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PLANNING AHEAD . . . Eagles coach Mick Malthouse and his assistant Robbie Wiley are in deep planning mode as they talk tactics during the West Coast clash with St Kilda in last Saturday's Foster's Cup game at Subiaco. The \$360,500 Foster's Cup pre-season event sees the 15 AFL teams chasing the first prize of \$104,500 and the West Coasters got off to a splendid start with an impressive 40-point win over the Saints.



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No love lost

SEEMS as though there isn't much love lost between football and cricket in Melbourne these days.

AFL executive commissioner Alan Schwab told 6WF's Serena Ramsey at Subiaco Oval on Saturday that cricket hadn't really played ball when it came to finding alternate venues for Foster's Cup matches, in view of the ground surface debacle at Waverley Park.

He said that there had been little co-operation from cricket authorities when the AFL went searching for grounds.

"Football supports cricket financially," he said. "But when we asked cricket for a little co-operation, it ended up costing us \$10,000 to pay for a ground."

Determined family

THERE'S never been any doubt about the spirit and determination of country people, especially those involved in football.

Take Karratha's Ron Billett for example.

The son of a Kalgoorlie legend of the same name, Ron jnr was notified about his father's selection in the Goldfields Centenary All Stars team, which was announced during the recent football feast.

But Ron snr has been troubled by illness in recent years and living in retirement at Mandurah, the prospect of getting to Kalgoorlie for the naming of the side was out of the question.

However, his son was determined that the former triple winner of the Goldfields fairest and best, the Mitchell Medal, would not miss out on the big moment.

So he packed his car in Karratha, drove south to Mandurah to pick up his father and headed for Kalgoorlie. The return trip was completed several days later and with nearly 5000 kilometres added to his speedo, Ron jnr was back at work in Karratha knowing that he had provided his father with a magic moment to remember forever.

FOOTYNOTE: The Goldfields Centenary All Stars feature will be published in Westside's March 11 edition.

Cabes on the move

THE football season never stops for people like Barry Cable, a legend in the sport and a man who works even when he is on holidays.

The little roving maestro has been spreading the football gospel to places as far apart as the Pilbara and the Coalfields even though it's the official off-season.

More than 120 pupils from the Collie High School turned out for a Cable coaching clinic and football discussion and another group were all ears at the Boddington District High School for a similar talk.

This week Cabes has been in the Pilbara, courtesy of mining giant Hamersley Iron and accompanied by West Coast stars Chris Mainwaring, Chris Lewis, Peter Matera and Dwayne Lamb.

"I like talking to kids about football, emphasising the self-esteem they can get out of succeeding in the game," says the full-time development officer with the Football Development Trust.

The North West tour took in Paraburdoo, Tom Price, Onslow, Karratha and Roebourne, with the football troupe calling on schools and community facilities.

CRA Ltd, Hamersley's parent company, also sponsored an extension of the tour to Marble Bar and the Mt Cotton Aboriginal community.



ABOVE:
PLANNING AHEAD
... Eagles star sprinter Ashley McIntosh contemplates some peaceful nights on the \$1300 Sleepmaker bed he won as part of the first prize in the Footballer's Gift, run at Lathlain Park last Sunday

RIGHT
IN THE MOOD ...
rivals Ashley McIntosh (standing) and Paul Leuba are a picture of concentration before tackling the final of the \$1000 Sleepmaker footballer's 100-metre sprint staged as part of Perth's Southside Fair. The speedy West Coast big man cruised to a comfortable win in the final, with Leuba — a former Medallists Medal winner who has switched from Claremont to East Perth — back in the field. Second in the big sprint was Brett Bonetti, just ahead of his Perth team-mate, Matt Drake-Brockman



Swans pair cause concern

TWO Swan Districts country recruits in Carey Park pair Jy King and Jeremy Barnard are causing a few worried brows at Bassendean.

The pair are tied to Swans, but are keen to play with East Perth, especially Barnard, who wants to join younger brother Paul in a Royals guernsey.

Swans football manager Ray Reynolds says that both youngsters are required players at Bassendean — but he added a rider to their football aspirations.

"We require players who want to play for Swans, not footballers who want to shop their services around," Reynolds said.

"Swans are a professional club and we want a winning feeling around the place right from the start"

Suma's modesty

WEST Coast's ace goalkicker Peter Sumich might have kicked a lot of goals in his career, but he still doesn't rate himself in the same class as St Kilda's champion spearhead Tony Lockett.

In a breezy interview with 6PR's Gary Carvolth, Sumich, was quizzed about whether he had a contract like Lockett, which allows the Brownlow Medallist to avoid playing in pre-season matches.

"I'm not as good as him as yet," was the Sumich quip.

The West Coast forward had a solid work-out against St Kilda last week after half-a-game opposed to the Adelaide Crows in Kalgoorlie — where he was quite impressed with the opposition.

Many pundits are tipping the Crows to make the final six this season and while Sumich didn't quite go that far, he did suggest they had what it takes to be there at the end of the season.

"When they settle down, they look like being a very good side," Sumich said.

Tougher challenger

VETERAN West Australian football umpire David Johnson is used to being in charge.

But the former WAFL and AFL umpire has never been confronted with anything like his new role — State Director of Umpiring at the WA Football Development Trust.

The long-awaited appointment, which will see him tackle a wide range of tasks, couldn't have been given to a more suitable person.

Johnson officiated in 198 WAFL matches, 20 AFL fixtures, four State games and four grand finals. And his objective is to lift the public profile of the men in white.

Falcons in debut

THE West Perth Cricket XI, under the guidance of captain Ric Toovey, will make their debut at Rottneest Island this weekend as part of the long weekend festival.

The West Coast Eagles cricketers had to decline an invitation from the Rottneest Business Community to take part in the match, which will feature 'beer breaks' at regular intervals.

The Falcons, who have several promising cricketers in their camp, were quick to accept the invitation — and with short boundaries at the local ground, there should be plenty of action.



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New drivers at the helm

OH Captain, my captain! The phrase made famous in the Robin Williams film "Dead Poets Society" is alive and well in the WA Football League.

In that box office movie hit, the phrase was a sign of respect from the schoolboys who regarded so highly the deeds of their leader. Impressionable young boys in a new environment were shown by their teacher to lead from the front and 'seize the day'.

How familiar that story — set at the start of the century — is to footballers playing today, almost 100 years later.

The captain is still a man to be respected; he's still the general who everyone turns to in the heat of the battle to show the way for his troops and, like Robin Williams' character, despite their good intentions their position is not always safe.

While the position of captain in football may relate to "Dead Poets Society", the actual personell changes are more akin to the hurly-burly world of the Formula One drivers, their teams and their changes.

SIMILARITY

So here we go, just about ready to start a new season and the drivers at the helm of the eight WAFL clubs bear a striking similarity to their motor racing counterparts.

Let's start with the Bulldogs team.

Last year Ned Fimmano drove the car to perfection, only to run out of gas at the finish line. If that wasn't bad enough he found himself having to let off steam at the start of this season and he will be missing from the circuit this year.

Team management, based down in Fremantle, have not come up with a replacement yet, but the final field will certainly include Brad and Cliff Colard or Wally Matera.

The Sharks, who had the engine running well when it most counted, are understandably pleased with last season's driver, Steve Malaxos and the experienced campaigner who has driven for the Eagles and the Tigers, will get the nod again.

By **Basil Zempilas**

The Falcons look to be in a similar situation. Their driver, veteran Craig Nelson, is shaping up for his second year at the helm and will be looking forward to improving his grid position.

The Royals are still to name a replacement for Craig McGrath — who opted to join rival crew, the Demons, as a member of their playing personnel, but not as their leader.

The Royals have a number of options for the vacant position, with Peter Miller, Lucio Baroni and George Giannakis all possessing the credentials to drive for the team that finished third in last year's championship.

Meanwhile, the Demons have opted for experience in naming Adrian Barich as their driver for the 1993 season.

Barich, who moved to Perth from Canberra in 1984 as a 20-year-old and became a foundation member of the West Coast squad, takes over from Shane Renfree, who will remain at the club in a back-up role.

The Lions have opted for youth in their attempt to get their show back on the road, naming David Snow as the No. 1 man for this season.

The youngster replaces Rod Willet at the helm of the club that finished fifth last year.

EXPERIENCED

While the Lions team management has opted for youth, the Tigers will rely on a veteran in Darrell Panizza to steer their moves through the field this year.

Panizza replaces Brian Beresford, with Adam Clark the nominated back-up driver.

The black and white racing team is yet to announce their front-man for season '93, with last year's driver Phil Narkle and club veteran Mike Richardson likely to fight it out for pole-position.



NEWCOMERS ... David Snow (left) and Adrian Barich are new to the role of captaincy

With all that's going on, even Ayrton Senna, Alain Prost and Nigel Mansell would have trouble keeping pace with the changes on our local circuit!



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Thirsty work on Goldfields

IF you thought the crowd at the recent Kalooglie game was a thirsty one, with the temperature hitting 39deg. during the middle of the day, then you were right.

Some 900 cartons of beer were consumed by the fans — and that's just over two cans for each of the 10,000 people in attendance, including those tough little Goldfields kids.

The match organisers netted a nice profit from the drinks concessions, taking something like \$63,000 for the day; the third time in recent years that beer turnover at the Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre has topped the \$40,000 mark.

With the Goldfields basing their submission for a WAFL team on an average crowd of 2500, it seems as though the support for big-time games in Kalgoorlie will be easily met.

Plans are already under way to add two more light towers to the ground, which would bring the lighting up to the standard of Fremantle Oval.

FOOTNOTE: An interesting reflection on that Goldfields Centenary celebration match was the lack of officialdom from the WA Football Commission. Word has it that no-one from the WAFC was invited to Kalgoorlie for the town's biggest day in football.



Thinking aloud



A column of news and views by ALAN EAST

Politics gets stuck into footy

WITH the change in political fortunes of our State Government decision-makers, there were obviously a number of incumbents sitting in fairly hot and revolving seats when the new broom swept clean.

While sport and politics should be kept separate, it seems that the newly-elected governing body wants to stir the kettle in the football arena — and there could well be a few people wondering about pink slips out WAFL HQ way.

In the first week, just days after getting the official verdict, we've seen a public slanging match between football's hierarchy and the new Sports Minister, Doug Shave.

The back page debate in The West Australian has seen two sides of a fairly sensitive topic aired at length — who should run football, is the point at issue.

Mr Shave, a four-game performer with the Claremont league side in 1968, has said that he wants to see more of football's power back in the hands of the people who run the eight WAFL clubs.

On the other side of the debate is WA Football Commission chairman, Dr Peter Tannock — one of the real power-brokers in the Catholic education system and a 52-game performer with East Perth from 1962 to '65 — who believes that the games needs its independent decision-makers.

CREDIBILITY

The independent Commission was put in place by the Labor Government

back in 1989 to help restore financial credibility to the WAFL — where the clubs had sent themselves broke because of excessive spending — and they have certainly done the job.

In 1992, all eight clubs reported a profit for the first time in decades and by the end of next year, the WAFL structure should be totally debt-free.

But back to the power-struggle debate.

The newly-formed lobby group, the Australian Rules League Clubs of WA, welcomed Shave's comments; after all, that group — representing all but Perth in the WAFL club system — have been seeking more say for months.

The point at issue is who owns — and therefore controls — the assets of WA football?

The lobby group believe that those assets are owned by the clubs; each having one-eighth of the 75-percent of the Commission's share of the West Coast Eagles which — let's face it — is the money train in the West.

ACCOUNTABLE

The group doesn't want to control the running of the game. They simply want to be able to elect their own members of the Commission and for that governing body to be accountable to the clubs.

The current Commission is virtually self-elected.

While Merv Cowan and Brian Atkinson — former presidents of East Fremantle and West Perth respectively — are supposedly representing the WAFL system, they were not elected by the WAFL clubs. As with fellow Commissioners Kevin Edwards, John Fuhrmann and secretary Jeff Ovens, they were appointed by their colleagues.

No one is openly suggesting that any of those people will be replaced. But there is certainly plenty of support for a change of personnel at football's board table.

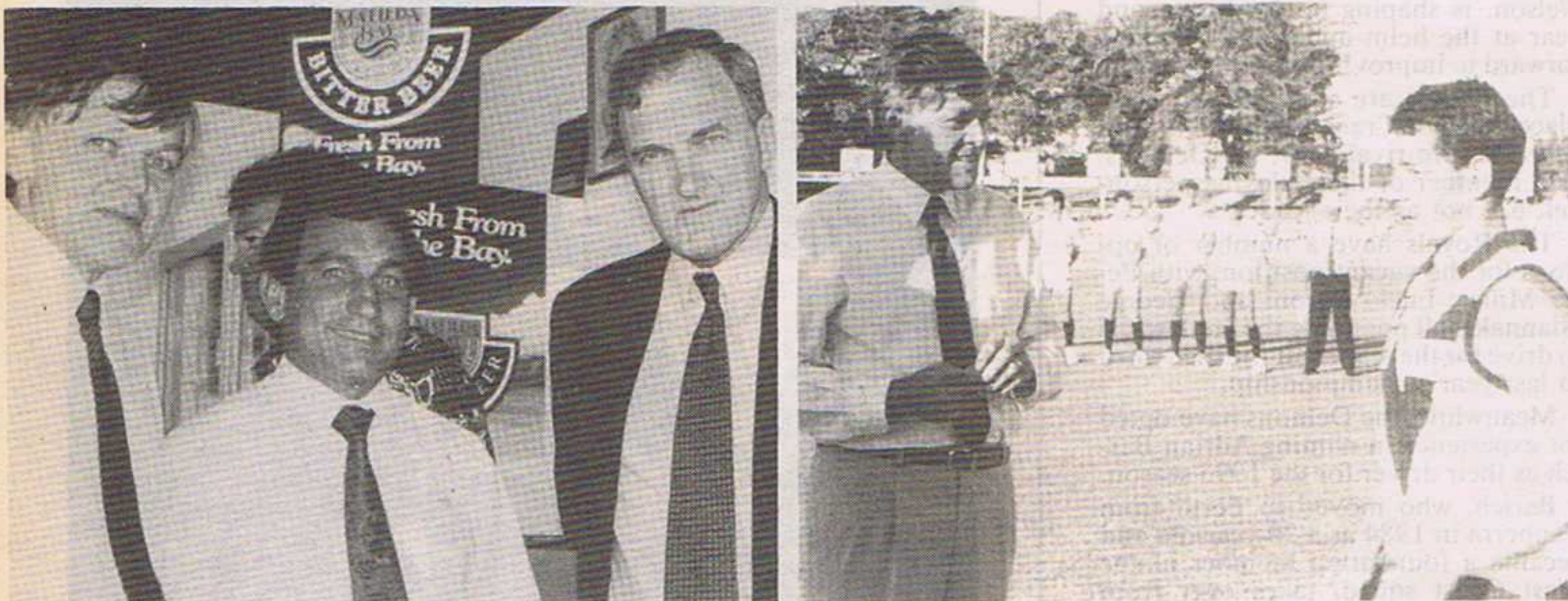
There are some interesting names in contention, none more surprising than Barry MacKinnon, the former leader of the Liberal Party who was ousted before he could become Premier. He's a football fan and a sound thinker, so he could be a welcome addition to the Commission.

Then there is David Williams, the strong-willed recently-retired Subiaco president and even John O'Connell, who has moved from the Public Service to the WAFL and now reigns as Claremont's president.

Throw in an all-round football addict like Trevor Sprigg, whose role at the Swan Brewery as a marketing man is a vital one for sport and his recent stint as chairman of selectors at the Eagles gives him plenty of credibility.

There's no doubt that one-eyed football people like former Swan Districts president John Cooper — rejected by the initial Commission because of his forthright views — would still make a valuable contribution.

