrous to have clubs bickering with the Commission in grand final week over who was eligible and who wasn't.

Naturally, we wouldn't want to see a situation where Peter Sumich, John Worsfold, Chris Waterman and Chris Mainwaring dropped back to the WAFL when the Eagles have a bye, but their AFL club would never agree to releasing them anyway.

Michael Brennan and Scott Watters should have been able to play in last week's derby final. That would have been in the interests of the players, their WAFL clubs and the Eagles.

Both were denied the chance to press their selection claims for what could be the biggest day in the lives of the Eagles players this Saturday at the MCG.

It seemed in the middle of last week that Watters' season had been brought to a halt because of bureaucratic red

tape. Not only could Watters not play with South Fremantle, but the decision virtually excluded him from playing at the MCG this week.

Brennan, troubled by hamstring problems, needed the run to test out his legs under pressure and despite a push by the Eagles, he was not allowed to play.

It was in the best interests of all concerned if both had joined their Eagles team-mates — Trent Nichols, Andrew Lockyer and Brendan Krummel (East Fremantle), David Hart, David Hynes, Mark Hepburn and Dean Irving (South Fremantle) — in the grand final.

As fate would have it, Hart broke down in the third quarter and Watters must be on the short list of replacements. While there is no room for sentiment at this level of football, it would be great to see him get an opportunity.

His season does not deserve to end the way it's heading.

He has simply lost form at the wrong end of the season. Had he struggled to find touch earlier in the year, he would have had the chance to play with the Bulldogs and build on his confidence.

Brennan and Brett Heady will be

favoured to replace Hynes and Hart, if neither is fit to play.

The Eagles have a great opportunity to create a special piece of history and they have what it takes to achieve their goal.

The loss of Hart means the Eagles are down a tagger and that's why Watters has strong claims. But, if they elect to overlook Watters, then it could be a good move to cast Chris Lewis in a negating role.

Every week he is harassed by players who don't worry too much about getting kicks themselves and the boot could be thrown on the other foot.

Lewis could shadow one of the Cats prime movers and he could perform the task admirably. All season his form has been a contentious issue, but he relishes a challenge and handing him a defensive role could give him the opportunity to remind football fans around the country of his special talents.

It will be a big day for WA football and, hopefully, the pain of last year's defeat will remind the players of just how much it hurts to be beaten on that last Saturday in September.



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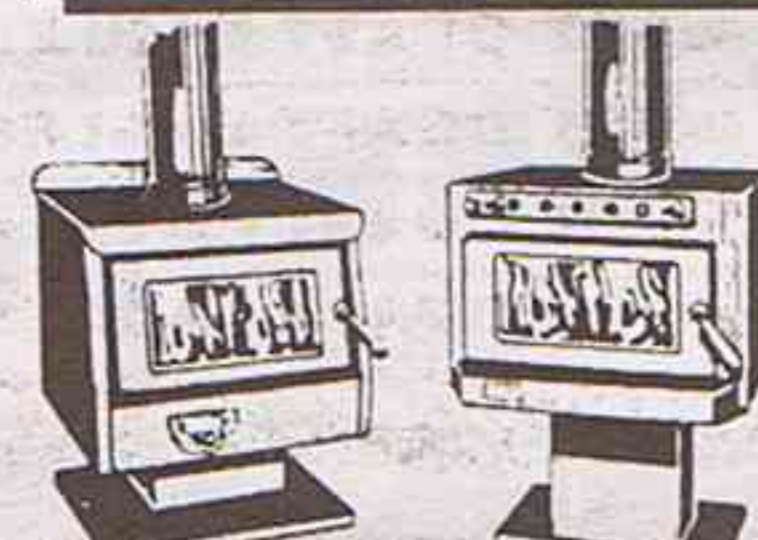


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# Melbourne Calling

## Gripping finish

WIN or lose, the Eagles effort in reaching two grand finals in the six years since they joined the competition is first class.

Their exceptional effort has made them the envy of every Eastern States club — but that won't be enough for West Coast.

Everyone knows how desperate they are to win after last year's loss to the Hawks.

Saturday's match should be an absolutely enthralling game — captivating the massive crowd and millions of spectators in lounge rooms and pubs across Australia.

It goes without saying that both teams will be desperate to win. Finals football is different and produces a special response from champion players.

Every Eagle selected realises he has the chance to become a member of the first AFL premiership team outside Victoria — and an instant WA hero.

Geelong, in a contrasting situation, have not won a grand final since Bob Davis coached his 1963 team to victory.

Every Cat representing Geelong will be aware of the importance of the match to their fanatical community.

Starved of success for so long, combined with the unfortunate demise of the Pyramid Building Society, and the Ford Motor Company laying off hundreds of Geelong workers, the game takes on special significance.



**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**

A win could lift spirits throughout the economically depressed Geelong district.

Rest assured, the Cats grand final side will be playing with plenty of heart.

What a game it promises to be. Can the Eagles midfielders contain the Geelong runners? Can Peter Sumich, who is undoubtedly a key to the match, be kept quiet?

Will Gary Ablett repeat his 1989 performance in almost single-handedly winning the grand final off his own boot?

Cat supporters will be praying for another nine-goal haul.

Can Peter Matera's pace be curbed? His running through the lines and dynamic long kicking needs to be nullified for Geelong to win.

Can Geelong's power-forwards, Billy Brownless and Barry Stoneham, be held to low scores? Their impact on the match will determine the outcome of the 1992 flag.

Look forward to an exciting climax to the 1992 season — I wouldn't leave the TV until the final siren has gone.

# Solin the new boy at Subi

— by KIM HAGDORN

NEW Subiaco coach Tony Solin had to introduce himself to every Lions player when he met his new charges at Subiaco Oval on Tuesday afternoon.

Solin won the Lions top job ahead of an impressive lost of interstate and local candidates.

He admitted he had never even met any of the current Subiaco players.

Solin (35) replaces the legendary Haydn Bunton at Subiaco — giving him an involvement with his fifth WAFL club.

The appointment of the former rugged Swan Districts and East Fremantle player — who actually started with South Fremantle — is of major concern to East Perth officials.

### WORK COMMITMENTS

Solin served as assistant coach to Stan Magro this season — but Magro has expressed doubts about his ability to continue through work commitments.

Solin was the obvious candidate to replace Magro — which prompted the Lions to act quickly.

The new Lions coach believes that being a newcomer to the players will be an advantage in his endeavours to build a powerful WAFL combination.

A member of Swan Districts 1982, '83 and '84 premiership combinations, Solin won his appointment on the campaign of a fresh approach at Subiaco.

It was widely perceived among Lions officials that, as great as Bunton was, it was time for a new direction.

### EXPERIENCE

With almost a decade of experience under Todd and a close affinity to long time friend, former teammate and current Claremont coach Gerard Neesham, Solin offers that re-direction.

But while the new Lions coach admits he needs a classy rover and a key position player, says he will not be making sweeping changes at Subiaco.

He says a week in Melbourne for the AFL grand final will be timely to give him room to think and plan his attack from October 1, the date he will assume his full-time post.

"It's early days and I haven't met anybody yet. But I don't anticipate any big changes in personnel," he said.

### DIFFERENT STYLE

"But I do believe Subiaco can adopt a different style of game.

"You don't have to be an Einstein to work out that Subi have been pretty indirect in recent times.

"I'd like to think I can change that."

Solin says he has developed his own style of coaching in four years with Upper Great Southern club Boddington, who he took Boddington to three premierships before last Sunday's grand final loss to Kukerin.

But he admits there will be evidence of the influence of Todd, Neesham and Magro.

"There'll be a portion of each of those guys, but basically I'm my own person," he said.

"I've learnt a lot from those sort of guys, but along the way I have disagreed with a lot of things they've done. It's all part of learning I guess."

Solin said he never intentionally set out to become a league coach.

### LEAGUE AMBITION

But two years into his stint with Boddington, he realised a deeper ambition to try his hand at the higher level.

He takes the Lions on at the end of the club's most successful era.

His assignment probably isn't the toughest currently confronting the eight WAFL clubs — but it's a hard act to follow.

Bunton took the Lions to five grand finals in the last eight years.

## AFL LEADING GOALKICKERS

Score	Game	Score	Game	Score	Game	Score	Game
Year	Aver	Year	Aver	Year	Aver	Year	Aver
Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	145.84 6.3	Paul Salmon (Essendon)	59.23 3.1	John Hutton (Brisbane)	43.15 2.4	Mark Bairstow (Geelong)	33.22 1.5
Tony Lockett (St Kilda)	132.58 6.0	Richard Osborne (Fitzroy)	58.43 3.6	Robert Scott (Geelong)	42.20 1.9	Barry Stoneham (Geelong)	32.17 1.6
Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)	83.50 3.8	Peter Daicos (Collingwood)	52.31 2.7	Brian Royal (Footscray)	42.22 2.6	Darren Bewick (Essendon)	32.28 1.6
Peter Sumich (Eagles)	76.45 4.2	Scott Hodges (Adelaide)	48.19 3.7	Darren Whieldon (Fitzroy)	41.31 2.1	Garry Lyon (Melbourne)	30.14 1.9
Bill Brownless (Geelong)	76.45 3.3	Chris Grant (Footscray)	48.28 2.1	Allen Jakovich (Melbourne)	40.37 3.6	Darren Jarman (Hawthorn)	30.30 1.3
Danny Del'Be (Footscray)	68.35 3.2	Wayne Carey (Nth Melb.)	46.32 2.2	Paul Hudson (Hawthorn)(I)	39.39 2.0	Craig Devonport (St Kilda)	29.31 1.4
Gary Ablett (Geelong)	69.53 3.5	Stewart Loewe (St Kilda)	45.53 2.0	Doug Hawkins (Footscray)	39.19 1.8	Steven Jackson (Richmond)	29.14 1.5
John Longmire (North Melbourne)	64.37 3.2	Jeff Hogg (Richmond)	45.22 2.5	Paul Brown (Geelong)	37.27 1.5	Saverio Rocca (Collingwood)	29.20 2.9
Simon Minton-Connell (Swans)	60.42 3.8	David Strooper (Sydney Swans)	44.33 2.0	Steven Kolynik (Footscray)	35.31 1.8		

## FORM GUIDES



### AFL

**FOOTSCRAY:** W(27), W(32), L(22), W(45), W(39), b, W(56), L(59), W(42), W(27), W(34), W(62), W(107), L(6), L(9), W(87), W(13), L(16), W(46), W(47), b, L(82), W(30), L(57), L(61), W(29), L(64)  
**GEELONG:** L(20), L(8), W(126), W(24), b, W(98), W(164), W(123), W(57), L(15), W(3), W(26), W(77), W(75), W(9), L(19), W(73), W(82), L(19), b, W(52), W(93), L(91), W(46), W(61), L(38), W(64)  
**WEST COAST:** b, L(3), W(33), L(24), d, W(1), L(20), W(59), W(24), W(40), b, W(44), L(1), W(14), W(75), W(22), W(53), L(66), W(22), W(131), W(20), W(30), L(30), W(33), W(13), W(38)

## WAFL

**EAST FREM:** L(38), L(7), W(20), W(37), W(52), W(73), W(17), W(89), L(20), W(2), W(21), W(1), W(23), L(23), W(45), L(42), W(52), W(53), L(4), L(33), W(84), L(25), W(4), W(24)  
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**W-Win  
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b-bye  
d-draw**  
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# THE EAGLES



## 1. BRETT HEADY

22yrs 183cms 82kgs  
Games played 56WCE, 35Subi, 1WA  
Likely to return to the side after missing the second semi with a hamstring strain. Was a big performer in last year's grand final

## 2. DEAN KEMP

23yrs 180cms 76kgs  
Games played 70WCE, 24Subi, 2WA  
A sensation in the centre throughout the year; will have the tough task of opposing Geelong skipper Mark Bairstow

## 3. CHRIS MAINWARING

26yrs 180cms 82kgs  
Games played 125WCE, 48EF, 10WA  
Spent recent matches in the forward line, though he went back to his wing as the second semi progressed. His confidence is riding high after kicking two sensational goals

## 4. PETER SUMICH

24yrs 192cms 92kgs  
Games played 85WCE, 58SF, 4WA  
An eight-goal performer last time they met; the key to the Eagles hopes at full-forward

## 5. DWAYNE LAMB

30yrs 178cms 90kgs  
Games played 130WCE, 134Subi, 10WA  
Took on the talented Robert Scott last time they clashed and is a likely opponent for him again

## 7. CRAIG TURLEY

27yrs 185cms 80kgs  
Games played 80WCE, 73WP, 2WA  
Started on Paul Couch in the last clash and was beaten, but improved as the match went on



Don Pyke

Dean Kemp

## 9. PETER WILSON

28yrs 183cms 90kgs  
Games played 54WCE, 54Rich, 97EF, 6WA

A fierce competitor who can be used at either end of the ground. Was down on form in the first half of the second semi before developing into a good player in defence

## 10. DON PYKE

23yrs 180cms 78kgs  
Games played 55WCE, 83Clare, 4WA  
Beat Garry Hocking last time and will be asked for an encore. One of the side's most accomplished taggers

## 11. ASHLEY MCINTOSH

19yrs 194cms 92kgs  
Games played 33WCE, 7Clare, 2WA  
Started on Bill Brownless last time and held him well before being switched to a fired up Gary Ablett. Matched him for pace and may start on the supercat on Saturday

## 13. SCOTT WATTERS

23yrs 176cms 81kgs  
Games played 46WCE, 68SF, 5WA  
Unlikely to play after missing both finals: is a handy midfielder if needed

## 14. MICHAEL BRENNAN

27yrs 187cms 90kgs  
Games played 119WCE, 77EF  
A certain starter if fit, he missed the last match with hamstring worries. A likely opponent for Bill Brownless, which would free McIntosh to take on Ablett

## 15. DEAN LAIDLEY

25yrs 180cms 76kgs  
Games played 52WCE, 72WP, 6WA  
Narrowly missed selection in the second semi, but the impressive performance of the defence in that match will play against his chances

## 16. MARK HEPBURN

24yrs 196cms 100kgs  
Games played 13WCE, 12SF, 15Clare, 56NM, 1WA  
Played strongly for South Fremantle at centre-half-forward and is a chance to replace Karl Langdon if he doesn't come up. Has missed the Eagles last three games

## 17. GUY MCKENNA

23yrs 185cms 85kgs  
Games played 101WCE, 51Cl, 3WA  
Has played two sensational games in defence after taking time to recover from surgery. Is a chance to take on Gary Ablett or Michael Mansfield

## 18. TONY EVANS

23yrs 178cms 79kgs  
Games played 17WCE, 59EP, 2WA  
A likely opponent for Andrew Bews; a tough and aggressive rover, he has developed into an integral part of the Eagles following division

## 19. KARL LANGDON

24yrs 191cms 90kgs  
Games played 91WCE, 32Subi, 3WA  
Battling to recover from a knee injury. His commitment to the football would be sadly missed in the forward line

## 22. DAVID HYNES

25yrs 194cms 90kgs  
Games played 26WCE, 17SF, 119PA, 1WA, 1SA  
A valuable performer off the bench in the second semi, he is also struggling to recover from a knee injury sustained in the WAFL grand final

## 23. PAUL HARDING

28yrs 193cms 95kgs  
Games played 15WCE, 104EF, 6Haw, 67StKilda, 8WA  
The determined ruckman is in great form and will have his work cut out for him against John Barnes and Barry Stoneham

## 24. JOHN WORSFOLD

23yrs 182cms 88kgs  
Games played 117WCE, 25SF, 6WA  
Started the second semi on Ablett, but the pacy opponent got away from him. A tough defender, nothing will stand between Worsfold and a premiership

## 27. GLEN JAKOVICH

19yrs 192cms 94kgs  
Games played 39WCE, 51SF, 4WA  
Has had an outstanding season at centre-half-back and will take on Barry Stoneham. Has the ability to run off an opponent and create many forward moves

## 28. CHRIS LEWIS

23yrs 187cms 81kgs  
Games played 112WCE, 9Clare, 3WA  
Showed flashes of brilliance in the last match and should retain his spot. The Eagles match committee have long memories and Lewis just might kick the winning goal from a forward pocket

## 30. PETER MATERA

23yrs 180cms 81kgs  
Games played 53WCE, 59SF, 3WA  
Played the game of his life when he cut two Geelong opponents to shreds on his wing. Can expect to be closely watched on Saturday, but his pace and ball handling skill sets him apart

## 31. MITCHELL WHITE

19yrs 190cms 86kgs  
Games played 23  
Another of the Eagles teenage brigade, he played with poise and maturity beyond his years in the last match

## 39. CHRIS WATERMAN

23yrs 181cms 83kgs  
Games played 72WCE, 51EF, 3WA  
The side's troubleshooter, he started on a wing last match, but has the ability to play in almost any position on the ground



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**2. GEOFF MILES**

30yrs 185cms 82kgs  
Games played 121

Has spent most of the last two weeks on the interchange bench, but his versatility makes him a likely inclusion against the Eagles

**3. MARK BAIRSTOW**

29yrs 180cms 82kgs  
Games played 112

The Cats driving force in the centre, he will take on Dean Kemp. Played one of his best games of the season last Saturday when he collected 33 possessions

**4. ANDREW WILLS**

20yrs 184cms 80kgs  
Games played 30

One of the side's few taggers and will have the job on one of the Eagles forwards after countering Doug Hawkins and Steve Kolyniuk last week

**5. GARY ABLETT**

30yrs 185cms 90kgs  
Games played 166

The Cats dangerman up forward, he can turn a game in minutes and kicked four goals last Saturday after being well held in the first half

**6. JOHN BARNES**

23yrs 193cms 86kgs  
Games played 24

Best-on-ground in the ruck in the preliminary final. Beat three opponents and his confidence will be high

**7. PAUL COUCH**

28yrs 180cms 78kgs  
Games played 163

Was a menace when they lost the second semi. Usually takes on Craig Turley and will need to rebound from last week when he had a dark day against Steve Wallis

**8. ROBERT SCOTT**

23yrs 175cms 74kgs  
Games played 102

Elusive on-baller who was out of touch against Dwayne Lamb in the last clash. Can expect similar treatment on Saturday

**13. RUSSELL MERRIMAN**

24yrs 175cms 76kgs  
Games played 21

Crumbed well in the forward line last week and finished with four goals. Dangerous if given space up

**14. STEVEN HANDLEY**

22yrs 194cms 91kgs  
Games played 24

Had a wonderful debut season with the Cats, but a shoulder injury has robbed the former Swan Districts big man of recent finals action. Was thrashed by Peter Sumich in the second semi-final

**15. PETER RICCARDI**

19yrs 180cms 76kgs  
Games played 19

Rookie wingman who rebounded well last Saturday after being one of two opponents beaten by Peter Matera in the second semi

**16. BILL BROWNLESS**

25yrs 193cms 95kgs  
Games played 126

The difference between the Cats and Footscray last Saturday, the high flying full-forward took some spectacular marks and finished with 5.6 after being inaccurate early

**17. TIM McGRATH**

21yrs 190cms 92kgs  
Games played 32

One of the Cats best when they last met the Eagles, the hard running half-back might be asked to watch Karl Langdon

**19. NEVILLE BRUNS**

33yrs 176cms 77kgs  
Games played 222

A candidate to come into the side if Andrew Bews is ruled out. Has missed most of the season with injury, but is a fierce competitor

**20. ANDREW ROGERS**

28yrs 188cms 84kgs  
Games played 82

A tight-checking defender, one of the options to play on Peter Sumich. A strong mark, but generally more useful in his spoiling of dangerous opposition key forwards.

