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THE controversial AFL player draft has once again dominated headlines, with threats of legal action, fines for clubs contravening the rules and players having their futures decided for them by some-one else. This week's Westside looks at many aspects of the nation's 'cattle market'. PLUS ... a look behind the scenes with the field umpires

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IT might be summer time and beach weather, but football's never far away, as these two lovely fans confirm. Checking out their seats for next season's games at Subiaco Oval are Darlene Gneck (25), of Inglewood (left) and Melina Tati (25), of North Perth. Seat bookings for Eagles members go on sale on December 1, with Noteholders expected to take up much of the undercover seating in special ballots before then



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Pre-season series needs a sponsor

MERCANTILE Mutual, the insurance company which has had such big success with its venture into cricket, is the leading candidate to sponsor next year's pre-season WAFL competition.

With the two-division, round-robin series now certain to get the nod of approval from the WA Football Commission, a sponsor has become of paramount importance and several big names have held talks with league officials.

The competition, to be played in February and March, will be split into two divisions of four with every club guaranteed at least three matches before the finals.

Most of the games will be played in the twilight and will be staged at Fremantle Oval and Bassendean Oval.

Bombers for Port

WESTERN Australia's pre-season football bonanza is expected to get another boost later this week with confirmation that 1992 grand finalists South Fremantle will play Essendon next February.

If the match goes ahead, it should be played under lights at Fremantle Oval on Saturday, February 13... a week after the West Coast Eagles tackle the Adelaide Crows in a practice match at Kalgoorlie.

Bulldogs officials hope to finalise negotiations for the match with Bombers coach Kevin Sheedy and general manager Roger Hampson this week.

Sheedy and Hampson are in Perth for discussions with draftees Russell Williams (South Fremantle), East Perth's Michael Prior, Swan Districts Scott Cummings and Claremont colts player Tony Delaney.

All four potential Bombers are expected to advise their new coach that they will stay with their WAFL clubs for 1993.

Rival code

NIGHT sport and family entertainment are combining to stake a firm hold at Fremantle Oval.

South Fremantle, who scored a major coup over the WA Cricket Association when they got permission to stage a night football match to wind-up the 1992 Pepsi Cup competition, have won the right to hold an international soccer match on Fremantle Oval.

Australia's Youth team will meet Argentina in an exhibition match under lights on Saturday, December 5.

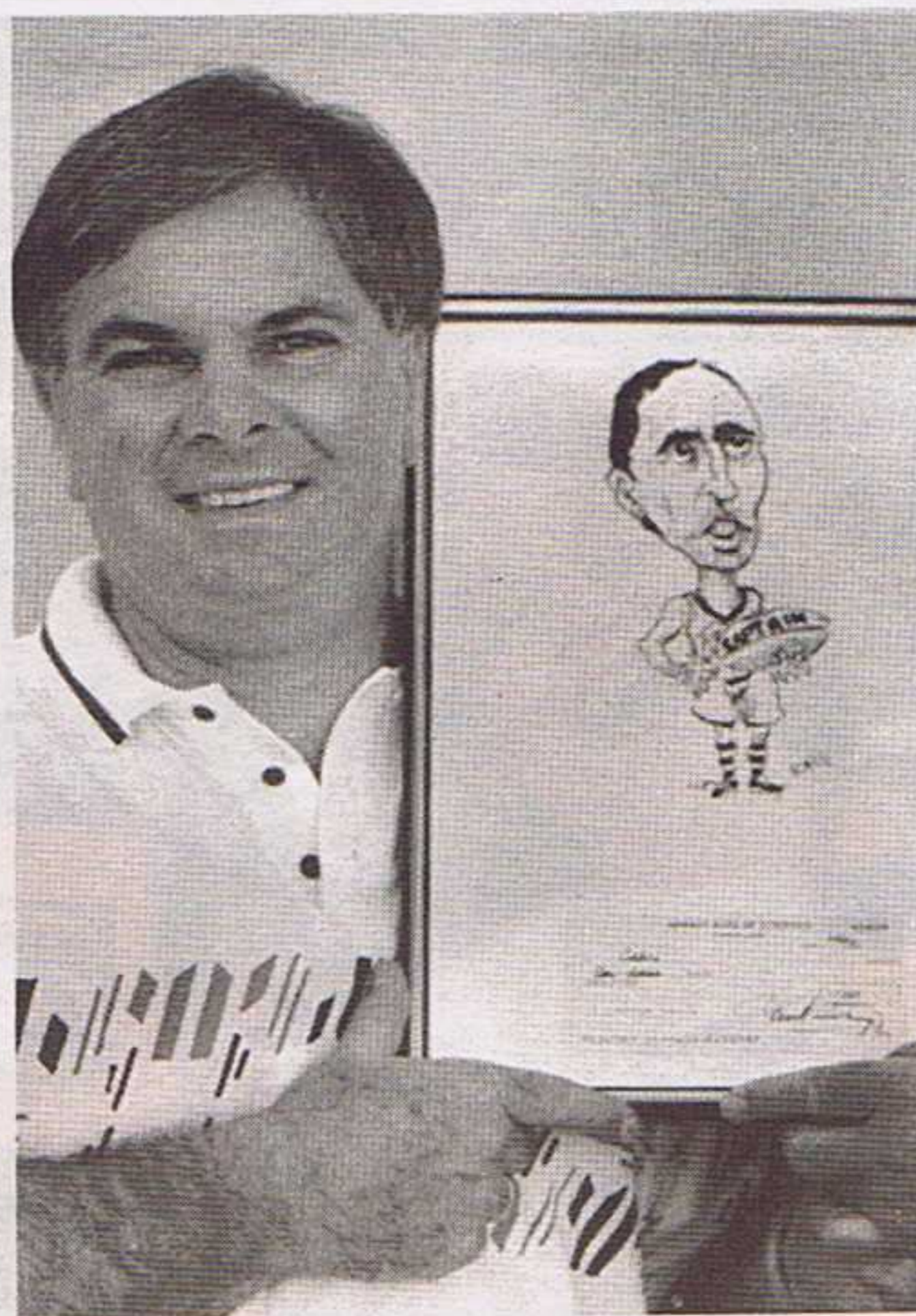
A crowd of 10,000 fans is expected for the clash.

Buckey steps down

FORMER top field umpire Ron Buckey has stepped down as Umpires Adviser, ending a long involvement with WA football.

After a league career that saw him control 238 games, Buckey has served four years as an adviser to the WAFL panel and the role also involved a close liaison with the AFL and WA members of the national panel.

Buckey, the operations manager in WA for Ansett Australia, says his work commitments have restricted the time he has available for umpiring duties.



BIG DOLLAR ... Bulldogs stalwart Franz Tomka with his valuable \$1 cheque

Rioli the MP

CHAMPION footballer Maurice Rioli is taking on yet another challenge — in Parliament.

The former South Fremantle and Richmond star has been elected to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly for the seat of Arafura.

The born-and-bred Melville Islander made a name for himself in the southern football States in a 299-game career and has just spent his first winter — or the Dry season — back in Darwin in 17 years.

The 35-year-old Rioli won the seat for the ALP when a recent by-election was held after the death of sitting member, Stanley Tipiloura.

Rioli, who moved into the coaching arena last season with Waratahs, lifting them into the grand final only to lose to his old club, St Mary's, received 1429 votes — 64 percent of the poll — to win easily from two opponents.

Falcons in flight

WEST Perth might have finished on the bottom of the WAFL premiership table, but that's not to stop them celebrating the end of the season.

A party of 18 players and two officials leave at the end of the month for a 10-day trip to Hawaii — paid for by their own fund-raising.

It is a self-funded trip with a difference. The players had to qualify for the holiday by earning points under a club incentive scheme that included rewards for efforts on the field.

Each player had to tally 800 points to be eligible for the trip and they came from various sources, including playing performances, fund-raising and organising club functions.

Tour organiser and former team manager John Clinch and club stalwart Joe Vrsaci are the two lucky (or unlucky) officials who will accompany the players.

Keating chips in

PRIME Minister Paul Keating might have his critics around the country, but down South Fremantle way he is regarded as a healthy asset.

The man who, as treasurer, orchestrated the recession "Australia had to have" generated \$700 in revenue for the Bulldogs at the club's recent auction.

Earlier this year Souths officials arranged for Keating, Treasurer John Dawkins (their No. 1 badge holder), Premier Carmen Lawrence and former PM Bob Hawke to sign \$1 personal cheques that were framed with an individual caricature and auctioned off.

The team of captain Keating, coach Hawke, cheerleader Lawrence and treasurer Dawkins raised more than \$1000, with the PM easily the most-wanted man.

Former Bulldogs defender Franz Tomka paid \$700 for the Keating cheque, which now hangs in his family room at home.

Sheedy doubts draft

ESSENDON'S highly-respected coach Kevin Sheedy has highlighted some interesting flaws in the AFL national draft scheme.

Talking on Radio 6PR's Sports Connection show on Saturday morning, Sheedy pointed to the failure rate of top draft selections.

He claimed that of the first 30 players selected over the six years of the draft's operation — producing 180 highly-rated footballers — only 40 of them had made it at league level.

"It's certainly a rookie draft this year," said Sheedy. "But when you consider the small number of players from the first 10 picked every year who even make it, you wonder about the whole system."

"Players who have made 25 league appearances cannot be considered a success," added Sheedy.

Referring to two of Essendon's draft choices — East Perth's Michael Prior and Port Adelaide's Che Cockatoo-Collins — Sheedy said that the Bombers had done their homework carefully.

"I've watched Prior a lot on video tape and he has very good skills," said Sheedy. "East Perth always seem to produce good players at the top level and Prior has the ability to develop into an AFL regular."

As for Cockatoo-Collins — whose very name is going to give media men a lot of entertainment — Sheedy recalls the day just two years back when the young part-Aboriginal was a water boy in a game that Essendon played in Darwin.

Northey regrets

NEWLY-appointed Richmond coach John Northey was pretty disappointed that the club couldn't hold onto highly-rated South Australian, Brett Chalmers.

"We did everything we could to try and persuade Chalmers to play with us," said Northey, who moved to the Tigers post at the end of the season after a seven-year reign as coach of Melbourne.

"When we realised that he wasn't going to join Richmond, we tried to deal with other clubs interested in getting his services. We were looking at a three-way deal with Sydney, Brisbane and another club keen to get Chalmers. But some of the players we were offered in exchange were subsequently dropped off their own club lists."

Northey said that Eagles ruckman Dean Irving had certainly been under consideration, but the club didn't get down to making a firm offer.



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WAFL clubs, plundered again in last week's national draft, could be in for another shock when the AFL announces changes to the payment system for recruited players.

Subiaco and South Fremantle, who between them lost 15 of the 31 West Australians drafted, will be hardest hit under the proposed revamped system of payments.

Claremont, West Perth and East Perth will also be affected if the AFL goes ahead with a plan for clubs to make their first payments when the players are registered, not drafted.

STRONG OPPOSITION

Subiaco, with strong support from South Fremantle, are pushing the AFL for an up-front payment as soon as young players are drafted.

