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OUR 400th EDITION

WESTSIDE Football
TWO CHAMPS . . . why are Brian Peake and Barry Cable looking friendly and relaxed in the middle of Subiaco Oval? The two 400-game veterans are the focal point in this week's special edition of Westside Football, our 400th publication in this, our 15th year. Cable and Peake are the only West Australians to play 400 games of senior football and this week's edition talks to the pair about their football lives . . . plus we unearth some memory-making photographs, both from their scrapbook and Westside's files



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Give Legacy a hand

LEGACY and football have long worked together and it's time to help that long-serving charity organisation once again.

Legacy Badge day is Friday, April 23, as part of Legacy's annual Torch Appeal, aimed at raising funds to meet the annual expenditure of some \$400,000.

Legacy was established in 1923 by returned servicemen as a voluntary organisation dedicated to the care and assistance of the widows and children of servicemen who died in action, or as a result of wars.

Veteran comeback

VICTORIA's most senior field umpire Rohan Sawers is making a comeback at the age of 37.

He initially retired after the 1991 season, with 305 senior games behind him.

An off-season water skiing accident hampered his comeback, but he is now back in full training and should return to the senior AFL panel.

Royal under review

STYLISH young East Perth rookie Michael Prior has turned down a healthy financial Essendon temptation with his decision to stay with the Royals for another year.

But he won't be far away from searching Essendon eyes, judging on the presence in the stand at East Fremantle Oval recently of Bombers recruiting man Noel Judkins and his WA connection, Colin Hebbard.

Despite being rated highly by Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy, Prior resisted the friendly persuasion to move to Windy Hill and agreed to stick to his earlier commitment to give East Perth another season.

He played all 24 games with East Perth in his debut season last year, showing his maturity with some excellent football in the finals series.

"I realise that it was an expensive decision and I'm missing out financially," he says. "But the money side doesn't worry me. I just don't want to go over to Melbourne too early."

"Another year in WA will do me good," he added.



TALENT SEARCH ... Essendon's recruiting officer Noel Judkins (left) and his WA man, Colin Hebbard watch the football action, with their prized signing, East Perth's Michael Prior, in the centre

Delighted readers



THERE are at least two absolutely delighted readers of Westside Football out there in the suburbs ... as this photograph proves.

Cloverdale footy fan, Mrs Jo Doolan, was the winner of last year's Qantas trip to Bali and with husband Barry, she certainly enjoyed the stay at the Troppo Zone.

They are pictured above at their hotel ... and that's Jo-enjoying the pool.

Her letter of thanks went as follows:

"Thanks to Westside for our most enjoyable and relaxing trip to Bali.

"My husband and I had a great trip and the Qantas airline staff and crew were simply terrific.

"I am writing a letter of thanks to Motive Travel also, as it was just simply a wonderful holiday."

Thanks Jo, we love you too!



Magpie investigation

THE AFL's salary cap investigator, finance man Ralph Lane, will certainly be paying Collingwood a visit shortly.

He's the probing man who checks out whether clubs can afford to go over the salary cap and he's already been responsible for a couple of fines for breaches of the rules.

With former Sydney Swans star rover Barry Mitchell asking for \$1-million for the next five years — including a \$150,000 payment within seven days of being drafted — the Magpies are sure to be squeezing everything out of their salary cap.

Interstate spotlight

THIS year's new-look interstate fixtures will see the final played in true cricket style — a day night match at the MCG.

The final is scheduled for the vacant weekend of AFL games on Saturday, June 5, starting at 4.30pm and finishing around 7pm with the lights on.

The game will be played between the winner of the Victoria versus NSW/ACT clash on June 1 and the WA-SA battle on June 2.

Second team looming

THE push for a second AFL team out of Perth is a strong possibility for next year — especially with Malcolm Brown now shoving from the other side of Australia!

The former South Fremantle coach is now based with Richmond (temporarily, one suspects) and says that 1994 is an ideal time for a new club out of Fremantle — but urges some immediate action.

Two consortiums are gathering momentum to launch the Fremantle side for next year and Brown, who was once strongly linked with the move, says it won't be long before a Melbourne club is forced to relinquish its playing viability — and maybe that could lead to a licence becoming available.

Big boots put away

RETIRED South Fremantle big man Craig Edwards was the recipient of a message last weekend from the man who probably talked him into the decision.

Former Souths coach Mal Brown, speaking to 6PR's Gary Carvolth from Melbourne, said he hoped Edwards stayed in football somewhere along the line.

"I've got a lot of feeling for Craig and it's always sorry to see players like that retire," said Brown. "But he has obviously had an enjoyable career and he's a very good club man."

Brown coached Edwards on his South Fremantle debut back in 1984 — having enticed him away from East Perth after 73 games with the Royals. The big man went on to win the 1989 Sandover Medal and after 163 games with the Bulldogs, he has now hung up his big boots.

His curtain-call was the losing grand final effort against East Fremantle last season and while he went through the rigours of summer training, a couple of practice match hit-outs influenced Edwards that it was time to become a family man spectator after 14 non-stop years of football action.

Mets ready to reunite

THE now-defunct Metropolitan Sunday Football League club are searching old cupboards to revive some skeletons from the past.

The club is holding a players and officials reunion at the Burswood lobby bar, from 4pm onwards on Friday, April 2.

The club, which folded in 1978, produced a host of players for other levels and those interested in attending the function should call Pat Richards on 276 5597.

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We've come a long way

THE magical 400-game target is something that will probably never be achieved again, what with the increasing physical demands on today's footballers.

Just six players have achieved the target in more than 100 years of Australian Rules action across the nation — Michael Tuck (405) and Kevin Bartlett (403) in Victoria; Peter Carey (467) and Russell Ebert (421) in South Australia and Barry Cable (405) and Brian Peake (402) in Western Australia.

There have been many other great champions in all three footballing States; players whose performances have been legendary and whose achievements and sheer skills might match that elite half-dozen.

But the record book shows that they are the only men who have notched more than 400 officially-recognised senior league games with their clubs, plus State appearances.

And footballers are not the only people in the game to cherish such milestones.

OUR ACHIEVEMENT

This is Westside Football's 400th edition and that, in itself, is a feat we are very proud of.

I would like to acknowledge the achievement of Westside Football in reaching the 400 editions in 15 years milestone. Westside Football has made a unique and highly valuable contribution to the sport at all levels in WA. I congratulate and thank Alan East and his staff on their dedication and the hard work they have put in over such a long period of time. Football is the beneficiary — Peter Tannock Chairman WA Football Commission.

It was back in April, 1979 when Westside was launched, missing the start of the season by some four weeks,

due to inexperience at putting such an ambitious project together.

But Perth's first major weekly football newspaper celebrated its debut on the streets of Perth and in newsagents right around the State with a 16-page edition.

The fledgling paper was a private production, launched by sporting journalist Alan East and football buff Peter Poat, the proprietor of Morley printing firm, Action Press, where the novice news was put together.

The newspaper survived some tough times initially, with advertisers, readers, officials and players all treating the new kid on the park with caution.

But, as the games rolled by, Westside survived and while the mid-1980s were a low spot, with football in general taking a dive, the paper hung on in there.

UPSURGE

Some healthy recent years, with the advent of the West Coast Eagles and the upsurge in football interest generally, has helped the paper flourish to where it's a regular 28 or 32-page publication, going as big as 52 pages for its end-of-season special.

Four colour photographs have been introduced and, for the last two years, new ground has been broken with fortnightly summer editions.

Like any long-serving footballer, Westside has had its highs and lows.

There have been times when we have scooped the pool with awards, producing some of the best stories and photographs in the game. There have been times, also, when we've kicked in the wrong direction, published articles or revealed facts that didn't always please those concerned.

Westside makes no apology for those times; throughout each of our 400 editions, the paper has always aimed at producing interesting and informative articles about football — seeking to be a paper of record and striving to keep track of the game's tradition and history.

Westside's proudest claim is that no

other media covers the game as extensively as we do.

If it's AFL or WAFL, seniors or juniors, metropolitan kids or country leagues, amateurs or professionals, school football or veterans... Westside covers it all.

As a newspaper of record, we have received countless acknowledgements for our facts and figures and even today, Westside is regarded with more authority when it comes to historical matters than any of our rivals are.

In fact, the number of inquiries of a historical matter that are referred to Westside Football from the offices of the WA Football Commission or the eight WAFL clubs can sometimes be overwhelming.

However, that's our role — and with 400 editions to our credit, we feel it's time to pat ourselves on the back.

On the achievement of our 300th edition back in 1990, Westside inaugurated a 300-game medallion, a special award presented to West Australian footballers who had reached that historic mark.

Those 15 were Graham Moss, Bill Dempsey, Brian Peake, Barry Cable, Graham Farmer, Mel Whinnen, Steven Curtis, Jack Sheedy, Peter Featherby, Graham Melrose, Bill Walker, Bryan Cousins, Ron Alexander, Tom Grjusich and Bob Beecroft.

Since then former West Perth and Glenelg player Ross Gibbs has gone on to join the 300 Club.

But of those 16, only two kicked on to the next century — Cable had already achieved that honour back in 1979, with his 23 State games included and then Peake joined him in 1990.

To mark Westside's special milestone, current editor and publisher Alan East sat down with those two greats and reminisced over four decades of football.

The feature article starts on page 10 and this special tribute to Cable and Peake — two outstanding West Australian sporting examples — sums up what football is all about... tradition and triumph.



FLASHBACK... the front page of our first edition in 1979 — the two masked men were Swan Districts pair Ron Boucher, recovering from a depressed cheekbone and Simon Beasley, seeking to protect a broken nose

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New sponsors on the team

THREE new sponsors have been added to the impressive line-up of clubs that support the West Coast Eagles off the field.

Tip Top Bakeries, Lords Health Centre and Watsonia foods are the three additional sponsors who make up the field of 24 companies chipping in around \$2-million to help the Eagles chase another premiership.

Once again, the club's highly-visible major sponsors will be the SGIO and Hungry Jack's, with long-serving elite sponsors, Town and Country Bank and Emu Export playing their important back-up role.

The rest of the team for 1993 is made up by: — Ampol, Australian Airlines, Australia Post, Burswood Resort Casino, Houghton Wines, Jeans West, Medibank Private, Mitre 10, 96FM, Nissan, Pepsi, Peters, Puma, Qantas, Quit, The West Australian and TVW7.

The annual sponsors launch gathering at the Burswood was told that the operating costs of the Eagles in 1993 would be around \$6-million.



ABOVE: TOP FOUR...Eagle chairman Terry O'Connor (left) with sponsors Stephen Lott (Tip Top), Brad Stark (Houghton Wines), Richard Wilson (Nissan) and John Costello (Nissan)

RIGHT: OUR CUP...Eagles sponsors who enjoyed last year's AFL premiership were (from left) Mark Kevin (Ampol), Lynette Tri-vett (Lords), Ed Posey (Burswood), Ross Benzie (Ampol) and Brian Cook, general manager of the club



Eagles stay with leaders

THE West Coast Eagles have confirmed the club's stability by re-appointing their three on-field leaders in John Worsfold, Michael Brennan and Chris Mainwaring for a second successive year.

The trio were all members of last year's history-making AFL premiership side and they have been retained in the roles of captain, vice-captain and deputy vice-captain respectively.

The 24-year-old Worsfold goes into his third year as skipper of the Eagles, again setting a high standard for on and off-field performances.

The former South Fremantle star has now played 118 games with the Eagles and his ferocious approach to his football, plus his courageous leadership, makes him one of the outstanding captains in the AFL.

DISCIPLINED

Brennan (27) is in his third year as vice-captain and continues to set a standard for disciplined football in defence. Unobtrusive, but highly-efficient he is the ideal back-up for Worsfold.

This is the second year as third-in-charge for the flamboyant Mainwaring (27), who is among the most enthusiastic of the Eagles players, both on the battleground and at training.

"It's an honour to retain the captaincy and have the same two guys backing me up again," says Worsfold.

"Monkey is a tremendous example on the field, where his football is always so efficient and he just works so

hard, while Mainy is not only an exciting player, but he's just such a good talker, particularly at training."

Worsfold sees his role of captain as being more than just the player who tosses the coin and picks an end to kick to.

He always strives to set the example, on and off the field and he has often been called on by coach Mick Malthouse to handle media interviews on behalf of the team — a task that Worsfold handles with a touch of class.

"I'm also seen as the link man between the players and the match committee," says Worsfold.

"Players feel more comfortable coming to me with a problem or a query, rather than fronting the match committee, so I'm often used as the go-between."



TOP TRIO...back again as the three on-field leaders for the Eagles are Chris Mainwaring, John Worsfold and Michael Brennan

Happy birthday, Jako

THE undoubted skill of Glen Jakovich makes him one of the most exciting players in the AFL competition.

The powerfully-built Jakovich leaves teenage ranks next Wednesday when he celebrates his 20th birthday and his early-season form indicates that he's set for another excellent year.

Jakovich opened Saturday's game against Essendon at centre-half-forward, but finished in defence. His 10 strong marks in difficult conditions were outstanding and his ability to give himself time to deliver the ball is amazing for such a big man.

Dilemma over the big men

WEST Coast coach Mick Malthouse must be in a dilemma in his search for a No. 1 ruckman.

The innovative coach believes that the day of the old-time ruckman has gone; where teams had one — and often two — big 6ft 6in (198cm) ruckmen who could win the centre bounce-downs, is a thing of the past.

Today's AFL ruckmen are mobile, agile big men who can run, jump, leap and play like ruck-rovers.

Malthouse is keen to see Dean Irving return to form after being the No. 1 big man in the Eagles 1991 campaign, but falling by the wayside last year, especially with the return to WA of Paul Harding.

Malthouse is a known fan of Harding's style of play because he not only works as a ruckman, but a key position man as well.

"Irving is coming to grips with having to play up on his man a lot more," said Malthouse after the early-season hit-out against the Crows.

Turley back in style

THE continued return to form of Craig Turley is one of the bright spots in the West Coast build-up to the 1993 season.

The 1991 club champion has overcome a serious back operation during summer and his 25 possessions — including an effective seven handballs — against Essendon show that his ball-getting capacity is returning.

Despite the losing effort by West Coast, Turley worked hardest in the last quarter and his ability to get through the full game pleased club officials.

Like all the players, he was disappointed at the loss, but saw some good points in the game.

"We are going to discover just how much the other clubs will use us as their benchmark for this season," he said on his return to Perth. "But a game like that helps us learn where our weaknesses are and we'll work on that."

Worsfold cops one of his own

YOU have to admire the strength and courage of Eagles leader John Worsfold.

When he copped a fairly-delivered shirt-front from Essendon's Mark Harvey, he bounced straight back up, determined not to let anyone see him falter.

The bump was a beauty — similar to many that Woosha has delivered himself — but his bounce-back was more of a reflex action. As he tried to come right to his feet, the bump took its toll and he had to steady to regain his poise.

But the tough-as-nails skipper still managed to take his kick after marking the ball and with the help of a 50-metre penalty, he brought up an Eagles goal.

Eagles brace themselves for assaults

IT'S early days yet, but the West Coasters are obviously ready for the extra attention that will come from opposing teams this season as the rest of the AFL competition tries to knock the Eagles from their perch as reigning premiers.

When teams earn a premiership they naturally become the targets for other clubs, but Eagles coach Mick Malthouse believes his players are prepared for whatever is thrown at them this season.

"The players aren't silly, they know what is to come," says Malthouse.

"Opposition clubs will judge themselves on us this year.

"They will test their players against ours to determine at what they standard the individuals are at."

UNDERSTANDING

Malthouse says that victories by opposition sides such as the Adelaide Crows in Kalgoorlie and Essendon would give them a better understanding of what they have to do.

While the Eagles are totally inexperienced as defending champions, the situation is not new to Malthouse.

The 38-year-old played in Richmond's 1980 premiership victory and realised the attitude of other teams towards the Tigers in the following years.

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Karl's boast puts him on the hit list

THERE is an old saying that goes something like, "speak softly, but carry a big stick".

That is a piece of wisdom controversial Eagle Karl Langdon might have benefitted from recently.

Instead, Langdon has bared his soul in a recent article headed, "Who Wants to Kill Karl Langdon" in a national sports magazine.

With pictures of Langdon giving the world the finger and puffing out his chest standing on the grand final dais, the article spells out the football philosophy, according to Karl.

It is uncomplicated stuff.

"The way I play, I set out to confuse the other players, get them really riled. You know, you talk shit at them for a bit, you tread on their toes, you give them camel bites, grab a handful of their skin as they run off — you just get on their nerves," Langdon said in the March edition of Inside Sport.

NO HOLDS BARRED

He has grown tired of letting his actions speak louder than words.

Can anyone imagine Eagles coach Mick Malthouse making a public statement during his playing days about his tactics as a no-holds-barred back-pocket player.

When Malthouse was with Richmond and St Kilda, he had a reputation for being an unforgiving opponent.

He probably could teach Langdon a few tricks, but can you imagine Malthouse publicly bragging about being able to get up other players' noses?

TROUBLEMAKERS

Malthouse admires Langdon's abilities because the blond-haired forward has been an integral part of the Eagles team during his reign, but it is hard to believe he would be thrilled with comments from Langdon describing himself and team-mates Chris Lewis and John Worsfold as "the troublemakers".

You can be sure of two things resulting from Langdon's admissions in the Inside Sport article.

By the time the AFL season gets underway, just about every other player in the league will have read the story ... and so will the umpires.

Langdon was never on the receiving end of too many charity kicks from the men in white.

Now that he has admitted to off-the-ball scragging, how will he fare?

And you can bet the other players will be looking for Langdon even more than usual this season.

Essendon's Mark Harvey seemed unperturbed by Langdon's upsetting tactics in the Foster's Cup semi-final last week.

There is another danger.

OVER-REACTION

Langdon could start believing his own press and play up to the tough guy role.

There was some evidence of that in the Essendon match when he over-reacted in a harmless exchange with Darren Bewick.

Langdon has had his detractors since joining the Eagles, but he has been of

By

STEVE MARTIN

value in the absence of a class centre-half-forward.

He provides a contest and works hard to keep the ball trapped in the Eagles forward line.