**21. MICHAEL MANSFIELD**

21yrs 180cms 78kgs  
Games played 39

The forward only kicked one goal against the Dogs, but his seven marks in attack made him a player to be watched

**26. BARRY STONEHAM**

24yrs 194cms 90kgs  
Games played 131

Lowered his colours against Footscray, but the talented centre-half-forward will once again trouble Glen Jakovich

**27. ANDREW BEWS**

28yrs 175cms 79kgs  
Games played 189

In doubt with a sprained shoulder joint. The veteran rover would be missed, but after an indifferent season, he is not irreplaceable

**28. TIM DARCY**

28yrs 186cms 83kgs  
Games played 138

Included at full-back last week and after holding Danny Del'Re to two goals, he is a likely starter on Peter Sumich

**29. KEN HINKLEY**

25yrs 185cms 81kgs  
Games played 76

Beat Chris Grant last Saturday and will be hard to beat again on Saturday. Creates many attacking moves off half-back. A defender who rivals Guy McKenna for class

**32. GARRY HOCKING**

23yrs 180cms 80kgs  
Games played 100

Tough ruck-rover who will be watched closely by an Eagles tagger, probably Don Pyke. Played a top game against Footscray when he had 23 touches

**37. SEAN SIMPSON**

22yrs 188cms 85kgs  
Games played 37

Beaten by Peter Matera last time they met, he faces another tough task on Saturday. Had 21 possessions last Saturday

**40. PAUL BROWN**

23yrs 185cms 81kgs  
Games played 37

A creative utility player, particularly dangerous around goal. Is a borderline selection

**42. ADRIAN HICKMOTT**

20yrs 185cms 77kgs  
Games played 3

Lost his place in the preliminary final side after showing good signs in the second semi. A talented young forward

**24. TREVOR POOLE**

28yrs 187cms 82kgs  
Games played 147

Included on a wing last week and added skill and drive to the Cats mid-field. His long and accurate disposal was a feature

## Stats tell an interesting story

IF statistics are anything to go by — and many coaches believe they are vital — the AFL grand final will be an epic struggle featuring some of the most productive players in the game.

The list of leading players in the statistical department provides interesting reading — and an insight into the big game.

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In the kick-getters category, Geelong's Ken Hinkley, with 435 and Mark Bairstow, 429, are second and third on the overall tally.

The Eagles best are Chris Mainwaring, sixth with 401 and Dean Kemp, who is 17th with 361 kicks.

Surprisingly, neither clubs are prominent in the mark-takers, the Eagles not represented in the top 35, while Geelong's best is Hinkley, with 125 grabs.

Handball is another area where both clubs are weak — Gary Hocking is at No. 16 with 223, followed by Paul Couch on 189. The Eagles best, at No. 35, is the efficient Dean Kemp with 162.

The goal-kickers tell an interesting story.

Peter Sumich and Bill Brownless have, remarkably, both kicked 76.45, but Sumich has played only 18 games, while Brownless has played all 23 — giving Sumich a better average.

Gary Ablett is seventh, with 69 goals at an average of 3.5 from 20 games.

Bairstow, Mainwaring, Hinkley and Kemp are all in the top 16 ball-getters — combined kicks and handpasses.

The prolific Cats skipper is sixth with 582 touches, Mainwaring is 11th with 537, Hinkley is 13th with 530 and Kemp is 16th with 523 possessions.

The Eagles should hold ascendancy in the ruck, where Paul Harding is eighth on the list of hit-outs with 244, while

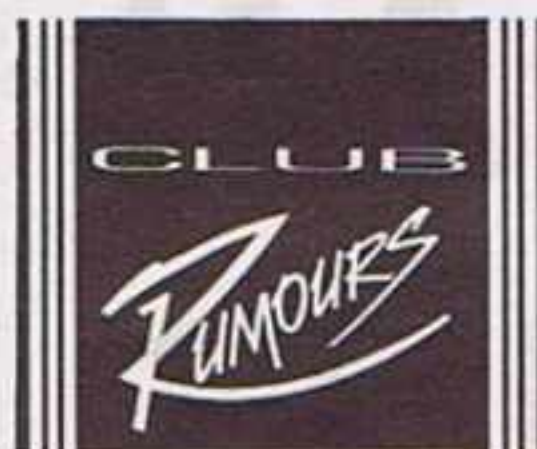
Geelong's in-form John Barnes is 12th with 153.

The next best for both clubs in the ruck are Steven Handley (13th), a doubtful starter with 133 and Glen Jakovich (30th) on 67.

The Eagles are clearly the best when it comes to tackling — with six players in the top 35 to Geelong's one.

Dean Kemp (fifth) has laid 68 tackles, Peter Matera (seventh) has 63, Karl Langdon (ninth) has 55, Chris Lewis (11th) has 53, John Worsfold (43) and Chris Mainwaring (42).

Geelong's only representative in the top 35 is Robert Scott, at No. 23 with 46 tackles.



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KIM HAGDORN talks to two West Australians with strong links to Geelong

# Eagles can do it says former Cat

THE West Coast Eagles are set to create Australian football history.

That's the forthright opinion of former Geelong and Perth champion rover Bryan Cousins.

Cousins, who played 72 league games with the Cats between 1975 and 1979, is convinced the lessons West Coast players and coaching staff learned last year, will be the difference in Saturday's grand final.

History is on the Eagles side against his old team, according to Cousins.

### DISAPPOINTMENT

Last year's loss continues the AFL and WAFL trend of clubs suffering the disappointment of losing grand finals before winning the coveted title.

"If a club like the Eagles wants to experience the achievement of winning an AFL flag, the greatest sporting prize in Australian sport, it seems logical for them to go through the emotion of losing first," Cousins.

"Famous clubs like Hawthorn had to wait 36 years before winning the VFL flag a first time.

"The Eagles are primed to achieve it

in just six years. It's a credit to the club and the management."

Cousins says this week's shot at history dates back to some of the club's initial pioneers, including the much criticised John Todd.

Some of the tough decisions made by Todd during his two seasons at the helm helped forge the strong character among today's West Coast players.

"Todd had a significant impact on the Eagles to make a better football environment for Mick Malthouse," Cousins said.

"When Toddy sacked six or eight players, he was crucified by the press.

"But the character make-up of the Eagles now is superb."

Cousins believes that an intolerable impatience toward failure has been a major facet in Geelong's three-decade wait for another premiership, since winning their last in 1963.

In the late 1970s and early '80s the Cats made hasty decisions on coaches,

interrupting the process of building a premiership side.

Cousins joined the Cats in the final year of the great Graham (Polly) Farmer's three-year coaching stint at Geelong.

He recalls that Farmer, one of the greatest players of all time, did not have complete support of the Geelong committee.

Cousins returned to WA in 1980 to resume his career at Perth and went on to play 312 league games

But he kept a close eye on the happenings of his VFL club.

"Geelong's impatience for success has cost the club dearly," Cousins said.

"Rod Olsson (formerly of Hawthorn) took over from Polly and lasted three years, before Goggin, who also was dropped after taking the club to two preliminary finals in three years.

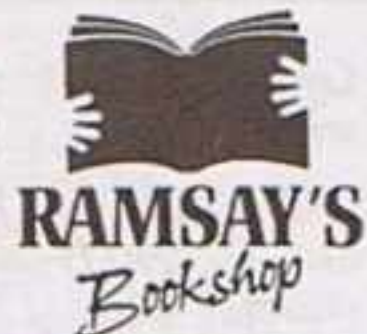
"They don't tolerate getting close down there at Geelong," he said.



EAGLES FAN... former Geelong player Bryan Cousins fancies West Coast

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PETER Featherby, who played 93 games with Geelong, is in two minds who to support in Saturday's AFL grand final.

A combined total of just 11 points prevented the 332-game WAFL and AFL star playing in a VFL grand final.

The Cats lost the 1980 preliminary final by four points and the following year by seven — both to Collingwood.

But Featherby, now living in Busselton, says a Cats loss on Saturday would not compare to the bitter disappointment of losing those two preliminary finals.

The Subiaco 1973 premiership player retains close links with former teammates and current Eagles stars Dwayne Lamb and Karl Langdon and West Coast team-manager Trevor Nisbett.

Lamb and a young Langdon were team-mates and Nisbett the Lions football manager when Featherby played a leading role in Subiaco's 1986 premiership win under Haydn Bunton.

"Naturally I'll have a strong leaning Geelong's way on Saturday, but none of the players I teamed with are still there," Featherby said this week.

### GOOD PEOPLE

"I'd like the Cats to win because of the type of place Geelong is; the good times I had in the town.

"The players have changed, but every time I see Geelong on television, I notice the trainers, the boot studder, the property men are all still there.

"It's people like that, who support a club through everything, that deserve the success.

"They do all the work and the players, that come and go, have all the fun."

Featherby admits the disappointment of his two grand final near-misses haunt his football memories.

Selection and management bungles played a big hand in Geelong missing both title play-offs.

In 1980, the Cats opted to leave out talented big man Sam Newman and were sadly undermanned for marking power up forward.

The next year, former WA ruckman-forward Garry Sidebottom wasn't told he was a starter and missed the team bus from Geelong.

### REGRETS

"To this day, losing those two preliminary finals are my biggest regrets in football," Featherby said.

"I still brood over those days; to have got so close to a grand final and never to have played on the big day..."

Featherby says Geelong fans are fanatical toward their local heroes, but not as parochial as Collingwood's black and white army of supporters.

"It's a bit like what I'd imagine the Eagles get in Perth," he declares.

"Everybody around the town knows who the players are and they feel something special for them and the team.



CATS MAN... Peter Featherby still has a soft spot for his old Geelong side

"They are fanatical and there sure was a different atmosphere around the town when we lost those finals; they were down in the dumps for weeks."

Featherby said he would have no hesitation recommending the Cats, his second VFL club, to any young player who was drafted by them.

Featherby played 42 games at Footscray, from 1975-79 before to Geelong.

"It's just such a great environment, great town and great club," he said.

"If I had my time over again, I wouldn't hesitate to go to Geelong."

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# Wiley's words keep Eagles sharp



EVERY footballer dreads the sight of the team runner heading in his direction.

The message generally is obvious ... the coach is not happy.

But in the case of Eagles runner Rob Wiley, there is something special about the messenger — and it's not just the estimated 22kms he covers each match.

Players never like to cop a blast from the coach, via the runner, but coming from one of the great rovers of the modern era, it is delivered with a touch the Eagles accept.

As Eagles vice-captain Michael Brennan puts it: "Rob's been there and done that. We know he knows what we are going through in the frenzy of a match."

Brennan declares that Wiley's greatest influence is in the hours around match days.

## EXPERIENCE

"Apart from being a good bloke, he has excellent communication levels and players accept what he says because of his experience at such a high level over a long period," Brennan said.

Wiley has been handed some tough behind-the-scenes tasks for West Coast in this year's bid to reverse last September's grand final result.

He has attempted to solve full-forward Peter Sumich's poor goal-kicking conversion rate; tried to teach outstanding rookie Glen Jakovich to concentrate for a full 120 minutes; to keep ruckman Paul Harding injury-free and pass on his special roving talents to on-ball players Tony Evans, Don Pyke and Scott Watters.

Wiley, elevated from team runner to assistant-coach this year, gives the Eagles a special weapon as they go into Saturday's AFL grand final showdown with Geelong.

A veteran of almost 300 league games with Perth, Richmond and the Eagles, the former AFL and dual WAFL premiership player is classed as the team's unofficial 21st man.

# Eagles sharp

By **KIM HAGDORN**

He makes no bones of his importance to the team: as Malthouse's voice to the players during a match.

Eagles players place great value on Wiley's contributions on match days and around the club, acknowledging his experience and deep respect within the camp.

"Having just recently been a player and a coach is an advantage in the role I play," Wiley said this week.

## SYMPATHETIC

"A lot of times the players know full well they've made a mistake. But it has to be emphasised by the coach and his only means of communication once the game has started is through his runner.

"As a former player and coach, it helps if I can be sympathetic in most circumstances, yet at the same time still get the coach's message across."

But how does he tackle the task of solving football's most talked-about problem — Sumich's inconsistent goal-kicking?

"It was generally perceived that Suma's problems were in his run-up; he wasn't approaching the goal directly," Wiley said.

"It's to Peter's credit that he's worked hard at trying to improve that and I think the results are there.

"The goals he has missed this year have, in the main, been near-misses. Last year he was mis-firing by a long way."

Wiley also spends plenty of time firing up big man Harding to sustain his challenge against the toughest opponents the game offers.

Wiley will often be seen running alongside the No.1 ruckman barking instructions and encouragement, just like his roving days at the heels of Wim Rosbender (at Perth in the late 1970s), Mark Lee (at Richmond) and Alex Ishchenko at West Coast in 1987.

Rookie big man Glen Jakovich has also been an Eagles prodigy benefiting from the Wiley's wisdom.

"I've given Jako a few big sprays," Wiley admitted.

"Jako has been one to drift away from the task at hand from time to time and it's my job to hammer home the importance of concentrating on an opponent.

"Michael (Malthouse) has trusted me with a bit of latitude in what I do on the ground too, which helps how we operate and generally benefits the side.

"If I'm on the ground and see something happening or there is the need for change, I have the scope to do that. I then check with Michael as soon as I can and we discuss it.

"It's worked pretty well and it means we can generally be a step ahead of things."



Robert Wiley and Mick Malthouse ... the pair have developed a special trust

## What the papers say

THE Eagles will go into the AFL grand final as favourites — with the bookies that is — not the Melbourne media or public.

Both Melbourne's Sunday papers, The Age and the Herald-Sun, ran front page stories proclaiming Geelong as the saviours of Victorian football.

Under the headline "Finally, Geelong becomes a city of hope, not despair" the Sunday Age said:

"Geelong, long regarded as the sleepy hollow of Victorian football and more recently the epicentre of our economic woes, is suddenly shouldering the State's grand final hopes. After downing Footscray in yesterday's preliminary final, the Cats are Victoria's last chance to stop the AFL Premiership Cup going west."

The Herald-Sun was equally parochial, saying

the Cats carry the hopes of all Victoria when they meet the West Coast Eagles.

## NOT THE CUP!

The Sunday Age's sport supplement ran a picture of a Karl Langdon look-alike holding the premiership cup out of the Eagles team bus as they headed west. The caption read: "They can have the Sheffield Shield and the NBL championship — But please, not our cup!"

After Geelong beat Footscray in the preliminary final, Bulldogs coach Terry Wheeler openly backed Geelong.

Tim Watson was one of few Melburnians game enough to support the better balanced Eagles, saying: "The flag is now set to fly in the west."

Footscray captain Doug Hawkins said: "I hope the cup stays in Melbourne. I hope they (Geelong) do a great job."

But the critics thinking with their heads — not their hearts — have selected the Eagles.

Mike Sheahan (16 points), Rohan Connolly (24 points), Richard Hinds (20 points) and Gerard Healy (comfortably) picked the Eagles, while only Gerard Wright (13 points) went for Geelong.

The final educated word on the feeling in Melbourne belongs to the Age's chief football writer Rohan Connolly.