The West Coast Eagles, who have drafted nine young WAFL players with a view to the future, may be inclined not to register their "development squad" too early, as has been the case in the past.

However, the Lions are seeking an

WA clubs could lose early draft payments

assurance from West Coast officials that their four youngsters drafted — Drew Banfield, Travis Burton, Jarrad Schofield and Tony Godden — will be registered early next year.

Only one Souths player, ruckman-forward Brett Spinks, was drafted by the Eagles.

Claremont, with 18-year-old Rhys Croxfield and David Muir, East Perth (Lee Walker) and West Perth (Paul Symmons) could also miss some of the immediate financial benefits of having their young talent drafted by the Eagles.

West Coast, however, will assume responsibility for all WAFL match payments and subsidiary financial considerations, such as playing equipment and other benefits for their new recruits.

The AFL is currently revising its system of payment to league clubs who have lost young players to the national league.

AFL clubs will eventually pay out around \$46,000 for each draftee over two years — compared to about \$37,000 in the past.

Clubs previously received \$7000 on registration and another \$8000 when the player made his first league appearance.

But WAFL clubs had to wait longer, under the previous system, for their third and final payments.

Around \$10,000 was paid on a player's 25th game with his AFL club and \$12,000 paid after 50 games.

Under the new scheme, a large slice of each instalment is tipped to go directly to the Football Development Trust.

It has been suggested that as much as \$4500 from each payment will be channelled into development funds — a total of \$18,000 per player.

The AFL has dropped a \$250,000 grant to the FDT as compensation for

the annual reaping of promising young West Australian football talent.

The new payment scale suggests \$7000 on the registration of drafted players, a further \$7000 on his first senior game and the same amount after his 10th league appearance.

Clubs will receive a further \$7000 if the player is retained on the AFL club's list for a second season.

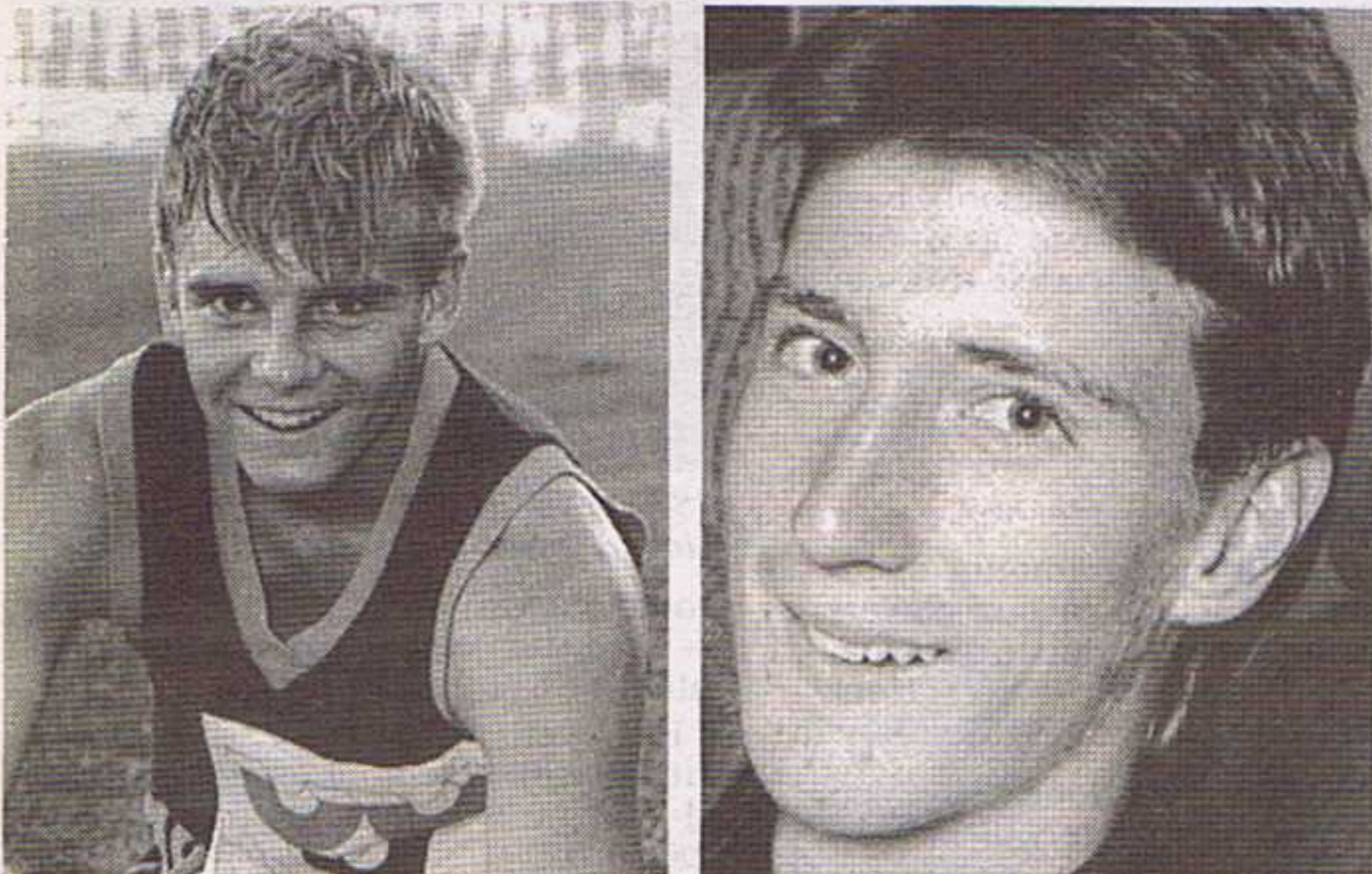
HOT TOPIC

The rumoured restructure of payment for drafted players was a hot topic of discussion at a general managers meeting earlier this week.

Subiaco and Souths are pushing for the up-front fee, as they are concerned that AFL clubs will delay registering players to avoid early payments.

Lions and Bulldogs officials fear the repeat of last year's events when little-known Subiaco junior Jamie Billington was taken by Essendon and Bruno Italiano by Collingwood, only to be delisted before the season started.

The clubs received no payment at all in the deal and the players suffered enormous setbacks at critical stages of their careers.



RAW TALENT . . . two youngsters drafted by the West Coast Eagles who will be allowed to develop with their WAFL clubs are Subiaco's Tony Godden (left) and East Perth's Lee Walker

Send-off penalty could be widened

RADICAL rule changes proposed for Australian Rules could give umpires wider powers to send players off the ground.

The National Australian Football Council has recommended a number of important changes for the code throughout Australia — and the controversial 50-metre penalty is also being reviewed.

The rule changes call for players to be automatically reported for kicking if the umpire considers they deliberately tripped an opposition player.

Players could also be sent off if they contravene rules concerning assault — and that includes verbal assault of an umpire.

Under the proposed strengthening of regulations, players will be sent off if they "duly interfere with, assault or verbally assault an umpire".

They will also be sent to the "sin bin" if they assault another player or a club official.

Currently, players must commit certain serious offences a second time before being sent from the ground.

The changes are also expected to call for the same penalties to apply to club officials, such as coaches.

Queensland AFL authorities have also called for a revamp of the controversial 50-metre rule.

The proposed changes, currently circulating among WAFL clubs and all semi-professional and amateur leagues outside the AFL, are part of the annual rules review by the NAFC.

QAFL officials want the 50-metre rule — which can destroy a team's chances of victory if it takes player within goal-kicking range — reduced to a maximum of 30-metres.

There is a real possibility that the rule will be modified further to allow umpires the latitude to adjudicate the severity of an offence and the subsequent penalty.

The rule could be modified to allow a "maximum" penalty of 30-metres.

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THE current philosophy of the Australian Football League's November national draft is a farce.

And it's about time some-one said so — loud and clear!

To tell 17-year-old youngsters where they will play their senior football even before they have reached WAFL league level — or reserves, in some cases — is absolutely ridiculous.

It's been called a cattle market, but it really is worse than that.

We are dealing with the lives of young men, many of whom are still formulating their future, their careers, their social fabric, their morales, their financial security.

Cattle markets involve animals put on this earth by the good Lord to serve mankind, especially in the food department, either dead or alive.

People, especially young healthy fit sports people, are a little different.

The ego-inflation that has occurred among raw teenagers across Australia as the result of this latest draft will most certainly damage the prospects of many of those 124 people named on Wednesday, November 11 — appropriately, Remembrance Day.

It has been labelled as a rookie draft, with experience

being ignored (apart from the pre-draft wheeling and dealing). In fact, 24 years almost seemed to be the maximum age.

The relentless quest for young and unknown talent has been motivated by the success of the West Coast Eagles — or, rather, the failure of recruiting people at other far more established AFL clubs.

The draft of 1989 has brought about that fear of failure.

It was that November when three Victorian clubs overlooked WA talent — and the Eagles picked up 20 percent of their premiership team . . . Peter Matera, Dean Kemp, Brett Heady and Tony Evans.

The failure to take advantage of that youthful talent pool has forced clubs to over-react — and now they dig even deeper and ignore ready-made talent.

Only 34 of the 124 players named came from Victoria and 19 of the first 23 called out were from Adelaide or Perth. So much for Victoria's own football breeding.

Rohan Conolly, one of Victoria's leading football journalists, extracted this pertinent quote from an interstate official last week:

"They keep looking for the guy behind the tree, when the best bloke's probably standing in front of it."

It seems as though many of the lower-order clubs

have made up their mind that a premiership in the year 2000 is more realistic than 1994 or '95.

South Australian Brett Chalmers, who will cost Collingwood \$320,000 over the next three years, made himself pretty unpopular by refusing to consider joining any other club.

With the veiled threat of legal action emanating from a possible draft by a club other than Collingwood, Chalmers was dangerous material.

But surely all he was doing was safeguarding his own future?

He simply didn't want to play with anyone else; he didn't see his future secure, financial or otherwise, being rewarded at Brisbane or Sydney.

It's his future, surely he's allowed to have a say in his own direction?

Anyway, what's the point of the draft?

If concessions given to the Sydney Swans and the Brisbane Bears — with the first six picks between them — are simply traded off, mostly for unwanted players from other clubs, not youngsters, then how can they ever hope to build a strong future?

And what of experience? Doesn't it count any more?

The truly great players who went east and conquered Victoria in bygone days were all in their mid-20s when they left WA.

But now, you're not wanted at that age. Ridiculous.

Plenty of challenges

THE dark clouds of uncertainty are gathering over the AFL with the future of the national draft.

The question marks are there — is it legal? should the age limit be changed? is the money satisfactory?

The strong AFL Players Association has demanded a review of the draft, calling for a free market system, especially for experienced footballers.

The Association's executive director Peter Allen says the players want the draft abolished — based on an illegal and unreasonable restraint of trade — but they are prepared to compromise, realising there is a need for some sort of orderly system to bring youngsters into the game.