And why not find a recently-retired footballer? How about a much-respected big man like Phil Scott, or courageous little man John Annear, or even multi-talented Ross Glendinning?



TOP MEN . . . Federal treasurer John Dawkins (left) with WAFC chairman Peter Tannock and South Fremantle general manager Brian Ciccotosto. RIGHT: Dawkins prepares to toss the coin with Bulldogs skipper Wally Matera ready to call heads

Wheeling and drinking

THERE was some interesting behind-the-scenes negotiations when South Fremantle hosted their pre-season practice match recently.

The entry of Carlton and United Breweries into the local football arena will create plenty of competition, with long-standing local company Swan Brewery Ltd, keen to retain their major sponsorship identity.

Under the brand name of Emu Export, the Brewery — now owned by New Zealand based company Lion Nathan — are major supporters of the West Coast Eagles, who had agreed to play South Fremantle in the practice match.

But with Souths now enjoying the WAFL's most lucrative sponsorship deal ever — \$300,000 over the three years — there was obviously going to be a strong Matilda Bay presence.

In fact, the trophy they were playing for was initially called the Mal Brown-Matilda Bay Brewery Challenge Cup — but that name was amended on the eve of the game.

Naturally enough, the Eagles were reluctant to play for someone else's trophy — even if the Foster's Cup is a pretty handy pre-season incentive in AFL ranks . . . not forgetting that Foster's grand final in September, of course.

Anyway, the handsome trophy became known as the Mal Brown Cup — "I'm very honoured to know that they think enough of me to name something after me" — and it will be at stake whenever the Bulldogs play anyone special in the pre-season warm-ups.

Federal Treasurer John Dawkins — South Fremantle's No. 1 ticket-holder — was a special guest, along with WAFC chairman, Dr Peter Tannock and all his right-hand men.

No doubt there was some whispered conversations between the two heavies about an \$8-million cheque that should be "in the mail" somewhere between Canberra and Subiaco. The WAFC want the up-front donation to help them pay for the Subiaco Oval redevelopment — which is already under way in the planning rooms.

Despite some rumours that the Federal Treasurer had the cheque in his back pocket — to be flourished at presentation time — no such luck eventuated.

With a change in Government on the local scene, the Commission is naturally anxious to clear the cheque in case a similar transformation comes over the national scene.

One thing that did emerge at Fremantle, however, was Dawkins' concern that he might be booed by the crowd. But he was obviously forgetting that it was a Fremantle mob and they love their home-grown heroes.

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Talking Footy

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THE last person that West Coast firebrand Karl Langdon might expect some praise from would probably be his aggressive Collingwood rival, Craig Kelly.

But that's far from the case.

As the sometimes-brutal Magpies defender says:

"I might hate his guts out on the field, but off it, Karl's a pretty good bloke."

Those words sum up the fiercely-competitive attitude of the 26-year-old South Australian who has developed into one of the AFL's toughest competitors and a man who knows the workings of the tribunal fairly well.

Kelly admires the way Langdon plays his football and the two men worked together in Darwin for three days last February, promoting the Foster's Cup match in the Top End between the two sides.

FIERCE DESIRE

In fact, he goes on to infer that if you don't possess that fierce desire to put all your opponents down and out, then maybe you're in the wrong sport.

Kelly, in Perth last weekend to speak at a function for the WA Woodsmen, the local branch of the Collingwood Football Club, makes no apologies for his tough approach.

"Unless you adapt that attitude towards every game and every opposition, then you should forget about football; you're not competitive," says Kelly, a seasoned Collingwood campaigner with 66 games to his credit.

"Perth and Adelaide seem to bring the worst out of me."

"I certainly enjoy playing against adversity; especially if there's a crowd that hates you. But every time they boo and hiss, the more you get pumped up and the harder you go."

Kelly's last football match is certainly one that he will remember for many a day.

It was Sunday, June 14, 1992 at Subiaco Oval — a game the invading Magpies stole from the Eagles by one point.

But it was a third quarter departure for the key defender. He cleaned up West Coast rookie Mitchell White with a crunching shirt-front; an incident that later earned him a three-week suspension.

In that same third quarter he shattered his left knee in a collision with Langdon and has since had a total reconstruction.

And he can't wait to get back into action.

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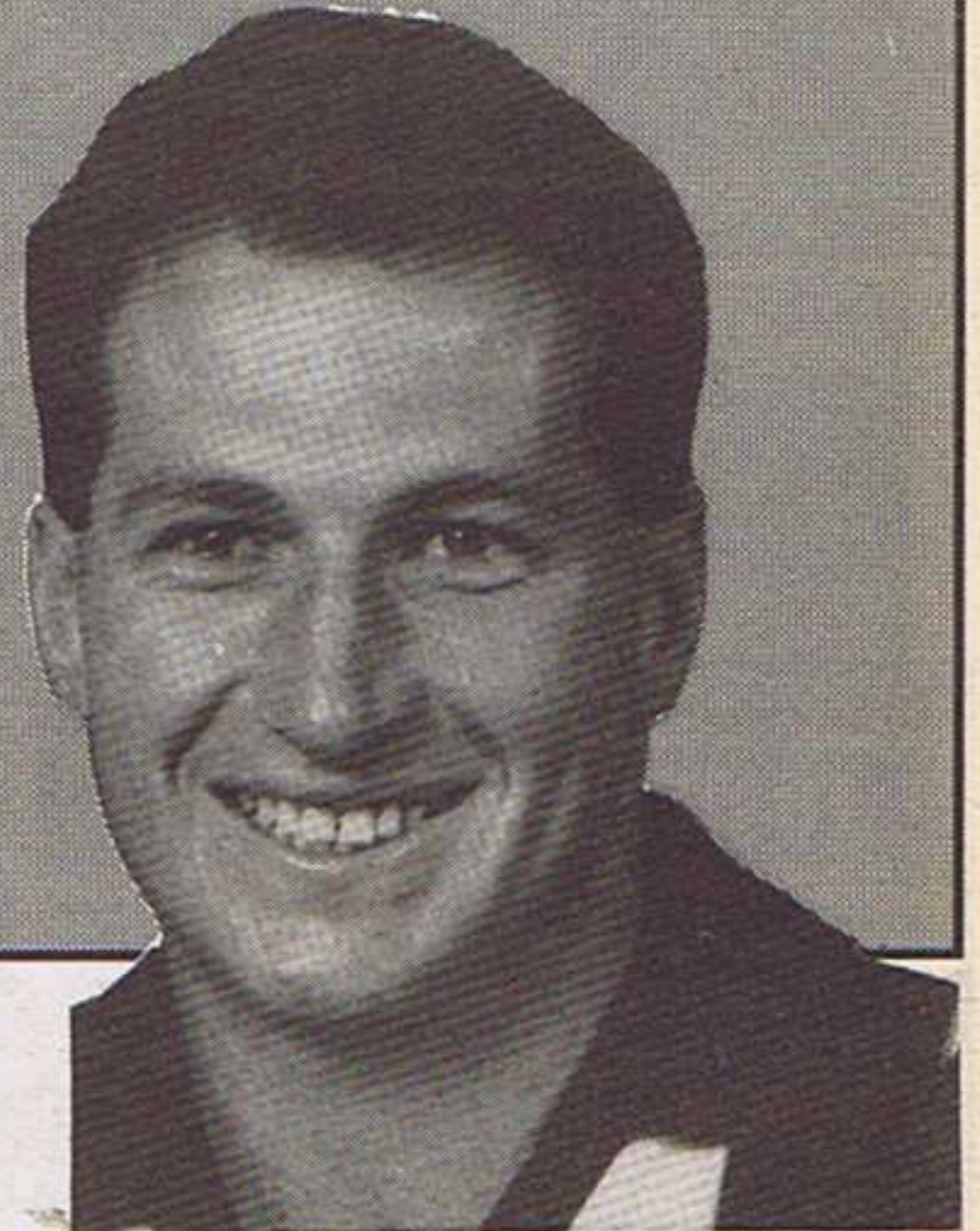
A pre-Christmas infection, when the injury flared up with septic arthritis, put his rehabilitation back a few weeks and he's now aiming at an early-season return to action.

"They told me it would be 12 months, so anything before June will be a bonus," says Kelly, who makes no apology for his bone-cruncher on White.

"I thought it was a fair bump; you've only got a split second in a situation like that to decide. It would have been different if I had lifted my elbow and knocked his block off, fair enough. But three weeks for running into someone is pretty hard.

"I reckon I was a bit stiff copping three weeks for that," he says. "I certainly don't think I'm a dirty player! I play the ball hard."

Tough guy makes no apologies



"I've done a few stupid things where I've lifted elbows and that cost me five weeks last year when I knocked Ben Doolan's teeth out. That was stupid and Leigh (Matthews) doesn't ever forgive you for those things."

Despite that unhappy finish to the 1992 season, Kelly can't wait for the start of this year and he believes that Collingwood will be right in there with the top challengers.

He sees injuries as being the key to Collingwood this year.

"Any side this year that has a good run with injuries will do okay," he says.

"The sides have become very even in the last few years and you need a little bit of luck. There are less games, which is a great idea and if we can get a few players back, we'll be very competitive."

"I think we've shown in the last four

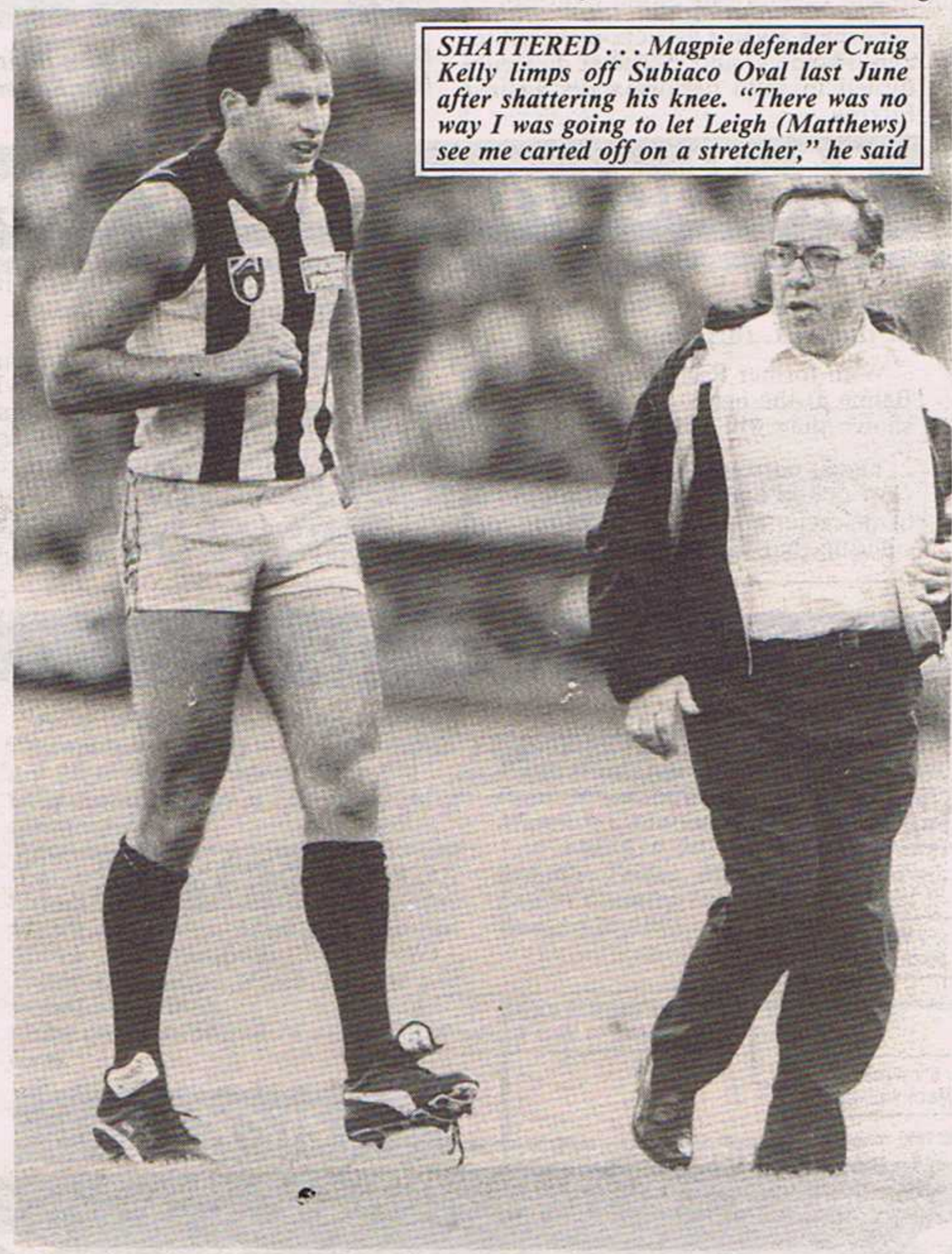
years that we have got the players and if we don't win a flag in the next four years, it will be because we're very unlucky with injuries or something.

"We've got a fair bit of experience, our administration is well settled, our fitness guys are among the best in the competition and we've got a great coach in Leigh Matthews."

"We would have been a lot more dominating in last year's finals if we had our full side; we had too many key players carrying injuries and struggling with fitness."

Despite being a popular target for boos at Subiaco Oval, Kelly doesn't worry about the parochial West Coast fans.

He has a strong bond with the West; engaged to Melbourne lass Meredith Horsley, the daughter of former Australian rugby union player Gavin Horsley, who served as State manager



SHATTERED... Magpie defender Craig Kelly limps off Subiaco Oval last June after shattering his knee. "There was no way I was going to let Leigh (Matthews) see me carted off on a stretcher," he said

for BP in Perth for many years before retiring in WA.

The family have a holiday home at Yallingup, a venue that Kelly loves visiting.

"I love coming over here," says Kelly. "I certainly enjoy the rivalry; it's a great challenge."

Like many thousands of Magpie fans around the nation, the club's drought-breaking 1990 premiership will long be a highlight. But for Kelly, the memory is a little fuzzy.

"I can't remember much of the grand final," he jokes. "After that first quarter blue, it's all a bit mixed up. I'd love to do it all again and recollect everything. After you've won it, the day becomes a bit of a blur. Running out onto the ground at the start was the most amazing feeling."

"When you think about the hundreds of people who play on the MCG for home-and-away games, the percentage of those who then go on to play in a final or a grand final is so small; if you make it, you're incredibly lucky; it's the most amazing feeling — 100,000 people there, it was tremendous, the noise was enormous."

"I was in the back pocket when the siren went, close to Banksie (Dennis Banks) and Pants (the late Darren Millane). Pants had ball in his hand and he kept it."

So, with those great memories coupled with his tag of being an aggressive player and the long fightback from injury, what does the future hold for Kelly? Will he change his approach to the game?

"No way," he says. "I can't play any other way; as soon as I try to change my style, I'm finished."

"But with today's umpires and video replays, you have to be pretty straight down the line, you have to be pretty clean."

"However, I still think there's room for physical contact in football; that's a great part of the game. As soon as they take that out of the game, you are ruining a great aspect of football."

"There should be 40 blokes out there running into each other legally and if someone gives a hip-and-shoulder and that hurts them or winds them, you shouldn't be penalised for it."

"You ask Dermott Brereton or any of those blokes; it's a style of the game."

"Unfortunately, I'm not all that highly skilled. I've been gifted with perhaps a strong pair of hands and physically strong, so I have to use my weight."

"So I won't be changing my style."

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WHICH CLUB WILL IT BE IN 1993?



FOSTER'S CUP DETAILS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
RICHMOND	4.4	9.8	15.22	22.15	147
SYDNEY	4.1	5.3	7.7	10.7	67

GOALS - RICHMOND: Jackson 7; Hogg 5; McQueen 4; Campbell, Francis 2; Naish, Banik. **SYDNEY:** Werner 3; Carroll, Considine, Strooper, McGovern, Nettlebeck, Cresswell, Luff.

