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AT THE READY . . . the West Coast Eagles kick off their premiership defence against Essendon at Subiaco Oval this Sunday, with a 12.15pm start. And the stars are ready for the Bomber invaders. Players like (from the right) John Worsfold, Glen Jakovich, Dwayne Lamb, Peter Wilson, Peter Matera and Michael Brennan will again be key performers as the Eagles fly high in search of football glory
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Royals stronghold down south

BUSSELTON has always been a stronghold for East Perth and last Sunday was no exception.

Getting together in the members hall at the Busselton Football Club were four former Royals players now scattered far and wide in their football careers.

From left, they are Greg Walsh, a Busselton product who has returned home after being captain of East Perth; Eddie Pitter, who was in Busselton to combine some holidays and watch some potential Teal Cup players in the curtain-raiser; Russell Sparks, another former Royals captain who travelled down from Bunbury, where he is now playing and working at the Burlington Hotel and Grant Dorrington, now the WAFL's director of football.



Sponsor coup

EAST Perth pulled off something of a minor coup by enticing two of the top executives from GIO Australia to Busselton for Sunday's clash with West Perth.

State manager Ross Butler and his off-sider, Tony Mullins, enjoyed their brief visit to the South West and were well looked after by their Busselton and Royals hosts.

GIO, who have locked themselves into attractive sponsorship deals with five of the eight WAFL clubs, were happy to chip in to support the VIP lunch at Busselton.

They would have obviously been impressed by the atmosphere at Busselton and maybe that's a sign for the future as the South West goes chasing sponsorship dollars for a proposed WAFL team.



GOOD BREW... Carlton's WA chief Geoff Rankine in the middle of a Bulldogs brew

Zanotti impresses

REJECTED Brisbane Bears dasher Mark Zanotti hasn't taken long to settle in at Fitzroy and his early practice match form suggests that he could claim a league berth for the season-opener.

The Lions were beaten by Hawthorn in their final practice match, where key players such as Peter Sartori, Paul Roos and Alastair Lynch were down on form — but WA hopefuls were to the forefront.

Jeremy Guard continued the good form he showed last season and, along with Zanotti and Marcus Seecamp, featured in the best players.

They could be joined in early matches by South Fremantle recruit Michael Dunstan, who was selected by the Lions in last year's November draft.

Dunstan was in good form during Fitzroy's Foster's Cup campaign and coach Robert Shaw has indicated the 22-year-old could be a regular in the Lions league side.

Valuable players

THERE will be plenty of West Perth reminiscing this Saturday night when the club holds a reunion of the 1975 premiership team — and auctions off this year's league squad.

Champion rover Les Fong will be the compere and former premiership team-mates such as Mel Whinnen, Ian Logan, Bill Dempsey, Stephen Smeath, Stuart Hillier and Graham Heal are among those attending.

The inaugural player's auction will see sponsors and club supporters digging deep to 'buy' their favourite player — and some of the pay-outs will be quite interesting!

The function will be held at the club's social hall at Leederville oval, kicking off at 7pm.

Bomber invasion

THE Perth division of the Essendon Football Club will be prominent this weekend when the Bombers fly into town for the opening of the AFL season and their clash with West Coast.

A breakfast panel show at the Quality Langley Plaza Hotel will kick off Sunday's activities, with guests such as Bombers coach Kevin Sheedy and new club president, David Shaw.

Perth will unveil a handsome line-up of former Essendon players for the panel, including Bill Duckworth, Tony Buhagiar, Wayne Otway and Colin Hebbard, who is one of the organisers of the local supporter's group.

And veteran Essendon champion — and, briefly, a West Coast Eagle draft choice — in Tim Watson will also be a panellist, with a 'mystery' speaker taking the microphone.

City bound

TWO well-known football faces from Busselton will be missing off the local scene as they transfer back to the city this season.

Football legend Peter Featherby is winding up his business interests in Busselton to return to Perth, while Lance Kelly is moving to the city with a new career.

Featherby, the Subiaco, Footscray and Geelong 300-game player, has lived in Busselton for five years, coaching the Magpies in the SWNFL for three seasons.

One of his sons, Jason, is currently with Subiaco's colts squad, while another son, Brett, is a promising junior.

Kelly, a younger brother of dual Sandover Medallist Phil Kelly, played for the Royals in the mid-1980s and is contemplating a league comeback when he moves to the city.

Tasty start

SOUTH Fremantle have added a new taste to their football flavours with the introduction of a handy sponsorship from Carlton and United Breweries — the makers of Foster's and Matilda Bay.

The Victorian-based brewery has moved into WA and operates out of the North Fremantle venue set up by the instigators of Matilda Bay, the original boutique beer brewers in the West.

The WA company chief, Geoff Rankine, has quickly got to know the people at South Fremantle and he's pictured here with a group of Bulldogs in the club's social rooms.

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What our writers think . . .



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2. Premiers for 1993
3. Runners-up
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6. Most improved club
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ALAN EAST:
1. Eagles, Carlton, Hawthorn, Collingwood, Geelong, Adelaide
2. Collingwood
3. Eagles
4. Chris Grant (Footscray)
5. Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)
6. Carlton
7. Scott Watters (Sydney)

RON ALEXANDER:
1. Eagles, Adelaide, Collingwood, Footscray, Hawthorn, St Kilda
2. Eagles
3. Collingwood
4. Glen Jakovich (West Coast)
5. Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)
6. Adelaide
7. Shaun Rehn (Adelaide)

DIGBY BEACHAM:
1. Eagles, Collingwood, Geelong, Footscray, St Kilda, Adelaide
2. Eagles
3. Collingwood
4. Wayne Carey (North Melb)
5. Tony Lockett (St Kilda)
6. Adelaide
7. Nathan Buckley (Brisbane)

Laurie Keene
1. Eagles, Footscray, Adelaide, Hawthorn, Essendon, Fitzroy
2. Eagles
3. Footscray
4. Peter Matera (West Coast)
5. Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)
6. Adelaide
7. Matthew Burton (West Coast)

KEN PIESSE:
1. Eagles, Hawthorn, Carlton, Collingwood, Footscray, St Kilda
2. Hawthorn
3. Carlton
4. Robert Harvey (St Kilda)
5. Tony Lockett (St Kilda)
6. Carlton
7. Tony Lockett (St Kilda)



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GARY STOCKS:
1. Eagles, Collingwood, Geelong, Essendon, Melbourne, Hawthorn
2. Eagles
3. Collingwood
4. Andrew Jarman (Adelaide)
5. Peter Sumich (West Coast)
6. Richmond
7. Nathan Buckley (Brisbane)

STEVE MARTIN:
1. Eagles, Collingwood, Carlton, Hawthorn, Footscray, St Kilda
2. Collingwood
3. Eagles
4. Darren Jarman (Hawthorn)
5. Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)
6. Carlton
7. Ashley McIntosh (West Coast)

TANIA ARMSTRONG:
1. Eagles, Adelaide, Collingwood, Footscray, Geelong, St Kilda
2. Eagles
3. Collingwood
4. Gavin Wanganen (Essendon)
5. Tony Lockett (St Kilda)
6. Adelaide
7. Gavin Wanganen (Essendon)

BRUCE BUTLER:
1. Eagles, St Kilda, Geelong, Adelaide, Footscray, Carlton
2. Eagles
3. St Kilda
4. Gavin Wanganen (Essendon)
5. Tony Lockett (St Kilda)
6. Adelaide
7. Nathan Buckley (Brisbane)

PETER BOSUSTOW:
1. Carlton, Eagles, Footscray, St Kilda, Geelong, Hawthorn
2. Carlton
3. Eagles
4. Gavin Wanganen (Essendon)
5. Tony Lockett (St Kilda)
6. Melbourne
7. Andrew Phillips (Carlton)



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ROBERT BENNETT:
1. Eagles, Hawthorn, Collingwood, Footscray, Geelong, St Kilda
2. Hawthorn
3. Eagles
4. Scott Wynd (Footscray)
5. Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)
6. Adelaide
7. Glen Jakovich (West Coast)

RICHARD CAMM:
1. Eagles, Geelong, Footscray, Adelaide, Collingwood, Essendon
2. Eagles
3. Footscray
4. Tony Liberatore (Footscray)
5. Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)
6. Richmond
7. Tim Watson (Essendon)

What the Vics say

CHAMPION Hawthorn full-forward Jason Dunstall is favoured by a poll of Victorian media personalities to win the goal-kicking stakes for the 1993 season.

In last weekend's Sunday Age newspaper, 12 tipsters were asked a series of questions ranging from who would be the 1993 premiers to who should sing before the grand final.

Ten of the 12 went for Dunstall, who posted 145 goals in 1992, to edge out his obvious rival, St Kilda spearhead Tony Lockett.

The West Coast Eagles are also fancied to create more history by snaring back-to-back premierships.

Nine tipsters selected the Eagles to reach their third successive grand final, with eight — including renowned Melbourne football writer Mike Sheahan — choosing the Mick Malthouse side to repeat their memorable feats of 1992.

Despite his brilliant finish to last season, Eagles wingman Peter Matera, has only been tipped by one critic to win the Brownlow Medal.

Instead, new North Melbourne captain, star centre-half-forward Wayne Carey, is the fancy.

And who will win the wooden spoon?

Well it seems Sydney's solid recruiting of forwards Richard Osborne and John Hutton and the addition of former Eagles small man Scott Watters has made no difference, with 10 selecting the Swans to notch back-to-back wooden spoons.

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Heroes have their own idols

WHILE the West Coast premiership stars are heroes to many young football followers, the Eagles also have their own idols.

The latest player profiles of today's Eagles reveal that some of the footballing greats of the past still stand out as players to be admired.

Former South Fremantle champion and dual Sandover Medallist Stephen Michael is rated highly by Peter Sumich, Andrew Lockyer, Chris Lewis and Dean Irving as a favourite player.

The magical Bulldog, Maurice Rioli is admired by Glen Jakovich, while Dwayne Lamb rates the veteran West Perth centreman Mel Whinnen as his most respected player of the past.

INFLUENCE

Former and current Eagles are rated highly, proving that the club's teammates can also have a big influence on individual players.

Captain John Worsfold is one Eagle who is highly respected by all of his teammates, with Matthew Burton, Dean Kemp and Chris Mainwaring rating him as their favourite footballer.

Chris Waterman lists his Eagles (and East Fremantle) co-defender Michael Brennan as his most admired player, while youngster Jarrad Schofield says he looks up to Dean Kemp and Norm Smith Medallist, Peter Matera.

Previous Eagle players are also admired as role models for today's footballers, including Ross Glendinning and inaugural coach Ron Alexander.

Some of the current AFL players from rival Victorian clubs are looked upon as players to be admired, including Hawthorn's Dermott Brereton.

Brendan Krummel, Derek Hall, Glen Jakovich, Tony Godden and Jason Ball all see the blond Hawk as some kind of inspiration.

RESPECTED

Former Hawthorn captain and champion Michael Tuck has the respect of Mitchell White, Craig Turley and Karl Langdon, while John Platten is respected for his playing ability by Trent Nichols, Ashley McIntosh and Tony Evans.

Geelong's Gary Ablett is rated highly by David Hart and Travis Burton for his ability to score uncanny goals, especially when under pressure.

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Eagles are spot-on with their choice of Walker

THE West Coast Eagles decision to use their third choice in last year's November draft to call up Lee Walker could be well justified.

Walker looked set for an early entry to the AFL arena after being a dual WA Schoolboys representative and winning selection in the 1988 Teal Cup side in 1988 at the age 15.

But his progress was halted by a serious knee injury which needed a reconstruction that didn't quite work and was followed by another.

Last year Walker was shifted in his work to Margaret River and against medical advice, he lined up with the local side in the strong South West National Football League.

DOMINATED

Walker dominated at centre-half-forward in two of his five matches, but sustained a groin injury, which also needed surgery.

This did not deter the 1992 premiers, who took the punt and selected him.

Many critics felt that the choice of the 201cm Walker, who has ground skills similar to a rover, was a premature gamble. But the long-range plans of the Eagles are based on seeking out future potential.

Walker (20) has had troubles with his shins over the summer and joined the Eagles main squad for training only last week.

... and they're team-mates



GOTCHA . . . rookie Eagle Lee Walker warms up with some tough man-to-man stuff with Royals team-mate Ryan Turnbull

On Sunday at Busselton, Walker, playing in his first senior match for the Royals, showed his class in the first half at centre-half-back.

The bank officer said he pulled up well on Monday morning.

"I feel fine, but I played only a half of footy," Walker said.

"The Eagles said I could play only a half, but I just wanted to get out there and play."

His skills were most noticeable on the ground, where his agility to get the bouncing ball was impressive. He also marked strongly and launched the Royals into attack a number of times.

Magnificent Seven in action again

THE Magnificent Seven ride again — even if two of them have defected to another State.

Those seven Eagles-turned-authors in John Worsfold, Chris Waterman, Guy McKenna, Chris Lewis, Peter Sumich, Scott Watters and Paul Peos are back in print.

The members of the victorious 1985 Teal Cup side have released a sequel to their original publication — The Magnificent Seven — that hit the book stores two years ago.

The new book, Football's Magnificent Seven Rides Again, was released last Friday at Subiaco Oval by Worsfold and Sumich.

Featured in the new publication are the club's historic grand final triumph and some handy hints on how to play certain positions.

Some light-hearted stories by the seven are also highlighted.



NUMBER ONE . . . Eagles star Peter Matera has become the first footballer to win the Caltex Sportstar of the Year award

Matera into hall of fame

DASHING West Coast Eagles wingman Peter Matera is on the verge of a great football career . . .

. . . but the realisation of just how close he is to greatness caused him to be a little shocked and shaken recently.

Last season's Norm Smith Medallist became the first footballer to win the West Australian-Caltex Sports Star of the Year award.

Speaking to 6PR's Gary Carvolth, Matera said he was overawed by the presentation at the Sheraton Hotel last Wednesday.

"Going back in the years when champions like Maurice Rioli, Barry Cable and Graham Farmer never got the chance to win the award, I can consider myself very lucky," Matera said.

"It was like kicking a goal in the grand final — the best feeling you can have."



Titans clash to kick off season

By **DIGBY BEACHAM**



A NEAR-capacity crowd at Subiaco Oval this Sunday will be treated to a showdown between the reigning heavyweights of AFL football — last season's premiers West Coast and the Foster's Cup champions, Essendon.

The Eagles will be fired up to avenge their loss to the Bombers in the Cup semi-final on March 13.

In that match the Eagles were without six members of their premiership side — Chris Mainwaring (knee), Dean Kemp (knee), Paul Harding (knee), Chris Waterman (thumb), Tony Evans (knee) and Michael Brennan (wedding).

Harding, Brennan and Waterman are all on target for the season's opener, but Mainwaring has been ruled out, while Evans and Kemp are outside chances to be included in the final 20.

Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy could not be happier with his young charges, who have been in sparkling touch during the Foster's Cup and are fancied to return to the finals after missing out last season.

The "Baby Bombers" have seven players under the age of 21 pressing claims to make the trip west.

Stephen Alessio, Paul Hills, James Hird, Glenn Manton, Mark Mercuri, Joe Misiti and Gavin Wanganeen all played in the Foster's Cup competition with considerable success.

TOP TOUCH

Wanganeen has been in such top touch out of a back pocket that he is an early Brownlow Medal favourite.

The input of Alessio and ruck partner Peter Somerville would have caused Eagles coach Mick Malthouse some concern.

Alessio's height in particular troubled the Eagles in the Foster's Cup so the West Coast selectors are expected to rush Harding back to bolster the big

man department.

"Harding put his hand up last Saturday when he played well for East Fremantle," chairman of selectors Ian Miller said.

He said the Eagles were far from devastated by their loss to Essendon in the Foster's Cup.

"The Cup is great if you make the final, but it is only a pre-season competition and the true season starts this week," Miller said.

"It's a whole new ball game this Sunday."

CRUCIAL PERFORMANCES

A highlight of the Eagles practice matches has been the excellent form of wingman Peter Matera and the crisp ball-handling of Craig Turley, who has recovered from a back operation at the end of last season.

Their performances, with that of veteran tagger Dwayne Lamb, will be crucial to the Eagles chances.

Essendon's running brigade of Hills, Darren Bewick, Kieran Sporn, Mercuri, Misiti and Sean Denham have been in great touch, collecting many possessions in solid, four-quarter showings.

"Essendon have proved by beating us and winning the Foster's Cup final last Saturday that they're in good form," Miller said.

"Kevin Sheedy has changed their style of play over the past year and Essendon have become a good running side."

Star Eagles forwards Peter Sumich, Brett Heady and Karl Langdon have been below par pre-season, but they still will command the full attentions of Manton, Gary O'Donnell and Mark Harvey.

At the other end of the ground, the Eagles defence has been as consistent as ever, with free-moving skipper John Worsfold leading the way.

He was among the best five players in each of the Eagles three Foster's Cup matches.

Worsfold and colleagues Brennan, Guy McKenna, Mitchell White and Glen Jakovich will ensure that Bomber goals are hard to come by.

Essendon were well served in attack last Saturday by Hird, Todd Ridley and Peter Cransberg, who kicked nine

goals between them.

Elusive half-forward Michael Long failed to post a major, but was instrumental in several Bombers goals.

Essendon will be one of 14 clubs trying to deny the Eagles consecutive premierships — a fact that does not concern the West Coast hierarchy.

"I think all the years are hard," Miller said.

"We set the standard in 1992 by winning the premiership, but I don't think we will be hunted any more than in previous years."



PRESENTS ...

West Coast's best players in last week's Emu Export matches were

Men of the match



Dean Irving

TALENTED ruckman Dean Irving did his chances of winning a berth against the Bombers this Sunday no harm with a solid display for South Fremantle at Fremantle Oval last Saturday.

Irving, who played only one game last year after enjoying an excellent 1991, is fighting with Paul Harding and Ryan Turnbull for a place in the Eagles following division.

The 26-year-old had the better of Perth's Adrian Pensini for the first three quarters, before having a quiet final term.

