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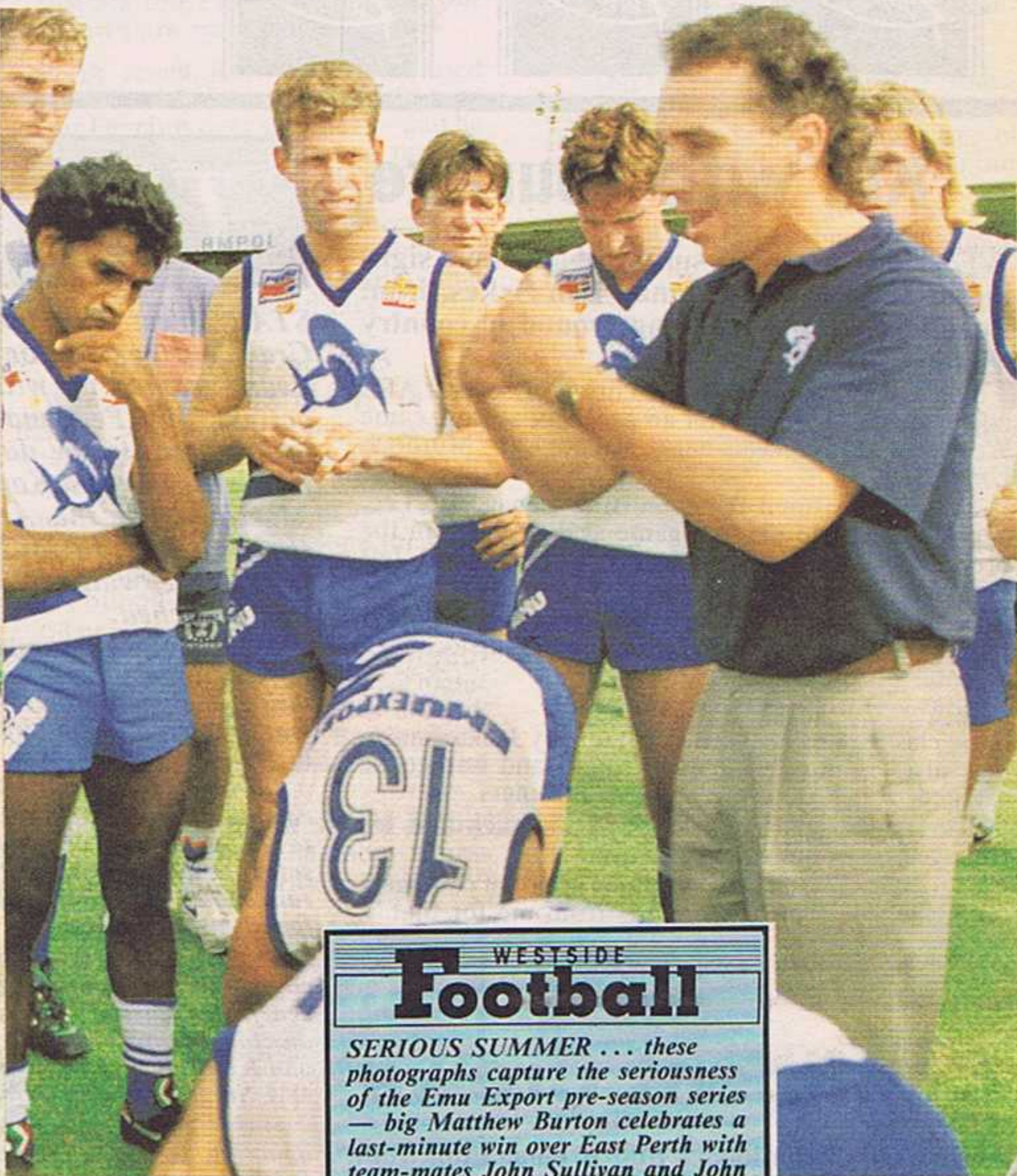
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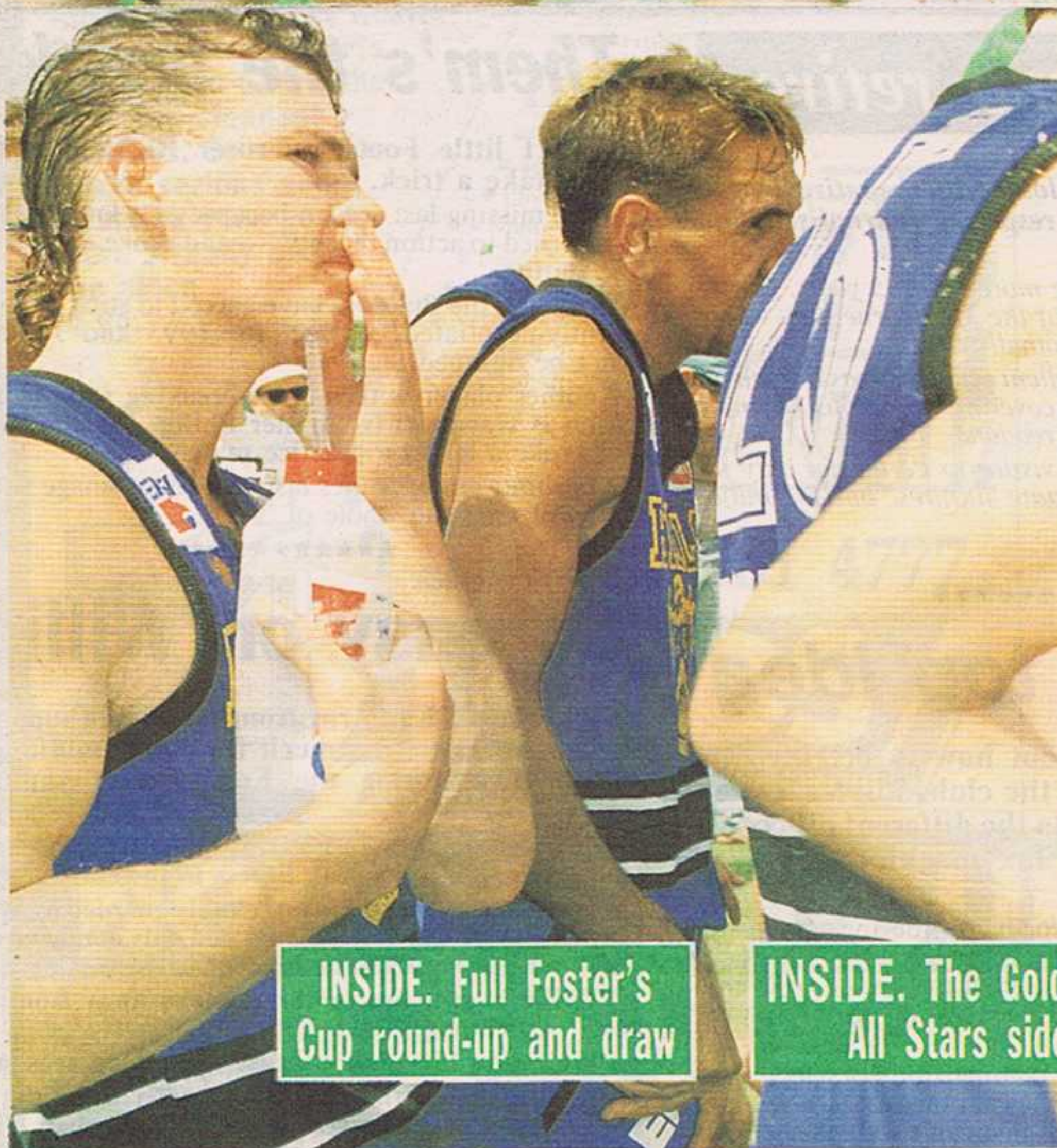


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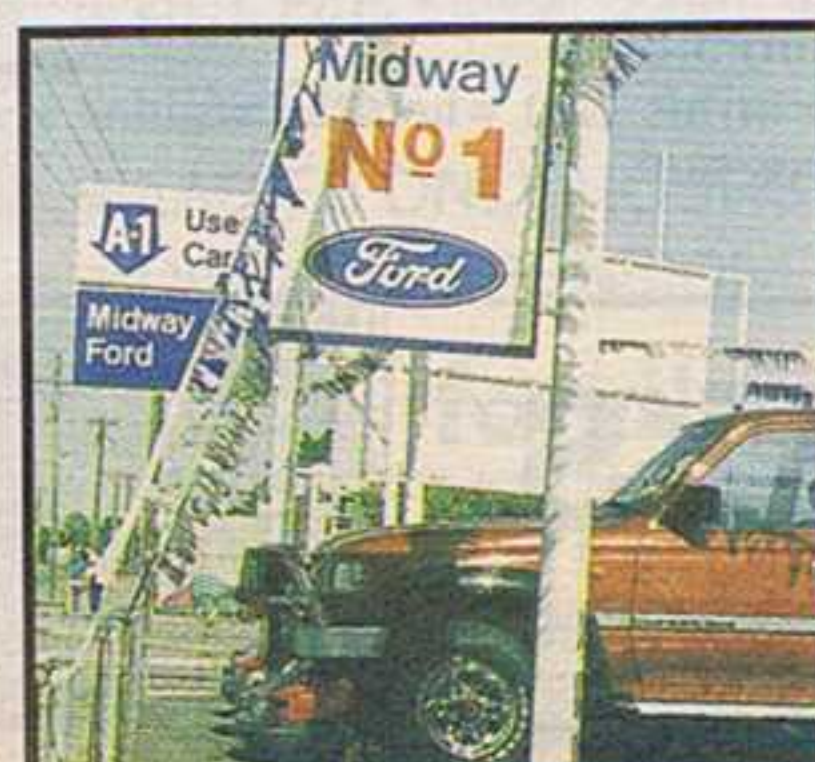
## WESTSIDE Football

**SERIOUS SUMMER...** these photographs capture the seriousness of the Emu Export pre-season series — big Matthew Burton celebrates a last-minute win over East Perth with team-mates John Sullivan and John Georgiades; East Fremantle coach Ken Judge emphasises a point to the Sharks; South Fremantle coach Mark Watson talks to Bruno Italiano and East Perth star Heath East takes a break



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## Kid with courage

WEST Perth are all smiles about their signing of 18-year-old ruckman Ben Sykes, from Benalla, a strong breeding ground in country Victoria.

Sykes, who attracted the attention of several AFL talent scouts last year after an excellent season, came West to study veterinary science at Murdoch University.

The Falcons lured the promising teenager to Leederville Oval and his first game against Perth in the pre-season Emu Export series pleased coach Jeff Geischen.

Sykes was initiated into local football 14 minutes into the first quarter when Basil Zempilas dislocated a thumb.

However, his stint was short-lived.

He clashed heavily with Perth's Toby Jackson minutes after running onto the ground and had to be assisted from the field by Falcons trainers.

Sykes returned to finish off in the ruck and his courage was commended by Geischen.

"To get up and go back on showed a lot of courage," Geischen said. "He won points from me for that."

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## Confident Crows

THE wave of confidence that is emanating from South Australia now that the Adelaide Crows have had a couple of years to find their feet in the AFL is a little frightening.

One can fairly well assume that the Crows will be serious challengers for a place in this year's finals, after finishing ninth in their two years, but not all that far away from the top six.

But what's more concerning is that the confident predictions about their future are also coming from people in the West and the East.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse is on record as tipping the Crows to play in this year's finals — and ABC commentator Wally Foreman is prepared to go even further.

"It's inevitable that there will be an Eagles-Crows grand final within the next two years," says the man who heads up WA's highly-successful Institute of Sport — and worked in television in Adelaide not so long ago.

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## Demon in hot water

VOLATILE Melbourne forward Allen Jakovich has inadvertently caused a prominent lawyer to be ridiculed by a Northern Territory magistrate.

Jakovich, once a South Fremantle player, was placed on a \$200 good behaviour bond for six months by an Alice Springs court when convicted of assaulting a barman.

The incident happened back in September when Jakovich had been drinking with a friend after running a football coaching clinic.

In his defence, lawyer Roger Bennett suggested that Jakovich, as a professional athlete and footballer, was not used to drinking alcohol.

"That is one of the silliest statements I have heard in my life," said magistrate Bob Hook.

The incident happened when the barman called Jakovich a wanker and suggested he should return to Melbourne.

## Teaming up with a smile

STAR West Coasters Craig Turley and Tony Evans teamed up with actress Jill Perryman to brighten up the day for eight-year-old Kate Martin when the Arthritis Foundation's inaugural walkathon was launched.

The Joondanna youngster suffered from juvenile arthritis, a disease affecting four in every 100 children in WA, for 12 months.

During Arthritis Week, coming up from March 22 to 28, thousands of sponsored people will walk to raise money for children affected by the disease.

Top fund-raisers will be eligible to win a queen-size bed from Bedshed, a holiday for two at Karri Valley and KT Walker shoes, from WA Surgical Bootmakers.

West Coast chipped in by donating five autographed footballs and 20 double passes to an Eagles game.



## Top journo retires

FOOTBALL will be the loser with the retirement of one of Victoria's most respected journalists, Ron Carter.

After a career spanning more than 35 years, Carter has retired from his role at the Melbourne Age, where he has served as chief football writer.

Carter also had an excellent reputation as a writer of athletics and swimming, covering numerous Olympic Games for his Victorian readers.

He has been a regular visitor to Perth, not only for AFL matches and interstate fixtures, but for major swim carnivals.

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## What a top idea

SUGGESTIONS about how to brighten up the WAFL and keep the clubs alive and well are always flowing into the different offices — and the Perth Oval fax machine has been working overtime.

The latest suggestion worth considering came from the highly one-eyed six-member Keenan family, of Lesmurdie, who felt that a team mascot — or even a pair of mascots, a boy and a girl, would provide plenty of entertainment.

The club could run a competition to select their weekly mascot — or even sell off the role to a wealthy and dedicated parent who just can't wait to see their child in a Royals guernsey!

The Hungry Jack's mascot competition with the West Coast Eagles has certainly been a big winner in the Eagles camp.

## Them's the breaks

TOUGH little Footscray rover Ricky Jackson cannot take a trick.

After missing last season because of a knee injury, he returned to action recently — and broke a leg in his first outing.

However, the Bulldogs have agreed to stick by their recently-negotiated contract for 1993 and Jackson won't be dumped.

Another player with a heart-breaking start to the season is Hawthorn youngster Phillip Murton, who also broke a leg in a practice match.

After four senior games last year, the teenage wingman will miss the whole of '93.

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## Go easy on Willie

PERTH coach Ken Armstrong has asked supporters not to expect too much from star midfielder Willie Dick during the Emu Export summer series.

Dick has started the pre-season series slowly and looked a long way off peak fitness in the early games.

In the opening match he was closely guarded by West Perth defender Mark Lambourn and only managed one goal — a minute into the final quarter.

"Willie is still two or three weeks away from his best," Armstrong said.

"We'll give him time because it's a long season."

Armstrong said the club was eagerly awaiting the start of the Pepsi Cup season on April 3, when Dick, who played seven league games with Essendon last year, would be fully fit.