"Let's face it, West Coast have what great sides are made of: a dynamic and high profile full-forward, Peter Sumich, artful and highly skilled runners in Chris Lewis and Dean Kemp and, in the brilliant Peter Matera and Chris Mainwaring, two of the most gifted and entertaining wingmen to grace the one club's colours for a good many years."

## In enemy territory

STEPHEN Nash is in hostile territory this week, but the Eagles Melbourne manager loves every minute of it.

Based in the club's office in the heart of the MCG's Great Southern Stand, Nash is one of the few Victorians hoping for an Eagles win — along with general manager Brian Cook and coach Mick Malthouse.

While his phone has been running hot with ticket and training inquiries, Nash wouldn't have it any other way.

"I'll spend the week taking a million phone-calls and making sure everything is right for the boys at the Hilton Hotel," said Nash.

Nash says the mood in Melbourne is low-key on the eve of football's biggest day, similar to last year.

## HYPE IS MISSING

"A bit of the hype is missing, that's for sure," he said.

"Because Geelong is where it is and we're in Perth, there's no direct involvement from Melbourne's point of view."

Nash said he was amazed at the Victorian public's reaction to Geelong's player-imposed media ban.

"Everyone has come out in favour of it over here saying what a great idea it is. Last year everyone said it was a disgrace when we did it. Now they're saying isn't it great?"

— by TANIA ARMSTRONG

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  - 48 Ashley Flugge (South Frem)
  - 47 Shane Renfree (Perth)
  - 45-Stephen Pears (Perth)
  - 45 David Ogg (Swans)
  - 44 Adam Clark (Claremont) \*
  - 44 Matthew Burton (Subiaco)
- \* Denotes the tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Adam Clark 39 Claremont, 5 East Perth.

**100 GAMES**

- 97 Peter Wilson (East Frem)
- 97 Ian Dargie (Subiaco)
- 97 Mark Hepburn (Eagles) \*
- 95 Bret Hutchinson (Subiaco)
- 93 Mick Grasso (Swans)
- 91 Brett Heady (Eagles) \*
- 91 Tony Begovich (Claremont)
- 90 John MacDonald (South Frem)

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Mark Hepburn 13 Eagles, 56 North Melbourne, 15 Claremont, 13 South Fremantle; Brett Heady 56 Eagles, 35 Subiaco.

**150 GAMES**

- 147 Andrew Lockyer (East Frem) \*
- 146 John O'Sullivan (East Frem) \*

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**200 GAMES**

- 196 Michael Brennan (Eagles) \*

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**250 GAMES**

- 238 Phil Narkle (Swans) \*

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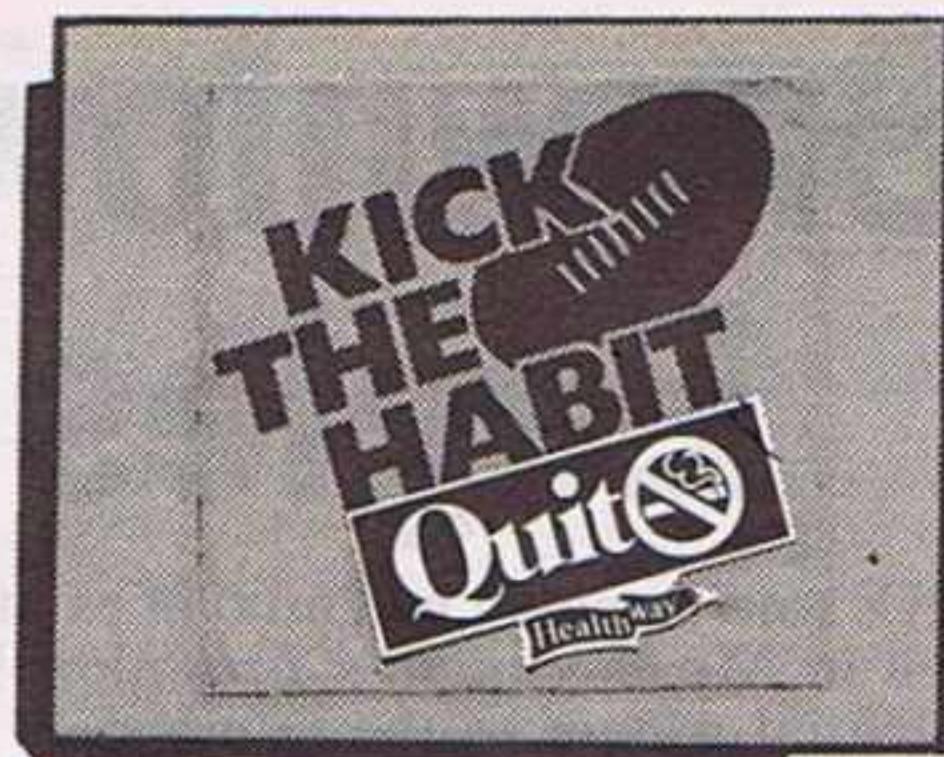
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**We're a club,  
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**WEST Coast captain John Worsfold fielded some tricky questions when he was a guest on the Channel Seven sports show on Sunday morning.**

Asked whether he felt he was playing for a traditional football club or a West Australian side, Woosha had no hesitation in classing the West Coast Eagles as a club.

"We are just one team in the AFL and we are in the grand final and we're taking it as a real club challenge," he said.

Worsfold admitted it had been a strange week at training, without knowing who the opposition was.

"It was a relaxed atmosphere, because normally we know who we're building up for. But we'll get right down to it this week."

As for lessons learnt from last year, the Eagles discovered there was huge difference between qualifying football and finals.

"We learnt a lot about Hawthorn's strength and experience and that took its toll on us last year. Hopefully, we've learnt from that for this year."

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**Showing support**

**THERE'S plenty of ways to show one-eyed support for your favourite football team — and Leeming fan Cherry Thompson has almost gone overboard!**

She has produced this crazy combination of a hat, with hands and a flag, plus a football — all the for one-eyed fan.

She's a devout Eagles supporter, naturally and the hats are on sale at the Subiaco and Fremantle markets if you're game enough to wear one!



LOYAL FAN ... Cherry Thompson with her one-eyed Eagles hat

**Big flight of  
of Eagles**

**THERE will be a big contingent of Eagles in Melbourne for the side's second grand final appearance, but not all squad members will be included in the travelling party.**

A 30-strong training squad will fly out of Perth at 5.30pm on Thursday, arriving in Melbourne at 10.45pm.

Last year all squad members were offered a \$500 subsidy to make the trip, but this year they have to pay full fare.

All Eagles departmental managers will make the trip, along with the board and three office secretaries, who will have their work cut out helping to organise the Eagles brunch on Saturday morning.

Almost 2000 people are expected to attend the brunch, surely the biggest football function in history.

There will be plenty of Eagles support at the MCG — estimates are that 7000 people will travel to Melbourne by air alone for the match.

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**Liberatore backs  
the Eagles**

**TOUGH-tackling Footscray rover Tony Liberatore is in the Eagles corner for Saturday's grand final.**

When asked if he had any advice for Geelong in their quest to beat the Eagles, he said that was hard because he favoured West Coast.

"They have the ability to stop the Geelong running players," he said.

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**A word in the  
umpires ear**

**THERE'S no shortage of one-eyed Eagles loyalty out there in radioland and a caller to 6PR on Saturday had the situation summed up.**

You can bet that the field umpires will be called into a room at AFL House on Thursday night and told in no uncertain terms that a WA side cannot win the premiership, the caller suggested.

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**Suma keen  
on parade**

**EAGLES team-mates Peter Sumich and John Worsfold are both happy to be a part of the grand final parade — yet another first in their AFL careers.**

Speaking to the Channel Seven football panel, Worsfold said he was looking forward to Friday's fanfare.

"The grand final parade is part of the build-up and I think it will be great to be a part of it," said the Eagles captain.

"Last year we played a hard game on the weekend before and we would have got home on Sunday and had to jump back on the plane on the Thursday which wouldn't have been enough of a break."

Full-forward Sumich echoed his captain's thoughts, saying he didn't mind leaving town a day early to be part of the parade.

"It's not much of a break in routine and it's not as if we'll be sitting around doing nothing," said Sumich.

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**Double blow  
for Watters**

**DISAPPOINTED little man Scott Watters has plenty of motivation to put in a tough summer.**

The low-to-the-ground South Fremantle product — whose infectious smile has disappeared in recent days — was ruled out of the Bulldogs grand final side.

Then he had to suffer the pain of watching his team-mates beaten.

Watters has gone through this week knowing he is likely to miss a spot in the Eagles line-up and will have to watch another grand final on Saturday.

Hopefully, a premiership this time will compensate.

"It will be unusual watching on for two grand finals in two weeks," he said on Saturday, at Subiaco Oval.



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**What the  
coaches  
had to say**

**Malcolm Blight (Geelong v Footscray):** "I thought it was a very good team effort, everyone contributed at some stage and I mean everybody. The result is very similar to the qualifying final and we teamed a bit better. I think we also did some of the basics better than last week. Next week we will have to run the game out, even though the pressure dropped off in the third quarter today. The Eagles won't drop that pressure. At 2.30 next Saturday, it starts again — it's a 50-50 contest."

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**Terry Wheeler (Footscray v Geelong):** "We never had a real period where we were in control. We lost the jump before half-time and we needed to be right with them. That extra goal (from Michael Mansfield on the half-time siren) pushed it out beyond what I thought was the best manageable situation for us. Playing finals is a very tough environment to work in. We are now committed to improving upon that and ensuring that we not only stay in the top group of clubs in the AFL, but that we win a premiership in the very near future. We're the best team in Melbourne."







**OH, WHAT A FEELING!**  
... East Fremantle's John Lawrence (left) and Neil Lester-Smith were obviously enjoying the feeling of their first grand final win



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**SUNDAY:** Preliminary final — Eagles v Glenelg, at Football Park

### Eagles Agenda

**THURSDAY** — Depart Perth, 5.30pm; arrive Melbourne, 10.45pm

**FRIDAY** — One hour training session at MCG, 10.30am; grand final parade, noon

**SATURDAY** — Grand final 2.30pm. Post-match: arrive Glasshouse, 7pm; official dinner Hilton Hotel, 8pm-1am

**SUNDAY** — Depart Melbourne 8.55am; arrive Perth 10.45am; bus to Subiaco Oval, presented to public 1pm (gates open noon, free entry)

**TUESDAY** — (If the Eagles win the flag) Parade through Perth, noon

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# Brownlow shows Eagles unity

THE vote-catching potential of exciting Eagles defender Glen Jakovich in Monday night's Brownlow Medal clearly indicates he is a potential winner of the future.

But for the immediate plans of West Coast players, Monday's count was perhaps an omen directed toward team unity.

Eagles players were far from concerned at the low team tally — the closed West Coasters were 10 votes away from winner Scott Wynd's 20-vote total.

### FAVOURITE

Wynd was a worthy winner; he was the pre-count favourite and an outstanding contributor in Footscray's rise to power this year.

The 22-year-old blond big man beat a classy bunch of stars for the coveted award.

Brilliant Hawthorn full-forward Jason Dunstall, with 18 votes, was second, classy Geelong defender Ken

Hinkley (17 votes) was third and St Kilda forward Stewart Loewe fourth.

Winger Chris Mainwaring and Jakovich shared the distinction of being the Eagles leading vote-getters.

Mainwaring's powerful second half of the season — he won the ABC player of the year — and Jakovich's handful of really big performances were reflected in the count.

The Eagles remain firmly focussed on their grand final mission.

Last year, in a tense grand final week for the big game first-timers, Craig Turley (20 votes) and Peter Matera (18) made a bold attempt to win the Medal when they finished second and fourth respectively.

Five days later, the Eagles failed at their first attempt to win an AFL grand final.

# Gutsy Evans makes his name

IF football medals were won on courage alone, Eagles rover Tony Evans would have a cabinet full.

Evans has won the respect of teammates, commentators and opponents alike for his exploits at the base of packs and around goal for West Coast this season — even if they don't always know his name.

Champion Hawthorn rover John Platten admitted he didn't know Evans' first name before he lined up on him in the elimination final in Perth.

"That Evans bloke, what's his name, he's a good player," Platten said, when asked about his prospective opponent.

When the rookie Eagle collected his first Brownlow votes, in Round 22 against Fitzroy, during Monday night's count, he was pencilled in as "G. Evans."

"G for Gutsy," perhaps, from umpires Denis Rich and Peter Repper.

### MODEST

Evans is a modest and reluctant hero with West Coast. He shuns requests for interviews from the Perth media.

He won't even concede he is a certain starter in Saturday's grand final. He does, however, admit one thing.

After missing most of 1991, playing the first two matches of the season and being an emergency in the Eagles grand final team, Evans set his sights on playing on that last day in September.

He didn't expect the opportunity to come just 12 months down the track, with 15 more games to his tally.

"At the start of the season I set my sights at cementing a place in the Eagles team," he said. "I never dreamt of playing in a grand final."

"But so far it's been a good week. All the guys are focused on what is ahead and the game itself."



Tony Evans ... reluctant hero

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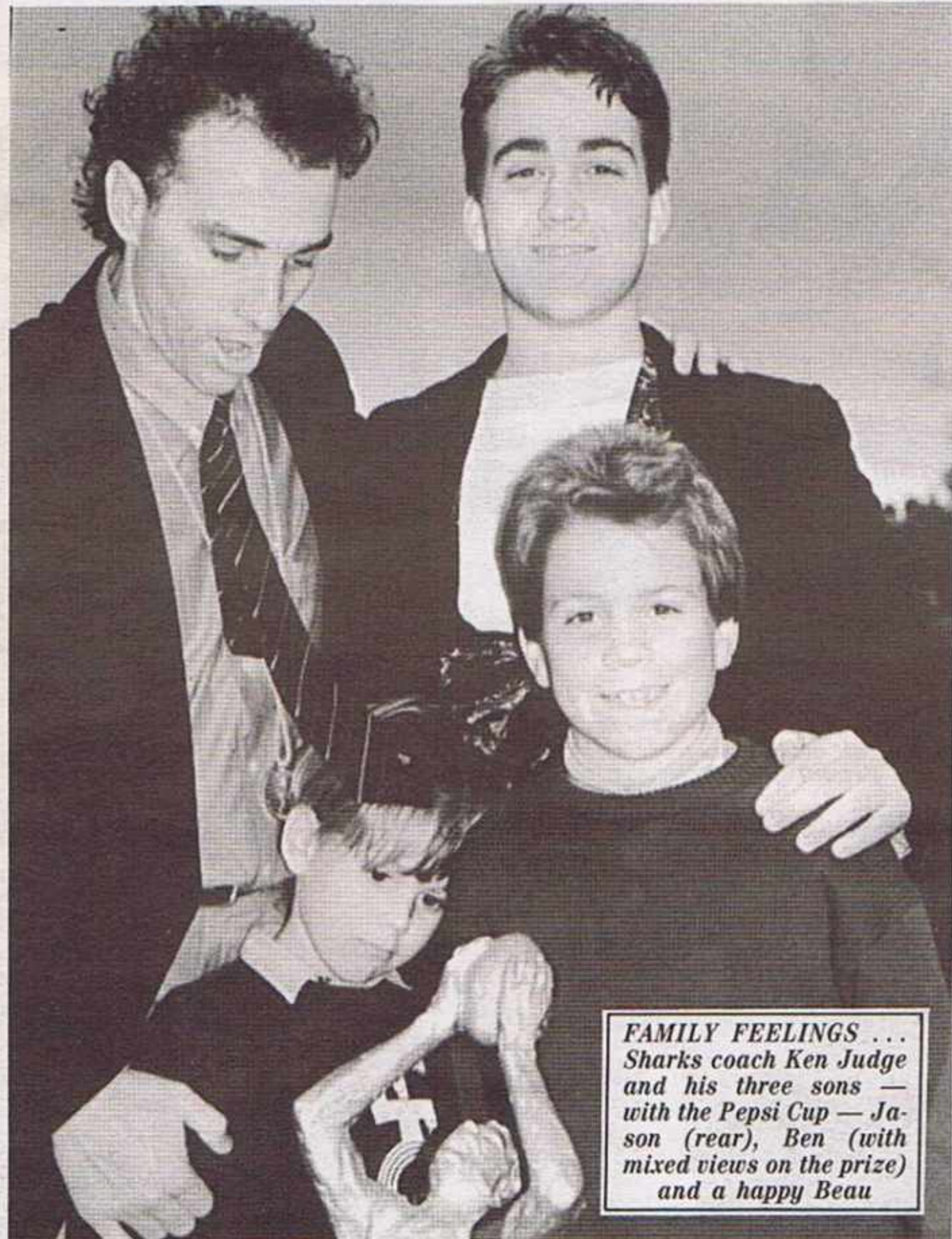
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**KIM HAGDORN**  
talks to East Fremantle coach Ken Judge about his next challenge

# Judge planning for a repeat effort



**FAMILY FEELINGS ...**  
Sharks coach Ken Judge and his three sons — with the Pepsi Cup — Jason (rear), Ben (with mixed views on the prize) and a happy Beau

**EAST Fremantle premiership coach Ken Judge has wasted no time setting his sights at another flag in 1993.**

Judge, the first home-grown East Fremantle coach to win the title since Jerry Dolan in 1946, says the toughest aspect to emerge from Saturday's victory will be repeating the effort next year.

"The biggest challenge to our players now will be reversing recent history at East Fremantle, where the club has had a lean season after a premiership year," he said.