His aggressive behaviour in attack has distracted his opponents at times, as did the antics of former full-forward and clown prince Mark Jackson, who Langdon admires as much for his self-promoting ability off the field as on, according to the article.

Let's hope Langdon does not become a sideshow attraction, as happened to Jackson and that he concentrates on the main game.

Actions always speak louder than words.

Polly medals in showcase

A NUMBER OF football treasures have found their way into the Museum of WA Sport at the Superdrome in recent weeks.

Museum historian Alan Newman reports that former ruck megastar Graham Farmer traced down a box of memorabilia that was mislaid when he and wife Marlene moved to South Perth to manage the Southway Auto Lodge.

The items the Farmers have loaned to the museum include Polly's two Sandover Medals (1956 and 1960), a Tassie Medal (fairest and best at the 1956 Australian carnival), four Simpson, a Breckler (West Perth fairest and best), two Carji Greeves Medals (Geelong fairest and best) and four medallions to mark his selection in Sporting Globe teams of the year in the 1960s.

For good measure, the Farmers threw in the MBE awarded to Polly in 1971, when he became the first WA footballer to be honoured by the Queen for his services to football and the gold medallion commemorating his induction into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in Melbourne in 1985. There was also his All-Australian blazer from the 1956 carnival.

George Hall telephoned museum curator Su Ferreira to say he had read the museum special in Westside Football with great interest and promised to donate a football autographed by the players of both teams that was kicked into the crowd at Subiaco Oval before the first State-of-Origin match between WA and Victoria in 1977.

Just in case you can't remember that far back, it was the historic day when WA, coached by Farmer and skippered by Barry Cable, gave the Big V their biggest hiding — 23.19 to 8.9, a margin of 94 points.



NO DUMMY ... Eagles firebrand Karl Langdon delights in stirring up the opposition — even in last year's grand final parade

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PRESENTS ...

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

Men of the match



Craig Turley

FEW sights are more enjoyable for West Coast fans than brilliant midfielder Craig Turley in full cry.

The 1991 Brownlow Medal runner-up struggled with a back injury last season and had surgery over summer to correct the problem.

The operation was a success and last season's premiers are reaping the benefits.

In the Foster's Cup semi-final loss to Essendon on Saturday night, Turley collected 18 kicks and seven handballs to be his side's best player.

His excellent performance against the Bombers followed a solid first-up showing against Melbourne the previous weekend.



Peter Matera

PETER Matera's freak goal in the third quarter was not enough to spark the Eagles to victory.

In yet another reminder of his exceptional ability, Matera gathered the ball on the boundary and dodged two tackles before snapping a banana-kick major from a seemingly impossible position.

Matera collected 23 possessions on his wing, having the better of his tussle with promising Bombers youngster Paul Hills to be in the Eagles best.

Hills still managed 18 possessions, but like Melbourne's Jason Norrish, found the slick ball-handling of Matera too good.



John Worsfold

IF ANY football follower doubted John Worsfold's courage, last Saturday's match against Essendon would have dispelled those thoughts.

In the first quarter, the Eagles captain followed the flight of a ball and took a mark before clashing heavily with Essendon's Mark Harvey.

The bump shook the rugged Worsfold, but he refused to let it slow him down.

In typical Worsfold style, he ignored the pain and provided his side with a steady influence in defence.

Worsfold's excellent performance, which netted him nine kicks and 10 effective handballs.

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Those wanting to try something completely different can sample prime lamb from Western Australia. Don't worry that they may look a bit fresh; this is a proved pasture of tasty morsels.

This is what the AFL draft has become. Trading in football flesh. The worrying aspect is that clubs are prepared to overstock their larders knowing that they may never want to use, let alone sample, some of the stock they put into it.

No wonder the AFL Players' Association is becoming militant. Players don't seem to have any rights left.

DISENCHANTED PLAYERS

It's all right for some. Those talented young players who can't wait to play AFL football or players of the ability of Mitchell, who become disenchanted with their clubs and can put a top price on their skills.

But for most, it's a case of liking it or lumping it.

Former Claremont player John Hutton is an example.

Hutton experienced the euphoria of being No. 1 draft choice one year and having to up stumps and head for his third State in as many years.

Osborne is another. Like others he has had to be prepared to go to another State to play football.

It is about time the draft was rationalised. It is about time players had more control over their futures.

It is understandable that some young players in WA can hardly wait to get an offer from an AFL club. After all, it is the pinnacle of Aussie Rules football. But how many of those players don't make the grade . . . and probably never were destined to?

FORMIDABLE CHALLENGE

When the WAFL was a formidable competition many young players came from the country to the city to try their luck. If they didn't make it pre-season, not a great deal was lost because they usually travelled to training or knew they would know in a relatively short time whether they would make it.

The much-sought-after players then could expect a good deal from the club, not only in what they were paid, but also with a job and accommodation.

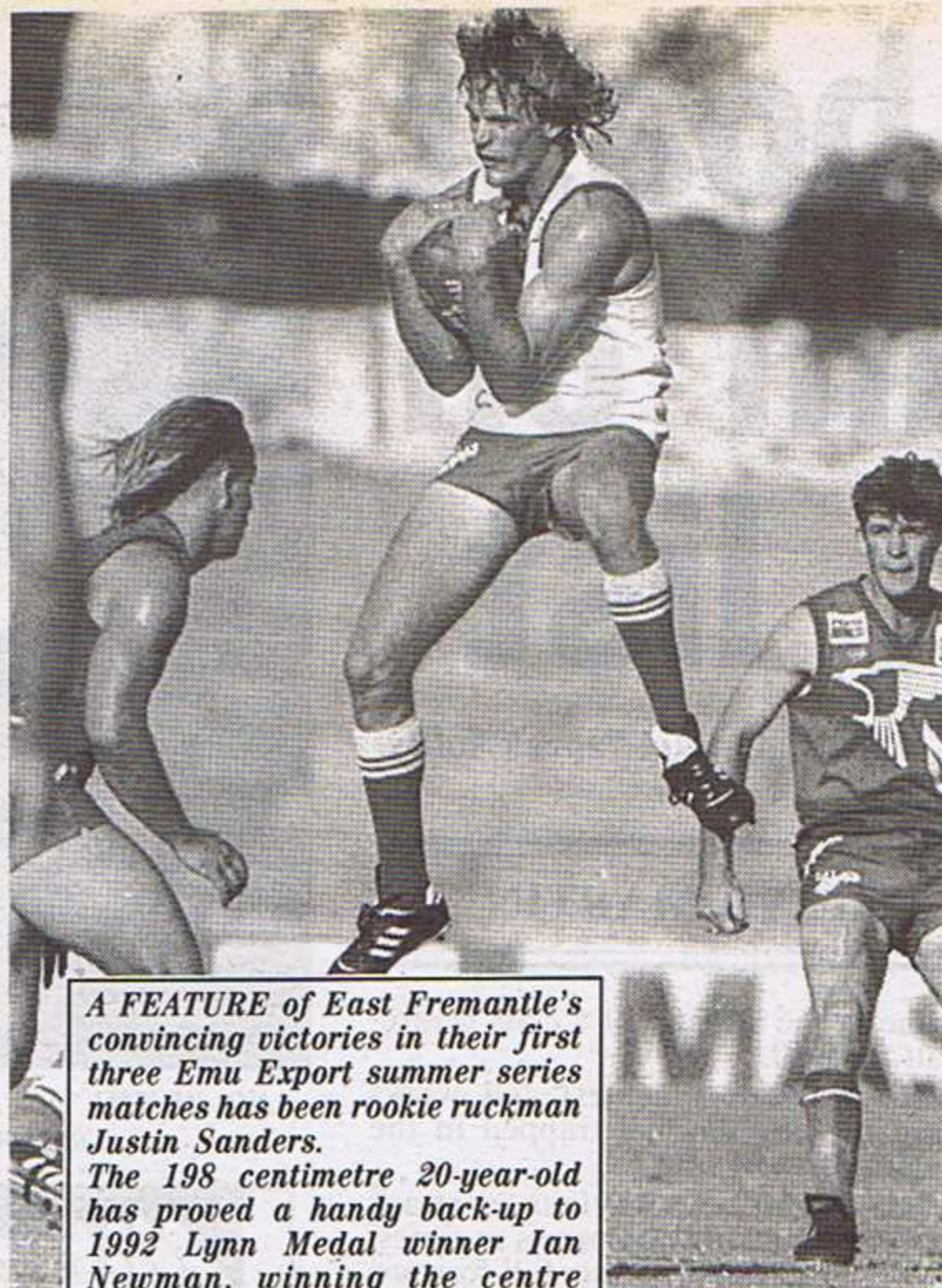
The same used to apply with the VFL. If a VFL club wanted a player from WA it had to make it worth his while to change. But with the draft they can pluck a player from anywhere without any real responsibility.

It's understandable that a young player, having been picked in the draft wants to try his luck in the major league. But to do so these days he usually has to toss in whatever he has in his State and move without any worthwhile guarantee.

A true draft, with a salary cap, is the right way to go to recruit players. Otherwise the rich and powerful clubs would be able to buy premierships and ensure they stayed at the top.

There needs to be sanity in the draft. There should be only one a year and that should be restricted in numbers. In the November and March drafts, more than 200 players have changed hands . . . a ridiculous number.

The March draft is being used to pick up extra players, particularly young ones. But it should be to sort out disgruntled players and those the clubs don't want. Until that happens the draft will be nothing but a meat market.



A FEATURE of East Fremantle's convincing victories in their first three Emu Export summer series matches has been rookie ruckman Justin Sanders.

The 198 centimetre 20-year-old has proved a handy back-up to 1992 Lynn Medal winner Ian Newman, winning the centre bouncings and dominating around the ground.

Stats AND Facts

with Richard Camm



Bombers hold their hoodoo

ESSENDON continued their night series dominance over the West Coast Eagles in Saturday night's semi-final of the Foster's Cup.

The Bombers have beaten the Eagles in each of the four night series clashes between the two clubs.

Essendon's dominance over the Eagles is an extension of the home-and-away performances of both clubs.

The Bombers seven wins from 11 home-and-away matches against the Eagles gives them 11 victories in 15 matches.

The only other club to win more than half their matches against the Eagles is North Melbourne.

The Kangaroos have won their only night series encounter with the Eagles and five of the nine home-and-away matches between the two clubs.

ESSENDON'S win against the Eagles earned them a place in their fifth night series grand final in 10 years.

The Bombers won the night competition in 1984 and 1990. They lost to Hawthorn in the night grand final in 1985 and to Melbourne in 1987.

Hawthorn are the only other club to play in more than two night series grand finals, since 1983. The Hawks have won all five night series grand finals they have contested in the past 10 years — 1985-86-88-91-92.

Richmond will play in their second night series grand final in 10 years — matching the performances of Carlton, Geelong, Mel-

bourne and North Melbourne.

THE format of the night series gives the team winning a grand final berth through the first semi-final a longer break than the side coming from the second semi-final.

This year, for example, Richmond have three more days than Essendon to prepare for Saturday night's grand final.

History suggests that the longer break is an advantage. Nine of the past 10 night series grand finals have been won by the team which won the first semi-final.

The only team in the past 10 years to win the night series from the second semi-final is Hawthorn, who beat Geelong by three points in 1988.

THE West Coast Eagles will be hoping that their third appearance in the semi-finals of the night series is not an omen for the 1993 home-and-away season.

In the previous two years when they made the semis — 1987 and 1989 — the Eagles failed to reach the finals of the home-and-away season.

The Eagles have reached the finals of the regular season in every other year since they entered the competition.

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WELL, Essendon certainly dumped us out of the Foster's Cup series — but that loss can be turned into a positive for the Eagles.

We can only learn from the loss and we'll be ready for the Bombers when they come to Perth for the opening game of the AFL season in a fortnight.

Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy certainly has got his youngsters firing; it's good to see him giving a lot of new guys a go and, at the same time, he's settling the side down pretty well with a few older blokes still getting a game.

The Eagles and Essendon have had some pretty good games over the years, going right back to our first clash at Windy Hill, which I can remember watching on TV, losing by a couple of points. I played in that big thrashing a few years later, but I think we've well and truly erased that defeat.

I guess it's pretty even par with us and the Bombers now, especially after they dumped us last week. That means we'll be out to even the score when they come over here.

THERE was a pretty good atmosphere at Waverley on Saturday night — even thought about 12,000 of the 13,000 fans there were Essendon's!

We were certainly a bit disappointing, as we had really revved ourselves up for the game; we were keen to win and make our first Foster's Cup final, but things fell apart a bit after quarter time.

We just seemed to be a little lethargic and Essendon did a good job of bottling us up across our half-forward line. It got a little bit cold down where I was!

THE way things kicked off last Saturday night, I thought I might be in for a big game.

With five shots for goal in the first 15 minutes or so and to finish the quarter with 3.2 left me pretty satisfied.

But we were starved for opportunities after that and it was pretty hard to get the football.

The ground became pretty slippery as the dew descended and most players found it hard keeping hold of the ball in the second half.

Most of the Eagles had rubber stops on their boots and I think that caused a few problems. I've got into the habit of always wearing long stops at Waverley, regardless of the conditions and I hope that continues to pay off.

THEY say that there is always something good to come out of something bad — and Saturday's loss at least gives most of us the chance to have this weekend off.

We'll obviously have a pretty tough week on the track, but with no trip to Melbourne planned for the weekend, I'm lucky enough to be heading south to see Tom Jones in action at the Leeuwien Concert.

But then we'll be back into serious action preparing for our opening game on Sunday week. Be there as we tackle the Bombers!

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Knife adds years to AFL careers

WHILE a succession of operations failed to rejuvenate my football career, many Eagles players went under the surgeons knife over the summer in bids to preserve or enhance their AFL careers.

Senior players Peter Wilson, Andrew Lockyer, Chris Lewis, Chris Mainwaring and Craig Turley all had successful surgery in the off-season.

Turley had surgery on his troublesome back and he already appears back to the form that nearly won him the Brownlow Medal in 1991.

Let's hope he plays as many games as possible before he next feels the prick of the pre-operation pethadine injection, the drug-induced euphoria that follows and the cold chill of the general anaesthetic.

After stumps, hit the beach

WHAT do league footballers do after their WAFL-AFL careers?

Some play amateur or country football, others coach, some join the media and others devote their new-found abundance of free time to their families and their jobs.

For a select few past players, their Sunday mornings are spent in the increasingly popular game of beach cricket.

The Floreat Aquatic Recreational Cricket Club (FARCC) was founded in 1984 and its members include Neil Randall, Mark Watson, Tony Hogan, Phil Seal, Des Hindson, Larry Kickett, John Hall, Wayne Williams, Stephen Irons and yours truly.

Being an exclusive club, membership is limited and prospective players are scrutinised and subjected to many tests before being admitted.

Lockyer in line


EAST Fremantle's form in the Emu Export summer series indicates that they again will be worthy WAFL premiership contenders.

One player Ken Judge will not have at his disposal for too much longer is Andrew Lockyer.

With the Eagles struggling to kick goals, Lockyer could be the answer at centre half-forward.

He has put in his hardest summer I can remember and is much stronger and fitter than he was last year.

His strong marking and long kicking for goal would enable Eagles coach Mick Malthouse to leave Jakovich in his customary centre half-back position where he can continue to shut down the league's most damaging forwards.



Keene Observer

Laurie Keene looks at the footy scene

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The Eagles runners bomb out in semi

ESSENDON'S dominance over the Eagles continued in the Foster's Cup semi-final last Saturday night, when the Bombers shut down our running game to win by 20 points.

Gavin Wanganeen (19) shows great maturity for his age. He resembles our own Guy McKenna of a few seasons ago, when his confident style of play belied his youth.

Tony Godden looked promising in his first game for the Eagles and his Subiaco team-mate, Matt Connell, seems certain to make his AFL debut early this season.

The form of several players and the increasing list of injuries must be of concern to the selectors, but two Eagles who are not suffering from premiership hangovers are Peter Matera and Glen Jakovich.

Roo's deft touch and lightning speed around the ground — and his banana kick goal in the third quarter — show that he could become the Eagles first Brownlow Medallist.

Jacko's good form indicates he is of similar value to his team as Geelong's key player Barry Stoneham.

We continually see these two pinch-hitting at both centre half-forward and centre half-back as well as in the ruck — signs of great players.



Melbourne Calling

BEN ALLAN, a premiership player with Claremont and Hawthorn, writes from Melbourne exclusively for Westside Football.

STARS ON THE MOVE

THE pre-season has been a busy time for football managers and recruiting staff at every AFL club.

This is the time for player swaps between clubs and the important March draft, with clubs on the lookout for players who will enhance their teams' performances.

Supporters would be forgiven for being confused as to who their teams have picked up in deals with rival clubs because player turnover has been high.

It seems timely to summarise the main player changes over the summer and to discuss the implications for the clubs involved.

The Brisbane Bears will be competitive this season with the arrivals of creative midfielder and renowned goalsneak Paul Spargo and former West Coast Eagle Paul Peos, who looked very fit in the practice match against Hawthorn last week. Both are experienced players.

Chris Wittman and Dean Anderson,

premier players at Hawthorn, will join the running division at St Kilda, which already contains Robert Harvey and Nicky Winmar, to form a dangerous outfit.

John McCarthy, one of the most gifted players in the AFL, has joined Fitzroy from North Melbourne.

Letting a player of McCarthy's potential go is always dangerous because he is capable of anything on his day. Unfortunately, North believed that his days too often were too far apart, but it would not surprise to see him kick more than 50 goals for his new team.

McCarthy was swapped for Fitzroy's John Blakey, who not only has played more than 100 games for the Lions, but also is regarded as a consistent player.

Hawthorn were delighted to pick up Darren Baxter, Footscray's top kicker last year and Tim Allen, a lively forward from St Kilda. The pair have fitted in very well since their arrivals and both will push for regular senior positions.

SWANS SPEARHEAD

The March draft this week also has caused the transfers to other clubs of high-profile players.

Richard Osborne, who kicked 58 goals for Fitzroy in 1992, will spearhead the Sydney Swans attack, forming a potent forward line with former Bear and the No.1 pick in the November 1991 draft, John Hutton.

