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GOLDEN GREENIES ... the students at Hannans Primary School were a colourful bunch as they enjoyed a special coaching clinic with Eagles star Peter Matera last week. The youngsters showed off their talents on the school oval — despite 35-degree heat — and then Matera patiently signed autographs for most of the 300 students. The school visit was part of a promotional campaign that saw Matera and Chris Mainwaring take in the Kalgoorlie prison and an aged person's home — all of which produced a host of dedicated West Coast fans

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NSW footy push

THE push to give Aussie Rules an even bigger image in New South Wales will see the staging of a football feast that was almost put in jeopardy by the possibility of an AFL players strike.

The twin border towns of Albury/Wodonga have planned a six-week festival of sport programme to kick off with a Foster's Cup match between Richmond and Sydney next Saturday.

The prospect of losing that match would have thrown the celebrations into an anti-climax start and with the festival planning some 140 sports, it would have been a blow for football's image.

Costly rejection

THE decision of the AFL to back away from player contracts and leave those sensitive dealings in the hands of the individual clubs could be a costly exercise.

AFL Players' Association president Justin Madden says that it could cost some clubs up to \$100,000 a year to handle their player contracts.

"The AFL has abdicated its responsibility in this area," Madden told 6PR's Gary Carvolth last week.

"The decision could cost the game a fortune. Players will need their own legal advice and clubs will probably have a lawyer working just about full time.

"We believe the AFL has just about given some clubs enough rope to hang themselves."

Vets in action

SOME of WA's old-time champions will bring out the boots for a special match at Fremantle Oval this Friday.

Members of the Superules group will stage an exhibition game at 5 o'clock as the curtain-raiser for the practice match between South Fremantle and the West Coast Eagles.

The vets — who will recall some old-time Port names like Rod Barrett, Rowley Daw, Bruce Tschirpig, Tony Buhagiar, Paul Vasoli and Wayne Delmenico — will staged two 20-minute halves as a lead-up to the 6pm start for the Eagles-Bulldogs battle.

Medallist mover

EAST Perth are hopeful that the umpires choice of the 1991 Medallist Medal winner will be a bonus for their roving department this year.

Nippy little Paul Leuba (right) was an impressive winner of the fairest and best award in the under-19s colts competition two seasons ago — polling an amazing 60 votes, 25 clear of his nearest rival — and he has switched from Claremont in search of a regular league berth.

His league opportunities were restricted in the Tigers camp last season and he changes clubs on an amicable basis, with the Royals paying for his services on a games-played basis.



MOBILE MAN ... country football liaison officer Terry Waldron (second from left) will be on the move with this new car, courtesy of Telecom. Mark Babidge, Telecom's consumer business general manager, hands the keys over, watched by regional sales manager, David Glasson (left) and country football veteran official, Kevin Duffy

Moving around

NEWLY-appointed country liaison officer Terry Waldron will be travelling around in style thanks to a healthy sponsorship from Telecom.

The former country football and cricket star has moved to the city to take up his full-time role, operating under the umbrella of the WA Football Commission.

Telecom's three-year sponsorship provides the former Claremont league player with a car for his travelling, which will see him visiting towns from Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Bunbury and all points in between.

"The sponsorship is a great boost for the Country Football League and will enable me to keep in touch with all the country clubs and associations," said Waldron on the handover of the car from Telecom officials last week.

Falcon emphasis

THE emphasis at Leederville this season is on character building — and coach Jeff Gieschen is confident that the policy will pay dividends.

The tough Victorian has settled in well with West Perth, but wants to harden his players up — both mentally and physically — and he has set out to build a new foundation on club character.

Many Falcons critics have seen a 'softness' develop at Leederville Oval in the last five years or so and Gieschen — who comes from a tough breeding ground at Footscray and has similar philosophies to Eagles coach Mick Malthouse — was quick to spot the weakness.

The introduction of hardened servicemen to plan their summer fitness programmes have seen a few players wilt on the sidelines and there is an emphasis on young blood in the camp.

"Craig Nelson, at 29, is our oldest player," says Gieschen. "After him, we have two 26-year-olds and the rest are young.

"We believe we've got a real good young blend to work with."

Determined Diesel

GREG Williams, one of football's highest-priced recruits, is determined not to let Carlton down after their big pay-out to lure him away from the Sydney Swans.

The 29-year-old featured in a costly clearance squabble last year, only to finish the season under an injury cloud, with knee problems.

However, despite constant speculation that his career might be curtailed by the troublesome injury, he is adamant that he will be fully fit for this year.

A third operation on his right knee at the end of last season has hopefully cured some of the pain and he resumed light jogging before Christmas. He has been ruled out of the pre-season Foster's Cup competition to avoid any early strain on the knee and his appearance on the track recently for a full training session boosted hopes of his fitness.

The Blues have had a big and talented group of rehabilitation players including Mil Hanna, Steve Silvagni and David Kernahan.

Magpie invasion

THE Perth-based supporter group for Collingwood will be out in full force next Tuesday with the WA Woodsmen staging a sundowner function at Perth Oval.

Fearless defender Craig Kelly flies into town to be the guest speaker and no doubt there will be plenty of references as to how he loves locking horns with various forwards from the West Coast camp.

The WA Woodsmen have a strong following in the West, with various functions during the year. But with Collingwood not playing in Perth this season, their annual champagne breakfast will be missing on the social calendar.

The group is headed by East Perth director Doug Riky (342 7493), with Don McComish (247 2943) secretary, Tim Collins treasurer and Alan Miller and Mike Stewart making up the executive.



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Kalgoorlie propaganda pays off with plenty of proof



A SHORT walk along Kalgoorlie's main street is enough to persuade any conservative football supporter that the Goldfields should have a team in the WAFL.

The stroll along Hannan Street helped confirm what many people refuse to believe — that Kalgoorlie can cover the three most important aspects of setting up a WAFL outfit.

The traditional WAFL afficionados in Perth are sceptical about a Goldfields team's ability to be competitive; their chances of financial survival and whether the crowds will exist.

But the proposed club would certainly have the support of the people, there is sufficient financial backing and — against the beliefs of many WAFL officials — the region has the ability to attract players.

And that opinion was arrived at long before a football ground was in sight last week.

Window shopping in Kalgoorlie's main district was enough to warrant a change in attitude towards a revolutionary move for WA's premier football competition.

In what has become an uncommon sight in much of this State, all the shops in Kalgoorlie were in use; fully stocked and bursting with customers.

Locals say the extended life of various mining operations — especially the gigantic Superpit — has kept away the recession

By
ROSS LEWIS

which has ravaged economies in the rest of the country.

If businesses are thriving, a Kalgoorlie team would have a solid financial foundation that would be the envy of all their WAFL rivals.

The town's willingness to find money to put behind sporting projects was highlighted by the practice match between Adelaide and West Coast last week.

Organisers had to come up with a \$100,000 guarantee before the AFL would sanction the contest — and then a \$10,000 licence fee for good measure.

Those same shop windows were littered with "Help Wanted" signs suggesting that Kalgoorlie can have another ace up its sleeve. Players can be easily lured to the region to play football if employment is part of their package.

Satisfactory employment has become a major priority for players, as they have to earn a living outside of football with the WAFL's drop in standing — and lower match payments — since the formation of the Eagles.

The view from Kalgoorlie streets last week was similar to the scenes of Perth last year, when the city contracted a dose of Eaglemania in the lead-up to last year's triumphant grand final.

GREAT START . . . the Eagles and the Crows line up for the national anthem before their history-making practice match in front of 10,000 fans at the Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre in Kalgoorlie

Football is as rich in the blood of the townsfolk of Kalgoorlie as the gold is on the outskirts of the city and, as the support of the Eagles-Crows clash proved, a WAFL match would be a major social occasion.

More than 4000 people — a highly respectable WAFL crowd these days — were willing to withstand 40-deg. heat to watch the start of the South Fremantle clash with an Adelaide B team, with the main attraction to follow.

It would not be naive to expect

that amount of people through the turnstiles for every WAFL match at Kalgoorlie.

But one of the biggest influences that convinced a change of heart last week stems back to the objectives of the WA Football Commission.

The governing body wants to take the competition back to the people.

There are almost 30,000 people on the Goldfields anxiously wanting to have their claims heard by the people in charge of the game.

The future looks brighter

By
Basil Zempilas

AFTER the hurly burly that football has experienced in this State since the birth of the Eagles, two important recent developments show that the WAFL is back on track.

Last year, the AFL premiership victory by the West Coast Eagles advanced the recovery of football in WA by a countless number of years.

It's comforting to see the administrators of the game ready to accommodate that advancement with vision and direction.

Firstly, the WAFL's decision to press ahead with the pre-season competition can capitalise on the revitalised local mood and increase its recovery by creating even more interest in home-grown players.

Hats off to the eight league clubs for allowing their sacred club colours to be tampered with slightly to come up with playing stripes not quite perfect, but at least catering for much-needed changes.

BIG BUSINESS

Football is a business; an industry which thrives on promotion, which is always dependent on the product itself.

By adding some sparkle to the club uniforms and showcasing the best of the young talent in a four-week extravaganza, the WAFL combines the essential ingredients to survive in the ruthless competition for the sporting public's dollar.

Cricket, perhaps the most conservative of all sports, faced the reality of the public's demands by playing an altered version of its original game; changing its bland whites for coloured gear and moving from day fixtures to the spectacle of matches under lights.

Now that football has seen the wisdom of these moves, it must ensure that its product is as good as the potential provides and small-

minded administrators resisting change have no place in the game any longer.

Football in WA is a steam train once again, climbing to the top of the mountains and nothing can slow it down.

From next year, AFL clubs will not be permitted to rape the local scene of its best young talent. Players will have to be aged over 19 to be eligible for the draft and only after the individual has consented.

But, more importantly, the AFL club lists will be limited to 40 — eliminating their desire to draft unproven rookies in preference to tried and tested WAFL products.

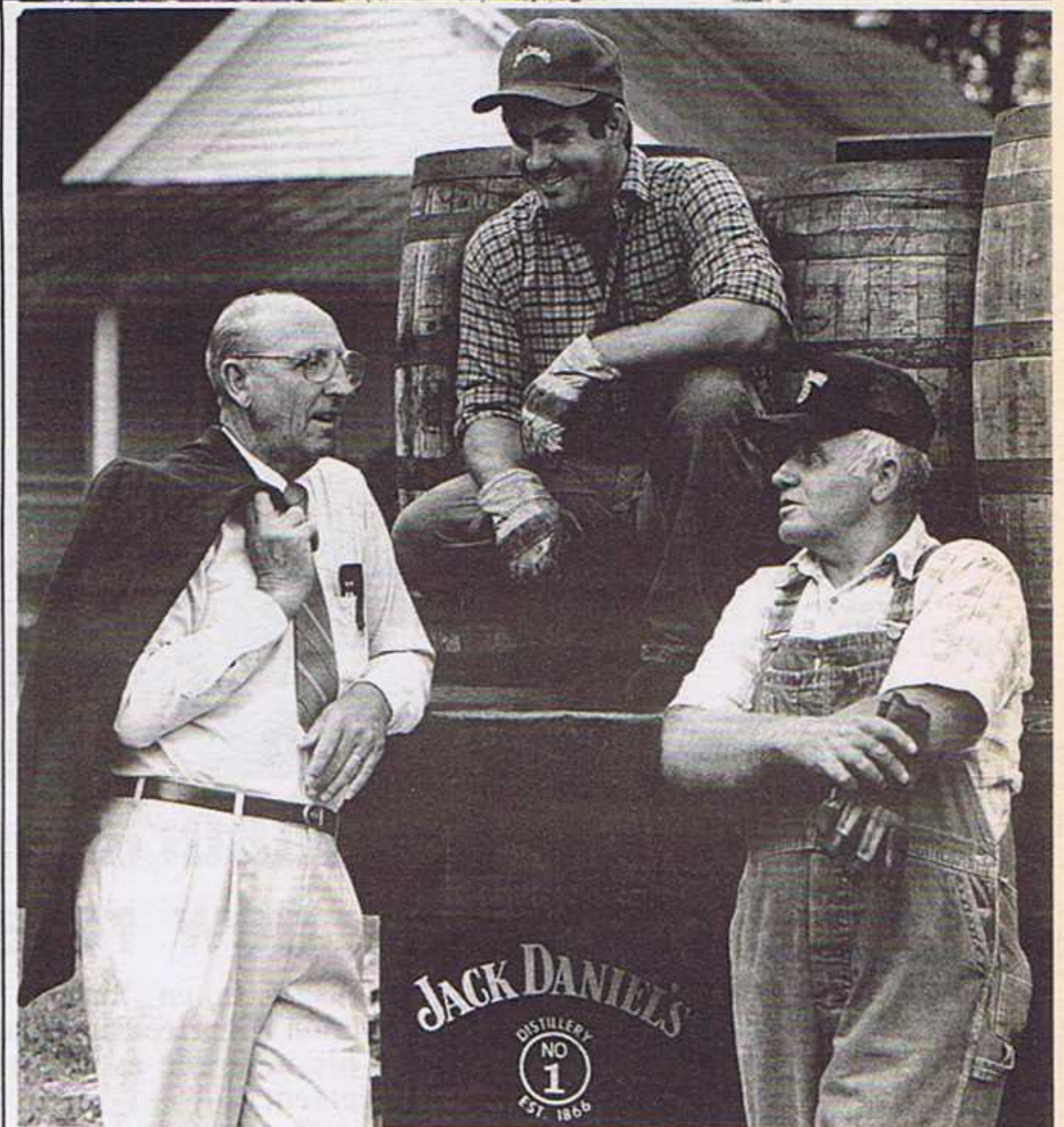
With the 'kids' left to develop, rather than be thrown in at the deep end, their football careers will be enhanced.

That, in itself, will strengthen the WAFL and the AFL will return to the days when only the very best like Graham Farmer, Barry Cable, Ross Glendinning, Maurice Rioli, the Krakouer brothers and so forth will make the move east, but into their 20s.

It has taken a long time to reach this point and a lot of agony has been endured before the state of football in WA is again looking good.