Melbourne financial consultant Damien Smith, who manages the affairs of 37 AFL players including stars like Paul Roos, Danny Frawley and Paul Couch, also wants a free agent ruling to help avoid impending legal threats.

Smith has called on the AFL to provide established players with the opportunity to change clubs after a specific — and reasonable — period of service.

The rumours were strong in Melbourne recently that this year's draft would be challenged legally — and with strong financial backing — if the right names didn't go to the right clubs.

The threat seems to have been averted . . . but for how long?

The AFL has certainly been bombarded with suggestions over the draft, but it has remained steadfast on its current policies.

However, communications manager Tony Peek has conceded that the Commission was prepared to reconsider the minimum age of draftees — lifting it from the current 17 years as at January 1 after the November draft.

...but AFL stand firm

THE AFL is standing fast in its commitment to the national draft scheme — despite growing suggestions that someone will soon test its legality.

The powerful Collingwood Football Club has le recent challenges against the principals of the draft.

They have been involved in messy disputes over the playing services of top South Australians, Nathan Buckley and Brett Chalmers.

AFL communications manager Tony Peek says that any challenge to the draft would be strongly defended to the fullest.

"The Commission still believes that the draft and the salary cap are fundamental to the survival of the competition," he said recently.

Outspoken Collingwood president Allan McAllister says the AFL draft, introduced in 1986 to replace zoning rules in the old VFL, is doomed for failure.

PROPPING UP

"The draft won't survive," he said, suggesting that the system simply propped up the weaker clubs at the expense of the strong and efficient.

McAllister called for a virtual free trade system with players in the AFL, suggesting that a modified draft system and a strictly-enforced salary cap, which jumps to \$1.75 million per club next year, was the best solution.

Collingwood want the lowest three clubs to have one draft choice each — and it must be a player who could be convinced to join that club. From then on, it would be open-go.

Relieved Royals feared the worst

EAST Perth officials were relieved when they lost only three players in last week's national draft.

Royals management had anticipated bigger player-losses after their improved season.

Michael Prior, to Essendon, Lee Walker (Eagles) and Jeremy Silcock (North Melbourne) were the only East Perth players to be snapped up among the 124 footballers recruited through the national draft process.

Royals football manager Cam Robbins said the club had braced itself for an assault similar to that which decimated Claremont last year.

"With the enormous amount of interest shown by clubs in our players after we had such a promising season, we were preparing for the worst," Robbins said.

"The Eagles have done the right thing by Lee Walker. He will now be able to take more time re-establishing himself in football after a series of setbacks with knee trouble and we will still have him around East Perth.

"Michael Prior has already given us an undertaking that he plans to stay with East Perth for another two years."

Robbins met with Prior immediately after the 1992 draft, when the classy ruck-rover had been chosen by Essendon as their first pick and No. 3 overall, to discuss his future.

The 19-year-old Prior played all 24 games for the Royals in his debut season and indicated all along that he



STAYING PUT . . . East Perth rookie Michael Prior is staying at Perth Oval

would stay at Perth Oval next season — and he wanted to confirm his intentions.

However, Silcock, a 22-year-old with 49 games behind him, has indicated that he will join Norths for next season.

The Royals were most surprised at the reluctance of AFL clubs to recruit promising utility player Paul Barnard.

At least 10 clubs had made contact with East Perth seeking permission to speak with the 19-year-old first year player who showed potential at full-forward and full-back in his eight league games.

Rover Peter Miller, chased by Geelong and Adelaide; Anthony Stubbs, Heath East, Shawn Colbung and Rod Wheatley were other players East Perth had anticipated losing after interest from AFL talent scouts.

Todd is concerned

VETERAN coach John Todd has joined the many senior WA football authorities to offer criticism of the AFL national draft system.

Todd is concerned about the future of players he calls "middle of the road" footballers who retain hopes of winning a draft invitation.

The four-times Swan Districts premiership coach says: "There is something wrong with a system when the oldest player drafted is just 24.

"Many footballers are at their most productive in the years from 23 to 29."

Todd says many players in the WAFL could lose the incentive to stay in the local league if the prospect of going a step further in their football careers was to be denied to them when they reach their mid-20s.

Todd says the across-the-board policy by AFL clubs to draft young players creates motivational problems for footballers over the age of 23.

"The policy of the AFL clubs to pick up youngsters virtually rules out the middle-range players who still hold some hope of playing at the highest level," Todd said.

"It takes a special type of person to continually motivate himself after getting kicks in the pants all the time.

APPRAISALS

"So many of the younger players who get drafted simply get lost in the system. They go to Melbourne, where the clubs make rather hasty appraisals of their ability and, in a lot of cases, they get dropped off the senior lists.

"They then come back to Perth, if we're lucky and try to pick up their career again.

"I feel sorry for those players, just as I feel for players who have been overlooked because they are considered a bit too old.

"A lot of players mature with experience and many of the best footballers out of this State over the years have played plenty of good games after turning 24."

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The day started so peacefully . . .

But then the rookie was in demand



QUICK START . . . Paul Symmons is excited about his first training session with the Eagles

By **Basil Zempilas**

WHEN Paul Symmons was dropped off at work last Wednesday morning, he was hoping that at some stage during the day he would hear some good news about the AFL draft.

But when the telephone rang at his AMP city office almost as he stepped in the door, Symmons was understandably disbelieving.

It was an old school friend calling to say that he had been picked up by the West Coast Eagles as their second choice and eighth overall.

As he hung the phone up still not sure what to believe, a former work-mate rang through her congratulations and suddenly the news began to sink in.

Around 9am, Symmon's mother rang to convey a message from Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett in Melbourne, confirming the news — and with that the 19 year-old became the second of 11 young footballers to join the West Coasters squad that day.

"I couldn't believe it, I thought my friends were joking at first," the 19-year-old said. "There was no way I was expecting to be picked up that early."

As news about the draft began to filter back to

Perth, the big question doing the rounds was who is this Paul Symmons from West Perth?

The football public of WA might not have known too much about the young Falcon, but the AFL clubs were well aware of the wingman's outstanding potential.

Five clubs spoke to Symmons indicating they were keen to secure his services, so it came as no real surprise that he was drafted so early.

"Richmond, St Kilda, Essendon, Fitzroy and West Coast had spoken to me, so I knew there was a good chance I would be picked up," he says. "But I didn't expect to be in the top 20, let alone the top 10."

His selection by the Eagles capped a remarkable 10-month period that has seen Symmons progress from a regular colts player to a member of the AFL premier-ship winning squad.

"It's unbelievable how quickly it has all happened, it is a great honour to be picked by the premiers," Symmons said.

The dashing redhead caught the eye of talent scouts with some flashy performances off the wing in his nine West Perth league games in the latter half of season '92.

"I started the year in the colts, where I played the first five games, then I moved into the reserves playing the next six before getting a league game half-way through the season," he said.

Symmons, quick, confident and lightly-framed, attacks the ball hard.

His first game for West Perth was against South Fremantle under lights at the WACA Ground . . . and he slotted into the side as if he had been playing league football all his life; dominating on his wing and collecting a best-player award.

Despite his on-field confidence, Symmons remains rather shy off the ground.

"I was pretty nervous when one of the television stations said they wanted to come to work and interview me," he says. "I told them that I was a bit too busy, but eventually I agreed to do it."

"It was probably a shock for a lot of people that I got picked by the Eagles so early. I hadn't appeared in any newspaper forecasts (apart from Westside Football) and not many people know who I am."

"One guy at work didn't even know that I played football and he couldn't work out what all the fuss was about."

It's unlikely that Symmons will remain anonymous for much longer — he has an excellent attitude towards his football and already his intentions are focussed on a good pre-season, followed by a strong 1993 with the Falcons.

"I'm a bit nervous about starting training with the AFL premiers, but I'm also really looking forward to the challenge," he said.

"I'll just be aiming to give 100 percent and be fit and ready to go with West Perth in the first game of the season."

"If I have a good season next year, maybe by 1994 I might be able to get a couple of games with the Eagles and then after that it will be up to me to do the hard work and prove myself."

Clubs pleased with the Eagles choices

WAFL clubs have roundly applauded the West Coast Eagles attitude to the 1992 national draft.

The clubs believe that the selection of young talent from local ranks will help boost the quality of football in the Pepsi Cup competition.

Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett and recruiting manager Mick Moylan, whose sound management before the draft set up several successful trade deals, avoided the temptation to plunder the playing talent elsewhere in Australia and went for the local product.

West Coast had traded valuable, experienced players to add the prized No.1 pick, plus the 8th and 21st choice, to their own 19th selection in the draft process.

As few as five of the 31 WAFL players drafted look set to head to their new clubs in the east next year.

East Fremantle 1992 premiership player and Pepsi All-stars team member Peter Quill will join Footscray, while grand final rivals South Fremantle expect to lose Wayne Hernaman and Michael Dunstan to Richmond and Fitzroy.

Experienced Perth player Scott Spalding has declared he will join Carlton, while East Perth mid-fielder Jeremy Silcock will accept his draft invitation to North Melbourne.

STAYING HOME

Almost every other new draftee has expressed an intention to stay in the WAFL for at least another season before trying their luck in the big time.

Those decisions are a major boost for the WAFL for its stature in 1993.

The Eagles have won wide praise from WAFL club officials and leading critics for their strong WA policy in this year's draft.

West Coast snared nine promising local products and two Port Adelaide teenagers, with a distinct view to the future.

The decision of Perth's AFL club to concentrate on local products ensures the continuing resurgence of the WAFL competition and providing the youngsters develop as hoped, they will be the base of the Eagles squad for future years.

Former Eagles football manager Russell Cox, now general-manager at Claremont, praised West Coast's approach to local talent.

"The Eagles were excellent," he declared. "Their policy simply keeps more young footballers in their own State at very important times of their lives."

"With players like Scott Watters and

By **KIM HAGDORN**

Tania was on the ball

WESTSIDE Football's Tania Armstrong has proven the master of the men when it comes to selecting young talent of the football kind.

In our 1992 Picture Special edition at the end of the season, seven media commentators selected their top 10 choices from WA for the November player draft.

Only Tania prouced a full house — all of her 10 selections got a call-up, even though the order wasn't quite the same as the draft itself.

Westside's other resident experts — editor Alan East and award-winning writer Kim Hagdorn — were also on the mark, picking nine and eight correct respectively.

Of the other critics, 6NR's Phil Lamb got nine right, while Gary Stocks (The West Australian) had eight, Glenn Mitchell and Keith Slater (both ABC radio) must have had some bad WAFL games — they both had six of their chosen 10 drafted.

None of the critics had Subiaco's Drew Banfield as the No. 1 pick, though Hagdorn and Stocks listed him as their second choice.

Armstrong and Lamb read the Eagles thinking correctly, both putting West Coast's surprise second pick, Paul Symmons, in their top 10.

Paul Peos leaving through deals with other AFL clubs, it made sound sense for the Eagles to retain a depth in the local competition.

"The Eagles approach has left good quality young footballers in the State's feeder competition to the Eagles."