Collingwood's small man fleet will be boosted by Barry Mitchell, perhaps the AFL's highest-paid player.

Essendon have picked up Ben Doolan, who left Sydney after only 25 games. He will join former great Tim Watson, who is making a comeback with the Bombers after a distinguished career.

With the pre-draft deals and player transfers finalised, supporters can sit back with the knowledge that player lists are complete.

Reflections from an Eagle



JOHN WORSFOLD

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

THERE is little doubt that John Worsfold is a born leader.

When he made his debut in 1987 at age 18, Worsfold impressed immediately with his straight ahead approach and fiercely competitive nature against players several years his senior.

Worsfold, who admits he has white line fever, was given his first taste of captaincy in the Eagles 1990 finals campaign.

The selectors made the difficult decision to leave skipper Steve Malaxos out of the qualifying final replay against Collingwood.

Worsfold was given the task of captaining the side and he handled it like a seasoned campaigner.

He has maintained the role and last year he experienced the ultimate — leading the Eagles to victory over Geelong in the grand final.

"That certainly is a highlight of my career," says Worsfold.

"No matter what happens, it can't be taken away from me.

"It is something that I can reflect on when my career is over, but we are still playing and there is still plenty of hard work to do."

And Worsfold, who is shining in the Eagles pre-season matches after a successful operation on his troublesome groin over the summer, had special reason to smile after the Eagles had become the first non-Victorian club to snare a VFL-AFL premiership.

He had the honour of holding aloft the premiership cup with coach Mick Malthouse.

"To get up there and hold the cup is something that I will always remember," says Worsfold.

"The premiership was something that we had aimed at after losing the grand final in 1991.

"It was a culmination of a lot of hard work."

Worsfold, who trails only Dwayne Lamb, Chris Mainwaring and Michael Brennan in the number of games played for the Eagles, won the club's best-and-fairest award in 1988.

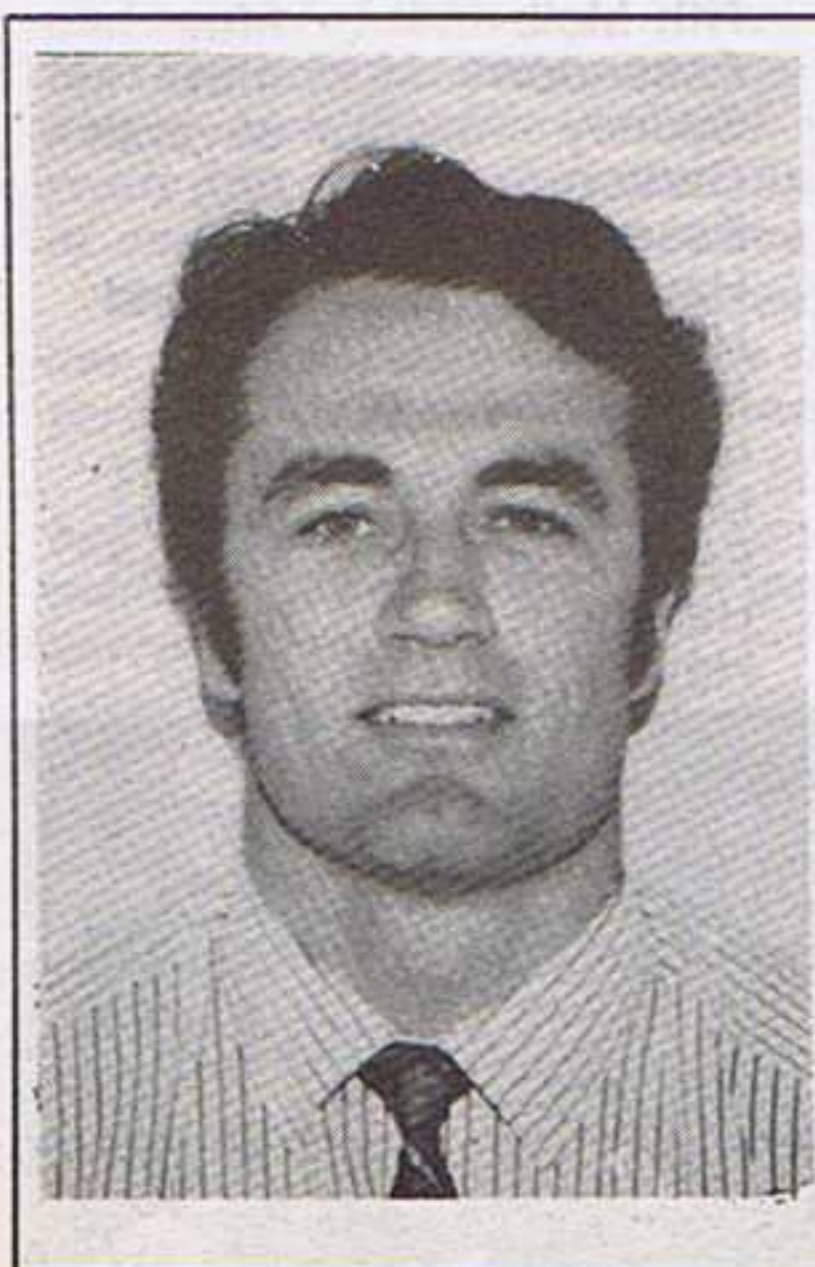
There are huge expectations on the Eagles winning consecutive premierships — a feat considerably more enjoyable than losing the 1991 grand final.

"It was a great season in 1991 with the form we showed early on, but it was disappointing to lose the final," says Worsfold.

"You play football to win grand finals and when we got beaten, it blew all our good work out the window.

"It was a credit to our guys that we put what we learnt in 1991 into the grand final last year.

"The guys worked really hard and it was a deserving win."



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Tigers have plenty of support

NO doubt Richmond will be the sentimental favourites for this Saturday night's Foster's Cup grand final showdown with Essendon at Waverley.

The Tigers, who advanced to the final with a stirring six-point victory over Fitzroy, have failed to win the pre-season competition for than 30 years.

Their form has led to the club receiving hundreds of calls about membership packages.

New Richmond coach John Northey, who has the difficult task of keeping a lid on the long-awaited Tigers revival, has been delighted with his side's performance.

The former Melbourne mentor is looking to post 12 wins in the regular season — a performance that may lift them into the finals for the first time since 1982.

A major factor in Richmond's success has been the form of key forwards Jeff Hogg and Stevan Jackson.

The pair have kicked 13 and 12 goals, respectively, in three matches and loom as important players not only for the night final, but for the home-and-away season.

Richmond running players Matthew Knights, Chris Lambert, Chris Naish and Wayne Campbell showed their class against the Lions with excellent performances.

Fitzroy coach Robert Shaw was disappointed that his side failed to reach the final and get a chance to better their effort last season, when they were beaten by Hawthorn in the play-off.

But he can take heart from the game of Matthew Armstrong, who was a tireless worker in the midfield.

South Fremantle recruits Wayne Hernaman (Richmond) and Michael Dunstan (Fitzroy) have been in good form and both are expected to be regular members of their respective senior sides when the AFL season starts on March 26.



TOUGH LIFE ... footy's a tough game, but former Subiaco and WA leading goalkicker Todd Breman will relish the chance to play in the Foster's Cup grand final this Saturday with Richmond

Eagles wait for day of atonement

AN underdone West Coast Eagles can look forward to Sunday, March 28.

That day the reigning premiers play the first match of the AFL home-and-away season and get their chance to avenge their loss to Essendon in the semi-final of the Foster's Cup.

The win last Saturday was the fourth time the Bombers have prevailed over the Eagles in the night series.

The Eagles started well to lead by two points at quarter-time.

Their chances were buoyed early in the second term when star Essendon big man Paul Salmon left the field with a serious shoulder injury.

But Salmon's loss only inspired the Bombers players as they proved too strong and committed to win by 20 points.

Gavin Wanganeen was in rare touch and experienced defenders Gary O'Donnell and Mark Thompson also were in fine form.

The Eagles were best served by crack wingman Peter Matera and midfielder Craig Turley.

The pair have been in great form during the Foster's Cup campaign, which augurs well for the West Coasters as they try for consecutive premierships.

Captain John Worsfold showed his true colours when he shrugged off a heavy bump from Mark Harvey early in the game to be one of the Eagles better performers.

ESSENDON	5.2	9.4	11.8	12.9	81
EAGLES	5.4	5.4	7.6	9.7	61

GOALS - ESSENDON: Bewick, Long 2, Salmon, Wanganeen, O'Donnell, Ridley, Somerville, Filandia, Alessio, Mercuri. **EAGLES:** Sumich 4, Turley, Langdon, Worsfold, Matera, Clape.

BEST - ESSENDON: Wanganeen, O'Donnell, Thompson, Bewick, Long, C. Daniher. **EAGLES:** Matera, McKenna, Worsfold, Turley, Jakovich, Hedy.

Big man bonus for Bombers

THE form of Essendon big man Stephen Alessio has been a pre-season bonus that the Bombers have been waiting to arrive for several years.

The athletic 199cm youngster virtually walked in off the street a few years ago and asked Essendon to give him a

run and since then he has been nurtured in the club's minor grades.

On the gangly ruckman's form in his past two hit-outs, Alessio, 21, seems set to build on the five league games he played in his debut season.

Renowned Victorian coach of young talent, Ray (Slug)

Jordan, could not believe his luck a few years ago when Alessio was given a try-out in an under-19s practice match.

After rucking strongly all day, Alessio finished up at full-forward, where he took a couple of strong marks to convince Jordan that the Bombers had unearthed a big talent.

Alessio had opted for basketball for many of his teen years, playing football only when studies and his other sporting love allowed.

But after his arrival at Windy Hill, the Bombers kept him under wraps and he seems set to explode.

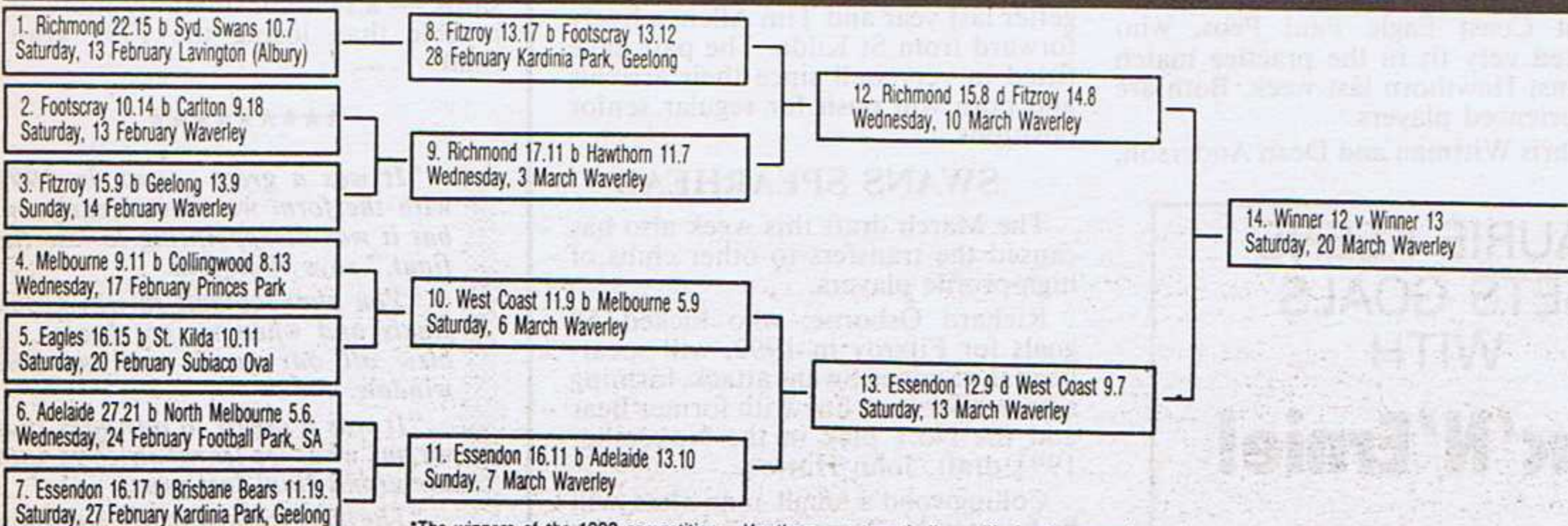
MATCH DETAILS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
RICHMOND	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	98
FITZROY	6.3	8.4	10.8	14.8	92

GOALS - RICHMOND: Hogg 5, Naish, Breman, Knights 2, Jackson, Bower, Menegola, Turner. **FITZROY:** Armstrong, Seecamp, Dunstan, Lynch 2, Roos, Dundas, Wynd, Sartori, Matthews, Stephens.

BEST - RICHMOND: Lambert, Naish, Knights, Hogg, Campbell, Schaefer. **FITZROY:** Armstrong, Baldwin, Matthews, Stephens, Dunstan.

YOUR 1993 FOSTER'S CUP FIXTURES GUIDE



*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



Tigers set to swoop for Northey

THE buzz around Melbourne is that the Richmond Tigers are ready to roar again.

There is no doubt that former Melbourne coach John Northey has instilled new enthusiasm and professionalism in the Richmond camp since swapping coaching colours over summer.

After 117 games and two premierships with Richmond in the 1960s, Northey was like the proverbial prodigal son returning home to Punt Rd.

His seven years at Melbourne and one at Sydney were a mixture of tantalising success and frustrating failure. He was so close, but oh so far away several times with a promising bunch of Melbourne Demons, but his best effort had to be a losing grand final in 1988.

But there are many astute judges in Melbourne who will tell you that Northey did well with the cattle at his disposal.

Now, back at his original home after more than 20 years at six different clubs around the country, Northey seems a contended man.

YOUNG TALENT

He has outstanding young talent in players like Mark Pitura — 20 years after father John was a VFL star — Wayne Campbell, Anthony Banik and Stuart Maxfield, with WA's Wayne Hernaman adding to the youthful exuberance.

It is amazing that WA's most charismatic character, Malcolm Brown, has timed his return to the club where he played just one season (1974) at a time when they look like staging a revival.

The rush on membership tickets after their Foster's Cup semi-final victory over Fitzroy would have produced a typical cheshire cat grin on Brownie's face — and there will be much WA support for the Tigers in this Saturday's Foster's Cup final ... especially with Essendon ousting the West Coast Eagles last week.

Richmond had just 6500 members last season, but indications are that this season they should top 10,000 — just 2000 short of their peak membership in their last grand final year, 1982.

FOOTY AROUND THE NATION

Call-up for 11 hopefuls



SYDNEY BOUND ... former Claremont and WA leading goalkicker John Hutton is headed for the harbour city after being drafted by the Swans

WA pair on recovery trail

TWO former prominent WA players missing from Essendon's winning Foster's Cup side on Saturday night were Derek Kickett and Peter Cransberg.

Both are on their way back from injury and should be ready for the opening of the AFL season — but whether they will make the trip to Perth to clash with the Eagles will depend on their form and fitness.

Kickett has almost recovered from a hamstring strain and Cransberg has been nursing a groin injury over summer.

THE PRAYERS of 11 WA footballers were answered on Monday, when they were snared by AFL clubs in the March draft.

Three former Brisbane Bears players, John Hutton, Mark Zanotti and Brendon Retzlaff and Essendon utility player Brad Fox had their AFL careers revived.

Subiaco teenager Ryan Humphreys, South Fremantle pair Greg Wooton and Ivan Bartul and Claremont trio Brendan Green, Kelvin Holmes and Damon Lukins all received their first call-ups.

Swan Districts ruckman Travis Edmonds was dropped off Hawthorn's list leading up to the draft after he refused to make the trip east.

The Eagles pounced on last season's Swans fairest-and-best award winner with their second pick and 35th overall.

"Travis is in the developing process, but we've watched him with interest over the past couple of seasons," Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett said.

The Eagles used their first choice to take Retzlaff, who was unlucky to be cut from the Bears after playing 15 games in his debut season last year.

"Brendon is a player with AFL experience and is a midfielder, so we were keen to get him," Nisbett said.

"He had a terrific season last year and has started the pre-season competition well with Claremont."

Nisbett said the Eagles chose WA-based players because of the short time an interstate draft choice would have to re-locate before the start of the season.

By DIGBY BEACHAM

The Sydney Swans decision to choose Hutton with their third pick was a surprise.

They had snared Fitzroy full-forward Richard Osborne, who joins one-time Carlton spearhead Simon Minton-Connell in the harbour city.

Zanotti, who had just negotiated a three-year contract with the Bears before being cut to make way for crack South Australian recruit Nathan Buckley, was taken by Fitzroy as the 10th player overall.

Humphreys, who has made only one senior appearance with the Lions and has yet to play in the summer series because of a back injury, was taken 21st in the draft by the Swans.

EMERGING CENTREMAN

Bartul has yet to play a senior game for the Bulldogs, but has shown more than average ability in the pre-season competition.

Melbourne nominated his services, taking him 25th in the draft.

Emerging centreman Holmes, who won the Tigers best first-year player award last season after 14 games, was selected 67th by Carlton.

Geelong and St Kilda sprung surprises when they drafted Lukins and Wooton as the 77th and 79th choices, respectively.

Essendon de-listed Fox before the draft, but reclaimed him as the 42nd pick overall.

Jezza helps out at Coburg

ONE of football's greatest players is facing another big challenge with a new coaching appointment in the Victorian Football Association.