His work at the centre bouncdowns and around the ground was excellent.



Ryan Turnbull

THE versatile talents of agile East Perth big man Ryan Turnbull provide the West Coast with several options — and he is keen to press claims for a regular spot anywhere this season.

The young Royal worked hard in last Saturday's Emu Export match at Busselton, serving as a ruckman or a key-position player.

Turnbull was initially groomed as a key defensive player, but his high-leaping ability gives him a chance in the ruck and his summer action with the Eagles saw him leading the tap-out department in the absence of injured Paul Harding and Dean Irving.



Paul Harding

PAUL Harding was quite emphatic in his return to football last week — earning a certain recall for the West Coast Eagles line-up against Essendon, at Subiaco Oval this Sunday.

The former Hawthorn and St Kilda big man lined up for East Fremantle against Swan Districts in the Emu Export summer series and gave a best-on-ground performance in the ruck.

Harding's performance was highlighted by his mobility and slick ball-handling.

His nine marks and 23 possessions against Swans would have pleased the Eagles match committee and coach Mick Malthouse.



RIGHT WAY ... Eagles defender Guy McKenna knows the right way to go — with some input from coach Mick Malthouse

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Second WA-based AFL team draws Eagles fire

IRONIC isn't it. The AFL has been accused of wanting to push another WA-based team into the AFL to dissipate the playing strength of the West Coast Eagles.

And the boss of last season's premiers is concerned that another Perth team would devalue the financial strength of the Eagles.

West Coast Eagles chairman Terry O'Connor's comments in last week's Sunday Times about the introduction of another WA team show that the Eagles are paranoid, but for entirely different reasons, about moves to admit another WA team into the AFL.

And they are also contradictory.

While O'Connor seems happy enough to have another team in WA as long it is a relocated AFL side, he is strongly opposed to the formation of a local club.

Many football followers believe we do not need a second WA-based side.

But if there is to be one, it should be formed in WA and it should be based in the Fremantle area.

DISASTROUS MOVE

O'Connor said that forming a team from scratch would be disastrous.

His argument is that a second WA combination would have detrimental financial implications for the Eagles and that it could affect local sponsorship.

So what!

The Eagles future is assured for at least five years because of the judicious recruiting of young players and the result of winning last year's premiership.

The Eagles are a young side.

But look at the number of talented players in the camp who cannot get a look in.

Jason Ball would probably walk into any other AFL side, yet he could be cooling his heels for a while before he gets a regular game, if at all, with the Eagles.

The biggest problem facing the Eagles is keeping the fringe players content.

Next season, or even the following year, is too soon for another AFL side here.

For a start, who would pay to watch Fitzroy or whoever the club may be, if they were relocated?

You could argue that the licence fee may be waived, but if a club were unloaded here, it would probably be broke and need propping up anyway.

SUBSTANTIAL COSTS

It would be much harder for an outside club to get local sponsors and the cost of moving the team would be substantial.

On the other hand, Fremantle has long been a stronghold of WA football.

If there is to be another team from WA, it should be based around the port.

As for starting from scratch, it is obvious that special dispensation would have to be made for the new team in respect of players . . . and no doubt it would seek some players on the Eagles list.

Despite having to start from scratch another WA-based side would be hard to beat over here.

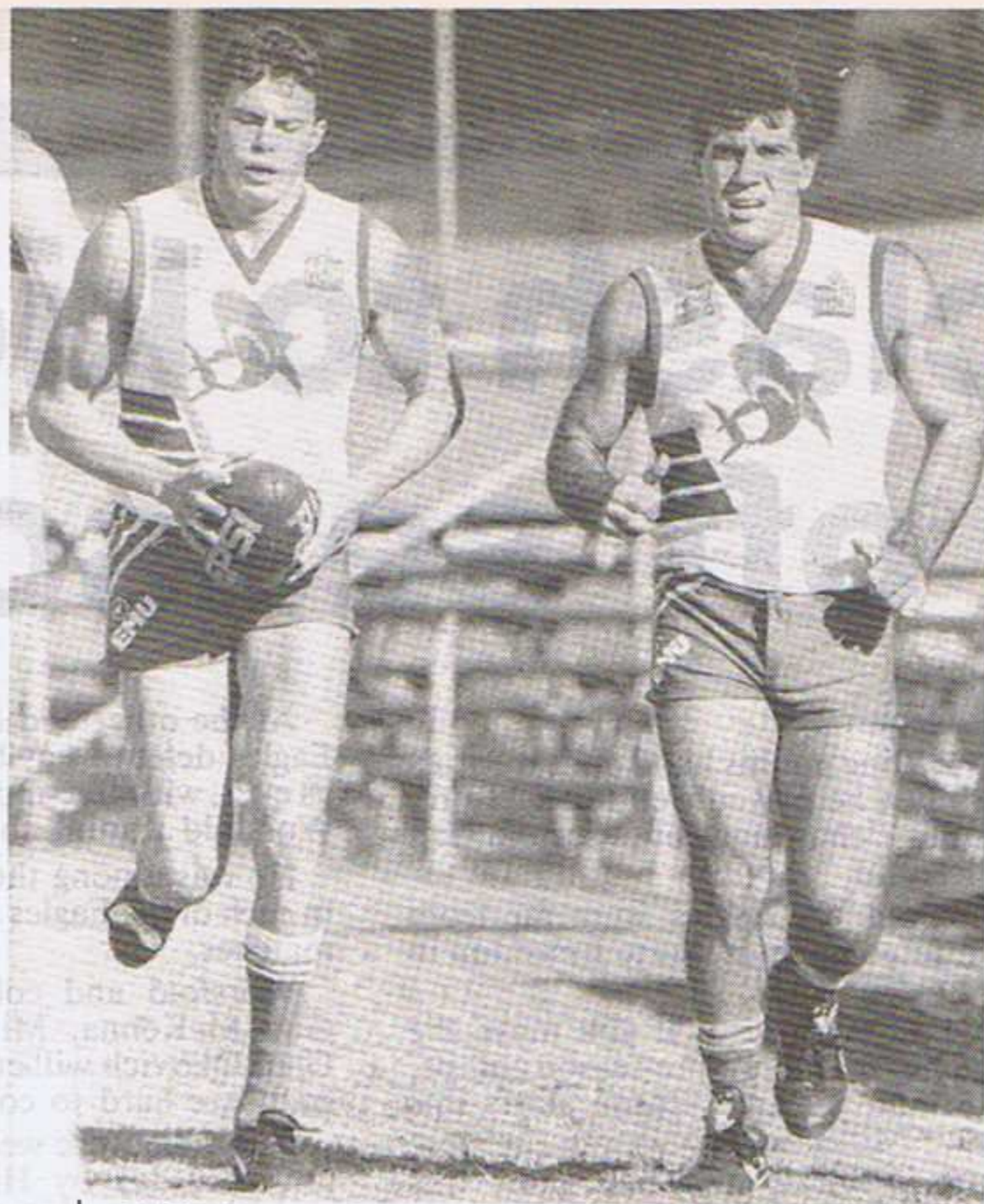
No one would expect it to be an instant success — just competitive. And even from scratch it would probably do better in a relatively short time than the Brisbane Bears or Sydney Swans.

To do so would protect the Eagles.

Not everyone in WA is a mad-keen Eagles fan, so a Fremantle-based side would be well supported.

The concern is not to protect the Eagles, but to protect WA football.

At least with another WA-based team many more home-grown players would stay in WA and players from the WAFL would have greater opportunities to play AFL football.



EAST Fremantle, the reigning WAFL Pepsi Cup premiers, are looking good again this season as they enter Saturday's grand final of the Emu Export summer series favoured to beat Perth. Two star Sharks will be Brendon Krummel (left) and veteran Steve Malaxos, both key players in the midfield

Stats AND Facts

with Richard Camm



ESSENDON'S win in Saturday's grand final of the Foster's Cup maintained the recent domination of the night series by three just clubs.

Essendon, Hawthorn and Melbourne have shared the past 10 night premierships.

Saturday's win gave the Bombers their third night premiership since 1984. In that period Hawthorn won the night series five times and Melbourne twice.

The dominance of three clubs in the past decade contrasts with the first seven years after the night series was revived in 1977. From then until 1983, seven different clubs won the competition.

THE attendance of 75,533 at Saturday night's game easily broke the previous record of 50,478 for a night series grand final — in 1980 when North Melbourne beat Collingwood in controversial circumstances.

With the Magpies leading by three points, hundreds of spectators streamed onto the ground after the final siren.

But the field umpires failed to hear the siren and allowed North Melbourne's Malcolm Blight to pass to teammate Kerry Good, who marked only 25-metres from goal.

With desperate Collingwood supporters charging towards Good, the full-forward calmly kicked a goal — giving the Kangaroos victory by three points.

THE West Coast Eagles last year became the sixth club to win the AFL premiership after finishing third and then second the previous two seasons.

The Eagles this year will be seeking to emulate Fitzroy in 1905 and Richmond in 1974 by winning consecutive premierships after finishing third and then second.

The other three clubs to finish 3-2-1 in consecutive seasons are Essendon between 1940 and '42, Collingwood (1951-53) and Hawthorn (1974-76).

The Bombers finished second in 1943, Collingwood seventh in 1954 and Hawthorn third in 1977.

The Eagles will be seeking to become the ninth of the 15 AFL clubs to win consecutive flags at least once.

RICHMOND supporters will be hoping that the Tigers can carry their good night series form into the home-and-away matches — and win their opening match of the season for the first time since 1982.

Richmond have failed to win their opening round clash since beating North Melbourne by 18 points at the MCG 11 years ago.

In the 10 years since then, the Tigers have lost to nine different opponents in the opening round, by an average 35 points.

A WIN by St Kilda over Geelong would give the Saints five consecutive opening round wins — matching their club record, set in 1970-74.

ESSENDON — recent winners over West Coast in a semi-final of the Foster's Cup — will this Sunday chase their first regular season win over the Eagles since the 1990 preliminary final.

The Bombers dominated their first eight clashes with the Eagles, winning all but one. The Eagles have won the past three encounters.

THE FOOTY BREAD Presents...
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ESSENDON might have dumped us in Melbourne two weeks ago, but they will have to work much harder at Subiaco Oval this Sunday.

As reigning AFL premiers we are fired up to kick off the season with a good win — especially in front of a packed home crowd.

Coming back from injury are a couple of top players, including Paul Harding, who dominated for the Sharks in Saturday's Emu Export summer series game against Swan Districts.

Harding, who hurt his knee in our first game in Kalgoorlie six weeks ago, was best on ground and will be a boost against the young Bombers.

We're certainly not taking Essendon lightly — they were impressive when they beat us and they continued in style against a much-improved Richmond in the Foster's Cup final.

It's great for the competition with teams like Richmond, coached by John Northey, back on the winning list.

Like last year — when Footscray were the big improvers — there could be some new sides to look out for this year.

ON the local scene, it's good to see Perth up there in the final of the Emu Export summer series, after finishing sixth last year in the WAFL and just missing the Pepsi Cup finals.

Premiers East Fremantle will be a force again this year, but they will miss Paul Harding and Peter Wilson — back from yet another shoulder operation — who could both be with us this week.

"Willo" had an operation on his troublesome shoulder after last year's AFL grand final and is fighting his way back to form and fitness with the Sharks.

My old club, South Fremantle, have lost a couple of good players to AFL clubs, but the experienced Brad Hardie will be a big asset to new coach Mark Watson and a steadying influence for the young Bulldogs.

LOSING to Essendon was disappointing, but like the rest of the squad I enjoyed the weekend off, heading to Leeuwin with my wife for the Tom Jones concert.

It's been an intense build-up to the start of another long, hard year and it was great to have a break to freshen up for the start of the season proper.

We have played five games in a row — since we started up in Kalgoorlie on February 6 — and have travelled to Melbourne two weekends running for games against Melbourne and Essendon.

The rest of the guys also made the most of the break. Some headed off for a spot of surfing and I'm sure everyone will come up with more spark for Sunday's clash.

Let's hope Subiaco is a sell-out for our first big game for 1993 — and hopefully our first win.

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JOB FOR SNOW ...
Subiaco captain David Snow (right) bides his time with teammates (from left) Jason Smith, Paul Omodei, Mark Slatter and Travis Screaigh. Snow, one of the league's youngest captains at the age of 21, is expected to be ready for inclusion in the Lions combination for the season opener against Claremont on April 3



On the sidelines

Tigers make bush tucker of injury-plagued Lions

WITH football going bush, the Ford Maverick came in handy for the drive to Moora for the Emu Export summer series match between Subiaco and Claremont.

Watching the match in the country atmosphere only two hours from Perth was an uplifting experience.

The game was keenly fought in the first half before the well-disciplined and more skilful Claremont team ran away from the Lions in the second half.

But Claremont should find Subiaco a tougher proposition for the April 3 Pepsi Cup season kick-off with the inclusions of captain David Snow, ruck-rover Ian Dargie, experienced defender Rod Willet, forward John Georgiades, ruckman Shane Cocker, rover Matt Connell and wingman Tony Godden.

Coach Gerard Neesham must be congratulated on the way he has resurrected his young Tigers after a disappointing season, in which they won only seven games to finish in seventh place.

SPARRING PARTNER

It was good to see former Eagles teammate and one-time sparring partner Peter Higgins back in the Claremont side.

After a stint at East Fremantle, followed by a captain-coach role with country side Williams, Higgins looks set to play at centre-half-back, where his attacking style of play and long kicking will be a assets to the Tigers.

One player who stood out was young Lions half-forward Jarrad Hubble — the son of former State cricketer Jim Hubble.

At 17 years of age, Hubble jun., who kicked three goals, looks a player of the future.

His finishing off in front of goal will be an asset to Subiaco this season.

Keene Observer

Laurie Keene looks at the footy scene

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Harding on a ruck mission for Eagles

RUCKMAN Paul Harding seems certain to be rushed back into the Eagles side to meet Essendon this Sunday.

His experience and ability will be needed to combat the size and skill of Bomber ruckmen Stephen Allessio and Peter Somerville.

After having seen Essendon play so well over the past couple of weeks, Eagles coach Mick Malthouse would have done his homework and he will not allow the Bombers fleet-footed brigade to run unchecked this Sunday.

A highlight would be youngster Gavin Wanganeen being tagged by John Worsfold in our forward line!

There is no doubt that five or six Eagles players will be needed to shut down the Bombers in a match that

should attract a near sell-out crowd.

Games between the two are always exciting and Essendon, with North Melbourne, are the only teams with winning records against last season's premiers.

Bombers win battle of the babies

THE Foster's Cup final between Essendon and Richmond was an exciting clash, with the "Baby Bombers" holding off the determined "Tiger Toddlers" by 23 points.

Both coaches — Essendon's Kevin Sheedy and Richmond's John Northey — fielded young and enthusiastic teams with the difference probably being a few class players like Gavin Wanganeen, Darren Bewick, Michael Long and Mark Harvey.

Richmond should continue to improve this year to give their loyal supporters something to cheer about.

CROWD TESTAMENT

The record crowd of more than 75,000 was testament to the popularity of the proud Richmond club.

They have won 10 premierships, but have been disappointing over the past few years.

Northey has them firing and a big improvement this year would come as no surprise.



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Reflections from an Eagle

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MICHAEL BRENNAN

MICHAEL Brennan can look forward to Sunday's match against Essendon at Subiaco Oval with some sense of relief.

The Eagles full-back is invariably given the task of minding the opposition side's spearhead and on Sunday, the Bombers will be without brilliant big man Paul Salmon, who injured his shoulder in the semi-final of the Foster's Cup.

Minding an opposing side's potential match-winner is something Brennan (27) has become used to since making his debut with the club in 1987.

And being an inaugural Eagle, Brennan has experienced many highs and lows.

Much hype surrounded the Eagles entering the VFL, as it was then, and many players have described the situation as Hollywood.

"There was obviously a lot of excitement around a new team in the VFL," Brennan said this week.

"And with us achieving the ultimate goal within six years, you could say it was a success."

After making the finals in 1988, a lot of high expectations were expected from the Eagles before the start of the 1989 season.

But they were a big disappointment and reached an all-time low at Windy Hill on July 15 when they were thrashed to the tune of 142 points by the Bombers.

"We'd received a comprehensive defeat from Hawthorn the previous week and to go to Windy Hill and receive that thrashing was certainly disappointing," the Eagles vice-captain said.

"It was humiliating and it was time to sit back and reflect on what had to be done."

Brennan, whose 120 games for the Eagles in six seasons is bettered only by Dwayne Lamb (131) and Chris Mainwaring (126), was one of the Eagles best players during 1991, when they stunned the football world by winning their first 12 games and 19 of the 22 qualifying games.

"We were considered the best team in 1991, but Hawthorn have earned respect over the years for their efforts in the finals," Brennan said.

"It was certainly disappointing, but something to learn from last season."

Brennan, who was an integral member of the Eagles premiership side, was relieved when the final siren went at the MCG on September 26 last year.

"It was great, especially for me and some of the guys who had been around the club since 1987," he said.

"To get through all the hard times and finally win was great."

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Melbourne Calling

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



YOUNGSTERS LIFT CLUBS

THE continuing search for improvement by AFL clubs means that they must always find a couple of younger players to be introduced to senior football each year.

This has the advantage not only of giving new players experience, but also to put pressure on the more established players to perform at a required level.

Last season, several players showed they would make the grade.

Ben Hart (Adelaide), Tony Evans (West Coast), Jeremy Guard (Fitzroy) and Stuart Maxfield (Richmond) became important players in their respective teams.

No doubt the finalists at the end of this season will be littered with new players who will continue the progression.

Essendon unearthed a handful of new stars during their successful Foster's Cup night series campaign. James Hird, Joe Misiti and Mark Mercuri may well be prominent names come September.

CONTRIBUTIONS

All three, members of the successful Cup grand final team, have had solid groundings in the reserves competition, which may be the reason for their solid contributions to the night series flag.