"Willie will be at his best when the regular season starts," Armstrong said.

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# BACK TO BACK?

THE big question everyone is asking as the countdown to football season '93 winds down is can the West Coast Eagles win back-to-back premierships.

Can the Eagles dominate the 1990s like Hawthorn did the previous decade?

During the decade of the Hawks, the boys from Glenferrie won four premierships and played in three losing grand finals. If the Eagles can go even close to emulating those deeds, then Mick Malthouse and John Worsfold will probably be Premier and Lord Mayor by the year 2000.

Fanatical home-town supporters will have made the Eagles short-priced favourites before the first ball is bounced



LOOKING AHEAD... Drew Banfield will be out to justify his No. 1 draft choice

## It won't be easy for the Eagles

By **STEVE MARTIN**

on March 28, but let's look a little closer before we make them certainties.

First of all, are the Eagles stronger in 1993 than they were in '92?

Well, that's debatable. There have been no retirements or defections from the grand final 20, but changes have been made on the fringes of the squad.

### FORMIDABLE

The much-praised depth of the Eagles remains, but the squad doesn't look quite as formidable as it has in the past.

Experienced campaigners Scott Watters (Sydney), Paul Peos (Brisbane), Dean Laidley (North Melbourne), Adrian Barich (retired), Mark Hepburn (overseas) and Phil Scott (retired) have all left the camp.

A great strength of the Eagles in the past two seasons has been the quality of players on their list from No. 15 to 30.

The Eagles best 10 players might not be head and shoulders above the top from other leading clubs such as Geelong or Hawthorn. Some might even say the Eagles don't have the superstars to rival some of those sides.

Note the lack of Eagles among the top vote-getters in the Brownlow and the fact that the premiership club contributed only one member of the AFL's All-Stars team in Dean Kemp.

### WEALTH OF TALENT

But what every other side in the competition must have envied about the Eagles was the wealth of talent further down their list.

If Chris Mainwaring or Peter Matera were injured, Peos could step in. When Dean Kemp or Don Pyke broke down, Watters would make an adequate replacement.

If Paul Harding was hurt or Karl Langdon, heaven forbid, faced a suspension, then Hepburn was the man Malthouse could call on. If Guy McKenna or John Worsfold needed a rest, then Laidley filled the breach.

No other club had so many ready-made replacements.

Injuries and poor form will almost certainly strike the Eagles in 1993 and will they have the back-up staff to get them through the tough games?

The progress of largely untested youngsters such as Ryan Turnbull (11 games), Matt Clape (9 games), Daniel Metropolis (4 games), Jason Ball (1 game) and rookies Matt Connell, Paul Symmons, Drew Banfield and Tony Godden could have a large bearing on the fate of the Eagles this season.

After the Foster's Cup match against St Kilda at Subiaco, Malthouse expressed his opinions on the Eagles emphasis on youth and the club's blueprint to build an Eagles dynasty.

### SUCCESSFUL CLUB

"We've got 40 players aged 25 or under this year," he said. "The idea behind being a successful club is to cover those 10 who are 26-plus. And that might mean covering them next year, or covering them three or four years down the track.

"I don't believe you cover them four years down the track, when a bloke retires, because then you've got to go through the process of bleeding the player.

"I'd rather get a player in like Banfield, Symmons, Godden etc and work on them for 12 months, like we did for Connell and then give them the opportunity to come through the system."

Let's remember that not all the experienced players outside the top 20 have gone.



YOUNG ROOKIE... Matt Connell has had a season waiting in the wings

David Hynes (26 games) Dean Irving (42), Troy Ugle (39), David Hart (104), Andrew Lockyer (78) and Trent Nichols (60) didn't play in the grand final, but are certainly capable of making a contribution this season.

The other key factor in the Eagles fortunes will be how their premiership teenagers react to being world-beaters before their 20th birthday.

Glen Jakovich, Ashley McIntosh and Mitchell White have tasted football's ultimate reward early in their careers and it will be interesting to see how they handle the premiership hangover.

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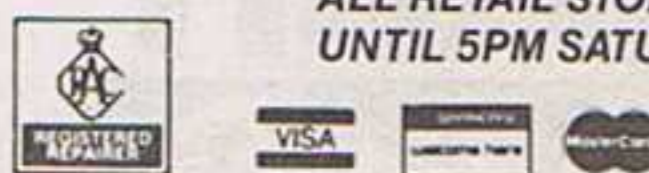
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## Lockyer aims at new goals

EAST Fremantle's Andrew Lockyer is not going to let any opportunities slip in his determination to remind the West Coast selectors that he still has some football left in his big boots.

The burly 27-year-old played only two matches with the Eagles last year and has been overlooked for their opening two Foster's Cup games.

But his approach to football this season is full of zip; he's trimmed down a lot and has regained plenty of enthusiasm after shaking off a series of niggling injuries.

While East Fremantle coach Ken Judge would be happy for Lockyer if he regains an Eagles berth, he would be equally-pleased if the 1992 premiership player pulled on the Sharks guernsey a few times.

He has shown his value in the two Emu Export summer series matches, kicking nine in his first game at full-forward and two more last week.

## Sumich shows his value

FULL-forward Peter Sumich showed just how valuable he is to the Eagles in their Foster's Cup match against Melbourne.

The talented left-footer is still a few weeks away from his best, but managed to kick three goals out of the Eagles small total of 11.

After posting his first via a handpass from Karl Langdon in the goalsquare in the opening quarter, Sumich was well held by Demons defender Peter Rohde.

After half-time coach Mick Malthouse shifted the South Fremantle star out to centre-half-forward and put youngster Ashley McIntosh to full-forward.

McIntosh responded with an excellent third quarter, but Sumich, not to be out-done, saved his best for the final term.

He swooped on a loose ball near the 50-metre line, swung onto his right foot and split the uprights to put the game beyond Melbourne's reach.

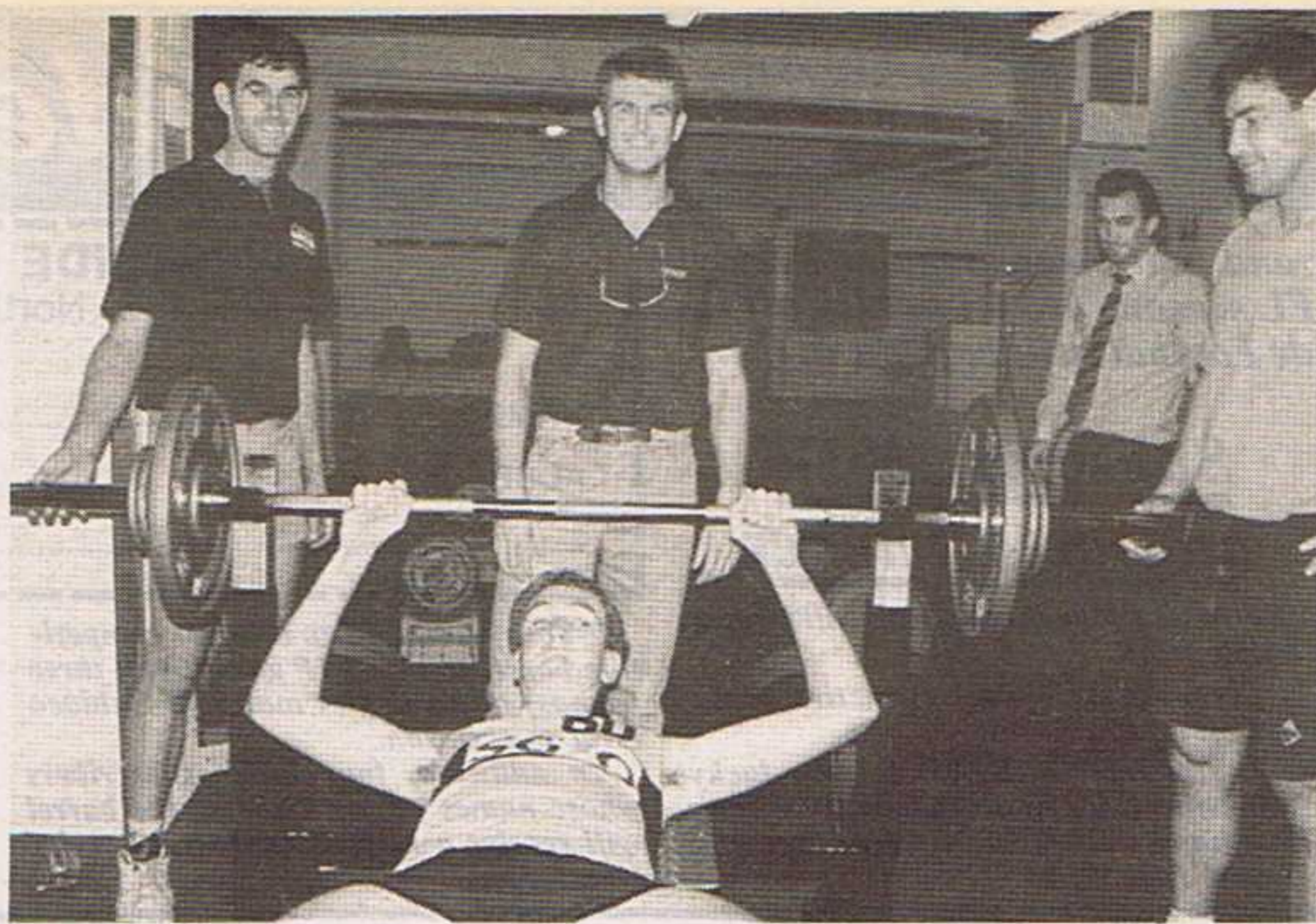
## Tough doorman

AMONG the anxious faces trying to get into the West Coast rooms after Saturday's Foster's Cup victory over Melbourne was a fan who seemed to be in the wrong place.

Big Allen Jakovich was waiting to catch up with his little brother Glen — but the Eagles doorman was having nothing to do with the rival from the opposition camp.

Allen Jakovich was missing from Melbourne's line-up because of a one-week suspension — the first victim of the new wrestling rules. But he eventually managed to get into the rooms for a WA reunion.

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**WORKING OUT ...** new gymnasium equipment at the West Coast's expanded changerooms provide the latest in equipment. ABOVE: Lanky Matthew Burton works out on the bench press, under the watchful eye of Orbit fitness specialists (from left) Tony Lockwood, Simon Lockwood and Christophe Dhalluin — with Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett in the background. RIGHT: Utility player Chris Waterman might be out injured with a broken thumb, but he's still able to work out in the gym, watched by Tony Lockwood and Christophe Dhalluin

## Tough going for new chums

THE battle to win places in the West Coast line-up will certainly be a tough challenge — especially for the new chums.

Matt Connell and his Subiaco teammate Drew Banfield were part-timers in Saturday's clash with Melbourne and while neither stamped strong claims for a league berth, coach Mick Malthouse wasn't unhappy with their efforts.

He pointed out that it was Banfield's first trip to Melbourne with the West Coast, while Connell was having his Waverley Park initiation.

Malthouse stuck with his tried-and-true performers on the ball and senior players like Craig Turley, Dwayne Lamb and Co. won't be stepping aside too easily to give the rookies their chances.

## Matera zips his rivals

SPEEDY wingman Peter Matera is having no trouble sustaining the scintillating form he displayed in last year's finals series.

In West Coast's first two Foster's Cup matches, Matera has caused opposing coaches Ken Sheldon (St Kilda) and Neil Balme (Melbourne) plenty of headaches.

After his excellent performance against the Saints, there was a lot of conjecture on who Balme would play on the dashing 23-year-old West Coaster.

Former Claremont speedstar Jason Norrish was given the difficult task and after doing very well in the half, the 1991 Tigers premiership player found Matera just too good.

## Lewis shows his discipline

THE new-found discipline that Chris Lewis is striving to show this season was put to the test a couple of times last Saturday night.

The inspirational utility player is doing his best to avoid hassles and on-field confrontations as he sets out to make 1993 an atonement for last year's frustrations — but it's no easy task.

He slipped up in the opening minutes against Melbourne when he applied a much-too-vigorous tackle and buried his Demon opponent, but he was quick to snap back and realise his error.

Lewis showed great restraint — mixed with some exhilarating play — and it was only an unlucky 50-metre penalty that he conceded late in the game that marred his performance.

## New gear ranks Eagles as the best

THE West Coast Eagles are not only the football trendsetters on the field, but they have taken the lead in another direction off the ground as well.

A summer of activity in the bowels of the two-tier grandstand at Subiaco Oval has seen a massive transformation in the club's facilities — making their rooms easily the best in the AFL competition.

The Eagles have combined a number of previous changerooms into one major area, providing a much-expanded gymnasium, a coaches room, a team meeting room and a bigger warm-up area.

A major feature of the extensions is the gymnasium, which has been bolstered by new equipment from Orbit, providing the players with some of the most up-to-date facilities in the health and fitness sphere.

The Osborne Park fitness specialists had several of their consultants spend time in the gymnasium guiding the players and their weights instructors through the various pieces of equipment.

Club officials believe that the West Coast facilities would now out-rank home-ground changerooms for any rival AFL club — and are a huge improvement on any of the visitor's changerooms the Eagles have to tolerate on away games.

In fact, the visiting team's rooms at Subiaco Oval — housed underneath the three-tier grandstand behind the goals — would match most of the home club's facilities in Victoria.

## Malthouse wants more

ESSENDON coach Kevin Sheedy has found a strong supporter on the issue of expanded team numbers — and it's his Foster's Cup rival, West Coast's Mick Malthouse.

The Eagles mentor believes it's time for the AFL to show the way and make the change before a side loses a match because of injured players.

With players sidelined with injury, coaches are often forced to leave other performers on the ground, even though commonsense dictates that they should be off the field, giving bruises and sprains a chance to recover.

"I believe that it will be sooner, rather than later, when a side will lose a game they should win because they are under-manned," said Malthouse, in support for an extra two interchange players — something that Sheedy has called for over recent years.

## Bookies take no risk with Eagles

OPPOSITION clubs have every right to fear the West Coast Eagles.

Not only have the Eagles reached the semi-final of the Foster's Cup for the first time in their seven year history, but are short-priced favourites to claim the \$104,500 first prize.

Their comfortable 36-point quarter-final victory over Melbourne was further proof that they are unlikely to suffer from the "premiership blues", which plagued Collingwood in the 1991 season.

Five members of the Eagles victorious 1992 premiership team — Chris Mainwaring, Dean Kemp, Peter Wilson, Paul Harding and Chris Waterman — missed the match through injury.

## Norths have their woes

IF A cynic had suggested that things would get worse for North Melbourne after their massive 147-point hiding from the Adelaide Crows in the Foster's Cup, you would have thought they were joking.

But the decision of coach Wayne Schimmelbusch to resign threw the Kangaroos into turmoil.

Schimmelbusch, who played a record 306 games for the two-time premiers and has coached them for the past three years, left the club seeking a new coach just three weeks before the opening match against Brisbane on March 27.