If the administrators allow these developments to reach their full potential, the direction is changed considerably.

Gone will be the days of what it used to be like before the Eagles arrived and all the talk will be of the present — where WA football is approaching an all-time high.



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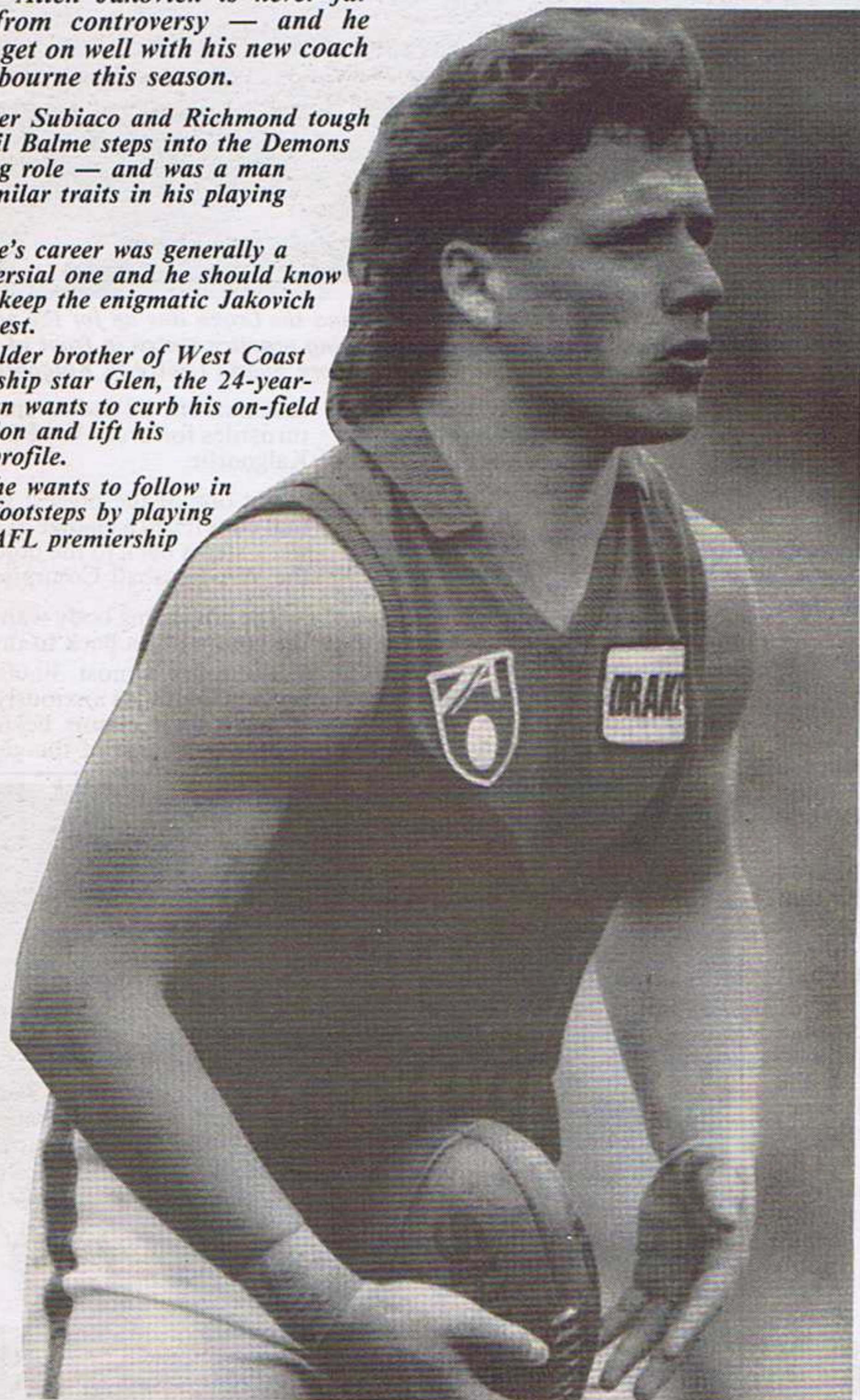
FIERY Allen Jakovich is never far away from controversy — and he should get on well with his new coach at Melbourne this season.

Former Subiaco and Richmond tough guy Neil Balme steps into the Demons coaching role — and was a man with similar traits in his playing days.

Balme's career was generally a controversial one and he should know how to keep the enigmatic Jakovich at his best.

The elder brother of West Coast premiership star Glen, the 24-year-old Allen wants to curb his on-field aggression and lift his public profile.

And he wants to follow in Glen's footsteps by playing in an AFL premiership side.



Goldfields ready for big time

READY, willing and able . . . that's the Goldfields scenario as they push hard for inclusion in a possible expanded WAFL competition.

Last Saturday's football extravaganza in Kalgoorlie to celebrate 100 years of gold coming out of the ground was a proving point for the locals.

They want big-time football and hang the expense.

The practice match between the West Coast and Adelaide might have been a very premature work-out in preparation for the 1993 title defence by the Eagles. But it was serious stuff for the locals and the prolonged applause Mick Malthouse received at a Friday night sportsman's show was as good as anything he got in Perth after his premiership feat.

It wasn't so much the fact that 10,000 people paid a minimum of \$12 each to get into the ground — and there was room for more if the game wasn't live on local television — but more the overwhelming atmosphere that invaded the city.

Hannan Street is the main strip, a wide open expanse with heritage-preserved hotels down one side, a magnificent Town Hall on the other side, a median strip in the middle — and blue and gold balloons, streamers, photographs and welcome signs everywhere.

ATMOSPHERE

It was grand final time re-visited; in fact, the Eagles atmosphere was as colourful as any where around Perth back on that Super Saturday in September.

Goldfields people love their football, they came in their thousands from the outlying mining camps — by bus, truck, 4WD and even motorbike.

It was a rough and ready crew in the Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre — especially after half-time in the main game when most had seen a couple of matches and damaged many of the 40,000 cans of liquid ale brought in to keep throats roaring.

While the devotion to the Eagles was

evident, many Goldfields stalwarts are convinced that there would be similar devotion to a team in the WA Football League.

"It's not just the Eagles," says Peter Jeanes, the editor of the Kalgoorlie Miner newspaper.

"It's the occasion; they just lack things to do up here and a football match of this magnitude is a huge event."

The Eagles-Crows fixture passed all the tests needed to convince Football Commission hierarchy that the Goldfields can sustain a team in the WAFL.

Functions like the \$150-a-head black tie dinner and a \$50-a-ticket sportsman's night were sell-outs; a \$25 breakfast with a panel show was overflowing; reserved grandstand seats at \$25 a time were snapped up in minutes.

Everyone was talking about the event and even the traditional two-up school opened its tin shed a few hours earlier than normal on the Saturday to allow patrons to get a spin or two in before the kick-off.

The logistics of flying a football team and support staff into Kalgoorlie went off without a hitch; the 78-seater charter plane from Perth took an hour to transport the Eagles and South Fremantle, while the 128-seater from Adelaide did the trip in just over two hours, complete with some die-hard fans who had paid \$300 for the jaunt.

The accommodation in the city was taxed to the limit, but there were no complaints about over-crowding. The hotels — who once served the nation's thirstiest drinkers — with cold ale abundant throughout and the challenge of getting a beer never a worry.

VOLUNTEERS

The strong financial support for the game — coupled with an enormous amount of voluntary work to stage last week's fixture — confirm that there are enough people on the Goldfields with the fierce desire to make a WAFL team succeed.

The proud sporting history of the Goldfields — particularly a small street in Boulder that produced legends like Joe Fanchi and Alec Epis within a few houses of each other — is evidence enough of the region's ability to breed footballers.

Respected coach Ted (Punter) Robinson, father of current-day Goldfields team member EJ Robinson and a man with seven premierships behind him with two different Kalgoorlie teams, is confident about future playing talent.

"We've probably got the best young bunch of potential league players that I've ever seen," he says. "And I'm talking about 10 or 12 really promising youngsters."

Maurice's new role

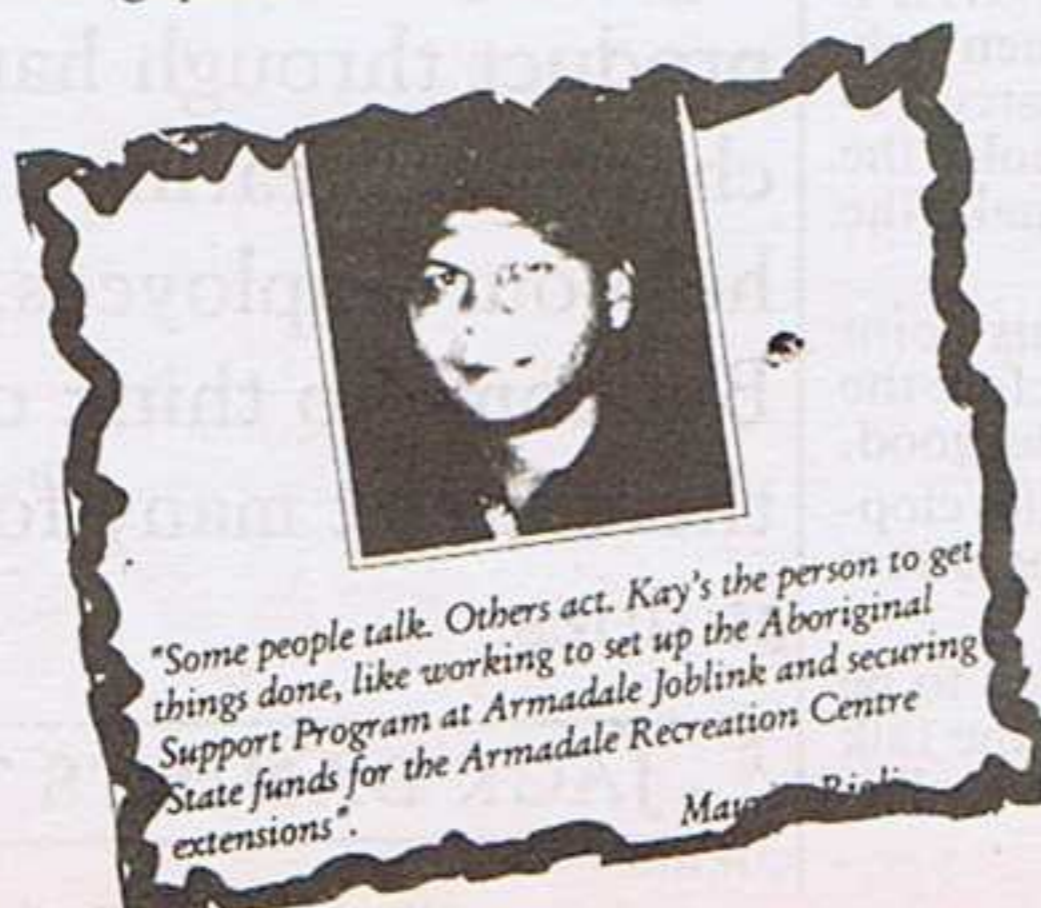
IT hasn't taken former football champion Maurice Rioli long to slot into his new role as a Member of Parliament.

His influence on the Northern Territory Parliament since winning a landslide by-election probably hasn't changed the nation — yet — but he's certainly not out of place in politics.

Take this advertisement in one of Perth's suburban newspapers, for example.

Armadale candidate Kay Hallahan used the great Rioli to back up her campaign for a local Aboriginal Support Programme . . . but surely she could have got a more flattering photograph of the former South Fremantle and Richmond super-star?

The much-loved Maurice looks like a refugee from a back alley in Singapore!



Never-ending

IF YOU think the West Coast Eagles players are ever going to forget their historical AFL premiership win, then think again.

Judging on a comment by versatile big man Glen Jakovich, the players will never let that moment of glory slip from their memories.

When asked had he watched the replay of the premiership winning victory over Geelong, Jako replied:

"Yes, sure. About once a week, I guess."

Footy's big spenders

RESPECTED football commentator Geoff Christian produced an interesting snippet of information on 6WF's Saturday morning sports show recently.

He suggested that today's footballers weren't too badly off when it came to payments, with an estimated \$25-million of the total AFL income of \$75-million going to players.

"I think that's a fair distribution of funds," he said.

But surely, if it takes twice as much money to run the game as it does to pay the competitors — the people who put on the entertainment — then it's out of balance somewhere.