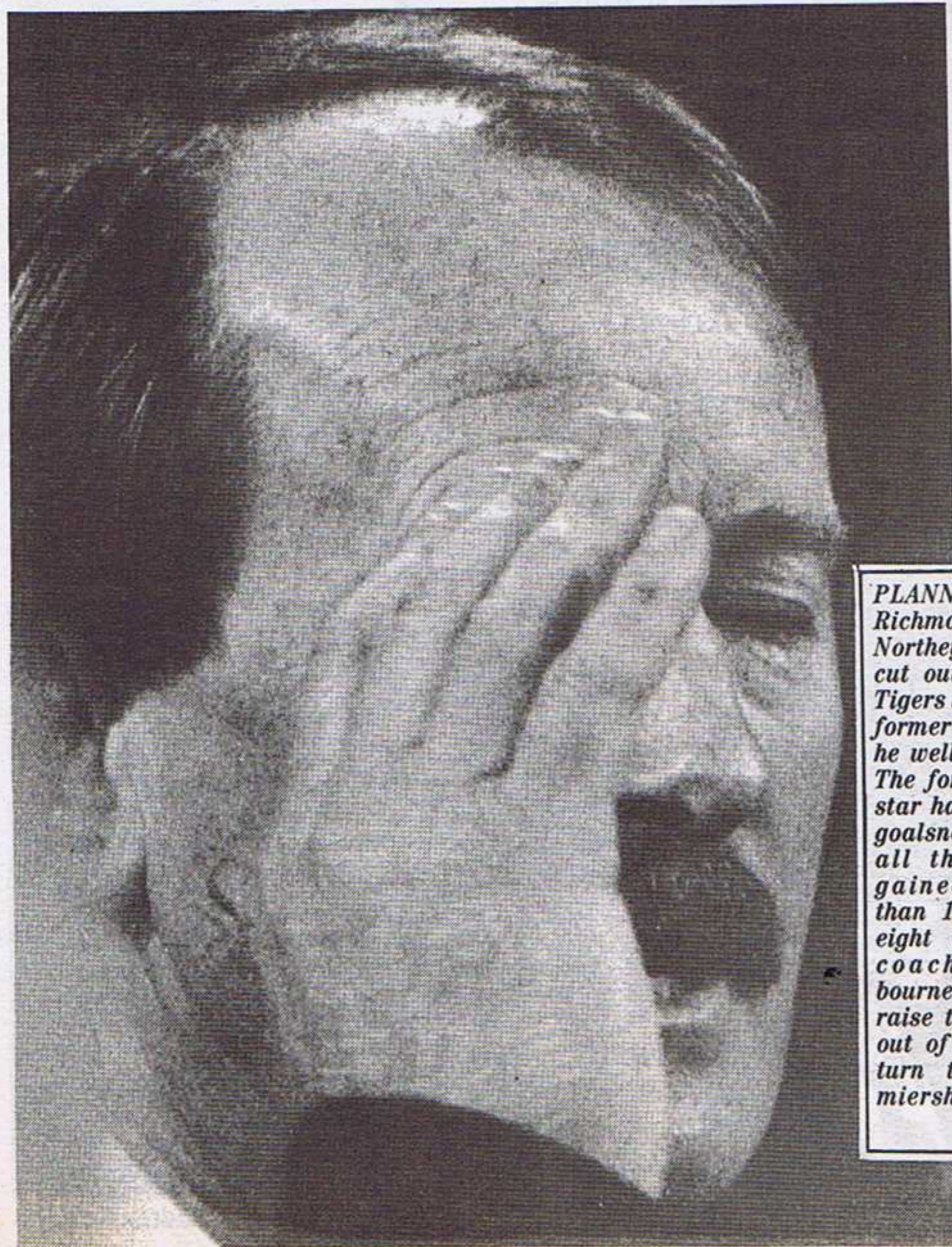
Former Carlton and St Kilda legend Alex Jesaulenko will be trying to pull the financially-crippled Coburg club out of trouble after admitting half-way through last season that they could not meet their player salaries.

Jesaulenko, the last captain-coach of a premiership team with the Blues in 1979, aims to help the club regain respect on the field and among the players, but he says the process could take several years.

WITH the VFA likely to be combined with the old-style AFL reserves competition, the Sunday league could become a powerful football body.

And with one of their home-grown products in former Williamstown Football Club president Tony Hannebery taking up the new post of chief executive, the oft-maligned VFA is set for exciting growth.

Hannebery sees the VFA expanding to include major country leagues such as those at Ballarat and Bendigo and being developed as the most important feeder competition for the AFL.



PLANNING ... New Richmond coach John Northey has his work cut out in lifting the Tigers up the ladder to former glories — and he well knows it. The former Richmond star half-forward and goalsneak will need all the experience gained from more than 100 games and eight years of AFL coaching at Melbourne and Sydney to raise the tame Tigers out of the cellar and turn them into premiership contenders again

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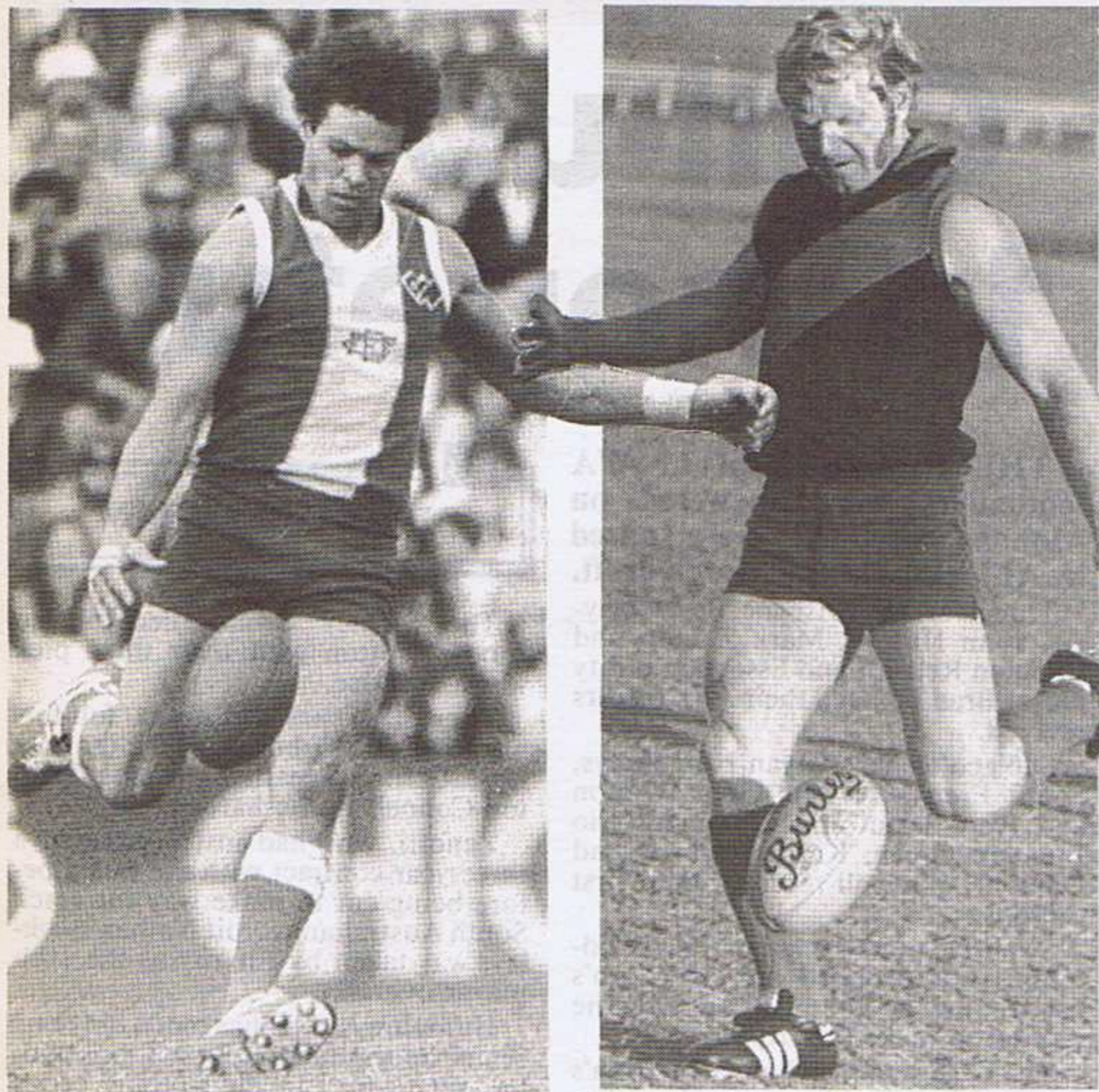
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Champions in tandem



CLASSIC STYLES ... the beautiful kicking style of two champions — Brian Peake, a long, raking right-footer and Barry Cable, deadly with his left foot. Both players were also efficient kickers with their opposite foot

TO BE a champion at any sport, the competitor must have a fierce ego; that inner-mechanism that drives the individual to the top.

Such is certainly the case with Barry Cable and Brian Peake, the only two West Australian footballers to reach the 400 senior game milestone.

They achieved their target in similar style — starting with a WAFL club, adding games in the tough VFL arena, winding up their careers at different WAFL clubs — and topping their tally with superb performances in the interstate arena.

While the desire for personal perfection and the dedication towards individual success stamped both their careers, their own egos played a major role in their success. Rather, their own emphasis on personal pride and high standards made sure that they performed at their best all of the time.

Cable, particularly, never made any secret of his own ability. He was dubbed Cassius when he first arrived in Melbourne in 1970 for a one-year stint — a title the Victorian media put on the fast-talking blond bombshell from the West, who was only too happy to confirm his football ability.

"That never bothered me," says the little champ, referring to the nickname taken from the world's most boastful boxer, Cassius Clay. "I was just being honest at assessing my own ability."

Peake, too, was always proud of his performances; never shirking the lime-light and proving to be equally competent as an on-field leader.



CELEBRATIONS ... Barry Cable celebrates his 400th game with a special cake and is helped on the candles by sons Barry jun. and Shane

BARRY CABLE

Games played — Perth 225, North Melbourne 116, East Perth 41, WA 22, Victoria 1.

Started with Perth in 1962, retired at East Perth in 1979, aged 35.

Sandover Medallist in 1964, '68, '73; Simpson Medallist in 1966, '67, '68 (Perth grand finals) and '69 (Australian carnival, Tassie Medal winner at the 1966 Australian championships. Won seven fairest and best awards at Perth and one at North Melbourne.

Premierships: Perth in 1966, '67, '68; North Melbourne 1975, '77 and East Perth 1978.

BRIAN PEAKE

Games played — East Fremantle 304, Geelong 66, Perth 10; WA 22.

Started with East Fremantle in 1972, retired at Perth in 1990, aged 36.

Sandover Medallist in 1977; Tassie Medal winner at the 1979 Australian championships. Six fairest and best awards at East Fremantle.

Premierships: East Fremantle in 1974, '79 and '85.

Both players admit, in this week's wide-ranging interview on the following pages, that their egos drove them on, helped them set high standards that were often rewarded with individual medals and accolades when they achieved those targets.

Cable, small and tough, was a left-footed rover who was a dynamic ball-getter and a deadly-efficient disposer.



CARNIVAL TIME ... Brian Peake, All Australian captain and his carnival-winning coach, Barry Cable

Legends had a touch of irony to their careers

By **ALAN EAST**

Peake, bigger, but equally as mobile and tough, was a right-footer who could play in any position with damaging efficiency.

The Cable career came to an end under the wheel of a tractor on his suburban farmlet; an accident that shredded his right leg and stopped his football. But even though the injury threatened his very life, Cable triumphed over the adversity and it hasn't stopped his enjoyment of the game, nor his love of sport, with cycling now a major factor in his daily life.

The Peake career finished at Perth after just one season; a falling out at East Fremantle saw him switch clubs needing just eight senior games to reach the 400 mark. There was certainly some sense of emotional loyalty when Perth coach Tom Mullooly offered him the chance to achieve his dream and Peake is forever grateful to the Demons for that opportunity.

While the two champions had contrasting upbringings — Cable a product of country football at Narrogin, with Peake coming from suburban breeding at Manning — they, ironically, had an early rejection in their aspiring careers that forced them to be even more determined.

Cable was once turned away from East Fremantle Oval as a teenager, while Peake was rejected by Perth as a youngster. To add to the irony, they forged their reputations at the opposite clubs.

"A bloke named Laurie Esmond got me to East Fremantle," recalls Cable. "He played in Narrogin and was a very good country footballer and also a one-eyed East Fremantle man, so he offered to take me down one day."

MISSED OUT

"It was around 1959 and I was just 15 or 16, but we got there a bit late, and the team had been picked for the practice match and here's this country kid come down, so it was bad luck mate, we can't give you a game."

"I'd come a couple of hundred miles and I was pretty disappointed. It was a scratch match, but I still didn't get a run."

"East Perth was the team I followed as a kid, but I never went there. I went back home and continued playing with Imperials until a bloke named Bert Sykes came down from Perth to open the new Coventry Motors shop."

"He took over coaching Imperials and asked me down to Perth the next year, which was 1961. East Fremantle and South Fremantle had both been in touch with me, but after I played a practice game with Perth, they invited me to stay there. I was an apprentice butcher, so they arranged something for me a year later."

Peake's rejection was not as disappointing.

After a fairly mediocre junior career with Manning, which was in Perth's local zone, he followed the traditional footpath to Lathlain Park, only to find himself among a huge group of aspiring teenagers seeking guernseys in the fourths or the thirds.

Around the late 1960s, Perth were a powerful force in the colts especially and it was no surprise that Peake was lopped off the list — so he happily picked up his beloved surfboard and headed for the beach.

But his father Laurie had played for several seasons at East Fremantle and the lure of league football was still there.

"A bloke called Fisherman Smith came down and dragged me out of the surf and got me to play fourths at East Fremantle," recalls Peake.

"I wasn't all that fussed either way, I was still 15 or 16, but once I got there, I wanted to get to the top."

ANOTHER CHALLENGE

Cable, now approaching his 50th birthday and planning to celebrate yet another milestone with a bicycle ride across Australia, is married to his childhood sweetheart Helen and they have two sons, Shane and Barry jr, who have both achieved league football status.

Peake, married to Sharon, is a decade behind Cable, approaching his 40th birthday at the end of this year. He is enjoying his leisure hours with children Kellie (13) and Brett (9), plus indulging in some surfing and plenty of competitive golf.

Naturally, the family has a pet and in Peake's case it is a German Shepherd dog called Bomber, the nickname that accompanied him through two decades of football.



FAMILY FANS ... Sharon Peake and children Kellie and Brett at the football

Face to face

400-game veterans had many highlights



CABLE . . . a Perth legend, who brought the curtain down at East Perth

How do you feel about your 400 game achievement? Does it provide real satisfaction to know that only six players have done it in more than 100 years of senior football in Australia?

CABLE: Well, it has to, of course, with so few people doing it. Everything I've done I've considered to be an achievement at the time. For example, my first league game was probably just as important to me as my last league game, because of the circumstances at the time. When a medal comes up or a premiership, they are no less important because of the time. They were all terrific.

Personal glories that you collect are nominated by people outside your own control, if you win a Sandover Medal or a Simpson, that's judged by someone else; it's just a bonus. The reasons why you play football are because you want to be a real good player, to be the very best you possibly can, you love to be in a successful environment, that is where the team wins more games than they lose and you would like to play in the finals and win a grand final one day. There were probably three pinnacles in my career — with Perth when we won three flags in a row; with North Melbourne with premierships in '75 and '77 and then at East Perth in '78 when I coached them to a premiership. That was different, because I could sit back and watch others achieve it.

PEAKE: The 400-game milestone was the last thing on my mind. If you had asked me at 16 how many games I'd play, I would have laughed at suggestions of 400. It was a gradual progression, you set your standards as you went along. I wanted to be the best I could and the highlights were definitely the premierships years and the Australian carnivals. They were fantastic, but I got a buzz out of just playing football. If I hadn't made the decision to retire, I'd probably still be playing. I still believe that even at 39 I could get a kick in the WAFL today. But I'm happy coaching kids now, I'm not a watcher, I'm a participant, so I don't watch today's footy too much.

Golf is in the picture at the moment and surfing, but I got a buzz at stepping over the white line. I'd play for nothing; at the start I did play for nothing.

Do you think we'll see players continue till they are 35 or so?

CABLE: I think they should be able to; there is nothing wrong with playing into your 30s, but there won't be many.

PEAKE: I don't think so. Look at players of the



TRIUMPH . . . Barry Cable, on the recovery trail after his terrible accident (left) and his 400-game milestone day at Perth Oval



BOMBER . . . a champion with East Fremantle, finishing his career at Perth

regrets about making the decision so late in my career, I believed that at 27, when I went, I was probably playing the best football of my career and if Geelong had played me in the right position, I would have proved that.

You have to have a grounding. I'm not knocking the 17 or 18s-year-olds who go, but you need a grounding. If they are mature and physically well built you can make it, but you must do an apprenticeship. It's lambs to the slaughter; if you're not good enough, they'll just leave you out in the cold.

CABLE: I was in my late 20s when I went over the first time, in 1970. I was 31 when I went over the second time and probably had a VFL career better than most players ever enjoy. North Melbourne played in 17 straight finals matches and five succes-

TO mark Westside Football's 400th edition, editor ALAN EAST spoke to WA's two 400-game players in Barry Cable and Brian Peake



calibre of Guy McKenna, Don Pyke and Brett Heady, they have been knocked around so much at a young age that their bodies will not be able to stand it for another 10 years. If anyone in this generation plays till they are past 30, I'll be very surprised. With the emphasis on night games and much earlier pre-season matches, the pressure on the body will be too much. They have to do so much ground work.