**GREAT FEELING**

Judge said that immediately after Saturday's against-the-odds win over arch-rivals South Fremantle, he experienced the greatest personal triumph of a distinguished career.

The former Sharks and Hawthorn half-forward collected premiership medals in 1979 with East Fremantle and again in 1983 with the Hawks.

But he said Saturday's victory was: "The greatest feeling of my life".

After a day of wild celebrations, he paid tribute to his players.

"After all is said and done, it's the players who win games and premierships," Judge said.

"I pointed them in the direction and we ended up at the right place.

"I was rapt with the way they responded, though. They deserved some success.

"People were too quick to criticise certain elements of our make-up. They looked at some deficiencies in skills perhaps and failed to appreciate the great character and mental make-up of our players."



**TRIUMPH ... ruckman Ian Newman — he was the success story of 1992**

Judge admitted that it was as far back as the team's round eight victory over Swan Districts, at East Fremantle Oval, that he realised they could figure prominently in this year's finals series.

"We went into the season with the aim of finishing in the top five," Judge revealed.

"After losing the first two games of the year, there were some comments passed — both inside and outside the club — that nothing had changed from last year and we would struggle.

"But we reverted back to a few comments I made in Westside Football before the season started, when I said that our destiny would depend largely on how quickly our inexperienced players developed.

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"To that end, we developed disciplined players with a strong positive attitude towards winning.

"In the four derby matches against Souths, we always showed enough to convince me we could beat them.

"I knew though, that we would have to put everything together for an entire game. We didn't do that in any of the four derbies before last Saturday."

Judge also paid tribute to the on-ground examples set by captain Steve Malaxos, ruckman Ian Newman, utility player Damian Condon and taggers Stephen Bilcich and Clayton Anderson.

He also singled out injury-plagued veteran Peter Davidson for the courageous example he set at East Fremantle, in his endeavours to put together the seven league games he played from half-way through the season.

The recruitment of Newman proved a huge bonus to East Fremantle, after Judge had released big men Lance Durack, Peter Higgins and Greg Hodson before the new season.

Newman was the success story of the year, after being engaged in a "swap" for former Sharks half-back Jon Derecourt to South Fremantle.

Bulldogs coach Malcolm Brown traded information on Newman's whereabouts to Judge in return for Derecourt's release a week into the home-and-away matches for the season.

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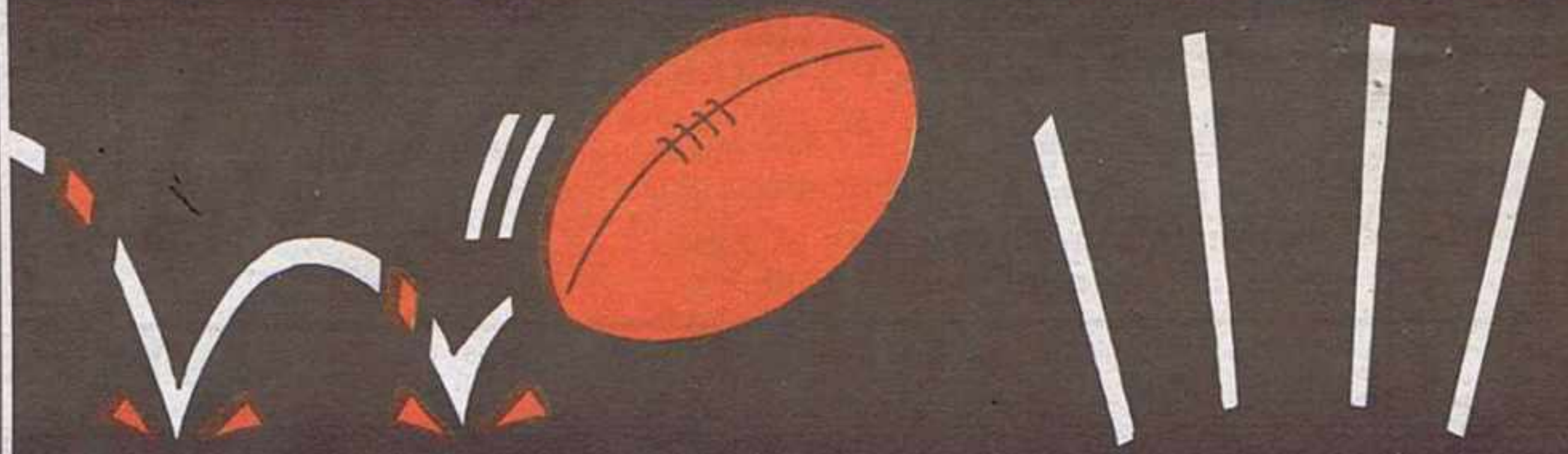
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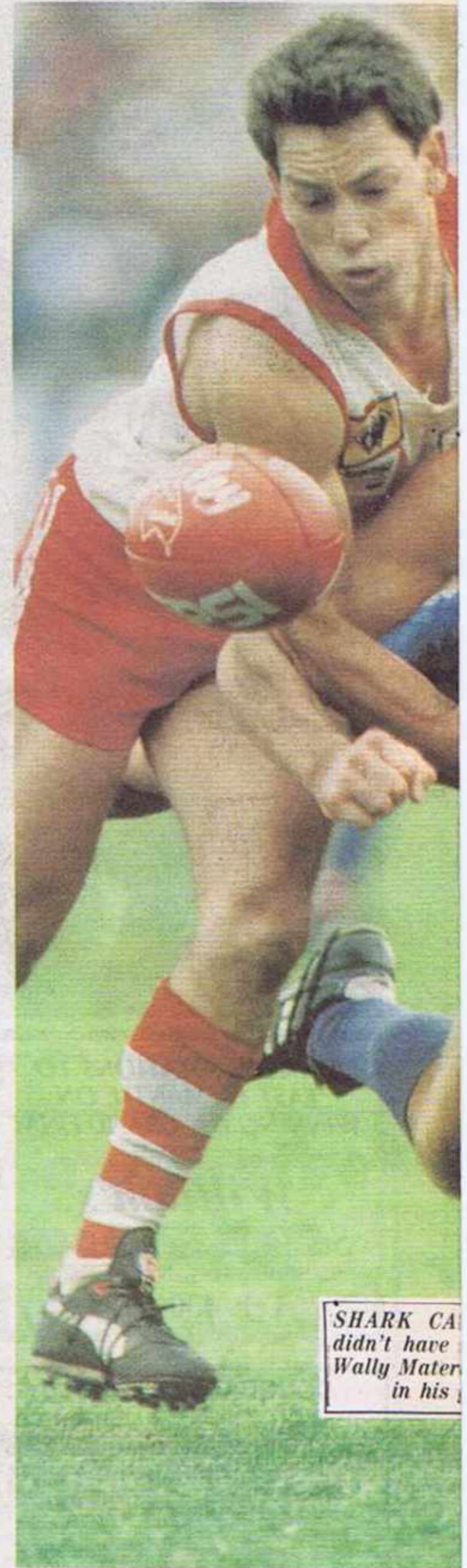


A RARE DOUBLE: Sharks premiership coaches Ken Judge and Ross Keegan (colts)

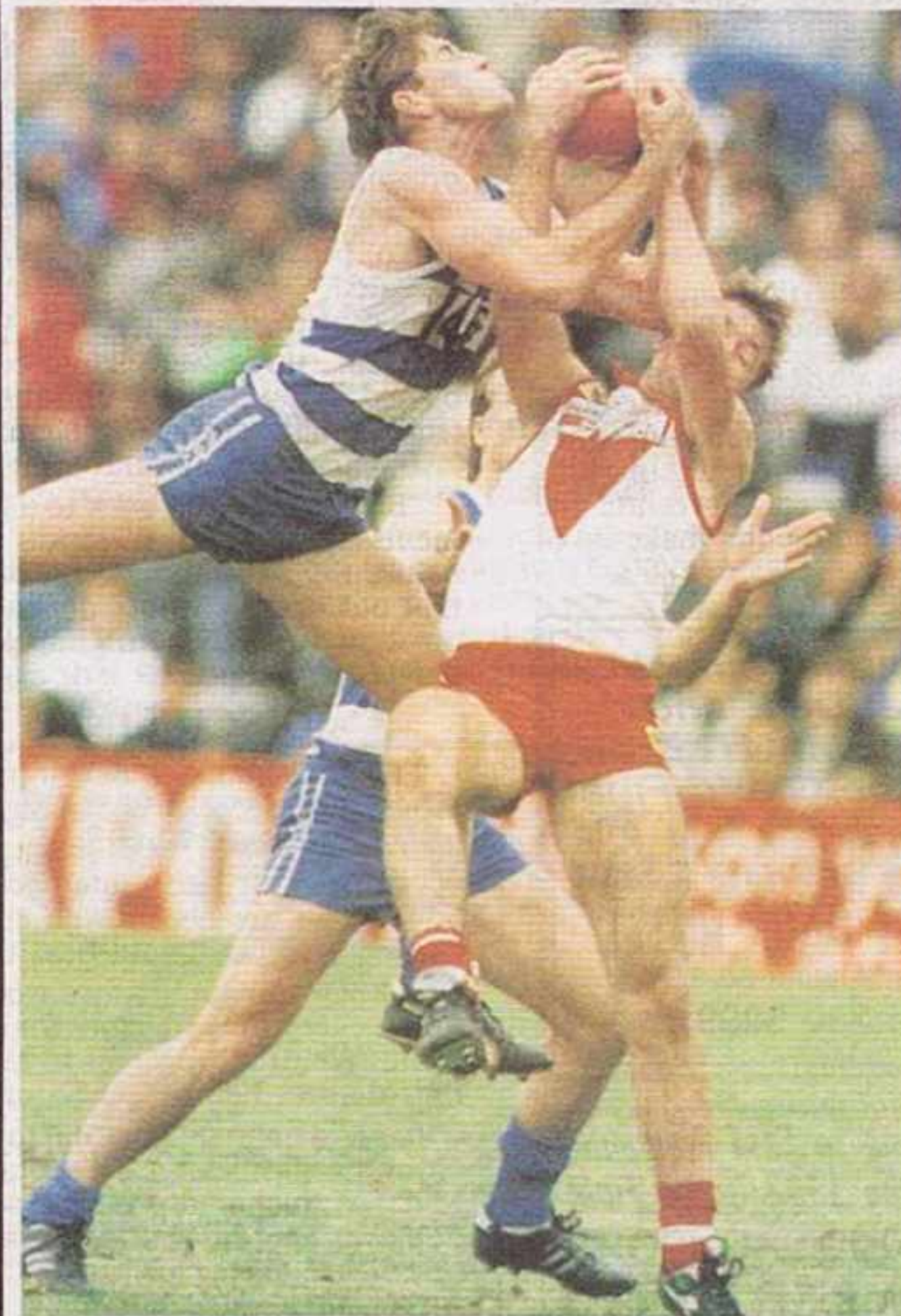


FAMILY AFFAIR: East Fremantle's Davidson brothers, Peter (left) and Jeff, collect their medallions from WAFC chairman Peter Tannock

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IN DISPUTE: Sharks defender Brad Read and Bulldogs rookie Wayne Hernaman fight for a mark with Souths winning the umpire's decision



TOUGH LUCK: Neil Lester-Smith has a word of consolation for defender John O'Sullivan, who missed the match with a broken leg

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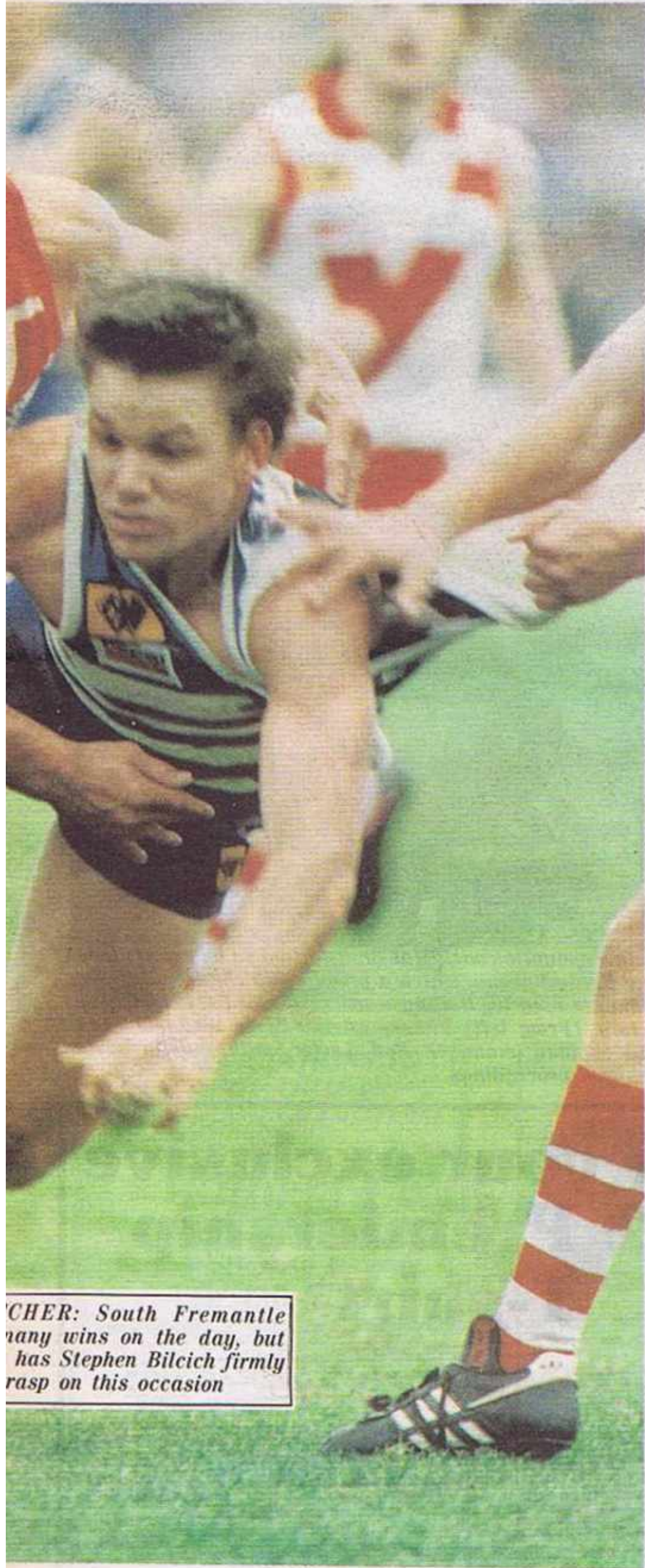
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CHER: South Fremantle many wins on the day, but has Stephen Bilcich firmly rasp on this occasion



COOL CUSTOMER: Emergency umpire Peter Repper moves in to settle tempers which flared early on the scoreboard wing



MIXED FEELINGS: Bulldogs coach Mal Brown had little to smile about when the final siren sounded, but it was a different story for Darren Capewell and Andrew Lockyer



RIGHT MESSAGE: Maybe it was wishful thinking, or did the East Fremantle cheer squad know something when they produced their impressive banner?

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## PEPSI CUP GRAND FINAL

# Browning gets his

# reward

DUAL East Fremantle premiership player Clinton Browning couldn't believe he had won the Simpson Medal as best-afield in Saturday's grand final victory over arch rivals South Fremantle.

A veteran of 209 league games with the Sharks, Browning was one of the surprise packets in East Fremantle's stirring victory.

He surprisingly lined up at full-back, where he totally eclipsed dangerous Bulldogs full-forward Craig Edwards.

Browning (30) believed that any one of a host of good Sharks players on the day could have collected the coveted individual award.

Captain Steve Malaxos and ruckman Ian Newman were singled out by their former captain as worthy medal recipients.

"I couldn't believe I'd won it," Browning said after the match.

"But I was always confident we could win; we didn't do anything spectacular; just stuck to the tasks that had been set for us.

"I didn't have a lot of kicks. I was one of many guys who just did their job. I set myself to keep Craig goal-less and I was pretty satisfied with that."

It was more than a decade of devoted service to East Fremantle — plus the incentive of the special "Edwards assignment" — that influenced coach Ken Judge to give Browning his chance on Saturday.

Browning had battled a late season loss of form and was a doubtful starter after a disappointing effort against East Perth in the preliminary final.

But at 6.30 on Friday night, Judge gave Browning the news he needed to hear — ending a long and anxious week.

Browning joined big Andrew Lockyer as the only survivors of East Fremantle's 1985 premiership side — and he emerged a clear winner, justifying Judge's faith.

Now Browning says he is looking forward to a shot at historic successive premiership wins next year.

"I know it's a bit early, but it's sure tempting to keep going and try for back-to-back flags," he said, dismissing talk of retirement.

# Fitness plays its part

THE day that Ken Judge was unexpectedly thrust into the East Fremantle coaching job early in the 1991 season, a succession of changes occurred at the Moss Street headquarters.

Now, some 18 months down the track, the achievement of a premiership has made all that drama and crisis seem worthwhile.

Judge took over from a shattered coach in Ron Wilcox; president Hans Beyer resigned, leaving the tough top job to Len Hitchen, one of the board members and later in the year, Rod Lester-Smith was to return to the fold and take up the football manager's role in place of Clinton Pike.

Many other changes took place, especially within the football responsibilities and the foundation for revival was structured under a tough task-master in Judge.

Included in those early decisions was the recruiting of physical fitness expert Merv White, an experienced football person who had worked successfully with coaches like Mal Brown and John Todd.