One young player who should have an impact on the AFL this year is Footscray's John Ballantyne, who made his debut in 1990, but has played only 15 games.

With his great pair of hands, accurate kick and good recovery, he has all the makings of a great full-forward.

Mark Fraser, in his 14 games during his debut season with Collingwood last year, showed he has the ability to become an outstanding wingman.

...and there are plenty of stars

With pace to burn and stamina, Fraser could test the West Coast Eagles Norm Smith Medallist Peter Matera, provided his development continues.

Rookie Carlton big man Rohan Welsh also played 14 games last year, mainly in a forward pocket, from where he kicked 28 goals.

He will be aiming to improve on that total to take pressure off Blues skipper Stephen Kernahan.

YOUNG STAR

My prediction for "find of the year" is 198cm ruckman Shaun Rehn, from the Adelaide Crows.

At 22 years of age and with 26 AFL games behind him, Rehn can develop into one of the premier ruckmen in the AFL.

He has shown in less than two seasons, that he can dominate the hit-outs against more experienced opponents, enabling the Crows small men to get first use of the ball.

Without new talent entering an AFL club, a team becomes static and even predictable.

Young players can inject enthusiasm and flair into a club and can even help experienced players to become more focused on the task ahead.

With the new season about to kick off, no doubt some exciting and raw talents will emerge to become important factors in deciding the '93 flag.

Brisbane's Draft disgrace



LONG GONE . . . these four West Australians tasted glory in the Brisbane Bears reserves side that won the 1991 AFL premiership — but they have all moved on (from left) David Ogg (back with Swans), Rod Lester-Smith (retired and at East Fremantle), Brad Rowe (Collingwood) and Alex Ishchenko (North Melbourne)

Bears stumble deeper in woods

PERSISTENT calls for concessions in various forms by the Brisbane Bears should be ignored.

They no longer deserve the privilege of extra help after the shemozzle they made of the March draft.

Those who advocate the need for successful interstate clubs to ensure the future of the national competition have long supported the view that both Sydney and Brisbane deserved extra help to form a competitive player base.

Help from the AFL Commission came through extra draft choices in November and again in March, but the Bears have abused the privilege.

In their quest to secure Nathan Buckley, arguably the best player outside the AFL last season, they have lost the plot.

Understandably, they had to trim players from their list to make room for the high-priced recruit, but it is difficult to fathom the reasoning behind the axing of former Claremont century goalkicker John Hutton.

A little more than 12 months ago, Hutton was in the same position as Buckley. He was the No.1 draft pick in Australia, but after a solid start to his career, he was sent packing.

UNFAIR CASUALTY

A club which has struggled to win games since its inception surely must have other "dead wood" it can lop.

And Hutton was not the only unfair casualty.

Brendon Retzlaff had done little wrong in his first year in AFL ranks, Mark Zanotti deserved better treatment after a few years of dedicated service and Matthew Ahmat is a player who has shown promise.

Not surprisingly then has it been with trepidation that top-flight players have moved to Queensland after being drafted by the Bears.

It was argued that until top draftees bit the bullet and played with the struggling Bears, they would never become stronger.

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But the Bears have done nothing during the off-season to promote stability within their ranks — they even have eroded their depth.

If the West Coast Eagles are to be used as a role model for their struggling interstate cousins, then Brisbane are definitely on the wrong tangent.

The Eagles have adopted a policy of recruiting youngsters with a view to the future, rather than for short-term results and that means a steady flow of quality rookies ready to take their places in the AFL arena.

By dropping a player of Hutton's ability off their list, the Bears must surely have lost support within the AFL administration.

They were correct in doing everything in their power to secure Buckley, but in Hutton they cast adrift the wrong player.

The Bears have seen quality recruits like Darren Jarman refuse to play for them and they gave up the fight, releasing to other clubs players with the capacity to put them on the AFL map.

A successful national competition is dependent on strong interstate clubs and the Bears have rarely got it right in the past seven years.

Unfortunately, they did not have the correct formula when they started with mainly rejects from other clubs as well as a handful of emerging players.

But they have been given the chance to make something of themselves after their disadvantaged start to AFL life and they have blown it.

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	Hawthorn v Melbourne (3)	H	Hawthorn 19-21pts
	** Carlton v Fitzroy (4)	H	Carlton 19-21pts 17pts
	Geelong v St Kilda (6)	H	Geelong 16-18pts
Sunday, March 28	Richmond v Adelaide (7)	A	Adelaide 13-15pts
	** West Coast v Essendon (5)	H	West Coast 10-12pts 126pts

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IT'S ON AGAIN

Westside Football editor ALAN EAST looks at the new AFL season



THE 1993 Australian Football League season kicks off this weekend with seven matches in two States played over three days.

In the next 26 weeks, 300 matches will be played across five States — all seeking the one target ... a berth in the finals in September initially and then that ultimate grand final day at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on the last Saturday in September.

The McIntyre Final Six System will again sort out those last six teams as they contest the three weekends of finals to determine who will be the last two standing for the September 25 rendezvous that will produce untold elation in one of the camps.

That feeling of triumph was experienced by the West Coast Eagles and their tens of thousands of fans last season; for the first time in Victorian football history, after 95 previous grand finals, their precious premiership cup was lifted from its resting place at the MCG and taken across the Nullarbor to a new home.

Now, six months later, 14 other clubs have schemed ways and means of depriving the West Coasters of their prize.

The challenges are going to come thick and fast.

We've already seen what Kevin Sheedy has done to his young Essendon side, who, along with Richmond have emphasised their improvement by surviving to the final of the Foster's Cup pre-season series, while clubs like Melbourne, Footscray, Geelong and St Kilda will not be far away from the upper echelon.

The challengers are looming

And outside of Victoria, the momentum is building for the Adelaide Crows.

The league's newest kids on the block, they have now had two seasons to iron out the wrinkles and the word from the City of Churches is that Adelaide won't be showing any charity to rivals this season — at home or away.

There will be upsets from plenty of directions ... the financially troubled Fitzroy have backed a winner with their poker machines and will be spurred on to further success on the field; Richmond have discovered a new lease of life with the return of one of their own in John Northey to coach; Melbourne have gone to South Australia to recruit a West Australian in Neil Balme as their mentor; North Melbourne have discarded one of their most famous sons in Wayne Schimmelbusch in favour of another local product in Denis Pagan to coach; Footscray showed last year that they are sick of being treated like western suburbs outcasts — and all of those sides plan to improve enough to challenge for the final six.

Geelong, the losers last year for the second time in two recent attempts, are the quiet achievers from down the Victorian coast and Malcolm Blight is happy to keep their aspirations out of the main-stream Melbourne media.

Hawthorn, the power-brokers of recent years, seem

even more disciplined under the highly-astute Alan Joyce; Collingwood's playing skill will jump up a couple of notches with some fine recruiting by Leigh Matthews and while St Kilda coach Ken Sheldon will obviously play most of his cards from the Tony Lockett pack, the Saints do have some electrifying players — mainly from the West.

The dogged Footscray Bulldogs will be inspired by their tenacious leader Terry Wheeler to survive just a little longer in September, while Carlton's veteran David Parkin will again rely on his coaching expertise to find the holes in the opposition defences — and he certainly has the skilled players to do that.

Fitzroy's Robert Shaw has seen several modern miracles happen at his club in recent days and even the departure of their ace goalkicker in Richard Osborne hasn't dented their enthusiasm.

Interstate, WA's proud product in Gary Buckenara is still coming to grips with life in the harbour city — and it's certainly not as rewarding as he deserves — while the genuine coaching style of Robert Walls is still failing to instil a similar approach in the players, who have moved out of their Gold Coast holiday home into the traditional Woollongabba Ground and that could instil some serious sporting moods.

In Adelaide, the weather-beaten features of veteran player and coach Graham Cornes are giving nothing away; he has copied the West Coast book of success and knows that he has the players to emulate the Eagles.

Like many interstaters, Cornes believes that the day of an Eagles-Crows grand final is imminent ... and that's an interesting challenge for current King of the Coaches, WA's adopted favourite son, Michael Malthouse.

Plenty of time for 1994 side, says Alexander

THERE is plenty of time to get a second WA-based AFL team up and running before the 1994 season — that's the confident opinion of inaugural West Coast coach Ron Alexander.

Speculation has increased recently that the AFL want a Fremantle team in the competition as soon as next year.

Alexander believes a decision before mid-year would leave organisers with ample time.

He had less than six months to pull together the fledgling Eagles in late 1986 and early 1987 and he believes a Fremantle team could be ready for the first bounce in 1994.

"There is plenty of time to put together a team providing they make a decision by about June and start the planning work," he said.

Lessons learnt from the sometimes painful introduction of the Eagles would be a huge bonus for the new team, he said.

PROBLEMS

Alexander admits the officials behind the original Eagles approached the situation with a "let's get in the competition first and sort out the problems later" attitude that resulted in plenty of teething problems.

While not advocating that sort of rush to get a second WA team into the AFL, Alexander believes the time is right for such a move.

"They have to go ahead, there is certainly a demand for it and it would keep local players in the WAFL," he said.

Alexander and the officials behind the original Eagles might have been treading untested waters, but they did have a few advantages over a prospective Fremantle club.

There was a relatively strong WAFL competition to draw players from, in-

By

STEVE MARTIN

cluding the remarkable Teal Cup crop from 1985 that included Peter Sumich, John Worsfold, Scott Watters, Paul Peos, Guy McKenna, Chris Lewis and Chris Waterman.

There was also a range of sponsors waiting to pour money into the team and a WA public desperate to support a local team in the big arena.

Alexander believes a generous spirited AFL would ease the birth of a Fremantle side.

"If they want the side to be viable the AFL has got to grant some concessions," he said.

They would need priority picks in the November draft for a couple of years and a ban on the recruiting of local players for a similar period.

Just last season talented youngsters Jason and Brett Spinks, Russell Williams, Craig Treleven, Wayne Herniman and Warren Campbell were snatched from the two Fremantle WAFL clubs by the AFL.

That cannot be allowed to happen again, even if the side is not introduced into the AFL until 1995.

CONCESSIONS

Those concessions could also include the right to approach WA players coming out of contract at other AFL clubs.

Players such as Mark Bairstow, Nicky Winmar, Earl Spalding, Craig Starcevic, Jon Dorotic, John Hutton and Todd Ridley could be interested in returning to WA.

Recently refected Eagles Scott Watters, Stevan Jackson, Paul Peos, Todd Breman and Dean Laidley could also be on the recruiters list.

Although Mick Malthouse and the Eagles officials might argue otherwise,



RIGHT DIRECTION ... inaugural Eagles coach Ron Alexander could help point the new Fremantle team in the right direction as far as learning from mistakes made in 1987

current West Coast players shouldn't be off limits to the new club.

With John Worsfold set for a long reign as skipper, might Chris Mainwaring be interested in the captains job at a Fremantle club?

He is exactly the sort of high-profile and experienced the new club would need to build its future on.

With the planned reduction in team lists and the large number of West Australians at other clubs, there does seem to be enough talent to support a Fremantle side.

The organisational and financial considerations are the key to the suc-

cess of the new club and as the Eagles proved that is a tough battle to win.

Already the two Fremantle WAFL clubs are pulling in different directions at times.

East Fremantle continue to make the odd claim that the club should be based at East Fremantle Oval when the obvious home has to be Fremantle Oval.

And they also went ahead with the registering of the Fremantle Football Club — a strange move for two clubs about to seek wedded bliss in the sporting world.

Focus on the AFL season



GEELONG
Last year 2nd
COACH:
Malcolm Blight
CAPTAIN:
Mark Bairstow



FITZROY
Last year 10th
COACH:
Robert Shaw
CAPTAIN:
Paul Roos



BRISBANE BEARS
Last year 14th
COACH:
Robert Walls
CAPTAIN:
Roger Merrett



HAWTHORN
Last year 6th
COACH:
Alan Joyce
CAPTAIN:
Gary Ayres

MALCOLM Blight's awesome Cats — twice bridesmaids, but not yet brides — are looking to go one better this year.

And to do that the club which re-wrote the goalkicking record books in 1992 has made a concerted effort to try and bolster its defence.

Conscious of the Eagles tremendous running power through their ruck-rover types, Geelong have also recruited in that direction.

Blight, starting his fifth year as Cats coach, has reached two grand finals — 1989 against Hawthorn and last year against the Eagles — and he must be desperate to take that important final step.

Another strategy Blight has employed is to give his men a slightly easier pre-season, conscious that a few senior players struggled at the important end of last year.

Part of Blight's defensive plan is to use the versatile 194cm Barry Stoneham at centre-half-back and give young Western Australian recruit Stephen O'Reilly the job at full-back.

A half-back line of All-Australian Ken Hinkley, Stoneham and the ruthless Tim McGrath would test the best half-forwards in football.

To counter the loss of Stoneham at centre-half-forward, Blight intends to use former Swan Districts man Steven Handley in the key forward job, with fast-leading Bill Brownless at full-forward.

John Barnes, one of the Cats stars of the finals, will lead the ruck after the retirement, due to constant injury, of Damian Bourke.

Former East Perth ruckman Stephen Hooper missed last year due to knee surgery, but is back with the Cats as possible support for Barnes.



ESSENDON:
Last year 8th
COACH:
Kevin Sheedy
CAPTAIN:
Mark Thompson

ESSENDON coach Kevin Sheedy — in charge for the 13th year in a row — openly admits his excitement at leading a new crop of Baby Bombers into action.

Sheedy must be experiencing a comforting sense of de jure, watching his youthful squad show some of the qualities of the Bombers of the early '80s.

That team went on to dominate the decade, playing in three successive grand finals from 1983-85, for two premierships.

Already the Bombers have stamped their mark by winning the pre-season Foster's Cup, after convincing wins over the Brisbane Bears, Adelaide Crows, West Coast and Richmond in the night final.

And one of the heroes of that era, Tim Watson, has re-discovered his hunger for the game and is back with Essendon.

There is a strong blend of experience — Derek Kickett, Anthony Daniher, 1992 fairest and best Mark Harvey, skipper Mark Thompson, Watson, State players Gary O'Donnell and Paul Salmon and the excitement of Darren Bewick, Michael Long and the brilliant Gavin Wanganeen.

Youngsters who are set to make their mark are talented bigman Stephen Alessio, James Hird, who kicked five goals in the Foster's Cup final and tough defender Glenn Manton.

Others with just a handful of games are Joe Misi, Mark Mercuri, Stephen Alessio, James Hird, Peter Filandia, Todd Ridley and Glen Kilpatrick.

The Bombers ruck duties will be shared by Alessio (21), Peter Somerville (24) and, to a lesser extent, Salmon, a veteran at 28.

THE FACT that Fitzroy are even in the AFL this season is nothing short of a minor miracle.

"Everyone knows we were five minutes off losing our jobs," said coach Robert Shaw, referring to the mad days in December when the club was facing extinction.

But the Lions know the best way to stay viable is to win.

Driven by Foster's Cup prizemoney, the Lions dumped Geelong and Footscray before losing to Richmond in a tough semi-final.

They have recruited tireless Collingwood ruckman James Manson, who will add strength to the following division and North Melbourne forward John McCarthy.

The unpredictable McCarthy is capable of wild swings of fortune, but Shaw reckons he is worth the gamble.

WA Pair Jeremy Guard (Claremont) and Marcus Seecamp (East Perth) are both expected to give more in their second AFL year, with Guard already looking stronger. They also picked up Bears reject Mark Zanotti.

A group of players blooded in 1991, including Stephen Paxman, Peter Caven, Matthew Dundas and Jamie Elliott are also expected to play bigger roles.

The Lions have coaxed reluctant recruit Brett Cook to join and Matthew Armstrong's form, back from a serious knee injury, is a bonus.

Despite the gains, Shaw will again rely heavily on the superhuman contribution of skipper Paul Roos, reliable Brett Stephens and brilliant full-back Alastair Lynch.

On the debit side, Osborne, Brendan McCormack and John Blakey are gone.



ADELAIDE CROWS:
Last year 9th
COACH:
Graham Cornes
CAPTAIN:
Chris McDermott

ADELAIDE coach Graham Cornes — in charge since they entered the AFL in 1991 — firmly believes the Crows are on the way up.

After two years learning the hard way, there is a strong feeling in the Crows camp that there is a new, tougher attitude at Football Park.

They have a host of unknown youngsters, but the Crows are expecting big things from tough former Essendon wingman Greg Anderson and former Hawk Matthew Robran.

Anderson and Robran, just 22, are both quality players proven at AFL level, who Cornes can use in a number of trouble spots.

Their acquisition, along with skipper Chris McDermott, and the emerging Shaun Rehn, Jonathon Ross and Mark Bickley, gives the Crows a broader power base to work with.

Robran played just seven games with Hawthorn before standing out of football last year and will obviously be desperate to prove his ability for his home State.

Robran, a former SA defender, could give vital support to Nigel Smart, Ben Hart and Rodney Maynard, plus the injury-prone Stuart Wigney, recruited from Sydney as a key defender.

Anderson could team up with Andrew Jarman and Simon Tregenza to give the Crows a powerful centreline. Up forward, Scott Hodges — brilliant at times but inconsistent — needs to kick more goals, or his spot could be taken by Tony Modra.

EVERYONE in football believes the Bears move from Carrara to Brisbane is a big step in the right direction.

The other big plus for coach Robert Walls and his Gabba-based team is the one-year signing of 20-year-old Magarey Medallist Nathan Buckley.

Buckley, at 19, was the star of the South Australian league, finishing with a best-on-ground display in Port Adelaide's premiership team.

As well as re-locating, the Bears have also cleaned out 17 players, including regulars John Hutton, Brendon Retzlaff and Mark Zanotti.

Others to go include Rod Owen, Russell Jeffery (back to the Northern Territory) and Bathhurst Islander Adam Kerinaiva, Nigel Palfreyman and David Wearne.

The clean-out makes way for Buckley, a reluctant starter in Brisbane who has already impressed as a centreman and former Eagle Paul Peos, who will be useful in attack or around the ground.