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Slipping into the boss's chair



COOL COACH . . . new South Fremantle coach Mark Watson looks casual and confident as he takes over Mal Brown's coaching seat

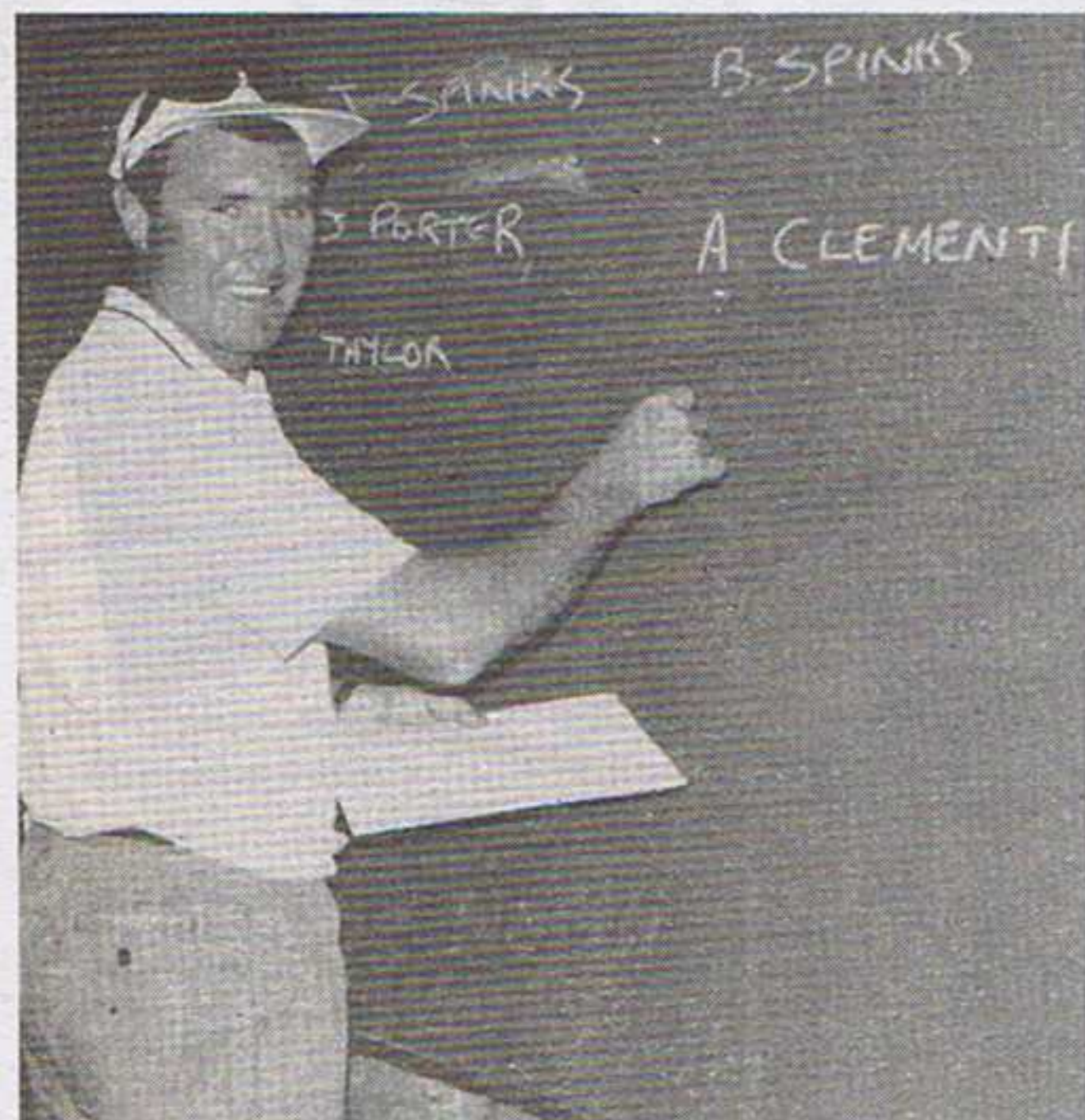
Mark Watson moves up the ladder in confident style

JUMPING into hot-seat coaching roles at fairly short notice is something that Mark Watson never really anticipated after his playing days — but it's becoming a bit of a habit.

The 1987 Sandover Medallist now finds himself shaping up for a WAFL season as a senior coach, the man in charge of last year's Pepsi Cup runner's-up South Fremantle, just 18 months after stepping into the breach with the North Fremantle amateurs, half-way through a troubled season.

While there are few apparent troubles at South Fremantle — with the Bulldogs brimming with young talent and seemingly in search of their 11th premiership — he faces a big job settling into the seat occupied by the charismatic Malcolm Brown.

The enigmatic Brown has departed for greener pastures with Richmond and while the announcement was delayed virtually till the eve of South Fremantle's first official practice match — against an Adelaide Crows B-side at Kalgoorlie last Saturday — it was no secret that Watson would have the senior job this year.



FIRST UP . . . Mark Watson chalks up his first Bulldogs team before the Kalgoorlie practice match hit-out with the Adelaide Crows last Saturday

In fact, Watson knew that the league job would be his half-way through last season when he was working as Brown's right-hand man and Souths were putting their coaching structure for the future into place by grooming people to step up a cog and take over at short notice.

Now the former Claremont and Perth league player — who celebrates his 33rd birthday the day after the WAFL season kicks off on Saturday, April 3 — feels confident that he is ready for the challenge.

"It's been a hectic few weeks," says Watson, who officially took over on January 21. "But the players have accepted it really well and everybody around the club expected the change to happen anyway."

"It will be hard replacing Brownie, there's no doubt about that. His image and charisma affects everyone and he had great loyalty from the players. He always gives the impression that he's totally in control — whether he's right or wrong — and his personality is infectious.

"And, besides, some will say he hasn't really gone because he rings up every second day to check up on us!"

Watson was, in fact, offered the Bulldogs league job at the end of the 1991 season, when Brown was commissioned by former Souths president Bill Hughes to find a new senior mentor. A number of potential candidates were approached, but in the end Brown himself accepted the task and set about building a coaching structure around him that would quickly produce a successor.

"I told Brownie back then that I just wasn't ready for the job," says Watson, who had only coached North Fremantle for half a season and was still adjusting less than a year off after his 1990 retirement.

Watson was happy to accept the assistant's role at Fremantle Oval for 1992 and has slipped into the higher-profile job without any problems, especially as he was often given added responsibility last season.

His role grew in importance during 1992, often taking training by himself and leading team discussions and selection meetings. He supervised most of the pre-season work in 1992 when Brown was away and was virtually in charge of the summer programme this year.

"Mal always made it clear that I was being groomed for the job," says Watson.

"Even though I'm from the same playing era as guys like Craig Edwards, Wally Matera and Brad Collard, they were very receptive and I've found it easy to slot into the role."

Watson the player, with 73 games at Claremont —

including the 1981 premiership victory — and 118 with Perth, where his Sandover Medal and a State captaincy was a personal highlight — was always recognised as a bloke who gave his best every week and was first and foremost a team man.

Paul Vasoli, who coached the Bulldogs reserves side to the premiership last year, will be Watson's assistant and people like club general manager Brian Ciccosto, team manager Santo Pasqua and newly-appointed football manager Mark Bayliss will all play an important role — even radio personality and one-eyed Bulldogs man Bob Maumill will have his 'self-appointed' role of selector kept intact!

As a player, Watson achieved his success the hard way.

He came from the good football breeding ground at Denmark, caught up in Claremont's recruiting net — where, ironically, Brown had spotted his potential when he was coaching the Tigers in the mid-70s — and graduated to the seniors in 1980, after a year in colts and reserves.

His strength as a player was that he could get his hands on the football and while — by his own admission — he wasn't as skilful a rover as, say, the Krakouer brothers or Barry Cable, he learnt how to use both sides of his body and his efficient disposal was a feature of his game.

His Sandover Medal victory is a night he will never forget — despite the cloud that has always lingered because he actually finished behind Claremont's Derek Kickett, but a suspension cost the electrifying Tiger the honour.

"At the time I felt sorry for Derek," admits Watson. "But the end result under the rules meant that the Medal was mine and I couldn't change that."

"That was certainly a highlight for me, but winning a premiership at Claremont rates highly also. Team highlights are the reward for working together in a club and that's something I'll preach."

Watson doesn't see his lack of coaching at a senior level as a drawback; he likes to think that Gerard Neesham was a rookie when he took up the Claremont challenge and while he's not ranking himself alongside the triple Tigers premiership mentor, he sees a similarity in their careers.

"To be successful a club has to work hard and that's what I'll be doing," says Watson, who has taken on the job full-time, taking leave from his previous role as a turf consultant and groundsman.

Married to Gail, with three young girls — and another on the way — Watson says he can cope with the increased work-load of up to 60 hours a week come football season.

Turning the pages

Museum holds many memories



IN FRONT . . . the bust of football legend Graham Farmer is among the bronze sculptures that greet visitors to the Superdrome

OLD CHAMP . . . the framed photograph and biography of all-time great coach Phil Matson hangs in the Hall of Champions gallery



By former sports writer ALAN NEWMAN, the historian for the Museum of WA Sport at the Mt Claremont Superdrome



HAVE you ever wondered how our old-time footballers managed to keep their moustaches looking so trim, taut and terrific?

A study of team photographs taken in the early years of this century will reveal that the clean-shaven players were usually outnumbered by their moustachioed mates.

There's a clue to how those dashing dudes preened their facial fungus in a magnificent display of football memorabilia at the Be Active Every Day Museum of WA Sport at the Superdrome, in Mt Claremont.

The secret is revealed in a toiletry set presented to the legendary W.J. "Nipper" Truscott for winning an award as the best all-round player for Mines Rovers, in the 1909 Goldfields Football League competition.

A battered old Gladstone bag is filled with bottles that contained sweet-smelling lotions and potions and part of the equipment is a curling iron, a stick of wax and a tiny spirit lamp for heating the instruments.

It must have been quite a ritual for the players after they had showered and changed as they set about

curling their mo or rolling the ends into sharp, bristling points in the style of an army sergeant-major.

Truscott's toilet kit is just one of 150 items of memorabilia in the Museum's football collection.

They range from trophies, medals, guernseys, boots, photographs and scrapbooks, to oddities and off-beat items such as footballs used in famous feats and other memorabilia that always make good talking points for Museum visitors.

Old records suggest that Truscott played more than 400 matches for Mines Rovers and East Fremantle before retiring from football at the age of 41. He is the only man to have represented WA in five Australian carnivals.

But while his toilet kit is a hint to the great moustaches of that era, it's doubtful that Nipper ever used the curling iron and wax because all of the photos in existence of the great little rover never showed him sporting a moustache.

The current football display at the Museum includes

the Brownlow Medals of Graham Moss and Ross Glendinning; Sandover Medals won by Merv McIntosh, Barry Cable and Haydn Bunton junior; MBEs presented to Cable and Mel Whinnen for services to football and a pair of boots worn by East Perth's "Prince of Coaches" Phil Matson in his last season before he was tragically killed in a car smash in Nedlands in 1928.

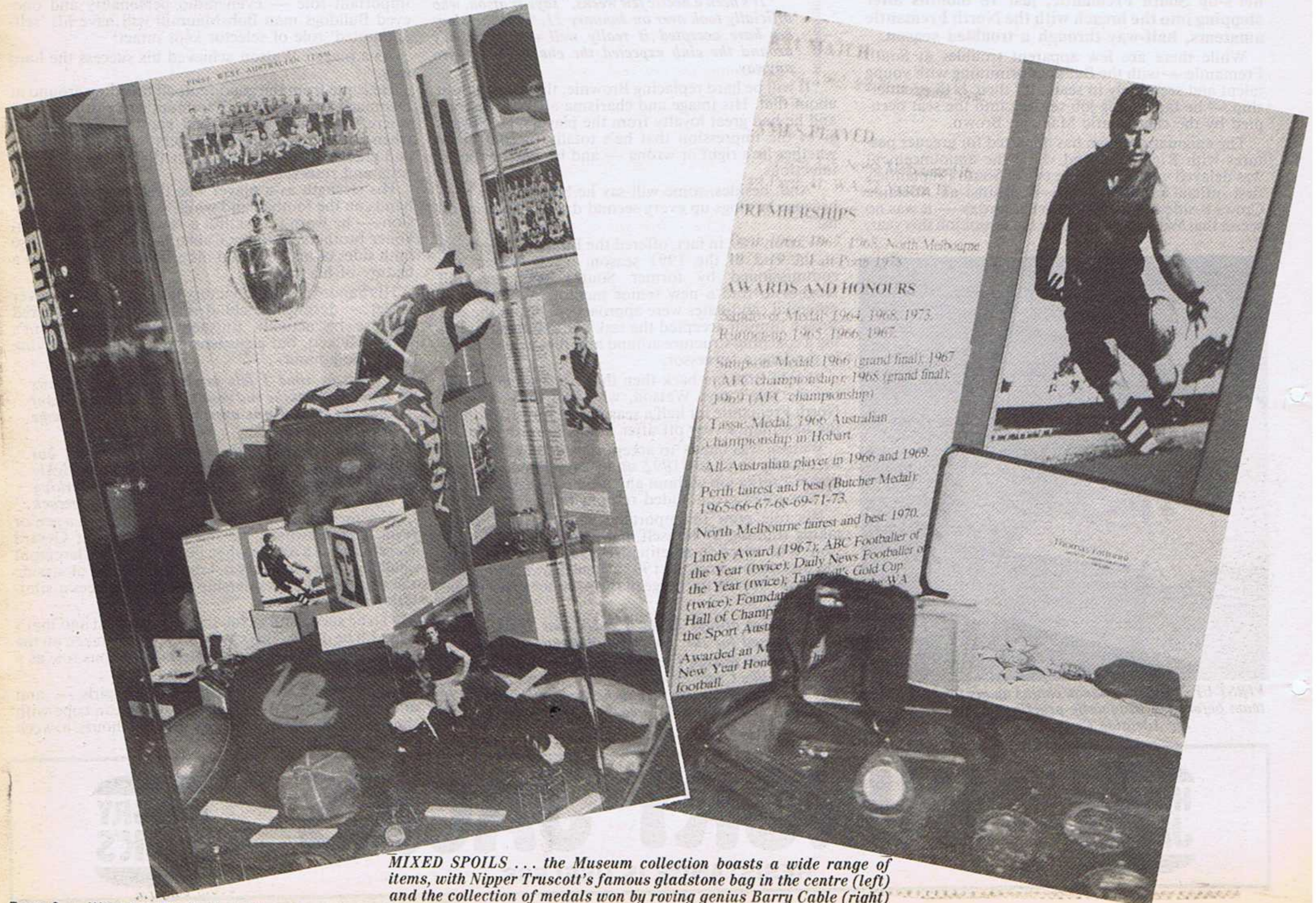
It's interesting to compare Matson's beautifully hand-crafted boots with the lightweight, low-cut pair worn by West Coast Eagles sharp-shooter Peter Sumich when he kicked his 100th goal of the 1991 season.

One of the Museum's most-prized possessions is a 90-year-old North Fremantle guernsey worn by Guy Bateman, a member of one of WA's most prominent sporting families.

North Fremantle played in the WAFL competition from 1901 to 1915 and their colours for the first five seasons were narrow blue and red stripes — a combination of their two neighbouring Port clubs — before changing to black and white stripes in 1906.

The lace-up guernsey with leather facings was donated to the Museum by Mrs Francesca Wray and is in remarkably good condition for its age.