Cox made a bold prediction that Tigers recruit David Muir, one of two Claremont players taken by West Coast, would be among the 1992 draft success stories.

The general reaction from all WAFL clubs was commendation for the Eagles policy of selecting WA players.



YOUNG COLT . . . Claremont colts player Tony Delaney was one of the youngest draft choices

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By
BASIL ZEMPLAS



Umpires aim to improve their image

IN AN essay on criticism, Englishman Alexander Pope said that to err is human, to forgive divine — but the football public didn't read that particular piece of literature.

It's hard to imagine any sporting institution being criticised as much as the football umpiring fraternity; those whistle-blowers who perform what seems to be a thankless task.

The WAFL umpires are abused, labelled as one-eyed; mimicked, ridiculed and generally misunderstood.

Top ambition

PART of the umpiring challenge is striving to reach AFL ranks, something that has become possible with the inception of the West Coast Eagles.

Grant Vernon, Trevor Garrett, Greg Scroop and Peter Repper are all currently serving at the top of their profession — and, accordingly, are rewarded with match payments between \$550 and \$700 per AFL game.

With recent AFL retirees Mike Ball, Phil O'Reilly and Johnson taken into account, the proportion of West Australian umpires graduating to AFL ranks is higher than that of WA players.

But, as Pope wrote, to err is human — and that's what our football umpires want the public to realise.

The umpires are looking for recognition that they are just normal people, playing their role in the game they love as much as the players, the coaches and the spectators.

The umpires train four or five nights a week, the same as the players; they also get nervous before a big game, enjoy a few beers after a match and dream of one day making it to an AFL grand final — they really aren't all that different to the players, except that they wear white and carry a whistle... and a book to report those erring individuals!

PROFESSIONAL

For all the criticism levelled at them, few people understand how professional the umpires are. Like the many players who take to the field each week, they simply want to do the best they can in their favourite sport.

Newly-appointed Director of Umpiring, David Johnson — a veteran of 198 WAFL games, 20 AFL, four State and four grand finals — understands this better than most.

"We are just ordinary people who, in most cases, realised we were never going to play league football, but still wanted to be part of the game," Johnson said.

The financial rewards don't provide



LAST OUTING... David Johnson has retired as a field umpire to take on a new role

much of an incentive for umpiring, at around \$180 per outing for a 50-game umpire, the love of the sport outweighs the monetary gains.

"The life of an umpire is a fantastic one," says Johnson. "Look at me, I would never have played in a State game or a grand final, but I umpired in eight of them."

The similarities between umpires and players is striking.

Like all league clubs, they have a pre-season training programme and a 13-week campaign should see them all running 4km in less than 14 minutes, the standard required for league level.

Once the season starts, the umpires will train as a group, including the goal umpires, who generally indulge in some touch sports or go for a light run.

Under Johnson, the in-season training schedule will include a long slow distance run on a Sunday, rest on a Monday, an intense night of running or sprints on a Tuesday, other sport on a Wednesday, light sprints on Thursday before a break on Friday.

Part of the Thursday night routine will be a post-training lecture.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

"Either myself, the umpires coach or one of the selectors will spend some time addressing the boys on an important issue of the time," Johnson said.

"If we feel the holding-the-ball decision needs reviewing, or if some coaches complain that a certain rule is being interpreted wrongly, we will watch a video of some relevant plays and try and straighten it out among ourselves.

"If we make mistakes, we deserve criticism. But at the same time, the

Moving HQ

TRADITION is something that the umpiring fraternity cherishes as much as football clubs.

Next season the umpires will move to a new base at Ernest Johnson Reserve, in South Perth, next season, where they plan to set up their own clubrooms.

"Having a permanent base is tremendously important to us," says David Johnson.

"We can develop the facility and continue to foster tradition and spirit among our ranks with things like honour boards, plaques and photographs on the walls," Johnson said.



HARD WORK... field umpire Sam Kronja takes a breather from the hard-running duties of a field umpire, who covers about 20kms a game

Vocal abuse is wasted

THOSE irate fans who scream abuse at umpires from outside the playing arena are wasting their time — the words are seldom heard.

Sam Kronja says that comments from the spectators are hardly ever picked up by the men in white — and seldom is any notice taken of the vocal input.

"When you're in the middle of a game, you are concentrating so hard that you rarely hear the crowd comments," he says.

"The players may have the odd word to say, but it's so often in the heat of the moment that you don't even bother paying any attention.

"Overall though, I definitely think the communication gap between the players and the umpires — and officialdom — is becoming less."

Unfortunately, the stubborn approach of some officials can make this reform process a difficult one, but Johnson is determined to help his umpires break the barriers down.

Planning ahead

NEWLY-appointed Director of Umpiring David Johnson is determined to increase the profile and standards of umpiring across the State.

"It's not going to be easy, but it's something I'm really looking forward to," says Johnson.

"It's up to me to convince others that there is a future in umpiring and to educate the public, the coaches and the players that umpiring is a necessity and shirking the issues is not going to make things better.

"What we need to do is to sit down and discuss ways that the umpires could be doing a better job.

"The ironic thing is that the people who most often criticise the umpires are those who really don't understand what it's like to be out there in the middle."

umpires should be acknowledged if they do a good job."

Sam Kronja, a healthy, fit and intelligent 22-year-old accountant, took up umpiring after a series of injuries restricted his football.

Like today's players searching for success, Kronja is looking forward to the opportunity of moving into the AFL.

"I enjoy umpiring a great deal," says Kronja. "Holding the ball up before 80 or 90,000 people at the MCG would be a very special feeling and it's something I've got my sights set on."

But to make it that far, the former Subiaco supporter — who says it's not difficult to stop barracking for your team when you start umpiring — has to reach certain standards.

Kronja has passed the Level Three stage of the national umpires accreditation scheme, where the central theme is a commitment to excellence and hopes to visit Melbourne next year to qualify at the Level Four stage and, more importantly, graduate to the AFL umpires panel.

"Umpiring is tremendously rewarding," says Kronja.

"We are driven by our desire to perform at our best. If we make mistakes, we deserve to be criticised and just like the players, we have to take the criticism as part of the job."

Umpires, like players, enjoy the feeling of success in preference to failure and Kronja is no different.

"After a bad game, I just feel like hiding. I don't want to go up to the home team's clubrooms for a drink and I don't feel like going out," Kronja admits.

"But after a good game, I feel self-satisfied knowing that I've done as good a job as I possibly could.

"Sometimes people forget that umpires can only umpire to the standard of the game; we can make a good game bad, but we can't make a bad game any better."

The umpires will certainly never be loved by all of the fans — in a two-sided sporting contest where emotion plays such a big part, the umpires will always get caught in the middle; they'll never be 100-percent right.

But perhaps they can be better understood... as individuals and maybe as people who can contribute towards the benefit of the game and the clubs.

"I honestly believe that if a coach approaches us, we could tell him a few things about his side and his players that maybe aren't all that obvious to him from up in the stands," Kronja said.

"We are always available to talk to players, officials and coaches who come to us for advice, discussions or clarifications — we are only too willing to help.

"We don't look for recognition, we just want to be accepted as a part of the game."



PRESENTS



Thinking aloud



A column of news and views by ALAN EAST

Loyalty is quickly forgotten

THE question of loyalty among footballers — and their clubs — is one often raised these days, with players changing colours as easily as they swap girlfriends.

After 135 games in seven seasons at Fitzroy, John Blakey has been traded off to North Melbourne without a whimper.

He says that the move has been done without any drama.

But there must be a feeling of rejection after growing up in a football club and then suddenly, at the age of 26, having to start a new life in different colours.

"If clubs don't want you, the unfortunate situation is that there's no loyalty," he says. "A player has to have some say."

Fortunately for Blakey, he wasn't opposed to having a crack at establishing himself with North Melbourne and he added: "Once the decision is made, that's it. You don't lose your friends and Norths were my best option, so I'm happy about that."

Ironically, it was probably Blakey's best game for Fitzroy last season that resulted in him joining North Melbourne.

In the round nine clash between the two clubs, the media rated Blakey best-on-ground in Fitzroy's win.



NEW TEAM . . . Subiaco's new off-field line-up has sampled plenty of premiership success at different clubs. The club's three main coaches for 1993 will be (from left) former Lions premiership defender Kevan Sparks (reserves coach), Swan Districts premiership ruck-rover Jon Fogarty (chairman of selectors) and league coach Tony Solin, who has tasted grand final success as a player at Swans and East Fremantle and as a coach with Boddington. Jeff Lind (right) will be the new man in charge of the Lions colts side

Warning was ignored

THE pre-draft letter of warning allegedly sent out by top-rated South Australian Brett Chalmers wasn't the only dispatch to cause concern among the recruiting agents.

Another Croweater in talented Eagles centremen Robert Pyman sent a subtle note to a number of clubs suggesting that he would be a wasted pick if they nominated him in the draft.

But it didn't do much good.

North Melbourne were one of the recipients of his terse note, but they still drafted the 21-year-old with their first pick, No. 5 overall.

Melbourne was Pyman's first choice, with his former coach at the combined Woodville-West Torrens club in West Australian Neil Balme in charge of the Victorian Demons next season.

Pyman was quoted as saying that he only wanted to go to a club where there was a chance of playing finals football and where he had a good future.

"Otherwise I'll play in Adelaide for the next three years," he said.

It will be interesting to see if he sticks to that declaration. With 55 SANFL games behind him, the lure of the AFL may prove too strong.

Important reading

IT'S good to know that Westside Football plays an important role in the development of tomorrow's young stars.

Quairading teenager Drew Banfield, who claimed the honour of being No. 1 choice in this year's draft when the West Coast Eagles picked him and his brother Tim — who is also a handy footballer — both admitted last week to being devoted readers of Westside.

In one of many family interviews, they told how, as young kids growing up in Quairading, they always read Westside Football and dreamed one day of being up there with the headline-grabbers.

When a win changes the mood of the critics

IT'S amazing what a win can do to change moods around a club.

Just take Subiaco, for example and an interesting little yarn their columnist Philip Green has produced in the club's magazine, Lion's Roar.

Paying tribute to departing coach Haydn Bunton, the Straight Shooting columnist recalled the time a petition circulated among members for his dismissal before a league game after he had relegated several senior players to the reserves.

It was a pretty controversial week as the Little Master exercised his discipline and the front-bar-boys weren't too happy.

But when the team pulled off a surprise victory, the petition disappeared!

Green sums up his column to members with this tribute:

"Bunt — I salute you on behalf of all at Subiaco, past and present, for what you have done and achieved — your name is permanently etched in this club's history."

Tough start

WHILE talk of pre-season training dominates football clubs across Australia, the demands on the players keep going up.

Former West Aussie tough guy Neil Balme, who graduated from Subiaco to Richmond before forging a first-class coaching reputation in South Australia, has cracked the whip quickly in his new role at Melbourne.

His summer campaign sees seven sessions a week for players, ranging from weights and running to individual skills programmes.



PRESENTS

What's happening in sport

HORSE RACING

Saturday November 21st: Tattersall's Cup over 2200m, Placid Ark Quality for three-year-olds over 1200m, at Ascot.