A typical behind-the-scenes man, White pulls no punches when he talks about fitness — or the lack of it — among today's footballers.

"It was obvious back in May, 1991 that the East Fremantle players simply weren't fit — physically or mentally," said White, as he enjoyed Saturday's victory celebrations.

"It really was a question of making them believe how much work the body could do.

"We started training for this season on November 4 last year — three times a week. They are obviously fitter in a physical sense, but the big difference is their mental attitude; we made them realise that they could push themselves harder and it was that sense of discipline we instilled into them; helping push them harder and further."

# Davidson worked on his fitness

IT TOOK a pain-staking week of preparation — mixed with normal work duties — for Peter Davidson to be fit enough to play in East Fremantle's premiership side.

The 29-year-old pulled up sore from the preliminary final, suffering a hamstring strain and a broken little finger on his left hand.

But he wasn't going to miss the chance of a premiership medallion — especially playing alongside his younger brother (by five years) Jeff, which had been a long-held ambition.

So he mixed work with rehabilitation, wearing a special battery-operated thigh pad that helped treat his hamstring strain as he went about his business driving for Courier Australia, a firm run by the Morgan family of East Fremantle fame.

"I was lucky that I could actually receive treatment on my leg as I worked; I was determined to come up okay," said Davidson, whose 10-year-battle with thigh injuries has affected him virtually every season since his graduation from Collie to Claremont in 1983.

His career spread to the inaugural West Coast Eagles team and then the Brisbane Bears without tasting a suc-

cessful grand final, so Saturday's match was a priority for Davidson to be fit for.

So what happens next season for the injury-plagued Davidson?

"I'll see how I pull up," he said. "I just can't seem to put a string of games together. Every time I get fit and feel good, something else goes wrong. But I'll see how I feel over summer."

The Davidson double at East Fremantle produced a brilliant result for father John, a stalwart of South West football and a former president of the Collie Football Club.

Davidson was originally a Swan Districts supporter, but when Peter first went to Claremont — opting to join cousin Allen Daniels in the Tigers den — he switched allegiances. Then when Jeff took up an East Fremantle invitation, another change of loyalty was required.

For a man who travels up weekly from Collie to see his sons play, Saturday was a weekend well worth the journey.



TOP: What went wrong? ... South Fremantle coach Mal Brown, flanked by runner Kevin Cornell (left) and team manager Santo Pasqua, watch a premiership chance slip away. ABOVE: East Fremantle team manager Brearley Hollingsworth raises his fist in triumph as the siren signals a Sharks victory. (From left) Fitness adviser Merv White, Brendan Krummel, John Laurence and football manager Rod Lester-Smith quietly survey proceedings

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# Oh, what a feeling... again

THE jubilation of a premiership victory is something special — no matter whether you are a rookie or a veteran.

There were few East Fremantle people more excited about the Sharks flag than Steve Malaxos, their newly-adopted captain and a man who has experienced the joys before.

It was back in 1981 when Malaxos kicked five goals for Claremont out of a forward pocket and shared in the Tigers premiership victory over South Fremantle.

Eleven years later, South Fremantle were again victim of the Malaxos determination as the man who switched unexpectedly from Claremont midway through last season was suddenly leading his new club from the front-line.

His enthusiasm was such at the pre-

sentation ceremony after the game that officials feared for the safety of the huge Pepsi Cup trophy, the way Stavros was tossing it around his head.

"It's been a long year, but this is just great," said the 31-year-old veteran of 269 senior games in WA and Victoria.

"We were never really regarded as premiership favourites and we were touted as being the underdogs, which makes it so much sweeter.

"It's hard to compare this team with Claremont's 1981 side; they were so different.

"This was a team of hard workers; the premiership is a reward for all their hard work; the team doesn't have any real stars, just solid hard workers.

"I've certainly enjoyed the move to East Fremantle, though I've been a bit frustrated with injuries. But this victory makes up for all that."

## HOW THE GOALS WERE KICKED

### EAST FREMANTLE

Time	Player	How	From where
2min	Krakouer	snap shot	25m in front

### Quarter-time: East Fremantle 1.6 (12)

Time	Player	How	From where
2min	Krakouer	free kick	25m in front
10min	Lockyer	mark	25m 45deg angle
23min	Malaxos	mark	40m slight angle
26min	Lockyer	mark	15m 45deg angle
27min	J. Davidson	on run	48m in front

### Half-time: East Fremantle 6.14 (50)

Time	Player	How	From where
13min	Condon	free kick	22m in front

### Three-quarter time: East Fremantle 7.15 (57)

Time	Player	How	From where
8min	Amaranti	on run	12m in front
17min	Lester-Smith	snap shot	35m in front
18min	Lester-Smith	on run	40m in pocket
25min	Newman	mark	50m slight angle
30min	Nichols	mark	48m in front

### Final: East Fremantle 12.19 (91)

### SOUTH FREMANTLE

Time	Player	How	From where
22min	Hepburn	free kick	60m in front
25min	Matera	on run	30m slight angle

### South Fremantle 2.6 (18)

Time	Player	How	From where
5min	Campbell	snap shot	35m on angle
6min	C. Collard	on run	5m in front

### South Fremantle 4.6 (30)

Time	Player	How	From where
3min	Hepburn	mark	58m in front
7min	Hepburn	mark	60m on angle
10min	Hernaman	snap shot	40m in front
27min	Williams	on run	40m in front
30min	Flugge	on run	42m in front

### South Fremantle 9.10 (64)

Time	Player	How	From where
8min	Amaranti	on run	12m in front
17min	Lester-Smith	snap shot	35m in front
18min	Lester-Smith	on run	40m in pocket
25min	Newman	mark	50m slight angle
30min	Nichols	mark	48m in front

### South Fremantle 9.13 (67)

## Grand final sidelights

QUESTION marks about the nervousness of South Fremantle's young players going into the grand final was never more evident than in the opening quarter.

When 18-year-old rookie of just 11 games, Russell Williams, lined up from 15-metres out dead in front, even hardened Bulldogs fan George Grljusich spelt out the danger warnings on 6WF.

The shot came from a free kick, but Williams sprayed it so wide it almost went out of bounds!

But nerves aren't just restricted to rookies. Veteran East Fremantle and Eagles player Andrew Lockyer missed an easy shot from about 20-metres in front a few minutes later.

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THERE was a sad touch of irony for the Bulldogs in the third quarter.

After a week of controversy over the eligibility of South Fremantle pair David Hart and David Hynes, the two men played only minor roles in the grand final.

Hart was unfortunately stretched off in the third term with a bad groin strain, while Hynes was limping around on one leg.

There was plenty of courage in the Bulldogs camp at that time, with Jason Spinks out of action with a broken jaw, Paul Mazurek on one leg and a couple of others looking the worse for wear.

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IT'S frustrating being a coach, that's for sure — and South Fremantle mentor Mal Brown must have been shaking his head in the crucial final term as full-back Wayne Hernaman twice kicked out to the wrong side.

With the wind coming over the scoreboard and blowing right into the three-tier grandstand, the last place a ball should have been kicked was out on that flank; the boundary line in front of the two-tier stand was the place to bog play down.

Both times Hernaman's kicked was claimed by Sharks players, the second of which resulted in an immediate goal.

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THERE was plenty of mutual admiration when East Fremantle coaches Ken Judge and Ross Keegan enjoyed premiership moments at Subiaco Oval on Saturday.

Keegan was in charge of the Sharks colts side that upset odds-on favourites Claremont in the morning, while Judge followed suit in the afternoon, reigning triumphant as the Pepsi Cup league underdogs.

This is Keegan's third stint as a minor grade coach at East Fremantle and back in 1974 it was the developing coach who gave a curly-headed youngster from Palmyra a game in the under-19s... Ken Judge was his name — and he was headed for the top.

Keegan coached the Old Easts fourths side in 1972, the thirds in '73 and '74, returned to the colts in '78 and was back again this year for the colts.

STEPHENIES RESTAURANT PRESENTS...



Stephen Bilcich... all smiles after a top performance in the grand final

## Grand final star

Stephenies Restaurant, in the Nedlands Park Hotel, provides dinner for two to a star performer in each of the WAFL Pepsi Cup finals matches. This week's top player in the grand final was East Fremantle's Stephen Bilcich

Words by ALAN EAST

# Little man with a huge challenge

BEING assigned a tough tagging job in a game as big as a grand final is pretty nervous stuff — and East Fremantle's Stephen Bilcich was no exception.

"I was nervous all week," said an excited Bilcich after his 19-kick effort against South Fremantle.

But the Sharks efficient tagger didn't know who his grand final opponent would be until the eve of the match.

In previous derbies, Bilcich has generally tagged a Bulldogs little man and on Saturday he got the job on veteran rover Wally Matera.

"I didn't know who I was going to get till Friday night," said Bilcich.

"I was pleased about that because he beat me a couple of times earlier this year, particularly in the Foundation Day derby.

"I just thought I'd play him close and keep with him all game.

"Sometimes when you tag a player you tend to lose the plot a little and let him get loose and that happened a couple of times. But we've learnt to persevere and work hard this year and our discipline was a key factor."

## EAST FREMANTLE MATCH STATISTICS

	KICKS				Total	M	H/B	HO	FREES		GLS	BHS
	1	2	3	4					FOR	AG		
KRAKOUER	5	4	2	1	12	3	5	-	2	-	2	1
MALAXOS	5	8	3	6	22	3	6	-	2	-	1	1
AMARANTI	3	1	2	2	8	3	4	-	1	4	1	-
QUILL	2	4	2	10	18	4	3	1	2	2	-	1
TRELEVEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BROWNING	-	2	4	1	7	4	4	1	2	2	-	-
READ	6	-	2	1	9	1	5	2	1	3	-	-
LAWRENCE	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
DAVIDSON.J	3	8	1	-	12	6	4	-	1	-	1	4
LESTER-SMITH	3	4	4	2	13	3	5	-	1	1	2	-
DAVIDSON.P	3	2	1	-	6	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
CONDON	3	4	2	4	13	5	2	9	2	5	1	2
NICHOLS	7	6	3	9	25	4	1	-	1	2	1	2
ANDERSON	2	-	2	2	6	1	3	-	1	2	-	-
BILCICH	2	6	6	5	19	3	1	1	1	2	-	3
KRUMMEL	1	1	3	1	6	2	4	1	-	1	-	-
MOSS	3	-	2	-	5	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
LOCKYER	3	4	2	1	10	7	4	1	-	1	2	3
NEWMAN	-	1	1	3	5	3	5	33	-	1	1	-
CAPEWELL	1	3	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	52	58	43	49	202	55	62	50	17	28	12	19
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## SOUTH FREMANTLE MATCH STATISTICS

	KICKS				Total	M	H/B	HO	FREES		GLS	BHS
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CAMPBELL	-	2	2	2	6	-	2	-	-	1	1	1
WILLIAMS	1	-	2	2	5	2	9	-	2	-	1	3
HERNAMAN	2	4	2	1	9	2	7	-	3	1	1	-
SPINKS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EDWARDS	-	1	2	-	3	1	1	3	1	-	-	1
HART	7	-	1	-	8	2	4	-	-	1	-	-
MAZUREK	1	1	-	-	2	1	5	-	-	2	-	-
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HYNES	3	4	2	-	9	7	5	10	1	1	-	-
IRVING	1	5	1	3	10	3	3	16	2	2	-	-
FLUGGE	-	1	4	5	10	1	7	-	1	-	1	-
COLLARD.B	4	3	6	4	17	1	10	1	-	1	-	-
GRANT	3	1	1	-	5	3	2	-	1	1	-	-
HEPBURN	5	2	4	-	11	6	1	12	4	1	3	2
ATKINS	2	3	1	2	8	-	6	1	2	1	-	-
FIMMANO	6	4	4	2	16	3	8	-	4	1	-	-
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# The stars of '92



JUDGING is under way for the selection of the Pepsi All-Stars team from the WAFL competition for 1992.

The WAFL's major sponsor, Pepsi and Westside Football will present the best line-up of players from this season — based on where the individuals produced their best form.

Westside's KIM HAGDORN and TANIA ARMSTRONG have compiled a list of candidates for positions in line-up, starting last week with the defenders and continuing this week with the forwards.

The series continues next week, in our Grand Final Fever edition when we present the midfielders and on-ballers as one division and it will culminate in our fabulous Picture Special on Thursday, October 8, when we will publish the full line-up.

Westside readers can try their hand at being a selector and if you can match up with our judges, then you could win a weekend at the Albany Travel Inn.

The Pepsi All-Stars entry form will be published in next week's edition, so fill it in and post it off without delay.

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This week Tania Armstrong looks at the contenders for places in the forward line.

## THE ATTACK

THE attacking division has been a headache for WAFL coaches this season and the lowest goalkicking tally for many years makes full-forward a hard place to fill.

Candidates come from South Fremantle's Craig Edwards, Swan Districts spearhead Kevin Caton and

## ... and you can be a selector

West Perth's Peter Freeman.

Edwards kicked 48.24 in an outstanding season, which surprised most critics, especially after he started out biding his time in the reserves.

Caton, who represented WA in Adelaide in May, kicked 48.35 in a season, which was indifferent by his standards.

West Perth's Freeman was the surprise packet, when, after being recruited from St Kilda by the West Coast Eagles to fill the full-back position, he shot to prominence at full-forward for West Perth.

Freeman started the season at full-back, but when he chipped in with four goals in round six, he was on the way to collecting 44.27.

Vying for a place at centre-half-forward are East Fremantle's Jeff Davidson, Swans teenager Jason Ball, Subiaco's John Georgiades and South Fremantle's Mark Hepburn.

Davidson, in his second year of senior football, was used to good effect at both ends of the ground, along with Georgiades.

Hepburn was a star when used in the key attacking position (when not required by the Eagles) and Ball recovered from the disappointment of Eagles relegation to become an outstanding prospect in the most difficult position.

The 19-year-old played the first AFL match of the season, against the Sydney Swans, before spending the rest of the year at Bassendean, playing his first game of State football.

There was an abundance of skilled half-forwards in the WAFL and that line will be the hardest to

pick.

South Fremantle rookies Jason Spinks and Warren Campbell were in exceptional form early in the year, along with Subiaco youngster Matt Connell, who could play in a variety of roles.

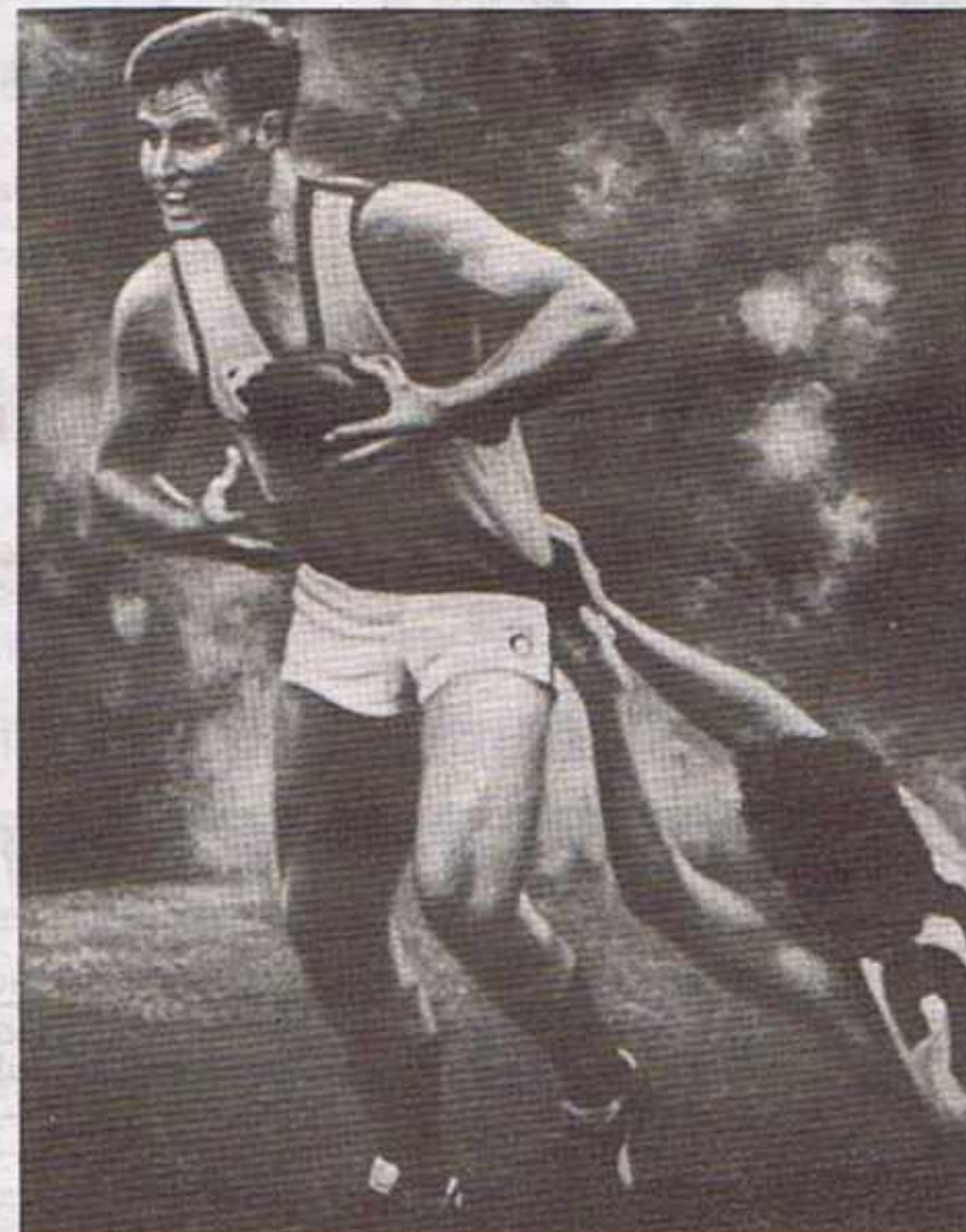
Other rookies in the form of East Perth's Michael Prior and Swan Districts Scott Hardy should also be considered, along with wiry Subiaco forward Malcolm Williams.