BEST - RICHMOND: McQueen, Jackson, Campbell, Maxfield, Hogg, Esler, Francis. **SYDNEY:** Brunton, McRae, Waters, Werner.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
FOOTSCRAY	4.5	6.11	7.13	10.14	74
CARLTON	1.4	3.9	7.13	9.18	72

GOALS - FOOTSCRAY: Grant 2; Hawkins, Cameron, Coleman, Quill, Kretjuk, Liberatore, Frost, Ballantyne. **CARLTON:** Dorotich, De Julio 3; Gleeson, O'Sullivan, Welsh.

BEST - FOOTSCRAY: Wynd, Liberatore, Grant, Atkins, Wallis. **CARLTON:** Dorotich, Gleeson, De Julio, Christou, Koutoufides, Bradley.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
FITZROY	7.3	10.4	14.6	15.9	99
GEE LONG	5.0	8.1	10.7	13.9	87

GOALS - FITZROY: Sartori 4; Fleming 3; McCarthy 2; Abbott, Lyon, Johnston, Broderick, Armstrong, Wynd. **GEE LONG:** Brownless 5; Neeld 3; Bairstow, Handley 2; Darcy.

BEST - FITZROY: Fleming, McCarthy, Broderick, Sartori, Barrett, Baldwin. **GEE LONG:** Neeld, Brownless, O'Reilly, Bourke, Handley, Hinkley.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
MELBOURNE	3.2	6.4	7.8	9.11	65
COLLINGWOOD	1.5	3.8	7.10	8.13	61

GOALS - MELBOURNE: Cuthbertson 3; Jakovich 2; Tingay, S Febey, Pickering, Neitz. **COLLINGWOOD:** Monkhurst, Houlahan, Starcevic 2; M Richardson, Russell.

BEST - MELBOURNE: Tingay, Schwarz, S Febey, Cuthbertson, Stynes. **COLLINGWOOD:** Russell, Monkhurst, A Richardson, Starcevic, M Fraser, Houlahan.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
WEST COAST	4.3	10.7	13.11	16.15	111
ST KILDA	2.2	3.4	7.9	10.11	71

GOALS - WEST COAST: Heady 4; Sumich, Langdon 3; Clape 2; McIntosh, Matera, Waterman, Connell. **ST KILDA:** Loewe, Everitt 3; Burke, Devenport, O'Brien, Pekin.

BEST - WEST COAST: Worsfold, Heady, Lamb, Matera, McIntosh, Clape, White. **ST KILDA:** Vidovic, Burke, Everitt, Shanahan, Harvey, McAdam.

Big lift in prizemoney

THE 1993 Foster's Cup series introduces a number of changes, the most notable being an increase in prizemoney.

Winners of this year's competition will receive more prizemoney than ever before.

Hawthorn, who have won the past two night grand finals, will collect \$104,500 if they take out the premiership — a healthy \$11,000 more than when they beat Fitzroy in 1992.

Runners-up will also win an extra \$11,000 over last year, snaring \$74,500.

Losing semi-finalists, who earned \$27,000 in 1992, will receive a further \$11,500, while losing quarter-finalists win \$19,250 — \$11,000 more than last year.

The only prizemoney that hasn't gone up is the first round losers, who will still receive \$5500.

Fitzroy's fighting spirit

FITZROY, on the brink of extinction last year, can give their supporters some hope this year.

They beat last year's runners-up Geelong in the opening round of the Foster's Cup and coach Robert Shaw will demand continued aggressive form to remove the speculation about the Lions future.

OTHER CLUBS

Stars in Fitzroy's hard-fought victory were players who began their careers with other clubs — Dale Fleming (Hawthorn), John McCarthy (North Melbourne) and Peter Sartori (Carlton).

Between them, they kicked nine goals and their form in the forward line, which will be minus one-time captain and ace goalkicker Richard Osborne for 1993, will be crucial to Fitzroy's chances.

Enigmatic Geelong full-forward Bill Brownless kicked five goals, repeating his early effort in last year's Foster's Cup, when he posted eight goals against West Coast.

Former Swan Districts players Steven Handley and Stephen O'Reilly turned in solid performances against Fitzroy.



GOOD START . . . Geelong's Billy Brownless had a five-goal start in the Foster's Cup series

Tigers show good signs

RICHMOND'S first-up victory against the Sydney Swans at Lavington revealed plenty of positive signs for the Tigers.

Their three-pronged forward line of former West Coast Eagle Stevan Jackson, Jeff Hogg and Mark McQueen kicked 16 goals between them to prove the difference between the two sides.

The trio dominated the Swans defence and new Richmond coach John Northey will be hoping for similar performances in the remainder of the Foster's Cup series and the regular AFL season.

Exciting young Tigers centremen Wayne Campbell, who had a sensational 1992 season, was in great touch with 36 possessions and should prove a key player in his side's bid to move up the ladder this year.

The Swans, who only trailed Richmond by three points at quarter-time, were missing skipper Paul Kelly, star full-forward Simon Minton-Connell, Leon Higgins and ruckman Brad Tunbridge and their absence was noticeable.

Swans recruits Scott Watters (Eagles), Dean McRae (North Melbourne) and Michael Werner (Essendon) tried hard, but lacked the required support from their new team-mates.

Melbourne show fierce desire

A FIERCELY determined Melbourne could prove a surprise packet in the AFL this year.

With former Richmond player Neil Balme at the helm, the Demons have shown they will not be taken lightly.

Their narrow four-point Foster's Cup victory over Collingwood was full of character and was encouraging considering that full-forward Allen Jakovich finished on the sidelines with bruised ribs after two early goals.

Steven Febey, who kicked the winning goal, Stephen Tingay and David Schwarz turned in good games and Balme will be hoping the trio can maintain that form throughout the season.

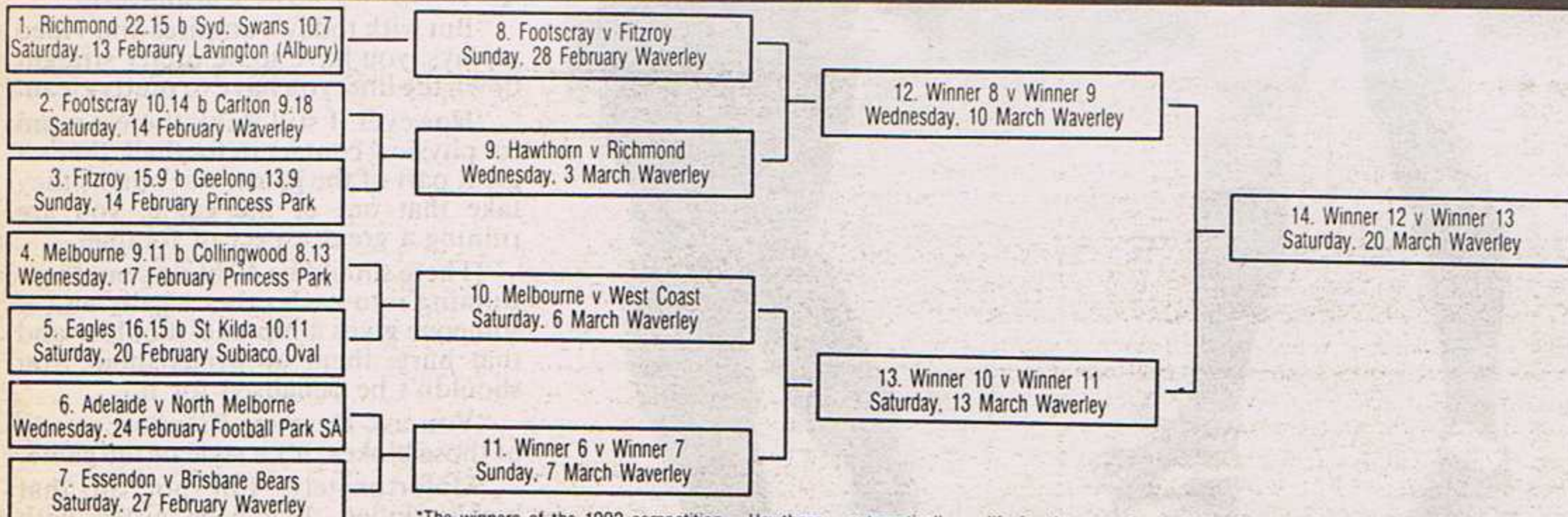
Collingwood were missing premier-ship players Peter Daicos, Mick

McGuane, Gavin Brown, Tony Francis and Tony Shaw, but still looked solid.

Hard-running midfielder Scott Russell and giant ruckman Damien Monkhurst were in good form for the Magpies, as was defender Alan Richardson.

All three were regular members of the Magpies senior side in 1992 and their form at this stage indicates nothing much will change in 1993.

YOUR 1993 FOSTER'S CUP FIXTURES GUIDE



NIGHT AND DAY: HOW THEY FARED

Year	Night premier	Finished season
1977	Hawthorn	third
1978	Fitzroy	ninth
1979	Collingwood	second
1980	Nth Melb	fifth
1981	Essendon	fifth
1982	Sydney	seventh
1983	Carlton	fifth
1984	Essendon	first
1985	Hawthorn	second
1986	Hawthorn	first
1987	Melbourne	fourth
1988	Hawthorn	first
1989	Melbourne	fourth
1990	Essendon	second
1991	Hawthorn	first
1992	Hawthorn	fifth



FOSTER'S



The 1993 Foster's Cup series

Eagles will set the

standard

THE West Coast Eagles could be the AFL's measuring stick for 1993.

Last year's premiers comfortably accounted for St Kilda, despite being underdone in terms of fitness and when that picks up, they will be hard to beat.

Skipper John Worsfold was in scintillating touch against the Saints, showing a freedom in running that has been missing for several years as he suffered with a groin problem.

Veteran Dwayne Lamb showed that he won't be pushed into retirement easily and exciting wingman Peter Matera was in slipper form early.

CREATIVE

Half-forwards Brett Heady and Karl Langdon, who kicked four and three goals respectively, were creative, while full-forward Peter Sumich notched

three majors despite being well held by honest Saints full-back Jamie Shanahan.

The Saints, minus crack full-forward Tony Lockett, were outclassed by the Eagles and coach Ken Sheldon will want a marked improvement before the AFL regular season kicks off on March 26.

St Kilda big men Lazar Vidovic and Peter Everitt were tireless workers — with the latter doing especially well when moved into attack in the second half — while key running players Robert Harvey and Nathan Burke battled hard.

When they get more assistance from their fellow ball carriers, they will prove more effective.

Footscray confident

FOOTSCRAY can look forward to the 1993 season with more confidence if their victory against Carlton is any indication.

The Bulldogs, last season's big improvers, built up a healthy lead by half-time, but had to withstand a spirited Blues fightback.

It was a solid effort, achieved mainly through superb efforts from last year's Brownlow Medallist Scott Wynd, Glenn Coleman and Tony Liberatore.

Star Bulldogs forward Chris Grant, who posted the match-winning goal,

SEVERAL performances in the West Coast win over St Kilda would have pleased coach Mick Malthouse, but none more than the display from Matt Clape.

The East Perth utility player started on the bench, but went into the forward pocket in the second term, having an immediate influence, kicking the Eagles eighth goal.

After the half-time break, Clape continued his good form, setting up a Brett Heady major before scoring another himself.

Malthouse shifted Clape into defence for the final term, where he nulli-

was in good form, as was East Fremantle recruit Peter Quill on a wing.

One-time South Fremantle player Jon Dorotich was the Blues best player and he looks set for a good season.

Classy rover Adrian Gleeson and half-forward Ron De Iulio showed impressive form and will be important players as the Blues set out to atone for narrowly missing last year's finals.

South Australians Stephen Kernahan and Craig Bradley, who have both re-signed with Carlton, failed to have as much impact on proceedings as coach David Parkin would have liked.

fied his opponent and thwarted several St Kilda forward thrusts.

THERE is little doubt which Eagles player has a special place in the heart of the WA public.

Every time speedy wingman Peter Matera grabbed the ball, the majority of the 16,318 fans at Subiaco Oval roared with expectation.

And when the 1992 Norm Smith Medallist displayed his blistering pace to bounce the ball, the crowd rose as one, obviously recalling his feats in the Eagles historic win in the 1992 grand final.

First goal on the board

THE football season kicked off officially with the first round of Foster's Cup matches — and Michael Werner was the player to chalk up the opening goal of 1993.

Richmond and Sydney travelled to Lavington, on the border of Victoria and New South Wales, where the Essendon recruit brought up the season's first major mid-way through the opening term to put the Swans in front.

He went on to kick three of Sydney's 10 goals and looks like being a handy acquisition.

Former WA player Stevan Jackson grabbed the first mark of the season when he pulled in a strong capture in Richmond's forward line, but his angled shot at goal produced the year's opening point.

However, Jackson atoned with seven goals and looks slimmer and trimmer, indicating that a top season could be coming up for the one-time South Fremantle and West Coast forward.



READY, SET, GO... the football season is about to get under way in Perth as West Coast skipper John Worsfold wishes his St Kilda rival Stewart Loewe luck before WA umpire Grant Vernon tosses the coin for the Subiaco Oval Foster's Cup clash



SAINTS SANDWICH... St Kilda's Gilbert McAdam is neatly jammed between West Coasters Robbie West and Matt Connell, who has the ball just about in his grasp

aaah...



Football kicks off its new-look season with the Emu Export summer series this weekend. Westside Football's DIGBY BEACHAM looks at the eight WAFL clubs chasing some early glory

Sharks aim to be even better

IF rival clubs believe that East Fremantle's intensity will not be at its peak in the pre-season Emu Export series, then they are in for a shock.

Despite revelling in the glory of winning last year's Pepsi Cup, the Sharks are aiming at being a much-improved team this year.

Coach Ken Judge said the reigning premiers would take all four of the qualifying round matches in the summer series extremely seriously.

"We'd like to do well and having won the premiership last year, people will expect us to do perform from the start," Judge said.

NO CHANCES

However, the former Hawthorn and East Fremantle forward added that the club would not take any chances concerning the fitness of players.

"We won't be taking too many risks in this series," Judge asserted.

"If players are carrying an injury, I won't risk them like I would in a qualifying game during the season."

Judge has had his troops on the training track since November and likes what he sees, confident that fitness won't be a problem in the summer competition.

The only player missing from last year's premiership side is wingman Peter Quill and Judge says that there are plenty of challengers seeking his place in the side.

East Fremantle have recruited well over the summer and are arguably a stronger outfit than when they won the 1992 grand final.

Perth rover Steve Lally; South Fremantle utility Chris Pobjoy and former West Perth defender Dennis Repacholi, who has spent the past two seasons in Victoria after being drafted by Footscray, will be valuable acquisitions.

Darren Hammond, who missed last year's premiership year after returning to his home town of Geelong at the end of 1991, has returned to East Fremantle Oval and will provide extra bite midfield.

"I envisage that those players will play a very important role for us this season," Judge said.

COUNTRY RECRUITS

Judge said Geraldton recruits Richard Hout and Rob Gulberti, who last year won a place in the Wesfarmers country side, were on target to win a place in the series.

Michael Clune and Craig Baines,



VETERAN SHARK ... East Fremantle will again be led by the experienced Steve Malaxos

who arrived at East Fremantle from Geraldton last year and played 17 reserves and 12 colts games respectively, should be better for the experience, according to Judge.

He said they were likely starters for the four-round series.

Judge said the club was also looking

to five members of last year's colts premiership side in Wayne Barnden, Scott McDonnell, Marcus Wilkinson, Paul Williamson and Matthew Bondin forcing their way into the league side for the summer series.

"We are hopeful all those youngsters can play in the series," Judge said.