Midfielders Brendan McCormack (Fitzroy), Adrian Fletcher (St Kilda), key position player Martin Heffernan (Geelong), rover Danny Craven (St Kilda) and John Klug (Crows) have also joined the Bears.

The Roos John Spargo has also gone north, along with former Crows forward Michael Murphy, Sydney ruckman Dion Scott, SA ruckman Matthew Clarke, VFA players John Parker and Brad Pearce and youngsters Nathan Chapman, Justin Leppitsch and Fabian Francis.

Walls will also look for continued improvement from the impressive Darryl White, Marcus Ashcroft, Troy Clarke and Steve McLuckie.



SYDNEY SWANS
Last year 15th
COACH:
Gary Buckenara
CAPTAIN:
Paul Kelly

IT couldn't get any worse for the Sydney Swans than 1992. After beating the Brisbane Bears on May 8, they lost their remaining 15 games.

Coach Gary Buckenara, a Hawthorn premiership player four times over, must have been wondering where to hide.

But the Swans, teetering on the brink of financial collapse, were bailed out by the AFL and have recruited well.

They picked up No. 1 draft choice Richard Osborne, the brilliant former Fitzroy skipper and their leading goalkicker and a number of proven AFL players, including talented Bears forward John Hutton.

Both will add class and strength to the Swans forward line, along with full-forward Simon Minton-Cornell, who kicked 60 goals last year in a severely under-nourished attack.

Two Eagles, Scott Watters and Tony Begovich, plus Essendon's Michael Werner and Richard Ambrose, Tony Malakellis (Geelong), Jayson Daniels (St Kilda), Dean McRae (North Melbourne) and Ed Considine will also bolster Swans strength.

Watters, Daniels and Malakellis will add to the midfield, McRae, Begovich and Considine will bolster the defence and Werner could slot into the potentially lethal attack.

Hutton, a strong-marking forward with an enormous kick, could be particularly dangerous on the small SCG — and he has a point to prove, especially to Bears officials.

On the debit side they have lost disgruntled rover Barry Mitchell who has been signed by Collingwood and Ben Doolan.

FINISHING sixth and dropping out of the finals race early last year didn't please Hawthorn coach Alan Joyce one bit.

But as Joyce, who has an extraordinary coaching record with the Hawks, aims for a record 12th consecutive finals series, it is clear that things can only get tougher for the giants of the past decade.

Dermott Brereton is out with injury and players like Chris Mew, Gary Ayres and Chris Langford are nearing the end of their careers.

With that in mind, the Hawks have recruited heavily — Footscray tagger Darren Baxter, talented St Kilda forward Tim Allen and Fitzroy's Mark Bunn.

But the Hawks early preparation has been far from ideal — suffering a 77-point thrashing by Essendon and a 40-point hiding by Richmond in a Foster's Cup game.

Jason Dunstall, magnificent last year with 145 goals, will again be one of the Hawks trumps.

He lacked the support that he got in the 1991 premiership team, when Paul Hudson (62 goals), Tony Hall (42) and Darren Jarman (41) shared the load.

The Hawks will be looking to Hudson (39 goals last year) and Steve Lawrence to return to top form and champion rover John Platten to get some on-ball support.

Joyce, realising the Hawks star could be fading, admits the contribution of players from 24 to 32 on the list will be vital.



NORTH MELBOURNE
Last year 12th
COACH:
Denis Pagan
CAPTAIN:
Wayne Carey

WITH North Melbourne's slump to 12th last year — their worst result in two decades — and a recent 147-point thrashing by Adelaide, rookie coach Denis Pagan has one of football's toughest jobs.

Wayne Schimmelbusch quit after that first round Foster's Cup thrashing, but already Pagan has the Roos showing some improvement.

They have since stretched Geelong and toppled Footscray by 19 points and have a favourable draw, playing power teams West Coast, Hawthorn (who they haven't beaten since 1984) Carlton, Collingwood and Adelaide only once.

In John Longmire and new skipper Wayne Carey, the Roos have two of the best forwards in the league.

Pagan comes to the Roos top job having served an interesting apprenticeship — six flags with Norths under 19s in the 1980s and success last year with Essendon's VSFL side.

He has promised that North will shed the "prospective finalists" tag, saying that actions will speak louder than words.

To help him do that they have picked up several experienced recruits, including West Coast Eagle defender Dean Laidley and Fitzroy utility player John Blakey.

Former East Perth wingman Jeremy Silcock, South Australian Robert Pym (from the Adelaide Eagles) and Adrian McAdam, from Alice Springs, should also boost the Roos depth.

But Pagan will look to Carey, Longmire, former captain Matt Larkin, Wayne Schwass, ruckman Alex Ishchenko, Ian Fairlie and Ross Smith for big efforts.

The debits include John McCarthy to Fitzroy, Darren Steele to Geelong and Dean McRae to Sydney Swans.

The challengers ... club by club



ST KILDA
Last year 4th
COACH:
Ken Sheldon
CAPTAIN:
Danny Frawley



FOOTSCRAY
Last year 3rd
COACH:
Terry Wheeler
CAPTAIN:
Doug Hawkins



RICHMOND
Last year 13th
COACH:
John Northey
CAPTAIN:
Jeff Hogg



CARLTON
Last year 7th
COACH:
David Parkin
CAPTAIN:
Stephen Kernahan

THERE is little doubt that St Kilda face a moment of truth in 1993.

They have contested the finals the past two seasons, but have failed to make a big impact.

Last year they beat Collingwood in the elimination final, but faltered in the first semi-final against Footscray.

The Saints hierarchy identified the lack of pace as their main problem and have recruited Hawthorn premiership players Chris Whitman and Dean Anderson and former North Melbourne and Carlton rover Mark Arceri, to give the talented Nicky Winmar, Robert Harvey, Gilbert McAdam and Nathan Burke some much-needed support.

Once again the Saints hopes of adding to their solitary premiership in 1966 hinge with crack centre-half-forward Stewart Loewe and brilliant full-forward Tony Lockett.

The pair form a partnership in attack second to none in the AFL and can win matches off their own back.

With experienced defenders Danny Frawley (full-back) and Russell Morris (centre-half-back) leading the way in defence and teenage ruckman Peter Everitt shaping as a suitable back-up for big men Lazar Vidovic and Lawrence Bingham, a grand final berth is not out of the question.

IF Terry Wheeler's four-year plan comes to fruition, Footscray will play off in this year's grand final.

Everything else Wheeler has planned for the unfashionable "Scraggers" has come off — and they came mighty close to grabbing a grand final berth last year.

"We have laid the foundations of what I believe will be a successful side," said Wheeler, the 1992 coach of the year.

And not only did they produce a stunning 16-win effort last year, they also produced the Brownlow Medallist, ruckman Scott Wynd.

Along with Wynd, they have 1990 Brownlow winner Tony Liberatore in top form and giving the Bulldogs great drive on the ball.

Chris Grant, Leon Cameron, Nigel Kellett, Jon Ballantyne and Rohan Smith head a crop of talented, but maturing youngsters.

Along with durable veterans skipper Doug Hawkins and rover Brian Royal, centreman Simon Atkins, Steven Kolyntuk, Steven Kreituk and the creative Danny Del-Re, the Bulldogs have an exciting blend of youth and experience.

Two new recruits, former Sharks wingman Peter Quill, and Demon Luke Beveridge, also look capable of performing at AFL level, with Quill, in particular, set to establish himself.

RICHMOND might have fallen short of victory in the Foster's Cup grand final, but they lost very few supporters for their courageous effort in reaching the final.

The Tigers won three matches on the way to the final and are hoping their pre-season form carries on to the regular competition.

Former West Coast Eagle Stevan Jackson, Jeff Hogg and Scott Turner have been in great form up forward for the Tigers, who have struggled to post match-winning totals in recent seasons.

The recruitment of South Fremantle rookie Wayne Hernaman has paid dividends, with the 20-year-old midfielder in fine touch and expected to play a lot of senior matches this year.

The Tigers, who have been tagged promising for several seasons, are now starting to realise the expectations placed upon.

Running players Craig Lambert, Stuart Maxfield, Matthew Knights, Wayne Campbell are playing more direct football and they will be boosted by the return of veteran rover Dale Weightman, who has overcome his injury troubles.

Coach John Northey is currently confronted with a problem he could have only wished for when he accepted the job last year — keeping the lid on the hype surrounding Punt Road.

"We have not even started the premiership season so far," says Northey.

who missed a lot of last year with back and groin problems.

Top recruit is talented South Australian, Martin Pike (19), from Norwood, who has impressed as a tough defender and former Claremont stars Phil Gilbert and Jason Norrish.

Gilbert, a WA full-back and wingman Norrish appear ready-made AFL players who have slipped into the Demons line-up adding much-needed depth.

They have also picked up Footscray's Adrian Campbell and Bradley Campbell and Glen Molloy under the father-son rule.

David Schwartz and tall youngster David Neitz also give the Demons new marking power.

Stephen Tingay appears to have shaken the hamstring problems that restricted him to six games last year and Michael Pickering should play more senior games after recovering from a foot injury.



MELBOURNE
Last year 11th
COACH:
Neil Balme
CAPTAIN:
Garry Lyon

NEW Melbourne coach Neil Balme has an interesting task after the Demons suffered an inglorious slide to finish 11th in 1992.

In the previous four years they made the most of what many considered limited resources to squeeze into the finals.

This year they have a good blend of new recruits, talented rookies and senior players, curtailed by injury last year, who should contribute more.

Heading that list is brilliant skipper Garry Lyon, troubled by a pelvis injury, Brownlow Medallist Jim Stynes and dynamic forward Allen Jakovich,



WEST COAST
Last year 1st
COACH:
Mick Malthouse
CAPTAIN:
John Worsfold

IT is extremely difficult in any sport to win back-to-back premierships — a fact that the West Coast Eagles will experience in 1993.

After winning their first flag last year, the Eagles can expect determined challenges for their title from all of the other 14 AFL clubs.

Once again their running players Chris Mainwaring, Dean Kemp, Peter Matera, Dwayne Lamb, Chris Lewis,

Tony Evans, Craig Turley and Don Pyke loom as key factors, along with star defenders Glen Jakovich, John Worsfold and Guy McKenna.

The Eagles two star forwards Peter Sumich and Brett Heady had injury-interrupted seasons in 1992 and coach Mick Malthouse will be hoping they stay free of problems during 1993.

Missing from last year's team will be defender Dean Laidley, midfielder Scott Watters, versatile big man Mark Hepburn and wingman-forward Paul Peos.

The Eagles are hoping their draft choices of Drew Banfield, Tony Godden, Paul Symmons and Lee Walker can cover their absence.



COLLINGWOOD
Last year 5th
COACH:
Leigh Matthews
CAPTAIN:
Tony Shaw

COLLINGWOOD dropped out of the finals last year after a crippling run of injuries and their pre-season preparation has been a tale of recovery and rehabilitation.

The big gain — at \$225,000 — is classy former Sydney Swans rover Barry Mitchell. What they also need is goals, lots of them.

Last year the ageing, mercurial Peter Daicos kicked 52 but, by his own high standards, was disappointing and young Saverio Rocca and Ron McKeown were next with just 29 goals each.

The addition of Mitchell — highly rated by coach Matthews — gives Collingwood four players in the AFL's 1992 top 35 possession winners, along with Mick McGuane, Scott Russell and Tony Shaw.

With damaging midfielders Gavin Brown and Tony Francis, the 'Pies have a talented on-ball powerhouse.

Matthews doesn't openly agree his attack is suspect, but deep down he would love to see the bulky Rocca, McKeown, Shane Watson, Mark Richardson or new recruit Damian Houlihan emerge as a Dun-stall or Lockett-type spearhead.

On the injury front Francis, Brown, Daicos, McGuane and key defenders Gary Pert and Craig Kelly have all had interrupted pre-seasons.

Daicos, who announced his retirement then decided to pull on the boots again and ageless skipper Tony Shaw will again be keys to the Magpies success.

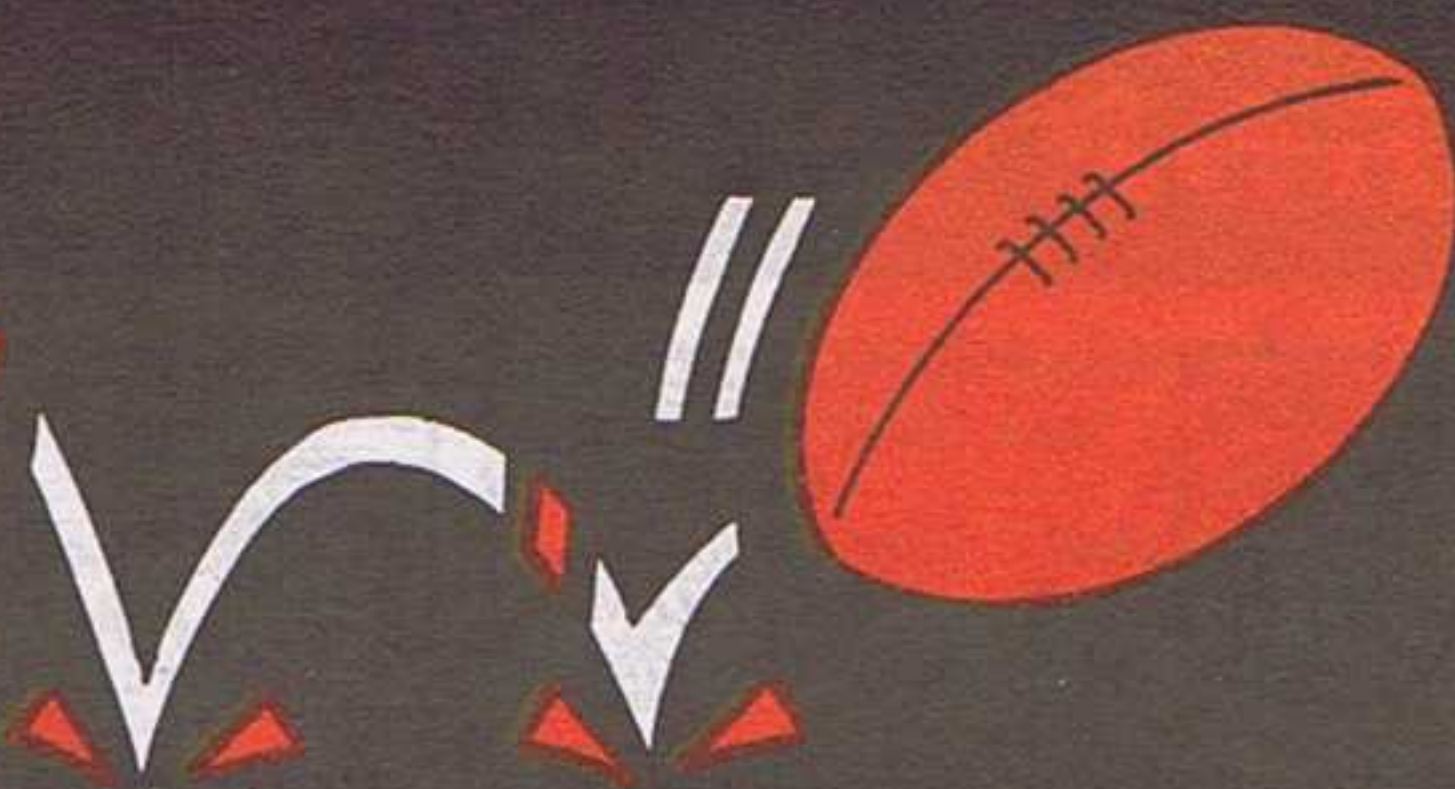
WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS

AFL ROUND 1

	Tally	Footscray v Collingwood	Nth Melbourne v Brisbane	Hawthorn v Melbourne	Carlton v Fitzroy	Geelong v St Kilda	Richmond v Adelaide	Eagles v Essendon
RON ALEXANDER		Footscray	Brisbane	Hawthorn	Carlton	St Kilda	Adelaide	Eagles
TANIA ARMSTRONG		Footscray	Nth Melb	Hawthorn	Carlton	Geelong	Adelaide	Eagles
DIGBY BEACHAM		Footscray	Nth Melb	Melbourne	Carlton	Geelong	Adelaide	Eagles
ROBERT BENNETT		Footscray	Nth Melb	Hawthorn	Carlton	Geelong	Adelaide	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW		Collingwood	Nth Melb	Hawthorn	Carlton	Geelong	Richmond	Eagles
BRUCE BUTLER		Collingwood	Nth Melb	Melbourne	Carlton	Geelong	Richmond	Eagles
RICHARD CAMM		Footscray	Brisbane	Hawthorn	Carlton	Geelong	Adelaide	Eagles
ALAN EAST		Collingwood	Nth Melb	Hawthorn	Carlton	Geelong	Richmond	Eagles
LAURIE KEENE		Footscray	Nth Melb	Hawthorn	Fitzroy	St Kilda	Richmond	Eagles
STEVE MARTIN		Footscray	Nth Melb	Hawthorn	Carlton	Geelong	Adelaide	Eagles
KEN PIESSE		Footscray	Nth Melb	Hawthorn	Carlton	Geelong	Richmond	Eagles
GARY STOCKS		Collingwood	Nth Melb	Melbourne	Carlton	Geelong	Adelaide	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED		Footscray	Nth Melb	Hawthorn	Carlton	Geelong	Adelaide	Eagles

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The Eagles of '93 . . .