Saturday November 28th: Spring Racing Carnival starts at Ascot — Beat Diabetes 2 Stakes, over 1800m; Winterbottom Stakes over 1400m.

SPEEDWAY

Friday November 20th: Quit Claremont Speedway — WA Speedcar Championships.

Friday November 27th: World Series sprintcar Quit Championships.

CRICKET

Tuesday December 1st: WA v Pakistan day/night match, WACA Ground.

BASEBALL

November 20th and 21st: Triple header Perth Heat v Melbourne Monarchs, at Parry Field.

State League: Sunday November 22nd — South Perth v Victoria Park; Perth v Wembley; Swan Districts v Wanneroo; West Stirling v Morley; Melville Braves v Gosnells.

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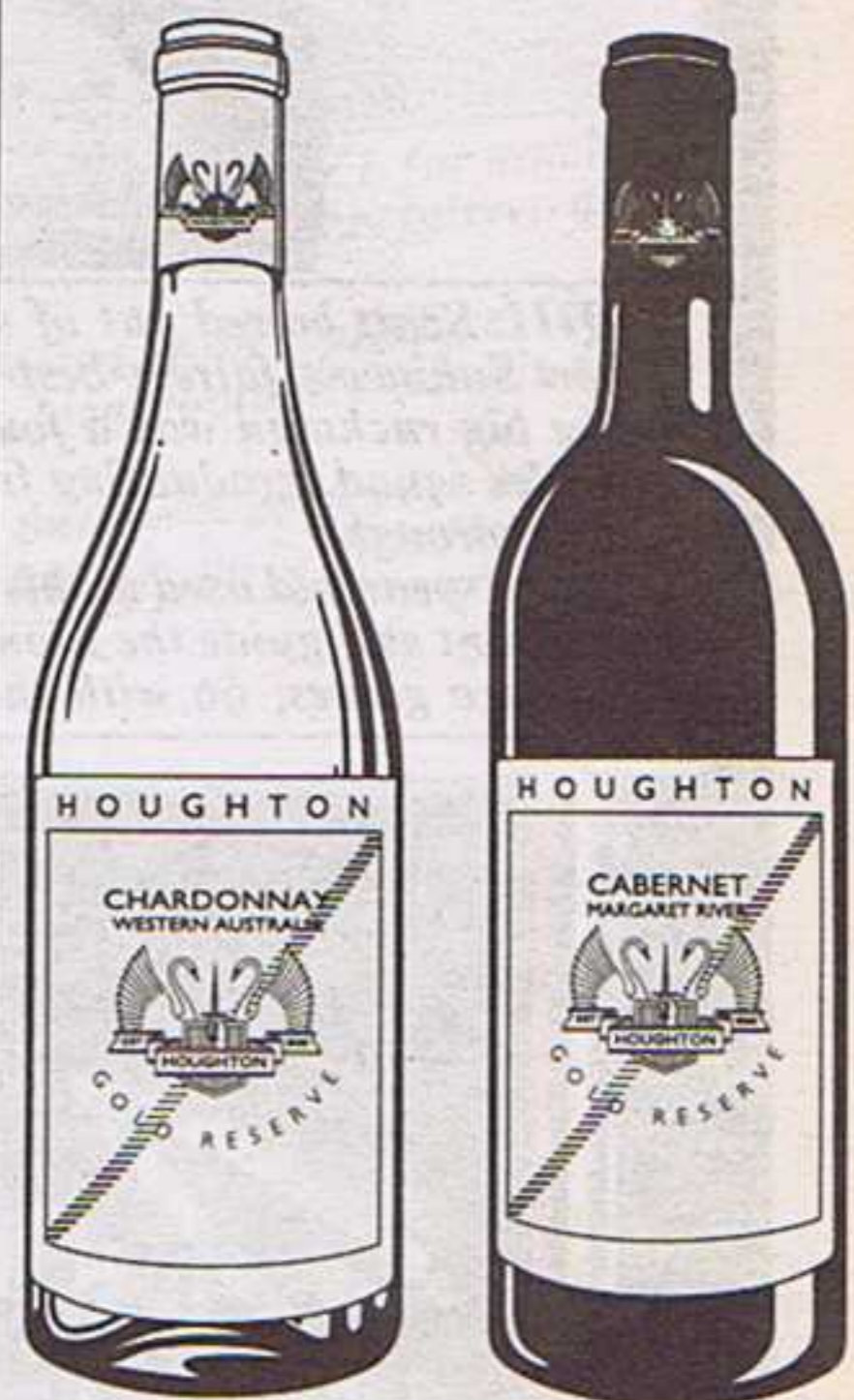
Friday November 20th: Alltools Spring Gift, at Gloucester Park.

Friday November 27th: Howard Porter Memorial race, plus 6PR/Myer Shopping-spre, at Gloucester Park.

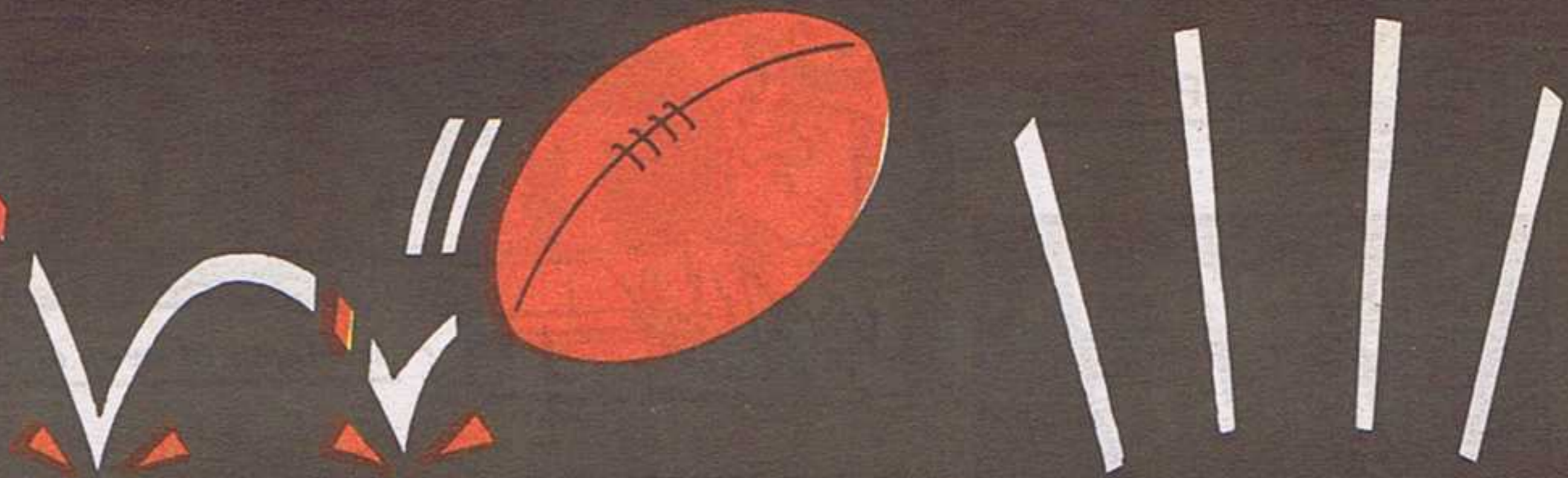
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PETER Miller proved that 1992 was a good season for the rovers when he took out East Perth's club champion award for the first time. The hard running little man, who hails from Cowaramup, in the South West, was never far from the action this season and when he fired, so too did the Royals. The 23-year-old will be aiming for a big season next year to help the Royals to their first flag since 1978.

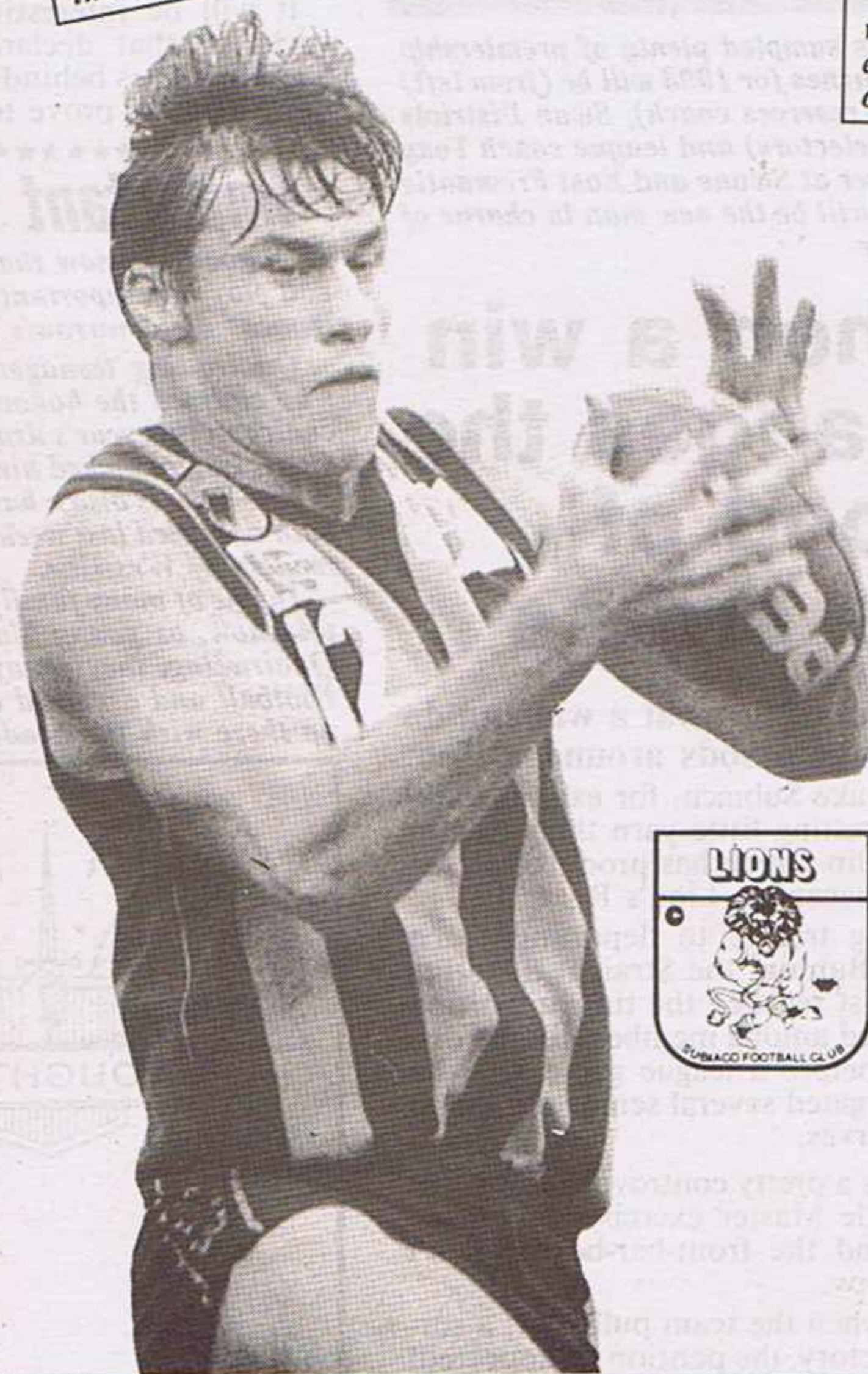


VICTORIAN import Robbie West did everything this year except force his way into the Eagles premiership line-up. The 1992 Sanover Medallist capped a remarkable season with the Falcons by winning the Breckler Medal. Recruited from Wodonga in 1991, West has settled in well with the Falcons and under his former coach Jeff Gieschen, he excelled at carving teams up with his mid-field run, operating out of the centre.