Candidates for the two forward pocket positions are easy to find with an abundance of small, goal-kicking players.

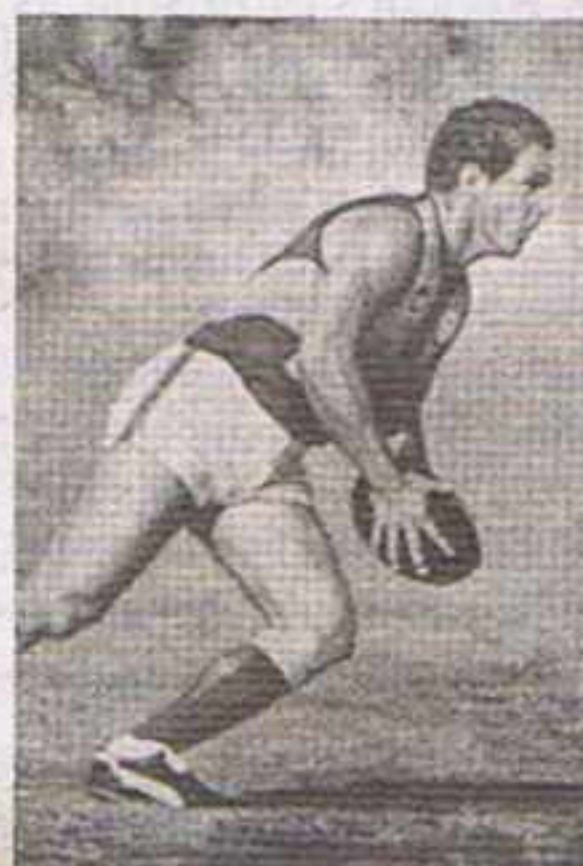
South Fremantle's Wally Matera returned home from Victoria and produced a consistent season, leaving him sixth in the Sandover Medal and staking a claim for a roving spot in the Pepsi All-Stars team.

Other contenders are the dashing East Perth duo of Peter Miller and Heath East, along with Perth's Russell Thompson, one of the Demons most consistent performers.

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## Goals in the finals race

THE official WAFL goal-kicking battle might be over, but the goals themselves become even more important in the finals series.

The GIO finals goalkicking table continues through to the WAFL grand final, showing the top scorers from each club taking part.

Leading the way is Heath East, the dashing Royals youngster — thanks to his nine-goal performance against Subiaco — and it will take a big effort from forwards at East or South Fremantle to catch him.

This is how the finals participants have fared:

**EAST PERTH:** Heath East 12.6; Paul Peos 7.5; Michael Prior 7.4; Shawn Colbung 6.2.

**SOUTH FREMANTLE:** Jason Spinks 7.5; Craig Edwards 6.4; Ashley Clementi 5.4.

**SWAN DISTRICTS:** Mick Grasso 3.3; Kevin Caton 3.2; Shane Strempel 3.1.

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The next fortnight will see two fabulous editions.

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ON A MISSION... Eagles coach Mick Malthouse is set for the ultimate challenge

## Players in an emotional mood

EAGLES coach Mick Malthouse took the unusual step of calling on four players to motivate his squad before training last Monday night.

The theme: "The importance of winning a grand final."

Veteran full-back Michael Brennan, classy half-back Guy McKenna and rovers Don Pyke and Tony Evans all gave emotional appraisals of their own grand final experiences.

The Eagles take a host of finals experience into Saturday's premiership showdown with Geelong.

West Coast coach Mick Malthouse concedes that his combination is more experienced than the Cats, when it comes to finals.

Since taking the Eagles reins for the start of 1990, the Eagles have made an impressive 10 finals appearances.

Malthouse has also had the wood over his coaching adversary, Malcolm Blight, in the past three seasons.

In eight head-to-head contests against Geelong under Malthouse, the Eagles have won seven.

The only Eagles loss in three years under Malthouse, was in Round Four on April 12, when the Cats — inspired by Gary Ablett — inflicted a 24-point loss on West Coast at Subiaco Oval.

The overall record between the clubs is also stacked heavily in the Eagles favour. In 13 meetings, the Eagles have won 10 times since their first confrontation on June 13 1987, when the Cats won at Kardinia Park.

"I think we go in probably with more experience than anyone, in terms of finals football, which is surprising in a lot of respects," Malthouse said this week.

"Geelong are going to be in the same boat as we are. Obviously you try to get the element of surprise.

"Geelong may throw their side around and we've got to be ready for that.

"Our players have got to have in their minds that on the day they may have different tasks to do.

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## Veterans lead Kukerin to flag

**KUKERIN**-Dumbleyung captain-coach Ross Ditchburn produced a spectacular seven-goal effort to help clinch the Upper Great Southern grand final.

Ditchburn combined superbly with another former Claremont star, centreman Tom Pearce, to destroy reigning three-time premiers Boddington at Narrogin on Sunday.

Kukerin, undefeated until the second semi-final, romped home in the second half to win by 44 points, 14.6 (90) to 5.16 (46).

Boddington, favourites to take their fourth consecutive flag, were completely outclassed after half-time, when they failed to kick a goal.

Ditchburn, injured in last week's preliminary final, showed his class with a fast-leading, strong-marking performance at full-forward.

### SPECTACULAR

Several of his goals came from superb long kicks and he capped his effort with a spectacular one-handed mark.

Pearce, a member of Claremont's 1981 premiership side, has been brilliant in the finals and he controlled the game from the middle to be best-afield.

Boddington, easy victors in the second semi-final, started badly when they managed just 1.6 in the first term with a handy three-goal wind.

Kukerin posted two goals and turned at quarter-time one point in front.

But Boddington, with Claremont

coach and former Swans star Gerard Neesham in brilliant form, slammed on four goals into the wind in the second term, to lead by four points, 5.6 (36) to 5.2 (32) at the main break.

### RUCK BATTLE

Graham Taylor, at full-back and then in the ruck, was also playing superbly for Kukerin, along with Gavin Cook, who was having a great battle with Boddington ruckman Ken Bell.

John Ditchburn, also under an injury cloud, put in a great first half before fading and veteran centre-half-forward Richard Joyce was in top form, finishing with three goals.

Ruck-rover Ray Joy was dominant and rover Darrell Hart was busy for Kukerin.

Kukerin sealed the win with a brilliant five-goal third term against the breeze. Pearce continued to dominate, driving Kukerin into attack where Ross Ditchburn continued in great style.

Boddington — apart from Neesham — were blitzed and managed just 0.1 at what was thought to be the scoring end, to trail by 27 points at the final change.

They were in disarray in the final term, as Kukerin added 4.2 while they peppered the goals for 0.9 in a wasteful effort.

man Kevin Crogan — were in fine form, but they had trouble penetrating Burracoppin's resolute defence, where full-back Warren Stitt and centre-half-back Glen Antonio were in command.

At the other end of the ground Downsborough, who resisted the temptation to join Claremont mid-season after racing to 100 goals in just over 10 games, was in great touch.

Burracoppin, leading by 17 points at quarter-time continued to dominate early in the second quarter, slamming on another four goals.

### TURN-AROUND

Suddenly Nukarni broke through and in an stunning turn-around slammed on seven goals in the latter half of the term to snatch an amazing five-point lead at half-time, 7.9 (51) to 7.4 (46).

Ruckman Joe Alvaro, midfielders Andrew Crook and Crogan, who continually won the ball from the centre, and the elusive Alf Nelson across half-forward were responsible for Nukarni's breath-taking second quarter charge.

But it was Downsborough, an exciting forward who played one game with the Tigers reserves on permit then returned to the family farm to continue with Burracoppin, who was keeping Burracoppin in the game.

He kicked five goals in two quarters of brilliant football, before he tore a hamstring early in the third and left the field.

But he had stamped his mark on the game, kicking the bulk of his side's score to that stage.

Despite losing Downsborough, Burracoppin again controlled the third term, with clever forward Rick Antonio taking his place and chipping in with two good goals.

### OFF TARGET

Nukarni, behind by just three goals at the final break, were far from finished, but they sprayed the goals in the last term for little reward, adding a frustrating 1.5, when goals were desperately needed.

Alvaro (two goals), and Scorza, Andrew Green, Chris Hooper, David Haines and Ian Lane (one each) were all busy in attack, but they just couldn't find the big opening.

## Harvey win historic pennant

**HARVEY**-Brunswick-Leschenault created history on Sunday when they beat Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup by 21 points in the South West National Football League grand final.

The 17.7 (109) to 12.16 (88) win gave the Lions their third successive SWNFL premiership — the first team to do so since the league was founded.

The win also gave Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault coach Terry House special reason to smile.

He is the first coach to win two back-to-back pennants and the only man to coach four successful premiership teams.

Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault jumped out of the blocks and midway through the first term, with the assistance of a three-goal breeze, they led by 17 points.

### SCORES TIED

Both teams worked hard in the second term and at half-time, scores were level.

The Lions came out more determined after the long break, kicking four majors to give them a handy, but seemingly insufficient 17-point advantage turning for home.

Many people in the large crowd felt the Cardinals could overrun the premiers for the past two seasons and win their club's first premiership.

But some undisciplined play early in the final term by the Cardinals resulted in two quick goals for Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault and despite some hard work by the Boyanup players, they were unable to peg back the lead.

Cardinals centreman Brett Glass, who won this year's Hayward's Medal for fairest and best in the grand final after he collected 38 possessions in an excellent display.

By **DIGBY BEACHAM**



John Sullivan... dour defender for the Cardinals

He was well supported by captain and ace rover Angelo Conti, defender John Sullivan and full-forward Stephen Hill.

Best for the Lions were ruckman Bernie Sloan, ruck-rover Graham Jeffery, defenders Sean Mooney and John Strano and centre-half-forward Rob MacKinnon.

## Unbeaten Burracoppin wrap up flag

**BURRACOPPIN** took the Eastern Districts premiership with a powerful grand final victory over close rivals Nukarni, 12.12 (84) to 8.16 (64).

With Ric Jeffreys dominating the ruck and rover Len Yarran in superb touch, Burracoppin took control of the first quarter.

They kicked 3.4 to Nukarni's wasteful 0.5, a margin that proved invaluable as the game wore on.

Burracoppin's star goal-kickers, Craig Downsborough at full-forward and Darren Thomas at centre-half-forward, were in dangerous form and gave their side the edge in front of goal.

Nukarni's centreline — wingmen Ian Lane, Anthony Scorza and centre-

## Kalgoorlie stun Mines to win the flag

**KALGOORLIE** produced the upset of the season when they demolished red-hot favourites Mines in the Goldfields League grand final.

The Kangaroos — dumped by Mines in the second semi-final — ambushed their more fancied opponents in the first half.

They set up a crucial 34-point lead, 8.13 (61) to 4.3 (27) at the main break.

Inspired by injured ruckman Graham Reside — who courageously battled the pain of a dislocated shoulder — they romped away with the game in the second half to win by 53 points, 17.20 (122) to 10.9 (69).

Reside, superb all day, took a torrid physical buffeting early in the match and popped the joint out of place late in the third term before it was knocked back in by a trainer.

Undeterred, he continued to dominate, dropping back into defence and taking a series of strong marks. He was a worthy winner of the Fyson Medal and Subiaco Golds award as best afield.

### FINE STYLE

Kalgoorlie veteran forward Wes Coutts kicked four goals and rover Glenn O'Loughlin (three goals) celebrated his 150th game in fine style and was one of the best afield.

Youngsters Mick Ottaviano, Stephen Paull, Adrian Hicks, Russell Wellstead (three goals) and Graeme Craig (two) also performed superbly in the pressure of a grand final.

Mines went into the game as clear favourites, having finished the qualifying rounds with 14 wins from 16 games (compared to Kalgoorlie's eight wins from 14).

But they battled to get into the game in the first half, even though Kalgoor-

lie peppered the goals in the second term for a paltry return of 3.8.

Mines got on top early in the third term and fought back with four goals — to the Roos two — leaving them 23 points down at the final change.

Any hint of a Mines revival was snuffed out when Kalgoorlie produced a sizzling seven-goal final term to seal the win.

Mines had great battlers in Craig Reid, Ric Maple, Jeff Turner (two goals), Bruce Champion, Terry Gordon (one each) and Brett Turner (two), but they had no answer to Kalgoorlie in the final stages.



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# Thomson, Young set up

**BEVERLEY** captain-coach Kim Thomson master-minded his side's upset Avon League grand final victory over Quairading, with a superb display at centre-half-forward.

Thomson and brilliant rover Andrew Young — best afield — combined to blitz the reigning dual-premiers, 17.12 (114) to 9.8 (62) at Cunderdin on Sunday.

Underdogs coming into the finals, Beverley led by 30 points at the first change, 6.1 (37) to 1.1 (7).

Quairading, premiers in 1990 and '91 under former West Perth ruckman Dan Foley, hadn't lost a game until they dropped the second semi-final to Beverley.

Young, a WA Country representative in Victoria this year and Thomson were particularly damaging in the first term when Beverley virtually wrapped up the game with a sizzling six-goal quarter.

In a tough, physical final, Scott Fisher and full-forward Bruce Shackles, who kicked four goals, also did well for Beverley.

The win, which halted Quairading's run of premierships, was a victory for good timing, with Beverley producing two superb finals efforts after running second all year.

Thomson dominated his duel with league fairest and best, Sean Powell

# Beverley win

and created several important goals.

Shackles was on the receiving end of several accurate passes and his four-goal effort was a key to Beverley's win.

Beverley maintained their five-goal lead at half-time, after an extremely even second term, then kicked away again in the third.

Quairading weren't helped by an injury to captain-coach Warren Dean, who limped off in the third term with what looked like a back injury.

For Quairading, Paul Vernon, battled hard at centre-half-forward and former Teal Cup player Clayton Faulkingham, 19, was again impressive, finishing with four goals (out of nine).

Quairading rover Bill Daly did well, wingman Mark Wells (one goal) tried desperately to lift his side and reliable forward Steve Johnson kicked two goals, but was well held.

For the winners, Shackles, Young (three goals) and forward flanker Mark Walker (three goals) were most productive.

Perth coach Ken Armstrong, who presented the post-match awards, was particularly impressed with Beverley's Young and Shackles and Quairading's Faulkingham.

# More Materas on the way

*SOUTH Fremantle and Eagles talent scouts would do well to keep an eye on the rest of the Matera family.*

Wally, a veteran with South Fremantle and earlier with the Eagles and his dynamic younger brother Peter, have made their mark at the highest level.

But, on Sunday in front of a handful of spectators at Narrogin in the Upper Great Southern's under-17 (thirds) grand final, Phillip Matera (16) and Gerard (15) played in Wagin's losing grand final side.

Phillip, a rover, who looks more like Wally, but plays with the same brilliant dash as Peter, was Wagin's best player.

"He runs with the ball just like his brother Peter," said John Pillage, Upper

Great Southern league secretary.

Younger brother Gerard played out of a forward pocket and didn't have much influence on the game, but both were proudly watched by their older Eagles brother, who was in Narrogin for the game.

Peter, the second oldest of the six Matera brothers (they have one sister) who come from the farming town of Wagin, was at the Sunday grand final with injured Bulldog Jason Spinks, another recruit from the area (Jerramungup).

Matera, the race-horse wingman whose sensational form helped the Eagles dump Geelong in the second semi-final, was enjoying the two-week break, catching up with family and friends and relaxing in his home-town.

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## Late rally steals final victory

**CHAPMAN** Valley produced a stunning last quarter revival to steal a 30-point grand final victory over Towns in the Great Northern League.

Chapman Valley trailed all day — 31 points at quarter-time, 28 at half-time and 10 at the final change — but turned on a sizzling last quarter, kicking 6.11 to 1.1.

Perhaps the benefit of a second semi-final win — and the week's rest — gave them fresher legs as they stormed home over the top of Towns.

Towns, who earned their grand final spot the hard way, beating Mullewa in the preliminary final, had completely controlled the first half.

They blitzed Chapman in the first term, adding 6.6 (42) to 1.3 (9) and still

held a comfortable lead at half-time.

Rovers Peter Stone and Peter Fitzpatrick were particularly damaging for Towns, along with centreman Ricky Marianna, who was having a great tussle with Chapman's dangerous Michael Farrell.

Brian Greene, at full-back and ruckman Garry Graham were also in top form and looked like carrying Towns to victory. Full-forward Hank Yarran finished with five goals and was a prominent focal point in attack.