Guernsey No.	Player	D.O.B.	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Came from	Debut	Games played	Goals kicked	State games	Occupation	Position
29	BALL, Jason	21.11.72	196	96	Swan Dist/Swan View	1992	1	—	1	Bank Officer	Ruckman
31	BANFIELD, Drew	27.2.74	185	85	Subiaco/Quairading	1991 Swan Dist	30 SD	44 SD	—	Student	Ruck-rover
52	BOND, Shane	9.7.75	180	76	Port Adelaide	1992 Subiaco	9 Subi	8 Subi	—	Student	Wingman
14	BRENNAN, Michael	29.6.65	187	90	East Frem/Karoonda	1992 Subiaco	9 Subi	8 Subi	3	Finance Consultant	Defender
60	BURTON, Matthew	19.5.70	210	98	Subiaco/Marist Coll.	1987	120	15	—	Student	Ruckman
44	BURTON, Travis	27.7.74	187	78	Subiaco/Newman Coll.	1983 East Frem	77 EF	5 EF	—	Student	Ruckman
32	CLAPE, Matthew	28.5.69	185	85	East Perth/Margaret River	1990 Subiaco	44 Subi	20 Subi	—	Student	Half-forward
42	CONNELL, Matthew	3.8.72	180	75	Subiaco/Carine	1992	9	5	—	Sports Development Officer	Half-back
49	CROXFORD, Rhys	21.3.74	195	83	Claremont/Mirrabooka	1989 East Perth	75 EP	10 EP	1	Student	Rover
47	DAVIES, Steven	1.4.72	187	87	Subiaco/Kalgoorlie	1991 Subiaco	29 Sub	20 Subi	—	Fibrous plaster moulder	Forward
54	EDMONDS, Travis	9.2.71	195	82	Swan Dist/Guildford Gram.	—	—	—	—	Mechanic	Forward
18	EVANS, Tony	14.6.69	178	77	Claremont/Muresk	1991 Subiaco	28 Subi	19 Subi	1	Bank Officer	Ruckman
33	GODDEN, Tony	19.4.72	182	76	Subiaco/Carine	1990	63	12	2	Student	Rover
55	GREEN, Brendan	11.12.70	174	78	Claremont/Marist Coll.	1991	18	19	—	Student	Rover
20	HALL, Derek	29.11.70	187	85	West Perth/Harvey-Bruns	1989 Claremont	59 Cl	100 Cl	—	—	Wingman
40	HAMPSON, Damian	27.3.70	180	78	Subiaco/Carlton/Woodlands	1990 Subiaco	24 Subi	12 Subi	—	Carpenter	Rover
23	HARDING, Paul	4.6.64	193	95	St Kilda/Riverton/East Frem	1990 Claremont	23 Cl	25 Cl	1	Courier driver	Centre-half-back
36	HART, David	3.3.64	179	79	South Frem/Bruce Rock	1990 West Perth	59 WP	90 WP	—	Salesman	Ruck-rover
1	HEADY, Brett	4.1.70	184	82	Subiaco/Whitfords	1988 Subiaco	39 Subi	11 Subi	10	Dental technician	Ruckman
16	HEPBURN, Mark	29.8.68	195	95	North Melbourne/Claremont	1992	16	2	—	—	—
22	HYNES, David	31.3.67	194	90	Port Adelaide	1981 East Frem	102 EF	34 EF	—	—	—
34	IRVING, Dean	1.9.66	200	105	South Frem/Kalgoorlie	1987 Hawthorn	11 Haw	2 Haw	3	Courier driver	Rover
27	JAKOVICH, Glen	24.3.73	192	94	South Frem/Sth Coogee	1989 St Kilda	62 St K	7 St K	—	—	—
2	KEMP, Dean	17.2.69	180	76	Subiaco/Kalgoorlie	1987	104	77	—	—	—
41	KRUMMEL, Brendan	24.6.72	185	84	East Frem/Karoonda	1983 West Perth	7 WP	9 WP	2	Development officer	Half-forward
5	LAMB, Dwayne	20.12.61	178	90	Subiaco/Nth Innaloo	1984 South Frem	70 SF	81 SF	1	Student	Ruckman
						1988 Subiaco	35 Subi	57 Subi	—	—	—
						1991	13	0	1	Student	Ruckman
						1988 Subiaco	35 Subi	57 Subi	2	Self-employed	Utility
						1991	26	23	—	—	—
						1985 Pt Adel	119 PA	111 PA	—	—	—
						1991 Sth Frem	18 SF	13 SF	2	Development officer	Ruckman
						1990	42	9	—	—	—
						1985 Sth Frem	52 SF	31 SF	4	Promotional officer	Centre-half-back
						1991	40	15	—	—	—
						1989 Sth Frem	51 SF	77 SF	2	Salesman/Electrician	Centremen
						1990	70	30	—	—	—
						1989 Subiaco	24 Subi	9 Subi	—	—	—
						1992	1	—	—	—	—
						1990 East Frem	42 EF	7 EF	10	Sales representative	Ruck-rover
						1987	131	43	—	—	—
						1980 Subiaco	134 Subi	32 Subi	—	—	—



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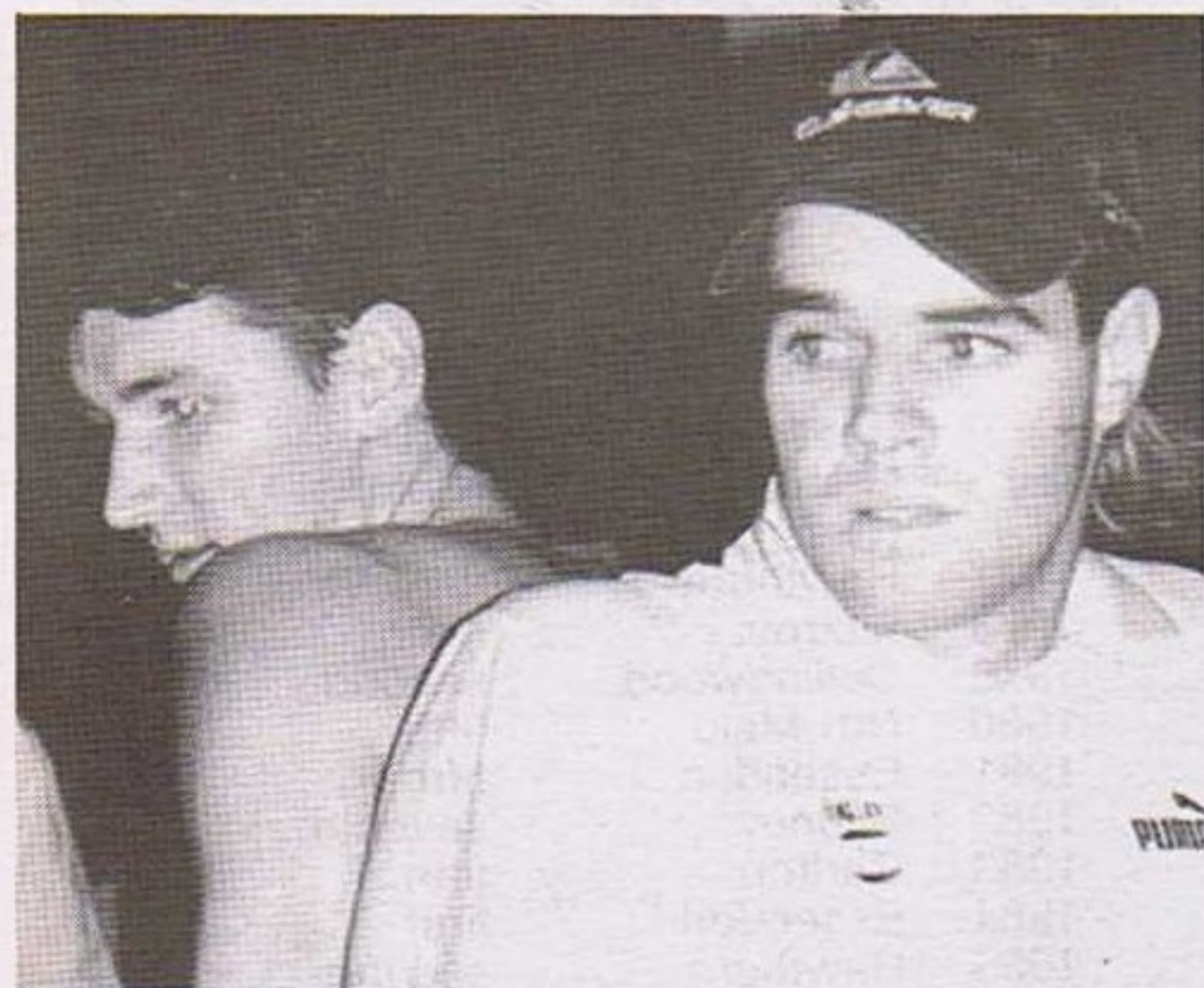
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19	LANGDON, Karl	28.3.68	191	90	Subiaco/Guildford Gram.	1988	91	105	3	Promotions manager	Half-forward
28	LEWIS, Chris	17.3.69	183	80	Claremont/Mirrabooka	1986 Subiaco	32 Subi	49 Subi	3	Development officer	Ruck-rover
45	LOCKYER, Andrew	7.7.65	192	95	East Frem/Northampton	1987	112	135	3	Business manager	Full-back
53	LYLE, Brayden	6.3.73	184	83	Port Adelaide	1986 Claremont	9 Cl	6 Cl	6	Apprentice Electrician	Half-forward flank
3	MAINWARING, Chris	27.12.65	180	82	East Frem/Geraldton	1987	78	35	—	Television presenter	Wingman
30	MATERA, Peter	3.4.69	182	82	South Frem/Wagin	1985 East Frem	69 EF	145 EF	—	Professional footballer	Wingman
11	McINTOSH, Ashley	20.10.72	192	90	Claremont/Scotch Coll.	1985 East Frem	48 EF	36 EF	10	Student	Utility
17	McKENNA, Guy	11.5.69	185	85	Claremont/Carine	1987	125	53	3	Business prop.	Defender
21	METROPOLIS, Daniel	17.3.72	188	85	Subiaco/Scotch Coll.	1985 East Frem	48 EF	36 EF	—	Sales assistant	Half-forward
38	MUIR, David	17.7.71	185	96	Claremont/Trinity Coll.	1990	54	66	—	Council worker	utility
8	NICHOLS, Trent	7.4.69	170	74	Richmond/Sandy Bay, Tas.	1987 Sth Frem	59 SF	96 SF	2	Sales representative	Rover
10	PYKE, Don	5.12.68	180	78	Claremont/Canberra	1991	34	26	4	Accountant	Rover
48	RETZLAFF, Brendon	22.4.69	179	76	Brisbane/Swan Dist/Collie	1991 Claremont	15 Cl	13 Cl	2	Salesman	Ruck-rover
46	SCHOFIELD, Jarrad	30.1.75	177	72	Subiaco/Wesley Coll.	1992	4	3	—	Dockhand	Half-forward
51	SPINKS, Brett	7.11.73	196	94	South Frem/Jerramungup	1988 Richmond	56 Rich	46 Rich	4	Fruit and vegetable buyer	Forward
4	SUMICH, Peter	11.1.68	191	91	South Frem/Cockburn	1992 East Frem	18 EF	16 EF	—	Insurance Clerk	Wingman
43	SYMMONS, Paul	2.9.73	188	75	West Perth/	1989	56	30	3	Football Promotions Officer	Ruck-rover
7	TURLEY, Craig	24.8.65	180	80	West Perth/Nollamara	1987 Claremont	54 Cl	81 Cl	—	Teacher	Ruckman
50	TURNBULL, Ryan	23.9.71	196	97	East Perth/Claremont/Christ Church	1991	11	3	1	Welder	Utility
35	UGLE, Troy	18.4.68	178	82	Swan Dist/Carey Park	1989 Claremont	23 Cl	17 Cl	3	Bank officer	Forward
26	WALKER, Lee	7.2.73	201	97	East Perth	1991 East Perth	35 EP	19 EP	—	Insurance consult.	Half-back
39	WATERMAN, Chris	19.9.68	182	83	East Frem/Rossmoyne	1988	36	38	—	Groundsman	Rover
37	WEST, Robert	7.3.69	173	75	West Perth/Wodonga, Vic.	1987 East Frem	51 EF	37 EF	2	Student	Half-back
12	WHITE, Mitchell	28.3.73	190	86	Subiaco/West Torrens	1991 West Perth	36 WP	34 WP	1	Business Development Officer	Utility
9	WILSON, Peter	15.11.63	183	90	East Frem/Lynwood/Richmond	1991	23	4	1	Pharmacist	Half-back
24	WORSFOLD, John	25.9.68	182	88	South Frem/SFJFC	1990 Subiaco	37 Subi	43 Subi	7		
						1982 East Frem	54	55	6		
						1987 Richmond	54 Rich	40 Rich	—		
						1987	119	14	—		
						1986 Sth Frem	25 SF	5 SF	—		



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Baby Bombers end Tigers fairytale

A FRESH-LOOKING Essendon team of exciting youngsters finally brought to an end Richmond's gallant effort in the Foster's Cup pre-season series.

The Tigers, who advanced to the final after stirring wins over Sydney, Hawthorn and Fitzroy, could not match the overall talent of a re-juvenated Essendon side.

The "Baby Bombers", who disposed of the West Coast Eagles in the semi-final, led at every change to post a 23-point win — their third in the past decade.

After leading by only eight points at quarter-time, Essendon opened up the game with 5.7 in the second term to go on at half-time with a handy 18-point buffer.

Richmond were unable to make any headway on the lead until midway through the final quarter, when they moved within 10 points and looked

THE GRAND FINALE

likely to pull off an upset.

But the Bombers steadied and two late goals sealed the result.

Brilliant defender Gavin Wanganeen continued his devastating form in the pre-season competition with a best-on-ground performance out of the back pocket.

He was well supported by experienced defender Mark Harvey, who outclassed Scott Turner at centre-half-back.

Exciting forward James Hird (20) kicked five goals in a performance which would give coach Kevin Sheedy plenty of heart in the lead-up to Sunday's clash with the Eagles at Subiaco Oval.

Richmond running players Matthew Knights and Stuart Maxfield worked tirelessly over the four quarters, as did captain Jeff Hogg at full-forward.

Youngster to lead Essendon revival

ONE player who seemingly has the football world at his feet is Essendon youngster Gavin Wanganeen.

The back pocket player has been in sensational touch during the Foster's Cup competition and looms as a crucial player in the much-publicised Bombers revival.

The 19-year-old Wanganeen joined Essendon as an attacking rover from Port Adelaide in 1991 and impressed in his debut season, playing 18 matches.

Last year, Bombers coach Kevin Sheedy experimented with the brilliant teenager in defence and he did enough to convince the mentor that the switch could be successful.

Wanganeen, who has played 39 senior games with the Bombers, was the stand-out player in the Foster's Cup series and his performance in the final against Richmond was superb.

His influence has been such, that many critics are tipping him to win this year's Brownlow Medal.

Former South Fremantle coach Mal

Brown, who is the marketing officer at Richmond, had nothing but praise for Wanganeen in a recent interview with 6PR's Gary Carvolth.

"I don't think I've seen anyone better than Gavin Wanganeen," said Brown, who saw the former South Australian's talent first-hand last Saturday.

"I think he could eventually be a better player than Maurice Rioli, if he keeps himself fit."

FOSTER'S CUP DETAILS

GRAND FINAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
ESSENDON	4.4	9.11	12.14	14.18	102
RICHMOND	3.2	7.5	9.10	11.13	79

GOALS - ESSENDON: Hird 5, Bewick, Ridley, Cransberg 2, Sporn, Somerville, Kickett. RICHMOND: Hogg, Hernaman 3, Naish, Campbell, Maxfield, Menegola, Knights.

BEST - ESSENDON: Wanganeen, O'Donnell, Hird, Long, Harvey, Misiti. RICHMOND: Knights, Maxfield, Naish, Berman, Campbell, Hernaman.

Umpires: Darren Goldspink, Hayden Kennedy. Crowd: 75,533 at Waverley Park.



IT'S OURS ... Essendon players are jubilant after their Foster's Cup victory

Improvers draw record crowd

A HIGHLIGHT of Saturday's clash between Essendon and Richmond was the record crowd at Waverley Park.

Melbourne's football-mad public grabbed every opportunity to watch the final between two sides who are expected to figure prominently in the regular season.

The crowd of 75,533 eclipsed the previous night final record in 1980 of 50,470 for the North Melbourne-Collingwood game.

An estimated 6000 people were turned away last Saturday.

ESSENDON'S four wins during the Foster's Cup have resulted in a more than handy cheque.

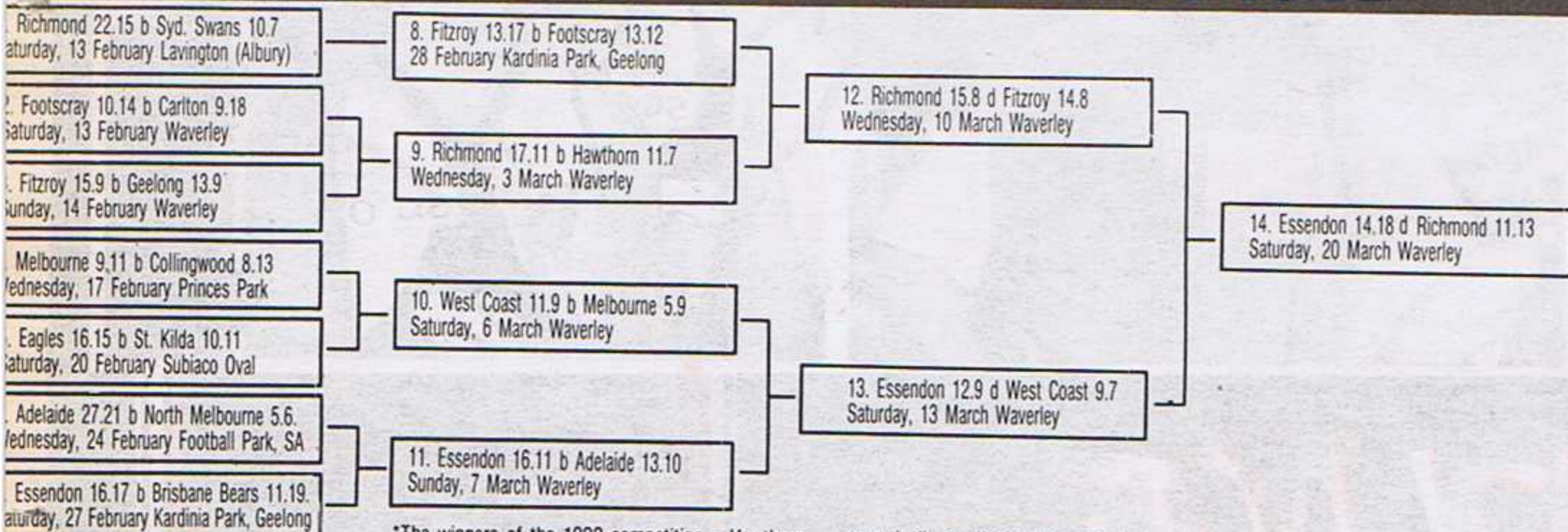
The Bombers received \$104,500 for their performances — \$11,500 more than when Hawthorn beat Fitzroy in last year's night final.