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EAGLES midfielder Dean Kemp was a season with the AFL premiers with the award. When the Eagles were stumbling mid who kept them on the rails and when during the finals, the Kalgoorlie Kid MCG. At only 23 years of age, Kemp still football in front of him and it would him add another club champion aw medals.



PHIL Scott bowed out of senior football in fine style when he won Subiaco's fairest-best-award for the first time. The big ruckman was a foundation member of the West Coast Eagles squad, graduating from Subiaco after his junior days at Scarborough. The 31-year-old used all his cunning and experience to lead from the front and guide the Lions into the finals. He retires with 108 Subiaco games, 66 with the Eagles and seven State matches.



BIG ruckman Ian Newman completed a remarkable comeback to league football by winning the Lynn Medal, East Fremantle's fairest and best award. Newman, who started the season in the country playing for Brookton, was one of the main reasons behind the Sharks premiership success with his tremendous ruck work. Overlooked by AFL clubs, the 27-year-old Newman should provide the Sharks with good service for a number of years to come.

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Champs 1992

WINNING a club fairest and best award is one of the highlights of any season for footballers, regardless of their level of competition. In this special Westside football pictorial tribute, BASIL ZEMPILAS acknowledges the men who topped the voting in the eight WAFL clubs and Perth's AFL team, the West Coast Eagles



DIMINUTIVE rover Wally Matera was one of the big reasons for South Fremantle's revival this season and his tremendous year was rewarded with the W.J. Hughes Medal. The elder brother of Eagles star Peter Matera, Wally returned to Fremantle Oval this year after a stint in Victoria and added this year's award to his 1985 medal. With plenty of run left in his legs, the 29-year-old from Wagin will be trying to help the Bulldogs go one better next season.



TWENTY-year-old Perth rover Russell Thompson became the youngest winner of the Butcher Medal in two decades when he topped the poll after playing in all 21 home-and-away games. The Queens Park student — whose father Brian played with Perth and Claremont — had a consistent season despite some niggling injuries. With his long hair flying fiercely and his courage at the ball always evident, he is sure to attract some AFL attention in the few years.



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VETERAN Claremont defender Darrell Panizza made it two in a row — his third at Claremont, plus one at Woodville, in South Australia — when he won this year's E.B Cook Medal and the P.R. Kyle trophy.

The 33-year-old used his pace and experience to run off the half-back line and set up many of Claremont's attacking thrusts. With no plans for retirement, 'Dollar' looks set to continue his dominance of WAFL ranks.



TRAVIS Edmonds, the form ruckman of the WAFL for much of the year, was a popular winner of the Swan Districts fairest-and-best award, the Swan Medal. The likeable 21-year-old was recruited from Gulidford Grammar and has made a big impact on local football since his debut in 1990. Swans supporters will hope to get one more good year out of the big man before he heads east to try his luck with Hawthorn.

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Basil's a winner

WESTSIDE Football writer — and West Perth league player — Basil Zempilas has won a BASF Public Broadcasting Association of Australia.

The award, announced in Melbourne last week, was in the Best Sports Broadcast category for a radio documentary Zempilas compiled on the profession of sports journalism.

The documentary aired on Zempilas' radio show 'On the Bench', which can be heard each Friday between 10am and 11am on public radio station RTRfm, 92.1.

What's on at your club



Swan Districts

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10 — Annual general meeting

CLAREMONT

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22 — Cow Pat Lotto, Claremont Oval
MONDAY DECEMBER 14 — Annual general meeting

SUBIACO

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15 — Annual general meeting

PERTH

MONDAY DECEMBER 14 — Annual general meeting

WEST PERTH

MONDAY DECEMBER 14 — Annual general meeting

EAST PERTH

MONDAY DECEMBER 7 — Annual general meeting

East Fremantle

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6 — Ladies Christmas Luncheon at the club. Tickets at \$25 include three-course meal and drinks
MONDAY DECEMBER 14 — Annual general meeting

South Fremantle

MONDAY DECEMBER 14 — Annual general meeting

West Coast Eagles

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6 — Peter's Junior Eagles Christmas Party



STEPPING DOWN ... retiring WAFL presidents (from left) David Williams, Bob Pearson and Ted O'Connor

Three new presidents set to rule

SUBIACO, East Perth and Perth are the WAFL clubs that will have new presidents next year, with Bill Walker (Swan Districts) and Tom James (West Perth) deciding to serve another term.

There will be presidential election contests at all three clubs.

Subiaco's top post is to be decided between two existing directors — vice-president Brian Warren and long-serving Gerry Stokes.

East Perth's election battle will be between director Ken Burnett and Frank Hayes, while the poll at Perth sees Peter Pope and Barry McGrath contest the presidency.

The successful candidates will join Walker, James, Ric Gloede (South Fremantle), John O'Connell (Claremont) and Len Hitchen (East Fremantle) as the men in charge of the WAFL's domestic clubs next year.

Retiring Subiaco president David Williams, who took over from Michael Carlile early into the 1988 season and celebrated a premierships first-up, has timed the club's administrative change with Tony Solin taking over as coach from long-serving Haydn Bunton.

FINANCES

The Demons election comes with the decision of Ted O'Connor to step down for personal reasons after three tough years in the post, having helped revive the club's finances in impressive style.

Pope, Perth's league team manager in recent years, has stepped down from the Board of Directors to contest the vacancy with McGrath, a well-known local publican.

East Perth president Bob Pearson steps down after three years in office, turning his attention to the WA Turf Club, where he has just won a seat on the board in a controversial election.

Burnett, a Como businessman and club sponsor, opted not to contest his seat on the board after five years in preference for the presidency, while Hayes — sales manager with Prestige Toyota and a brother of Royals 200-gamer John Hayes — makes his first bid for a spot on the club's administration.

There will be a number of new faces on the boards of the WAFL clubs, with elections at Subiaco (six candidates), East Perth and Claremont, where five hopefuls will contest three vacancies.

Subiaco have two former players seeking a board post in Neil Randall and Reg Hampson, along with Rod Lohar and Peter Billington, with Peter Wright and Basil Fuller chasing re-election.

Retiring Royals directors Jack Marks, a Perth City Councillor and electrical retailer Bruce McLean are both seeking re-election, with newcomers, businessmen Trevor Gibson and Alan Hart and sales manager Richard Mears, joining in the election.

Claremont's three retiring directors — Arthur Smith, Ian Toms and Wayne Reynolds — will be opposed by Justin Chapman and Bob Johnston.

At Perth, long-time club statistician

Richard Camm replaces country director Ken Baxter, who has stepped down, while Peter Brophy and Shane Dillon are returned unopposed.

West Perth have a new director in Neale Fong — a former player and brother of club champion Les Fong — who replaces Mike Stockley, while Frank Weston and Joe Scarfo are returned.

Ian Foss, the president of Swan Districts' junior council, replaces Alan Raynor on the board, with retiring directors Alec Abbott and Peter Carter being unopposed.

East Fremantle's three retiring directors — Oscar Howard, Len Anderson and Trevor Cangemi — were all returned unopposed, while the same situation applied at South Fremantle, where Dom Pasqua, Salvatore Capolingua and Neil Bolton retained their seats on the board, with president Gloede also unopposed.

Swans balance playing books

THE strong bond that Swan Districts are able to develop with their players seems certain to help them solve yet another Bassendean Oval problem.

With the pending loss of classy big man Stephen O'Reilly to Geelong, Swans have negotiated the return of utility player Greg Jones.

Jones, drafted to St Kilda in November 1990, finished with Footscray last season and will return to Perth at the end of this month.

The 22-year-old key position player shapes as the perfect replacement with the likelihood of O'Reilly moving to Geelong for the 1993 season.

O'Reilly is yet to finalise his contract with the Cats, but the State defender is keen to make the move to Geelong before Christmas so he can get an early start to pre-season training.

Swans coach John Todd says the powerfully built O'Reilly will not

move east until a water-tight contract has been finalised.

"Stephen is being guided in the right direction and his future will be assured before any move," Todd said.

"There have been too many examples of where players have been the losers in deals with AFL clubs.

"Swans have done the right thing to ensure that everything is handled in the best interests of the player."

Todd says that it is the policy of Swans to assist a player in his negotiations with AFL clubs and any delays are not intended to try to persuade the recruit from moving to the east.

"But we have never allowed a player to move without every aspect being fully investigated," he said.

"When Leon Baker, for example, went to Essendon in the early 1980s, we made sure his contract was completely water-tight and he was going to gain financially.

"Players only get one shot at cashing in on their ability and they can't afford to go over and back quickly.

"Stephen O'Reilly is in that position at the moment."

Coaches give top honour to Judge

EAST Fremantle premierships coach Ken Judge was awarded the J.J. Leonard Medal as the Australian Football Coaches Association (WA division) Coach of the Year.

The presentation was made at the AFCA annual live-in conference for coaches, held at the Ern Halliday Sorrento camp over the weekend of November 6-8.

Judge (34) was an obvious choice, leading the Sharks to this year's Pepsi Cup premierships, after taking over the reins at the club early into last year.

Other recipients of awards included Tony Solin, the newly-appointed coach of Subiaco, who took Boddington to a fourth successive premierships in the Upper Great Southern League.

Junior coaching honours went to Greame Niven (South Fremantle), Warren Branson (Balgas), Lou Decinque (Osborne Park), Kevin Smith (Ocean Ridge), Martin Knocks (Byford), John Hansen and Rod Gory (Victoria Park) and Robert Howard (Willagee) who were all presented with Awards of Excellence certificates.

Speakers at the seminar included league coaches Gerard Neesham (Claremont) and Jeff Gieschen (West Perth), along with Teal Cup coach Eddie Pitter and State Amateurs coach Paul Rafter.

Recently-retired player Phil Scott discussed how players view the role of a coach and evaluated the performances of the coaches he has encountered during his career.

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Commission firm on Subiaco

THE WA Football Commission is adamant that Subiaco Oval will remain the headquarters for the sport in Perth — but concedes that the existing grandstands will come tumbling down in years ahead.

Commission chairman Dr Peter Tannock, who is unmoved by a push to bring Perth Oval into contention as a viable alternative to Subiaco Oval, sees the ground changing shape drastically within the next 25 years.