It arrived at the Museum in a much better state than



MIXED SPOILS . . . the Museum collection boasts a wide range of items, with Nipper Truscott's famous gladstone bag in the centre (left) and the collection of medals won by roving genius Barry Cable (right)

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history



NIPPY PAIR ... Bill Walker (left) and W.J. 'Nipper' Truscott are among the football members of the Hall of Champions

SHINING LIGHT ... the AFL premiership trophy is the West Coast Eagles' most-prired possession and stands proudly in the Museum of Sport



from football's past

the green and gold WA guernsey worn by full-forward Bonny Campbell when he posted 53 goals in five games at the 1924 Australian carnival in Hobart, including a record 23 against Queensland.

Moths got to Campbell's guernsey when it was in storage at the old WAFL offices at Subiaco Oval, but in next to no time, it was as good as new after being given some loving care by Museum curator Sue Ferreira.

That's a point worth considering by anyone with old guernseys, socks or wollen memorabilia tucked away somewhere at home — sooner or later it's going to deteriorate unless some restoration and preservation attention is given to it.

Some of those old treasures would be serving a much more useful existence if they were given to the Museum of Sport to be placed on display for the public to enjoy — you don't have to give them away, simply lend them to the Museum.

Other items in the Museum's collection include footballs presented to George Doig for some of his record-breaking goalkicking feats of the 1930s and '40s and a charcoal sketch of the great Haydn Bunton senior that was drawn in 1932, the year of his second Brownlow Medal win.

Bunton finished his career with three Brownlows and three Sandover Medals and it's a great pity that there is very little archival film of him around for modern-day fans to study and appreciate his genius.

The Museum staff had no trouble in talking Moss and Glendinning into handing over their Brownlow Medals. Moss is the Superdrome's current general manager and Glendinning was marketing manager at the venue until about two years ago.

Other contributors have been Jack Clarke, Ross Hutchinson and Keith Slater from days long gone, while the West Coast Eagles are represented by items provided by Peter Sumich and Brett Heady.

The Museum is sponsored by the Health Promotion Foundation (Healthway) and aligned to the National Heart Foundation, whose health message Be Active Every Day is displayed prominently.

Above the Museum of Sport, on the upper level of the Superdrome, is another nostalgic link with the State's sporting history — the WA Hall of Champions.

The Museum is managed by the WA Sports Federation and the Hall of Champions is the responsibility of the WA Institute of Sport, who oversee the induction each year of new members drawn from WA's illustrious sporting history.

The two displays are run independently of each other, but a merger is currently under consideration. If and when this happens, some much-needed extra space will be available for Museum displays.

The 1992 intake brought the number of inductees in the Hall of Champions to 58 — 12 of whom are footballers.

Graham Farmer, George Moloney, Barry Cable and W.J. "Nipper" Truscott were inducted as Foundation Members back in 1985 — when the concept got off the ground with the help of the WA Sportswriter's Association.

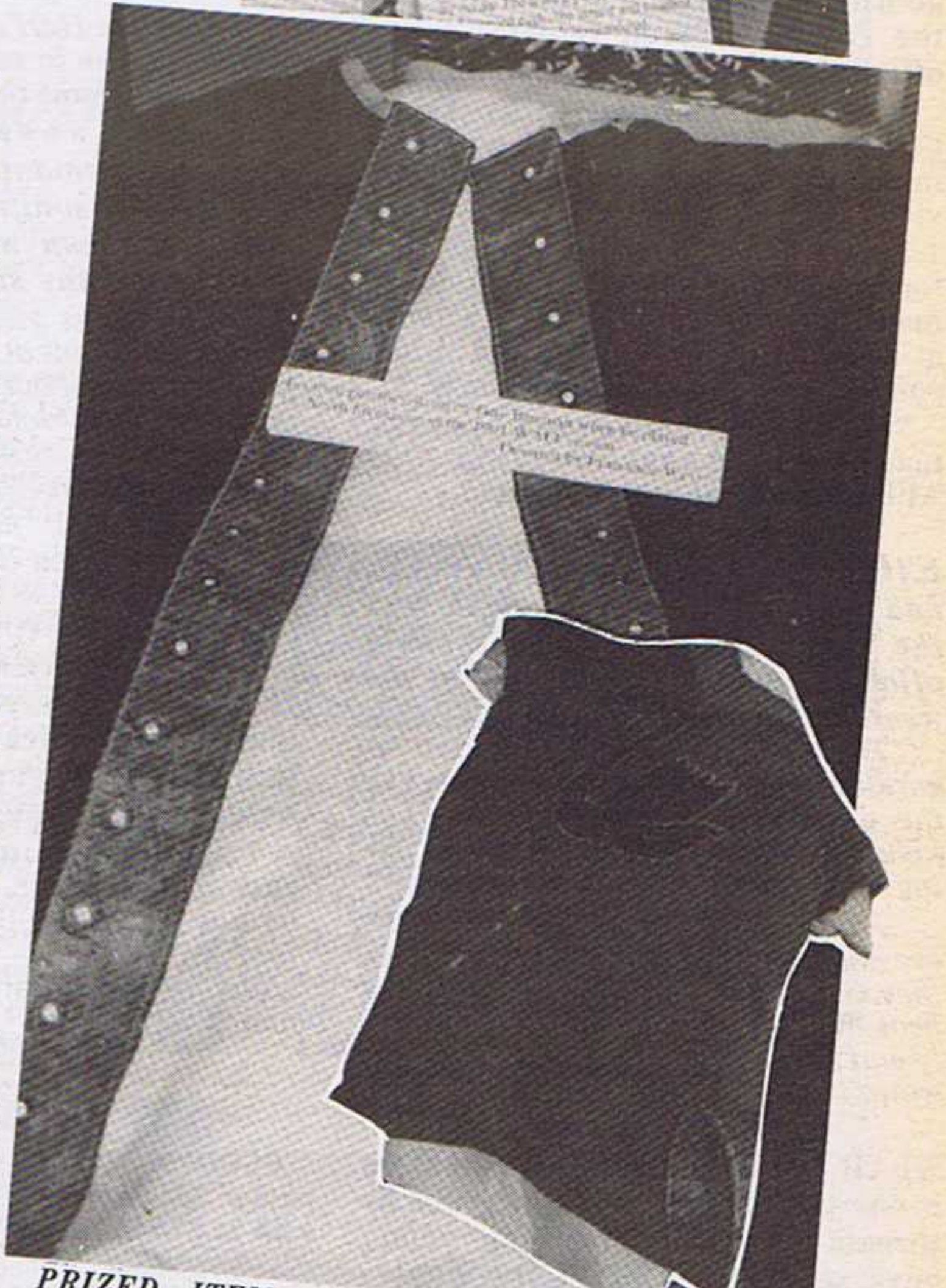
Since then, Jack Clarke, George Doig, Jerry Dolan, Johnny Leonard, Phil Matson, Merv McIntosh, Jack Sheedy and Bill Walker have been honoured at the annual inductions held in conjunction with the WAIS annual dinner.

Anybody wanting to take a trip down memory lane would enjoy spending a couple of hours browsing through the Museum and the Hall of Champions.

East Fremantle fans, in particular, can recall the glory of names like Clarke, Doig, Dolan, Sheedy and Truscott, who all gave great service to the blue and whites. Their photos and memorabilia are there for all to see — and right in the heart of Tigerland, too!

The Museum of Sport and the Hall of Champions are open all day and every day except Christmas Day and Good Friday. Admission is free, so why not pay a visit?

And if you would like to donate, or lend, any football memorabilia to the Museum of Sport, you can telephone the curator Sue Ferreira on 387 8542, or speak to former sporting journalist Alan Newman, at the Sports Federation on 387 8100.



PRIZED ITEM ... this 90-year-old guernsey was worn by North Fremantle back at the turn of the century

GOLDEN GUERNSEY ... this green and gold jumper was worn by goalkicking legend Bonny Campbell during his goal orgy of the 1924 carnival

VIEWING TIME ... West Coast rookie Matt Clape — who works at the Mt Claremont Superdrome — and Museum curator Sue Ferreira admire the football display



BIG BOOTS ... East Perth's Phil Matson was a big man in the world of football — as his boots confirm



Kalgoorlie Notebook

with ALAN EAST

THE historic AFL contest at Kalgoorlie was given a high rating by the critics — even though it was officially just a practice match.

Renowned football critic Geoff Christian said that the clash was most important from a Goldfields point of view.

Not only was it a high-priority fixture to kick off a year of celebrations to mark 100 years of gold-mining activity at Kalgoorlie and Boulder, but it had considerable football importance.

"Maybe this early-season practice match could be a preview of the 1993 AFL grand final," he suggested.

EAGLES coach Mick Malthouse had no doubts about the clash with the Adelaide Crows being a fierce affair — despite the prospect of hot weather.

"The players will go 100-percent regardless of the weather," he said before the game. "You can't go slow. You know that the opposition is always going to want to try and take you apart."

"That's where we have to keep a close eye on the players if it's hot; make sure they don't over-exert their bodies in the heat. We'll be monitoring them carefully and the water boys will have plenty of work."

STAR West Coaster Peter Matera is one senior player not concerned by threats from the emerging young guys seeking places in the Eagles line-up.

"It's tremendous to see the young guys coming up," says the Norm Smith

Medal winner from last year's grand final.

"They will keep the pressure on all the senior players and we just have to perform otherwise we step aside."

THE 1993 AFL season will see a pretty tight battle for finals places if the judgement of Eagles coach Mick Malthouse is on target.

The premiers-winning coach sees at least three teams challenging for places in the top six this season.

He tips Essendon, Adelaide and Carlton as all having the credentials to claim a place in the top six and none of last year's finalists can afford to relax.

"If we had one extra hiccup last year, we could have missed the finals," he says. "So with those other teams coming up, we know we can't afford to take things for granted."

MICK Malthouse is a pretty astute sort of football judge — and that means Adelaide youngster Ben Hart is set for a bright future.

"I rate Ben Hart as the most exciting player I've seen in more than 400 games of football," said the Eagles coach.

SOUTH Fremantle roving legend and poet personified, Brian Ciccosto, is a man with plenty of dry humour for any situation.

The Bulldogs general manager was fielding questions at a Kalgoorlie sportsman's night about why Souths were playing in the Goldfields and not Subiaco, whose zone it was.

"We're here because we were invited and we accepted," he said bluntly. "But don't worry about Subiaco; I've offered them two games at Narragin (Bulldogs territory) to make up for it!"

IF you have ever wondered how much work Mick Malthouse puts into his weekly game planning, then here's an example.

Talking to a sportsman's night audience in Kalgoorlie, he estimated that he put in 50 to 60 hours a week on football matters — and up to five hours before a game thinking about match strategy.



WELCOME HOME ... former Goldfields Football League president and one-time East Perth star Brian Macgregor (left) welcomes legendary Kalgoorlie champion Alec Epis back from Victoria. The fit-looking Epis went directly from the Goldfields to Essendon back in the late 1950s, establishing an outstanding record in the VFL. He flew back to Kalgoorlie for the Goldfields All-Stars team presentation, details of which will be in Westside's next edition

ROVING panel chairman and com-pere George Grljusich was quick to examine any possible flaw in the organisation of the Goldfields Centenary match.

Talking to match organiser Doug Krepp, he asked:

"What happens if most of the 12,000 crowd want to go to the toilet at the same time, Doug?"

The meticulous Krepp replied: "We've got 60 outside toilets set up to cater for any rush."

ONE man who enjoyed every moment of last week's Goldfields celebrations was author and historian John Terrell.

The Perth-based journalist had the official launch of his book, Goldfields Sport — Heroes, Heroines and Happenings, in Kalgoorlie two days before the football extravaganza.

Terrell, a sporting buff with a love of football, put the book together over recent months, but it was based on a lifetime interest in sport on the Goldfields, where he was born into a family whose history goes back to the very early days.

GOOD READ ... author John Terrell with his Goldfields sport book



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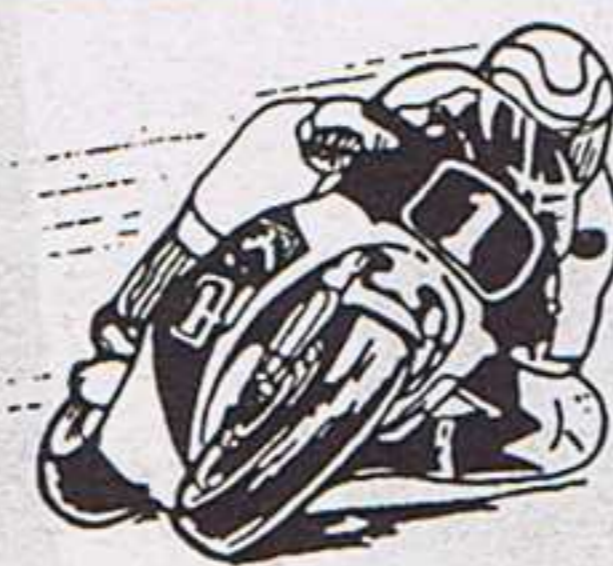
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Walking — and talking — in a hornet's nest

Big George handles the flak

IT WAS the confrontation they were all waiting for — colourful ABC commentator George Grljusich versus the Goldfields people pushing for a team in an expanded WAFL competition.

The stage was set — a crowded Railways Institute hall, with rows of critics who had greased their vocal chords with ample product from one of the sponsors of the Sportsman's Night, Emu Export.

With the SGIO the major supporter of the night — and, in fact, the under-writers for the Goldfields Centenary football extravaganza — Grljusich was probably wondering how much insurance he needed for the evening.

Flanked by his co-6WF panellists, Geoff Christian and Keith Slater, he felt pretty safe, especially with Eagles heroes, coach Mick Malthouse and match-winner Peter Matera, drawing huge accolades from the noisy crowd on their entrance.

To cap off his cohorts, the one-eyed South Fremantle compere added newly-appointed Bulldogs coach Mark Watson to the line-up, along with Souths general manager Brian Ciccotosto and there were plenty of panel questions to keep the audience attentive.

There had been an early danger warning from comedian Peter Dee when he suggested to GG that he didn't have a 'cut-off' button to get rid of unwanted questioners, like he often did on his 6WF Sportstalk show.