North Melbourne moved quickly to fill the vacancy, recalling one of their own former players in Denis Pagan, who was welcomed back like a prodigal son.

After a 121-game career with Norths, he coached the club's under-19 side for 10 years, taking them into nine successive grand finals, for five premierships.

# FOOTY AROUND THE NATION

# AFL has its say on GST

FOOTBALL and politics don't always mix and most sporting people wish that the MPs would keep their noses out of the playing arena.

But there are times when you cannot avoid the political atmosphere that pervades our nation and the AFL has jumped into the murky waters of this Saturday's federal election with some comments on the controversial GST and its implications.

Footscray Football Club president Peter Gordon recently suggested that the GST would devastate the income base of clubs, a charge that prompted the AFL to seek further information.

AFL chairman Ross Oakley released a summary of how the GST could af-

fect clubs — one way or another — and these are some of the points he made:-

### GUARANTEE

\* Clubs will not pay the 7percent payroll tax; the 1.5percent training guarantee levy and the Government's foreshadowed additional superannuation guarantee levy of 5percent on wages of staff and players.

\* Other savings for clubs will include the sales tax on printing, ground maintenance equipment, office equipment, furniture and seating and catering equipment.

\* AFL supporters will enjoy lower costs on football-related expenses due to the abolition of wholesale sales taxes on items such as soft drinks, beer, soft toys and footballs.

\* The cost of a \$10.50 admission

ticket could increase by up to 50c, but supporters will find it cheaper to get to the ground due to reduce fuel and petrol costs, while refreshments will be cheaper at the ground.

Mr Oakley also suggested that the average fan would gain a lift in their disposable income of about \$50 a week resulting from a drop in personal income tax and a rise in family allowance payments.

"We estimate that the overall impact of the GST on the AFL, its clubs and supporters will be, at worst, neutral," said Mr Oakley. "But we believe it is essential that all of the details are clearly spelt out before the election."

For that reason, the AFL has called for the full findings of the Cole Committee into the GST to be made public before the Federal election.

## Lockett says no more excuses

**BIG** goalkicker Tony Lockett has declared season 1993 a make or break year for St Kilda.

The boom full-forward says that the Saints, who have finished fifth and fourth in the last two seasons, must maintain their momentum.

"We have to make this year one we can sit back and remember," he says.

"We've had as good a side as anyone else in the competition in the last two years. But we've lacked finals experience.

"However, we can't use that as an excuse anymore. This year is do-or-die for us.

"We've been in the finals for the last two years and have learnt from it. We were a little disappointing against Footscray last year after beating Collingwood in the first final. That left a nasty taste in the mouth."

### APPEARANCE

Lockett made his much-awaited first senior pre-season appearance against Collingwood, but only had a brief taste of action.

Despite being criticised for being overweight, Lockett says he is at the same weight (108kg) as in 1992, when he kicked more than 130 goals in just 20 matches to finish second behind Hawthorn champion Jason Dunstall.

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**PETER** Quill has impressed everyone at Footscray with his speed and endeavour and is ready to resume again after being injured in his first senior game.

The East Fremantle premiership winger tore a hamstring late in his debut match in the Foster's Cup against Carlton.

Footscray coach Terry Wheeler said

## On the East Coast with KEN PIESSE



the poor condition of controversial Waverley Park had been a contributing factor in the injury.

Quill (23) had five seasons at East Fremantle and was Footscray's third choice in the 1992 national draft.

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**MARK** Brayshaw continues to train at Fitzroy hoping to be selected by the Lions in the upcoming March draft.

The former Claremont premiership player was dropped by North Melbourne at the end of last year, having played 32 games in three seasons.

Another fringe player looking to resurrect his AFL career is Andrew Krakouer, younger brother of famed pair Jim and Phil Krakouer.

Andrew is training at Hawthorn after playing in Sandringham's VFA premiership side last year.

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**ONE-time** West Coast goalkicker Stevan Jackson would like to correct a few mis-conceptions about his transfer from the Eagles to Richmond.

"I read in the paper a lot that I'm an Eagles reject, but I'm not," he says. "In meetings we had in late 1991, when it came down to the full jac's, they (Eagles officials) tried to talk me into staying, as they knew I wasn't going to go with certain deals they were working on.

"They wanted me to stay and put in a really hard pre-season.

"But I said: 'I can't go through another year like I'd just had under Mick Malthouse. That's it, I've got to go. I've got a good offer with Richmond and I'm quite happy to go.'

"It was me who left the club and it's disappointing still to read that I am an Eagles reject."

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PRESENTS ...

West Coast's best players in last week's clash with Melbourne were

## Men of the match



**Peter Matera**

**DASHING** Eagles wingman Peter Matera's sensational 1992 finals campaign will attract plenty of attention when the home-and-away season starts.

But he received a taste of things to come when Melbourne coach Neil Balme assigned former Claremont player Jason Norrish to negate him in their quarter-final Foster's Cup clash.

Norrish's first two quarters were encouraging, but he found the talent of last year's Norm Smith Medallist in the second half just too much.

Matera won 22 possessions and kicked two goals from his wing, as opposed to Norrish's five kicks and four handpasses.



**Dwayne Lamb**

**DWAYNE** Lamb's style of football might not be pretty — but its effectiveness is never questioned.

Against Melbourne last Saturday, Lamb gave further proof of how important he is to the Eagles line-up.

The 31-year-old was given the task of minding talented Demons running player Andy Lovell, nine years his junior... and 'Fatty' handled it superbly.

Lovell picked up 22 possessions, but Lamb collected 21 to negate the former teenage star's influence.

Lamb's solid showing followed his brilliant game against St Kilda in round one of the Foster's Cup.



**Tony Evans**

**CHANGING** from an attacking rover to a tagger is not easy.

However, Tony Evans, who has played only 17 AFL games in two seasons, has encountered few problems.

The former Claremont star started last season in a forward pocket, but as the year wore on, Eagles coach Mick Malthouse achieved success by using the tough little Evans as a stopper.

Malthouse maintained his tactics against Melbourne when Evans had the job of shadowing constructive rover Greg Healy.

Evans was a consistent performer for the four quarters, collecting 10 kicks and 11 effective handpasses.

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WELL, it's been a pretty interesting summer, what with a marriage, a couple of brief overseas holidays and plenty of crabbing.

But it's great to be back in action, with the Eagles looking good in the Foster's Cup series and yours truly feeling fitter after a couple of much-needed hit-outs.

Certainly, my marriage to long-time friend Samantha was a highlight comparable to the Eagles great AFL premiership victory back in September.

That success was followed by a trip to Hawaii with all the boys, which was great fun. We were able to catch up with quite a few players from other clubs — Hawthorn, Adelaide Crows and Sydney Swans were all there as well and it's good to have a few drinks and socialise with your rivals off-season.

The wedding then saw us jet off for a Hong Kong honeymoon for five days of shopping — I'm not sure what was more exhausting, Hawaii or Asia!

The summer boating scene has been most relaxing, also.

We've had quite a few fishing and crabbing expeditions with guys like Glen Jakovich, John Worsfold, Chris Lewis and Michael Brennan — they've all shown a bit of ability at hauling in the blue mannas and quite a few players have dined on a-la-crab over summer.

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**BACK on the football scene, there's certainly plenty happening — and there will be some new faces in the Eagles line-up this year, that's for sure.**

Two of the seasoned campaigners who have really impressed over summer are skipper John Worsfold and Guy McKenna.

Both have shaken off injury troubles and are working like enthusiastic rookies. It's great to see Woosha moving so freely and Bluey is definitely set for a top season.

Among the newcomers, I'm sure that Drew Banfield and Matt Connell will get some early games in the Eagles and two of last year's 'part-timers' in Ryan Turnbull and Matt Clape are both going extremely well.

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**LAST week's Foster's Cup win over Melbourne was important as far as our pre-season build-up is concerned.**

We won a fairly lack-lustre game, but it was just good to be in front at the final siren.

From my point of view, I'm still a few weeks behind, what with time off for the honeymoon and so forth.

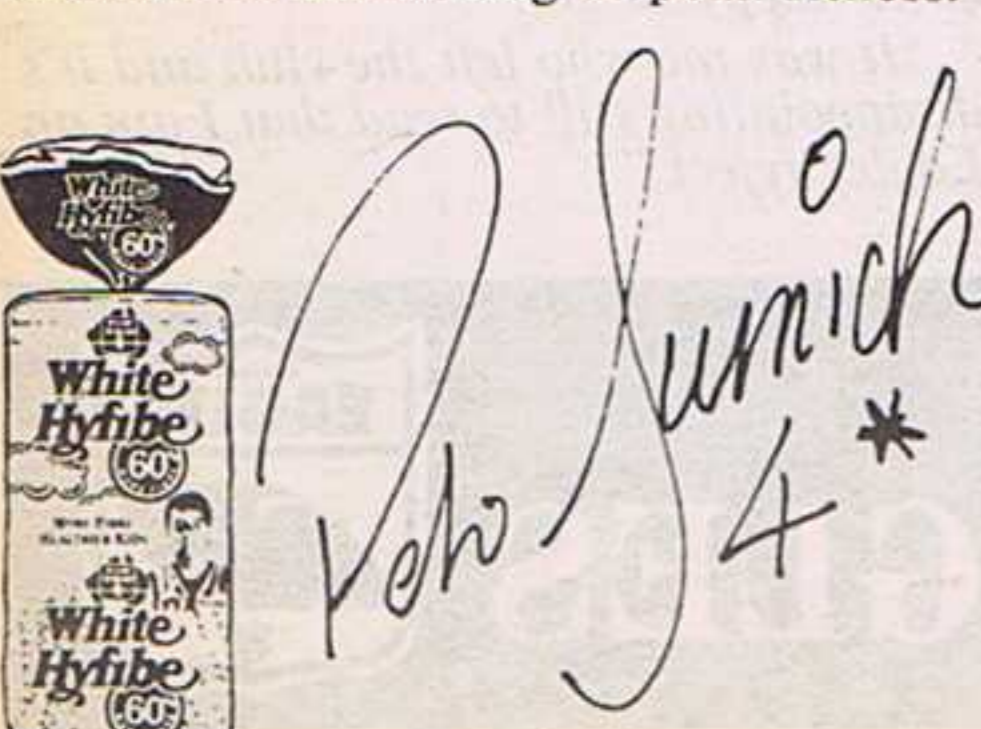
I pulled up a bit sore after both the Kalgoorlie practice match game against the Crows and the first Foster's Cup game when we beat St Kilda.

I felt okay after last week's game, even though I didn't go too well.

However, I did enjoy the run out at centre-half-forward; you can open up the play and be a bit creative out there.

Sometimes it's easy to get locked in at full-forward, especially if things aren't going right for you.

Certainly another game or two should see me feeling at peak fitness.



# BEWARE THE HANGOVER!

CHAMPAGNE can be great for the spirit ... taken in moderation, that is.

Imbibe too much and you can finish up with a king-size hangover; one that's not easy to shake off.

Last season's history-making AFL premiership by the West Coast Eagles is a bit like that.

It was intoxicating stuff, more so because it was the first time the Premiership Cup had ever been spirited out of Victoria.

The question is, will the Eagles have a bit of the blues this season?

On pre-season form, the answer seems to be no. But it is not an unusual malaise to strike premiership teams the following season.

Take Collingwood for instance. They fell in a hole early the next season after breaking a 32-year drought to win the 1990 flag.

## SHOULD IMPROVE

On paper, the Eagles look as though they can only improve on last season. But will it be enough for them to win back-to-back premierships?

Some believe the Eagles were lucky to win last year's flag.

If they had played Hawthorn in Melbourne, then they may have been eliminated early in the finals.

They played a side in their only two Melbourne finals they had the wood over. And they were lucky they didn't have to play the grand final on the Friday, when the MCG was awash, instead of the Saturday, when it dried out.

But luck — and the lack of it — plays a part in a lot of sporting contests.

A significant factor in the Eagles premiership win was that they looked as though they could have gone another quarter in the grand final.

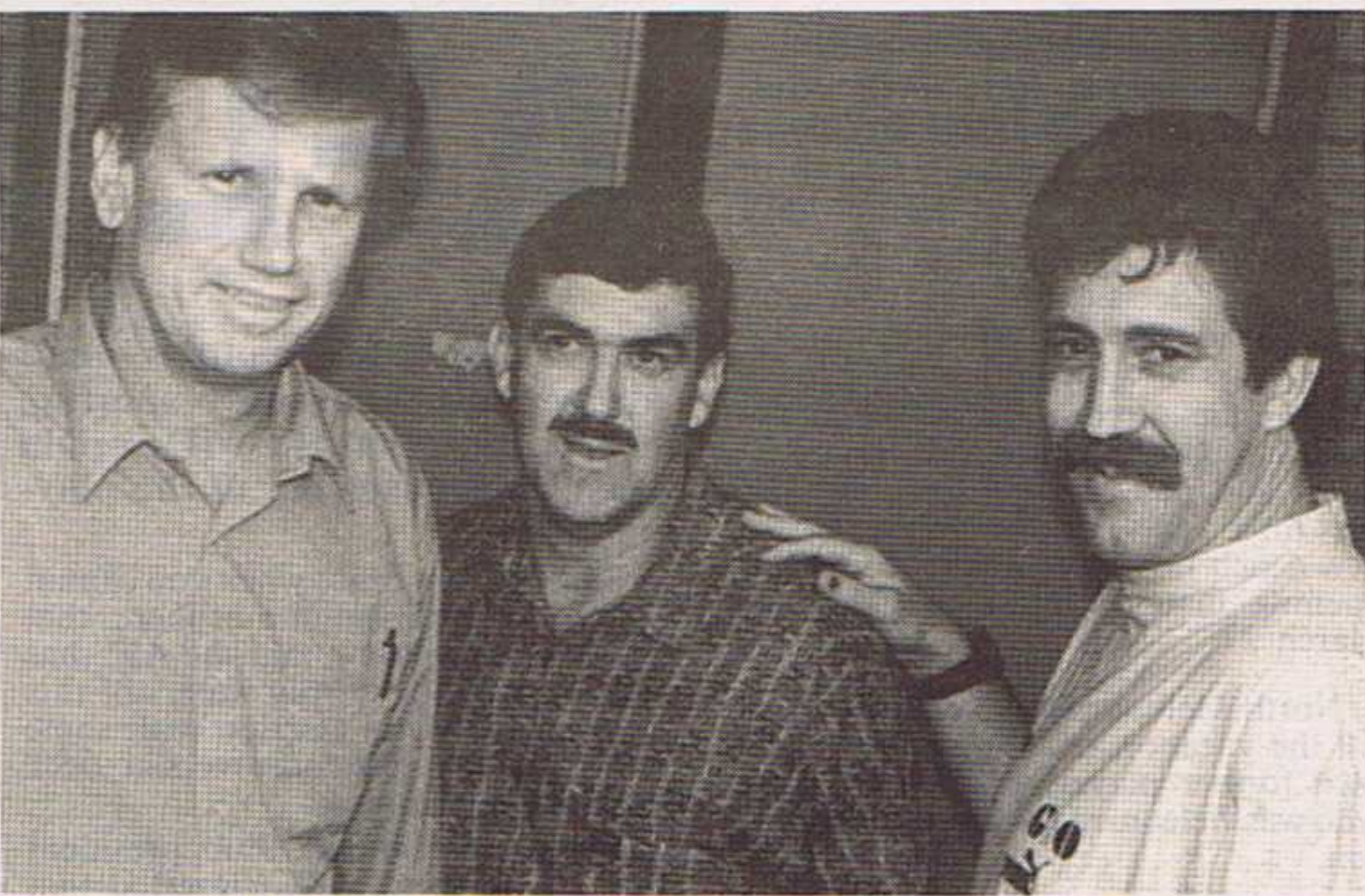
The players have not only adapted to Melbourne conditions, but are in their element in the pressure-cooker atmosphere of finals.