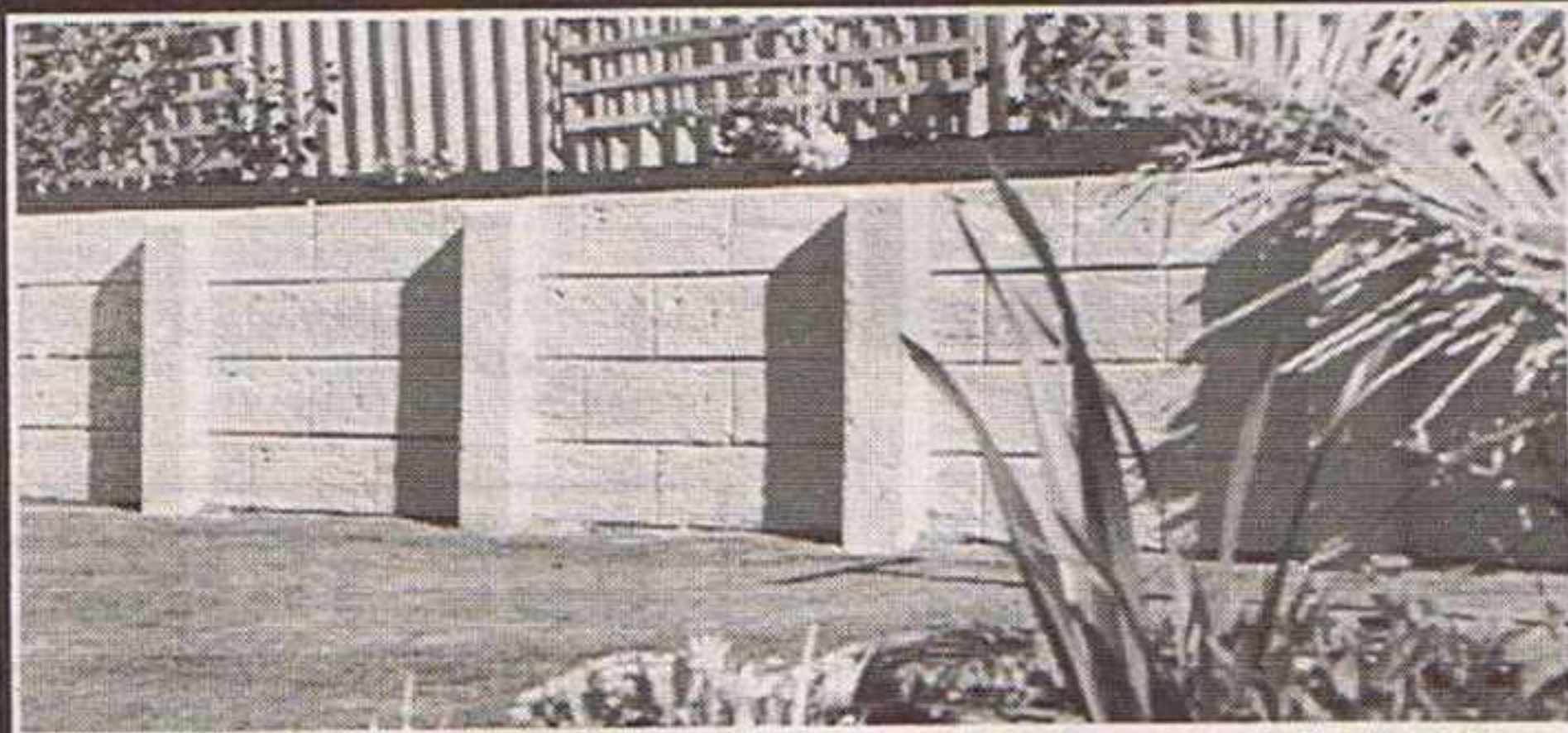
For Chapman, brilliant rover Adrian Collard was in sizzling form, Farrell was working hard in the middle, Clint Hansen was doing well and Geoff Bennett and Kelvin Kickett tried hard to lift their side.

With Hansen, now taking a run in the ruck and at full-back, Farrell giving great drive from the centre and Collard blitzing Towns, Chapman stormed home with the three-goal breeze.

Collard, best on ground with six goals, kicked two superb 60m majors in the crucial last term as Chapman hit the front for the first time.

For Towns, Yarran (five), half-forward Dean Walters, Marianna and wingman Marcus Harrold (two each) were their main avenues to goal.

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# Mt Lawley deny Uni. top honours

REIGNING premiers Mt Lawley have claimed back-to-back A-grade amateur premierships for the second time in six years.

They achieved the feat with a crushing 51-point win over favourites University in Saturday's grand final at Perth Oval.

After a desperate University fight-back in the third term, Mt Lawley steadied to take the premiership flag, 19.7 (121) to 10.10 (70).

University had first use of a handy two to three-goal breeze, but it was the Hawks who drew first blood, kicking the two goals in the opening five minutes.

Once University got over their initial nerves, they started to use the ball better.

Despite controlling most of the play for the next 15 minutes, they could not convert their opportunities, missing several critical shots at goal.

They managed just four points in a row then fought out the rest of the quarter, kicking two goals apiece with the Hawks.

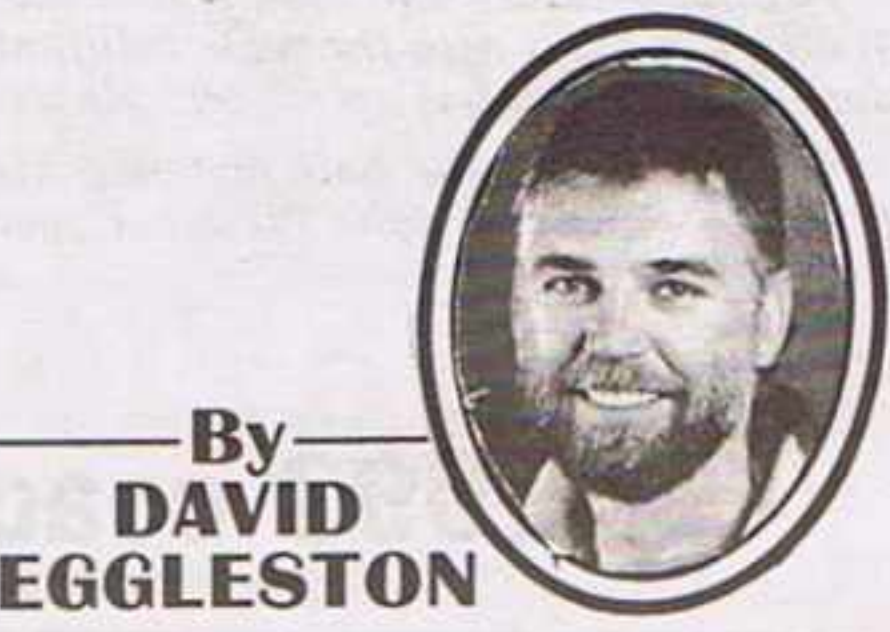
### PRESSURE

Mt Lawley turned on the pressure from the start of the second term when Victor Lowe kicked their first goal in the opening 30 seconds.

This was quickly followed by another goal by Mick Mallard and Mt Lawley started to stamp their authority on the game.

The Hawks were on top in most positions on the ground and easily repelled University's forward moves.

University's only goal in the second term came at the 29-minute mark, when Frank Wilson ran into an open goal after receiving the ball from Peter Hudson.



By **DAVID EGGLESTON**

Hudson was floored in that passage of play and was unfortunately stretched off the ground.

Mt Lawley were far more committed in the first half and thoroughly deserved their 40-point lead at half-time.

The third quarter saw University fight back, finding the sort of form which saw them on top of the ladder all year.

With Brad Mumme and Christo Edwards looking dangerous up forward and Simon Lill starting to get into the game after a disappointing first half, University burst into life.

Mt Lawley's small men Ben Stewart, Brad Kirwan-Ward and Phil Warren, fought hard through the quarter while Jamieson Medallist, Mark Cartier, kicked two Mt Lawley goals.

### NINE POINTS

University closed the gap to nine points, setting the scene for a spectacular finish.

But the fourth quarter did not live up to expectations, with Mt Lawley

dominating and increasing their lead from the first minute.

The Hawks continued to run and tackle hard and half-way through this quarter University lost captain Mark Prendiville with a shoulder injury, reducing them to 17 men.

Mt Lawley had many fine four-quarter players, but none better than Gerard Kearny, who won his third Giles Medal for best afield.

Others to play well included captain Phil Warren, Ben Stewart, Brad Kirwan-Ward and Kevin Copeland.

Best for University were Jamie Murdoch, Michael Prendiville, Mark Foster and Josh Preston.

**Milestone — and a premiership**

**WEMBLEY utility player Murray Ekert recently celebrated his 100th game in a career that has been highlighted by both courage and team spirit.**

Ekert emerged from the Wembley juniors and had a stint at Subiaco colts before joining Wembley A-grade in 1981.

A bad run of injuries — including a knee reconstruction — put football on hold until 1986 when he resumed in D-grade.

Ekert has played in grades A,C,D,F and K in a variety of positions — and he is noted for his strong marking, team play and skilful ruck work.

Success for 1992 has come with a premiership in K Grade — a game in which he was named as one of Wembley's best.

Other highlights include playing in the losing 1988 grand final and the 1989 D grade premiership team.

Ekert has also served with distinction as a committee man for three years, as a special projects man, club registrar and manager of the C-grade team.

The 1992 season saw Ekert have a break from administration in order to concentrate on winning the K grade premiership — a move that has obviously paid off.

## AMATEUR RESULTS

### EMU EXPORT LEAGUE Grand Finals

- A GRADE: Mt Lawley 18.6 d Univsity 10.10
- B GRADE: Whitfords 15.8 d Bassendean 6.8
- C GRADE: Mt Lawley 14.6 d Cockburn Lakes 12.2
- D GRADE: Hamersley Carine 14.14 d Wanneroo 10.6
- E GRADE: Redcliffe 12.12 d Balcatta 5.14
- F GRADE: Wembley 14.16 d Coolbellup 7.5
- G GRADE: North Fremantle 6.7 d Ocean Ridge 4.12
- H GRADE: Rockingham 17.9 d East Fremantle 6.7
- I GRADE: Cockburn Lakes 10.14 d Bullcreek 9.11
- J GRADE: Wanneroo 8.14 d Collegians Old Scotch 4.7
- K GRADE: Wembley 16.11 d Rockingham 9.9
- L GRADE: Brentwood 10.11 d Trinity Aquinas 6.8
- A COLTS: Wembley 11.4 d University 8.11
- B COLTS: Swan Athletic 14.7 d CBC 10.13
- C COLTS: Cowan Uni 14.15 d Swan View 7.5

### COLTS ROUND-UP

#### A COLTS

**WEMBLEY** won their third flag for the year when they toppled University by 11 points with a great team effort at Perth Oval.

Led by Simon Ham and Damen Brandli, who both kicked three goals, Wembley secured their first A-colts premiership win.

#### B COLTS

**SWAN ATHLETIC** reversed the previous results of the season, beating favourites CBC by 18 points at Leederville Oval.

Even though CBC had won the three previous games, the grand final was expected to be a close encounter.

However, Swans — dominating the midfield and half-back line — had the game wrapped up by three-quarter time when they led by 50 points.

CBC made a gallant attempt to come back when they kicked 7.3 in the last quarter but it was too late.

Swans were led by half-back Brad Matson, Matthew Pope and Jamie Pollock on a wing, ruck-rover Michael Yukich, half-back Rob Scali and Joe Mavroatisios led the scoring with four goals.

#### C COLTS

**A GOOD** effort to outscore Swan View in the first quarter against the breeze set up a 52-point premiership win for Edith Cowan University.

To their credit Swan View played it hard all day and never gave up.

Leading the defence for Cowan and playing strongly all day were Shane Pentony, Stuart Joyce and Rocky Condo.

Other top performances from Cowan came from ruckman Tim Morowski, James Trantler in the centre and Jeremy Malaxos, who kicked three goals from a half-forward flank.

Mark Sisinni also scored four goals from a forward pocket.

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# Highlights around the grades

## B GRADE

**WHITFORDS** Warriors have completed a remarkable two years of football to advance to the 1993 A-grade competition.

They achieved their promotion when they beat Bassendean by nine goals in Saturday's B-grade grand final — after winning the C-grade grand final last year.

Bassendean had first use of a strong wind, but could not contain a desperate Warriors team, which led at the first break by five points.

Bassendean worked hard to contain Whitfords in the second quarter, but in the final 15 minutes they broke free to kick four goals and lead by 23 points at half-time.

Bassendean had the breeze in the make-or-break third quarter, but were unable to penetrate the tight Whitfords defence.

Down by 17 points going into the final quarter against the wind, Bassendean were always going to struggle.

Whitfords kicked the first goal of the term — putting paid to any chance of a Bassendean victory.

Whitfords had many good players, particularly their defence, who denied the dangerous Bassendean forwards.

Ian Hughes and Don Sanata on the half-back line were impassable and Neil Thompson at full-back took many telling marks.

Ashley Nesbitt in the centre continued his great finals form.

Tim Hunter dominated the ruck, allowing rovers Tich Richardson and Rod Putelli to continually drive Whitfords into attack.

Travis Underwood, Mark Vanderlist and Greg Horan were too elusive in attack and finished off Warriors fine defensive and midfield work.

## C GRADE

**Mt Lawley** made it a double celebration — winning the C-grade premiership (and A-grade) when they downed Cockburn Lakes by 22 points.

The hard, tough game was played in great spirit by both sides and was close all day.

In the end Mt Lawley's fitness and discipline allowed them to romp away in the last quarter.

Best for Mt Lawley were Andrew Chapman in the ruck, centreman Tony Crooks and centre-half-back Michael Crooks.

## D GRADE

**AFTER** holding Wanneroo to just three goals with the breeze in the first quarter, Hamersley-Carine were never headed and took the flag by 32 points.

Midway through the second quarter Hamersley's runners started to get on top — but poor kicking for goal robbed the Hawks of a bigger half-time lead.

The third quarter saw Hamersley bounce out and kick the first goal against the breeze and two excellent snapped goals by Paul Beck gave them a 26-point lead at the last change.

Hamersley scored first in the last term, threatening to blow out the scoreline, but a courageous fightback by Wanneroo got them within 14 points.

Hamersley steadied and goals to Jason Walker, Brendon Boxhorn (two) and Des Hinchcliffe sealed the game.

Stars for Hamersley were half-back-flanker John Salkind, Stan Horsman at centre-half-back, ruck-rover Brad Hoskins, wingman Damon Port, centreman Jason Walker and Brendon Boxhorn (four goals).

Best for Wanneroo were centre-half-back Dave Brown, ruckman Peter McNeill, Mark Sattell on a half-back-flank and ruck-rover Craig Hunter.

## E GRADE

**REDCLIFFE** capped off a successful season, beating Balcatta by 39 points to add to the 1992 champion club award and the association medal won by Glen Dowding.

Balcatta had first use of the breeze, but were unable to capitalise because of the strong Redcliffe defence, led by Craig Cherry.

After a strong second quarter, Redcliffe went to the long break with a comfortable lead which they held until the final siren.

Paul Ford was top scorer with five goals.

Other top players were wingman Phillip Leech, centre-half-back Craig Cherry and Gary Walker on the ball.

## F GRADE

**IN** A gutsy team effort, Wembley beat Coolbellup by 53 points to take the premiership at East Fremantle Oval.

Led by Dave Harris and Mike Kotsanis, who both scored three goals, a superb, disciplined performance by Wembley kept them in front all day.

Best for the winners were Eddy Osborne at full-back, Paul Lavota in a back-pocket and half-back Dave Collins.

## G GRADE

**NORTH Fremantle** overcame Ocean Ridge to win the flag by two points in a torrid and low-scoring encounter.

The game was hard-fought from start to finish, but Ocean Ridge made it hard for themselves by allowing Norths to score three goals against the wind in the second quarter.

Best for Ocean Ridge were centre-half-back Craig Cox, centreman Dave Marriot and Gary Darnell at centre-half-back.

## H GRADE

**TOP** side Rockingham maintained their dominance and repeated their crushing second semi-final victory over East Fremantle to take the flag.

Rockingham controlled the game and ran out clear, 68-point winners at Gil Fraser Oval.

## I GRADE

**IN** A close, hard-fought encounter Cockburn Lakes got up to beat Bullcreek by nine points to take the flag.

## J GRADE

**WANNEROO** set the scene for victory when they outscored Collegians Old Scotch against the breeze in the first quarter and were never headed on their way to a 31-point win.

# Cartier wins A-grade award

**MT LAWLEY'S** Mark Cartier is aiming for a double celebration this season after claiming the A-Grade fairest and best trophy.

Cartier, a key member of Mt Lawley's grand final side, won the award on a countback from Nollamara's Mal Bennett after the pair tied on 16 votes.

Harley Hayward, also from Nollamara, was third, one vote behind.

The B-Grade voting also produced a close result, with the top four players separated by one vote.

Bassendean's Darren Newby and Peter Brindley (CBC) both polled 15 votes, with Newby winning on a countback.

Tied for third on 14 votes were Dale Foster (CBC) and Travis Underwood (Whitfords).

Bayswater made it a quinella when team-mates Jack Dadaliaris (15 votes) and Paul Naughton (11) finished on top in the C-grade voting.

One vote behind on 10 was Wembley's Michael Kotsanis.

Results of all grades fairest and best voting are as follows:

A-grade: Mark Cartier (Mt Lawley) 16; Mal Bennett (Nollamara) 16; Harley Hayward (Nollamara) 15.