AUNTY'S TEAM . . . the ABC panel show team (from left) Keith Slater, Mick Malthouse, George Grljusich, Geoff Christian and Peter Matera

By Westside Football editor ALAN EAST who monitored the ABC invasion of Kalgoorlie last weekend

"I can take all the flak," said a sweating Grljusich, who found the humidity of a simmering Kalgoorlie hotter to handle than the questions.

So after fielding a host of questions such as why Mal Brown wasn't on the panel as advertised — "he's off to greener pastures in Melbourne" — and why Souths were playing instead of Subiaco, whose territory it was — "because the Goldfields asked us" — the crunch-time came.

"Why don't you want a Goldfields team in the WAFL?" was the blunt question from a front-row \$50-a-ticket customer who was determined to put Big George in his place.

So the man who has been one of Perth's most vocal critics of a Goldfields side — despite having been born on the Goldfields — launched into full battle mode.

MAJOR OBJECTIONS

"There are three major reasons why I'm against it," said Grljusich.

"One — how competitive can you be? It will be very hard for you to attract sufficient quality AFL or WAFL players up here and I don't think you'll get the players you want from surrounding towns. If you need a squad of 30 to 40 league footballers, you will struggle to build up your depth. It's no good putting a Goldfields side into the WAFL and getting thrashed all the time.

"Two — the inclusion of extra teams in the WAFL has to be done democratically. We can't have the Football Commission dictating to the eight WAFL clubs who will be in their competition. It has to be a unanimous decision to expand and right now none of the WAFL clubs want extra teams from the country.

"Three — would it help the WAFL to have two extra sides? Would it increase attendances or bring in added revenue? The answer is no on all counts. It would cost too much to bring about and we would need a higher standard of football on the Goldfields before the picture could be put together."

So there it was — GG had put his case as forcefully as possible and while the next 10 minutes became rather chaotic as questioners hurled their opinions

from across the hall, George remained cool under the pressure.

The objections from the audience were typical:

★ The Goldfields have got a good crop of youngsters coming up through the ranks and we want them to stay in Kalgoorlie.

★ There is plenty of sponsorship support for a Goldfields side.

★ Crowds at local matches wouldn't be all that badly affected because they could be played as curtain-raisers to WAFL games.

★ There is plenty of work on the Goldfields to offer good employment to prospective players.

And so on . . .

While Grljusich and the panel didn't give much away in the debating, there was a distinctive easing off by the ABC people by the time they left town 24 hours after their arrival.

The huge and enthusiastic crowd at the Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre for the 16 quarters of football last Saturday — in temperatures that fluctuated from 32deg mid-morning, to 42deg mid-afternoon to 22deg at 5 o'clock when the main game started — swayed the ABC trio that high-profile football matches in Kalgoorlie would attract the fans and the ground catered very well for the three matches.

In fact, GG was overheard to say that maybe the Goldfields could justify a WAFL team after all!



NO KIDDING . . . George Grljusich was concerned about over-crowded toilets at the Kalgoorlie game, but match organiser Doug Krepp convinced him that it was all under control



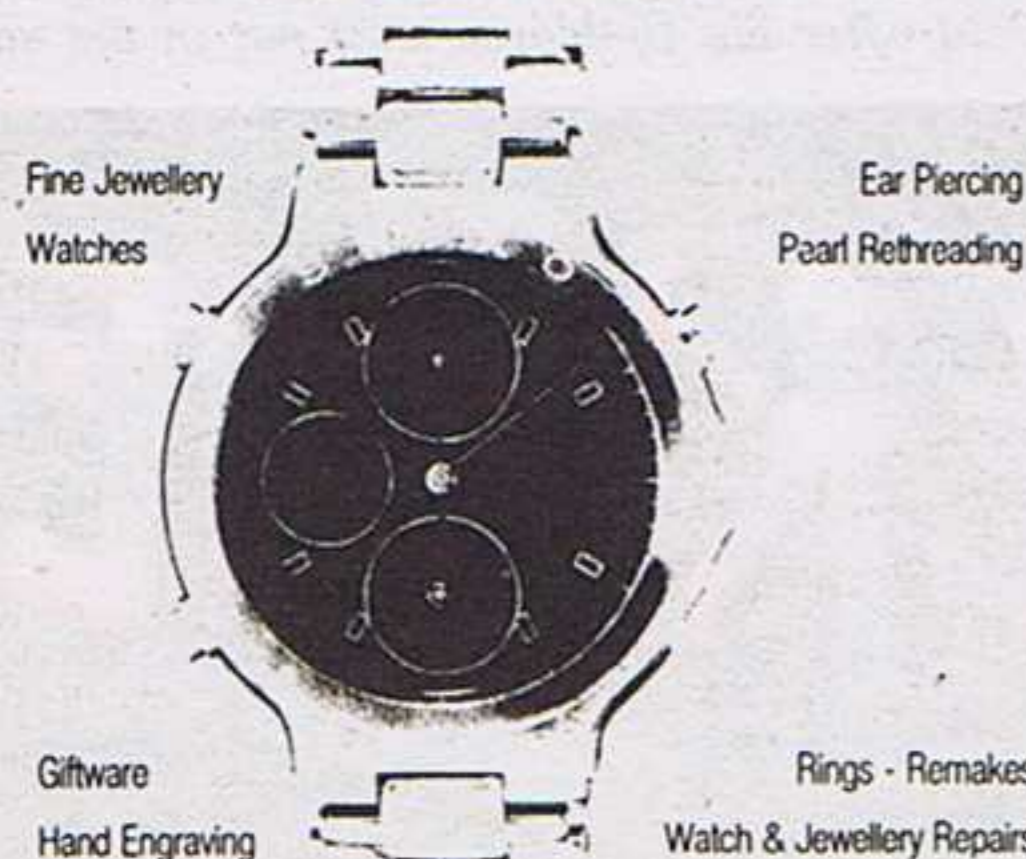
NO WORRIES . . . Labor's former deputy premier Ian Taylor took his mind off Saturday's election with a visit to a football breakfast

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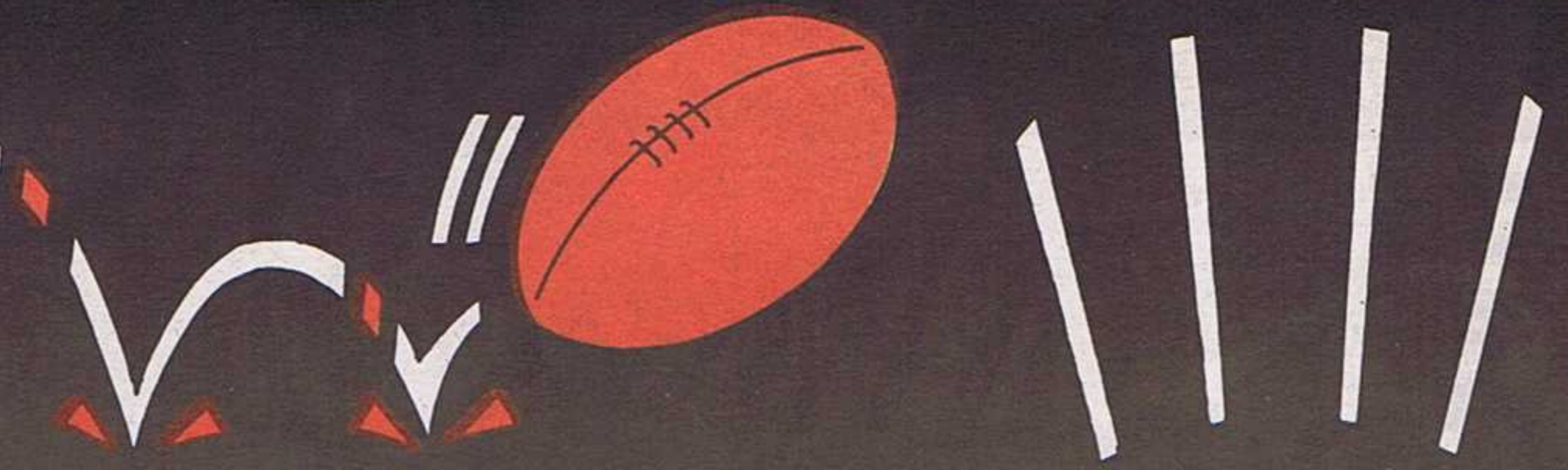
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ABOVE:
AUTOGRAPH TIME . . . Eagles pair Craig Turley (top) and Chris Mainwaring set to satisfying the queue of autograph hunters at a breakfast show at the de Bernales tavern in Kalgoorlie

RIGHT:
SOUVENIRED . . . Eagles star Karl Langdon adds his signature to the much-autographed shirt on this young Bulldogs fan



WHISTLE STOP . . . Kalgoorlie umpire Craig Arthur enjoys a Swan Gold after his 40-degree work-out in the early game

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HI FOLKS . . . yes, it's footy funnyman John K. Watts, who was co-compere of a breakfast panel show, along with his ABC colleague George Grljusich



HELLO THERE . . . Channel 7's Ross Glendinning interviews an old adversary, dual Sandover Medalist Stephen Michael, who was in Kalgoorlie with the combined Collie side

Pictorial focus on Kalgoorlie's day

THERE was no shortage of humour, entertainment and action when Kalgoorlie-Boulder opened its gates to the football world. These are some of the photographs from a feast of football



ABOVE: HISTORIC DROP . . . Eagles star Peter Matera with a bottle with a difference, it contains turf from the hallowed surface of the MCG, a 20-tonne consignment of which was bought by an enterprising Kalgoorlie business man and bottled as a grand final souvenir

LEFT: TOP VIEW . . . the sign says strictly reserved for players, but that didn't stop these locals from grabbing a good seat in the sun

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Spotlight on Kalgoorlie



Malthouse likes the look of young Eagles

WEST Coast coach Mick Malthouse had his first close-up look at his recently-drafted rookies last weekend and he liked what he saw.

The Eagles fielded three first-year players against Adelaide in Kalgoorlie and another three squad members who have yet to be part of a qualifying match and they all showed out.

Always having an eye towards the future, Malthouse was impressed with the display of Drew Banfield.

The 18-year-old backed his No.1 selection in the November draft with a solid display across midfield.

And Malthouse, always cautious not to build-up individuals, hinted that Banfield's first year in the Eagles squad wasn't necessarily going to be used for development with the aim of bringing him into AFL ranks in the next few years.

"Banfield is exactly what we have been looking for," said Malthouse.

"He goes at the ball hard and gets the ball out to his teammates.

"I was happy that he came back after getting an injury early in the match."

VERSATILE

The Eagles have never been worried about exposing young players to the rigours and grind of AFL football early in their careers, with versatile rookies Mitchell White, Glen Jakovich and Ashley McIntosh all just 17 when they represented the Eagles for the first time.

Match details

ADELAIDE	1.1	3.2	3.5	8.6	54
WEST COAST	2.4	4.8	5.11	6.13	49

GOALS — Adelaide: Matthew Robran, Scott Hodges, Matthew Powell 2; Andrew Payze, Shaun Rehn 1. **West Coast:** Peter Sumich 2; Dwayne Lamb, Daniel Metropolis, David Hynes, Drew Banfield 1.

BEST — Adelaide: Shaun Rehn, Andrew Jarman, Stephen Rowe, Rod Maynard, Ben Hart, Bruce Lindner. **West Coast:** Ashley McIntosh, Matt Connell, Chris Waterman, Dwayne Lamb, Guy McKenna, Glen Jakovich.

ADELAIDE B	1.5	8.5	10.10	15.12	102
Sth FRE	2.8	6.10	9.12	9.13	67

GOALS — Adelaide B: Tony Modra 6; Jarrod Hocking 4; Matthew Powell, Paul Patterson 2, Brooke Fogden 1. **South Fremantle:** Frank Morellini 6; Jason Spinks 2; Ashley Clementi 1.

BEST — Adelaide B: Tony Modra, Jarrod Hocking, Michael Godden, Paul Patterson, Peter Turner. **South Fremantle:** Wally Matera, Frank Morellini, Bruno Italiano, Cliff Collard, Kent Heard.

of young Eagles

By

ROSS LEWIS

All three have become prominent members of the West Coast line-up and were part of the premiership success last year.

Banfield's rise towards AFL ranks is even more remarkable considering he played just nine matches for the Lions before he was drafted by the Eagles.

His Subiaco teammate Tony Godden, who was considered a surprise selection in the November draft, was also praised by his coach after his effort in Kalgoorlie.

The dashing blond had played most of his 24 matches with Subiaco on a wing, but Malthouse started the 20-year-old in defence.

And the premiership coach was happy with his performance to the extent whereby Godden should retain his place in the Eagles line-up for the practice match against South Fremantle this Friday night.

"Tony played an effective game for us," said Malthouse.

"He certainly did enough to come into contention for the match we play next week."

TEENAGER

West Perth teenager Paul Symmons also donned the Eagles guernsey for the first time and Malthouse believed the pressure of an AFL-type match would assist his football development.

Half-back Derek Hall, who has been part of the West Coast squad for three seasons, is also trying to break through for his first AFL match.

Hall was in a dilemma whether or not to leave the Eagles nest at the end of last season, due to a lack of opportunities.

But the 22-year-old, a runner-up to West Perth teammate Robbie West in the Sandover Medal, gained points with the Eagles coaching staff as he tried to cope with the pressure of the Crows last-quarter charge in Kalgoorlie.

"The ball was being swamped into the forward-line and Hally did a magnificent job handling the situation," said Malthouse.



G'DAY MATE... Eagles star Glen Jakovich greets an old friend at Kalgoorlie

Familiar faces

THERE was no shortage of Perth people wandering the streets of Kalgoorlie last week, with hundreds making the trip to the Goldfields.

The naming of a Goldfields All-Stars side saw former players like John Annear and Joe Fanchi go back to their breeding ground, while former players like Dean Turner and Stephen Michael made the trip from Perth and Collie respectively to renew some old acquaintances.

Goldfields-based Mick Garbin, a successful captain-coach in Kalgoorlie and a former Perth player, caught up with his cousin, Glen Jakovich.