Some of their young stars, Glen Jakovich and Ashley McIntosh for example, have yet to hit top gear as players.

## CONTENDERS

Last season the Eagles started the season in the same fashion as Collingwood did in 1991. They looked anything but a finals team, let alone premiership contenders.

But fortunately for them, the desire



THREE WISE MEN ... Eagles selectors (from left) George Young, Ian Miller (chairman) and Tim Gepp — they have an interesting challenge ahead of them this season

## Expectations

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that had taken them into the grand final the previous year returned.

So how will they do this season?

The bookies have them at flattering odds, 9/4, to win the flag.

Certainly for some of the reasons already outlined, they appear the team to beat for the flag.

One Eagles insider believes that Collingwood will be their toughest opponent — on the basis that the Eagles find it more difficult coping with their style of play than any other teams.

Apart from the Adelaide Crows and perhaps Carlton, there aren't likely to be many changes in the top six teams from last year.

Other than the Eagles, Collingwood, Hawthorn, St Kilda and Geelong

should again make the finals. The other spot looks to be between the Adelaide Crows and Footscray.

## DIFFICULT

Adelaide look as though they will be as difficult to beat at home as the Eagles are to roll in Perth. That would ensure them of almost enough points to make the six.

The expectation on the Eagles this season will be a lot more than in previous seasons, as their short odds show.

Next to the betting to win the flag are Hawthorn 5/1, Geelong and Collingwood, 11/2 and then a big drop to the others.

It will be interesting to see how the Eagles handle the expectations.

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# Third time lucky for the Eagles

**Stats AND Facts**

with **Richard Camm**



**THE West Coast Eagles are only one victory away from playing in their first Foster's Cup night series grand final.**

After their six-goal win over Melbourne last Saturday night, the Eagles now make their third appearance in a night series semi-final when they tackle Essendon on Saturday night.

The Bombers and Geelong are the only clubs to have made more semi-final appearances in the night series than the Eagles since West Coast entered the competition in 1987.

Essendon have missed the semi-finals of the night series only twice since 1987, while Geelong have made four semi-final appearances in the last seven years.

The Eagles first night series semi-final resulted in a 108-point loss to Essendon in 1987. The Eagles again reached the semi-finals in 1989 — losing to Melbourne by one point.

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**WEST Coast have played a total of 15 night games since 1987, for an overall record of eight wins and seven losses.**

The Eagles 15 night games have been

played against 10 of the other AFL teams; they have never met Adelaide, Brisbane, Carlton or Richmond under lights in a pre-season clash.

Saturday's semi-final opponents Essendon have been West Coast's nemesis in the night competition, beating the Eagles three times in the night series — 1987, 1988 and 1990.

The Eagles other losses in the night series have been to Melbourne, North Melbourne, St Kilda and Geelong.

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**RICHMOND'S Foster's Cup victory against Fitzroy earned them their first appearance in the semi-finals of the night series since 1983.**

All of the AFL clubs — except Brisbane, Collingwood and St Kilda — have played in the semi-finals of the night series in the past decade.

Brisbane have won only one night series game (against Collingwood in 1991) since joining the competition. Collingwood and St Kilda last reached the semi-finals in 1980 and 1977 respectively.

**ADELAIDE'S** score of 27.21 in their first-round Foster's Cup clash against North Melbourne was the highest score in the night series since Richmond kicked 33.16 against Swan Districts in a quarter-final in 1982.

Swans played what was essentially a reserves side in that match, as a protest against a late change to the scheduling of the game.

Full-forward Michael Roach kicked 10 goals for the Tigers — after coming on to the ground at the nine-minute mark of the third quarter.

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**HAWTHORN** have dominated the night series since 1985, winning five of the eight Foster's Cup premierships decided in that time.

Over the past six years, the Hawks have been either hot or cold in the night series.

They won the night series grand final in 1988, 1991 and 1992, but in the other three seasons, they were eliminated in the first round.

# Eagles have that look again

THE West Coast Eagles are looking good and should be on target for another grand final appearance.

That would give the new chums from the West three grand finals in a row — and that's something those traditional old clubs in Victoria would be worried about.

The Eagles lost to the Adelaide Crows in a mickey mouse game on the Goldfields, but then beat St Kilda and Melbourne emphatically in Foster's Cup hit-outs.

I'm always a believer that March premiers can quickly become April fools, but the Eagles have started nicely.

Three players who missed out on the premiership glory of last year — Andrew Lockyer, David Hart and David Hynes — should have big seasons.

They are really dirty about missing out on the grand final — not angry with anyone at the Eagles, just disappointed they didn't win a place in history.

If they don't figure prominently this season, it will only be their fault.

## DEPARTURES

The players the Eagles have lost to Eastern States clubs obviously weren't all that happy in the camp, but the West Coasters should cover their departures.

And three other players who have retired won't be all that hard to replace — after all, Phil Scott, Adrian Barich and yours truly didn't play two many games for the Eagles last season.

A great sign for the Eagles is the exciting crop of youngsters at the club like Jason Ball, Drew Banfield, Daniel Metropolis, Matt Connell, Damian Hampson and Paul Symmons.

Hopefully, they will force their way into the side and get some court time this year.

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## Big challenge

*CURRENTLY I'm tackling one of football's toughest challenges — trying to put some weight on Matthew 'Spider' Burton!*


*When I was younger, I was built like Matthew and I had to spend hours in the gym to increase my strength.*

*At present Matthew is on a strenuous weights course, two or three times a week and he has improved his strength and looks stronger, which is important.*

*At this stage I also want to work on Matthew's marking, because in the long term, I think he can play AFL football.*

*His ball skills are excellent for a person of his size and his agility is most impressive for someone 210cm tall.*

# Keene Observer



Laurie Keene looks at the footy scene

Presented by **McInerney Ford**

THE 1993 AFL season is almost underway and the focus on players who could dominate the scene is on again.

North Melbourne centre-half-forward Wayne Carey, who has just signed a contract around the \$100,000 mark a year, could be anything.

He has already proven himself to be an outstanding player and at the age of 21, he is an integral part of the future for the troubled Kangaroos.

I spoke to my former Eagles teammate Alex Ishchenko over the summer and he is honoured to think that he could be considered as captain for the 'Roo's in 1993.

It would be a great turn-around for Alex, who spent three years at the Bris-

## Carey set to be a superstar

bane Bears, but then opted for retirement because of knee troubles.

I'm hoping that a few of old Eagles players like Paul Peos (Brisbane), Dean Laidley (North Melbourne), Tony Begovich and Scotty Watters (Sydney) play well and prove to a few people that their AFL careers are far from over.



LOOKING AHEAD... former Eagle Scott Watters is keen about being a Sydney Swan

## Reflections from an Eagle



DEAN IRVING

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

FOOTBALL has been something of a roller-coaster ride for the man they call Big Bird.

And while the genial giant from the Goldfields, Dean Irving, certainly doesn't resemble the Sesame Street television character, he does possess plenty of talent — and determination.

He has gone from being the West Coast's No. 1 ruckman in 1991 to where he only managed one AFL match in their premiership-winning season last year.

But if desire and determination count for anything, Irving plans to reverse the process this year.

He was a hard worker in South Fremantle's losing effort against East Fremantle in Saturday's Emu Export series and he came through a tough battle with big Sharks ruckman Ian Newman feeling fairly happy.

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*"My challenge this season is to get back as No. 1 ruckman for the Eagles, or at least claim a partnership in the ruck strength in a good side," says Irving, on the recovery trail after a series of injuries.*

*"I'm confident I can do that. Last year is past tense, it's over.*

*"I had a knee problem, then my back and then a knee again. I just never got going, but I'm determined to get back this season."*

Irving, at 200cm tall, ranks among the top half-dozen giants in the AFL and he is still aged just 26, which gives him a few more years to consolidate, as is the custom with big men.

His top 1991 season, where he played 25 games after a fairly tentative 16-game debut a year earlier, was certainly a highlight of a career that started as a youngster in Kalgoorlie.

But he faced a major hiccup when he tried out in the city, only to get stuck in a clearance wrangle between Subiaco, whose country zone he came from and South Fremantle, the club that he wanted to play with.

The squabble looked as though it would keep Irving out of action for a while, but eventually the Lions relented and the gangly teenager made his debut for the Bulldogs in 1985.

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*"It was certainly tough getting cleared to Souths," he says. "But I was pleased to make it and I enjoyed those early days at Souths."*

Irving's development at the Bulldogs was a slow process, but good judges of big men were convinced that he had what was required to succeed.

He was drafted in 1989 and immediately showed improvement — especially with his physical strength — and it was no surprise when he finally took on the No. 1 ruck role in the absence of injured Laurie Keene.

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*"It was a buzz getting picked up in the 1989 draft; that was a real eye-opener," says Irving.*

*"Playing consistent football in 1991 was a highlight and getting a guernsey every week was very satisfying.*

*"It was good being part of a club that was so successful, breaking that record of being the most defensive side for 30 years was rewarding.*

*"From here on in this year, it's a matter of keeping injury-free and maintaining my confidence. I'm determined to do that."*

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## Rolling along

WELL, if I never play football again, I might have a career in another sport — lawn bowls.

As part of my new business life with leading Ford dealer, McInerney Ford (yes, we're out in Walter Road, Morley) I was part of the big McInerney Ford Bedford Bowl last October and I had a great time.

I've always been fairly supple and even when I was playing footy, I didn't mind the ball on the ground, so I couldn't have picked a better sport; after all, lawn bowls is all ground work.

But my troublesome heel let me know that I had done some recreation — after the event, I was in agony!



# 1993 Foster's Cup



## FOSTER'S CUP DETAILS

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
ADELAIDE					
CROWS	6.8	13.11	22.16	27.21	183
Nth MELBOURNE	0.1	0.3	3.4	5.6	36

**GOALS - ADELAIDE:** Hodges, Modra 5; McDermott 3; Maynard, Rowe, McGuinness, Liptak 2, Hart, Groom, Jarman, Jameson, Ricciuto, Brown 1. **Nth MELBOURNE:** Longmire, Blakey 2, Staritski 1. **BEST - ADELAIDE:** Jarman, McDermott, Hart, McGuinness, Maynard, Hodges, Rowe, Lee. **Nth MELBOURNE:** Blakey, Schwass, Ischenko, Allison, Mann, Archer.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
ESSENDON	5.4	9.6	12.10	16.17	113
BRISBANE	3.2	7.4	10.8	11.9	85

**GOALS - ESSENDON:** Salmon 4, Filandia 3, Allesio 2, Bewick, Ezard, Ridley, Delaney, Hills, Mercuri, Hird 1. **BRISBANE:** Murphy 3, Hutton, McLean, Leppitsch, Campbell, Windsor, Hart, Buckley, Merritt 1. **BEST - ESSENDON:** Kickett, Harvey, Filandia, Misiti, C. Danniher. **BRISBANE:** Buckley, T. Clarke, Murphy, Ashcroft, Leppitsch.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
FITZROY	4.2	7.7	11.14	13.17	95
FOOTSCRAY	3.3	5.4	9.9	13.12	90

**GOALS - FITZROY:** Roos, Dunstan 2, Dundas, Guard, Wynd, Lynch, Armstrong, Fleming, Elliott, Lyon, Baldwin 1. **FOOTSCRAY:** Del-Re 6, Grant, Ballantyne 2, Hawkins, Atkins, West 1. **BEST - FITZROY:** Armstrong, Lynch, Broderick, Wynd, Baldwin. **FOOTSCRAY:** Wynd, Mansfield, Liberatore, Coleman, Grant.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
RICHMOND	6.3	10.5	16.9	17.11	113
HAWTHORN	2.2	5.5	9.7	11.7	73

**GOALS - RICHMOND:** Hogg, Jackson 4, Turner 3, Hernaman 2, Naish, Bower, Maxfield, McQueen 1. **HAWTHORN:** Dunstall 5, Jarman 3, Pritchard, Baxter, Platten 1. **BEST - RICHMOND:** Knights, Hogg, Turner, Jackson, Lambert, Schaefer. **HAWTHORN:** Pritchard, Allan, Dunstall, Jarman, Platten.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
WEST COAST	1.2	2.5	7.8	11.9	75
MELBOURNE	1.1	2.4	3.6	5.9	39

**GOALS - WEST COAST:** Sumich 3, McIntosh, Matera 2, Nichols, Evans, Jakovich, Metropolis 1. **MELBOURNE:** M Febey 2, S Febey, Stynes, Healy. **BEST - WEST COAST:** Jakovich, Matera, McIntosh, Evans, Pyke, Brennan. **MELBOURNE:** M Febey, Lovett, S Febey, Robins, Schwarz.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
ESSENDON	2.1	6.4	11.9	16.11	107
ADELAIDE	5.1	6.1	8.4	13.10	88

**GOALS - ESSENDON:** Salmon 8, Hird, Filandia 2, Long, Bewick, Mercuri, Olarenshaw 1. **ADELAIDE:** Brown 3, Modra, McDermott, Liptak 2, Jarman, Tregenza, Hodges, Groom. **BEST - ESSENDON:** Salmon, Allesio, Long, Hird, Harvey, O'Donnell. **ADELAIDE:** McGuinness, Liptak, Bickley, Groom, Jameson.

## Crows look powerful at home

**THE Adelaide Crows strike rate at Football Park looks like improving after they thrashed a hapless North Melbourne in the Foster's Cup series.**

The Crows have always been a hard side to topple at home, but their 147-point victory over the Kangaroos was an ominous sign for teams making the trek to Adelaide.

Star centreman Andrew Jarman led the Crows assault with a brilliant display, well-supported by captain Chris McDermott and crack rover Tony McGuinness.

With his side leading by 86 points at half-time, Crows coach Graham Cornes rested four players — full-forward Scott Hodges, 1992 All-Australian defender Nigel Smart, rover Stephen Rowe and the consistent Rodney Maynard.

One bright light for North Melbourne was the form of former Fitzroy utility John Blakey, who has arrived at Arden Street in a trade for enigmatic forward John McCarthy.