ROOKIE South Fremantle coach Mark Watson is confident his charges will do well when the pre-season Emu Export summer series kicks off.

Watson, who took over the reins of last year's runner's-up from Mal Brown on January 21 this year, believes the Bulldogs are well-advanced in their preparation.

He feels the players will have benefitted from their two hard hit-outs against the Adelaide Crows B-side in Kalgoorlie and the West Coast Eagles second team.

"I think we'll be fielding a reasonable side," the 1987 Sandover Medallist predicted.

"And we might have a bit of an advance on the other sides because of those two games we've played."

Though the Bulldogs went down in both games, Watson said the experience gained would prove beneficial.

"The benefit they will get out of those games is that they will realise how hard AFL players work," Watson said.

ENCOURAGING

An encouraging sign in the practice matches was evidence of how the players had worked on their fitness since training started in October last year.

"They showed at Kalgoorlie that they had a good level of fitness against an AFL side," he said.

"They have done a lot of weights and generally the players are stronger."

The Bulldogs have lost several key players, but Watson is hoping the availability of former AFL draftee Bruno Italiano will offset the loss.

Italiano has overcome his injury troubles and was in good touch against the Crows, as was veteran rover Wally Matera and lion-hearted big man Martin Atkins.

Talented forward Frank Morellini kicked six goals against the Crows and will be out to cement a regular league berth, with similar performances in the series.

The Bulldogs playing stocks will also be boosted by two players with AFL experience.

Bulldogs thrive on a solid build-up

One of the club's favourite sons, Brad Hardie, returns after 150 games with Footscray, the Brisbane Bears and Collingwood and former Collingwood and Fitzroy player Simon Taylor has joined the club.

The Bulldogs also have the services of ruck-rover Paul Heard, younger brother of Essendon's Shane Heard, who has arrived from Horsham.

Paul Farrell and Justin Baldwin, from the North Fremantle Amateurs and Jerramungup respectively, are two Bulldogs recruits who should line up in defence.

Watson said he expected four members of last year's colts team — Shane Maloney (centre), Frank Caputi (centre-half-forward), Darren Gaspar (centre-half-back) and Damian Gaspar (full-back) to play in the pre-season competition.

Watson said he intended to experiment with a number of players in key positions during the series.

"Obviously we will be trying to discover a few more options for the key positions," Watson said.



COURAGEOUS BULLDOG ... tough wingman Brad Colard will be setting the standard for South Fremantle



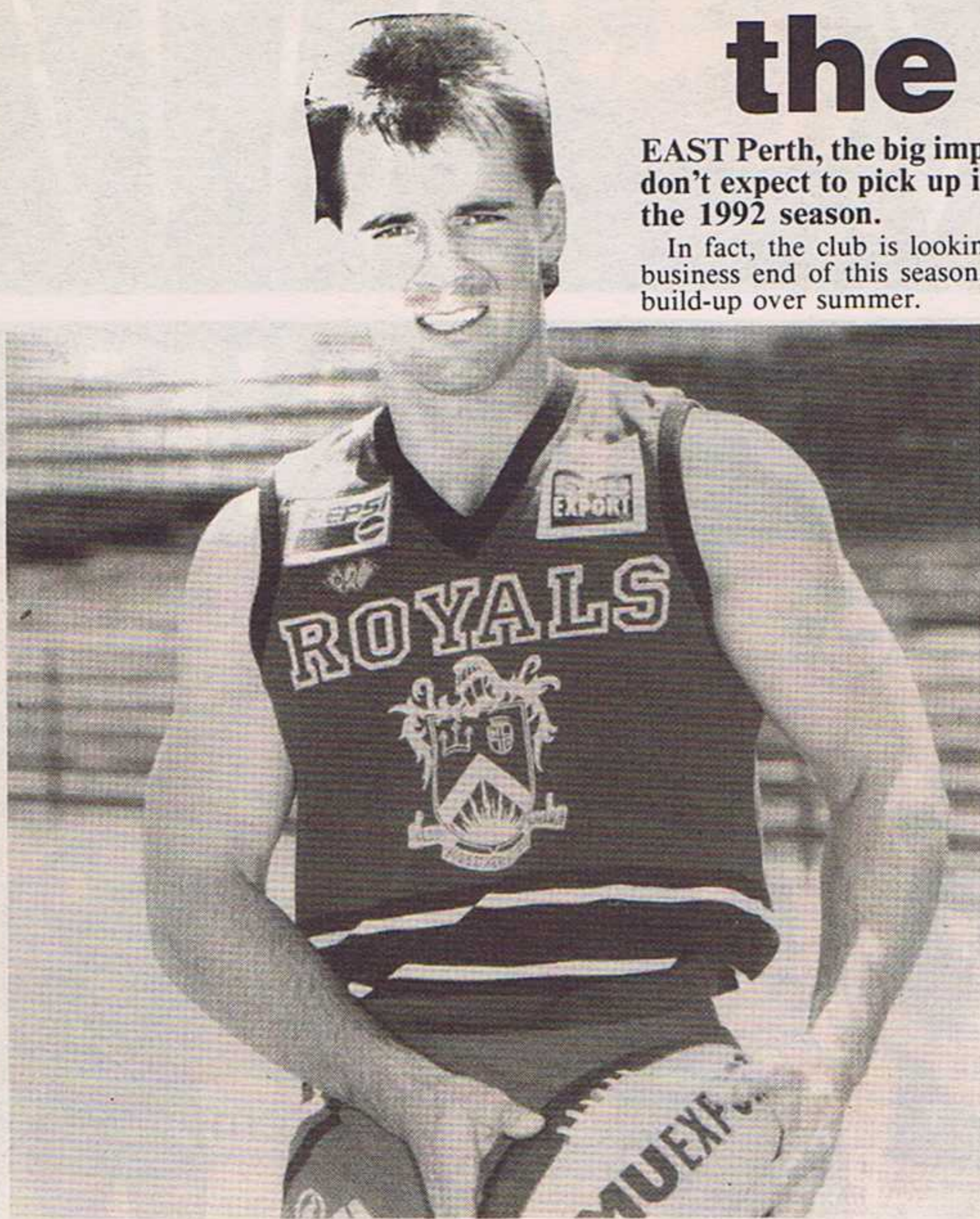
"Reckon you could do with an Export"



Royals look down the track

EAST Perth, the big improvers of last year's Pepsi Cup series, don't expect to pick up immediately from their good finish to the 1992 season.

In fact, the club is looking more towards being at their best at the business end of this season, with coach Stan Magro planning a solid build-up over summer.



TOUGH EXAMPLE . . . George Giannakis is one East Perth player who always sets a high standard of courage

Royals football manager Cam Robbins says that East Perth fans shouldn't be all that concerned if the team doesn't make the finals of the summer series.

Last year's preliminary final effort — where they missed the grand final by just four points against eventual premiers East Fremantle — has left a mood of high expectations in the camp.

NEW FACES

Robbins is well aware of that, but said it would not deter East Perth from introducing new faces to the public during the summer series.

"We'll probably blood a few young guys," Robbins said.

"We are not going out there to win at all costs.

"We are treating it as more of a learning process for the young guys and the recruits."

Former Claremont rover Paul Leuba, who won the Medallists Medal in 1991, has joined the Royals after a lack of opportunities at senior level with the Tigers and he will have his first hit-out for the club during the summer series.

Accompanying him will be 1991 Claremont premiership player Rob Fitzgerald, who played one reserves match last year for the Royals before surgery for a groin injury, which

caused him to miss the remainder of the season.

Glen Bartlett, who captained the Royals in 1991, but had last year off, has returned full of enthusiasm and will be eager to play well in the summer series.

Another player keen to impress will be exciting half-forward Andrew McPhee, a three-times State amateur representative from Nollamara.

Robbins said Wade Babich, who was one of the Royals leading colts players in 1991, but missed last season with injury, was training well and likely to play on the ball in the summer series.

Talented half-back Stephen Pendleton, a product of the East Perth colts team whose excellent season was rewarded with selection in the 1992 Teal Cup team, should line up in defence on Saturday.

"We'd like to give our supporters a good start," Robbins said.

"But we had a meeting the other night and Stan is more worried about giving the young guys a go rather than doing well."

The more experienced East Perth players will only have a brief taste of the summer series.

"Players like Butch Baroni and Robert Solin will only have one or two games," Robbins said.

GAMES against Swan Districts are never easy and opposition sides cannot expect any favours from the black and whites during the Emu Export summer series.

Swans football manager Ray Reynolds says that the 1990 premiers will have a side ready to launch an assault on the summer series title.

"I think these games are better than practice matches," Reynolds said.

"These games are more serious because there is money at stake and every club needs the finance nowadays."

BIG EXPECTATIONS

Swans, who last year finished fourth after finals defeats at the hands of South Fremantle and East Perth, are hoping for big things from former West Perth rover Glen Bewick and Perth's State representative John Clarkson.

Bewick, who has joined Swans after 11 league games in three seasons with the Falcons, is capable of much better and coach John Todd will be looking for big things from the talented small man.

Last year Clarkson was keen to play for East Fremantle, but was convinced to play out the season with Perth.

However, he has been acquired by Swans in a swap with State half-forward Mick Hastie and should be a valuable acquisition with his experience and pin-point disposal.

Reynolds said the form on the training track of recruits Marcus Sheridan and Shaun Spencer was encouraging.

A natural rover, Sheridan has arrived in Perth from Canberra and should consolidate a place in the league side.

Spencer comes from Swans territory at High Wycombe and is expected to line up on a wing or across half-forward.

Phil Haywood, who has arrived at

Swans ready to show their style

the club from Dandaragan, has shown good practice match form in the ruck and forward line and will get a try in the summer series.

An encouraging sign for Swans is the fitness and enthusiasm of experienced campaigners Phil Narkle and Mike Richardson.

Narkle, last year's captain, was restricted to only 12 games in 1992 due to injury, but has returned free of any troubles and eager to add his total of 177 games with the club.

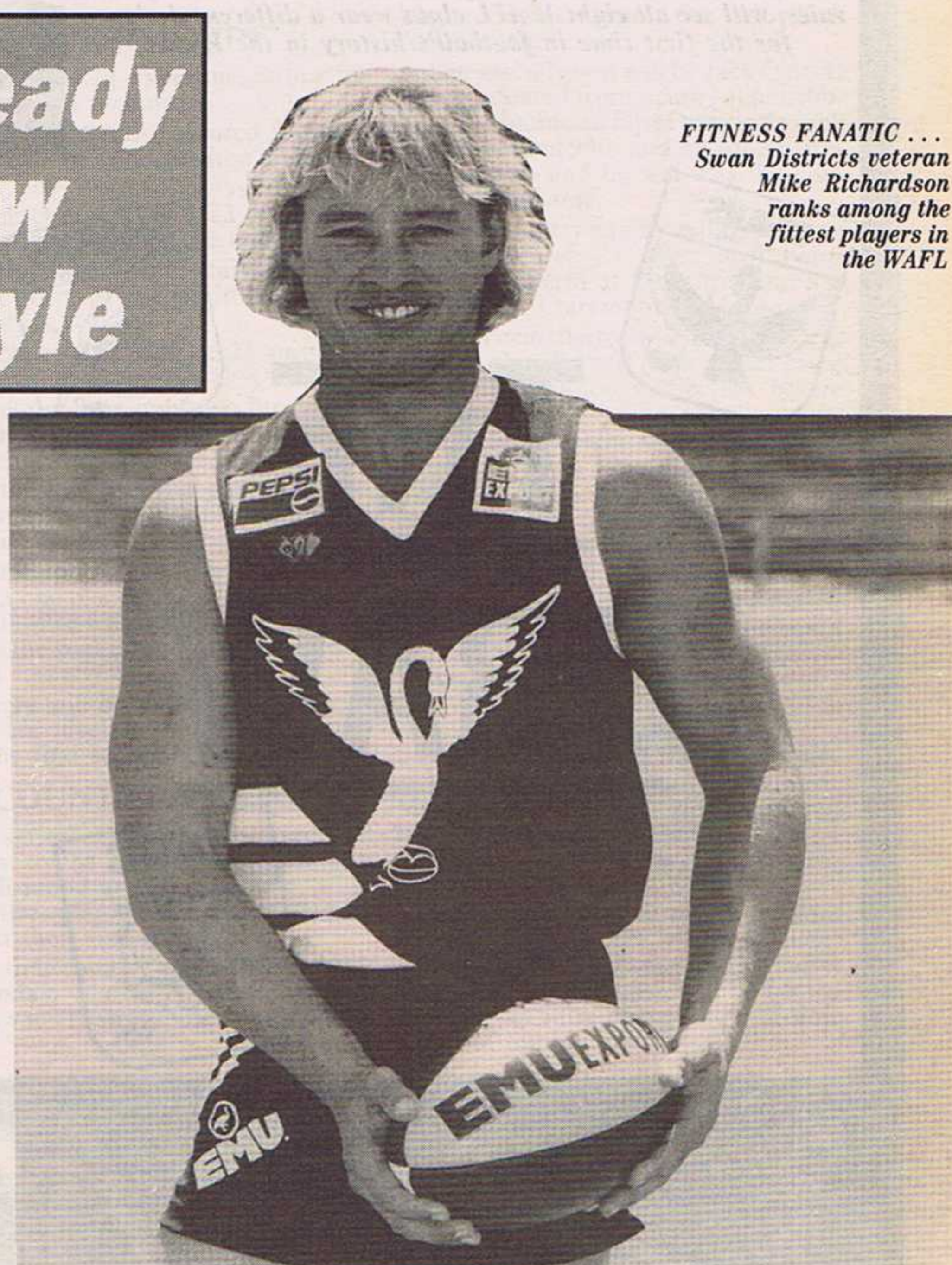
Richardson, who will be joined at Swans this year by his brother Steve, finished runner-up in the club's best and fairest count in 1992.

The durable midfielder is already leading the way in practice matches and looks set for another consistent season.

Reynolds says that the past tradition of Swans in developing young players will come to the fore again this season under the astute guidance of veteran coach John Todd.

"We'll be out to do well," Reynolds says. "We'd like to show some authority in these games and get some wins under our belt."

"We'll be picking the best side we've got because we want to win the Emu Export summer series and set up our assault on the WAFL premiership."



FITNESS FANATIC . . . Swan Districts veteran Mike Richardson ranks among the fittest players in the WAFL





THE NEW LOOK

WA kicks into a new era

Prizemoney up for grabs

HEALTHY sponsorship from the Swan Brewery Company has enabled the WAFL's pre-season summer series to take place.

The two clubs reaching the final of the Emu Export competition will be fighting it out for the winner's cheque of \$3500, with the losers receiving \$1500.

The competition, which consists of four qualifying rounds and a final, will also offer \$500 for the fairest and best player in the series.

The new-look uniforms for the Emu Export summer series were paraded at Subiaco Oval recently.

The WAFL players wearing the new jumpers, shorts and socks were (from left) Mike Richardson (Swan Districts), Rod Willet (Subiaco), Brad Collard (South Fremantle), Peter Miller (East Perth), Adrian Barich (Perth), Craig Nelson (West Perth), Darrell Panizza (Claremont) and Steve Malaxos (East Fremantle).

The summer series, which experiments with some modified rules, will see all eight WAFL clubs wear a different design for the first time in football's history in the West



WEST Australian football takes a positive step forward on the road to recovery with the introduction of the new pre-season Emu Export summer series.

The five-week programme will explore new territory to promote a different face of football for the future.

The introduction of new-look club guernseys sparked immediate interest, with the retail trade suddenly finding that customers want to purchase their club colours.

The outfits, with matching shorts and sock designs, feature bold stripes and bigger logos.

EXPERIMENTS

Other areas of experimentation in the series will include:

- * The use of a tri-coloured football displaying the competition's major sponsor, the Swan Brewery.

- * Each club will have 22 players in the team, rather than the normal 20.