B-grade: Darren Newby (Bassendean) 15; Peter Brindley (CBC) 15; Dale Foster (CBC) 14; Travis Underwood (Whitford) 14.

C-grade: Jack Dadaliaris (Bayswater) 15; Paul Naughton (Bayswater) 11; Michael Kotsanis (Wembley) 10.

D-grade: John Morgan (Cowan University) 19; Darrell Hewton (Hamersley-Carine) 17; Jonathon Hutcheson (Mundaring Hills) 16.

E-grade: Glen Dowding (Redcliffe) 26; Paul Gabrielson (Balcatta) 20; Stephen Buckle (Sawyers Valley) 19.

F-grade: Bradley Thompson (Brentwood) 29; Stephen Burton (National Bank) 20; Anthony Major (Coolbellup) 18.

G-grade: Craig Cox (Ocean Ridge) 27; John Nicolaou (Hellenics) 16; Andrew McManus (University) 12.

H-grade: Paul Rawlings (East Fremantle) 19; Tony Morley (Rockingham) 15; Anthony McConnan (RAAF) 14.

I-grade: Shaun Spencer (High Wycombe) 18; Craig Pitt (Bullcreek) 14; James Macpherson (Old Guildfordians) 14.

J-grade: Darrell Pegrum (Coolbinia-Yokine) 17; Kevin Andrews (Coolbinia-Yokine) 14; John Bertolini (Collegians Old Scotch) 13.

Both teams struggled in the second quarter — scoring only one goal each — leaving Wanneroo with an 11-point break at half-time.

After holding Old Scotch to just two goals in the third quarter, Wanneroo powered home — kicking 4.6 with the breeze.

Good players for Wanneroo were Steve Podbury on a wing, ruckman Wayne Lowe, centreman Paul Zelgso and Charlie Holmes chipped in with three goals.

## K GRADE

**KEEPING** their unbeaten record intact, Wembley were too strong for Rockingham — taking the premiership with a 44-point win.

Best for Wembley were David Dye, who grabbed seven goals to take his season tally to 110, ruck-rover Dave O'Regan, ruckman Murray Ekert and Wayne Thomas (five goals).

## L GRADE

**IN** A physical game at Beasley Reserve, Brentwood overran a determined Trinity-Aquinas by 27 points — taking the flag with a strong team effort.

Best for Brentwood were rover Ross Putland, Leigh Stamp on a wing and ruckman Luke Wimbridge, while Mick White chipped in with three goals.

For Trinity-Aquinas, Michael Price in the ruck, centreman Kent Hunter, rover Neal Meakins and Mark Lendich (three goals) were all good contributors.



C-grade fairest-and-best winner, Bayswater's Jack Dadaliaris

K-grade: Glen McCulloch (Mt Lawley) 27; Geoff Truscott (Rockingham) 17; Wayne Thomas (Wembley) 14.

L-grade: Michael Battel (Brentwood) 16; Wayne Marron (Dianella-Morley) 11; Mark Lendich (Trinity-Aquinas) 11; David Malatzky (Trinity-Aquinas) 11.

A-colts: Peter Phillips (University) 17; Anthony Clatworthy (North Beach) 14; Darrell O'Neill (Trinity-Aquinas) 14.

B-colts: David Kernahan (CBC) 24; Warren Barber (CBC) 13; Charlie Oxenham (Rockingham) 13.

C-colts: Frederick Haynes (Swanview) 27; Christopher Newell (Cowan University) 17; Justin Manolikas (Cowan University) 14.



Mark Cartier, Mt Lawley's A-grade fairest-and-best winner, collects the CJ Jamieson Medal from Mrs Jamieson

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## Big finale for stars of tomorrow

PERTH and South Fremantle youngsters finished the 1992 Town and Country Little League season with plenty of smiles on their faces — and for good reason.

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Perth were awarded the Town and Country Shield (by managing director Ray Turner) as the club with the most

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The season culminated on Saturday with a parade at a packed Subiaco Oval — an event that would thrill any young footballer and push him towards aspiring to similar heights in the future.

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We've had a bit more breathing space this year compared to last season and all the players are grateful because it meant we can keep our minds on the job.

Saturday's AFL grand final is a chance to take a step into history and we are keen to make amends for our

performance against Hawthorn last year.

We have different opponents this time and we are all aware that Geelong will also be desperate for a premiership after going so close in 1989.

Hawthorn also did the job on them that year and while we have beaten the Cats in our last two encounters, we will be on guard for an ambush by their talented forwards this Saturday.

Billy Brownless, Gary Ablett, Michael Mansfield and Russell Merriman were all dangerous against Footscray and I'm sure to get the job on one of them.

It's been a great finals series from the point of view of the fans keeping things nice and cool — and we'd like to thank them all.

We plan to thank them in person at Subiaco Oval from noon on Sunday when we have a huge party on our return from Melbourne. Be there!

## Teenage carnival to help clubs identify young talent

A SHOWCASE of junior talent will be on display when the best 16-year-olds from the eight WAFL clubs compete in a special carnival at Lathlain Park and Subiaco Oval on October 3 and 4.

The teams are selected from the players nominated by schools, colleges and the various junior football clubs.

The competition has a two-fold purpose — to help the WAFL clubs identify possible colts players for 1993 and to select the 50 to 60 boys for the State Youth Development Squad.

The key word for this competition is identification — it presents a rare opportunity for talented juniors from all over the place to be sized up against each other.

### PROGRESS

Developing junior players from talented youngsters to professional footballers is no easy task and squads are a good way to keep an eye on how they progress.

Those selected for the squads do not get immediate entry to either colts or Teal Cup teams, but they are a step in the right direction.

By JENNY GROVE

The squad will be announced in mid-October and the players involved will then face fitness tests, before being released to their clubs for their own summer programmes. The team members get back together at the end of March.

### FIXTURES

The games start on Saturday from 9.30am at Lathlain, where Perth, Claremont, Swan Districts and East Fremantle will compete. At Subiaco Oval, South Fremantle, West Perth, Subiaco and East Perth will be in action.

The clubs will be ranked on their first match and then on Sunday, each side plays the team with an equal ranking in the other pool.



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SOUTH FREMANTLE	2.6	4.6	9.10	9.13	67

**GOALS — East Fremantle:** Lockyer 2, Krakouer 2, Lester-Smith 2, J. Davidson 1, Condon, Nichols 1, Malaxos 1, Amaranti, Newman 1, Bilcich 0, Quill 0, 1 point forced. **South Fremantle:** Hepburn 3, Williams 1, Madera, Campbell 1, Hernaman, C. Collard, Flugge 1, Dunstan, Hart 0, Edwards, Clementi 0.

**BEST — East Fremantle:** Malaxos, Newman, Amaranti, Bilcich, Browning, Quill. **South Fremantle:** Hepburn, Fimmano, Collard, Hernaman, W. Madera, Dunstan.  
Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Trevor Garrett, Greg Scoop. Attendance: 30,130.

### PEPSI RESERVES

SOUTH FREMANTLE	1.3	7.7	12.10	15.12	102
CLAREMONT	5.4	5.7	10.11	14.12	96

**GOALS — South Fremantle:** Morellini 5, F. Caputi, Bayliss, Ballard 2, Woods, N. Caputi, T. Warren. **Claremont:** Morgan 6, Edwards, Sutherland, Lukins 2, Wira, Sheldrick.

**BEST — South Fremantle:** Morellini, N. Caputi, Santostefano, Porter, Ball, F. Caputi. **Claremont:** Chisholm, Elliott, Morgan, Sutherland, Sheldrick.

### PEPSI COLTS

EAST FREMANTLE	3.3	7.4	10.8	12.9	81
CLAREMONT	1.2	3.4	3.6	5.11	41

**GOALS — East Fremantle:** McDonnell 3, Maguire, Wilkinson, Burgess 2, McManus, Wasley, Ahern. **Claremont:** Gauci, Spencer, Croxford, T. Johnston, T. Rovarello.

**BEST — East Fremantle:** Williams, Doyle, S. McManus, J. Wasley, Wilkinson. **Claremont:** Gauci, Kirk, Hughes.



## HOW THEY LINED UP

### EAST FREMANTLE

**BACKS:** Darren Capewell, Clinton Browning, Mark Amaranti

**HALF-BACKS:** Brendan Krummel, Brad Read, Simon Moss  
**CENTRES:** Clayton Anderson, Trent Nichols, Peter Davidson  
**HALF-FORWARDS:** Neil Lester-Smith, Damien Condon, Peter Quill

**FORWARDS:** Billy Krakouer, Andrew Lockyer, Jeff Davidson  
**FOLLOWERS:** Ian Newman, Steve Malaxos (captain), Stephen Bilcich

**INTERCHANGE:** John Lawrence, Craig Treleven

**FOOTY NOTE:** Neil Lester-Smith started as a loose man in defence, leaving East Fremantle with a five-man forward line

### SOUTH FREMANTLE

**BACKS:** Steven Grant, David Hynes, Cliff Collard  
**HALF-BACKS:** Wayne Hernaman, Martin Atkins, Ned Fimmano

**CENTRES:** Brad Collard, Paul Mazurek, Mark Collins  
**HALF-FORWARDS:** Jason Spinks, Mark Hepburn, Ashley Clementi

**FORWARDS:** Russell Williams, Craig Edwards, Michael Dunstan

**FOLLOWERS:** Dean Irving, David Hart, Wally Madera  
**INTERCHANGE:** Ashley Flugge, Warren Campbell

## Victorian State League

### Preliminary Final

MELBOURNE	2.7	6.11	7.13	11.19	85
CARLTON	1.3	5.7	8.11	10.13	73

**GOALS — Melbourne:** Beveridge 2, Williams 2, Neitz 2, Charles 2, Cuthbertson, Howat, Eishold. **Carlton:** Bassett 2, Cook 2, Robertson 2, Heaver 2, Verbeek, Parker.

**BEST — Melbourne:** Eishold, Grinter, Beveridge, Williams, Lamprill, Hoppgood. **Carlton:** Koutoufides, McCormack, Rhys-Jones, Heaver, Tarkson, Smith, Verbeek.

## AFL — Finals

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 Preliminary Finals

GEELONG	2.3	8.9	14.15	22.17	149
FOOTSCRAY	2.6	5.9	8.9	12.13	85

**GOALS — Geelong:** Brownless 5, Merriman 4, Ablett 4, Bairstow 3, Mansfield, Poole, Hinkley, Hocking, Wills, Stoneham. **Footscray:** Hawkins 3, Del'Re2, Grant 2, Baxter 2, Charles, Macpherson, Frost.

**BEST — Geelong:** Barnes, Baristow, Brownless, Hinkley, Mansfield, Poole. **Footscray:** Grant, Wallis, T. Campbell, Hawkins, Atkins, Liberatore.

Played at MCG. Umpires: Daren Goldspink, Bryan Sheehan. Attendance: 71,841.

## South Australian League

### First Semi Final

GLENELG	1.2	7.7	12.10	14.11	95
NORTH ADELAIDE	5.4	8.7	12.10	13.11	89

**GOALS — Glenelg:** Fidge 5, Murphy 2, Hallahan 2, Salisbury, Kretschmer, Lamb, Mansell, Russell. **North Adelaide:** Atkinson 4, Burton 2, Sims 2, Sanders, Mail, Saliba, Barratt, Bennett.

**BEST — Glenelg:** Mansell, Hallahan, Duthy, Chigwidden, Kretschmer, Christie. **North Adelaide:** Sanders, Atkinson, Barratt, Redden, Saliba, Hamilton.

### Second Semi Final

PORT ADELAIDE	2.3	10.4	11.8	16.15	111
EAGLES	3.3	4.7	5.10	10.12	72

**GOALS — Port Adelaide:** Hodges 6, Borlase 3, D. Smith 2, Brown 2, Fiacchi, Hughes, S. Williams. **Eagles:** Neimann 2, Taylor, James, Schwarz, Phillipou, Nicol, Sziller, Klemm, Morphet.

**BEST — Port Adelaide:** Brown, D. Smith, Genever, Buckley, Delaney, Hodges. **Eagles:** Klemm, Pyman, Nicol, Pesch, Bulluss, Phillipou.

Double-header played at Football Park. Attendance: 28,297.

# JACK DANIEL'S

## MAN OF THE WEEK

MITCHELL White is a classic example of an Eagles quiet achiever. After playing most of his junior football in attack, he has developed into a classy defender at the highest level.

Having played just two matches last season, few would have had White in their grand final line-up for the next year. But this Saturday he will be given a key role in the side's accomplished defence.

An All Australian Teal Cup player in 1990, he is cool under pressure, takes a strong mark and always makes something with his crisp disposal.



MITCHELL WHITE

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GAMES PLAYED: 23



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Claremont 5.11 (41)

#### EAST FREMANTLE LEAGUE

Grand Final Score  
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South Fremantle 9.13 (67)

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Troy York  
Alan Andrews  
Shaun McManus  
Rick Mundy  
Paul Williamson  
Marcus Wilkinson  
Wayne Barnden  
Danny Craig

Chris Maguire  
Scott McDonnell  
David McManus  
Julian Burgess  
Craig Doyle  
Jeremy Wasley  
Nathan Ahern  
Craig Chester  
Matthew Bondin  
James Chapman  
Chris Evans  
David Allen

#### LEAGUE PREMIERS

Billy Krakouer  
Steve Malaxos (Captain)  
Mark Amaranti  
Peter Quill  
Craig Treleven  
Clinton Browning  
Brad Read  
John Lawrence  
Jeff Davidson  
Neil Lester-Smith

Peter Davidson  
Damien Condon  
Trent Nichols  
Clayton Anderson  
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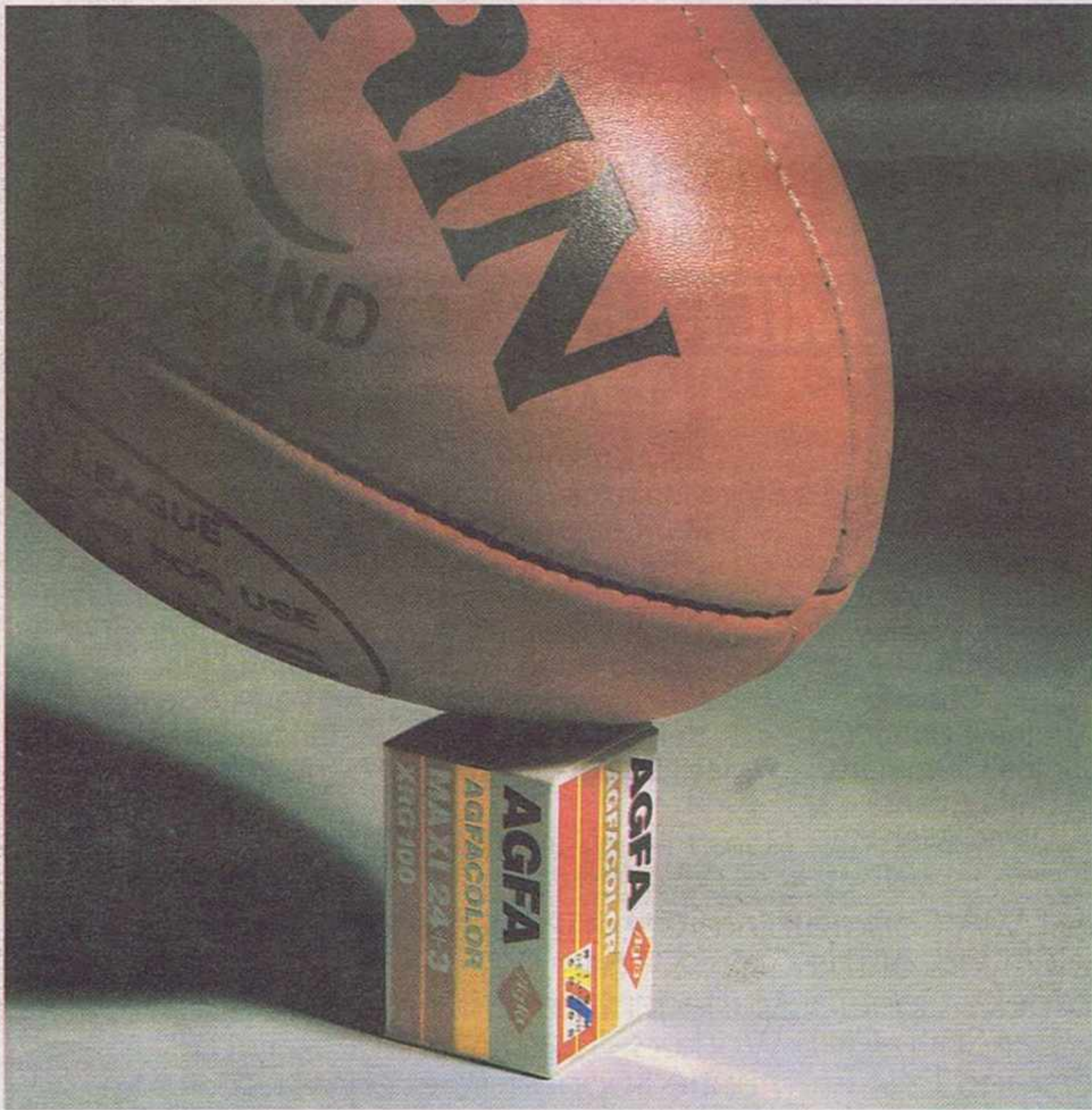


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