## Jackson thrives

**STEVAN Jackson is one of several Richmond players flourishing under the guidance of new coach John Northey.**

The former West Coast Eagles centre-half-forward was traded to Richmond last year with Todd Breman in a deal for rover Trent Nichols.

Jackson played 19 games and while he was solid, he failed to recapture the form he displayed as a rookie for the Eagles in 1989.

However, in the Tigers two crushing Foster's Cup victories this year, Jackson has starred, kicking seven and four goals.

If he maintains his form, Richmond should have little trouble in bettering their five win-17 loss record they posted last year.



**HUNGRY LION ... Paul Roos has been a success in attack for Fitzroy**

# Lions roar again in Cup

**FITZROY'S success in the Foster's Cup continued when they downed Footscray by five points.**

The Lions, plagued during the summer by financial troubles, surprised everyone last year when they made the final of the pre-season competition, before being beaten by Hawthorn.

They showed their encouraging effort of 1992 was no fluke with their thrilling clash against the Bulldogs.

Experienced players Matthew Armstrong, Alastair Lynch and Paul Broderick were stars for the Lions, while captain Paul Roos was solid.

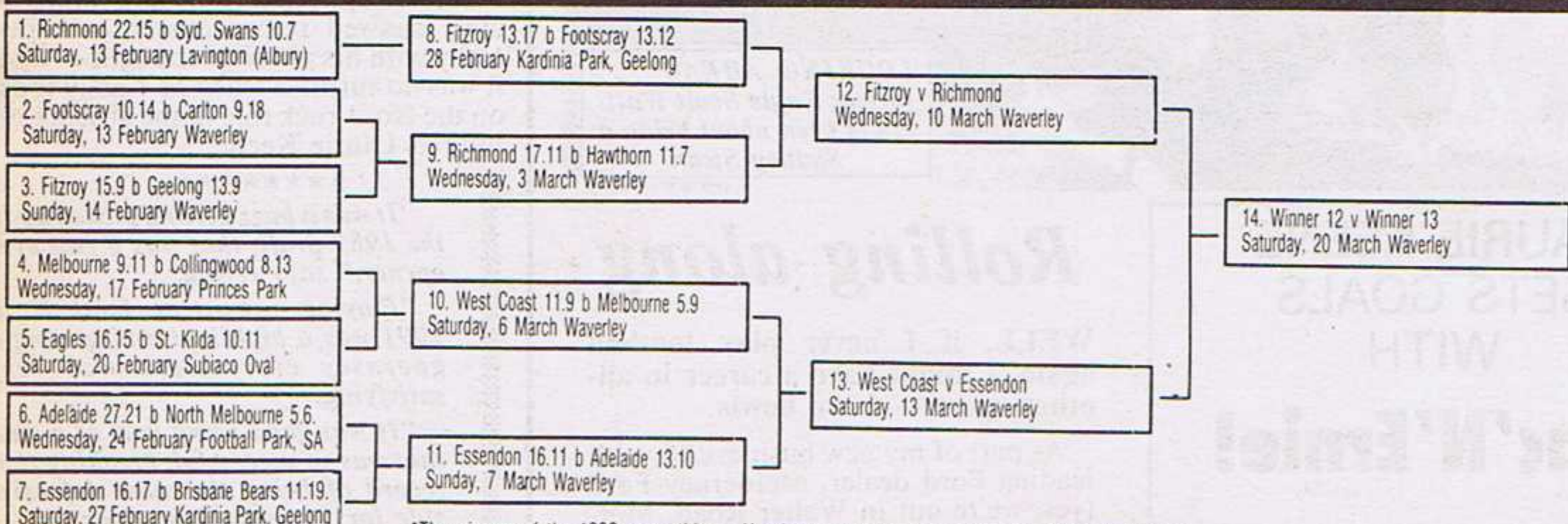
The form of all four is crucial to the

Lions and coach Robert Shaw will be hoping their good early season performances flows over into the regular season.

South Fremantle recruit Michael Dunstan kicked two goals for the Lions.

Footscray were best served by last year's Brownlow Medallist Scott Wynd, who dominated at the centre bouncings and around the ground.

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\*The winners of the 1992 competition - Hawthorn - automatically qualify for the second round.

## 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





## Eagles aim at another

### first

THE West Coast Eagles are on line to win the Foster's Cup for their first time in their history.

They have booked a semi-final showdown with Essendon after accounting for Melbourne.

The Eagles struggled in the first half against the tenacious Demons before kicking nine goals in the final two quarters to win by 36 points.

Centre-half-back Glen Jakovich was a solid four-quarter contributor for the

Eagles and wingman Peter Matera kicked two goals from his wing.

With full-forward Allen Jakovich suspended, the Demons didn't have a focal point in attack.

Demons coach Neil Balme tried Sean Wight and Darren Cuthbertson at full-forward, but they failed to make an impact.

## Fox hangs on at Essendon

FORMER Perth player Brad Fox seems likely to revive his AFL career despite being de-listed by Essendon.

The big utility player has had a frustrating couple of years since being drafted back in 1991 and his removal from the Bombers list last November left his career in limbo.

However, he has stuck it out at the club in the hope of a March recall and his recent practice match form suggests that he is likely to be retained.

In a recent clash with Hawthorn, Fox was used in defence and attack and even given a run in the ruck.

Another almost-forgotten WA draftee in South Fremantle youngster Greg Turner has been showing good practice match form with Collingwood, who picked him up as the 59th selection in the 1991 draft.

Carlton draftee Scott Spalding has also been doing well in practice matches, playing off a half-back flank.

Twins Steven and Matthew Febey and ruckman Jim Stynes were Melbourne's best. Stynes, in particular, was extremely effective, showing the form which won him the 1991 Brownlow Medal.

## Tigers end the Hawks dream

HAWTHORN'S hopes of snaring a third successive Foster's Cup premiership have been dashed by Richmond.

The Tigers, full of confidence after thrashing the Sydney Swans in round one, jumped the Hawks and never looked like surrendering their advantage.

Forwards Stevan Jackson and Jeff Hogg, who kicked seven and five goals respectively against the Swans, each posted four goals, while Scott Turner recorded three.

Richmond's form has been hard to fault and new coach John Northey would be confident of lifting the club up the ladder when the home-and-away season gets underway on March 26.

Star Hawthorn full-forward Jason Dunstall worked hard in attack to score five goals.

Hawks coach Alan Joyce would have been disappointed with the loss, but encouraged by the good form shown by his prime movers Darrin Pritchard, Ben Allan, Darren Jarman and John Platten.

## Beware of this young Bomber

MARK down the name of Joe Misiti, an Essendon teenager destined for bigger things in the AFL arena.

The 18-year-old played only two games last season, but was given the onerous task of tagging highly-rated South Australian Nathan Buckley when he made his long-awaited debut in Brisbane Bears colours recently.

While Buckley finished with 22 possessions, he never shook off the shadow of Misiti and eventually moved to a half-forward flank, after what most critics considered was a points victory to the Bomber.

The youngster wasn't deceived by the football programme for the day that listed Buckley as wearing guernsey number 39, when, in fact, he wore No. 9.

Misiti was right beside his opponent at the first bounce, obviously knowing what he looked like after months of non-stop photographs in the Melbourne press.

With Paul Salmon booting four goals at full-forward and half-back Derek Kickett in sparkling touch, the Bombers showed the form which has them fancied to make a re-entry into the final six this season.

Coach Kevin Sheedy's plan to persevere with young players Paul Hills, Stephen Alessio, Joe Misiti, Mark Mercuri and Peter Filandia, paid off, with all five figuring prominently in the Bombers 28 point victory.

Misiti repeated his good form against Adelaide last week, providing to be a driving force in midfield as the Bombers surged over the top of the Crows.

The Bears, who also have an exciting crop of youngsters, would have been pleased with the performance of teenager Justin Leppitsch, the number four draft choice last year, across half-forward.

## Salmon the dangerman in attack

PAUL Salmon showed his undoubted class in Essendon's comfortable victory over the Adelaide Crows, kicking eight goals to guide his side to a 19-point win.

Salmon began his career as a full-forward, but in the past few seasons Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy has opted to use the 206cm big man in the ruck and sparingly at full-forward.

However, with promising ruckman Stephen Alessio in fine form, it would be no surprise to see Salmon spend more time in attack.

Brilliant midfielder Michael Long and defenders Mark Harvey and Gary O'Donnell were in good touch for the Bombers.

Former Footscray rover Tony McGuinness was a hard worker for the Crows, as was honest defender Mark Bickley.

## Buckley doesn't let fans down

THE whole of Australia was waiting for the first public sighting of a South Australian footballer who has provided more pre-season headlines than a lot of players get in a career.

And talented Nathan Buckley, who has finally donned the Brisbane Bears colours after months of speculation, hasn't let his fans down.

In Brisbane's opening Foster's Cup clash with Essendon, he featured in his team's best players and in last week's practice match against Footscray, he was again a prolific kick-getter.

### HANDY TREBLE

After refusing to accept the Bears 1991 call-up, he opted for another season with Port Adelaide, which produced a handy treble with a Magarey Medal, a premiership medallion and the Jack Oatey Medal for best-on-ground in the grand final.

He even refused to go this year, preferring to hang out for his childhood love of Collingwood, so it seems.

But in the end, the Bears won out, convincing Buckley's manager Geof Motley that the Gold Coast wasn't all that bad after all. A \$70,000 one-year contract — which opens up speculation of a deal with the Magpies next year — helped seal the issue.

Buckley debuted in the centre in their Kardinia Park Foster's Cup clash, gathering 16 kicks, six marks and six

handballs, finishing the game on the half-forward flank.

The Bombers blitzed home by 28 points, but Buckley was more than pleased.

"It was great to finally get a game," the reluctant hero said after the match, conceding that it was a lot quicker than SANFL games.



SUPER ROOKIE ... South Australian Nathan Buckley hasn't disappointed his AFL fans in two outings

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# BOUNCE INTO

## Plenty of Golden stars

**A MIXTURE** of well-known WAFL and AFL players combined with some of the legends of Kalgoorlie football saw a fascinating blend of stars in the Goldfields Centenary All-Stars team.

The team was announced as part of the Goldfields football extravaganza, with several players flying in from the Eastern States and overseas.

Heading the line-up of celebrities was Alex Epis, one of Kalgoorlie's most illustrious players whose career in Victoria was forged after he by-passed the WA Football League and headed for the big-time as a teenager.

He was included in the All-Stars on a half-back flank, one line ahead of Dave Cuzens, who also went directly to Melbourne from Kalgoorlie, but returned to finish his career with Subiaco.

The two stars shared a lot in common — they were both forced to stand out of football while clearances were negotiated; they played in VFL premiership sides and wore the Victorian colours in the interstate arena.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

The side included players who started their careers on the Goldfields and then went to Perth and stars who made the trip in reverse.

The criteria for selection was that the player either had to be developed on the Goldfields, or played more than 50 games there after 1950.

The AFL players who earned selection were naturally headed by Dean Kemp, the Railways junior who climaxed his career last year with a premiership medallion with West Coast and then the Eagles club champion award.

He took the centre position, but could have claimed any number of spots, based on the versatility in the West Coast line-up.

Kemp was flanked on a wing by an original Eagle in John Annear, the tough Boulder youngster who graduated to seniors with Kambalda in 1977 and won the Goldfields League's rookie-of-the-year award.

The only other Eagle to earn a guernsey was Boulder's Glenn O'Loughlin, who had a successful stint with Subiaco, earning inclusion in the inaugural West Coast side, but registering just the one game before returning to Kalgoorlie to coach.

WAFL clubs had good representation, with former East Perth champion Brian Macgregor — a stalwart of Goldfields football — claiming the full-back position.

### LONG-SERVING

He graduated from Mines Rovers to the Royals and though he played in three grand finals, he never tasted premiership success in Perth. His return to the Goldfields saw him continue his career as a player and coach (with that elusive premiership finally coming his way) and contributed for five years as GFL president.

Alongside him in a back pocket was another East Perth player in Don Rintoul — who flew in from Singapore for the naming of the team. Rintoul played with Boulder City and followed Macgregor to Perth Oval, finishing his career in Sunday football.

While Epis moved to big-city football at a young age, his colleague at centre-half-back in Bill Mader did the opposite — staying in Kalgoorlie all his life.

Despite a relatively small stature, the Mines defender held down the key position for more than a decade from the mid-1950s and rejected offers from five WAFL clubs, staying home to feature in four premiership sides.

He showed his big-game skill by being best-afield against a visiting Swan Districts side in 1958 and two years later repeated the feat opposed to East Perth.

### Goldfields All-Stars

**BACKS:** Dave Cuzens, Brian Macgregor, Don Rintoul

**HALF-BACKS:** Alec Epis, Bill Mader, Alec Stack

**CENTRES:** Peter Krepp, Dean Kemp, John Annear

**HALF-FORWARDS:** Arthur Freeman, Ted Robinson, Alan Kennedy

**FORWARDS:** Ron Billett, Dick Robinson, Charlie Osmetti

**RUCK:** Kevin Higgins, Colin McIntyre, Peter Ding

**RESERVES:** Glenn O'Loughlin, Joe Fanchi, Mick Garbin

**UMPIRES:** Allan Pettit, Reg Arthur

**OFFICIALS:** Frank McGrath, Don Jones

The half-back line was completed by the late Alex Stack, a tough competitor from the Avon league who was in four Railways premiership sides in the 1960s.

Joining Kemp and Annear across the centreline was Peter Krepp, from a famous Goldfields football family that saw father Doug win a Sandover Medal and three brothers play senior football.

A product of Kalgoorlie's juniors, he was in Perth's 1966 and '67 premiership teams and also played in the Great Northern League, with Northampton.

The forward line boasted a number of famous Goldfields football names.

Cousins Ted and Dick Robinson filled the key forward positions; half-forward Alan Kennedy was one of seven brothers to play senior football, while forward pocket player Charlie Osmetti was from a family that had plenty of football performers.

Ted (Punter) Robinson was a Boulder product who was Claremont's best first year player in a brief visit to Perth in 1966 before leading Mines to four premierships and then Railways to three — a remarkable record that earned him the coaching honour in the All-Stars side.

### MERCURIAL

Kennedy, a mercurial player, had the 1970 season with East Perth and later played in the Great Northern League.

On the other flank was Arthur Freeman, a Railways junior who went to West Perth after winning the Mitchell Medal on the Goldfields. He had a successful WAFL career in the 1960s, finishing his career with Inglewood, in Sunday League ranks.

Dick Robinson topped the Goldfields goalkicking five times, with his 1974 record of 139 goals still standing. He played with Subiaco and East Perth before returning to captain-coach Mines Rovers.

Osmetti, an outstanding junior with CBC, played 65 games with South Fremantle and then returned to finish his career as captain-coach of a Mines premiership side in 1972.

Winning the best-player trophy in any association is no mean feat and forward pocket incumbent Ron Billett was the Mitchell Medal winner three times on the Goldfields. He also had a season with East Fremantle.

The ruck division was led by the late Kevin Higgins, a tough big man who won three club fairest and best trophies and was twice judged best on the Goldfields.