- * The use of four boundary umpires, with all umpires clothed in black and gold outfits.

- * Each quarter will be 25 minutes long, with no time on.

- * There will be only two breaks — eight minutes at half-time and five minutes at three-quarter-time.

- * If the ball hits the goal or point posts and rebounds into play, it will be 'play on'.

- * Three footballs will be used, with an extra one placed at the goals, where a ball steward will release it for play as soon as the goal umpire has signalled a behind.

- * There will be no drawn games. If scores are level, the game continues until the first score.

COUNTRY GAMES

The series will see games staged in country towns to help revitalise the football mood around the State, with the centres planning a carnival day to support their fixture.

The first country game will be held on Sunday, March 7, between Perth and Swan Districts, at Goomalling Oval.

By

Rohan Howatson

The day will kick off with a 12s junior match between teams in the Mortlock League, followed by a Superles game for players over 35.

The curtain-raiser will be a North versus West clash between composite league teams from the Mortlock Association.

The special guest will be Jack Clarke, who graduated from nearby Jennacubine to become an East Fremantle ruck legend in the 1950s and an All-Australian captain and he will toss the coin for the big game.

More country games will be held on Sunday, March 21 when East Perth play West Perth at Busselton and Subiaco meet Claremont at Moora.

The Perth derby will be played at Stewart Bovell Park, with a trial game for State schoolboys selection before the match.

The North versus South Quit Challenge will see a combined side from Collie, Bunbury and Harvey tackle a composite team from Busselton, Augusta-Margaret River, Manjimup, Donnybrook and Boyanup-Capel.

A South West league practice match will be the curtain-raiser to the main game, featuring players from Augusta-Margaret River and Busselton.

JUNIOR CARNIVAL

A junior knockout carnival will precede the Subiaco-Claremont match at Moora, followed by a game between two composite sides from the Central Midlands Coastal Association to promote the colts competition.

A chartered bus will take fans from Perth at \$15 a ticket, which includes admission to the game and a buffet meal. A civic reception will be hosted by the local shire during the half-time break of the big match.



THE DRAW

Round 1

Saturday, February 27 1993
 West Perth v Perth
 Bassendean Oval 3pm
 Swan District v Claremont
 Bassendean Oval 5pm
 Subiaco v East Fremantle
 Fremantle Oval 3pm
 South Fremantle v East Perth
 Fremantle Oval 5pm

Round 2

Saturday, March 6 1993
 East Perth v Subiaco
 East Fremantle Oval 12.50pm
 East Fremantle v South Fremantle
 East Fremantle Oval 3pm
 Claremont v West Perth
 East Fremantle Oval 5pm
 Sunday, March 7 1993
 Perth v Swan Districts
 Goomalling 3pm

Round 3

Saturday, March 13, 1993
 East Fremantle v West Perth
 Fremantle Oval 3pm
 South Fremantle v Claremont
 Fremantle Oval 5pm
 Perth v Subiaco
 Bassendean Oval 3pm
 Swan Districts v East Perth
 Bassendean Oval 5pm

Round 4

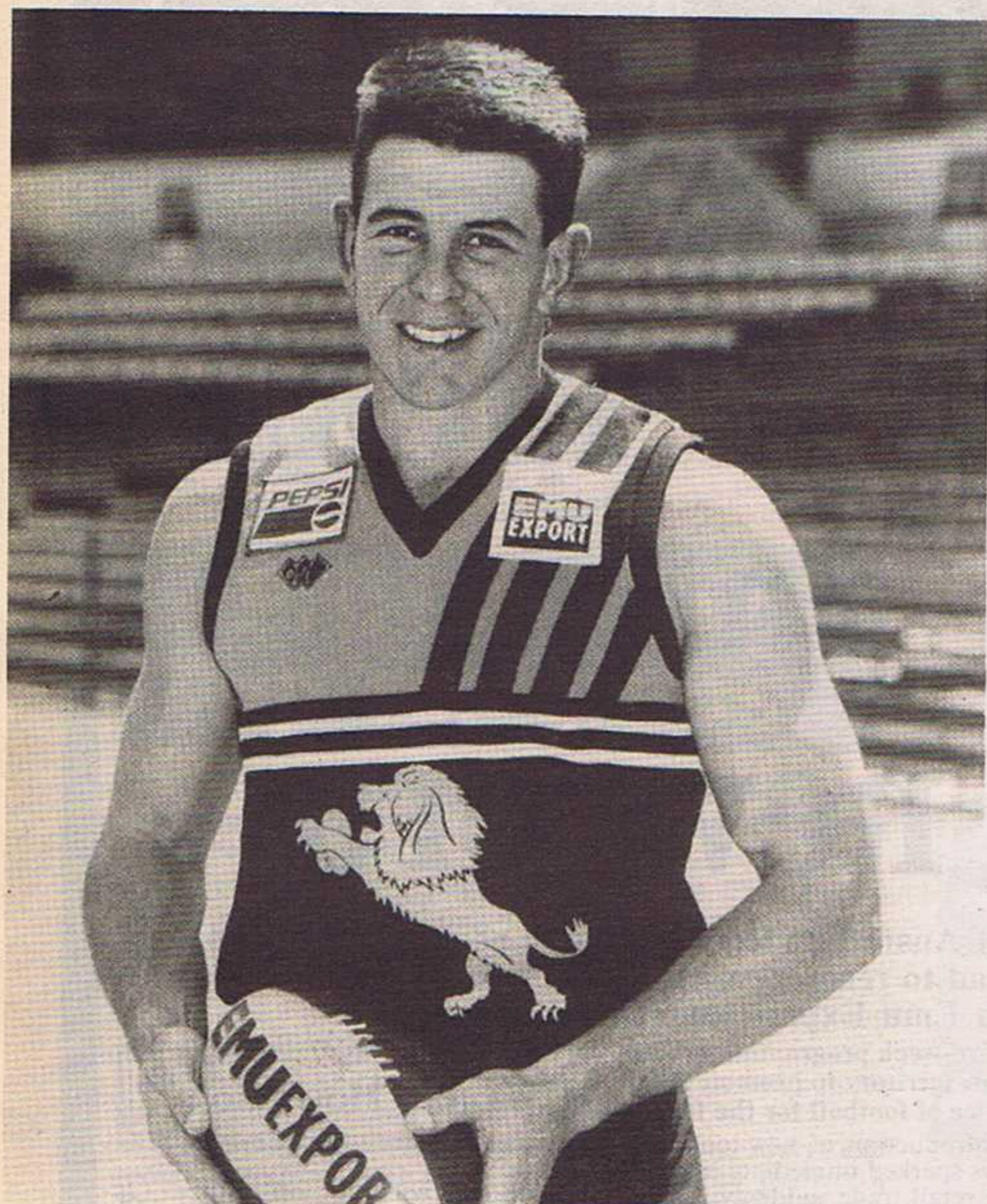
Saturday, March 20 1993
 East Fremantle v Swan Districts
 Fremantle Oval 3pm
 South Fremantle v Perth
 Fremantle Oval 5pm
 Sunday, March 21 1993
 East Perth v West Perth
 Busselton 3pm
 Subiaco v Claremont
 Moora 3pm

Finals

Saturday, March 27 1993
 Venue to be advised
 12.50pm 3rd v 4th
 3pm 1st v 2nd



Lions shape up much tougher



YOUNG SKIPPER . . . Subiaco will look to David Snow as their newly-appointed captain for strong leadership

tougher

SUMMER training at Subiaco indicates that the Lions will be a tougher, more aggressive side this season.

Rookie coach Tony Solin steps into the job with a football background that never saw him shirk a contest and the Lions camp is gearing up for a tough season.

Solin replaces long-serving Hadyn Bunton, who has moved back to South Australia to coach Sturt after five grand finals for two premierships in nine years in his second stint at Subiaco.

As a player, Solin displayed a never-say-die attitude, a trait he will demand from his players when they take to the field in the Emu Export summer series.

IMPORTANT

Football manager Wayne Loxley says the pre-season competition is important for both the coaching staff and the players.

"We'll be very keen to have a competitive team on the field and the players will be jumping out of their skin to impress the new coach and his match committee," Loxley said.

Solin's task in the Emu Export series won't be made any easier by the absence of five league regulars from 1992.

But Solin can take heart from the return of damaging forward Andrew Macnish, who joined Geelong midway through last season; former premier-ship ruckman Shane Cocker, dual Hayward's Medallist Graham Jeffery, from Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault, East



Fremantle's Graham Ralph and potential half-forward Lee Sounness, from Claremont.

Cocker, a member of the Lions 1988 premiership side, is extremely fit and will be an important player for the club.

EXPERIENCE

His height and experience will be invaluable as Solin attempts to take the club up the ladder.

Four of last season's colts players pressing their claims for a league try-out are rover Jonathon Langer, wingman Sam McFarlane, and defenders Scott Gooch and Shane Parker.

Loxley said all players with the exception of Macnish, who has a niggling shoulder injury, will play in the series.

"There will be no plans to rest any senior players in this series," he says. "They are professionals who will be keen to get out and play."

And how long does Loxley think the players will take to adapt to Solin's different ideas?

"I think it might take our players a couple of games to get used to the new style of coaching," he says. "But I think we will be very competitive in the series."

"We have a good batch of young players coming up through the ranks and these games will give them a chance to show their wares."

THERE is little that pleases a coach more than having a solid player base — something which Perth's Ken Armstrong can look forward to this season.

The veteran mentor hopes to show off some of his much-vaunted depth in the Emu Export summer series, a competition where Armstrong is placing a lot of emphasis.

The Demons 1992 finals aspirations were dashed in the last qualifying game when they were beaten by East Perth and Armstrong is eager to start the season on a winning note.

"It's very important to us," Armstrong said.

"The players know that the Pepsi Cup series is our ultimate goal, but this summer competition is important as far as re-establishing the Perth Football Club's credibility.

"It's a time when there are new faces around the club and they are drawn to Perth by success."

RECRUITING

While the Demons will be missing a few key players from last season, they have boosted their strength with some good recruiting.

They have picked up Swan Districts State half-forward Mick Hastie and his former Bassendean club-mate Adrian Pencini; star midfielder Willie Dick has returned after a season in Victoria, where he was a member of Essendon's reserves premiership side and experienced ball-carriers Kim Fancote and Tony Papotto, who took a year off from WAFL commitments last year, are both back on the track.

Armstrong is pleased about gaining the services of East Perth's 1992 captain Craig McGrath and the much-travelled Malcolm Williams, who finished third in last year's Sandover Medal.

Demons build on their player depth

The Demons are hopeful of big things from Quairading running players Clayton Falkingham and Daymon Squiers, as well as Cunderdin's Shane Darmody, who could play in the ruck or hold down a key forward position.

Former Subiaco big man Jonas Lindberg has arrived at Lathlain Park and should win a place in the Demons summer series team.

Armstrong regards last year's Medalists Medal winner Austin Kelly, younger brother of Merv, as one of the club's true rovers and is confident the brilliant left-footer will show his class during the summer series.

"We have built up our depth over summer," said Armstrong.

"A big plus has been the presence of Adrian Barich as a full-time captain."

EXPERIMENT

Armstrong, who will experiment with a number of players in a variety of roles in the pre-season competition, is happy with the team's fitness at this early stage of the year.

"We did two-and-a-half months of aerobics, which kept the guys together up until Christmas and new phys-edder Alan Smith has kept them working hard since then," he said.

"I think we are a little in front fitness-wise compared to this time last year."



NEW LEADER . . . Perth have a new captain in Adrian Barich, whose experience will be a Demons bonus



EMU EXPORT LAGER



Tigers keen about country recruits

TWO players certainly don't make a football team, but in Claremont's case, they could prove crucial.

The Tigers are hoping that prize country recruits Craig Downsborough and Joe Smith can solve the club's lack of goalkicking power this season.

The problem plagued the 1991 premiers all last season when they finished seventh with only seven victories — their worst performance since 1977.

Both are extremely talented and are strong candidates to fill the key centre-half-forward and full-forward positions when the Emu Export summer series starts on Saturday.

Downsborough, who kicked 25 goals for Burracoppin in one Eastern Districts League fixture last season, played one game for the Tigers reserves in 1992 on a permit, but was unhappy and returned to the family farm.

Claremont officials have lured him back to the city for 1993, along with Smith, one of the most skilled men to come out of Goldfields football.

Smith also played one reserves match in 1992, but his outing was with Subiaco.

CARNIVAL STAR

Smith enjoyed an excellent season with Railways in the Goldfields Football League and was adjudged the fair-

est and best player in their grand final victory in the annual Wesfarmers Country Championships at Subiaco Oval last July.

Tigers football manager Phil Smart said the club was also hopeful of good performances from talented utility Mark Prindiville, who joins the club after a successful season with University Amateurs.

Three stars of last year's colts side in Daniel Southern, who won the fairest and best player in the Teal Cup, Richard Harvey and Anthony Shields, are currently training with the league squad and should make their senior debuts in the series.

"We'll play our best side at the time in the series," Smart said.

"These are practice games, so we can try things out, but they are still important and we won't be going out there to lose."

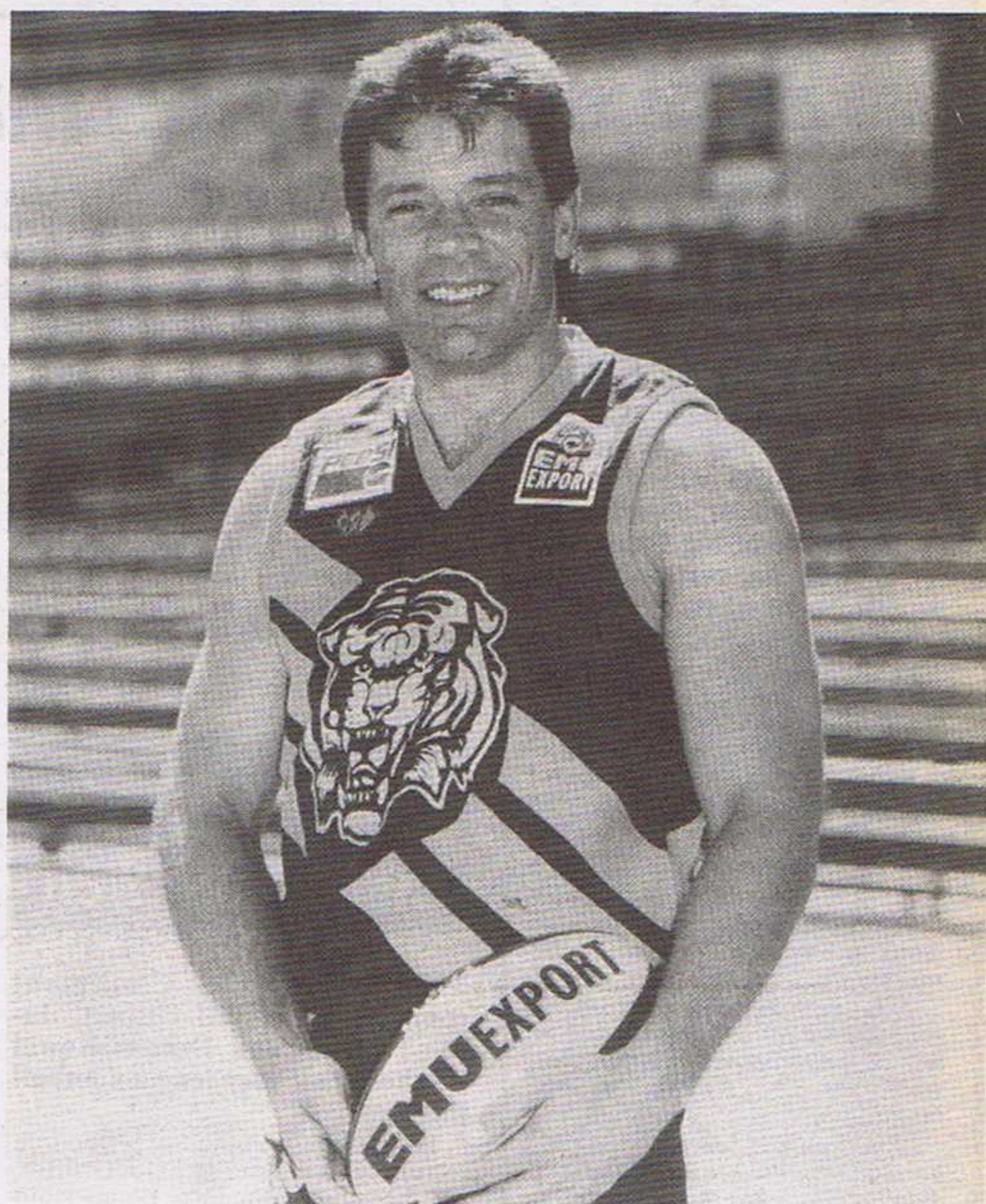
A bonus for coach Gerard Neesham is the return of 1991 premiership player Rob Malone.