Runners-up Richmond received \$74,500 for their courageous efforts and losing semi-finalists West Coast and Fitzroy each won \$38,500.

Four teams — Footscray, Hawthorn, Melbourne, Adelaide — who crashed out of the quarter-finals — took home \$19,250.

First-round losers North Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, Carlton, Collingwood, Geelong and St Kilda all collected \$5500 for their troubles.

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

NIGHT AND DAY: HOW THEY FARED

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

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Sharks wary of determined Demons

EAST Fremantle and Perth, the two undefeated sides during the Emu Export summer series, will clash in the \$5000 final at East Fremantle Oval this Saturday.

Both clubs have been most impressive in the pre-season competition's four qualifying rounds — but the Demons had to work hard to grab their grand final spot.

They advanced to the final courtesy of a goal kicked by half-forward Brett Wills after full-time in their match against South Fremantle at Fremantle Oval.

A loss by the Demons, who trailed the Bulldogs all day, would have given Claremont a crack at the Sharks after they disposed of Subiaco by 81 points at Moora Oval to post a three win-one loss record in the summer series.

A key for the Sharks in their four matches has been the form of John Worsfold Medal winner Billy Krakouer, Steve Malaxos, Steven Lally, Stephen Bilcich, Steven Lloyd and Brendan Krummel.

MIDFIELD DRIVE

They have provided their side with tremendous drive and their tussle with the Demons ball-getters Willie Dick, Merv Kelly, Adrian Barich, Shane Cable, Troy Davis and Darren Rigby will be a highlight.

Sharks coach Ken Judge is happy with his side's efforts to date, but doesn't believe East Fremantle are favourites to win the final and \$3500 in prizemoney.

"I think Perth are playing well," Judge said.

By DIGBY BEACHAM

"They made their intentions clear at the start of the competition that they wanted to do well.

"I wouldn't suggest we are a better side than they are because they have recruited well and are obviously a much-improved side from last year."

DELIGHTED

Perth mentor Ken Armstrong was delighted with his charges ability to come back from 30 points down midway through the second quarter against South Fremantle.

"We had a lot of passengers in the first half and I think the difference was

that we had less passengers in the second half," Armstrong said.

"A good sign was that the players knew what to do in the last 15 minutes."

Armstrong said the Demons victory over the Bulldogs at Fremantle Oval was a win which could be important against the reigning premiers.

"We've won three away and one in the country and I think we will be very competitive against East Fremantle because the win against Souths will stand us in good stead," Armstrong said.

But the experienced coach was quick to point out that East Fremantle would be hard to topple.

"East Fremantle haven't been under pressure in their four games, so they are looking good for the 1993 season," Armstrong said.



DEMON DEVILS . . . Perth coach Ken Armstrong has got his Demons in good early-season form

Frustrating time for Watson

SOUTH Fremantle coach Mark Watson would have been pulling his hair out after his side's six-point loss to Perth at Fremantle Oval.

The Bulldogs started the match well and by the 13-minute mark of the second quarter, they had established a handy 30-point lead.

However, a bright light for the rookie mentor was the performance of veteran Brad Hardie.

In only his second game for the club

since returning from Melbourne, Hardie showed all the skill and ability that won him the 1985 Brownlow Medal in his debut season with Footscray.

While he didn't dominate proceedings, his clean ball-handling and quick thinking saw him post three goals and help St Kilda draftee Greg Wootton to one after cleverly evading three Perth defenders in the forward pocket.

EAST Perth fans will be in for some confusing afternoons this season if Paul Leuba can claim a roving spot alongside the experienced Peter Miller.

Leuba, who has transferred from Claremont after winning the WAFL's Medallists Medal for the fairest and best player in the colts competition two years ago, roved strongly enough against West Perth to deserve some early league trials.

His looks and style are similar to Miller, currently in England on work duties, but expected back in time for the opening of the Pepsi Cup season.

East Perth's big man strength will be formidable this season — providing the requirements of the West Coast Eagles are not too demanding.

Last year's prized recruit, No. 1 ruckman Richard Graham — who followed coach Stan Magro from South Fremantle — was again in solid form on Sunday, well-supported by the emerging Graeme Garnaut, whose ability to pull down big marks in attack is a danger-sign for opposition defences.

Ryan Turnbull, who is pushing hard for regular Eagles selection, was in good touch, both in attack and on the ball, while the much-awaited appearance of former Teal Cup star Lee Walker in a senior match was worth waiting for.

The tall and athletic Walker, who has played just five games of country football — with Augusta Margaret River last season — in the last three years, started at centre-half-back and dominated the match early.

His ball-getting ability was impressive and he will quickly influence the Eagles selectors with efforts such as Sunday's.

With Anthony Stubberfield (who dislocated a shoulder on Sunday), Glen Bartlett, Rob Fitzgerald and Paul Barnard adding big-man back-up strength, the options for coach Stan Magro look good.

Tigers out to atone

CLAREMONT will be out to avenge their third round Emu Export summer series defeat by South Fremantle when they meet the Bulldogs at East Fremantle Oval on Saturday.

That loss cost Claremont, who posted a three win-one loss record in the pre-season competition, a place in the \$5000 final to be contested by unbeaten teams East Fremantle and Perth.

Their percentage (154.2) was only bettered by the Sharks 156.7.

The match against the Bulldogs will determine third and fourth place and while no prizemoney is up for grabs, rival coaches Gerard Neesham (Claremont) and Mark Watson (South Fremantle) will be eager to post a win before next Saturday's opening round of Pepsi Cup fixtures.

Claremont will enter the match full of confidence after thrashing Subiaco by 81 points at Moora last weekend, while South Fremantle will be determined to compensate for their narrow six point loss to Perth.

Neesham not only would have been delighted with his side's performance but the return to form of midfielders Kevin Mitchell and Rob Malone.

The pair collected numerous possessions and will be vital players on Saturday.

Equally important for the Bulldogs will be Brad Hardie.

Hardie kicked three goals against the Demons last weekend and his use of the ball was first-class.

ROUND 4

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
E FLEM	2.2	5.5	5.8	10.13	73
S DIST	3.2	4.5	7.7	7.10	52

GOALS — EAST FREMANTLE: Davidson, Krakouer 3, Lockyer, Nichols, Bilcich, Lloyd. SWAN DISTRICTS: Walker 3, Holmes 2, Bazzo, Newby. BEST — EAST FREMANTLE: Condon, Harding, Treleven, Krummel, Krakouer, Moss. SWAN DISTRICTS: Skender, Gow, Newby, Narkle, Edmonds, Walker.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
PERTH	2.3	5.6	7.8	13.10	88
S. FLEM.	3.3	8.7	10.9	12.10	82

GOALS — PERTH: Wills, Hastie 4, Dick 3, Davis, Jackson. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Hardie, Spinks 3, Matera, Campbell, Ball, Wootton, Irving, Bottrell. BEST — PERTH: Nicholas, Dick, McNaughton, Kelly, Wills, Barich. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Irving, Taylor, Matera, Porter, Spinks, Bottrell.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
WEST PERTH	2.3	5.9	9.5	11.6	72
EAST PERTH	2.2	5.2	9.3	9.9	63

GOALS — WEST PERTH: Mcullum 4, Reynolds 3, Murphy 2, Symmons, O'Brien. EAST PERTH: Leuba 3, Garnaut, Turnbull 2, Haskett, Stubberfield. BEST — WEST PERTH: Genefini, Symmons, Lambourn, Hasler, Reynolds, Nelson. EAST PERTH: Graham, Johnston, Garnaut, Turnbull, Leuba, Turner.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
CLAREMONT	5.6	8.11	15.16	22.19	151
SUBIACO	3.1	7.3	8.3	11.4	70

GOALS — CLAREMONT: Morgan 5, Sheldrick, Lukins, Smith 3, Green, Downsborough, Malone 2, Ham, Leach. SUBIACO: Hubble 3, Metropolis, Jeffery 2, Hutchinson, Burton, Gooch, Golding. BEST — CLAREMONT: Mitchell, Malone, Sheldrick, Green, Leach, Lukins. SUBIACO: Gooch, Jeffery, Hutchinson, Monaghan, Hubble.

EMU EXPORT SERIES

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST FLEM	4	4	0	384	245	156.7	16
PERTH	4	4	0	399	289	138.1	16
CLAREMONT	4	3	1	424	275	154.2	12
SOUTH FLEM	4	2	2	307	272	112.9	8
SWAN DIST	4	1	3	269	314	85.7	4
Subiaco	4	1	3	299	455	65.7	4
West Perth	4	1	3	232	385	60.3	4
East Perth	4	0	4	219	298	73.5	0



"Reckon you could do with an Export"



Falcons relief was evident

WEST Perth's effort in beating East Perth in the Emu Export summer series clash in the seaside resort of Busselton was no picnic affair — in fact, it was as far removed from a holiday as you can imagine.

The Falcons were desperate for victory and though East Perth coach Stan Magro had previously warned Royals supporters not to expect too much of the team in the pre-season series, there was a desperate need for a victory.

With both clubs win-less after three rounds of the Emu Export series, the loser was faced with claiming the wooden spoon — and that's something the Falcons were keen to avoid, after having accepted the dubious honour in the last three WAFL seasons.

Falcons coach Jeff Gieschen was well-pleased with the effort, especially as the Royals seemed destined to finish all over West Perth in the closing minutes.

Just two points behind with 10 minutes remaining in the last term, the Royals were full of running, but could not convert goals — and it was that steadiness that pleased Gieschen.

STRONG FINISH

He used the word 'power' to praise the side after the match, suggesting that their ability to push home strongly when the attacks were coming thick and fast and to be cool in the crisis were good signs.

Gieschen enthused about a number of youngsters in the camp, particularly former Teal Cup star Brett Genefini, who roved tigerishly and seems set for an early league debut.

Geoff Valentine played strongly through the midfield; half-back Mark Lambourn was effective, while big Victorian recruit Steven Murphy showed that he will be a handy acquisition.

evident

By

ALAN EAST

The performance from skilled centreman Darren O'Brien was encouraging, as he got through his first full practice match without any signs of the injury problems that have dogged his career.

Eagles squad member Paul Symons played strongly early and then showed great courage to come back after a heavy knock, while the return to football after a year's break has certainly not done Paul Hasler's enthusiasm any harm.

EXPERIENCE

The former Falcons captain played strongly in defence and, along with fellow veteran defender Wayne Dayman, adds some experience to the backline.

Gieschen felt that one of the best features of the match was the duel between two of the game's classiest youngsters — Falcon Todd Curley and East Perth's best first-year player of 1992, Michael Prior.

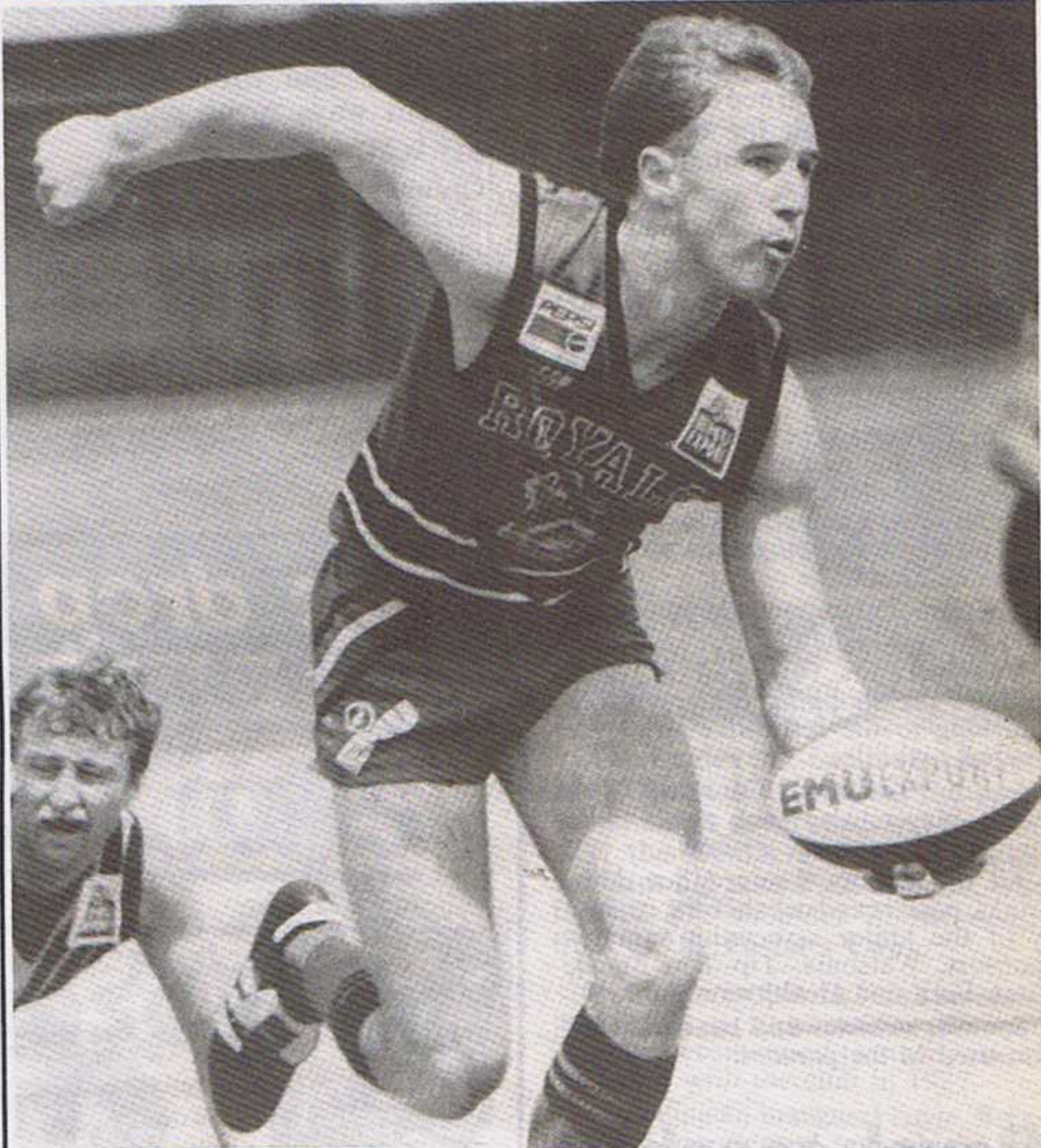
Curley, an outstanding product from colts football, had the better of the battle with the Royals wingman, but both players were effective across the centreline.

Another Falcons newcomer in 18-year-old colts player Glen McCullam posted four goals, including three in an impressive third-quarter burst.

"That was a much-improved effort," said Gieschen. "They showed plenty of power in their approach to the ball, especially towards the end when a few guys had to learn to push up harder."

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FULL STRIDE ... East Perth youngster Jarrod Malland is searching for a place in the league side

Krakouer leads Worsfold Medal

BRILLIANT East Fremantle rover Billy Krakouer has maintained his lead in the \$500 John Worsfold Medal for the fairest and best player in the Emu Export summer series.

Krakouer's excellent ball-getting skills have been at their best during the Sharks four matches and consequently, recognised by the umpires, the media and independent observers.

The 26-year-old went into last Saturday's final qualifying round with a handy eight-vote buffer over Perth pair Adrian Barich and Troy Davis.

He only received one vote for his display against Swan Districts, but that was enough for him to hold a five vote lead in the inaugural award, with voting continuing into this Saturday's final set of fixtures, including the grand final.

Krakouer now looms as an important player in the Sharks quest to win the \$5000 final against Perth on Saturday.

Barich has kept alive his hopes of overhauling Krakouer after a tireless display for the Demons against South Fremantle, in which he received four votes.

Claremont rover Brendan Green, who was selected by the West Coast Eagles in the recent March draft, has moved to third place after polling four votes in the Tigers crushing victory over Subiaco.

He overtook Davis (22) and Lions rover Errol Bourn (21), who failed to register votes and are presently occupying fourth and fifth position respectively.



ALL SMILES ... Sharks rover Billy Krakouer topped the voting in the Emu Export series



ON TARGET ... rookie Mark Lambourn is in line for an early league debut with the Falcons

Lions snare Caton from Swans

SUBIACO'S chances of improving their fifth placing of 1992 has been boosted by the recruitment of Swan Districts full-forward Kevin Caton.

The 27-year-old retired from football last year after sharing the WAFL goalkicking honours — but admitting to becoming a little stale at Bassendean.

However, he had little peace from the scene before new Subiaco coach Tony Solin approached him to see if he was interested in playing in 1993.

Caton initially declined the offer, but last week, the two-time State repre-

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sentative approached the Lions and said he wanted to play the 1993 season with them.

Caton is still tied to Swans and it is expected the black and whites will slap a \$15,000 clearance fee on the enigmatic spearhead.

Solin was delighted that Caton would be joining Subiaco, who struggled up forward last year and have experienced some goal-kicking prob-

lems already this year during the Emu Export summer series.

"We recruited him because he's a full-forward and we haven't got one," Solin said.

"We've used four guys at full-forward so far and they haven't worked. "Having Kevin is just another string to our bow."