He also played 22 league games with East Fremantle and his son, Phillip — who collected the All Stars guernsey and medallion on behalf of his father — followed his footsteps, with a Mitchell Medal.

Earning the captaincy was ruck-rover Colin McIntyre, who graduated from CBC juniors to Mines Rovers in 1972, playing 94 games there before a move to Kambalda for another 116 league matches. He won five club fairest and best awards, plus the 1979 Mitchell Medal and led the Goldfields side for five years, winning eight of their nine inter-district matches.

The team's No. 1 rover was Peter Ding, who holds the record of four Mitchell Medals for the Goldfields fairest and best.

He went to Claremont in the 1960s, winning the club's best first year player award and shared Claremont's 1968 goalkicking honours with John Parkinson, with 36 majors.

The All Stars reserves were Glenn O'Loughlin, Joe Fanchi and Mick Garbin — three players who all left their mark on the WAFL.

### CARNIVAL WIN

Fanchi, the man dubbed Golden Boot after kicking the winning goal for WA in the 1961 Australian Carnival in Brisbane, started with the CBC juniors and went on to win the fairest and best with Mines in 1957. He then carved out an illustrious career with West Perth and WA.

O'Loughlin, a product of CBC and Boulder before his graduation to Subiaco, is now back on the Goldfields, playing with Kalgoorlie, where he has another another fairest and best to the four won at Boulder.

Garbin has done the Goldfields trip in reverse, finishing his career with Kambalda after joining Perth from Victoria. He has won a Mitchell Medal on the Goldfields, was named Kalgoorlie Miner player of the year three times and is captain of the State country side.



Arthur Freeman ... a classy half-forward



Dean Kemp ... today's Kalgoorlie hero



Dave Cuzens (left) and Alec Epis ... old mates together again



John Annear ... accepting his guernsey from Goldfields NFL president Bob Saffley



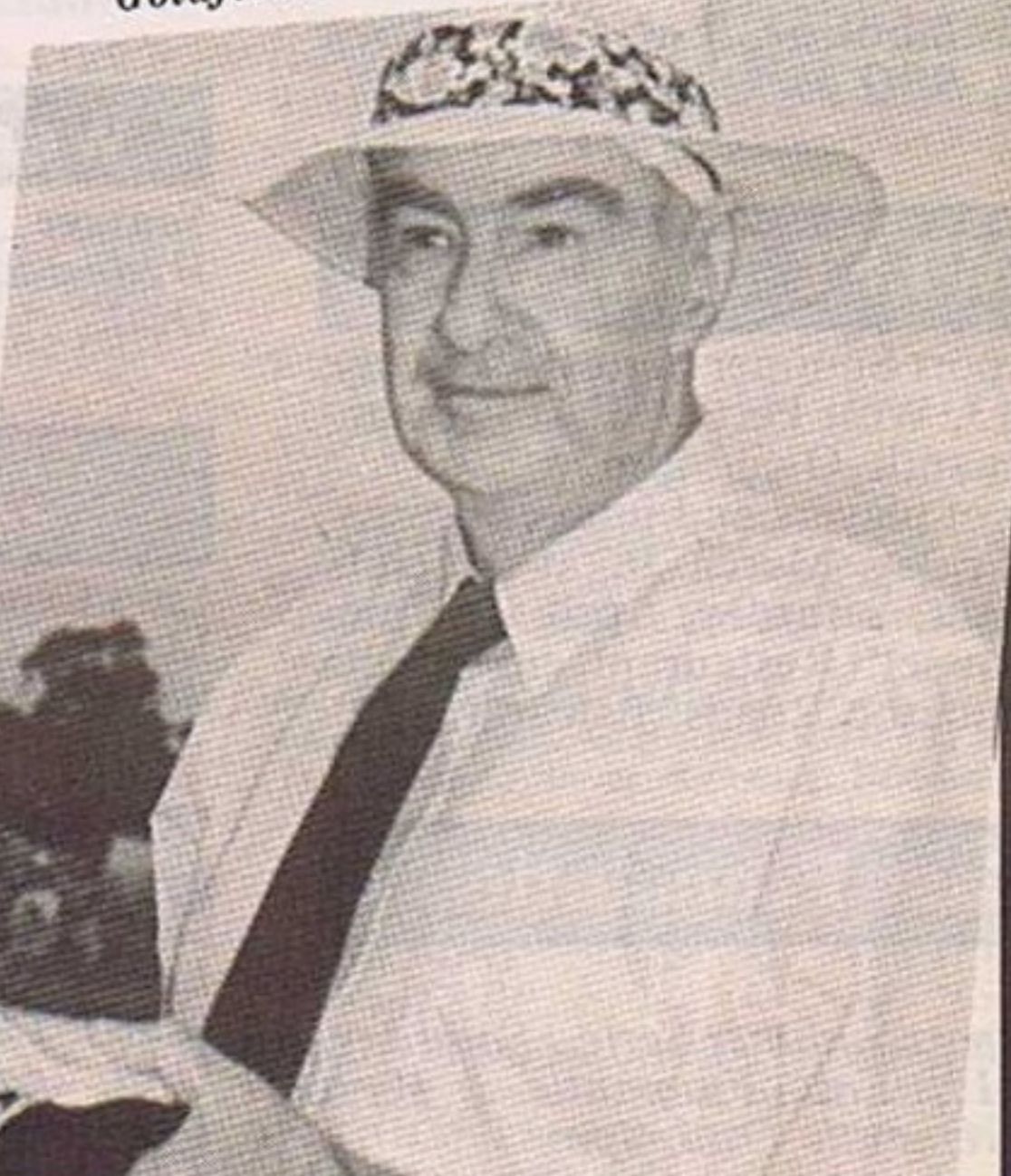
Peter Krepp ... receiving his medallion from brother Doug



Alan Kennedy ... from a big family of footballers



Peter Ding (left) and Colin McIntyre ... a top on-ball combination



Ron Billett ... three times a Mitchell Medallist

# Tigers hot in summer series

CLAREMONT are surprise leaders at the half-way mark of the Emu Export summer series.

Before the pre-season series kicked off, the Tigers declared that they would be taking the challenge seriously, while still using it as an opportunity to blood young players.

They have done both and have been convincing winners over Swan Districts and West Perth in their first two outings.

Also unbeaten, but trailing the Tigers by 31.73 percent are last year's premiers East Fremantle.

The Sharks have been unspectacular, but convincing, winners against Subiaco and arch-rivals South Fremantle.

Perth are the third unbeaten side and coach Ken Armstrong has said that the club is determined to fare well in the summer series.

He couldn't be happier after character-filled victories over the Falcons and Swans.

## EMU EXPORT SERIES

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	2	0	0	209	118	177.12	8
EAST FREM	2	0	0	205	141	145.39	8
PERTH	2	0	0	202	147	137.41	8
SOUTH FREM	2	1	1	138	120	115.00	4
SUBIACO	2	1	1	166	195	95.13	4
Swan Dist	2	0	2	154	180	85.56	0
East Perth	2	0	2	110	163	67.48	0
West Perth	2	0	2	111	216	51.39	0

# Demons pair set pace in Medal race

PERTH team-mates Adrian Barich and Troy Davis are making gallant bids to win the prestigious John Worsfold Medal for the fairest and best player in the Emu Export summer series.

The ruck rovers have received 22 votes in the Demons first two matches against West Perth and Swan Districts, to be five votes clear of East Fremantle rover Billy Krakouer.

With Claremont, East Fremantle and Perth not playing each other in the final two rounds, it is possible that all four sides could go through the summer series undefeated — highlighting the importance of a healthy percentage.

The leading two clubs will play in a grand final carrying a purse of \$5000.

In fourth place and still a chance to reach the final are South Fremantle.

Their loss to East Fremantle has left them with a one win-one loss record, but their percentage (115) keeps them in the running.

Subiaco also have a 1-1 standing, but need two big wins to have any chance of playing off for the \$3500 first prize.

Swans, East Perth and West Perth, who have used the competition to experiment with new players, are winless.

Fixtures for this Saturday are:  
**Fremantle Oval — 2pm, South Fremantle v Claremont; 4pm, East Fremantle v West Perth.**

**Bassendean Oval — 2pm, Perth v Subiaco; 4pm, Swan Districts v East Perth.**

# What's on at your club

## Swan Districts

Emu Export Summer Series: Saturday, March 13, Swan Districts v East Perth, Bassendean Oval, 4pm.

Players Barbecue, Wednesday, March 31, 5pm, BBQ packs available.

## WEST PERTH

Emu Export Summer Series: Saturday, March 13, West Perth v East Fremantle, Fremantle Oval, 4pm.

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

## East Fremantle

Emu Export Summer Series: Saturday, March 13, East Fremantle v West Perth, Fremantle Oval, 4pm.

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

## South Fremantle

Emu Export Summer Series: Saturday, March 13, South Fremantle v Claremont, Fremantle Oval, 2pm.

## West Coast Eagles

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

## CLAREMONT

Emu Export Summer Series: Saturday, March 13, Claremont v South Fremantle, Fremantle Oval, 2pm.

## SUBIACO

Emu Export Summer series: Saturday, March 13, Subiaco v Perth, Bassendean Oval, 2pm.

Bar open for drinks every Thursday, 4.30pm till late.

## PERTH

Emu Export Summer series: Saturday, March 13, Perth v Subiaco, Bassendean Oval, 2pm.

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

## EAST PERTH

Emu Export Summer series: Saturday, March 13, East Perth v Swan Districts, Bassendean Oval, 4pm.

Sports Quiz night, men only, Monday, May 3, 7.30pm at the club.



# Picture of the week



**BIG GRAB ...** East Perth's high-flier in Saturday's Emu Export clash with Subiaco is Rob Fitzgerald, who has transferred from Claremont

Picture: MICHAEL RADALJ

# WATSON SEEKS MORE COMMITMENT

SOUTH Fremantle's younger players must learn to accept the close-checking tactics by opposition players.

That is the opinion of new coach Mark Watson, who saw two of his key players in forward Jason Spinks and rover Russell Williams tagged out of the game by Sharks pair Simon Moss and Jeff Morris respectively.

Williams and Spinks, who were among the Bulldogs better players the previous week, failed to shake off their shadows in South Fremantle's 34-point loss.

"A lot of our runners are lacking fitness, but we've still got runners to come in" Watson said.

"Some of the guys have to learn to come through that type of attention because pairing up like that will obviously happen against East Fremantle.

"We were disappointed at the way the players didn't commit themselves."

Watson said the addition of experienced ball-getter Brad Hardie, livewire

forward Ashley Clementi, Victorian recruit Kent Heard and goal-kicker Frank Morellini will bolster the Bulldogs line-up.

Though they failed to avenge last year's grand final loss, Watson was happy with the form of West Coast Eagles squad member Brett Spinks at centre-half-forward.

The 19-year-old, taken 79th in last year's draft, had an absorbing tussle with Craig Burrows.

"Brett Spinks shows plenty of potential," Watson said.

"Once he starts taking marks he can be a dangerous player.

"At the moment he hasn't learned how to grab with both hands."

Watson said the versatility shown by big man Martin Atkins was another bright light.

"He is very committed to South Fremantle," Watson said.

"He's never going to be the best centre-half-back in the game, but he's only been playing the game for a short time."

VETERAN rover David Hart had just played in a losing side, had his colours lowered marginally and had an icepack on an injured toe — but he was still a satisfied man after the Bulldogs match against East Fremantle.

It was the dashing 29-year-old's first game for the year after he was coaxed out of retirement by the West Coast Eagles.

"I just struggled through," Hart said. "I just wanted to get through a full game."

Hart began the game on a half-forward-flank and was surprised when fellow Eagles squad member Peter Wilson lined up alongside him.

"I couldn't believe it when he came up to me," Hart said.

"He's flamboyant and he's a runner — it's good playing on him."

"He won the battle, but it was good to be back."





Westside Football DIGBY BEACHAM looks at the progress of the Emu Export summer series

# Southern shows his class

ONE player who seems destined for a big future at a higher level is Claremont teenager Daniel Southern.

He was drafted by Footscray last year after being judged fairest and best in the 1992 Teal Cup carnival.

In fact, the Victorian talent scouts were searching out details of the former West Coast Juniors player as far back as 1990 when he first started to dominate in under-age ranks.

Southern showed his class in the Tigers impressive 26-point victory over Swan Districts in the opening Emu Export summer series match, lining up at full-back with the difficult task of minding West Coast squad member Jason Ball.

The solidly-built Southern proved too strong for the highly-rated Swans forward, who managed only one goal.

Southern's confidence grew as the game wore on — evidenced by five bounces in a strong run out of defence that finished with an accurate pass to a team-mate.

He followed that performance with another solid display against West Perth, when he shut down Burracoppin recruit Darren Thomas.



BIG GRAB ... young Tiger Daniel Southern flies high for this mark

# JUDGE STILL FULL OF SURPRISES

IT might have been a pre-season match, but East Fremantle coach Ken Judge still had plenty of surprises for South Fremantle in the grand final replay at East Fremantle Oval last Saturday.

As expected, the astute mentor tagged forward Jason Spinks with Simon Moss, but the match-ups of speedster Jeff Morris on nippy Bulldog rover Russell Williams and Peter Wilson on David Hart were surprise moves.

However, both worked and were instrumental in the Sharks comfortable victory in the match, which apart from the second term, was fairly lack lustre.

Judge praised the performance of Morris.

# Royals will miss rover

DASHING East Perth rover Peter Miller will miss the Royals final two Emu Export summer series matches against Swan Districts and West Perth.

The courageous ball-getter, who is being tipped to lead the Royals in 1993, left for London on Tuesday for two weeks.

A chemical engineer for BP, Miller had to attend a special training conference.

He will return the Tuesday before the club's first Pepsi Cup clash with South Fremantle, at Fremantle Oval on April 3.

"I said to him that if he wanted a chance to play he had to learn new roles and get more strings to his bow," Judge said.

However, Morris place in the side came about after captain Steve Malaxos couldn't take his place in the side.

"I told him yesterday that he wasn't playing and then rang him this morning and told him he was in, so it was a pretty good effort," Judge said.

Judge said the Moss-Spinks dual was an obvious one.

"There was no point trying to avoid putting him on Spinks," Judge said.

"If you try to avoid that situation, it's like saying the guy has done something wrong.

"What happened in the grand final is gone and forgotten.

"It's happened and I'm not trying to hide Moss from Spinks."

Judge was also happy with the form of rover Billy Krakouer and Scott Annandale, who missed all of last year with a second total knee reconstruction.

"Krakouer is a seasoned campaigner with 80 or 90 league games," Judge said.

"He has to take more responsibility and play like a senior player rather than someone who is in and out.

"Annandale's had an enormous effort to get back.

"He's a talented player who has had a bad run with injuries."

With the Sharks still missing several senior players, back-to-back premierships is a real possibility — even at this early stage of the season.

# Solin relieved at

# late win

TONY Solin was a relieved man on Saturday afternoon after he had tasted his first success as coach.