The 22-year-old Malone was St Kilda's second pick in the 1991 November draft, but failed to break into the strong Saints line-up.

Last year Claremont underwent a rebuilding process and started to show signs of the benefit in the latter half of the season.

"It's important to do the best we can in the series with such a young side," Smart said.

"We finished in the bottom half of the ladder last year, so we're going to take it very seriously."



SHAPING UP... Claremont veteran Darrell Panizza is leading the Tigers as he goes into his 15th season



TOWER OF STRENGTH... big Craig Nelson has carried the ruck burden at West Perth in fine style

WEST Perth might have collected their third consecutive wooden spoon in 1992, but it was not all doom and gloom at Leederville Oval.

Under the guidance of first-year coach Jeff Gieschen, the Falcons won only seven games, but showed enough to suggest they are ready to make a long-awaited climb up the ladder.

The club currently has more than 60 players on the training track and most will get a chance to perform in the pre-season Emu Export series, judged on their form in two intra-club matches.

Falcons football manager Matt Tweedie said the newer players will all be given a chance in the summer series to stake claims for a regular league berth.

"At the moment we're really still looking at our player group," he says. "But the Emu Export Cup will give us a chance to sit back and look at our strength."

"We'll be testing the fitness of some of our regular players and generally looking at the summer series as our planning ground for the WAFL season."

"If it shows that we need anything, we'll attend to it immediately."

TOP PAIR

Last season the Falcons relied heavily on West Coast squad member Robbie West, who took out the Sandover Medal, closely followed by team-mate and fellow Eagle Derek Hall.

West and Hall combined well with hard-working ruckman Craig Nelson, defender Paul Mifka and rover Angelo Del Borrello to lead by example.

However, their burden should be eased somewhat with the return of experienced campaigners in Paul Hasler and Wayne Dayman, plus the addition of former Swan Districts defender Greg Jones, who has arrived at West

Falcons look ahead with plenty of confidence

Perth after unsuccessful stints with St Kilda and Footscray.

Tweedie says the Falcons have been busy recruiting over summer, especially in country areas and he is confident that three Eastern Districts League players can make a successful transition to city ranks.

Ian Downsborough, a brother of goal-kicking star Craig (who will play with Claremont this year) is expected to give Nelson much-needed support in the ruck as well as proving a target in the forward line when resting; his Burracoppin team-mate Darren Thomas is a likely half-forward, while rover Justin Eaton, who won the Eastern Districts League's fairest and best award last year, should add impetus to the Falcons mosquito fleet.

Tweedie said the Falcons were confident that the club's two 1992 Teal Cup players in Ashley Blurton and Mark Merenda, would be valuable acquisitions in the summer series with their ability to play in several positions.

Geraldton's Jay Corlett, a member of the 1990 Teal Cup team, has been lured to Leederville Oval and should make his debut for the Falcons on Saturday.

"The depth at our club is the best it has been for a couple of years," Tweedie said.



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Reflections from an Eagle

BOLLE, the world's best sunglasses, present a special column on West Coast memories

PAUL HARDING



PROVING critics wrong is not necessarily a major objective in the football life of big Paul Harding — but he certainly gets some enjoyment when he silences the sceptics.

There have been quite a few individual highlights in the career of the genial giant who graduated from Riverton to go to the very top, with an AFL premiership medallion now taking pride of place on his mantlepiece.

But it is the team efforts that Harding likes to talk about.

"The AFL grand final was certainly a memorable moment," he says.

"The premiership was just such a good reward for so much work. Everyone had worked hard for that glory and the final siren was fantastic.

"I was on the bench at the end, having hurt my knee a little. But it didn't matter when the siren went. I was out there with the rest of the team pretty quickly."

Harding, still only 28 and young by a ruckman's standard, isn't one to talk a lot about the winding road he took to achieve his Eagles premiership, but it was certainly a journey that had its challenges.

When the West Coasters were formed in late 1986, the East Fremantle premiership ruckman was keen to be part of the home-grown AFL side. But a previous commitment to join Hawthorn was enforced through the courts and it was to be five years before he donned that Eagles jumper he had accepted at the inception.

His journey took him to Hawthorn for a year and then St Kilda for four seasons and he returned West with 73 AFL games behind him.

His 1992 year at the Eagles was a mixed one, with injuries and hard-to-win places in the side at a premium, but the longer the season went, the better he played.

"That East Fremantle premiership was certainly a terrific feeling, particularly as many of the players had been together for a while," says Harding, whose WAFL debut was back in 1981.

"There was a good feeling in the Sharks camp that season; we had lost the grand final the year before and we were out to atone. But we only just scraped in by five points.

"It was a different feeling when the Eagles won; that certainly overshadowed the 1985 flag by a long way; the AFL is simply the highest level you can aim for."

Harding's most notable performance as far as awards go was the 1991 interstate clash with Victoria, returning from his St Kilda duties to lead the WA ruck and finishing best-on-ground.

The Simpson Medal-winning performance came at a time when Harding was having trouble proving to Saints fans that he was a front-line ruckman — but the dominant effort on a wet and miserable night against Victoria's best was one to remember.

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Footy around the nation

Magpie mania thrives in Perth

COLLINGWOOD forever was the theme at Perth Oval last Friday night when more than 100 one-eyed Magpie fans gathered to pay homage to one of the club's favourite sons.

Injured — and controversial — defender Craig Kelly was the guest of the WA Woodsmen, an interstate support group of Collingwood's massive Australian-wide army.

Kelly showed the humorous side of his aggressive football nature, admitting that he loves to use to his body in the tough clashes, but also enjoys the company of rivals like Karl Langdon off the field.

Kelly took the opportunity to intro-

duce two of Collingwood's young WA draft choices to the fans — Subiaco pair Chris Batka and Scott Thomson.

Batka, with 11 league games behind him and Thomson, a regular colts player last season, admitted they had been chased by the Adelaide Crows and the West Coast Eagles respectively, but both were surprised when Collingwood called their names out.

Thomson, who admitted that former Subiaco star and current Eagle club champion Dean Kemp was his idol "because he's built a lot like me" said

the Eagles had telephoned him the night before the draft and he had been hopeful of a draft call-up to stay in WA.

"But I'm happy about Collingwood," he admitted, under some threatening pressure from the light-hearted Kelly.

The tough Kelly, one of Collingwood's key players at centre-half-back, admitted that he was once a forward.

"I played all 21 games at centre-half-forward in my first year at Norwood, under Neil Balme," he said.

AMONG FRIENDS ...
Craig Kelly found newly-appointed Subiaco captain David Snow among the guests at the WA Woodsmen function. He's pictured with local officials Don McComish (left) and Tim Collins



Claremont trio shape up well

MELBOURNE'S Claremont connection — Phil Gilbert, Jason Norrish and Darren Kowal — should all play league football this year.

That is the opinion of Melbourne recruiting manager Richard Griffith, who helped lure the three premiership players to the Demons camp.

The trio played their first official match together since Claremont's 1991 premiership victory over Subiaco, when Melbourne posted a thrilling four-point victory against Collingwood at Princes Park in the opening round of the Foster's Cup.

Gilbert was drafted after his excellent 1991 season with Claremont, but opted to stay in the West, despite several mid-season attempts to lure him across the border.

RUGGED STYLE

However, since moving to Melbourne before Christmas, his rugged, no-nonsense brand of football has appealed to new Demons mentor Neil Balme, who had no hesitation in matching him against promising Collingwood forward Damian Houlihan.

Houlihan started well and had two goals to his name before Gilbert tightened up and his team-mates up field placed more pressure on the Magpies ball carriers.

Shortly before half-time Gilbert received a heavy knock from Magpies ruckman Damien Monkhorst, causing the tough Tiger to vomit during the break.

"Phil was terrific," Griffith said.

"He was hard at the ball, courageous, quick and I think he'll play the majority of senior games."

Norrish, whose 1992 season with Claremont was interrupted by persistent hamstring troubles, was given a rehabilitation programme by Melbourne to correct the problems with his lower back and legs.

"Jason played well," said Griffith. "He wasted the ball a couple of times but once he learns he's got more time, he'll be a lot better off."

"His pace is the main reason why we drafted him and we believe he can boost our midfield."

Unlike his two team-mates, Kowal lined up with Melbourne last year, but had troubles adapting to the higher level and could manage only three senior appearances.

Kowal was used off the bench against Collingwood and showed flashes of his ability.

"Darren has got everything going for him," Griffith said.

"He has a lot of athletic ability and the time he spent with us last year will prove beneficial."

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Two prominent WAFL officials in the photograph are one-time Subiaco general manager (and now a club director) Basil Fuller on the left and long-serving West Perth president Len Roper just behind Mr Fuhrmann.

But who are the players?

To be a Westside winner, simply name the four (from left to right) on the back of an envelope, along with your name and address and post it to:-



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Entries close on the Tuesday before our next edition (Thursday, March 11) and we will award two rolls of Kodak colour film to the first correct entry drawn from our barrel.

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Goal-kicking winners

THERE have been plenty of well-known footballers top WA's goal-kicking ladder — but over the years a few not-so-prominent players have kicked their way to the top.

The four men who featured in our previous edition's Kodak Picture Puzzle captured both categories — and stumped a few of our readers.

The quartet of leading goalkickers were (from left in the photographs) Norm Uncle (Claremont, 1976), Ray Bauskis (South Fremantle, 1977-78), Austin Robertson (Subiaco, 1962-64, 65, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72) and Warren Ralph (Claremont, 1980, 81, 82, 83).

The first correct entry out of our Kodak competition barrel came from J.K. Lyons, of Wembley, who wins two rolls of Kodak colour film.

In addition, all other entries received go into our end-of-summer barrel with one lucky reader winning a weekend for two at the Albany Travel Inn.

CRICKET

Sheffield Shield: WACA Ground — Friday, March 5 to Monday, March 8: WA v Victoria.

HORSE RACING

Ascot — Saturday, February 27: Cyril Flower Quality Stakes; Monday, March 1: Aquanita Quality Stakes 3-yr-olds; Ngawyni Quality Stakes 2-yr-olds; Saturday, March 6: Darlot Quality Sprint.

SPEEDWAY

Quit Claremont Speedway — Friday, February 26: Sunday Times King of Claremont Solo Classic featuring Swedish World Champ Per Jonsson; CIG Sprintcar Showground Showdown. Friday, March 5: AMCAP BBK WA Sprintcar Championship. Friday, March 12: Marlows Speedcar Grand Prix; Fireworks display; Peters special children night.

LAWN BOWLS

Osborne Park Bowling Club Friday, February 26 — Matthews Trophy and Senior Challenge Cup. Saturday, February 27 to Friday, March 5 — R and I Country Week Championship.



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What's happening in sport

BASEBALL

Parry Field: 17th Asian Baseball Championship Series — Friday, February 26 to Sunday, March 7. Gold medal game 2pm March 7; closing ceremony 6pm. State League — A grade elimination finals: March 9-10-14-17-19-21. Grand final play-offs: Wednesday March 24, Friday, March 26, Sunday, March 28 (if required). Triple A: Sunday, March 14 first and second semi-finals. Colts: Sunday, March 14 second semi-final.

TENNIS

March 6-7: Westpac State Tennis League semi-finals; March 13: preliminary finals; March 20: Women's grand final. March 21: Men's grand final.

GREYHOUNDS

Cannington Raceway — Saturday, March 20: WA Distance Championship; Saturday, March 27, National Distance Championship.

TROTTING

Gloucester Park — Friday, February 26: Pearl Final 2-yr-old group 1 \$85,000; Pearl Consolation \$10,000. Friday, March 5: Caduceus Club of WA Classic 3-yr-old \$10,000; Empress Stakes \$10,000. Friday, March 12: 1993 Emu Export Country Pacing Derby Final 3-yr-old \$20,000.

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ON THE BALL... the AFL's umpires development officer Kevin Mitchell addresses the umpires seminar last weekend

Strempel goes

MUCH-travelled Swan Districts forward Shane Strempel has severed his ties with the Bassendean club.

Strempel, who was caught drinking on the eve of the WAFL finals last season and dropped from the side's final 20 for the first semi-final against East Perth, says he might take a year off.

If the one-time Brisbane Bears and Essendon does opt to play for Swans this year, he would miss the first seven games after the club imposed the ban for his misdemeanour.

"I have a couple of options open to me, but I might just have a year off," Strempel said.

The former State forward has had talks with one WAFL club, one Sunday League club, as well as clubs in the north of WA and in the Eastern States.

"If I'm going to go anywhere I'll probably go up north," he stated.

Still learning

THE old adage "you're never too old" is perfect when describing former South Fremantle stars Rod Barrett, Ross Sweetman, Paul Vasoli and Phil Cronan.

The four, who were members of the Bulldogs last premiership side in 1980, attended the recent Australian Football Coaches Association conference in search of extra information.

Since their playing careers finished, all four have turned their hand to coaching, achieving excellent results.

Last year Vasoli guided the Bulldogs reserves side to a premiership and Cronan won a pennant with Mt Lawley in the WA Amateurs.

Both Barrett and Sweetman are involved in coaching juniors, with Barrett winning a pennant with Wesley College in the Barry Cable Division of the Quit Cup in 1991 and Sweetman playing a major role in the Fremantle districts competition.

Barbarich the racer

FOOTBALL and motor racing will come together this year when GIO Australia expand their sporting sponsorship.

Well-known football identity and night club operator Dennis Barbarich has linked up with new football sponsors, GIO, to race a HQ Holden at Wanneroo Raceway — and hopefully take part in the Bathurst Mt Panorama event in NSW later this year.

GIO's WA general manager Ross Butler says that the firm has now linked up with more than 100 sporting and community clubs and the sponsorship of Barbarich's racing programme is an extension of their involvement with the Forbes Racing Team, who have done well on the East Coast with Nissans and V8 Commodores.

"GIO is now one of the leading car insurers in WA and this sponsorship with the HQ Holden and the WA Sporting Car Club further increase's community awareness of our company," he said.

Umpires talk it all over

UMPIRES from many different football arenas got together last weekend for their annual seminar — with the bonus of being able to watch the Foster's Cup clash between West Coast and St Kilda as part of their agenda.

Newly-appointed Director of Umpiring, David Johnson, with the assistance of skills coaches and recently-retired colleagues Mike Ball and Phil O'Reilly, planned the weekend, which involved WAFL panel

umpires, in addition to whistle-blowers from the amateurs ranks.

Umpires advisers from various country centres joined with their Perth counter-parts and special guest was Kevin Mitchell, the AFL's full-time development officer, who flew in from Melbourne for the weekend.

One major theme of the weekend camp, held at the Ern Halliday Centre in Sorrento, was lifting the public profile and general image of umpires — a point that Johnson believes will help encourage more people to join the ranks of the men-in-white.