The Lions are rumoured to be asking \$15,000 for nomadic follower Malcolm Williams, who is seeking a clearance to Perth — his fourth WAFL club since making his debut with West Perth in 1988.

"We're going to get some money for Williams, so we might as well spend

some in return," Solin said.

Solin said Caton was relatively fit and a chance to play league within the first round.

"Once we get him fully fit, he'll be great," Solin said.

"He's not the kind of guy who carries a lot of weight anyway."

Caton, a dual State representative, made his debut for Swans in 1984 and has played 116 with the club, along with one for the West Coast Eagles, eight for the Brisbane Bears and nine for Fitzroy.

"He's played all those games and is only 27, so he is at the top of the bracket," Solin said.

Stars back on home territory

EAGLES captain John Worsfold and star players Peter Matera and Peter Sumich returned to familiar territory last week for the annual juniors parade and football promotion day.

Parades were held simultaneously at Fremantle Oval and Anniversary Park, in Rockingham, to promote junior football in the South Fremantle region.

The occasion attracted 400 people to Fremantle Oval and 500 people to Rockingham.

Worsfold was kept busy at Fremantle Oval taking part in the coaching of junior footballers during the activity session, signing autographs for the fans and posing for photographs with his young admirers.

The two Peters were kept equally busy at Rockingham.

The parades followed a route through the shopping centres before returning to the respective ovals for football activities.

South Fremantle Football Club league players also took part in the march and coaching sessions.

All the juniors received hot dogs, drinks, posters and car stickers, courtesy of the junior association's major sponsors, Watsonia, Tip Top Bread, Titan Ford and Healthways.

Sponsor vehicles and banners were also used in the parades.

Royal coaches

A NUMBER of East Perth players took advantage of the Busselton fixture in the Emu Export series to have a couple of extra days in the South West.

Mark Colthart returned home a couple of days before Sunday's match, while Clint Johnston also went down south early to visit relatives.

Along with reserves player Mark Stojanovski, another Busselton youngster, the trio were recruited by South West development officer Colin West to help run a coaching clinic for juniors on Saturday morning.

More than 50 enthusiastic youngsters took part in the clinic and there seems to be plenty of emerging talent in the deep south.

Plenty of ways to show your support

By

KERRY LARSEN

Concession memberships for pensioners, full-time students and unemployed usually are available at all clubs at reduced rates.

Subiaco have one of the strongest

club systems, with many benefits for members, especially at Subiaco Oval, where car park reserved bays include Eagles matches. The club offers attractive discounts for pensioners.

All clubs have memberships for about \$10 for children aged 16 and under, which includes a club card, newsletters, a junior pack and an invitation to meet the players or attend special coaching clinics.

Family memberships for about \$70 can be bought at most clubs, however, some of these may not include ground admission tickets.

Social club members can also enjoy special benefits.

For example, Claremont offer members the use of club facilities, the right to buy ground admission tickets at a reduced rate, visitors passes for home games, voting rights at the AGM and newsletters.

Most clubs cater for country fans with reduced-rate memberships.

The Sharks offer country memberships to people over 18 who live at least 50km from East Fremantle Oval. It offers the same privileges as for ordinary members and costs \$35.

EXCLUSIVE

There are also exclusive membership package deals within all clubs, offering the business man extra privileges.

West Perth have a Golden Falcons club, which has full membership for two people, use of the VIP function room and two undercover seats with prime viewing.

A pre-match luncheon and afternoon tea, after-match socialising with league players, one car park bay and four special guest passes for the social hall is included and costs \$650.

Permanent or lifetime membership is also available from most clubs.

East Perth offer a range of exclusive memberships, especially with their Loton's Club, formerly the Businessmen's Association.

Loton's Club options include reserved car parking, two season tickets for all home games, two reserved seats in the VIP area, bar facilities, afternoon tea at home games and personal badges, starting from \$250.

Business people can also have extra club memberships, internal or ground signs and additional reserved car parking bays.

Swan Districts have an exclusive membership called Silver Swan for \$500.

It includes a full membership to the club with membership ID card, invitations to watch the game from the Percy Bright-Haydn Bunton Lounge, car parking, lunch, pre-match drinks, afternoon tea and post-match drinks.

The Silver Swan package also includes an undercover reserved seat at the WAFL final series.

EAGLES DEAL

Swan Districts also offer a joint Swan Districts-Eagles membership which includes admission to all Swans and Eagles home games, plus membership to both clubs.

Clubs have special fund-raising groups such as Claremont's brick donations wall, where you can have a bronze (\$100), silver (\$200) or gold (\$500) plaque with your name in the members' lounge.

Perth have a Rovers Club (\$300), which includes two memberships and home game season passes, reserved car parking, seats in the sponsors lounge and two invitations to the president's luncheon and pre-match drinks.

South Fremantle also have gymnasium membership, including use of the changerooms for \$169 a year, or \$10 a month for members, \$20 a month for non-members.

Top drop for Sharks



SHARK CATCH . . . East Fremantle, as the reigning WAFL premiers, are keen to maintain their top-of-the-castle status and a lucrative sponsorship deal with Emu Export has helped them get off to a good start this year

That's Sharks skipper Steve Malaxos pictured with Emu's marketing man, Howard Cearn and the Swan Brewery Company will certainly be putting their weight behind the East Fremantle challenge

Former Sharks defender and West Coast chairman of selectors, Trevor Sprigg, is one of Swan's marketing executives and he will be pushing the product in Fremantle territory

The sponsorship deal adds to the extensive involvement Emu Export have with football in WA, at club level, with the WAFL generally and, of course, the West Coast Eagles, where they are an elite sponsor

when you buy a burger, or at any SGIO office, fill in the accompanying form and drop it in at Channel Seven.

Entrants have to have the sticker on their car to be in the competition and Channel Seven will draw the winners later in the season.

First prize includes two business class air-tickets to Melbourne, two nights five-star accommodation, two AFL grand final tickets, breakfast, \$250 spending money and limousine transfers from airport to hotel.

Second prize is two economy tickets to Melbourne, two nights accommodation including breakfast, two tickets to the final and transfers (taxi) to the game.

Twenty five lucky Eagles fans will win Support Packs, which include an Eagles bag, casual woollen jumper, umbrella and scarf.

THE Eagles players who are involved with Hungry Jack's this year are having a meeting and luncheon with staff on Thursday, which I'm looking forward to.

It's a great opportunity for all the players to get to know the Hungry Jack's people who do so much work behind the scenes organising promotions, junior clinics and store attendances.

It's also a good opportunity for some of the younger Eagles who aren't married, to get at least one decent meal for the week that they don't have to cook for themselves!



THE HUNGRY JACK'S WHOPPER CLUB

with Guy McKenna



It's nice to be fully fit

WELL, its on again — we start our premiership defence at Subiaco Oval on Sunday and all the guys are looking forward to playing Essendon.

They beat us two weeks ago in the semi-final of the Foster's Cup, but we're hoping to take the four points in front of a big Subiaco Oval crowd.

It's a relief for me to be going into a new season 100 per cent fit after my struggle with injuries last year.

A NUMBER of my Eagles teammates will be helping out with our

Hungry Jack's store appearances and coaching clinics this season.

Young ruckmen Ryan Turnbull and Matthew Burton — the tallest player on any AFL team list — will give the kids someone to look up to and popular Eagles Chris Lewis, Karl Langdon and Peter Matera are also involved.

Peter Matera's finals performances, including his match-winning five-goal haul in the grand final, made him an instant hero in WA.

His presence at our coaching clinics will thrill thousands of WA school children, who will try and emulate his dashing feats when they play and practice at schools and clubs all over the state.

HUNGRY Jack's have got another great competition going for Eagles fans, with a top prize being a luxury weekend for two in Melbourne at the AFL grand final.

All you have to do is pick up a Hungry Jack's sticker at any store



PRESENTS



Thinking aloud



A column of news and views by ALAN EAST

Sheedy nurses his new babies

YOU have to admire the persistence of Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy.

Despite calls for his coaching head — and counter-offers of mega-dollars for him to switch clubs — he has stuck with the Bombers for 13 successive years and seems set to reap his second great harvest.

Sheedy, the tough man from the Richmond defence of the 1960s and '70s, has turned the player barrel upside down at Windy Hill to reveal a host of exciting new youngsters.

He was often accused of sticking with his veterans for too long and now we see that giants of the past such as Simon Madden and Terry Daniher have moved out to pasture. But, surprise, surprise, Tim Watson has come in from the agistment paddock to keep a touch of the old Sheedy influence among these Baby Bombers.

PRESS PRAISE

The Melbourne press are lauding the Foster's Cup feats of Sheedy and his Bombers Mark II and it seems the coach has been his usual cagey self as he bloods his youngsters in the twos.

With premierships in 1984-85, Sheedy has seen off a virtual generation of players and his Bombers side that took the Foster's Cup prize of \$104,500 last Saturday night was a new-look team.

What sort of mixed emotions that win provoked in the mind of WA's football flag-flier in Melbourne, Malcolm Brown, is hard to imagine.

Brownie has joined Richmond as their marketing consultant and immediately the young Tigers get to the grand final of the pre-season series... only to lose to a team coached by one of his best mates!

What's on at your club

WEST PERTH

Emu Export Summer series: Saturday, Leederville Oval, 2pm: West Perth v Subiaco; 4pm: East Perth v Swan Districts.

Auction of players and jumper presentation, Friday, March 27, at the club, with 1975 premiership team in attendance.

Busy Bee, Sunday, March 28 from 8.30am at the club.

Pasta night, Saturday, April 10, 7pm-12pm, Rossetti Restaurant, cnr Amelia and Wanneroo Roads, Balcatta, \$20. Fashion Parade, Wednesday, 5 May, 7pm, at Leederville Social Hall, cost \$6.

Swan Districts

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

Meals at the Locker Room Restaurant, Saturdays, 6-8pm.

South Fremantle

Jumper presentations, Friday, April 2, 7pm at the club.

East Fremantle

Emu Export Series: Saturday, East Fremantle Oval, 12.40pm, South Fremantle v Claremont; 2.50pm: East Fremantle v Perth.

Jumper Presentations, Saturday, March 27, carvery meals (\$6.50) from 6pm, presentation and announcement of captain and league side, 7.15pm at the club, members and supporters welcome.

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

West Coast Eagles

Sausage Sizzle at Eagles training, Wednesday, April 14, 5pm at Subiaco Oval.

SUBIACO

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

Jumper presentations, Thursday April 1, 8pm, Subiaco Social Hall, contact Karen on 381 1266 to book tables. Counter meals available.

PERTH

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

Ladies Day, Sunday April 18, Collar'n'Cuffs at the club, \$15, contact club for more details.

EAST PERTH

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

Jumper presentation and player introductions, after the game, Easter Monday April 12, at the club.

HELLO Busselton, welcome to the fold!

That's the message from Sunday's Emu Export summer series fixture in the southern holiday resort... the boys of Busselton are keen to step up onto the WAFL stage.

Not that Sunday's successful clash between West Perth and East Perth will force a new push for a country team from the South West, but it certainly adds support to Bunbury's claim to be part of the WAFL.

When — not if — a South West side is part of the weekly WAFL fixtures, there is no reason why Busselton's Sir Stewart Bovell Park could not host a home game during the season.

The Busselton Football Club pulled out all stops to host Sunday's match and the atmosphere was great. In true country style, the cars were parked right around the ground, with horns tooting to recognise a goal and plenty of vocal support for both sides, especially in the hectic last quarter.

There was a strong South West National Football League presence at the game and with WA Football Commission chief Peter Tannock and the director of football Grant Dorrington flying the flag, the locals were out to impress.

New SWNFL president John Bray picked up the debate from where retiring chief John Silcock had left it and Tannock and whoever else was in earshot found that the support for a WAFL team in the South West is growing stronger.

Resort scores full points



GOOD MOOD... there was a real carnival atmosphere at Busselton's Sir Stewart Bovell Park for last Sunday's Emu Export pre-season game — even to the extent of the public getting a close-up view as the players warmed up out on the grass

There is no reason why a WAFL game could not be successfully hosted at Busselton's home ground.

The ground has open space, the club's facilities are adequate, especially in the bar and viewing areas, and the

changerooms are acceptable by league standards.

The volunteer support from the locals and financial help from Busselton business houses suggest that the seaside resort will be an able back-up to Bunbury in their search for WAFL status.

And the Busselton Magpies' player-slump should not be permanent.

After all, the area has produced some of WA's best footballers, including East Perth's games record-holder Derek Chadwick, dual Sandover Medalist Phil Kelly, Subiaco premiership ruckman Shane Cocker, former Royals captain Greg Walsh and Collingwood star Michael Christian.

Clubs neglect rural zones

THE old days of country zoning loyalty are certainly being shifted around as obvious changes to those rules and regulations loom on the rural horizon.

Take Sunday's Emu Export clash at Busselton — country territory of East Perth, who have done well there for many decades and Swan Districts, who have been involved only in recent years.

But it was West Perth who took up the invitation to play the Royals, not Swans... a similar situation to the Kalgoorlie practice match this year when South Fremantle stole Subiaco's territory by going to the Goldfields to play an Adelaide Crows second side.

Draft dodges

MIKE Sheahan is Victoria's most penetrating newspaper journalist who has seen both sides of the football off-field spectrum.

As a leading writer with the Melbourne Sunday Age and the former media man at the AFL, he has a good understanding of what goes on in the game.

So it was interesting to read his recent comments about the AFL draft, when he revealed behind-the-scenes wheeling and dealing with clubs, so far un-named.

Sheahan implied that there had been the usual "arrangements" between clubs, including a planned St Kilda move to call up Essendon veteran Tim Watson — thwarted by just four draft picks as the Bombers recalled their hero.

Sheahan suggested that the draft was "an exercise in shocks, intrigue, money, drama and folly".

He also said some things never change in football!

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Scooter's Shield set to expand

THERE is no doubt that football has lost its prominent place in primary schools over the past 10 or 15 years.

Schools are expected to provide more variety than the former football in winter and cricket in summer approach.

There has also been a need to address issues such as equal opportunity and competition verses participation.

Go to a modern primary school on a Friday afternoon and you will see girls and boys having a go at basketball, netball, softball, tee-ball, hockey, soccer, tennis, softcross, kanga cricket or Aussie footy. This is, of course, a very good thing.

The challenge for the national game is to maintain a position of prominence in a crowded field.

INNOVATION

Last year saw the birth of the Scooter's Shield, an innovation of the Football Development Trust aimed at promoting football in primary schools.

The idea is simple — neighbouring schools of similar size got together to play home-and-away games in groups of two or three or more.

This sort of thing has been going on for years. However, the differences are subtle, but important.

Firstly, the Scooter's Shield is backed by the FDT and sponsor, Healthways and has the support of the WAFL clubs.

The second important ingredient is the points system.

Points are awarded in each game for presentation, sporting behaviour and the result. Points are deducted for poor behaviour.

An example of the emphasis is that

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winning a game is worth three points, while the penalty for a team who has a player sent off is four points.

The results have been encouraging, teachers have been very positive in their responses, while kids have mentioned that playing Scooter's Shield is fun and that it's good to play in games where there are no arguments or fights.

The success of the Shield's implementation has caused many in the football world to begin thinking aloud. One of the ideas that has been raised is that schools could take a more pivotal role in junior football, possibly even replacing community based situations in some cases.

The use of high schools as focal points in junior football cells has also been muted. WAFL, amateur and Sunday clubs could all be linked to high schools and thus give kids an idea of where they can go in the game after their junior years.

Some refinements have been made to the organisation of the Scooter's Shield for 1993, but it essentially remains the same.

About 200 schools are expected to be involved — a rise of around 30 from last year.

While some accomplishments in junior football can go unnoticed, the Scooter's Shield has been notable.

It's worth remembering that kids are the future of the game, if they understand and enjoy it now then the future will be bright.

Harding helps out



BIG HAND ... Eagles ruckman Paul Harding has a few coaching hints for Riverton juniors (from left), Ryan Phelps, Adam Lilly, Rohan Lilly and Craig Phelps

WEST Coast ruckman Paul Harding has gone home ... back to his original club at Riverton, that is.

The lion-hearted Eagles big man is helping out at the Riverton Football Club, where he played his junior days and he's chipping in at training clinics and pie nights.

The club hopes that Harding's association with Riverton will attract new players and reverse the trend of youngsters drifting away from the sport.

The Riverton Football Club is now looking for players for all teams from freeballers to seniors.

Registration day will be held this Sunday, from 9am to noon, at Bill Cole Oval. For more information, call Alison Phelps (juniors) on 457 2731 or Anthony on 457 1078 (seniors).

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COUNTRY ROUND-UP

Merredin back in action

MERREDIN, once a stronghold of football in the Eastern Districts region, are back in business.

The club has been revived after pulling out of the Eastern District Football League last season and will be included in this year's fixtures.

The return of Merredin will make the EDFL a 10-team competition and eliminate the bye of last season.

Gary Repacholli has been re-elected president of the League, with Brian Barnett vice-president and John Foss and Jim Foss the junior vice-presidents.

Rewards for long service

A NUMBER of dedicated workers in the South East Football League have been rewarded for their service.

To celebrate the league's 10th anniversary, club achiever certificates were awarded to the following people for their services to the competition:-

Steve Duncan, Norseman; Bernie Von-Castel, Ports; Eric Ditchburn, Condingup; Yvonne O'Dea, Newtown; Bill Rennie, Gibson and Ken Reimann, of Esperance.

Well deserved

ONE of the Lower South West's long-serving identities in Robbie Moyes has been awarded life membership of the Bridgetown Football Club.

After playing more than 200 games for Bridgetown, winning the fairest and best three times, he won the Coaches Trophy last season.

Moyes has been a tireless worker for the club, on and off the field and was a worthy recipient of the award, which was presented by another life member in Eddie Glancy.



NEW ROLE... former Augusta Margaret River colts premierships coach Gavin Watt is in charge of the league side this season

Popular day

MORE than 100 youngsters filled the Collie Recreation Ground recently when West Coast stars Peter Matera and Karl Langdon held a coaching clinic.