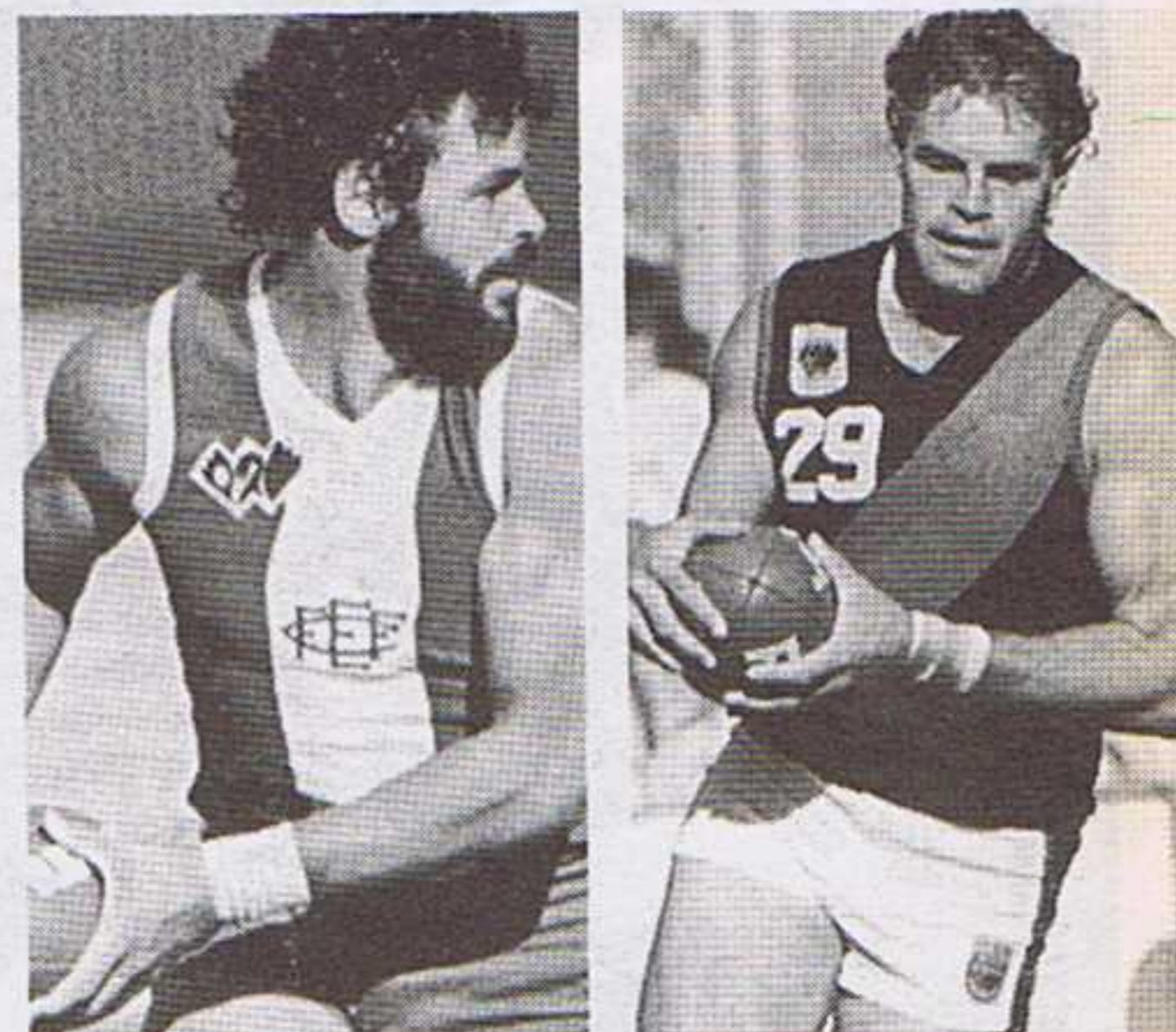
You were both outstanding players at the interstate level. Why were you able to go up another level and perform so well?

PEAKE: State pride was always on the line. Nothing thrilled me more than to play the Vics or the South Australians. When you represented your State, you lifted up a notch, not only because of your own ability, but you were surrounded by 19 other top players, exceptional footballers and you can't help but lift yourself. The adrenalin is a lot different. Every time you went out there you set your own standards; I didn't need anybody to tell me when I played a bad game, I knew when I'd played a dog of a game, I knew myself. You set yourself standards and the State arena was where you could perform at your highest.

CABLE: My personal goal was always to play very well in State games because the opposition was always better and I wanted to prove to myself more than anything else that I was capable of handling those sort of guys. I came up in an era where it was rather rude to suggest yourself that you might have played a good game. I was called an egotist and a bit of a big head because it wasn't a common thing to be able to assess your own ability. But I was always honest in assessing my own form; I felt I could do that better than anybody. If I had played a good game, I was quite happy to talk about it.

You had contrasting arrivals in Melbourne. The Cable debut in Victoria cost North Melbourne a \$75,000 bond and the transfer of four players, while the Peake move was mid-season and had a helicopter landing at training.

PEAKE: I made the move mid-season in 1980 after we had won the premiership the previous year. We weren't going to make the finals, so I was sold off, it's as simple as that. The club was in financial trouble and I met with the president and the committee and the only way they could get their head above water was to lease me out. Geelong probably wasted a bit of money on the helicopter ride and so forth, but that didn't affect me. It was a high-profile move and probably the right thing for them to do. It certainly didn't hurt my performances. I was quite keen to go; I'm blue and white right through and I knew that it would help the club financially. I would have kicked myself if I had never gone to Victoria, but I've got no



STYLISH . . . two eras of Brian Peake, in his early years at East Fremantle (left) and his final days at Perth

sive grand finals for two wins, two losses and a draw. But today, some of our players go over far too young. There are some kids who mature early, physically and mentally and we have to be careful that we don't hold them back. The game has changed in that respect. But even the Eagles have picked up a heap of younger players who have never made it, young guys who came over and have gone back without making it.

Has football been good to you both financially?

PEAKE: Over the years, based on the hours put in, certainly not; you work on hourly rates now, don't you! But, yes, it has been good, it's enabled me to lead a good life and be quite comfortable. But I'm still working for a living.

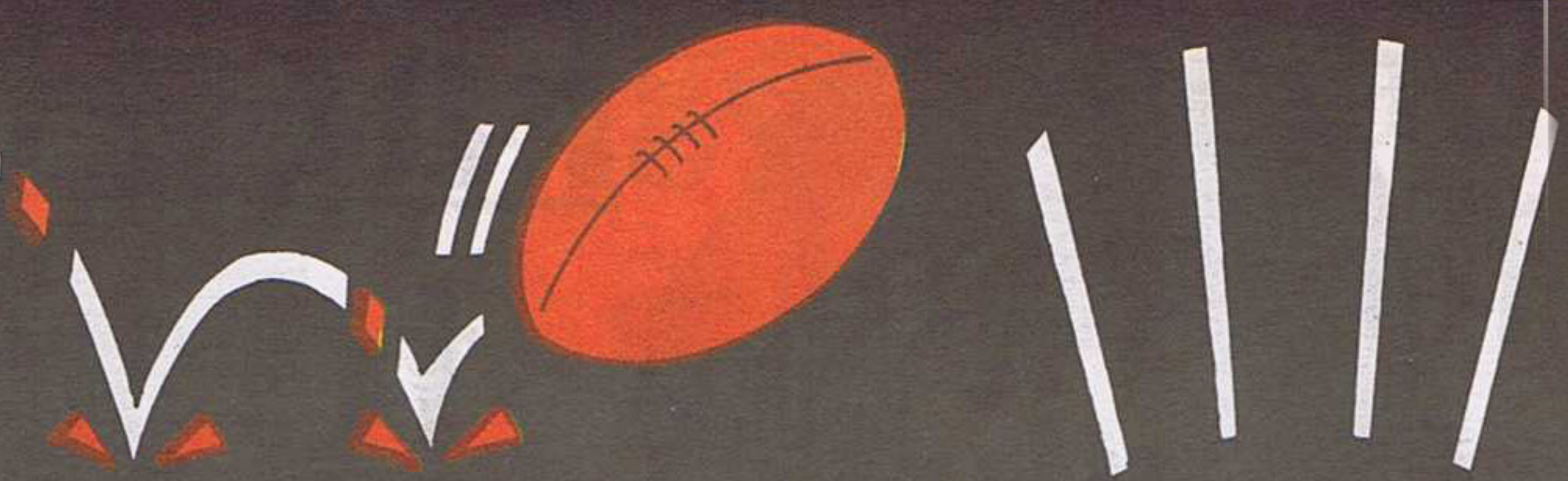
CABLE: I'd have to say that I have done alright out of the game. Given all the circumstances, I have to say I'm pretty happy about what I've got.

Do you remember what you got out of your first football season?

CABLE: I think we got our boots and shorts for nothing.

PEAKE: About the same, I think. It was a privilege to play for your club in those days; money wasn't the hard issue it is today, we didn't expect to get paid. You still play now because you love the game, so why not take the money that goes with it. But I would have played for nothing.

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HIGH FLIERS ... Claremont sharp-shooter Warren Ralph was one of the game's most exciting high marks, as he soars above the pack in these two photographs, top and top right, taken by Westside's original photographer, Richie Hann. St Kilda's electrifying South Fremantle recruit Nicky Winmar wasn't too bad in the aerial department either ... as captured by Greg Wood. The picture top centre shows current Eagle star Brett Heady soaring over East Perth ruckman Mal Bennett, in the Julian Cowan photograph

BIG GRABS ... West Perth's Corry Bewick might have been a rover, but the Richie Hann photograph (top left) captured him in the clouds at Leederville Oval. The same could be said about Claremont's Michael Mitchell, who was captured in the Subiaco Oval grandstand by Richie Hann. And (above) East Perth's Gavin Rose looked as though he was after a Pepsi in this Perth Oval photograph by Greg Wood

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No.1 AGAIN ... but the Vics still don't want us
WESTERN Australia are the Australian Champions again — but the Victorians still don't want to play us on the MCG.
By Kim Hodgdon
For the first time in the history of Australian football, WA have won the national championship in consecutive capitals — and what is more, they did it in a big enough challenge for the Vics to accept on their own soil.
VFL president Dr Alan Aylett sounded the message out loud and clear after last Tuesday's memorable win by John Todd and his team.
"It was a great day for football in general, but Victoria simply hasn't got the spirit in our calendar for an interstate game in Melbourne."
The crowd response for State games comes from a small minority in Melbourne and we must cater for the masses, we will certainly give you another crack at Victoria again next season but not in Melbourne.
With Victoria celebrating its 100th anniversary next year, the time seemed right for the Victorians to host the Australian Championship.
"There is plenty planned for next year in Melbourne and football will get a big part in the celebrations," said Dr Aylett.
"It is enough that we get the direct telecast of the game from Perth and it is a great honour to win the game in the West."
Dr Aylett praised the Australian public with players and spectators alike for their support and the exhibition of football skills.
Dr Aylett, also president of the NFL, said he was "delighted" to see the Australian public support the game from behind in Perth.

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SWANS' CUP
Westside Football's tipsters lean heavily towards Swan Districts in winning their second successive premiership.
Of the 12 tipsters who have given winners each week throughout the season only Cory Stock, Jan Miller and Robert Bennett think Claremont can win.
The other nine experts have all impressed in the first semi final and then the preliminary.
Last year the tipsters also said it was Swan's Cup and they proved to be right — what will the result be this year? Turn to page five for a special preview of the big game.
INSIDE THIS BUMPER 28 PAGE EDITION:
• Statistics on every player for Saturday's Grand Final
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JOHN TODD
GRAHAM MOSS
Good luck and goodbye
THERE have been some great moments in football during the 15 years and 400 editions since Westside Football kicked off in 1979 ... and this centre page tribute captures some of them, either in a front page coverage or big marks out on the arena!

FOOTBALL SPORTSMAN
TODAY'S FOOTBALL COVERAGE FROM 1:30pm
With pre-match updates.

Champions in tandem



MEDAL MEN . . . the two champs admire the Sandover Medal board at Subiaco Oval

CONTRASTS . . . the tremendous kicking style of Brian Peake (left) and the strong hands of Barry Cable

Ironically, you both reached your 400th game milestone away from the club where you forged your careers. How did that feel?

PEAKE: I had no choice. I was given the boot! But it was a twist of fate that I finished at Perth, because I'd also been given the boot from them back in 1970, when I was told as a colts player that I wouldn't make it. That was during pre-season and I'd only had two weeks training and just got cut off the list, so I went surfing and that's when I got picked up by East Fremantle.

I was obviously disappointed at having to leave East Fremantle; it would have been nice to reach the milestone there, but I was a victim of the times. It's interesting to note that the people who forced the decision on me aren't there any more. East Fremantle is still my club.

CABLE: Finishing at East Perth was just the way things turned out after I returned from Victoria; the coaching role was what led me to Perth Oval and subsequently, the 400 games. Perth is still my club, especially with Shane back there now, but I have a tremendous feeling for East Perth. I was fortunate to coach them to a premiership in 1978. North Melbourne are very important in my career also; they're my AFL team even though I have had a lot to do with the Eagles.

How did you rate your years in Victoria? they were contrasting from the point of view of success and reputation, weren't they?

CABLE: My four years at North Melbourne, on my second visit, probably sealed my reputation. People thought I was an old man when I went there; I was 31 and the critics thought I'd cop it and have the tarnish knocked off my silver trophy. But it never happened; it went the other way. I had a good four years.

PEAKE: I guess overall my years at Geelong were a little disappointing. I appreciated the playing conditions and I learnt what the VFL was like. I just didn't enjoy the living conditions. I went there because Billy Goggin was the coach and he was a great man; I've got nothing against Tom Hafey, but when he took over he just wasn't my kettle of fish. I don't think I was exposed to my potential. The playing experience was great. Being made captain in 1981 was naturally a surprise. We had lost the 1980 preliminary final by a kick when we were probably the best side in the competition. That's unfortunate, but it's the way footy goes.

Is there any one game that sticks in your minds?

PEAKE: The 1979 All Australian carnival win over Victoria, the final match at Subiaco Oval when we had to beat them to win the first State-of-Origin carnival. Cables was the coach! I played centre, which was my favourite position and I was pretty happy with my game, especially as I was captain.

CABLE: There's a few, but one in Victoria sticks in my mind. It was North Melbourne versus Hawthorn, a preliminary final I think, when I had 22 kicks and about 22 handballs; we knocked them over and went into the grand final. The 1977 inaugural State-of-Origin game was pretty emotion-charged too. There was another game with Perth about 1971, that I cherish a bit, playing West Perth and I kicked seven goals to half-time and finished with 9.1. My 100th game is also one I remember, it was 1966, my first grand final and I kicked six goals straight and won the Simpson Medal. That was special.

What about life after football? What have you both been doing since retiring?

CABLE: I'm still enjoying seeing kids kick the footy around and I'm pleased to have a role with the Football Development Trust where I can help footy stay the No.1 sport. Since my playing days finished, I've enjoyed some coaching, both at East Perth and a stint back at North Melbourne. Now I'm with the FDT and I enjoy talking about footy to young people and impressing on them what the sport can do for their futures.

PEAKE: There's a lot of surfing and I'm playing golf a fair bit, I'm down to a four handicap at Royal Fremantle, playing pennants. I went back into plumbing, which was my trade and since then I've got involved in the apprenticeship training system. I'm with the Government's apprenticeship scheme as a training consultant, monitoring 1100 kids who are apprentices in the building industry. I'm involved with a bit of coaching at Willetton, where my son Brett is playing. I've coached the under 10s.

Is there any one thing you regret in football, something you would have liked to have done differently?

CABLE: I would have liked to have played longer, but the fact that a tractor ran over me settled that!

PEAKE: No, I just set goals and achieved them. I was always a great believer in setting myself personal goals and standards along the way and trying to be realistic to achieve them. No, I wouldn't even change the switch to Perth, that was a circumstance at the time, people make decisions and that's it.

How about naming some of the best players you have seen, that you have played with or against?

CABLE: To be quite honest, I couldn't name one player — there have been a half-dozen at least. But to name a few, I'd obviously include Brian Peake, Maurice Rioli and Stephen Michael in WA. I didn't play enough with Graham Farmer to judge, but he was

obviously a champion. Bill Walker and Keith Doncon were tremendous rivals in the WAFL, we had some great battles. In Victoria, two players come to mind quickly — Brent Crosswell and Malcolm Blight, they were absolute bolters in North Melbourne's best era.

PEAKE: Well, Barry Cable, naturally, he was a class player and I always looked up to him. I didn't play with Graham Farmer, but he and Cable were the players I always admired when I was young. Leigh Matthews had everything, he was great; Keith Greig and Robbie Flower were Victorians who I loved playing against, they were class players. Stephen Michael, of course, pound for pound, could easily have been the best I've seen and Gary Buckenara was a great State team-mate.

Critics often suggested that you were both self-ish players; that you orchestrated the game around you. Was that fair comment?

PEAKE: No, I don't believe so. As a leader, I was expected to do those things. I was guided by coaches to take the on-field leadership. I always wanted to win, I wasn't out there to lose. I put myself on the line to help the team win and if it meant taking the lead and getting the ball, then so be it.

CABLE: I was a different sort of player in that sense, I liked calling for the ball, sure. But you judge people by what they mean to the team. No-one hand-balled more than me, I think that speaks for itself, so I wasn't selfish in that sense. The best player for a team obviously has to be the player who gets the ball the most and directs traffic, so it was natural that I'd have a huge influence on a game when I got a lot of possessions.

What did you both see as your greatest strengths as a player?



CYCLE FAN... Barry Cable is now a cycling fanatic and set to contest the Australian Masters title

PEAKE: I thought my marking was a big asset, especially for my size. I felt I could always out-mark bigger players. But I could also use both hands and feet.

CABLE: My all-round ability, I guess. I was pretty quick and I think my kicking and handball speaks for itself, my disposal was a strong point.

Can you remember when it was in your teenage days that you decided you wanted to be a really good footballer?

PEAKE: Probably in '69 when I got the flick from Perth! Up till then I was a beach bum, I loved the beach.

CABLE: When I was about 12, playing at Narrogin Primary School; I always wanted to be a star footballer.

Can you pinpoint any particular aspect of your career that was a highlight?

PEAKE: State games were tremendous, you could play your best football against the best opposition; you were surrounded by good players and the quality was first class. But obviously I enjoyed three premierships with East Fremantle.

CABLE: The years at North Melbourne because we were the best team in the best competition in Australia. We played in five straight grand finals, winning two of them.