The three-times Swan Districts premiership player had just guided Subiaco to a thrilling one-point victory over East Perth in the second round of the Emu Export summer series.

East Perth, who held an eight point buffer at three-quarter-time, led by five points at the 20-minute mark of the final after a goal by Paul Barnard.

The Lions replied immediately through Scott Kettlewell and two minutes later John Sullivan kicked a pressure goal from deep in the forward pocket to give Subiaco a seven point lead.

Royals big man Graham Garnaut put his side within a point a minute-and-a-half later, but the siren went seconds after to snuff out any chance East Perth had.

"We were just happy to get a win under our belts," Solin said.

On the eve of the match, Subiaco lost Daniel Metropolis, who was a late inclusion in the West Coast Eagles side to play Melbourne.

However, his absence didn't affect the Lions too much, who were boosted by brilliant performances from running players Damian Hampson and Errol Bourn.

The pair were magnificent four-quarter contributors and were at their ball-getting best in the crucial final term.

"Damian was great — best on ground," Solin said.

"He picked up 40 possessions and Errol Bourn was also very good."

An encouraging sign for Solin is that captain David Snow, ruckman Shane Cocker, forward Andrew Macnish, rugged ruck-rover Ian Dargie, defender Bill Monaghan and young West Coast Eagles trio Tony Godden, Drew Banfield and Metropolis can come into the senior side.

# Sharks get boost from WA's Emu

REIGNING WAFL premiers East Fremantle received a boost when the Swan Brewery Company Limited announced they would be the club's major sponsor for the next three seasons.

The Emu Export brand name will replace Magic Nissan, who have been solid supporters of the club for the past eight years.

Ron Bennett's locally-based Magic Nissan will continue as a corporate sponsor.

"We are delighted to welcome Emu Export as our major sponsor," East Fremantle president Len Hitchen said.

"The Swan Brewery has supported the club for 10 years and their total commitment to the sport at all levels, including amateur and country, is testimony to their belief in our great game.

"The added impetus of having a major sponsor such as the Swan Brewery will undoubtedly assist us with our goals in respect to a second AFL side."

Managing Director of Swan, Kevin Wealand, said the sponsorship was further proof of the company's dedication to WA football.

"Swan now has a major involvement with six of the eight WAFL clubs, a commitment to support the proposed Kalgoorlie and Bunbury expansion clubs, the Eagles and major suburban and country leagues," Wealand said.

## EMU EXPORT LEAGUE RESULTS

### ROUND 1

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
PERTH	1.0	7.2	8.7	15.8	98
WEST PERTH	3.4	5.7	6.11	7.13	55

GOALS - PERTH: Bird 5, Davis, Hastie 3, Cable 2, Dick, Wills 1. WEST PERTH: Freeman, Valentine 2, Genefini, Zempilas, Mildenhall 1.

BEST - PERTH: Davis, Pensini, Barich, Baker, Cable, Rigby. WEST PERTH: Hall, Valentine, Freeman, Lambourn, Toovey, Reynolds.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
CLAREMONT	2.5	7.6	9.10	13.13	91
SWAN DISTRICTS	0.3	1.7	3.9	9.11	65

GOALS - CLAREMONT: Morgan, Downsborough 3, Smith 2, Wira, K Holmes, Gerreyn, O'Connell, Leach 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Walker, A Holmes 3, Ball, Ogg, Bazzo 1.

BEST - CLAREMONT: K Holmes, Gerreyn, Higgins, Southern, Hendry, Symonds. SWAN DISTRICTS: Gow, Walker, Ogg, Narkle, Edmonds, Ugle.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
EAST FREMANTLE	2.0	10.3	13.8	20.12	132
SUBIACO	3.4	7.5	14.6	16.6	102

GOALS - EAST FREMANTLE: Lockyer 9, J Davidson 3, Krakouer, Lally 2, Wilson, Annandale, Read, Morphett 1. SUBIACO: Metropolis, Miller 3, Georgiades, Sullivan 2, Kettlewell, M Burton, Langer, T Burton, Willet, Cocker 1.

BEST - EAST FREMANTLE: Lockyer, Malaxos, Krakouer, Capewell, Annandale, Davidson. SUBIACO: Lester, Georgiades, Jeffery, Hampson, Miller.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
SOUTH FREMANTLE	3.3	9.4	13.7	15.9	99
EAST PERTH	4.2	5.3	5.8	6.11	47

GOALS - SOUTH FREMANTLE: Edwards, Williams 3, J Spinks, W Matera 2, Grljusich, McKnight, Warren, Wotton, Flugge 1. EAST PERTH: Bartlett 2, S Evans, McPhee, Mallis, Stubberfield 1.

BEST - SOUTH FREMANTLE: C Collard, Italiano, Bottrell, Irving, Williams, J Spinks. EAST PERTH: McPhee, Miller, Johnston, Malland, S Evans, Mallis.

### ROUND 2

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
SUBIACO	2.2	3.5	5.7	9.10	64
EAST PERTH	1.2	3.2	7.3	10.3	63

GOALS - SUBIACO: Georgiades 3, Sullivan, Golding 2, Kettlewell, Mohen. EAST PERTH: Bartlett 3, East, Garnaut 2, Mallis, Barnard, Faithful 1.

BEST - SUBIACO: Hampson, Bourn, Willett, O'Connor, Jeffery. EAST PERTH: Stubberfield, Regan, East, Faithfull, Johnston.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
EAST FREMANTLE	2.3	6.6	9.6	11.7	73
SOUTH FREMANTLE	2.2	3.4	4.5	5.9	39

GOALS - EAST FREMANTLE: J Davidson 4, Annandale, Lockyer 2, Krakouer, Bilcich, Hammond 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Matera, Williams, Baldwin, B Spinks, Bartul.

BEST - EAST FREMANTLE: Moss, Morris, Krakouer, J Davidson, Morphett. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Taylor, Matera, Irving, B Collard, Baldwin.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
CLAREMONT	6.2	9.5	12.10	17.16	118
WEST PERTH	2.2	4.4	5.4	8.5	53

GOALS - CLAREMONT: Green, Spencer 4, Smith 3, Morgan 2, Symonds, Ham, Hendry, Malone. WEST PERTH: Mildenhall, Nelson 2, Strano, Valentine, T Edwards, T West.

BEST - CLAREMONT: Symonds, Smith, Green, Leach, Hendry. WEST PERTH: Valentine, Nelson, Merenda, Reynolds, Mildenhall.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
PERTH	4.3	9.5	14.8	15.14	104
SWAN DISTRICTS	0.4	2.5	8.6	13.11	89

GOALS - PERTH: Davis, Moreno 4, Wills, Barich 2, Rob Thomson, Hastie. SWAN DISTRICTS: Cummings, Passeri 3, Rattray, Bradbrook 2, Newby, Walker, Ball.

BEST - PERTH: Barich, Moore, Nicholas, Davis, Wills, Dick. SWAN DISTRICTS: Newby, Passeri, Cummings, Ball, Bradbrook, Clarkson.



# "Reckon you could do with an Export"





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## When losing has a double penalty

THE demand on AFL clubs to survive in the rich Foster's Cup competition is becoming more intense — not only because of the healthy prizemoney.

This year's pre-season competition sees the winning club take home more than \$100,000 — and that's handy money for a series of tough and beneficial practice matches.

But even more important is what happens if you lose an early-round match.

The AFL has officially organised practice matches for early Foster's Cup departures and they are being held in some out-of-the-way places.

Take last week's line-up for example — Brisbane and Footscray journeyed to Sunshine, in country Victoria; Sydney and Carlton did battle at Ballarat; Geelong and North Melbourne were at the Tatura Recreational Reserve, while Collingwood and St Kilda had the trip across Bass Strait to play at Launceston.

One of the reasons why the Eagles were so keen to get past their Melbourne hurdle last Saturday was because the losing option was a practice match at Burnie, in Tasmania.



# Thinking aloud



A column of news and views by ALAN EAST

## Cricket not playing the game

IT'S not very hard to find critics of the WA Cricket Association over its no-night-football policy — especially down Fremantle way.

It was natural that South Fremantle president Ric Gloede would fire off a sharp barb at the WACA when they refused to let Fremantle Oval host a couple of the Emu Export summer series matches under lights.

His suggestion that the WACA's ban was a restraint of trade was an interesting legal point well worth contesting.

Whoever put that initial agreement together between the WACA and football — which guaranteed matches under lights at the home of cricket — was obviously not expecting clubs to lift their rating and illuminate their home grounds.

It's a totally outrageous situation for cricket, who only got their fancy Southern Stand with the help of State Government money (via the R. & I. Bank) and a pledge from football to stage games there — to play highway robbers.

Without those West Coast matches, the WACA would never have got their new facilities.

Therefore, they have no right to prevent South Fremantle — or Swan Districts, for that matter — from making better use of their own lights.

Bulldogs general manager Brian Cicotosto and his Bassendean counterpart Brian Close — roving rivals a

decade or so ago — must have got a real buzz out of throwing the switch on the opening Saturday of the Emu Export series when the games went longer than planned and the last quarter was played in fading light.

But the WAFL had to relent last week with the games being brought forward an hour to avoid a dark finish.

However, there is now a new player in the game — East Fremantle, buoyed by a Pepsi Cup premiership, have just installed lights at their Moss Street headquarters and are keen to stage a night game or two.

The pressure is obviously building up on the WACA to step out of the darkness.

## Clubs ponder a puzzle

THERE'S a real puzzle currently bugging our WAFL clubs — and they don't want to say much about it for fear of offending someone.

But how the age-old proud WA firm of Burley-Sekem came up with products that just weren't quite up to scratch for today's football, is a total mystery.

Firstly, despite years of producing guernseys for footballers Australia-wide, they manufactured colourful new designs for the Emu Export summer series, only to forget the most important factor — numbers.

Without readable numbers on the backs of the guernseys — not forgetting the front, which once had smaller numbers to help identify players — the public and the commentators have had a tough time working out who is who in these new-look sides.

In the first week, teams like West Perth, Perth and Subiaco had numbers that were too hard to distinguish and while they were improved for last week's games, all teams have numbers that are basically too small to read from across the ground.

The new designs look great, but the numbers must be a priority.

And now the complaints are coming in about the tri-coloured footballs designed especially for this series.

"They are too difficult to kick and bounce and they get slippery when sweat gets on them," are the common calls from players.

## Footy will be a sure TV winner

THE television ratings for football are going to cause some shock waves in the electronic industry this year, one thinks.

This Saturday, for example, sees a live telecast of the West Coast-Essendon Foster's Cup match at 6.30pm Perth time — despite a Federal election climax at the same time.

Last Saturday's 8.30pm replay of the Foster's Cup win over Melbourne rated a healthy 28 — that's about 180,000 viewers — and what about the opening burst from those football-hungry West Coast fans.

The premiership Eagles were in action in their first-round Foster's Cup match against St Kilda, played in Perth late on a Saturday afternoon and replayed on Channel Seven that night.

While most people knew that the Eagles had run the Saints out of town on a slippery sleigh, the ratings still fluctuated between 18 and a top of 21.

The football replay was up against two top-quality Saturday night movies — the fabulous Kramer versus Kramer, which just managed a 12 rating and the equally-enjoyable Wall Street, which went from 18 down to 16.

If that's what the footy TV fans will do in February, how will Channel Seven feel around September?

## Bookies would give footy a real kick

STRAIGHT OUT ... bookmaker Alan Croll did some brisk business at the recent Footballer's Gift at Lathlain Park



THE introduction of football betting at the WAFL grounds could be yet another sure-fire way of helping revive the local domestic competition.

There is no doubt that a facility offering a range of novelty betting at weekly matches would generate new excitement for loyal local fans.

The Darwin sports betting operation turned last year's Foster's Cup match between the West Coasters and Collingwood into a spirited affair — on and off the field.

Before the bouncdown, you could bet on a whole range of chances — first player to kick a goal, best-on-ground, leading goalscorer and so forth. The markets fluctuated in running for all of those novelties, plus a few others and there was no shortage of money as the game progressed.

If the WAFL could influence the new State Government to allow someone like Keith Nixon Sports — who operate a book on major sporting events, including football, at Gloucester Park — to field at the football, then the game would receive an unexpected financial boost.

You could bet on the first (or last) goalkicker in each quarter, the leading team and margin at each break, best-players, top goalscorers and so forth.

Just the colourful sight of an old-style flamboyant bookie on his stand would give footy a filip.

Alan Croll was certainly a worthy addition to Perth's recent Southside Fair when he fielded on the Footballer's Gift — even if the odds-on favourite in Ashley McIntosh did get the money.

## Pokies play a big role

TALKING about gambling, the newly-formed Australian Rules League Clubs of WA group had their say on the Burswood Casino recently — but the comments generally went unheeded, which was a pity.

Claremont president and ARLC chief John O'Connell said that no-one should ever under-estimate the devastating effect the Burswood Casino has had on licensed clubs and hotels through its monopoly on gambling.

"The Casino has been given an armchair ride at the expense of everyone else and sporting clubs have been one of the biggest losers," he said.

O'Connell, like many other football chiefs, believes that the introduction of gaming machines into football clubs would be one of the most positive steps any Government could make and could be the salvation of many sporting groups.

That's certainly been the case in Victoria and struggling clubs like Fitzroy and Footscray are now reaping enormous financial returns from their gaming machines.



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# Sport the starting point . . .

**FOOTBALL and sport will always play a leading role in the life of Pam O'Connell.**

After all, sport first linked Pam and husband John and football, particularly, has dominated their lives ever since — especially with six sports-loving children.

Pam has been married to football — after John's playing days, he went into radio commentary and then became football manager at the WAFL before 'retiring' last year to take over as president of Claremont.

But, ironically, while football has dominated their lives, it was athletics that set the ball rolling. They met in their early athletics days and while John went on to be a leading footballer with Claremont and Geelong, Pam kept up her interests in athletics, hockey — and motherhood.

Pam was a prominent WA runner, holding the Australian 400-metres record until 1954, when Dixie Willis broke it.

## PROWESS

John also had plenty of athletic prowess, competing in the 400-metre hurdles, long jump, triple jump and shot put and representing WA.

"After John and I got married, we went to Victoria, where John played football with Geelong and I played hockey and ran for Victoria," Pam recalls.

Pam had her first daughter, Kerry, in Victoria in 1956 and that was the end of her athletics career.

*"In those days, there was no such thing as sharing the responsibility of bringing up the child and having a career at the same time," she says.*

*"John was playing football and I looked after Kerry, which was alright with us — it was the only choice.*

*"Of course, things are a lot different now — women can have their sporting careers and look after a family at the same time."*

It was also the start of a successful sporting family, with all six children taking to sport.

Their three sons, Peter, David and Michael, all followed their father's football steps, all playing at Claremont, where John made his name.

Michael was a member of the inaugural West Coast side in 1987, playing 20 games.

When David joined his brother at the Eagles in 1989, Pam was delighted by the prospect of two sons playing national football in the same team.