Bulldogs showed plenty of grit

SOUTH Fremantle put up a plucky display against a more experienced and fitter Adelaide Crows second side in Saturday's Goldfields exhibition triple-header.

Rookie coach Mark Watson was far from unhappy with the gritty effort from his youngsters — especially in their tackling — at a time when the temperature hovered in the high 30s.

The Bulldogs, missing a number of their senior players from last year's grand final, stayed with a Crows side that had a healthy injection of AFL players who exerted their influence in the final term.

Souths were brilliantly led by veteran Wally Matera, whose roving around the ground was matched by the alertness around the goals from Frank Morellini, whose six-goal effort saw some opportunist majors posted by a youngster with a bright season ahead of him.

Jason Spinks produced two goals off the half-forward line, Martin Atkins defied the heat to ruck strongly and Bruno Italiano showed that he will be a welcome return after a fruitless AFL challenge with some dash out of defence.

YOUNGSTERS

Youngsters who staked early claims for future league trials were Ivan Bartul, Simon Taylor, Kent Heard, Tony Warren and Tim Mazurek, a younger brother of league player Paul.

The Crows had some quality footballers in their line-up, with forward Tony Modra leading and marking strongly to finish with six goals. Michael Godden and Brooke Fogden roved strongly, while half-back Peter Turner — a former Teal Cup captain — showed AFL potential.

The Bulldogs frittered away valuable opportunities in the opening quarter when they kicked six straight points before posting a goal and they only trailed by seven points at half-time.

Despite kicking with a strengthening breeze in the last quarter, Souths couldn't keep pace with a fast-finishing Crows side, who kicked five goals to one point.

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Hurtful return

FORMER Essendon star Greg Anderson had mixed emotions on his visit to Kalgoorlie last week — he was happy about being back home in a South Australian team environment, but a broken wrist soured his return.

Anderson fled the Bombers after falling out with Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy late last year and says he has been happier with his football since transferring back to Adelaide.

Sheedy maintained a policy of playing Anderson at full-back despite the 26-year-old earning State selection as a quality wingman.

"It's nice to be back home and playing in a position I'm more accustomed to," said Anderson.

But while the veteran of 103 matches started impressively against the Eagles, he didn't finish the same way.

Anderson broke a bone in his right hand and will miss the remainder of the Crows pre-season programme, but is confident of being ready for the opening of the AFL season.

Great start

WEST Coast rookie Drew Banfield achieved a rare double when he touched the ball for the first time in his debut for the Eagles against Adelaide in Kalgoorlie's practice match.

Banfield's first kick resulted in a goal, repeating a similar feat on his WAFL debut for Subiaco midway through last season.

The 18-year-old, the No.1 pick in last November's national draft, was later praised by Eagles coach Mick Malthouse for his ability to overcome an injury and finish out the game against the Crows.

Crows warning

ADELAIDE coach Graham Cornes had a sobering warning for club supporters after his team's success over West Coast in Kalgoorlie.

Cornes said that while he was happy to beat the reigning AFL champions, the matches that really counted were still seven weeks away.

"This is just the start," he said in the changerooms after the thrilling win. "But it gives you a sense of confidence that you have the knowledge and the ability to win."

"But games with premiership points are still to come and, more importantly, the games that win premierships are many months off."

Timing astray

WEST Coast coach Mick Malthouse was a little bemused by the length of the quarters in the final half of the battle with the Crows.

Match organisers had scheduled the quarters to last 20 minutes to fit in with television requirements, but the plans appeared to go awry in the exciting finish.

Malthouse said his coaching staff had timed the third quarter at 19 minutes, while they measured the final stanza at 26 minutes.

The difference in the time proved to be important in the Crows late charge towards their five-point victory.

Giant Adelaide utility Matthew Robran, the son of SA football legend Barrie Robran, kicked the winning goal in the dying minute of the match, four minutes after the anticipated final siren.

In addition, the Eagles lost one minute with the strong breeze, while their opponents had an extra six minutes kicking with the gale, in a quarter that

saw them post five goals, having managed just three in the previous three quarters.

Malthouse was also concerned about the lack of adequate lighting at the Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre in the final half against Adelaide.

Heavy cloud cover and the 7.30pm finish, combined with a fairly basic lighting system, planged some areas of the ground into darkness.

At times players appeared to lose sight of the ball as the light fell.

"It got very, very dark and we did have a few strange things going on out there," said Malthouse.

But the lighting — or lack of it — didn't upset the Crows. As one official quipped during the last-term fight-back: "Maybe we can just steal this game in the dark without the Eagles seeing us."

Brewery boost

THE Goldfields Centenary exercise gave major football sponsors the Swan Brewery the chance to show off two of their star performers in a public relations exercise.

Emu Export marketing man Howard Cearns and Kalgoorlie-based Leith Johnston chaperoned Eagles duo Peter Matera and Chris Mainwaring around town, visiting hotels and introducing them to local publicans.

In addition, the Eagles champs were a real hit at three special venues — the Kalgoorlie prison, an aged persons home and a newly-developed primary school.

The prison visit saw the Eagles pair match skills with a number of slick inmates in an impromptu practice session, while more than 100 of the town's elderly foke were absolutely delighted to have close-up contact with their heroes.

More than 300 students at the Hannans Primary School endured the hot afternoon to take part in a coaching clinic with Matera, whose writing hand

would have been sorer after a lengthy autograph session than was his goal-kicking boot after his match-winning grand final.

Friendly persuader

THE successful staging of the Centenary match was a coup for the Goldfields and no man was more pleased than organising chariman Doug Krepp, one of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's famous footballing families.

The project took 21 months to bring to fruition and Krepp says that the hardest part was convincing the AFL to approve the fixture.

He made two trips to Melbourne to see AFL executive commissioner Allan Schwab before finally persuading the AFL to give the go-ahead.

"They knew what they wanted and we had to do what we were told," said Krepp. "But in the end, they were very co-operative, as were the Eagles and the Crows when we got around to talking to them."

All Stars in our next issue

A FEATURE of the Goldfields Centenary celebrations has been the naming of an All Stars team.

Westside Football will provide an exclusive pictorial feature in our next edition, on Thursday February 25, on the Goldfields Centenary All-Stars side.



HARD WORK ... Eagles dasher Peter Matera was hard at work on the coaching field with these youngsters and then had his hands full with autograph requests Matera was visiting the Hannans Primary School for a coaching clinic as part of a promotional visit by the Emu Export team



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Mining town battle



Goldfields claim their revenge

REVENGE was sweet for the Goldfields when their combined side withstood the heat and the pressure from a Coalfields side to win the battle of the mining towns.

The match was the first of three games in last Saturday's Kalgoorlie football feast and the Goldfields side ran out strong winners, 20.26 (146) to 4.7 (31) over their Collie opponents.

It was 10 years ago that the Coalfields handed out a similar thrashing to a side from the Goldfields when they travelled to Collie to celebrate the coal mining town's centenary.

A promise given then that a Collie side would return the visit for Kalgoorlie-Boulder centenary celebrations was honoured when the team travelled by bus to the Goldfields.

But they returned home disappointed with an effort that saw the players wilt in 39-degree heat.

An off-target Goldfields kicked away strongly in the first term, led brilliantly by a strong-marking Mick Garbin at full-forward, where he posted three early goals and finished with four for the game.

The Goldfields were brilliantly led by one of the region's veterans — tigerish rover George Ford, who kicked three goals and revelled in the heat.

Half-forward EJ Robinson also kicked three goals and produced some excellent marking, while former Subiaco veteran Glenn O'Loughlin and Craig Reid got two each.

O'Loughlin and his brother Craig — the only Goldfields players remaining from the 1983 team that lost in Collie — often featured in the play together and the former Lion showed that he had lost none of his ball-getting ability.

Other good players for the Goldfields were Paul Watson, Todd Colquhoun and Reid, with recently-retired South Fremantle player Merv Dellar doing well early.

The Goldfields were coached by Richard Holmes, a former Boulder City player who guided Kalgoorlie City to a surprise victory over Mines Rovers in last year's grand final.

The Coalfields side — coached by Trevor Stewart — were sadly undermanned and lacked the fitness of their opponents.

However, dashing centreman Shane Sherwood turned in a superb game, well-supported by rover Jason Tate (two goals), winger Scott Healey and big man Allan Fontana.

Details:

Goldfields	4.6	9.12	15.20	20.26	146
Coalfields	2.2	2.5	2.6	4.7	31

GOALS — Goldfields: Mick Garbin 4; EJ Robinson, George Ford 3; Glenn O'Loughlin, Craig Reid 2; Bruce Champion, Paul Watson, Ric Maple, Brett Turner, Alby McKenzie, Otaviano 1. **COALFIELDS:** Jason Tate 2, Jason Mumme, Cameron Chambers 1.

BEST — **GOLDFIELDS:** George Ford, EJ Robinson, Paul Watson, Craig Reid, Todd Colquhoun, Bruce Champion. **COALFIELDS:** Shane Sherwood, Jason Tate, Scott Healey, Allan Fontana, David Lewis, Peter Lunardi.



Photographs from last Saturday's Goldfields versus Coalfields contest in Kalgoorlie are: **TOP LEFT:** WINNERS ALL ... for-

mer Perth player Mick Garbin (in the hat) leads the Goldfields off after their win over the Coalfields **TOP RIGHT:**

COOLING DOWN ... former East Fremantle and South Australian ruckman Greg Hodson was in the Coalfields side and found the going hot work

ABOVE LEFT: STILL KICKING ... former Subiaco and West Coast player Glenn O'Loughlin is still playing good football back on the Goldfields

ABOVE RIGHT: THIRSTY WORK ... tough little veteran rover George Ford was best-on-ground as the Goldfields beat the Coalfields — and he deserved a Swan Gold

LEFT: TOP TEAM ... Goldfields coach Richard Holmes was well-satisfied with the victory, a win that came after his premiership with Kalgoorlie City last year

RIGHT: COVERED UP ... Collie's Murray Uren was well-protected against the sun as he gets some last-minute words from Coalfields coach Trevor Stewart





Footy around the nation

Quill settles at Footscray

EAST Fremantle premiership wingman Peter Quill has quickly made his mark at his new AFL home, Footscray.

The 32nd pick in last November's draft — and the oldest West Australian to get called up — was among the Bulldogs best four in a recent practice match against Essendon.

Footscray coach Terry Wheeler is confident that the speedy Quill can adapt to AFL ranks, after 78 games in four seasons with the Sharks.

The 23-year-old Quill showed his class on the wing after copping a heavy knock from Essendon recruit Damian Hardwick in the second quarter and he improved to help Footscray dump the Bombers by 73 points.

Wheeler likened the injury-prone Quill to former Subiaco and WA champion Peter Featherby, who was a prolific kick-getter during spells with Footscray and Geelong.

Essendon revealed plenty of emerging players who can stake a claim for league selection, but it was the experienced WA player Darren Bewick who was their best.



CATS BLUES ... Geelong star Billy Brownless is shaking off a depressed mood after last year's grand final loss

Blight waiting to atone

GEELONG coach Malcolm Blight is one man who cannot wait till this football season kicks off.

The one-time champion player took the grand final defeat by West Coast as hard as anyone in Catsville — and his total planning is towards revenge this season.

Blight, a winner of both the Brownlow Medal and the Magarey Medal for the best player in the old VFL and in his home State competition, the SANFL, has toughened himself — and his players — up mentally for a new '93 challenge.

One of his biggest projects has been to restore the confidence in Billy Brownless, a key figure in any Geelong line-up — but a player shattered by a poor individual performance in the premiership play-off.

Blight has been able to reconcile the Brownless depression simply because he had 'been there, done that' himself — he put in a poor game in the 1977 grand final with North Melbourne, but earned a second chance with the historic tie and was close to best-on-ground in their victory over Collingwood in the replay.

Brownless, who has to wait 12 months for his chance to atone, says he would be keen to stand alongside the youngster who curbed his talents last September 26 — Ashley McIntosh, the teenage Eagle who kept the dangerous Cat down to just 10 possession.

Demons get early muddying

MELBOURNE got an early taste of wet-weather football when they travelled to Darwin recently for a pre-season hit-out against a combined Northern Territory side.

Monsoonal rains had swept Darwin just days before the match, producing a slogging affair which saw the Demons work over-time before finally subduing the NTFL in the last term.

Melbourne ran out 23-point winners, helped by an outstading effort from youngster David Neitz, a former All-Australian Teal Cup ruckman — and a promising display from Claremont's Phil Gilbert, one of the most impressive of the recruits.

Sean Charles, the lightly-built youngster who is tipped to emulate some of the magical feats of St Kilda's WA wizard, Nicky Winmar, won the medal for best-on-ground.

Claremont rookie Scott Chisholm — who is being enticed by talent scouts with a view to a March AFL draft call-up — was best for the NT.

Back in Melbourne, three WA players stood out when Fitzroy staged an intra-club practice match.

South Fremantle draft choice Michael Dunstan impressed Lions coach Robert Shaw, while two of last year's rookies in Marcus Seecamp and Jeremy Guard were in brilliant early-season form.

In addition, former Claremont and North Melbourne player Mark Brayshaw lined up for the Lions and did enough to suggest that he could get a call in the March draft.

North Melbourne into the fold

THE AFL Players' Association is confident that the current dispute with football's heirarchy will help them achieve total membership from among the clubs.

North Melbourne, who have stayed out of the association since its establishment in 1974, have thrown their support behind the group.

An unofficial ban had previously prevented 'Roos players from joining the association, but recent meetings at Arden Street have produced strong support.

Association president Justin Madden and executive director Peter Allen welcomed North Melbourne players to the association's historic meeting when they agreed to challenge the AFL on a number of issues.

Lions find more debt

IT SEEMS as though there are a few skeletons in the cupboard over Fitzroy way ... or some hidden debts, at least.

For the second successive year, Lions members were told at their annual general meeting that some almost-forgotten liabilities had produced an unexpected debt of \$300,000 to add to their woes.

The new liability included some payments to players and medical staff from 1991 and a shortfall in payroll tax which had escaped the notice of auditors.