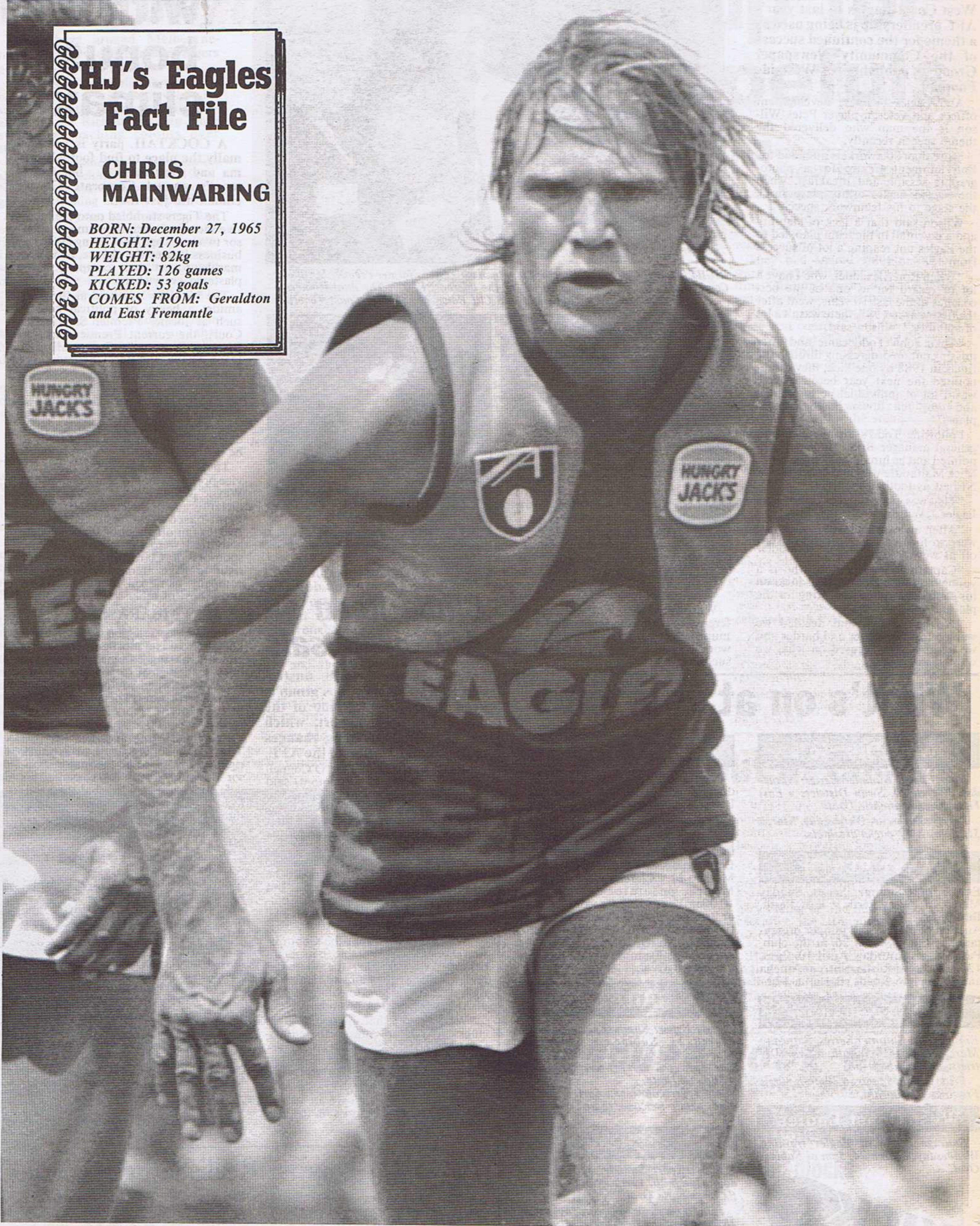


HANDICAPPED... Brian Peake accepts the 1977 Sandover Medal, despite a broken wrist

HJ's Eagles Fact File

CHRIS MAINWARING

*BORN: December 27, 1965
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Teamwork the theme

THE teamwork that took the West Coast Eagles to last year's AFL premiership is being used as a theme for the continued success of the Community Newspaper Group — publishers of Westside Football.

And Eagles business development officer and veteran player Peter Wilson is the man who delivered the theme speech recently.

More than 200 workers attended the Entertainment Centre for a photographic session and breakfast, when the rugged Eagles utility player took the stage to his teamwork speech.

Wilson said that a lack of stability and a downfall in the team plan, led to the Eagles not reaping a lot of success from 1987 to 1989.

"When Ron Alexander, who I have a lot of regard for as one of the best coaches in the last 10 years, went after the first year in 1987, there wasn't a lot of stability," Wilson said.

"Then John Todd came and after missing out on progressing through the finals in 1988 by one kick, they disappointed the next year because there was a lot of individual performances and they fell down in their team plans."

Following Todd's dismissal, Eagles general manager Brian Cook was appointed and he lured Footscray mentor Mick Malthouse west and hired Trevor Nisbett as football manager.

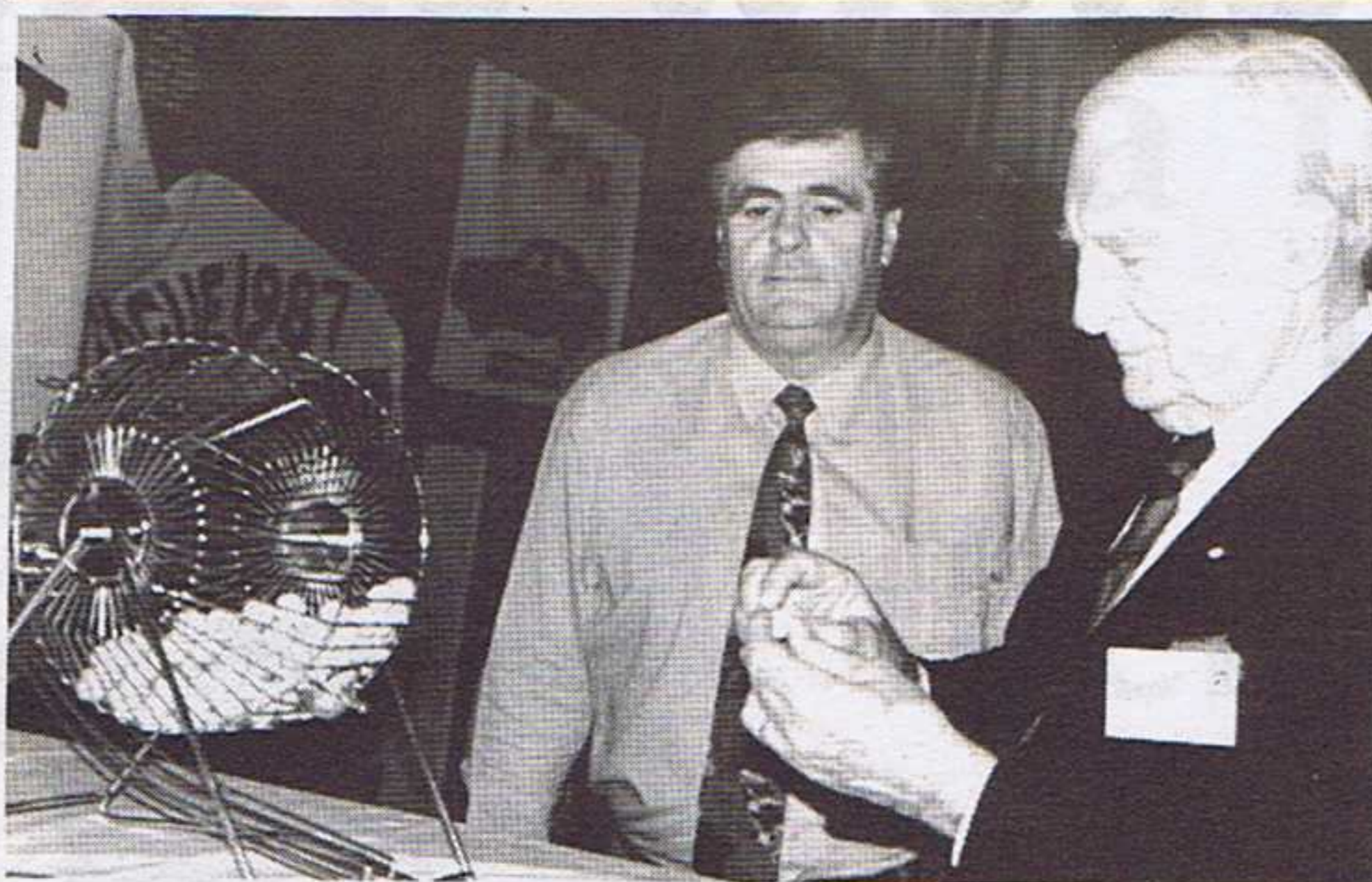
"That was when stability came to the Eagles," Wilson recalled.

"After an excellent 1991 when we were so focused, last year didn't start off as we wanted.

"Captain John Worsfold, who is a young man with an old man's head on his shoulders, called a meeting for the players.

"We had a talk and decided we wanted to train longer and harder and we became very focused on what we wanted to achieve.

Dual winners in Tigerland



RIGHT ONE... Claremont director Tim Flynn watches as former Premier Sir Charles Court checks the winning marble out of the barrel. BELOW: The dual winners — Wayne and Vicki Reynolds (left) and Clif Edwards, of West Coast Toyota



"The rest is history."

Wilson said there was a distinct difference between the Eagles and Community Newspapers, but said teamwork was still a vital ingredient for success.



Clubs keen on AFL proposals

WA's newly-formed Australian Rules League Clubs group is keen to see the outcome of the recent Crawford Report, which has suggested sweeping changes to the administration of the AFL.

ARLCL president John O'Connell (who is president of Claremont) said that the Crawford Report seemed to endorse many of the submissions being made by the eight WAFL clubs in their bid to alter the power structure of the WA Football Commission.

"We have always believed that the WA Football Commission should be an independent body," he said. "But we want to be members of that Commission and to nominate Commissioners.

"We also believe that the Commission should be accountable to its members and we note that the Victorian review calls for the clubs to retain the right as shareholders, to call for a spill of AFL Commission positions.

"We also note that the review gives clubs the right to vote on the admission, expulsion, relocation or merger of clubs, but would need a 75percent majority to reverse Commission recommendations.

"This is exactly what we are asking the WA Football Commission to agree to."

Cocktail party with a bonus climax

A COCKTAIL party is not normally the place to find football drama and excitement... but Claremont's annual Corporate Classic climax did just that.

The Tigers stumbled onto the lucrative means of obtaining a major sponsor two years ago by offering 200 or so business houses the chance, at \$250 a marble, to get their company name plastered everywhere.

The big draw was held at the club, amidst a bevy of political heavies such as former Premier Sir Charles Court, the current Premier, his son Richard Court, new Sports Minister Doug Shave and local Senator, Sue Knowles.

There was a stunned silence when Sir Charles pulled out marble No. 164 and the traditional squeal of delight was missing. The silence was almost deafening, because the winner HAD to be in the audience.

Then, almost sheepishly, the club's vice president and former tough player Wayne Reynolds came forward to reluctantly accept the honour. His Claremont-based firm, The Settlement Agency (an off-shoot of his real estate activities) were the successful major sponsors of Claremont, earning the right to have arena advertising, the company name on league guernseys and a host of other VIP privileges.

EMBARASSED

Tractor, as a legion of footy fans knew him, was a most-embarrassed recipient, making comments along the lines of "it's great to pick up a bonus such as this when you consider all the volunteered hours people put into their favourite footy club" and so forth.

Everyone in the audience felt that The Settlement Agency had as much right as anyone to be the major sponsor. But after Tractor had consulted his wife Vicki and decided that the privilege couldn't be accepted — even though his marble was a legitimate winner — they decided to auction the prize off.

Valuable Tigers director Tim Flynn was quickly back in action, with a Swan Gold stubby as his gavel and when West Coast Toyota's Clif Edwards topped the bidding with a \$5400 hand signal, everyone was even more happier.

Edwards, whose firm have long supported the Tigers, paid tribute to the generosity and dedication of Reynolds and vowed to be a worthy major sponsor of Claremont.

Associate sponsorships went to Northlands Tavern, with Sarah Beacham taking the honour; Brian C. Edwards and Associates, the physiotherapist rehabilitation centre run by the Eagles physio and airline pilot extraordinaire and Reece's Hire, the Jon Sanford firm.

The scoreboard sponsorship honour went to Cafe Bay View.

What's on at your club

Swan Districts

Emu Export Summer Series: Saturday, March 20, Swan Districts v East Fremantle, Fremantle Oval.

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

WEST PERTH

Emu Export Summer Series: Sunday March 21, West Perth v East Perth, Busselton.

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 20, East Fremantle v Swan Districts, Fremantle Oval.

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

West Coast Eagles

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

South Fremantle

Emu Export Summer series: Saturday, March 20, South Fremantle v Perth, Fremantle Oval.

CLAREMONT

Emu Export Summer Series: Sunday, March 21, Claremont v Subiaco, Moora, spectator bus departs 10.30am, limited seats, contact Vince or Penny on 384 9200, luncheon facilities available, BBQ after match.

Saturday, March 20: practice matches — colts 9.30am, reserves 11.30am, Claremont Oval.

SUBIACO

Emu Export Summer series: Sunday, March 21, Subiaco v Claremont, Moora.

Bar open for drinks every Thursday, 4.30pm till late. Jumper presentations, April 1, at the club, public welcome to attend.

PERTH

Emu Export Summer series: Saturday, March 20, Perth v South Fremantle, Fremantle Oval.

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

EAST PERTH

Emu Export Summer series: Sunday, March 21, East Perth v West Perth, Busselton.

Sports Quiz night, men only, Monday, May 3, 7.30pm at the club, cost \$5 a head, 6 to a table.



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Changing the rules has its problems

ONE of the new ideas in vogue for the Emu Export summer series — which is proving to be a good build-up to the WAFL season — is the rebound rule.

It's been used before, of course and it still catches a few players out when it happens — with the ball being called play-on if it hits the goal or point posts and bounces back into play.

But while the idea creates play-on football, one must ask why a legitimate scoring move — that is, the ball hitting the goal post for what would normally be a point — is now taken away from a team.

What would happen if a side was a point behind and the siren blows and the goal-shooter hits the post? Not salvaging a draw would seem a tough result.

It's hypothetical, of course. But it just shows how difficult it is to fiddle with the rules for our national game and still satisfy everyone.

Chance for a sponsor

MORE Americanisms in local football — or so it seems, with the introduction of Benchside.

With youngsters being allowed onto league grounds in recent seasons — a great sight for our Australian game — there have been problems with coaches being crowded by fans as they address their players.

So the idea of Benchside was introduced, with a rope being stretched around an area adjoining the coaches boxes, where the coach will address the players and the crowd can be kept at a handy distance away.

The idea has worked well at the initial Emu Export series — and it's certainly a great exposure for the sponsor.

It will be interesting to see which club can quickly sell off the advertising rights for such an area when the WAFL season proper kicks off.



Thinking aloud



A column of news and views by ALAN EAST

Habit-forming huddles

OLD habits die hard, we all know that.

And it's interesting to see how an old habit is gradually creeping back into the Emu Export series after moves to remove it in the interests of shorter matches.

It's the old quarter-time chit-chat we're talking about.

In our everyday WAFL matches, that habit has grown from what used to be a quick word among the players as they changed ends, to where it's now a full-blown four or five

minute burst from the coach, complete with stats boards and so forth.

The current Emu Export summer series did away with the quarter-time break in the interests of shorter games — but while most teams abided by the ruling in the first round,

the players have gradually slipped back into the old mode.

In last week's games at Bassendean Oval, the quarter-time gathering — particularly with Swan Districts — lasted almost a minute.

Full house in WAFL

THE persuasive powers of some of today's WAFL chiefs has produced a full house as far as the newly-formed Australian Rules League Clubs group is concerned.

Perth have now thrown their support behind the group, making it an all-WAFL affair, with the other seven clubs welcoming home the prodigal son.

Newly-elected Perth president Barry McGrath — of Broken Hill Hotel fame (and that means super horse Placed Ark) — was quick to catch up with his seven WAFL colleagues on taking over the Lathlain Park reins from Ted O'Connor.

McGrath said he was impressed with the positive way the new association was going about its business, particularly lobbying the Football Commission on a variety of issues.

"It is important for the eight league clubs to discuss their problems and policies and this new body provides the forum for this," he said.

"We have established that the new association is certainly not confrontational in its approach to the WA Football Commission.

"It is producing ideas and negotiating with the Commission on a range of issues that cover many aspects of football development in WA."



THUMPING START ... East Fremantle's dashing little rover Billy Krakouer was a rough tip for last year's Sandover Medal — and his current pre-season form indicates that he could make up for it this season. He's shown lacing up for a boxing warm-up session with Sharks fitness man, Peter Latham

Testing the skill of our readers

THERE are times when smart ideas backfire — and this is frank admission of one of those days!

The regular Kodak Picture Puzzles in Westside Football during the summer editions produced heaps of entries, all chasing the prize of two rolls of Kodak colour film and in with a chance of winning a weekend at Albany's Travel Inn Motel — the winner named later in this article.

The photographic subjects for the Picture Puzzle were taken from our files — and several of them were historical shots that had been put away years ago without proper identification — and we were really just testing the astute knowledge of our readers to help us name people!

When we received just two entries for our last competition — from the same person — we knew something was wrong.

The photograph suggested that football officials Basil Fuller, Frank Fuhrmann and Len Roper were presenting guernseys to State players — and we asked readers to name the four handsome looking players.

Well, everyone knew that Bradley Smith, Malcolm Atwell and Denis Marshall were in the background, but who was the young man in the front receiving a State guernsey?

It turns out that he wasn't a footballer after all!

He was a gent named Michael Hall,

who was chairman of the Australian Rules League organisation in the United Kingdom and the WAFL was handing over a set of 25 guernseys to be used in London exhibition matches.

The picture was taken in May, 1970 — and thanks to Basil Fuller's excellent scrapbook, we have solved the mystery.

Sorry to say that readers missed out on a chance of winning in our last competition, but out of the hundreds of entries in our summer barrel we're pleased

to announce that Russell Thomson, of Bentley, has won the Albany Travel Inn weekend.

As a consolation prize, the only person to be game enough to enter a coupon for the last Picture Puzzle will win two rolls of Kodak film.

Denis Heaney, of Sorrento, had a stab that it was Bunbury youngster Syd Jackson and while that was close, it wasn't close enough! But at least he had a go!