## INJURY TOLL

Unfortunately, by that time, Michael was already suffering from a chronic arthritic condition, which forced him out of football.

David went on to play for Fitzroy in 1991 and 1992 and has recently returned home to pursue his career, both with Claremont and as an architect.


Their eldest son, Peter, made his league debut at Claremont in 1982 and then played with Perth, the club he initially joined as a fitness advisor.

"Peter was also a distance runner, but like all of the boys, he just wanted to play footy," says Pam.



**FIRE AWAY . . .** athletics and football are part of Pam O'Connell's life — even to volunteering to be the official starter for the recent Footballer's Gift at Lathlain Park

**KERRY LARSEN** talks to Pam O'Connell about life in a football family



"Michael was the one who was always getting injured, he was just so unlucky."

His string of injuries included a broken leg, a broken collarbone, a head injury and whiplash from a Dermott Brereton bone-cruncher and a split jawline, which had to be repaired by a surgeon.

*"When they get injured on the football field, you don't think of them as being men — they're still your little boys," says the protective mother.*

Kerry went on to be an Australian 200 and 400-metre junior hurdles champion; Philippa played netball for the State in the 17s, 19s and 21-year-old groups and Joanne played A-grade netball for Royals.

Pam's football devotion has been more than just a wife and mother.

She has taken on an official role with the Football Development Trust, serving as a board member to input the female viewpoint to the male-dominated administration of junior football.

"A lot of women love football and there are now more mothers involved in the running of junior clubs," she says.

"More women should be on the administration side of things and I hope that another woman will take my position at the FDT when I retire."

One major issue that concerns Pam is the cost of playing football, especially for struggling families.

"I remember after footy weekends, one of the boys would want new boots or money for different things," she says.

"These costs concern me for families who are struggling.

"These youngsters have got the skills, so they should be allowed to play, because if we just look after the well-off juniors, then things aren't being run as they should be.

# . . . and football has been running strong

"We are trying to overcome this with Freeball, so everybody gets a go."

Pam says that this is also the case in athletics, a sport in which she is still involved in.

"Not many young athletes feed through to top competition now; they do their three or four years and that's it.

"It's a problem financially — kids get good enough to mix it with the best in the Eastern States, but can't afford the trip over there."

Pam, recently retired after a lifetime as a school teacher, has a great theory that sport keeps young people busy and out of trouble.

*"It's a great leveller of people and the education system has got to look at this aspect," she says.*

*"Some students get to Year 8 and hardly have any sporting skills or knowledge.*

*"This starts at home — throwing and catching a ball in the backyard. But perhaps sport is being overlooked a bit in primary school.*

*"We're trying to overcome this at the FDT by persuading more physical education teachers to do coaching courses, which would give them a better insight into football and so forth."*

## YOUNGSTERS

Pam is one person keen to see the AFL reduce club player lists down to 40 — she believes that less under-developed youngsters will be taken from the WAFL.

"We might keep them longer, so the learning process will continue in the clubs, where it should be," she says.

"And it's the other kids who never play WAFL or AFL that we have to make sure enjoy their footy. We also have to look after the people who sit in the outer at footy matches; they are the real public and are sometimes forgotten.

"Sitting in the outer is the only way to watch footy and when John finishes as president (at Claremont), we'll go back on the hill, where we like it."

But will football ever fade out of Pam O'Connell's life?

*"Never. I love footy, always loved footy and of all the ball games, it's still the most exciting to watch."*



**HELPING HANDS . . .** Pam O'Connell has some helpful hints for aspiring netballers during her days as a schoolteacher at Mercedes Ladies College

*Good on you Mum*  
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**RIGHT WAY** ... junior football is thriving in the Fremantle district and former Bulldogs player Ross Sweetman is one coach showing tomorrow's stars the way to go as coach of the South Coogee 13s team

## Juniors — and seniors — looking to good year

# Fremantle footy looks strong

THE Fremantle Districts Football League, an under-age project of the two Fremantle clubs, is about to start its third season and is looking for new coaches, umpires and teams.

The Fremantle Districts were 1992 premiers and also beat the WA School-boys side.

The under-18 age group provides young talent for the two Fremantle colts sides, plus CBC and North Fremantle in the Amateur competition. Various fixtures are played as curtain-raisers to WAFL and AFL matches.

Successful players who have emerged from the competition in its short time include Damien Gaspar, recently drafted by Melbourne and Sean McManus.

By

**KERRY LARSEN**

The association is aiming to form its own umpires panels and coaches will be appointed by the board of management, rather than the clubs themselves.

With a second AFL side about to be confirmed out of Fremantle, the league provides a good base for aspiring AFL youngsters.

## Nth Innaloo lass is

### a winner

THE North Innaloo Junior Football Club last year celebrated a first when a female coach joined the club.

Tamara English (18) joined North Innaloo as assistant coach of the 9s

team and quickly earned the respect of her players.

"The boys absolutely love Tamara, they think the world of her," North Innaloo secretary Taryn Kelly said.

Tamara recently completed a course set by the Football Development Trust, making giving her a Level 1 coaching accreditation.

"If we can get enough boys to form a 10s team, Tamara will be coaching them, otherwise she will stay with the 9s," Taryn said.

"The club is also looking for someone to take over from our president, Ross Pearce, who took on the role temporarily.

#### VOLUNTEERS

"A treasurer and team managers are also needed, as well as players and an 11s coach to join a happy and socially-oriented club.

"Fund-raising has played a big part in our club and we have well-appointed clubrooms and facilities to prove it."

North Innaloo has produced its fair share of talent over the years, including West Coast Eagles veteran, Dwayne Lamb.



**GOOD PRODUCT** ... veteran Eagles star Dwayne Lamb was a junior with North Innaloo

## Hawks look to exciting year

THE Fremantle Hawks Junior Football Club are predicting some exciting times in the next few years.

The football club has a 44-year history and recently amalgamated with the 42-year-old Hilton Cricket Club, with both now based at the Dick Lawrence Oval, on Lefroy Road.

President Russell Miller says that this year will see another team wearing Hawks jumpers, making eight sides representing the club.

"We are the only junior Australian Rules football club in the Fremantle area," Miller said.

"The amalgamation has been great, but myself and Hilton Cricket Club president Ian Craig are now trying to get the facilities updated, with new changerooms and a presentation hall.

"This year there will be about 150 juniors in our club and we predict that there will be more than 200 in a few years."

There are two 9s side and two 11s sides, with other teams in the 7s, 13s, 15s and 17s age groups.

For more information on how to join the Fremantle Hawks Junior Football Club, call Russell on 337 9379.

## Innaloo ready for new season

THERE will be a new-look to the Innaloo Amateur Football Club as they kick off the 1993 season.

The club will see 14 new players joining the senior teams, along with a new coach in Bob Edmonds.

Sunday runs at Hillarys Boat Harbour and Thursday night work-outs in Scarborough have seen players take part in a comprehensive pre-season training schedule.

The Bulldogs, sponsored by the Karringup Tavern, will field three senior teams, a colts side and a women's team (Sunday league).

Colts and seniors are required for all sides. For more information, call the senior coach on 405 4165 or the secretary on 446 2602.

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## Good breeding ground for Tigers

FOR more than 30 years, the Claremont Junior Football Club has been producing some fine, young footballers including two of WA's all-time stars in Steve Malaxos and Graham Moss.

While the club is totally independent of any league organisation and is entirely self-funded, developing a programme to involve as many children as possible in a fun environment, there has been a good flow of league players to Claremont.

The club is based at College Park and currently has more than 300 youngsters actively playing on Sunday mornings.

Players are required for Freeball (under eight years) and teams in 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s and 14s, with the season starting on Sunday, May 2.

Registration day is this Sunday (March 14) at College Park, Claremont, from 11am-2pm with a birth certificate or passport required.

The club is based at Coolbinia Oval, in Bradford Street, just near Walcott Street and anyone is interested in playing or coaching can contact Charles Musca on 227 6402 or 375 1525.

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## HJ's Eagles Fact File

**PETER MATERA**

*BORN: April 3, 1969  
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Caton and Edwards have since retired, leaving this year's award right open.

Players with genuine claims include East Fremantle big man Andrew Lockyer, talented Bulldog pair Warren Campbell and Jason Spinks, Claremont's Paul Morgan, West Perth full-forward Peter Freeman, Swans big man Jason Ball and Perth recruit Mick Hastie.

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Paul Morgan (Claremont)	36.25
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Chris Gerryn (Claremont)	33.22
Paul Peos (East Perth)	31.15
Jeff Davidson (East Frem)	29.22
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**TENNIS**

**Westpac State Tennis League** semi-finals; Saturday, March 13: preliminary finals; Saturday, March 20: Women's grand final. Sunday, March 21: Men's grand final.

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

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**MAN OF THE WEEK**

AT the tender age of 20, Eagles utility player Ashley McIntosh has the football world at his feet.

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His encouraging debut performance saw him retain his place and he has since been an integral member of the side.

McIntosh, who is equally effective in attack and defence, was instrumental in the Eagles grand final win over Geelong last year.

The talented left-footer lined up on star Geelong full-forward Bill Brownless and restricted him to only six kicks and three goals.



**Ashley McIntosh**

AGE: 20  
HEIGHT: 194cm  
WEIGHT: 90kg  
GAMES PLAYED: 34 games



**JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY**

# Lords attract top players



**STEPPING UP ...** Eagles star Brett Heady is one footballer who has often made use of the first-class facilities at the Lords gymnasium

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By

KERRY LARSEN

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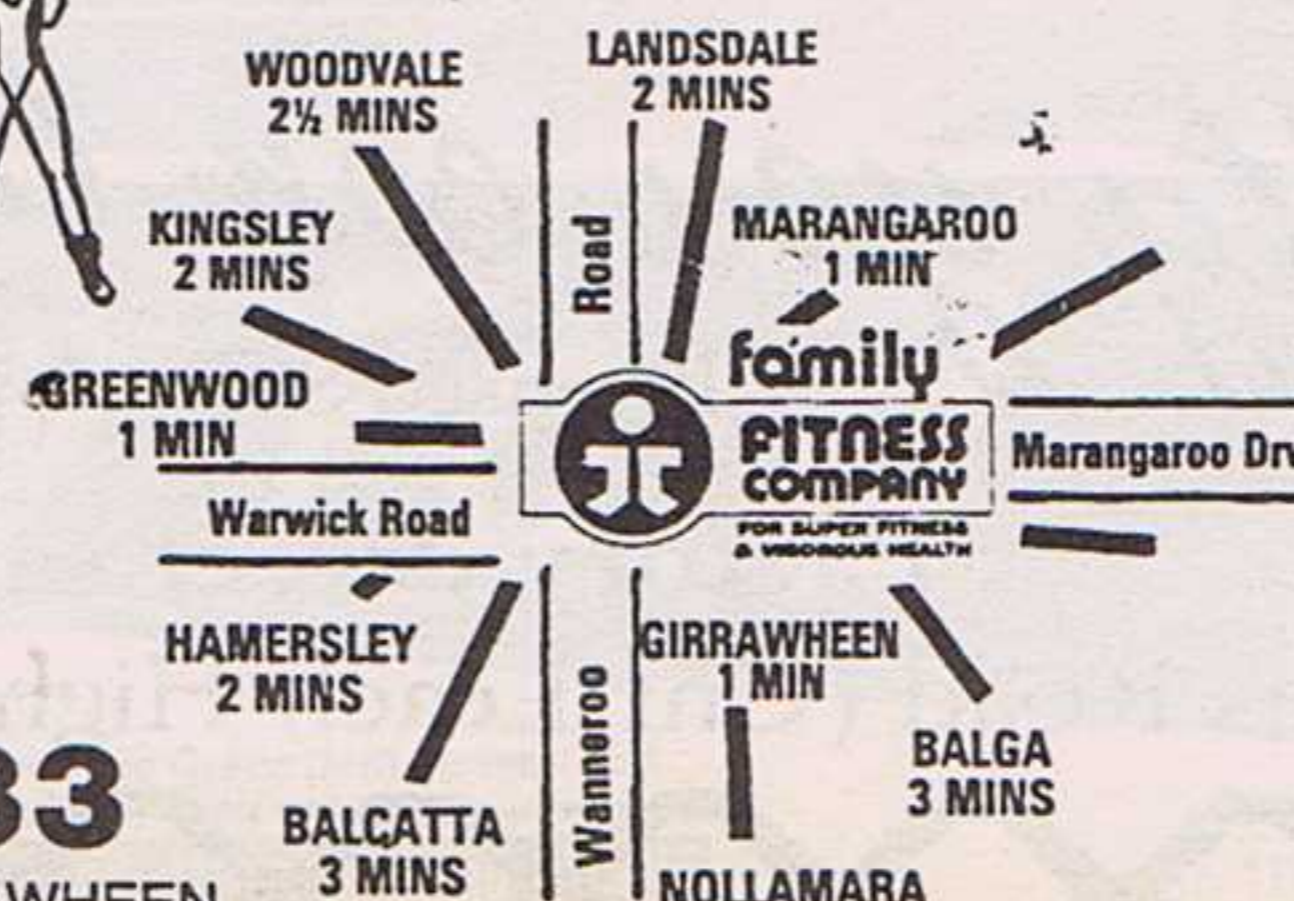
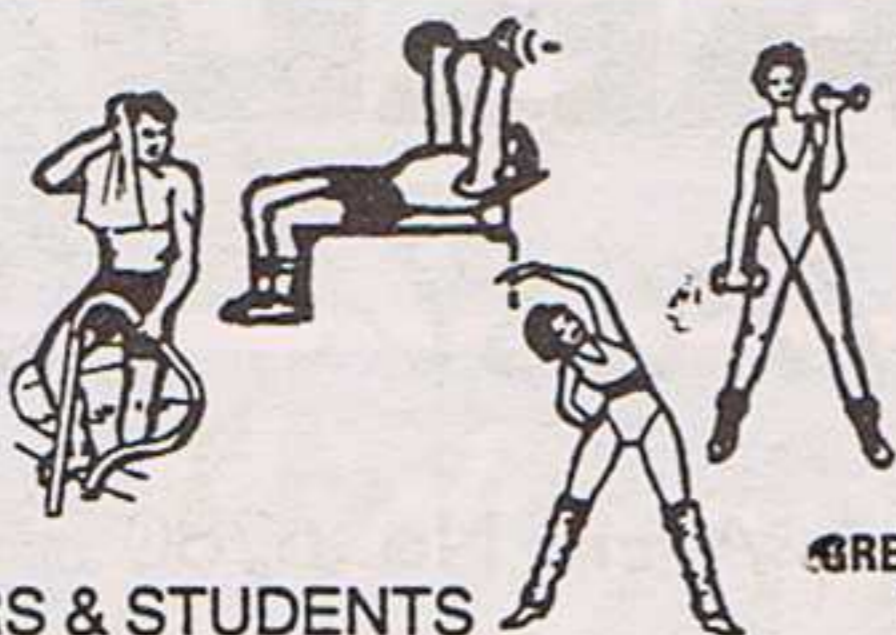
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