He believes that the three-tier grandstand behind the western goals — which was built in 1969 — will probably need replacing within 10 years and the two-tier stand, opened in 1980, would probably last another 15 years after that.

MAGNIFICENT

But Tannock is convinced that current plans for the redevelopment of the oval will provide a magnificent 55,000-capacity stadium to cater for football's needs for the next 20 years, at least.

The WAFC wants work to be underway on Subiaco's expansion by May next year, which means that tenders should be called shortly to kick-start the project.

A lot of impressive proposals have been submitted to the Commission — with several architects sinking more than \$20,000 into their ideas of how football's home could be revamped.

Tannock says that Subiaco Oval has to remain the headquarters of WA football for a number of reasons:-

★ It would cost \$30 million to replace the infrastructure that is already in place at Subiaco in the way of facilities such as changerooms, ground lighting, VIP areas, bars, scoreboards, the gymnasium and other associated areas. Any new project would have to start from zero to establish those facilities.

★ The Subiaco redevelopment could be done in stages because of the existing facilities. Therefore, the \$8 million promised recently by the Federal Government could be put to use immediately. Any new project would need to find \$40 to \$45 million up front.

★ Football officialdom worked hard for several years to convince the State Government to give the WAFC con-

trol of Subiaco Oval and now that it had secured virtual ownership by way of a 99-year lease, the sport was in control of its own headquarters.

IRRESPONSIBLE

"It would be irresponsible of football to walk away from the \$30-million investment at Subiaco Oval," Tannock says.

"It's a question of the assets of football.

"After an enormous amount of negotiation, football now effectively has its own freehold property, obtained virtually for no cost.

"Subiaco Oval is the financial engine that will generate money for the future."

Tannock says that Subiaco Oval is a very profitable venue when it comes to staging football matches; far more viable than the WACA Ground, for example, where the cost factor rises considerably because football doesn't control the ground.

Gossip from across the border

Another Jako on the TV scene

FORMER South Fremantle star Allen Jakovich has turned his talents to a new career — acting.

The current boom forward with Melbourne was a scene-stealer in a recent edition of *Fast Forward* that gave him rave reviews in Melbourne.

The flamboyant Jakovich is a natural in front of a camera and certainly has the lights of the stage at his feet whenever he stops using them to kick goals.

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Hawks pair now Saints

TALENTED Hawthorn player Chris Wittman, who was a chance to head towards East Fremantle earlier this year, is now revved up for a new career with St Kilda.

Wittman (27) and his Hawthorn team-mate Dean Anderson (25) have been swapped with young St Kilda star Tim Allen, a 22-game player the Hawks have high hopes for.

Hawthorn insiders have rejected suggestions of a rift between the experienced Wittman and coach Alan Joyce, but the utility player has been reluctant to give reasons for his move.

"I'm looking forward to a challenging year," says Wittman, who played only two senior games with Hawthorn this season, but is keen to enjoy an injury-free year with the Saints.

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Lions get boost with the pokies

FITZROY, whose financial roller-coaster has touched some incredible highs and lows in the last year, seem set for a secure future.

The Lions have officially opened their new social headquarters, the Fitzroy Club Hotel, in suburban Northcote and they expect a bonanza out of the poker machines set up there.

The club expects to take about \$1000 a day on each of the 65 machines — and that's a healthy boost to their income. In addition, the hotel offers the Lions a genuine social base for their members.

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Match-maker

FIERY Brownlow Medallist Brian Wilson — who just loves the Subiaco Oval supporters — has finally met his match.

After playing at four AFL clubs, leaving his own brand of enigmatic football at each venue, he's finally been pinned down — by a lady.

The 31-year-old Wilson retired from St Kilda last year after more than 200 league games — and decided that marriage was the next-best option to playing, tying the knot with Tanya Djukanovic.

He's also looking for a coaching job ... but needs an employer!

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Anger boils towards the Magpies

THE explosive repercussions from football's "silly season" will see plenty of heated words headed in Collingwood's direction.

Not only is there a likely probe into Collingwood's prize signing of Brett Chalmers, but questions about whether star players such as Sydney's Barry Mitchell and Ben Doolan and St Kilda's David Grant will be available to play come March.

Clubs are angry that Collingwood, the AFL's most affluent and best-supported club, was able to draft Chalmers, at No.10 pick, when he had been billed as the No.1 prospect.

On the eve of the draft, a fax, signed by Chalmers, was sent to six clubs — who had a pick before Collingwood — warning them not to pick him.

Collingwood is privately being accused of ill-doing and the AFL Commission is likely to launch further investigations this week.



On the East Coast from KEN PIESSE

Sydney are so peeved with Collingwood that they cut off negotiations, stopping the potential move of Mitchell, a Victorian State rover and Doolan, a running wingman, to the Magpies.

Richmond are also angry with Collingwood after Chalmers, who had

originally been tied to the Tigers, refused constant invitations to train with them.

Some Tigers officials believe Collingwood unfairly influenced Chalmers, claiming a six-figure signing-on and relocation fee was involved.

Pre-draft transfer negotiations for St Kilda defender Grant also ended inconclusively and now Mitchell, Doolan and Grant must either patch up their differences with their clubs, or go into the March draft.

Nathan Buckley, another interstate being eyed enviously by Collingwood, is still tied to the Brisbane Bears, at least until the end of 1993, if not 1994.

It will be some time before the big winners from this year's draft will emerge.

TEENAGE HOPES

However, on initial judgement, Brisbane have done well in recruiting five of Victoria's most likely teenage hopes, including No.2 choice, champion Bendigo schoolboy, Nathan Chapman from Kangaroo Flat.

While juniors dominated this year's first truly national draft (with South Australia included), it is expected that clubs will top up their ranks of experienced players come March.

Delisted senior players who may yet remain in League ranks include the much-travelled Brad Hardie, who was dropped by Collingwood after just one season and fellow interstater Andrew Rogers, who played in the 1992 grand final.

Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy says he expects many 50-to-100 game players to be recruited as clubs try to increase their depth on the eve of the season.

As Sydney finished last in 1992, they have first choice in the March draft and could easily re-draft Mitchell, even against his will, precluding him from playing football in 1993.

He would either have to play with the Swans, or stand out for a year.

St Kilda must use all their charm to woo Grant back to the club. Like Mitchell, he's an All Australian player and was hurt when the Saints tried to use him in a pre-draft deal to lure Mitchell.

His refusal to shift interstate effectively stopped St Kilda and the Swans from agreeing on a Mitchell release.

Have your say

I WOULD like to comment on the media attention Glen Jakovich received during the season.

In many articles (except Westside Football's feature back in March), he is constantly compared to older brother Allen. It's time the media realised that Glen has his own individual talent. He shouldn't be in his brother's shadow.

Let him be known as "Glen Jakovich, talented young star of the West Coast Eagles". He should not be "star full-forward Allen Jakovich's younger brother"

M. Panegyres, Wembley.

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I CANNOT see why an issue such as media attention should be so "aggravating".

Shame on Ashley McIntosh for getting more media attention than some of his team-mates! Are we having a competition in the Eagles squad to see who can get the most media coverage?

The players would rather concentrate on their football skills than have a microphone in their face.

Obviously everyone wants to see their favourite player, but I would prefer to see the players on the football field than at a press conference!

Lynette Hard, Denmark

LETTERS TO EDITOR

A selection of readers letters on football matters

THE only way that football all over Australia is going to improve is by making the game totally national. We should be looking at the system the English Football Association uses.

Having divisions would make the game a lot more interesting.

Division one would be made up of the teams presently involved in the AFL, while division two would include a combination of teams from Perth, Adelaide, Tasmania, New South Wales and Queensland.

In WA, we could combine teams like Claremont and Subiaco; Perth with Swan Districts, the two Fremantle sides and West and East Perth.

The cost involved in travelling might be an issue, but take the crowd potential. A game between a Claremont/Subiaco side versus Norwood/Glenelg would attract maybe 10,000 fans.

The system would work the same as English football — the bottom three sides go down and the top three move up.

Andy Edmonds
Tuart Hill



Picture Puzzle

Travel Inn Motel



FOR those footy buffs of a bygone era, here's another flashback photograph to test your memory.

Name the youngsters here who are celebrating a premiership in the 1960s.

Send your entries to:
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The winner of this edition's Kodak Picture Puzzle receives two rolls of Kodak colour film... and all entries go into our end-of-summer competition barrel for another weekender at the Albany Travel Inn Motel.

Entries close on the Monday before our next edition in a fortnight.



Our readers know their footballers

WOW! What a response to our summer quiz in the last edition to Westside Football.

Old players certainly aren't forgotten and the team training picture produced a host of entries — most of them correctly naming the line-up preparing for the 1966 interstate trip.

FIRST CORRECT

The first correct entry out of the competition barrel came from Jo Bruyn, who wins a weekend at Albany, staying at the Travel Inn Motel, a fabulous holiday spot in WA's deep south.

The player who caught a few entrants out was Claremont's Ian Abraham, sixth from the left and almost hidden away behind Derek Chadwick.

The players, from left, were:

Tony Casserley, Brian Sarre, Keith Slater, Keith Doncon, Derek Chadwick, Ian Abraham, Ken Bagley, Bob Johnson, John McIntosh, Kevin Murray, Bill Walker, Bob Page, Mal Brown, Gary Scott, Colin Hebbard, Mal Atwell, Mel Whinnen, Bob Whalley, Brian France, Fred Lewis, Bert Thornley, Norm Rogers and Greg Brehaut.

Sunday hopefuls look to WAFL

By **Rohan Howatson**

THE Sunday Football League, long regarded as one of the prime sources of young talent for WAFL clubs, is again set to provide a host of 1993 aspirants.

With the 1992 season fast-becoming a dim memory, recruiting for next year is a high-priority for all WAFL football managers and the Sunday League is a major target.

Thornlie forward Tim Miosevich is high on the list of many talent scouts. Third in Thornlie's Bowden Medal vote-getters last season, he is being chased by South Fremantle, with several other clubs keen to talk to him.

Wanneroo's Steven Gray, who missed last season with a knee injury, has been given a chance of earning a pre-season invitation at West Perth.

Speedy Armadale wingman Matt Hill, whose skill caught the eye of talent scouts, has joined pre-season training at Perth.

Clever goalkicking rover Brendon Braithwaite, of Kelmscott, who started last season in fine form before injuring a knee, has been contacted by several WAFL clubs. He played with Glenelg, in the SANFL, a year ago and is now spending the summer playing in Darwin.

Tall Gosnells forward Christopher Johnston, who posted 33 goals last sea-

son, has also shown the ability to earn a place in WAFL ranks.

Other players who could come under the spotlight include Willetton midfielder Paul Kujawski and Canning wingman Dean Piccirilli, who has been in the Sunday All Stars team two years in a row.

There have been plenty of successful players emerge from Sunday ranks, the most notable being Gary Smallridge.

STATE GAMES

After winning the prestigious Bowden Medal in 1989, Smallridge went on to play with East Fremantle in 1990 and represented WA before switching to Port Adelaide, in South Australia, where he also donned a State guernsey.