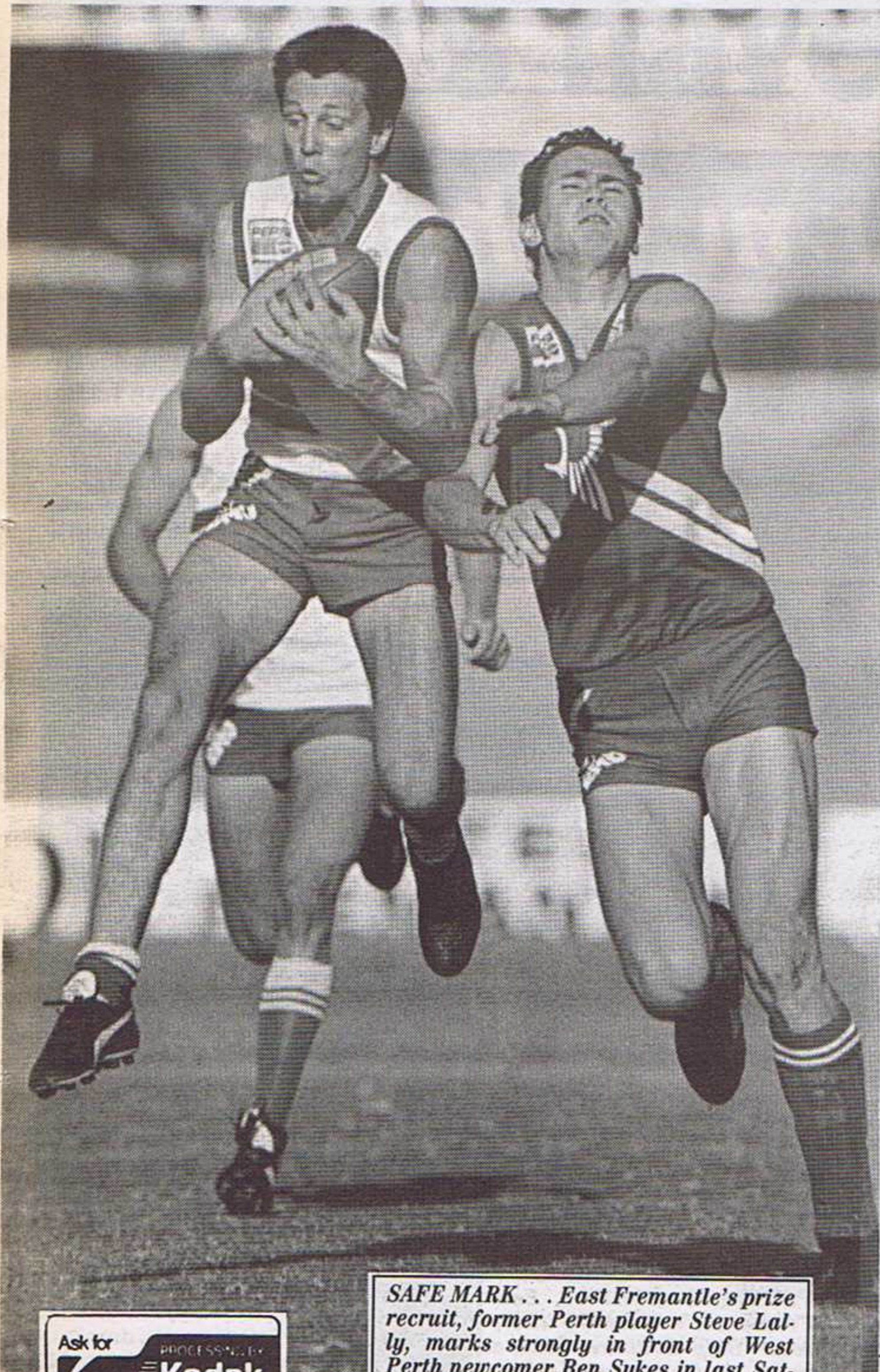
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Picture of the week



SAFE MARK . . . East Fremantle's prize recruit, former Perth player Steve Lally, marks strongly in front of West Perth newcomer Ben Sykes in last Saturday's Emu Export summer series. Lally has been a solid performer on the ball for the Sharks in the pre-season competition

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Demons unveil new forward

EXCITING Perth recruit Brett Wills could become a regular member of the Demons league side if he continues to improve.

That is the opinion of coach Ken Armstrong.

Wills, who was recruited from Darwin club Nightcliffe, received his first taste of local football in the final quar-



NEW ARRIVAL . . . Perth's latest recruit, Brett Wills, from Darwin seems set for an early league debut

ter of Perth's first round Emu Export summer series match against West Perth.

He played at centre-half-forward and kicked one goal.

Since then he has kicked 2.5 against Swan Districts and 3.2 against Subiaco, including a real gem of a snap-shot.

"He is a left-footer, but uses both sides of his body and has excellent balance," Armstrong said.

"He is in area where there is a bit of pressure, because we've got forwards at the club this year."

The Demons chalked up their third win last Saturday, but without senior players Merv Kelly, Willie Dick and Adrian Barich, who were rested.

ENCOURAGING

An encouraging sign for Perth was the form of veteran centreman Kim Fancote and ruckman-forward Stephen Pears in their first practice match for the season.

"I'd like to think Stephen will have a big year," Armstrong said.

Armstrong is also confident that wingman Shane Cable's excellent practice match form will continue when the Pepsi Cup season gets underway.

"Shane has matured and should have a big year — he has more than average ability," Armstrong said.

Todd works on a winning formula

SWAN Districts coach John Todd is eagerly awaiting the start of the WAFL Pepsi Cup season on April 3.

Swans, who recorded their first victory in the Emu Export summer series last Saturday against East Perth, currently have 17 members of their 1991 colts premiership side playing reserves or league in the pre-season competition.

"We have had to experiment and we feel we are on track," Todd said.

"We'll be right for our first game of the season against West Perth."

REPLACEMENTS

Todd is working desperately to find replacements for forwards Kevin Cation and Shane Stempel (retired) and Mick Hastie (Perth).

Talented youngsters Jason Ball and Scott Cummings are two players Todd is hoping can shoulder some responsibility in front of goals.

Last Saturday, Todd gave teenager Joe Sara his first taste of senior football and was happy with the Bunbury youngster's performance in defence.

"He acquitted himself well and he's got a future," Todd said.

"He's one of the youngsters who has been training since November.

"If you don't open the door for them they feel a little left behind."

Mike Richardson, one of the club's favourite sons, underwent an achilles operation over summer and had his first game in the reserves last Saturday.

"He got through very well," Todd said.

Vic. youngster joins Demons

ONE new face pressing strongly for a league berth in Perth's opening game of the WAFL Pepsi Cup season will be young Victorian, Bruce Bennett.

The midfielder was recommended to Demons coach Ken Armstrong by his son Gary, who has coached Bennett at Scarborough Amateurs.

Bennett captained the Collingwood under-19 side in 1987 and played a number of reserves games for the Magpies before heading West.

In the opening Emu Export games, he has had no trouble adapting to the pace of WAFL level.

In the first match against West Perth, he replaced veteran centreman Len Gandini at quarter-time and immediately had an influence, providing his side with plenty of drive.



NEW FACE . . . Victorian youngster Bruce Bennett is after a league berth with the Demons

By
DIGBY BEACHAM



SWANS ROOKIE . . . local junior Shaun Spencer listens attentively to coach John Todd

Magro wants to put score on the board

WITH three rounds of the Emu Export summer series completed, all eight WAFL clubs are getting closer to their likely line-ups for the start of the Pepsi Cup season on April 3.

During the pre-season competition, the WA football public has seen several established players in different positions, as well as a crop of new faces.

Despite his efforts, East Perth coach Stan Magro is seemingly no closer to solving his side's inability to kick match-winning totals.

In the first three games, the Royals have kicked a combined total of only 22 goals.

"The whole idea of the summer series is to give players a chance at a level that is quicker than reserves," Magro said.

"We've been experimenting, but I would have expected us to do better than we have.

"Our forward line is just not functioning."

Glen Bartlett, Paul Barnard and Graham Garnaut have all been tried at full-forward.

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



BACK AGAIN... Brad Hardie back in his familiar No. 4 guernsey for South Fremantle

Royals pleased about Cullen

EAST Perth have secured a clearance for former West Perth full-forward Matt Cullen and he will press for a league berth in the remaining Emu Export summer games.

Cullen, who made his debut with the Falcons in 1990, played the first six games with West Perth last year before quitting the club.

After expressing some interest to play with Claremont, Cullen was approached by South West National Football League club Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault.

Cullen accepted their offer and finished the season playing a key role in the Lions third successive SWNFL premiership.



NEW RECRUIT... East Perth's latest recruit, former Falcon Matt Cullen, limbers up at Perth Oval

Finishing school for Taylor

SOUTH Fremantle officials are beaming with pleasure as they watch the summer progress of their latest Victorian recruit, utility player Simon Taylor.

The 22-year-old has shown a fierce desire to get the ball in his Emu Export summer series matches with the Bulldogs and his strength and desperation seem certain to earn him an early league guernsey.

Taylor played 22 games with the Fitzroy reserves last year and was sent to Fremantle Oval by the Lions when they picked up Bulldog Michael Dunstan in November's draft.

The Lions felt that a season in the improving WAFL would help Taylor advance more than another stint in their reserves and his hard-running style looks certain to make him a Pepsi Cup star this season.

The link with Souths goes back to 1987 when he was at Collingwood with current Bulldogs football manager Mark Bayliss. Taylor played two league games and several night matches before moving to suburban football in Melbourne's northern districts.

Bayliss, who spent several seasons with the Magpies, kept in touch with Taylor on his return home and was pleased to help entice him across to Fremantle.

Watson upsets Tigers charge

IT took three Emu Export summer series games, but South Fremantle finally returned to the form of 1992 at Fremantle Oval last Saturday.

And the unlucky side was Claremont.

The Bulldogs went into the match without Wally Matera, Tim and Paul Mazurek, Nick Caputi, Jason Spinks and Ashley Clementi, but welcomed back talented forward Warren Campbell, dashing wingman Mark Collins and veteran Brad Hardie.

Campbell and Hardie played alongside each other in the forward pockets.

Coach Mark Watson was pleased with the win over the Tigers, who had scored two crushing victories in their first two matches.

CONFIDENCE

"I think we started very well and played with a bit of confidence which is what we've been looking for," Watson said.

He was pleased with the form of Campbell, Collins and Hardie, who will benefit from the hit-out.

"I thought Campbell was good early until the lack of match fitness caught up with him and Collins also started well," Watson said.

"Hardie was good early, then went quiet because the ball didn't go up there and then in the last quarter when he went on to the ball, he was excellent."

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EF	11	10	7	6
WP		5	5	

SAD TALE... the scoreboard tells the story for West Perth at half-time last week

EMU EXPORT LEAGUE RESULTS

ROUND 3

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
S FREM	6.2	9.6	10.7	13.9	87
CLAREMONT	3.4	6.9	8.11	8.16	64

GOALS - SOUTH FREMANTLE: Williams, Wootton, Campbell, McKnight 2, Taylor, Hardie, Warren, Flugge, Hynes. CLAREMONT: Smith 2, Gaucci, Green, Symonds, Mitchell, Morgan, Gerreyn.

BEST - SOUTH FREMANTLE: Taylor, Williams, C. Collard, Grljusich, Wootton. CLAREMONT: Green, Smith, Southern, Edwards, Hann.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
E FREM	7.5	11.10	14.14	15.16	106
WEST PERTH	0.0	0.5	2.7	7.10	52

GOALS - EAST FREMANTLE: Lockyer 5, Krakouer, Lally, Annandale 2, Bilcich, Read, Lloyd, Capewell. WEST PERTH: McCullum, 2, Strano, Lambourn, Reynolds, Hasler, Nelson.

BEST - EAST FREMANTLE: Lally, Krakouer, Bilcich, Annandale, Lockyer. WEST PERTH: Hasler, Merenda, Lambourn, Harris, Symmons, Blurton.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
PERTH	6.1	8.2	11.5	17.7	109
SUBIACO	1.0	3.4	9.6	9.9	63

GOALS - PERTH: Pears 4, Wills 3, Davis, Thompson 2, Rigby, Proctor, Allard, Bennett, Cable, Moreno. SUBIACO: Gooch, Georgiades 2, Kettlewell, Bourn, Bates, Jeffery, Burton.

BEST - PERTH: Cable, Fancote, Wills, Pears, Tigche-laar, McNaughton. SUBIACO: Bourn, Willet, Kettlewell, Bates, Burton, Miller.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
S DISTRICTS	2.2	6.5	8.5	9.9	63
EAST PERTH	1.4	4.4	4.4	6.10	46

GOALS - SWAN DISTRICTS: Bazzo 3, Edmonds, Cummings 2, Walker, Stevens. EAST PERTH: Giannakis 2, Regan, East, Haskett, Garnaut.

BEST - SWAN DISTRICTS: Broadbridge, Stevens, Eaton, Gow, Bazzo, Edmonds. EAST PERTH: Giannakis, Haskett, Prior, East, Malland, Pendleton.

EMU EXPORT SERIES

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST FREM	3	3	0	311	193	161.1	12
PERTH	3	3	0	311	207	150.2	12
CLAREMONT	3	1	0	273	205	133.1	8
SOUTH FREM	3	2	1	225	184	122.3	8
SWAN DIST	3	1	2	117	241	90.0	4
Subiaco	3	1	2	229	304	75.3	4
East Perth	3	0	3	156	226	69.0	0
West Perth	3	0	3	160	322	49.7	0

Darmody up to speed

LOOKS can be deceiving when it comes to footballers and Perth were pleasantly surprised with the performance of Shane Darmody at their pre-season training camp.

Darmody, a heavy-set recruit from Cunderdin who played a handful of games a few seasons ago, out-paced the other 57 Demons on the camp's gruelling time-trial up Bickley Hill.

Darmody clawed his way through the scrub in 2min. 17sec., with Mark Grogan just one second behind.

Darmody's secret for success was his penchant for running up Cunderdin Hill in his home town.

Utility Darren Rigby led the charge across country and only 14 players failed to better their times in searing heat the following day.

Perth's weekend of obstacle courses, flying foxes and mind games at Bickley reservoir continued a tradition set by the premeriship teams of the late 60s who also tested themselves in the hills setting.

West Coast Eagles nutritionist, Glen Cardwell spoke to the group on Friday night before two of the club's best rovers took centre stage.

Barry Cable followed Cardwell, while Rob Wiley was also a guest speaker, with the two rovers representing a combined total of 15 club fairest and bests (eight to Wiley and seven to Cable).



GOOD TOUCH... Subiaco's Errol Bourn has been in good form in the Emu Export summer series



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Margaret's reward for dedication

FOOTBALL might be a game for the male species, but there are plenty of women who play leading roles in organising the sport for those participants.

One such woman is Margaret Nolan, of the Byford Junior Football Club, who has been awarded a Certificate of Recognition for outstanding voluntary service to football.

She was one of more than 30 contributors to football who received the special presentation certificates at a WA Football Commission function.

Margaret has been an active committee member of the Byford JFC for 11 years and is a strong, resourceful person, frequently involved in fund-raising and seeking sponsorship for the club.

For many years, she has been the canteen co-ordinator often working voluntarily from 7am onwards both on Saturdays and Sundays and at special functions.

With the advent of the newly-founded Centrals-Byford 17s team, Margaret often found herself transporting players to a variety of playing venues.



TOP LADY ... Eagles general manager Brian Cook presents Byford's Margaret Nolan with her certificate, watched by club official Deenie Rose

She has also established a monthly newsletter for members and is a tireless worker for football.

NORTHERN MAN

Michael Hannent, of the Northern Districts Junior Football Club, was also among the Certificate of Recognition recipients.

He joined the club in 1979 and has been an active committee member,

showing a keen interest in the welfare of children in the area.

The success of the junior club has seen him involved in numerous roles, including team manager, coach from 9s to 17s, vice president and president.

He has also been boundary umpire on many occasions and in between all these duties, has found time to edit the club's newsletter.

— KERRY LARSEN

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PRESENTS... with Guy McKenna



It was an interesting afternoon with West Perth's Steven Wasley getting married on the same day — at the same church and holding the reception (and photographs) at the same venue, the Langley Plaza, afterwards. There was no shortage of football talk in the toilets!

Kirsty and I went to Bali for our honeymoon and enjoyed some relaxing days at Club Med, but then it was full on for football on my return.

I'M pleased to be continue my association with Hungry Jack's and once again they are playing an important role in football as a joint major sponsor of the West Coast Eagles.

We will be involved in a heap of coaching clinics and Hungry Jack's store appearances again this year and myself and a few team-mates hope to spread the footy word among thousands of school students.

This season we will be co-ordinating our school visits with special Hungry Jack's store promotions in the same district, so watch out for the HJ team coming your way.

Eagles like Peter Matera, Karl Langdon and Ryan Turnbull will feature in the school coaching clinics, so there will be no shortage of skilful advice being handed out.

BIG ROLE ... the Eagles search for a mascot to lead the team out on home days is on again, so get into your local Hungry Jack's store to enter

It's certainly a huge thrill for youngsters to be selected as the Eagle Mascot for the day, getting to meet the players and have a few photographs taken with your favourite player

The competition is co-sponsored by The West Australian, so get your entry in now for the opening game of the season



THE official kick-off for season 1993 isn't too far away and we're all anxious to get into the real thing.

Saturday's Foster's Cup loss to Essendon was a big disappointment, but it at least gives us a break before the AFL season opens on Sunday week with our chance to avenge that defeat against the Bombers at Subiaco Oval.

From my point of view, I'm really pleased at my fitness and it's great to be going into the opening of the season without worrying about getting over injuries. I'm 100 percent ready to go, after only being about 75 to 80 percent fit at this time last year.

SUMMER was certainly a pleasant time for me, what with getting married to Kirsty and setting ourselves up in a new house at Joondanna.

The wedding went off great and it was tremendous to have quite a few of my premiership team-mates present.



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The Claremont Junior Football Club, independent of the league club and entirely self-funding, promotes Aussie Footy as a safe moderation of the game for young children.

"Children are naturally competitive," vice president, John Burrows said.

However, the Claremont Junior club takes on a different approach.

"We believe that at this age, participation is important, as is to feel a part of a team — not winning or losing," Burrows said.

The game is modified in all areas from ground and ball size, playing time and rules, with no tackling allowed.