The new-found debt helped take Fitzroy's loss for 1992 to almost

\$600,000 and pushed their overall debt to around \$2 million.

However, a ray of hope for the luckless Lions is that the introduction of gambling machines at their Fitzroy Club Hotel will boost revenue and produce sufficient profits to survive.

Dermie hurt

HAWTHORN received an early-season concern when champion forward Dermott Brereton complained of soreness to his troublesome hip. Brereton has been under-taking a strenuous rehabilitation programme since surgery on his hip, but he struggled to keep up when Hawthorn slipped into top gear in their pre-season training.

Eagles Cup overfloweth

IT certainly shapes up as a 'House Full' year for the West Coast Eagles, in the aftermath of their 1992 AFL premiership glory.

We've already seen all the prime reserved seats at both Subiaco Oval and the WACA Ground snapped up by the early-comers and even the out-in-the-weather seats have all gone.

Come bounce-down, there won't be much left other than standing room spots — and the same applies in the corporate world.

It seems as though the West Coast's marketing department have been right on the ball, selling off everything available, from arena signs, to boxes and corporate packages.

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Reflections from an Eagle

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CRAIG TURLEY

FROM a local park in Balga to the Melbourne Cricket Ground on the most important Saturday of the year.

That's the journey West Coast star Craig Turley has travelled — and it's one that he always believed he would complete in style.

The 27-year-old Eagles club champion of 1991 was one of the proudest men on earth on Saturday, September 26, when he shared in the glory of an AFL premiership for the team from Perth.

Turley, a veteran of 81 Eagles games and 73 with West Perth, is the classic battler-made-good story in sport. He had to work hard to earn his senior stripes and, in fact, spent a few too many games in the reserves at Leederville before his senior spurs were confirmed.

His rise to fame saw a magnificent season in '91; second in the Brownlow Medal matched by a club champion award. But the down-side was a losing grand final effort against Hawthorn — and that was something to rectify.

"It was a special day, winning that premiership last year," says Turley.

"It was an achievement hard to put into words; the memory of that siren will stay with me forever.

"Sharing it with team mates who had worked so hard together as a group for several years was something very special.

"To see the commitment that we had all put in be rewarded with a premiership was magnificent.

"Getting together later with my parents and close friends was also a moment to cherish; it was just great to be able to reward all those people close to you with the glory of such a victory.

Turley, who was hampered by fitness problems last year and is now eager to get back into full-scale training after a summer operation to solve, was a marked man from the start of the '92 season because of the danger he displayed the previous season.

"I can still remember as a little bloke when I'd duck down to the local park straight after watching a VFL game on telly and having a kick," says Turley.

"Even in those days I used to dream of playing on the MCG one day."

Turley was one player keen to atone for the previous year's grand final loss — a defeat that he now believes came about because the players were too caught up in all of the atmosphere.

He says that the 1992 victory was achieved because the players were far better prepared, mentally as well as physically.

"We were far more focused on the game this time," he says.

"We were tuned in a week or so before the grand final and much better prepared for what was to happen on the day."

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Put 'em on your face

Training camps on the club agenda

By

KERRY LARSEN

PRE-SEASON training is in full swing for the start of the 1993 Pepsi Cup football season.

As a pre-season ritual, WAFL clubs are organising training camps for players and administrators to get into the right mood for the coming battles.

West Coast set the pattern with their tough pre-season camp at Margaret River, where scaling rock faces and abseiling set the sturdiest Eagle legs quivering.

A series of team and motivational exercises are put in place at these camps in an attempt to bring teammates and administrative staff closer together.

Subiaco were first off the mark for pre-season camps when 60 players ventured to Rottnest Island before Christmas.

South Fremantle camped out at Dwellingup in late January, where league and reserve players took part in

their last official exercise under former coach Mal Brown.

East Perth take their players to the Darling Range Youth and Recreational Camp next weekend, where an attractive venue boasts a 25-metre swimming pool, four tennis courts, an 18-hole golf course and a football oval.

Swan Districts are holding a camp for 50 players and coaching staff at Baldy next weekend, from Friday through to Sunday.

Claremont selected the picturesque Dunsborough as the site of their training camp, at Christ Church Grammar School's camping grounds, with 35 league players, plus support staff making the trip next weekend.

"In previous years we've had a great

time at Rottnest Island, but we thought that a change would help this year," Claremont's football manager, Phil Smart said.

"It's a great chance for everyone to get to know each other and start to work as a team before the season gets under way."

Perth will enjoy a stay at the Bickley Reservoir, where 60 players and staff will stay at the recreational camp, starting this Friday night and finishing on Sunday.

What's on at your club



Swan Districts

Pre-season matches, Bassendean Oval, Saturday, February 27, 2pm: Swan Districts v Claremont; 4pm, Perth v West Perth
Sunday, March 7, 3pm: Swan Districts v Perth, Goomalling.

WEST PERTH

Auction of players, Friday, March 26, at the club.
Intra-club practice match, Saturday, February 13, 10.45am, Leederville Oval.

East Fremantle

Friday night meals for \$7.50, 6.30pm-8.30pm, Frugales Restaurant

South Fremantle

South Fremantle versus West Coast Eagles, Friday, February 12, 5pm.
Back to Bali night, at the club, February 20, \$10 a ticket

West Coast Eagles

Training Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at Subiaco Oval
Eagles v South Fremantle, Friday, February 12, Fremantle Oval.

CLAREMONT

Training Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Claremont Oval
Friday, March 5: Corporate Classic Cocktail Party, Members Lounge.

SUBIACO

Training Mondays (Sacred Heart, Sorrento), Tuesdays and Thursdays, Subiaco Oval

PERTH

Southside Fair, Lathlain Park, Sunday, February 21

EAST PERTH

Training Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Perth Oval

Jones settles in well as a Falcon

ONE of the stars on the summer training track at West Perth is former Swan Districts defender Greg Jones.

The 21-year-old former South Bunbury player has arrived at Leederville Oval after two unsuccessful attempts to break into AFL ranks.



CHANGING STRIPES... former Swan Districts defender Greg Jones is now a happy Falcon

However, Falcons coach Jeff Gieschen believes that his recent frustrations in Victoria could help him succeed at West Perth this year.

"He comes to us with very good recommendations," says Gieschen. "And there is a strong possibility that he could re-establish his confidence and earn another crack at the AFL down the track."

Jones first tried out with St Kilda in 1991 when he was drafted after a brief taste of success with Swans, but he was then traded off to Footscray, where opportunities were limited.

He won a reserves fairest and best with St Kilda and finished third in the same award at Footscray, where coach Terry Wheeler had a high opinion of the versatile youngster.

"I spoke to Wheeler about Greg and he was impressed with his attitude and character," says Gieschen.

"He looks marvellous on the track and has a very good attitude; he epitomises the new young breed at Leederville."

The Falcons will also be boosted this year by the return of former captain Paul Hasler after a year overseas and a comeback from injury by another tough defender in Wayne Dayman.

Tigers look for AFL bonuses

CLAREMONT are preparing an exceptionally young side for this season — but they could see a couple of drafted players return to boost their playing strength.

Brendan Barrows and Mark Brayshaw are two former Tigers who have been dropped off AFL lists at Collingwood and North Melbourne, but hope to get a March recall.

Barrows is still training with Collingwood, while Brayshaw is at Fitzroy — with Richmond interested in his services — but if they are not picked up, they could well return to Claremont.

INVITATIONS

Rob Malone, who has been linked with a switch to South Fremantle, has resisted invitations to move to Victoria to join Carlton, opting to finish his studies off in Perth and settle down for another season with Claremont.

Claremont are concerned that they will lose promising youngster Scott Chisholm, who is playing in Darwin over summer and could be a March draft choice.

He played well enough in a recent Northern Territory practice match against Melbourne to attract the attention of a few talent scouts.

Former Teal Cup captain Danny Southern, who has been chased hard by Footscray for this year, will stay with the Tigers for another season.

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KEEN CONTESTANTS

The Wainwright family were keen contestants in the competition and Jill's first-out-of-the-barrel-entry earns her two rolls of Kodak colour film.

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What's happening in sport

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Quit Claremont Speedway — Friday, February 12: Heats of Coca-Cola Australian Sprintcar Championships; Saturday, February 13: Final Coca-Cola Australian Sprintcar Championship; Friday, February 19: The West Australian Laurie Matthews Speedcar Memorial Classic.

Victoria Park v West Stirling; Wembley v Swan Districts; Perth v South Perth; Wanneroo v Melville Braves; Morley v Gosnells. Wednesday, February 17: Perth v Wembley; Melville Braves v Gosnells. Sunday, February 21: Swan Districts v Victoria Park; South Perth v Wembley; West Stirling v Wanneroo; Melville Braves v Morley; Gosnells v Perth. Wednesday, February 24: Swan Districts v Wanneroo.

BASEBALL

Parry Field: February 12-13-14: Perth Heat v Waverley Reds; February 19-20-21: ABL Final.
State League: Sunday, February 14:

HORSE RACING

Ascot — Saturday, February 13: Heron Bridge Quality Sprint; Saturday, February 20: Goodwood Handicap.

CRICKET

Mercantile Mutual Cup qualifying final: Saturday, February 13: WA v Victoria, at MCG. Final: Saturday, February 20: NSW v qualifying final winner.

TROTTING

Gloucester Park — Friday, February 12: Channel 7 Western Gateway 3-yr-olds \$25,000 event. Friday, February 19: Lord Mayor's Cup \$10,000. Friday, February 26: Pearl Finals Group 1, \$85,000.

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Joe quits for cash reward

TEENAGE surfing enthusiast and reformed smoker Joe Thomson has picked up a handy \$500 in the Quit smoking competition being run at Claremont Speedway this season.

The 19-year-old Thomson, of Forrestfield, kicked the habit on December 11 last year and after two months as a non-smoker, he lists an improvement in his sense of taste and greater endurance, especially when surfing, among the benefits of being a non-smoker.

"I'm a ceiling fixer and have been out of work over the last few months, so the cash will certainly come in handy," said an excited Joe on receiving his award from Quit sprintcar driver Ron Krikke.

Joe started using cigarettes at the age of 16 and was smoking as much as a packet a day over the last year.

"I had tried to quit before, but only lasted a week or two," he admitted.

MUM'S NAGGING

"I'm not sure what the difference was this time, but my mother's nagging and not being allowed to smoke inside our home were certainly incentives to quit once and for all.

"I still get the occasional urge to smoke, but I just clench my teeth until it passes — having lasted two months without a cigarette, I can't see myself going back to smoking now," Joe added confidently.

As the major sponsor of Claremont Speedway, Quit wanted to do something extra for the patrons and came up with the idea of the Quit competition.

Quit sponsorship co-ordinator and competition organiser, Joan Macfarlane, says the competition is intended to be an incentive for smokers to think about quitting.

"We know that many smokers would like to be able to kick the habit and therefore we hoped that the prizes offered might encourage them to give it a serious try," she says.

"I was delighted that someone of Joe's age became a cash winner.

"He's still a teenager and if he remains a non-smoker, the detrimental health effects of smoking will be reversed in a few years.

"As well as that, as a non-smoker, Joe will be fitter and should get more enjoyment from his surfing."



CASHING IN . . . Quit sprintcar driver Ron Krikke presents Joe Thomson with a \$500 reward for giving up smoking.

The major prize of \$1000 is due to be awarded at Claremont Speedway on March 19.

In addition to the major cash prize, one lucky competition entrant will be given the opportunity to drive a Quit Sprintcar on the last night of the season. Entries will be accepted up until February 19 and full competition details are available at Claremont Speedway.

Local threat

THE West Australian challenge in the national sprintcar series will see the three-man Geoff Kendrick Quit racing team to the forefront.

The trio of leading WA drivers in Ron Krikke, Allan McCarthy and former motocross champion Jeff Leisk are all in top form, with well-tuned vehicles.

The home track advantage will help the local drivers stave off the challenge from interstate competitors.



FAMILY THREAT . . . Shane Krikke, who follows the style of father Ron, will be part of the Bunbury challenge



PRESSURE . . . the main wing — valued at \$1000 — bends under the pressure as Pino Priolo takes his sprintcar around Claremont — Photographs by PETER ROEBUCK

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Sports spotlight on Claremont Speedway

Top Aussie cars head for Perth

THE highlight of the national sprintcar season will take place at Quit Claremont Speedway this week, with the prestigious title of 1993 Australian sprintcar championship up for grabs.

The cream of the Australian sprintcar scene will be fighting it out for the coveted Australian No.1 crown, with 32 nominations from around Australia, including 16 from WA, 11 from NSW, four from Victoria and one from SA.

The current champion and winner of the 1987 world sprintcar championship, Garry Rush, is at Claremont to defend his title.

Possibly the best sprintcar driver Australia has produced, Rush is a smooth operator and despite threatening retirement in recent years, he continues on as part of a comprehensive Castrol motor racing sponsorship.

This trip by Rush sees the WA debut of the new Castrol machine, the Maxim Sprintcar, distinctive in colour and design.

BOLD MOVE

South Australia's Phil March is enjoying considerable success since his bold move from speedcar to sprintcar racing in the 1980s.