Mark Spilsbury was a much sought-after player when he won the 1990 Bowden Medal. He joined South Fremantle, where he played a season with the Bulldogs reserves, but, after a handful of league games, returned to Sunday League late in the season.

A number of WAFL football managers spend a lot of time scouring the Sunday clubs for potential stars.

Subiaco's Wayne Loxley, who won

the Bowden Medal with Rockingham in 1982, says the Sunday League is a good base for players to mature and gain experience before testing themselves in WAFL ranks.

Players can often return to a WAFL club after an initial stint in colts and then a season or two in seniors in the Sunday ranks.

Former West Perth champion Les Fong, coach of reigning Sunday League premiers Wanneroo, believes there are a number of potential WAFL players emerging in his club.

South Fremantle's assistant coach Mark Watson, a Sandover Medallist with Perth, has earmarked a number of Sunday players who could come under attention over the next few weeks.

While the Sunday League has provided plenty of aspiring youngsters, it also offers experienced players the chance to continue their careers in a less-pressured arena and tackle a playing-coach role.

A number of retired WAFL players have continued their careers in the Sunday League with distinction.

Fong, Ed Blackaby, Paul Vasoli, Peter Bosustow, Greg Carpenter, Oral McGuire and Colin Waterson are among the WAFL men who have continued their careers in Sunday ranks.

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TOP STUFF ... Perth Heat's John Moore is one locally-bred player who has come through the club junior system

Planning a path to the top level

CATERING for the future of baseball is one of the major priorities of the WA Baseball League — and that's where Tony Branighan comes into the scene.

A former New South Wales player who came to WA 20 years ago, the full-time Development Officer for the WABL is helping make the sport one of the fastest-growing in the State.

An experienced coach of State teams of all ages since 1972, Branighan now has 14 different development programmes under way, catering for players aged from 12 to 18.

ACADEMY

One of his major projects has been the Baseball Development Academy, which is divided into three sections:

- ★ Cubs — for 40 elite players in the under-13 age group.
- ★ Tigers — for 40 players from the under-16 ranks.
- ★ Cougars — a new group for players aged under-18.

"Each training programme goes for eight weeks and is quite extensive," says Branighan. "The programmes are part of baseball's commitment to prepare players for higher levels and to help develop their skills and provide experience through better competition."

Rewards are offered at the end of each programme, with the Cubs going to Albany; the Tigers enjoying a North-West trip taking in Darwin and the Cougars either being part of the Aus-

tralian Friendship Games series, or going to Manila for a similar event.

"These programmes are part of our integrated system designed to help youngsters progress through the under-age groups, into the club system and eventually to the Perth Heat," says Branighan.

Who they are

MAJOR league clubs affiliated with the WA Baseball League and their home grounds, are:

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Two of the company's senior administrators in Glenn Watson and Ken Jones have far more than just a passing interest in the sport.

Watson, sales manager for the Fortronic car security division, is coach of the strong Perth Baseball Club, while Jones — a one-time East Perth league footballer — is the father of former Perth Heat player Sean Jones, now with the Melbourne Bushrangers.

"Baseball is certainly a popular topic in our company," says Watson, who is in his third year as coach of Perth, during which time he has seen a host of young players graduate to the Australian Baseball League.

Perth take player spoils

THE Perth Baseball Club has a strong interest in the fortunes of the Perth Heat.

The club has set the pace in WA when it comes to producing players for the State's national league team — nine graduates in four seasons.

A recent function hosted by the Swan Brewery at their Canning Vale headquarters saw some incentive cheques handed out to clubs in the WA Baseball League who have helped produce players for the Perth Heat.

The club assistance scheme saw the biggest spoils go to Perth, who had five of their club players line up with the Perth Heat last season.

They were closely followed by the Melville Braves and the Morley Eagles, with four each; West Stirling Indians with three and two each from Wanneroo and South Perth.

As major supporters of baseball, Fortron take signage at Parry Field, having been sponsors of the sport since the inception of the ABL in the 1990 season.

The Fortron sponsorship extends to many other sports, especially the West Coast Eagles, where the company has a private box at Subiaco Oval and the WACA Ground, which also gives them an involvement with cricket.

From a community point of view, Fortron have been involved with many localised activities, especially junior T-ball and they have even spread their wings to include drag-racing down at Ravenswood.

The Perth Heat is the only ABL club to foster such a scheme and it has obviously helped develop excellent relationships between club baseball and the national league club.

Perth, coached by Glenn Watson, have a proud record of producing players for the higher level and their list of nine features some excellent quality — brothers Michael and Dean Moyle, John Moore, Shaun Hrabar, Shane Tonkin, Fred Lindberg, Greg Spencer, Brett List and James Waddell, who has moved on this season to the Melbourne Monarchs.

"It's really pleasing to see players come through our club ranks and find their chances in the higher league," says Watson, who has been prominent on the local scene as a player and coach for many years.

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Asian series a boost for Perth

BIG-TIME baseball comes to Perth next year when the Asian Series is hosted at Parry Field.

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Australia's best players will do battle with quality teams from Japan, Korea, mainland China, Taiwan, the Philippines and India.

The last Asian Series was held in Beijing, China and served as the qualifying competition for this year's Olympic Games and Perth's event in 1993 will be the qualifying series for the 1994 world amateur championships in Nicaragua.

West Australian Perth Heat players who will be in contention for a spot in the Australian team include Tony Adamson, John Moore and John Hearne and the early matches of this season's ABL should unearth several other contenders.

The series will be run under the Baseball Federation of Asia, with the Australian Baseball League earning the right to host the event when Guam withdrew. The WABL then secured the series, with their case boosted by the much-improved facilities available at Parry Field.



YOUR SHOT . . . baseball is a game that spills over to other sports and football hosted a celebrity hit-out during a West Coast Eagles match this year. That's former Eagles coach Ron Alexander giving Hopman Cup tennis promoter Paul McNamee some hints, watched by an attentive audience

Draft works well in baseball pre-season competition

A **DRAFT** system among WA's leading baseballers helped make the new-look pre-season JPA Challenge series a huge success.

The Super League introduced last year was revamped as a pre-season competition, with five coaches appointed by the League. Clubs then nominated players to be drafted to the five teams.

The series was won by the Mid-west Hornets, coached by the WABL's development officer Tony

PERTH HEAT FIXTURES

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	TIME	RESULT
06/11	Friday	Adelaide Giants	Home	7.30	Perth 5-3
07/11	Saturday	Adelaide Giants	Home	6.00	Adelaide 5-2/Perth 9-4
13/11	Friday	Sydney Blues	Away		Sydney 10-9
14/11	Saturday	Sydney Blues	Away		Sydney 6-2/Perth 14-5
15/11	Sunday	Melbourne Monarchs	Away		Perth 4-2
16/11	Monday	Melbourne Monarchs	Away		Monarchs 3-0 & 5-2
20/11	Friday	Melbourne Monarchs	Home	7.30	
21/11	Saturday	Melbourne Monarchs	Home	6.00	
04/12	Friday	Waverley Reds	Home	7.30	
05/12	Saturday	Waverley Reds	Home	6.00	
09/12	Wednesday	Melbourne Bushrangers	Away		
10/12	Thursday	Waverley Reds	Away		
11/12	Friday	Melbourne Bushrangers	Away		
12/12	Saturday	Waverley Reds	Away		
16/12	Wednesday	Daikyo Dolphins	Home	7.30	
17/12	Thursday	Daikyo Dolphins	Home	6.00	
29/12	Tuesday	Adelaide Giants	Away		
30/12	Wednesday	Adelaide Giants	Away		
02/01	Saturday	Adelaide Giants	Home	7.30	
03/01	Sunday	Adelaide Giants	Home	2.00	
08/01	Friday	Brisbane Bandits	Home	7.30	
09/01	Saturday	Brisbane Bandits	Home	6.00	
13/01	Wednesday	Brisbane Bandits	Away		
14/01	Thursday	Brisbane Bandits	Away		
15/01	Friday	Daikyo Dolphins	Away		
16/01	Saturday	Daikyo Dolphins	Away		
20/01	Wednesday	Sydney Blues	Home	7.30	
21/01	Thursday	Daikyo Dolphins	Home	6.00	
27/01	Wednesday	Melbourne Bushrangers	Home	7.30	
28/01	Thursday	Melbourne Bushrangers	Home	6.00	
05/02	Friday	Adelaide Giants	Away		
06/02	Saturday	Adelaide Giants	Away		

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Branighan, who beat the BDF/Perth Heat side in the final.

That losing effort was an impressive one by the young Heat aspirants, coached by State under-18 coach Bob Grove and made up mainly of developing players.

The three other teams were the Sports Specialists Firebirds, coached by Trevor Malcolm; the JPA Boomers coached by Graham Ward and Ken McGee's Burswood Aces.

"We were very pleased with the

way the series went," says WABL general manager Kerry Lehane. "We appointed the five coaches and then sat down and held a draft night, where all the players were allocated to the different teams."

Branighan, who was delighted with his team's success, said that the concept was appreciated by the players, who enjoyed mixing in with players from other clubs.

"It gave everyone a great warm-up for the season," he said.



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LONG HITTER ... veteran captain Tony Adamson is the longest-serving member of the Perth Heat side, leading the team into their fifth season in the Pepsi National Baseball League



US influence pays off for Perth Heat

THE strong link between the Perth Heat and the Baltimore Orioles, one of America's leading baseball clubs, has produced yet another injection of talent on the WA scene.

Tim Holland, who was in the Heat's 1991 championship team, has returned to Perth for another season, while newcomers in pitchers Rick Krivda — Baltimore's minor league player-of-the-year — and Jim Dedrick will don the black-gold-and-red colours this season.

This is the third year of operation for the exchange system and seven of the nine Baltimore players to have played in Perth have earned selection in Australia's All-Stars side.

SIX GAMES

The Perth Heat, coached once again by Mike Young, have just returned from the first of their five road trips, three of which see the team play six games in four days.

Tony Adamson, who retains the captaincy that he has held since the initial 1988-89 season, is the club's most senior player, with 108 games going into this season, with Michael Moyle the only other centurion (101 games) at the start of the season.

Last weekend's away trip saw Scott Steed also pass the century mark.

The Perth Heat have received tremendous support from the WA community in terms of sponsorship and membership.

Upgrading of facilities at Parry Field have seen all 1500 membership seats sold and the list of sponsors has grown to a healthy group.

The sponsors are headed by the Swan Brewery and support comes from:

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Parry Field ranks among the best

AN impressive upgrading of facilities at Parry Field has helped turn the stadium into one of the best baseball arenas in Australia.

A \$400,000 programme funded by the Belmont City Council, the State and Federal Governments has seen 2756 new seats installed in the outer, taking the seating capacity to 4100.

With crowds of 5000 a regular occurrence at Perth Heat games last season, that figure is expected to be surpassed, with the fans being accommodated in first-class comfort.

The expanded members area now caters for around 1300 patrons and WABL general manager Kerry Lehane says that Parry Field has become a truly genuine baseball stadium.

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