Aussie Footy is adapted to suit the age group and Claremont Junior Football Club field two teams in all grades up to 13 year-olds.

"Freeball is great fun for energetic kids and it teaches them sportsmanship and respect for their mates — even Mums and Dads can play too," he said.

Bombers in a growth mood

THERE has been a football explosion out Dianella way — and it's come about after two clubs looked as though they were struggling for numbers.

The Bombers Junior Football Club was formed in 1989 after the amalgamation of the Dianella and Coolbinia-Yokine junior clubs.

At that stage, Bombers had only two teams of around 20 players each.

But after a few years of hard work, the Bombers have increased their membership to about 150 and field teams in most grades, including Freeball for children aged eight or under, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 14s, 15s and 17s.

"We desperately need more players to boost numbers in our 15s and 17s grades," coaching co-ordinator and club promotions officer, Charles Musca said.

"We are a well-organised and enthusiastic club with good, accredited coaches and a hard-working committee."

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Player plunder continues in South West

WHILE the seemingly endless debate about the South West fielding a side in the West Australian Football League continues, so does the plundering of the cream of the S-W National Football League.

A number of S-W players from last season appear certain to line up with WAFL clubs — and despite country zoning, they are well-spread.

Dual Hayward's Medal winner Graham Jeffery, from Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault is at Subiaco, Carey Park ruckman in Ted Picks has done pre-season at Perth, while former Carey Park team-mate Jeremy Barnard is training at East Perth.

by CRAIG NITSCHKE

HBL triple premiership rover Tony Strano and teenage Collie utility Clayton Reuben are at West Perth.

Bunbury teenager Joe Sara has been training with Swans since November and earned a berth with the senior side for their summer series match against East Perth, while South Bunbury midfielder Darren Finlayson is trying to break into the strong East Fremantle line-up.

The SWNFL will this Sunday host one of the WAFL's Emu Export pre-season competition games.

East Perth and West Perth will clash at Sir Stewart Bovell Park in Busselton at 3pm on Sunday, March 21.

COLLIE have signed former East Fremantle player Greg Hodson in a bid to climb back into the finals after a two year absence.

The agile ruckman, who captained South Australia at Teal Cup level, will boost the Saints' on-ball strength.

Hodson made 38 appearances for East Fremantle after coming from SA club West Torrens via Darwin.

Last season the much-travelled big man played for York in the Avon League.

BUNBURY have suffered a setback in their quest to win their first South West premiership since 1983.

The Bulldogs had recruited former spearhead Darren Williams to bolster their goalkicking and cover the loss of Dean Johns, who topped the league with 59 majors last year, but has been suspended for two years for manhandling a central umpire in the preliminary final.

Williams had been earmarked to replace Johns at centre-half-forward. But a change in shifts in his job as a policeman in Perth requires regular weekend work, so he has had to cancel plans to return to the SWFL.

Williams, who made his coaching debut last season with Sunday League team Maddington, played 26 WAFL games.

BUSSELTON will have no goalkicking problems this season if Craig McArthur's troublesome knee holds up.

The former Subiaco junior was on target to pass the magical ton with 23 goals from just four matches in 1991 before continual swelling of the knee caused him to retire.

But after virtually two seasons off, the 29-year-old is confident he can last a full year. The solution he believes is not to strap the injury at all.

The Magpies are also expected to be boosted by the return of veterans Lance Kelly and Peter Kelleher, both former WAFL players.

MINES Rovers will be seeking a new captain this year.

Paul Moyses has accepted the position of captain-coach of Upper Great Southern team West Arthur.



CITY BID...Australind veteran Graham Jeffery is impressing with his try-outs at Subiaco in a late-career bid to make WAFL ranks

Grasso back with Sth Bunbury

SWAN Districts star Mick Grasso has returned to his old club South Bunbury.

The 26-year-old had a distinguished career at Swans, winning two club best and fairest awards, the 1990 Sandover Medal and being part of the club's 1990 premiership side.

After his brilliant year in 1990, Grasso was plagued by

persistent leg problems and managed only 14 games the past two seasons.

He announced his premature retirement from WAFL action last month and headed home to Bunbury.

His signature was pursued by the South West National Football League premiers for the past three seasons Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault, power club Bunbury and South Bunbury.

Grasso was expected to sign with either the Lions or Bulldogs but had a change of heart and will play 1993 with his beloved Tigers.

"I've decided to play with South Bunbury," Grasso said.

"It's all in the heart and I've played 62 games and a couple of grand finals there.

"I know everyone there, all my friends are here and my

younger brother Lou plays there.

"I feel more comfortable there than I would anywhere else."

Grasso said South Bunbury, the most successful club in SWNFL history, were on target to better their fourth placing of 1992.

"There's a good spirit there at the moment and the boys are a lot fitter than they were last year," Grasso said.

Bulldogs juniors on parade

SOUTH Fremantle's junior footballers will get the chance to meet some of their idols when they take part in a parade this Saturday.

Thirty South Fremantle league players, in addition to some West Coast Eagles, will assist in the activities at Anniversary Park, Rockingham and Fremantle Oval.

The parade, held by the South Fremantle Football Club Junior Council in conjunction with Titan Ford, Watsonia Foods and Tip Top Breads, will see footballers from six to 17 assemble at local shopping centres.

They will then move on to the ovals where Freeball and Aussie Football demonstrations will be conducted, as well as other football activities to involve all juniors.

As all local clubs and schools have been invited to attend, displays of their banners should make this "Football Spectacular" even bigger than the inaugural 1992 parade.

PROMOTION

"The concept of the promotion is to develop junior football and the contribution by the sponsors will assist in creating a suitable environment for this," South Fremantle Regional Junior Football Association president, Jim Hurst said.

"The programme should go a long way in getting the 1993 season off to a good start.

"It will also provide a grounding for the development in the districts and overall in the South Fremantle area."

Participants will receive gifts from the sponsors and time will be arranged to have their personal footballs and autograph books signed by the players from South Fremantle.

Magpies to visit WA

THE South Fremantle Regional Junior Football Association will host a visit by the Collingwood zone's Northern Districts Football Club early this season.

The elite group of 16-year-olds from Victoria will arrive in Perth on April 8 and will play against the South Fremantle regional juniors.

They will then venture to Mandurah for a game against the Peel League 17s on Tuesday, April 13.

The trip culminates in a night game at Fremantle Oval on Friday, April 16 before returning home.

The visit was arranged by SFRJFA's talent identification officer, Joe Carrello, during a recent visit to Victoria.

It will see 45 young South Fremantle hopefuls get their chance at having a go at the Vics, along with coaches Ross Sweetman, Jamie Lockyer, Mark Bayliss and team manager Les Barry.

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SWAN Districts coach John Todd's decision to experiment with his forward line in the current Emu Export summer series is well vindicated.

The former West Coast Eagles mentor has lost his two premier goal-kickers of last season in Kevin Caton (retired) and Mick Hastie (Perth).

Last Saturday, Todd used midfielder Steven Bazzo at full-forward and, while he posted three goals, it is unlikely the one-time Carey Park teenage star will be a regular key forward.

**HOW THE CLUBS WENT
LAST SEASON**

SWAN DISTRICTS:	
Kevin Caton (Swan Dist)	48.35
Mick Hastie (Swan Dist)	39.19
Jason Ball (Swan Dist)	35.26
SOUTH FREMANTLE:	
Craig Edwards (South Frem)	48.24
Warren Campbell (South Frem)	38.12
Jason Spinks (South Frem)	25.31
EAST PERTH:	
Paul Peos (East Perth)	31.15
Heath East (East Perth)	27.16
Lucio Baroni (East Perth)	26.16
EAST FREMANTLE:	
Clinton Browning (East Frem)	41.25
Neil Lester-Smith (East Frem)	34.37
Jeff Davidson (East Frem)	29.22
SUBIACO:	
Rod Willet (Subiaco)	42.17
Wayne Golding (Subiaco)	29.16
John Georgiades (Subiaco)	21.13
PERTH:	
Steve Lally (Perth)	26.11
Shane Renfree (Perth)	24.17
Craig McNaughton (Perth)	21.20
CLAREMONT:	
Paul Morgan (Claremont)	36.25
Chris Gerryn (Claremont)	33.22
Brendan Green (Claremont)	20.21
WEST PERTH:	
Peter Freeman (West Perth)	44.27
Brett Juwicis (West Perth)	18.13
Darren Harris (West Perth)	16.20

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What's happening in sport

CRICKET

BHP Iron Ore League — March 20-21, 11am: Semi-finals; Midland-Guildford v Bayswater-Morley; Perth v Mt Lawley.

HORSE RACING

Ascot — Saturday, March 20: Pratlley Handicap, \$16,000. Wednesday, March 24, Saratoga Welter. Saturday, March 27, Hyperion Stakes, 1400-metres. Thursday, March 25, Pinjarra.

SPEEDWAY

Quit Claremont Speedway — Friday, March 19: Castrol Sprintcar Stampede, Demolition Derby and PMFM Celebrity Race. Friday, March 26: Champion Spark-plugs Champion of Champions Classic. Friday, April 2: Coca-Cola Sprintcar of the Wings Grand Final night.

BASEBALL

State League — A-grade elimination finals, Parry Field: Sunday, March 21, third elimination final if required. Grand final play-offs: Wednesday March 24, Friday, March 26, Sunday, March 28 (if required).

TROTTING

Gloucester Park — Friday, March 19: WA Oaks Final. Friday, March 26: Sealanes WA Derby Previews, \$8000

LAWN BOWLS

Friday, March 19 to Friday, April 2: 23rd Australian women's championships. Wednesday, April 7: Veterans Day, North Beach and Mt Pleasant clubs, 1pm. April 17-19: R&I Reward Account 50 and over Fours, 9.30am Melville, Manning, North Beach, Riverton-Rossmoyne, Victoria Park, Bedford. Friday, April 23: Henselite Junior Pairs.

GREYHOUNDS

Cannington Raceway — Saturday, March 27: National Distance Championship Grand Final, 740m \$35000. Thursday, April 1: Summit Realty WA Derby Heats, 530m, \$1600 a heat.

TENNIS

Westpac State Tennis League — Royal King's Park: Saturday, March 20; Women's grand final, Wembley Downs v Kings Park, 1pm. Sunday, March 21; Men's grand final, Wembley Downs v Dalkeith, 1pm.

YACHTING

Sunday, March 28, 11am: College Cup Interschool Event, Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. Sunday, April 18: Finals of the State Inter Yacht Club Championships, South Perth Yacht Club.

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MAN OF THE WEEK

THERE are few players in the AFL today who inspire their team-mates more than the West Coast Eagles blond bombshell Karl Langdon.

Whether he is laying a fierce tackle, backing into advancing defenders courageously or burrowing into the bottom of packs, Langdon has the ability to lift his side.

The volatile Eagles forward made his debut for the West Coasters in 1988 and has since attracted plenty of attention from the media and his opposition.

Langdon, who is on target to notch 100 games in 1993, assumed more responsibility in attack last season with the absence of several key forwards and handled the difficult task admirably.

With his blonde hair and effervescent nature, the hard-working left-footer is one of the true characters in today's game.



**KARL
LANGDON**
AGE: 24 YRS
HEIGHT: 190cm
WEIGHT: 90kg
GAMES PLAYED: 92



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Your 1993 AFL fixtures pin-up calendar

Friday, 26th March (Round 1)

Footscray v Collingwood

Saturday, 27th March

North Melbourne v Brisbane
 Hawthorn v Melbourne
 Carlton v Fitzroy
 Geelong v St Kilda

Sunday, 28th March

Richmond v Adelaide
 West Coast v Essendon

Bye: Sydney

Friday, 2nd April (Round 2)

Richmond v Brisbane

Saturday, 3rd April

St Kilda v North Melbourne
 Essendon v Carlton
 Melbourne v Footscray
 Collingwood v Geelong

Sunday, 4th April

Sydney v Hawthorn
 Adelaide v West Coast

Bye: Fitzroy

Saturday, 10th April (Round 3)

St Kilda v Sydney
 Fitzroy v Footscray

Sunday, 11th April

Brisbane v Melbourne
 West Coast v Richmond

Monday, 12th April

Essendon v Collingwood
 Carlton v Hawthorn
 Geelong v North Melbourne

Bye: Adelaide

Friday 16th April (Round 4)

Adelaide v Fitzroy

Saturday, 17th April

North Melbourne v Melbourne
 Hawthorn v Geelong
 Collingwood v St Kilda

Sunday, 18th April

Sydney v Essendon
 West Coast v Brisbane

Bye: Carlton, Footscray, Richmond

Friday, 23rd April (Round 5)

Richmond v North Melbourne

Saturday, 24th April

Fitzroy v Sydney
 Footscray v Essendon

Sunday, 25th April

Melbourne v Adelaide
 St Kilda v Carlton
 Brisbane v Geelong

Bye: Collingwood, Hawthorn, West Coast

Friday, 30th April (Round 6)

Melbourne v Richmond
 Adelaide v Hawthorn

Saturday, 1st May

Essendon v Geelong
 North Melbourne v Sydney

Sunday, 2nd May

Carlton v Collingwood
 Brisbane v Fitzroy
 West Coast v Footscray

Bye: St Kilda

Saturday, 8th May (Round 7)

Richmond v St Kilda
 Hawthorn v Brisbane
 Fitzroy v Melbourne
 Collingwood v Adelaide
 Footscray v Nth Melbourne

Sunday, 9th May

Geelong v West Coast
 Sydney v Carlton

Bye: Essendon

Friday, 14th May (Round 8)

West Coast v Fitzroy

Saturday, 15th May

St Kilda v Essendon
 Carlton v Footscray
 Collingwood v Hawthorn

Sunday, 16th May

Geelong v Richmond
 Brisbane v Sydney
 Adelaide v North Melbourne

Bye: Melbourne

Friday, 21st May, (Round 9)

Nth Melbourne v Carlton

Saturday, 22nd May

Essendon v Adelaide
 Hawthorn v Richmond
 Fitzroy v Collingwood
 Footscray v St Kilda

Sunday, 23rd May

Melbourne v West Coast
 Sydney v Geelong

Bye: Brisbane

Friday, 28th May (Round 10)

Essendon v Fitzroy

Saturday, 29th May

Richmond v Sydney
 St Kilda v West Coast
 Carlton v Melbourne
 Collingwood v North Melbourne
 Footscray v Hawthorn

Sunday, 30th May

Brisbane v Adelaide

Bye: Geelong

Saturday 5th June — Interstate Final MCG

Saturday, 12th June (Round 11)

St Kilda v Brisbane
 Fitzroy v Richmond
 Geelong v Carlton

Sunday, 13th June

Sydney v West Coast
 Adelaide v Footscray

Monday, 14th June

Hawthorn v Essendon
 Melbourne v Collingwood

Bye: North Melbourne

Friday, 18th June (Round 12)

West Coast v North Melbourne

Saturday, 19th June

Melbourne v Essendon
 Hawthorn v St Kilda
 Carlton v Adelaide
 Footscray v Sydney

Sunday, 20th June

Geelong v Fitzroy
 Brisbane v Collingwood

Bye: Richmond

Friday, 25th June (Round 13)

North Melbourne v Hawthorn

Saturday, 26th June

Fitzroy v St Kilda
 Essendon v Richmond
 Collingwood v West Coast
 Footscray v Brisbane

Sunday, 27th June

Sydney v Melbourne
 Adelaide v Geelong

Bye: Carlton

Friday, 2nd July (Round 14)

Sydney v Adelaide

Saturday, 3rd July

Essendon v Brisbane
 St Kilda v Melbourne
 Fitzroy v North Melbourne
 Geelong v Footscray

Sunday, 4th July

Richmond v Collingwood
 West Coast v Carlton

Bye: Hawthorn

Friday, 9th, July (Round 15)

North Melbourne v Essendon

Saturday, 10th July

Melbourne v Geelong
 Hawthorn v Fitzroy
 Carlton v Brisbane
 Collingwood v Sydney

Sunday, 11th July

Richmond v Footscray
 Adelaide v St Kilda

Bye: West Coast

Friday, 16th July (Round 16)

Adelaide v Richmond

Saturday, 17th July

Melbourne v Hawthorn
 St Kilda v Geelong
 Fitzroy v Carlton
 Collingwood v Footscray

Sunday, 18th July

Essendon v West Coast
 Brisbane v North Melbourne

Bye: Sydney

Friday, 23rd July (Round 17)

North Melb v St Kilda

Saturday, 24th July

Geelong v Collingwood
 Carlton v Essendon
 Footscray v Melbourne

Sunday, 25th July

Hawthorn v Sydney
 Brisbane v Richmond
 West Coast v Adelaide

Bye: Fitzroy

Friday, 30th July (Round 18)

Collingwood v Essendon

Saturday, 31st July

Richmond v West Coast
 Hawthorn v Carlton
 North Melbourne v Geelong
 Footscray v Fitzroy

Sunday, 1st August

Melbourne v Brisbane
 Sydney v St Kilda

Bye: Adelaide

Friday, 6th August (Round 19)

Essendon v Sydney

Saturday, 7th August

Richmond v Carlton
 St Kilda v Collingwood
 Geelong v Hawthorn
 Fitzroy v Adelaide

Sunday, 8th August

Brisbane v West Coast

Bye: Footscray, Melbourne, North Melbourne

Friday, 13th August (Round 20)

Sydney v Fitzroy

Saturday, 14th August

Essendon v Footscray
 Carlton v St Kilda

Sunday, 15th August

North Melbourne v Richmond
 West Coast v Hawthorn
 Adelaide v Melbourne

Bye: Brisbane, Collingwood, Geelong

Saturday, 21st August (Round 21)

Collingwood v Carlton
 Hawthorn v Adelaide
 Fitzroy v Brisbane
 Geelong v Essendon
 Footscray v West Coast

Sunday, 22nd August

Richmond v Melbourne
 Sydney v North Melbourne

Bye: St Kilda

Friday, 27th August (Round 22)

West Coast v Geelong

Saturday, 28th August

North Melbourne v Footscray
 St Kilda v Richmond
 Carlton v Sydney

Sunday, 29th August

Melbourne v Fitzroy
 Brisbane v Hawthorn
 Adelaide v Collingwood

Bye: Essendon

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