Royals name debate rages on

THE suggestion that East Perth should find a new nickname to replace the age-old Royals caused a flurry of faxes in the direction of Perth Oval.

The suggestions ranged from Panthers to Rabbits, from Roebucks to Reapers, from Raiders to Rams... and a few from opposition fans that just will not be considered.

One interesting suggestion came from a prominent former player and coach from a rival club — East Fremantle and Swan Districts champion Graham Melrose suggested that Cougars would be a good name.

He also suggested that the Cougar bourbon whiskey that his company markets might be interested in a sponsorship deal!

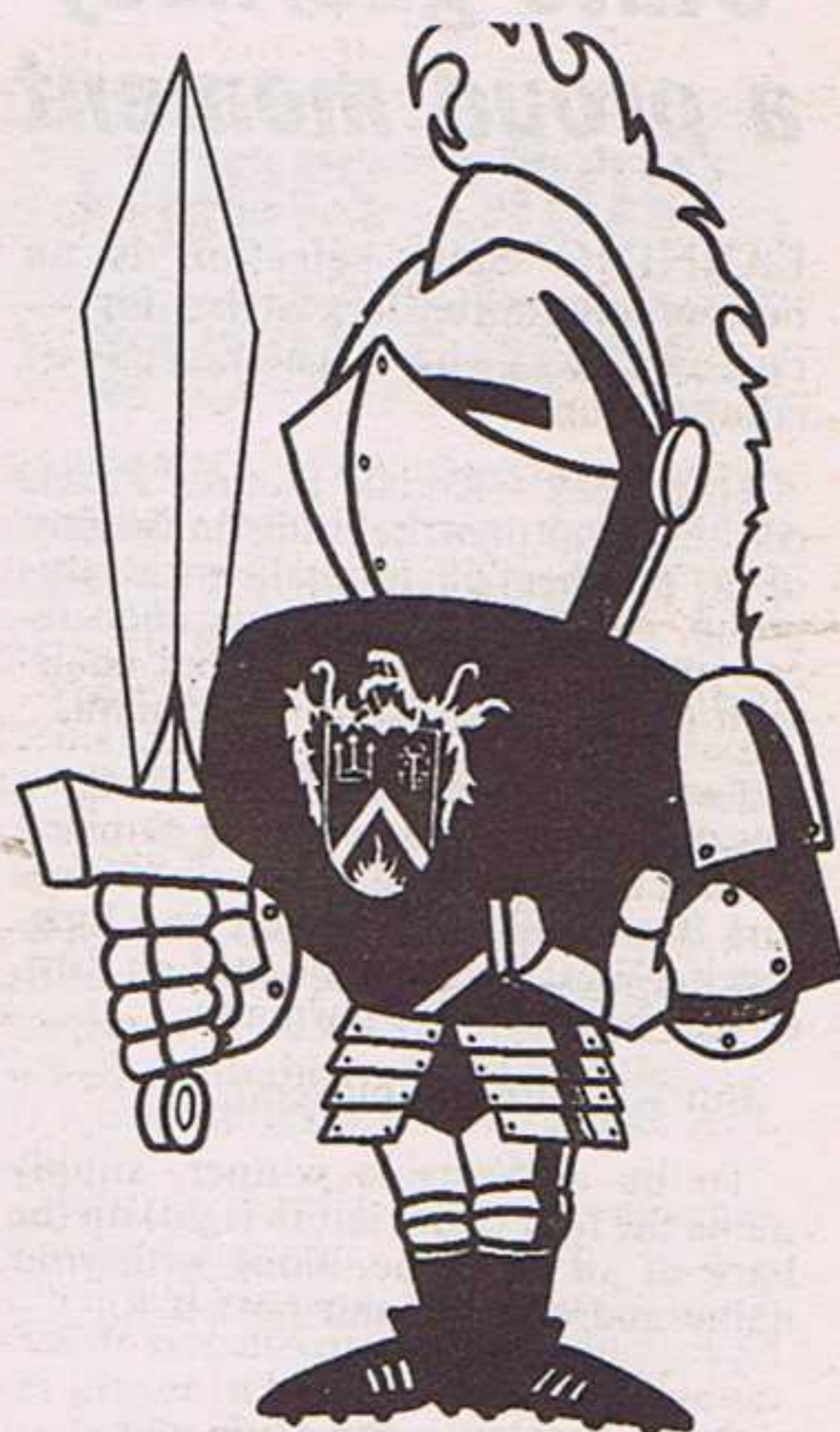
Football watcher and part-time columnist Bill Mather-Brown, whose loyalty to East Fremantle is as well-known as is dislike of their recently-adopted name of Sharks, says he hopes the Royals don't make the same mistake as his club.

"The name shark is a derogatory term," says BMB. "The Australian Dictionary says that sharks are cheaters, sharpers and whatever."

"Likewise the Cardies were the only club in Australia to have that name; it served them well and they became famous with that name; they should have stuck with it."

"I hope the Royals don't bolt into some hype that will kill their traditional name."

The Royals are now in a dilemma — do they stick with tradition or find a new image. Maybe the members will be asked to decide that one.



NEW LOOK... this was one suggestion for East Perth's new look — the Royal Knights

Have you heard...

DEPARTED West Coast Eagle Scott Watters will be given senior responsibility at the Sydney Swans this season judging by the fact that he has been allocated the guernsey number of former Sydney Swans roving maestro, Barry Mitchell.

Watters lined up in the No. 10 jumper against Richmond and dominated the packs early in the match to feature in the top players.

POPULAR Channel 7 sports commentator Sandy Roberts will take a break from television after the death of his 15-year-old son, Sam.

The teenager died recently after a massive internal haemorrhage, the result of an AIDS-contaminated blood transfusion possibly received in the 1980s.

A statement released by the family, through Channel 7, said:

"Sam was an inspiration to his family, relatives and friends, a boy who approached every day with enthusiasm, determination and a wonderful sense of humour."

What's on at your club

Swan Districts

Pre-season matches, Bassendean Oval, Saturday, February 27, 3pm: Swan Districts v Claremont; 5pm, Perth v West Perth
Sunday, March 7, 3pm: Swan Districts v Perth, Goomalling.

WEST PERTH

Auction of players, Friday, March 26, at the club.
Pasta night, Saturday, April 10, 7pm-12pm, Rossetti Restaurant, cnr Amelia and Wanneroo Roads, Balcatta, \$20.

East Fremantle

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

South Fremantle

Emu Export Summer series Fremantle Oval, Saturday, February 27 — 3pm, Subiaco v East Fremantle; 5pm, South Fremantle v East Perth.

PERTH

Jumper presentations, Sunday, March 28 — bars open 3pm, presentation 5pm in the social hall, all welcome.

SUBIACO

Emu Export Summer series: Fremantle Oval, Saturday, February 27, 3pm — Subiaco v East Fremantle; Fremantle Oval, Saturday, March 6, 3pm — Subiaco v East Perth; Bassendean Oval, Saturday, March 13, 3pm — Subiaco v Perth.
Bar open for drinks every Thursday, 4.30pm till late.

West Coast Eagles

Sausage Sizzle at Eagles training, Wednesday, March 24, 5pm at Subiaco Oval.

CLAREMONT

Corporate Classic sponsorship Cocktail Party, non-sponsors welcome to attend for \$25, 5.30pm at the club.

EAST PERTH

Emu Export Summer series: Fremantle Oval, Saturday, February 27, 5pm — South Fremantle v East Perth; Fremantle Oval, Saturday, March 6, 3pm — East Perth v Subiaco.



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Grasso heads down south

SANDOVER Medallist Mick Grasso has ruled out any chance of lining up with Swan Districts this year.

The nuggety utility player, who enjoyed a dream season in 1990 when he won the Sandover Medal, the Swan Medal and was a member of Swans premiership side, will play in the South West League.

His former club, South Bunbury, are keen to gain his services, as are Bunbury and Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault, premiers for the past three years.

Tigers sponsor search is on again

CLAREMONT are off and running with their annual search for a potential major sponsor — and at just \$250, it's a prize worth winning.

The only problem, of course, is that more than 250 other people will be in the race as well.

The club's major sponsor will be known next Friday night, when the annual Corporate Classic cocktail party is held at Claremont Oval.

The Tigers lost their major sponsor in 1990, but the highly-successful Corporate Classic has been a windfall since then, generating more than the \$50,000 that would normally go with the plumb role.

Last year's Corporate Classic winners, Apparition Costume Hire, really enjoyed their role, especially with one of their shops being almost across the road from Claremont Oval.

BIG THRILL

It was a thrilling moment for long-time Claremont supporter Tom McKenzie when his marble was drawn out of the barrel — only to be saddened after the season when he passed away.

McKenzie, along with his wife Judy and their partners David and Shirley Medcalf, have been dedicated Claremont supporters for many decades and were delighted with their year as major sponsors.

"It was just such a thrill to be involved with the club we have all followed for so long," says Mrs Medcalf.

"I think we were first back in to buy a ticket for this year."

The sponsorship involvement saw Apparition's shops at Claremont and



TOP MARBLE ... the late Tom McKenzie is congratulated by Claremont coach Gerard Neesham in 1992 after his number had come up to be the club's major sponsors

Fremantle proudly display their Tigers involvement — and they have now expanded to Kalgoorlie.

Claremont made good use of their major sponsors, with the staff dressing up in period costumes for special

lunches and other promotions.

Cynthia Dammerer is the lady putting the Corporate Classic together this season — and it promises to be a big night when the major sponsor's number is drawn.

Football mourns a champion

FOOTBALL fans from many arenas were shocked at the sudden death of Greg Brehaut, a former Perth champion and All Australian player.

Brehaut died at the age of 46, collapsing on the beach near his Carine home while on a morning jog.

His junior career started at Carlisle and his senior football stretched from Perth, to South Australia, to East Perth and finally back to where it started, at Lathlain Park.

Brehaut played 157 games for the Demons, from 1965 to '75, representing WA 16 times as a wingman in a golden era, capping a fine interstate career with All Australian honours in 1969. He was in all three of Perth's premierships in 1966-67-68.

He ventured to South Australia in 1974 for a one year stint as captain-coach of Woodville, adding 15 senior games to his tally and on his return to Perth in 1975 he managed just three more league appearances before injury forced his retirement.

After serving as a Perth selector and then reserves coach, Brehaut went to Wanneroo, where he led the strong club to the Sunday League premiership four times.

That earned him a WAFL league appointment at East Perth, coaching the side 71 times from 1983 to '86, for 27 wins and 44 losses.

Brehaut answered an SOS call at Lathlain Park three years ago when the club was in financial trouble and he joined a number of other former prominent players to help instigate the revival that has seen the Demons turn their bank book around.

Brehaut was a player of exceptional quality. A left-footer, he had the capacity to perform well at a higher level whenever he donned the State guernsey.

An indication of Brehaut's popularity in the football world came at Perth Oval last Friday night when a function for the WA Woodsmen, the Collingwood support group in the West, observed a minute's silence at the request of compere and Stirling MHR Ron Edwards, a man who often spoke to Brehaut on his frequent beach runs.

Sharks spirit

COMPETITION and team morale were the two features that dominated the thinking at East Fremantle's weekend camp.

Sharks coach Ken Judge set the high standard theme as the players gathered at HMAS Stirling, on Garden Island.

"It provided plenty of competition and hopefully built up our team spirit before the start of the season," he said.

The squad of 54 players and 12 officials were cleared through HMAS Stirling's main gate on Saturday morning and, after a brief look around the island, took part in a practice match.

After lunch, the players were divided into teams of nine to play three competitive games — touch football, softball and deck hockey.

Sunday started with a 6.30am wake-up call, followed by a 7.4km run and after breakfast, it was continuous cricket, European handball and volleyball.

Tough day for Nicky

ONE couldn't help feel a little sorry for St Kilda's dangerman Nicky Winmar last Saturday.

The former South Fremantle star, who is still loved by the West Australian public, especially the Fremantle folk, hasn't put in too many bad games in the AFL, but he certainly experienced one against the Eagles.

The tough task of playing on Winmar was given to his former Bulldogs teammate John Worsfold.

The Eagles skipper took the honours in the first half and if Winmar knew what was to follow, he might have stayed in the changerooms.

A superb aerialist, Winmar is renowned for taking spectacular marks and leaving boot marks on the shoulders of embarrassed opponents.

But on Saturday his acrobatic feats rebounded on him.

Early in the third term, Winmar led for a ball on the members wing, but when the pass was delivered high, Worsfold, in his attempt to spoil, soared over the Saints forward and snared a remarkable mark.

If that wasn't bad enough, Winmar later leapt high over Eagles rookie Matt Connell, only to misjudge his leap and hit the deck, while Connell stood his ground to take a comfortable chest mark.

SUBIACO Oval fans saw a new-look Dale Kickett when St Kilda flew into Perth to tackle the West Coast in a Foster's Cup match on Sunday. The former Claremont and Eagles half-forward looks as though he has built himself up strongly in the upper body — and the trim haircut made a stark contrast to his normal curly flowing locks



SORRY SAINTS ... former WA players Dale Kickett (above) and Nicky Winmar (right) were in the losing St Kilda side last Saturday



Big-time baseball comes to Perth



ON TARGET... Perth pitcher Paris Mitchell will be in the Australian side for the Asian series

Chinese threat in Asian series

THE 17th Asian Baseball Championship Series, starting at Belmont International Baseball Stadium this Friday, could be the scene of an international upset.

Australian coach Steve Gilmore believes the rapidly-improving Chinese team will be a force to be reckoned with.

By

KERRY LARSEN

"China have really come on in leaps and bounds in recent times," he says.

"They now have a full-time institute, which is fully-funded by the government and they play together all the time.

"If you study China's record against Australia, it shows how they have improved to the point where they are a now real force in the Asian zone.

"Australia beat China 22-1 the last time the Asian Championships were held in Perth in 1985; we won 12-1 in 1987, then in Beijing in 1991 it was right down to a 5-2 game in our favour.

"So if you use that record as a yardstick to measure China's progress, they are going to be right up there with Japan, Taipei and Korea at this Asian Championship."

Australia will host the series from the Parry Field Stadium, involving the Barcelona Olympic Games silver medallist Chinese Taipei, bronze medallist and defending Asian champions Japan.

South Korea, China, North Korea and the Philippines will also take part in the series, which goes from Friday to March 7.

Gilmore is extremely confident that his 20-man

Australian team will prove more than a match against their Asian-zone adversaries, but is wary of the Chinese team which Australia will play first up on Friday evening.

Gilmore said it was important for Australia to get away to a clean start in its first two games against China and South Korea.

"It's not the be-all and end-all of the series, but there will be a lot more pressure on us in those final games against Japan and Chinese Taipei if we lose any of our opening matches."

The end result of the Asian series will see four teams qualifying for next year's world championships in Nicaragua.

With very little separating Chinese Taipei, Japan, Australia, South Korea and China in recent international contests, the championships are destined for a thrilling climax.

Australia plays the Asian big guns Japan and Chinese Taipei in its last two matches of the qualifying round.

Home-town stars in Aussie line-up

NATIONAL selectors have leaned towards the home ground advantage by picking six West Australians in the Australian team for the Asian Championships.

Nine Victorians, three Queenslanders and two South Australians make up the final 20-man Australian team.

Big-hitting first-baseman Tony Adamson — the leading home-run hitter in the Australian Baseball League for the last three years — makes a welcome return to the Australian team after a two-year absence.

He is joined by WA team-mates John Hearne (infield), Scott Steed

(outfield), John Moore (catcher) and pitchers Paris Mitchell and Shane Tonkin.

Steed, Hearne, Moore, Tonkin and Victorian catcher Scott Dawes will make their Australian debut.

The Australian team was selected from the 46-member Australian Baseball Federation Olympic Squad for 1993.