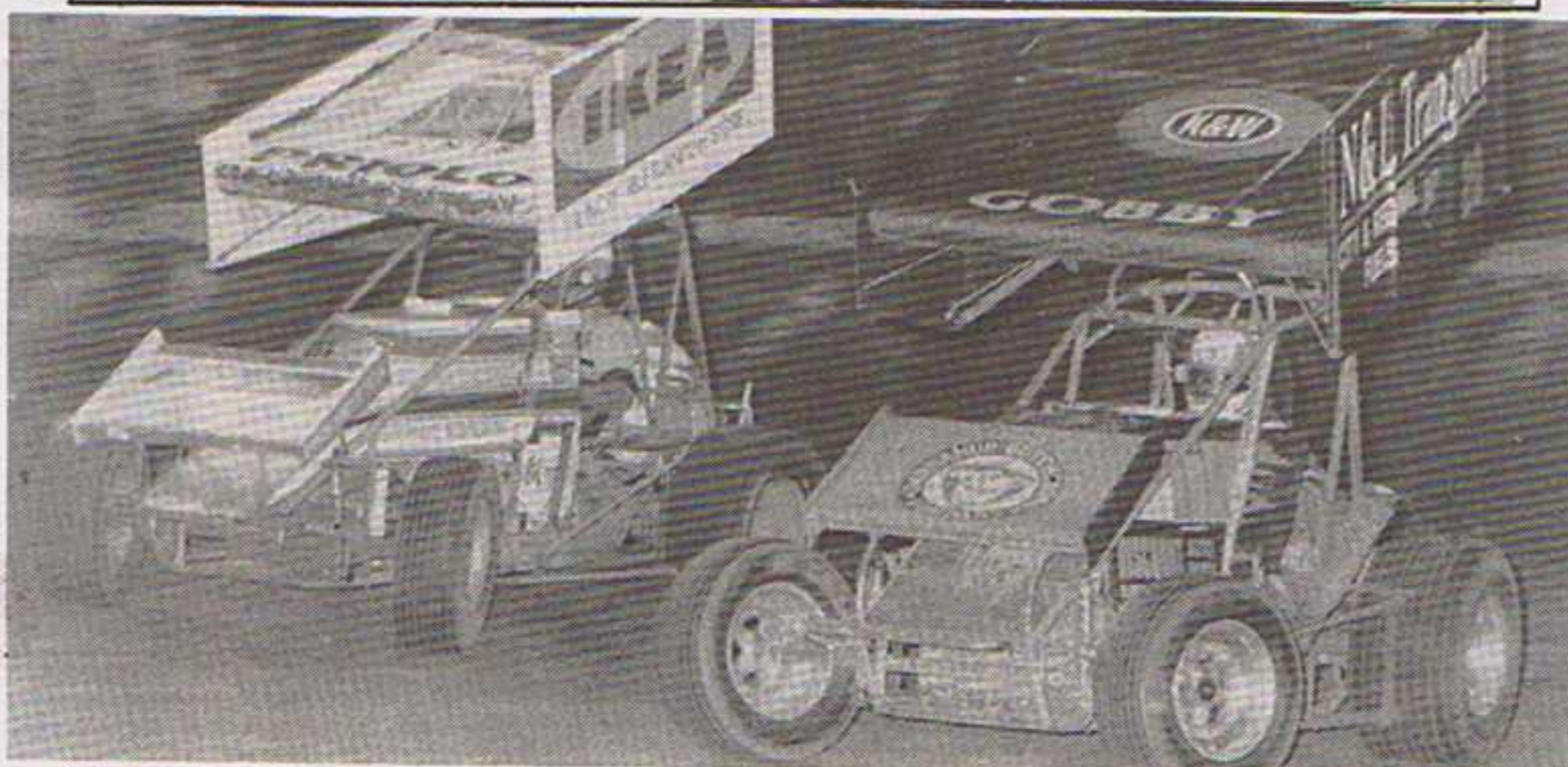
However, Claremont has not been a happy hunting ground for March in recent times.

In the 1991 Australian sprintcar series, March sensationally exited from the race after destroying a motor one-third of the way through his first lap.

After a slow start to this year's sprintcar series, March deserves a better run at Claremont Speedway.

George Tatnell, a surprise nomination along with his son Brooke, is a living legend of the speedway fraterni-

Claremont Speedway's BRAD ASHWORTH previews this week's Australian Sprintcar Championships



POWER PLUS . . . Eddy Gobby goes through on the inside of Pino Priolo at 160kph — and that's the type of sprintcar pressure the West Aussies will exert at Quit Claremont Speedway this weekend

— Photograph by PETER ROEBUCK

ty from the halycon days of speedcar racing days in the late 1950s and early '60s.

Always sporting the best race equipment, the Tatnell outfit are set to be a leading light in the Australian sprintcar scene.

Talented Brooke Tatnell visited the USA during the last off-season to mature further as a race car driver.

While a look under the bonnet of Car 8 may be a little difficult to achieve, especially if you are the opposition, it gives further credence to the professional attitude of this sprintcar team.

Brett Lacey is a former national champion and this year he is driving the SD Motorsports car No.21.

NSW's Skip Jackson will be seeking

revenge from last year's title after being flagged for noise-meter abuse due to a missing muffler.

This year, Jackson has brought a spectacular race car to WA, boosting his chances of becoming Australia's No. 1.

If there is one driver who generates excitement, it is the man in the blue No. 37 sprintcar, David Anderson.

A forceful competitor and a member of the troupe to follow the Australian sprintcar series around the country, Anderson has made enough visits to

Claremont to know what it takes to succeed at that track.

After a flying start to the Australian sprintcar series, Brad 'Hollywood' Heywood looked a happy man and will be keen to come back to Claremont to regain the form showed last November.

The newest young gun to emerge in sprintcar racing, NSW's Garry Brazier, may also have what it takes to be the best.

Winning the Friday night feature at last year's Knoxville Nationals proved to many that he can go all the way to the top.

Rod "The Rocket" Bowen became a star overnight when he was featured on 60 Minutes and is famous for pulling wheelstands while wheel packing.

However, we are unlikely to see those antics at Claremont, as Bowen gets to the business of trying to win an Australian title in Car 75.

OPPORTUNITIES

Ron Krikke and Shane Murphy are capable of narrowing the chances of the local contingent down to realistic opportunities.

Krikke, a member of the Kendrick Quit Team, is part of a racing organisation that knows how to produce winners at the track and are now looking very good.

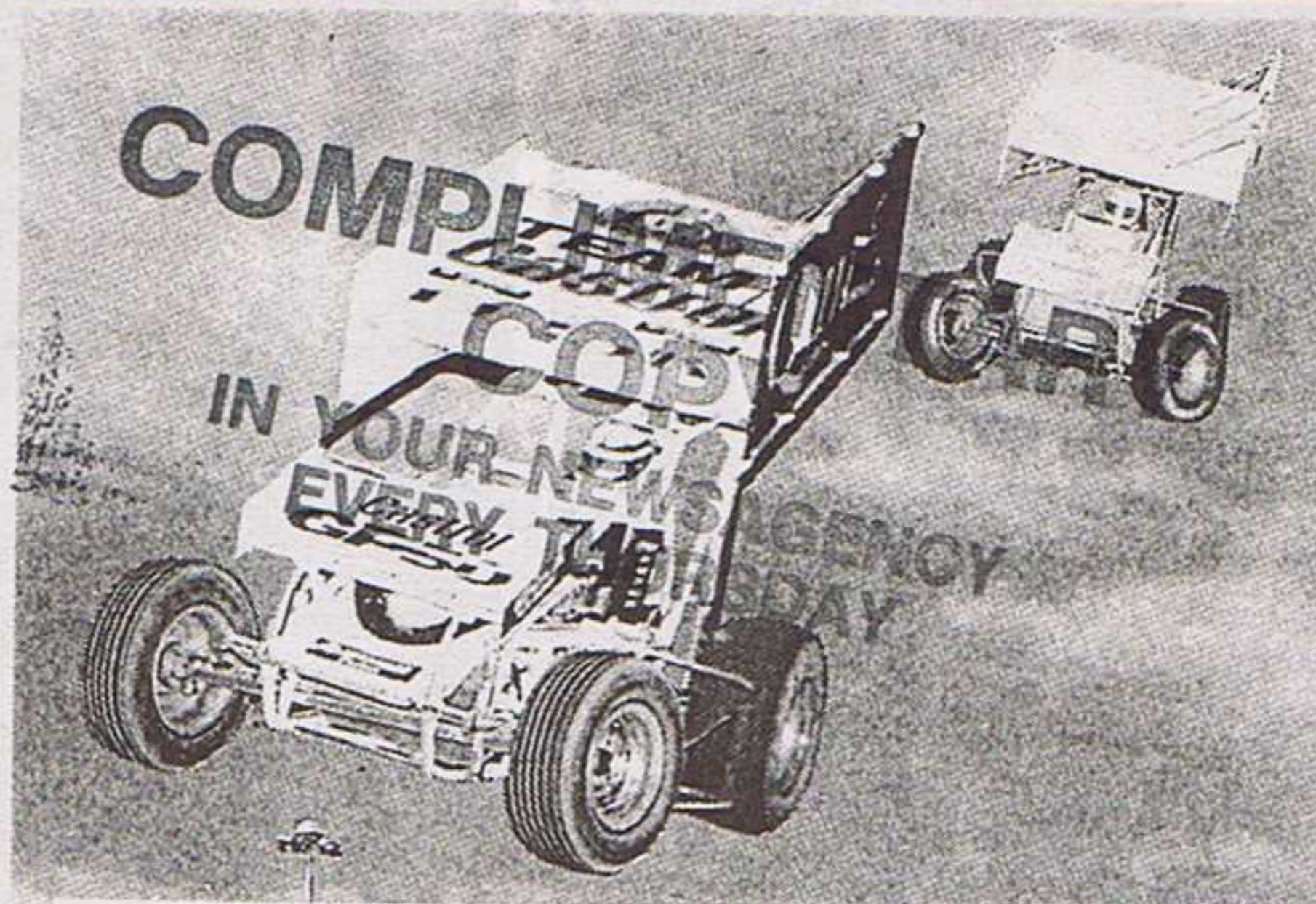
Krikke's domination of the Speedweek series highlights his ability to drive hard and fast and he would love to show the field that his Australian title was no fluke.

Earlier in the season, Murphy gave a clinic in how fast a sprintcar should be piloted around the track, winning the feature in Bunbury recently in his new car's debut.

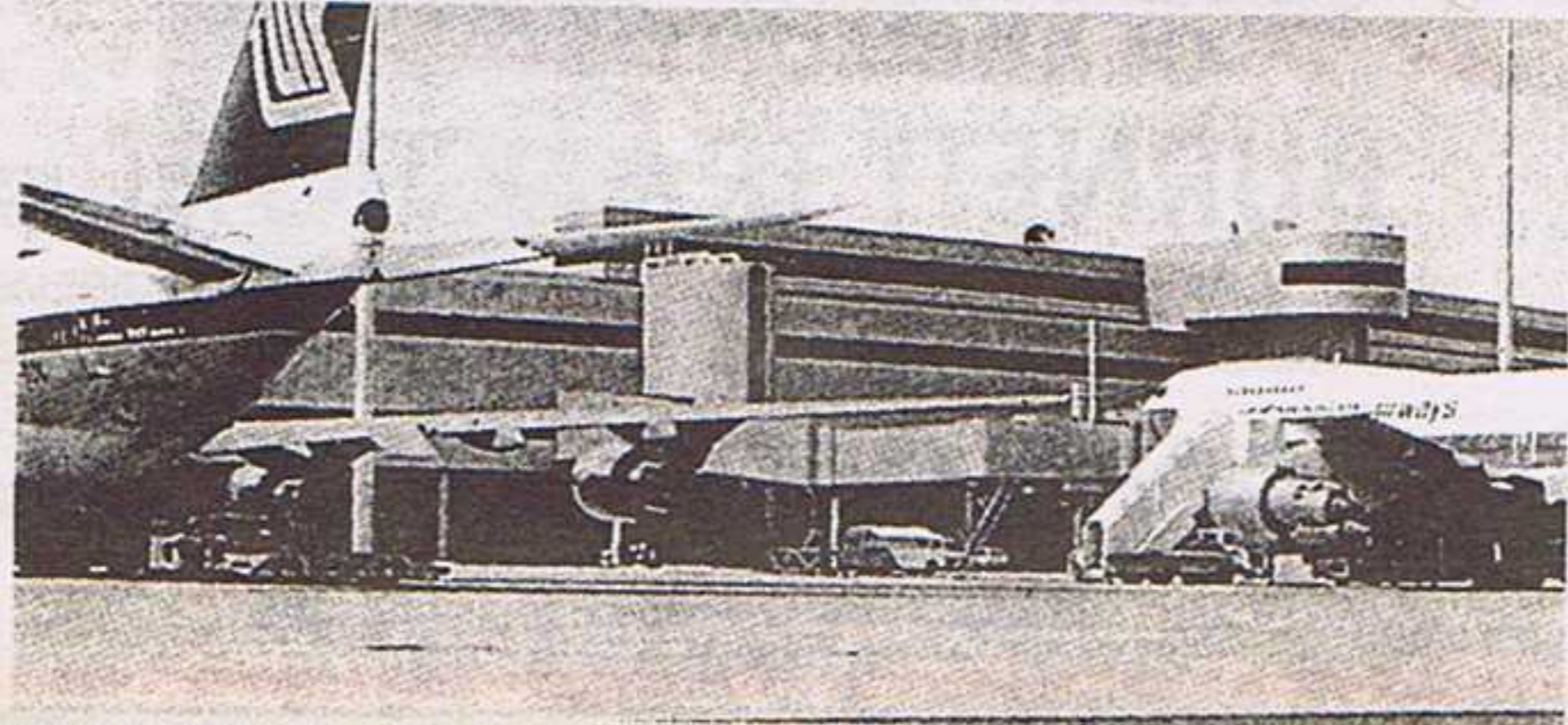
Speedway and squash features inside



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The 'Knights of the Dirt' lay it all on the line in the 160kph duel to decide the best driver in the nation.

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TONIGHT: NIGHT 1. From 7pm

Heats & Invitation Feature. Adults \$20, Kids \$10, Concessions \$15 (proof required), Family \$50 (2 Adults & 3 Kids) PIT & BACKSTRAIGHT STANDS \$5 ENTRY

SATURDAY NIGHT 2. From 7pm

Heats, Semi-main and Australian Championship plus Speedcars. Adults \$25, Kids \$10, Concessions \$20 (proof required), Family \$60 (2 Adults & 3 Kids) PIT & BACKSTRAIGHT STANDS \$5 ENTRY

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Departs Greenwood Shopping Centre 6.00pm, Duncraig Recreation Centre (front carpark) 6.10pm, Karrinyup Bus Station 6.20pm.

Sorry. No complimentary passes accepted these meetings.



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