WA Baseball League President, Alan Luscombe, said the strong WA representation in the Australian team was synonymous with the increased depth of talent on the west coast.

"It reflects the rapid development of baseball through the WABL," Mr Luscombe said.

"That local development, coupled with the contribution made by the Perth Heat has given an enormous rise to the popularity and stature of baseball in Australia."

The Australian team is as follows:

Infielders — Tony Adamson (WA), John Hearne (WA), Richard Vagg (Vic), Peter Hartas (Qld), Andrew Scott (SA), Matthew Sheldon-Collins (Vic).

Outfielders — Ron Carothers (Vic), Peter Vogler (Qld), Scott Steed (WA).

Catchers — David Clarkson (Vic), John Moore (WA), Scott Dawes (Vic).

Pitchers — Brett Cederblad (Qld), Peter Jacobsson (Vic), Darrin Kirwin (SA), Simon Sheldon-Collins (Vic), John Deeble (Vic), Ross Jones (Vic), Paris Mitchell (WA), Shane Tonkin (WA).

TOP FOUR... this quartet of WA baseballers will don the Australian colours this week, from left John Hearne, Paris Mitchell, Scott Stead and John Moore



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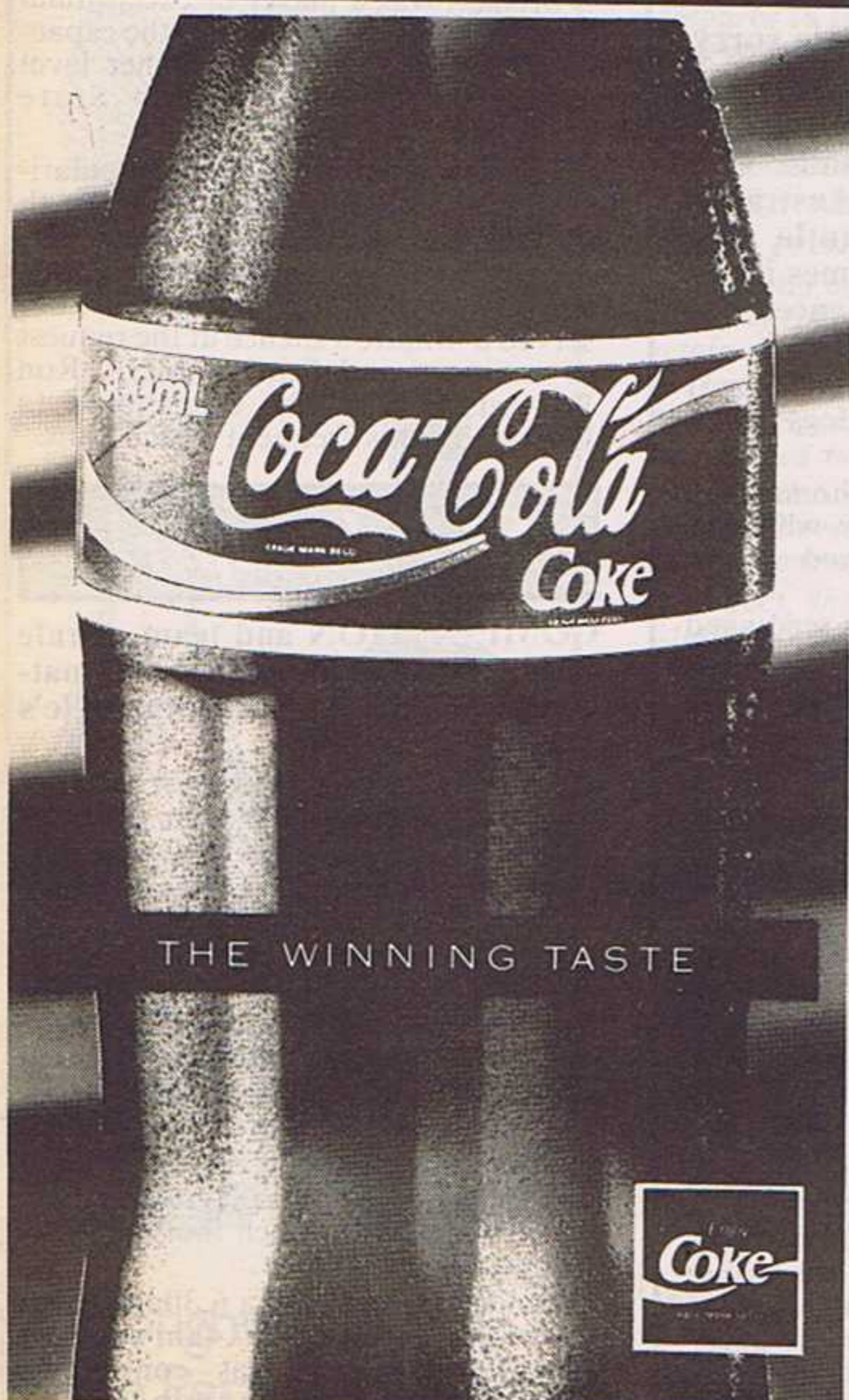
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A new WA company, Sunwear, is pioneering the manufacture, testing, marketing and design of sun protective clothing and accessories.

Sunwear has designed a specific garment, the Swimvest, to protect the skin from the harmful ultraviolet rays while playing in outdoor activities.

The fabric has been scientifically tested and approved by the Australian Radiation Laboratories and given a sun protection rating.

Dr Greg Crosland, the Honourary Secretary of the Australian College of Dermatologists says he is seeing an increase in new skin cancer cases every year, because of the damaging effects of the sun.

"When you buy protective clothing you should be sure that the garment has been tested by independent laboratories for a high sun protection factor," he said.

"The benefits over sunscreens are obvious, as garments work continuously and are a one off expense.

"However, exposed areas should still be treated with sunscreens."

For more information on Sunwear Swimvests, call Sunwear on 324 0221.

Sports medicine shop caters for all needs

SPORTS people now have a specialist shop in West Leederville that caters for all aspects of sports medicine and rehabilitation requirements.

Opened by Actimed Australia, the Sports Medicine Shop stocks products for physiotherapists, occupational therapists, podiatrists, sports medicine consultants, clubs and individuals.

Managing director Ray Smith said he believed the shop was one of the first of its kind in WA.

"An extensive range of products is available, such as sports tapes, knee, ankle and back supports, splints and contour pillows," Ray said.

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Swim classes a help for people of all ages

PERTH'S Superdrome at Mt. Claremont is offering swimming classes for people of all ages.

For those who want to improve their technique, the Superdrome is offering swimming lessons for adult swimmers.

"Our morning classes concentrate more on technique for less experienced swimmers while still improving fitness," says West Coast footballer and Superdrome sports co-ordinator, Matt Clape.

"And our Monday and Wednesday evening classes are for the more experienced swimmers," he said.

"A coach is present and can put people on a programme, with one lane for those improving stroke technique and the another lane for more serious swimmers."

There is no need to book and lessons are \$6.50 each, or \$85.00 for 16 sessions, including entry fee.

NETBALL SERIES

The Superdrome is also holding the first of the Mobil Superleague Netball series on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13.

"The first game on March 12 will be featuring the Superdrome Bullets and a SA representative side," spokesperson Claudia Parker said.

"The Bullets won back-to-back State premierships in 1991-92 and for the first time, they will represent WA," she said.

Previously, WA was represented in the National Superleague series by the WAIS Gold Squad.

Australian player-coach Annette Simper is the WA coach and some of the Bullets players include Andrea Parker, Sharon Jarrott and Carol Davidson.

Netballers and spectators have been asked to support the Bullets and tickets are \$8 for adults, \$3 for children and \$19 for family tickets, with season tickets also available at the Superdrome.

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Further details available from Matt Clape on 441 8222.

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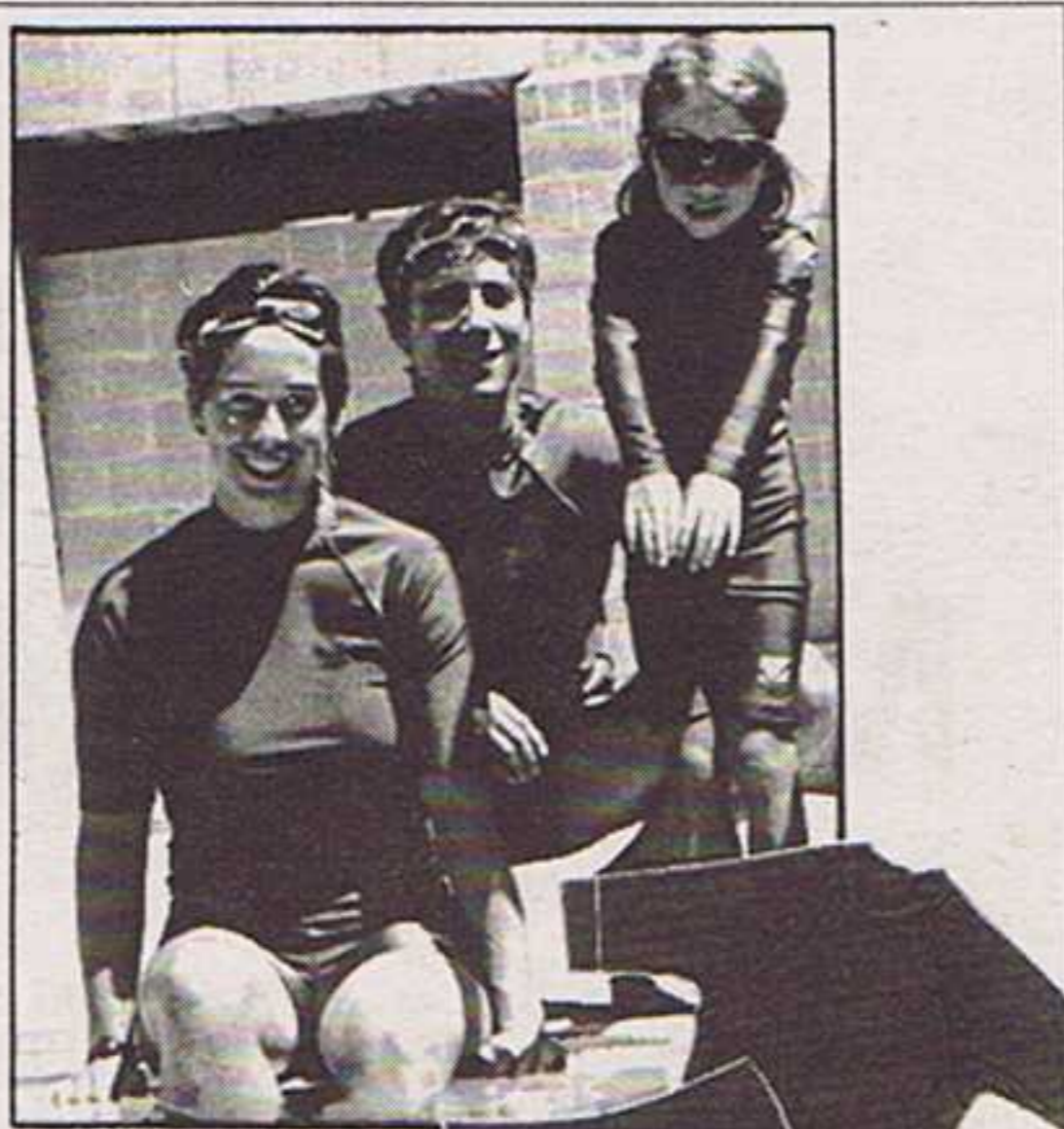
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WEEK 2

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WEEK 3

Friday, May 7
Perth..... v Newcastle.....

WEEK 5

Saturday, May 15
Perth..... v Melbourne.....

WEEK 6

Saturday, May 22
Perth..... v Sydney.....

WEEK 7

Friday, May 28
Perth..... v Townsville.....

WEEK 8

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WEEK 9

Sunday, June 6
Illawarra..... v Perth.....

WEEK 10

Sunday, June 20
Perth..... v Adelaide.....

WEEK 11

Friday, June 25
Geelong..... v Perth.....
Saturday, June 26
Newcastle..... v Perth.....

WEEK 12

Saturday, July 10
Canberra..... v Perth.....

ALL STAR BREAK

Saturday, July 17
Flinders Park

WEEK 14

Friday, July 23
Perth..... v Hobart.....

WEEK 15

Friday, July 30
Perth..... v N Melbourne.....

WEEK 16

Friday, August 6
Townsville..... v Perth.....

WEEK 17

Saturday, August 14
Perth..... v SE Melbourne.....

WEEK 18

Friday, August 20
Perth..... v Canberra.....

WEEK 19

Sunday, August 29
Sydney..... v Perth.....
Monday, August 30
Melbourne..... v Perth.....

WEEK 20

Friday, September 3
Perth..... v Geelong.....

WEEK 21

Friday, September 10
Perth..... v Illawarra.....

WEEK 22

Friday, September 17
Hobart..... v Perth.....

WEEK 23

Saturday, September 25
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Six years later, the Wildcats are poised to undergo another transformation.

DRAMATIC CHANGES

Since their failure to be the first NBL team to win three consecutive championships, with their early finals exit last September, the club has changed dramatically, on-and-off the court.

The American influence has diminished; the only captain in the club's history has retired and even the general manager, who oversaw the Wildcats rise to prominence, has departed.

It is all part of a blueprint club owner Kerry Stokes has developed for the Wildcats future.

When Stokes announced former Australian Boomers coach Adrian Hurley would take the reigns of the team late last year, he hinted at a change in philosophy.

Stokes believed the Wildcats needed to lose their dependence on the US for players and ideas because the game had to develop an Australian flavour.

Hurley, who had spent a decade with the Boomers, replaced American Murray Arnold and Perth's Andrew Vlahov

Aussie theme in Wildcats camp

By

ROSS LEWIS

stepped into the captaincy role held by Mike Ellis.

That job could have gone to long-serving forward James Crawford, but Stokes was thinking about his Australian direction.

Completing the new-look line-up is manager Vern Reid, taking over from Derek Conway, who stays in a marketing consultancy role.

The Wildcats are now hoping to snare the prized recruit of the NBL to solve one of the team's biggest problems.

Standing at 210cms tall, it is not hard to guess that Adelaide 36ers giant Mark Bradtke would be a handy acquisition to any NBL team.

The 24-year-old wants to move to a high profile club and the very-visible Wildcats are one of the few clubs that could afford Bradtke.

Last week the Wildcats received their latest recruit when former Los Angeles Lakers player Demetrius Calip arrived in town.

When the 23-year-old Calip attended his first practice session with the Wildcats, Hurley claimed the club had

"only one more piece of the puzzle to fill" — the possible arrival of Bradtke.

A lingering ankle injury suffered by star Ricky Grace has proved costly to the Wildcats and affected their disappointing finals performance, but Calip can comfortably fill that role.

The "Alabama Slammer" Crawford has enough years in his long legs to remain a dunking force and has worked tirelessly on his defensive game in the past two years.

At the other end of the scale, Chris Carroll set the foundations for a promising NBL career last season.

Even Trevor Torrance a veteran of seven NBL seasons, now has a new lease of life.

After two miserable seasons in 1990 and 1991, Torrance began to turn his luck around in the latter half of 1992 as his shooting confidence returned.

This year the Wildcats are the hunters not the hunted and they will be battling an improved NBL competition.

Reigning premiers the Melbourne Magic, with Bruce Bolden, are the team to chase, but the bigger developments have taken place in the northern regions of the league.

One of the most aggressive coaches in the competition, Bruce Palmer, has replaced long-time mentor Brian Kerle at the Brisbane Bullets and his new ideas may be enough to spark a revival of one of the NBL's talent-laden units.

And this year the NBL will feature the Townsville Suns, which will include Olympic gold medalist Rimas Kurtinaitis, from Lithuania.

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