The two Eagles stars also held clinics at the Allanson and St Brigid's primary schools during their visit to the Coalfields, organised by South West development officer, Colin West.

New man in Geraldton

FORMER West Coast amateurs player Rowan Malcolm has been appointed to the dual role of development officer for football and cricket in the Mid-West region operating out of Geraldton.

The Victorian physical education teacher played football in the strong Diamond Valley and Latrobe Valley leagues before coming West in 1990 and joining the amateurs scene.

The post, which is part of the Football Development Trust's activities in country regions, was vacated when Colin Rose joined the Ministry of Sport and Recreation.

South West Football League UMPIRES

FIELD

League \$82 two umpires
Reserves \$75 one umpire — \$57 two umpires
Colts \$46 one umpire — \$38 two umpires

The two umpire system will operate in as many games as possible and whenever numbers permit.

BOUNDARY

League \$50 senior — \$31 junior
Reserves \$37 senior — \$23 junior
Colts \$15 junior

GOAL

League/Reserves \$56 (2 games)

Vacancies exist at all grounds under the control of the League.

GROUND MANAGERS \$58-\$64
GATEKEEPERS \$36-\$44

The League welcomes applications from service clubs or sporting organisations who may wish to use this area as a fundraising venture.

Applications and further information is available by phoning 31 5353 after hours or mailing to PO Box 742, Bunbury, 6230

Mal Hiddleston, Secretary.

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EAST Fremantle full-forward Andrew Lockyer has finished a comfortable winner in the goal-kicking stakes during the Emu Export summer series.

The West Coast Eagles squad member kicked 17 goals in four matches, including a nine goal haul against Subiaco, to be six goals ahead of his nearest rival — Claremont's Paul Morgan.

Morgan clinched second place with a five goal effort against the Lions at Moora Oval last Saturday.

Four players shared third place with 10-goal hauls — Perth pair Troy Davis and Brett Wills, East Fremantle centre-half-forward Jeff Davidson and Claremont's Kalgoorlie recruit Joe Smith.

EMU EXPORT TOP SCORERS

EAST FREMANTLE: Andrew Lockyer 17, Jeff Davidson 10, Billy Krakouer 8

PERTH: Troy Davis, Brett Wills 10, Mick Hastie 8

CLAREMONT: Paul Morgan 11, Joe Smith 10, Brendan Green 7

SWAN DISTRICTS: Greg Walker 8, Andy Holmes, Scott Cummings, Steven Bazzo 5

SOUTH FREMANTLE: Russell Williams 6, Jason Spinks 5, Wally Matera, Greg Wootton, Brad Hardie 4

SUBIACO: John Georgiades 7, Daniel Metropolis 5, John Sullivan 4

EAST PERTH: Glen Bartlett, Graham Garnaut 5, Heath East 3

WEST PERTH: Glen McCullum 6, Anthony Reynolds 4, Neil Mildenhall, Geoff Valentine, Craig Nelson 3



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What's happening in sport

FOOTBALL

AFL — Round 1: Friday — Footscray v Collingwood, MCG; Saturday — North Melbourne v Brisbane, MCG; Hawthorn v Melbourne, Waverley Park; Carlton v Fitzroy, Princes Park; Geelong v St Kilda, Kardinia; Sunday — Richmond v Adelaide, MCG; West Coast v Essendon, Subiaco. Bye Sydney.

EMU EXPORT SUMMER SERIES: East Fremantle Oval, 3rd v 4th 12.40pm: South Fremantle v Claremont; grand final 2.50pm: East Fremantle v Perth. Leeder-ville Oval, 2pm: West Perth v Subiaco; 4pm East Perth v Swan Districts.

CRICKET

BHP Iron Ore League — March 27-28, 11am, final: Mt Lawley v Bayswater-Morley, WACA Ground.

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.

SPEEDWAY

Quit Claremont Speedway — Friday, March 26: Champion Spark-plugs Champion of Champions Classic. Friday, April 2: Coca-Cola Sprintcar of the Wings grand final night.

TROTTING

Gloucester Park — Friday, March 26: Sealanes WA Derby Previews, \$8000; 1993 BOTRA Cup, \$10,000 April 2: 1993 Sealanes WA Derby Final, \$50,000. April 8: 1993 Easter Cup, \$15,000.

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 \$35,000. Thursday, April 1: Summit Realty WA Derby Heats, 530m, \$1600 a heat.

HORSE RACING

Ascot — Saturday, March 27: Hype-rion Stakes, \$30,000, 3-yr-olds and upwards; City Beach Handicap, \$16,000 3-yr-olds; Meteorite Handicap, \$14,000 for 2-yr-olds.



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JACK DANIEL'S

MAN OF THE WEEK

THERE have been some high expectations placed on Guy McKenna since his league debut with Claremont at the tender age of 15.

And 'Bluey', as he is affectionately known by the football fraternity, hasn't let anybody down.

The talented defender has been one of the West Coast Eagles most reliable players, notching 102 games in five seasons and winning the club's best and fairest award in 1989.

Last year McKenna — a member of the Magnificent Seven, that group who graduated from WA's Teal Cup winning side of 1985 — suffered from a serious groin injury, which kept him out of the Eagles side for half the season.

He returned in time for the lead-up to the finals and was at his cool and calculated best during the finals campaign.

A fit McKenna is vital to the Eagles hopes of winning back-to-back AFL premierships.



**GUY
McKENNA**

AGE: 23yrs
HEIGHT: 185cm
WEIGHT: 85kg
GAMES PLAYED: 102



JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

PEPSI Presents Your 1993 WAFL Fixtures Pin-up Calendar



Your 1993 WAFL fixtures pin-up calendar



SERIES ONE

Saturday, 3th April 1993 (Round 1)

Subiaco v Claremont
 South Fremantle v East Perth
 West Perth v Swan Districts
 Perth v East Fremantle

Saturday, 10th April 1993 (Round 2) (Easter)

Swan Districts v South Fremantle
 East Fremantle v West Perth

Monday, April 12, 1993

East Perth v Subiaco
 Claremont v Perth

Saturday, 17th April 1993 (Round 3)

South Fremantle v East Fremantle
 West Perth v Perth
 Claremont v East Perth (night game at the WACA)
 Swan Districts v Subiaco

Saturday, 24th April 1993 (Round 4)

Perth v Swan Districts
Sunday, April 25, 1993

East Fremantle v Claremont

Monday April 26, 1993

East Perth v West Perth
 Subiaco v South Fremantle (WCE have a bye)

Saturday, 1st May 1993 (Round 5)

Perth v Subiaco
 South Fremantle v West Perth
 (night game at the WACA)
 Claremont v Swan Districts
 East Perth v East Fremantle

Saturday, 8th May 1993 (Round 6)

West Perth v Claremont
 South Fremantle v Perth
 Subiaco v East Fremantle
 Swan Districts v East Perth

Saturday, May 15th May 1993 (Round 7)

Perth v East Perth
 West Perth .. v Subiaco (night game at the WACA) ..
 East Fremantle v Swan Districts
 Claremont v South Fremantle

SERIES TWO

Saturday, 22nd May 1993 (Round 8)

Claremont v Subiaco
 East Perth v South Fremantle
 Swan District v West Perth
 East Fremantle v Perth

Saturday, 29th May 1993 (Round 9)

Perth v Claremont (night game at the WACA).....

Sunday, May 30th 1993

West Perth v East Fremantle
 South Fremantle v Swan Districts
 Subiaco v East Perth

State Games

Wednesday June 2 (venue to be advised), WAFL v SANFL; West Australia v South Australia (State of Origin)

Saturday, 5th June 1993

General bye for all AFL teams (State of Origin final — possibly WA v NSW/Vic.)

Monday, 7th June 1993 (Round 10) (Foundation Day)

East Fremantle v South Fremantle
 Perth v West Perth
 Subiaco v Swan Districts
 East Perth v Claremont

Saturday, June 12th, 1993 (Round 11)

South Fremantle v Subiaco
 West Perth v East Perth
 Claremont v East Fremantle
 Swan Districts v Perth

Saturday, 19th June 1993 (Round 12)

East Fremantle v East Perth
 Subiaco v Perth
 Swan Districts v Claremont
 West Perth v South Fremantle

Saturday, 26th June 1993 (Round 13)

Claremont v West Perth
Sunday, June 27th, 1993
 East Perth v Swan Districts
 Perth v South Fremantle
 East Fremantle v Subiaco

Saturday, 3th July 1993 (Round 14)

Swan Districts v East Fremantle
 Subiaco v West Perth
 East Perth v Perth
 South Fremantle v Claremont

SERIES THREE

Saturday, 10th July 1993 (Round 15)

West Perth v Swan Districts
 Subiaco v Claremont
 South Fremantle v East Perth
 Perth v East Perth

Saturday, 17th July 1993 (Round 16)

Swan Districts v South Fremantle
 Claremont v Perth
 East Perth v Subiaco
 East Fremantle v West Perth

Saturday, 24th July 1993 (Round 17)

South Fremantle v East Fremantle
 West Perth v Perth
 Claremont v East Perth
 Swan Districts v Subiaco

Saturday, 31st July 1993 (Round 18)

East Fremantle v Claremont
Sunday, 1st August, 1993
 Subiaco v South Fremantle
 Perth v Swan Districts
 East Perth v West Perth

Saturday, 7th August 1993 (Round 19)

East Perth v East Fremantle
 South Fremantle v West Perth
 Claremont v Swan Districts
 Perth v Subiaco

Saturday, 14th August 1993 (Round 20)

West Perth v Claremont
 South Fremantle v Perth
 Subiaco v East Fremantle
 Swan Districts v East Perth

Saturday, 21st August 1993 (Round 21)

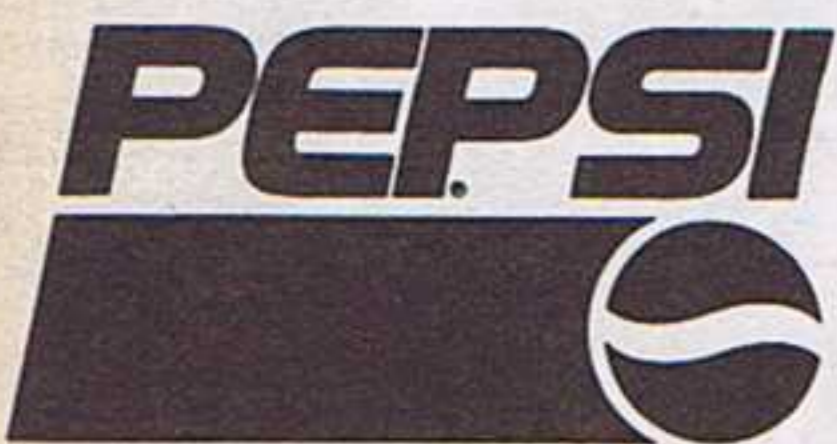
Claremont v South Fremantle
Sunday, August 22, 1993
 Perth v East Perth
 West Perth v Subiaco
 East Fremantle v Swan Districts

THE FINALS

Saturday, 28th August
 (double header, Subiaco Oval)
 Elimination final v
 Qualifying final v
 * **Saturday, 4th September**
 (double header, Subiaco Oval)
 First semi-final v
 Second semi-final v
 * **Saturday, 11th September**
 Preliminary final v
 * **Sunday, 19th September**
 Grand final v

** Subject to possible change to Sunday if the West Coast Eagles are involved in a Saturday AFL finals match*

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Friday, 26th March (Round 1)

- Footscray
 - North Melbourne
 - Hawthorn
 - Carlton
 - Geelong
 - Richmond
 - West Coast
 - Collingwood
 - Brisbane
 - Melbourne
 - Fitzroy
 - St Kilda
 - Adelaide
 - Essendon
- Bye:** Sydney.

Friday, 2nd April (Round 2)

- Richmond
 - St Kilda
 - Essendon
 - Melbourne
 - Collingwood
 - Sydney
 - Adelaide
 - Brisbane
 - North Melbourne
 - Carlton
 - Footscray
 - Geelong
 - Hawthorn
 - West Coast
- Bye:** Fitzroy

Saturday, 10th April (Round 3)

- St Kilda
 - Fitzroy
 - Brisbane
 - West Coast
 - Essendon
 - Carlton
 - Geelong
 - Sydney
 - Footscray
 - Melbourne
 - Richmond
 - Collingwood
 - Hawthorn
 - North Melbourne
- Bye:** Adelaide

Friday, 16th April (Round 4)

- Adelaide
 - North Melbourne
 - Hawthorn
 - Collingwood
 - Sydney
 - West Coast
 - Fitzroy
 - Melbourne
 - Geelong
 - St Kilda
 - Essendon
 - Brisbane
- Bye:** Carlton, Footscray, Richmond

Friday, 23rd April (Round 5)

- Richmond
 - Fitzroy
 - Footscray
 - Melbourne
 - St Kilda
 - Brisbane
 - Adelaide
 - North Melbourne
 - Carlton
 - Geelong
 - Sydney
 - Essendon
- Bye:** Collingwood, Hawthorn, West Coast.

Friday, 30th April (Round 6)

- Melbourne
 - Adelaide
 - Essendon
 - North Melbourne
 - Carlton
 - Brisbane
 - West Coast
 - Richmond
 - Hawthorn
 - Sydney
 - Collingwood
 - Fitzroy
 - Footscray
- Bye:** St Kilda

Saturday, 8th May (Round 7)

- Richmond
 - Hawthorn
 - Fitzroy
 - Collingwood
 - Footscray
 - Geelong
 - Sydney
 - St Kilda
 - Brisbane
 - Melbourne
 - Adelaide
 - North Melbourne
 - Nth Melbourne
 - West Coast
 - Carlton
- Bye:** Essendon

Friday, 14th May (Round 8)

- West Coast
 - St Kilda
 - Carlton
 - Collingwood
 - Geelong
 - Brisbane
 - Adelaide
 - Fitzroy
 - Essendon
 - Footscray
 - Hawthorn
 - Richmond
 - Sydney
 - North Melbourne
- Bye:** Melbourne

Friday, 21st May, (Round 9)

- Nth Melbourne
 - Essendon
 - Hawthorn
 - Fitzroy
 - Footscray
 - Melbourne
 - Sydney
 - Carlton
 - Adelaide
 - Richmond
 - Collingwood
 - St Kilda
 - West Coast
 - Geelong
- Bye:** Brisbane

Friday, 28th May (Round 10)

- Essendon
 - Richmond
 - St Kilda
 - Carlton
 - Collingwood
 - Footscray
 - Brisbane
 - Fitzroy
 - Sydney
 - West Coast
 - Melbourne
 - North Melbourne
 - Hawthorn
 - Adelaide
- Bye:** Geelong

Saturday 5th June — Interstate Final MCG

Saturday, 12th June (Round 11)

- St Kilda
 - Fitzroy
 - Geelong
 - Sydney
 - Adelaide
 - Hawthorn
 - Melbourne
 - Brisbane
 - Brisbane
 - Richmond
 - Carlton
 - West Coast
 - Footscray
 - Essendon
 - Collingwood
- Bye:** North Melbourne

Friday, 18th June (Round 12)

- West Coast
 - Melbourne
 - Hawthorn
 - Carlton
 - Footscray
 - Sydney
 - Geelong
 - Brisbane
 - North Melbourne
 - Essendon
 - St Kilda
 - Adelaide
 - Sydney
 - Fitzroy
 - Collingwood
- Bye:** Richmond

Friday, 25th June (Round 13)

- North Melbourne
 - Fitzroy
 - Essendon
 - Collingwood
 - Footscray
 - Sydney
 - Adelaide
 - Hawthorn
 - St Kilda
 - Richmond
 - West Coast
 - Brisbane
 - Melbourne
 - Geelong
- Bye:** Carlton

Friday, 2nd July (Round 14)

- Sydney
 - Essendon
 - St Kilda
 - Fitzroy
 - Geelong
 - Richmond
 - West Coast
 - Adelaide
 - Brisbane
 - Melbourne
 - North Melbourne
 - Footscray
 - Collingwood
 - Carlton
- Bye:** Hawthorn

Friday, 9th, July (Round 15)

- North Melbourne
 - Melbourne
 - Hawthorn
 - Carlton
 - Collingwood
 - Richmond
 - Adelaide
 - Essendon
 - Geelong
 - Fitzroy
 - Brisbane
 - Sydney
 - Footscray
 - St Kilda
- Bye:** West Coast

Friday, 16th July (Round 16)

- Adelaide
 - Melbourne
 - St Kilda
 - Fitzroy
 - Collingwood
 - Essendon
 - Brisbane
 - West Coast
 - Richmond
 - Hawthorn
 - Geelong
 - Carlton
 - Footscray
 - West Coast
 - North Melbourne
- Bye:** Sydney

Friday, 23rd July (Round 17)

- North Melb
 - Geelong
 - Carlton
 - Footscray
 - Hawthorn
 - Brisbane
 - West Coast
 - St Kilda
 - Collingwood
 - Essendon
 - Melbourne
 - Sydney
 - Richmond
 - Adelaide
- Bye:** Fitzroy

Friday, 30th July (Round 18)

- Collingwood
 - Richmond
 - Hawthorn
 - North Melbourne
 - Footscray
 - Melbourne
 - Sydney
 - Essendon
 - West Coast
 - Carlton
 - Geelong
 - Fitzroy
 - Brisbane
 - St Kilda
- Bye:** Adelaide

Friday, 6th August (Round 19)

- Essendon
 - Richmond
 - St Kilda
 - Geelong
 - Fitzroy
 - Melbourne
 - Sydney
 - Sydney
 - Carlton
 - Collingwood
 - Hawthorn
 - Adelaide
 - West Coast
- Bye:** Footscray, Melbourne, North Melbourne

Friday, 13th August (Round 20)

- Sydney
 - Essendon
 - Carlton
 - North Melbourne
 - West Coast
 - Adelaide
 - Fitzroy
 - Footscray
 - St Kilda
 - Richmond
 - Melbourne
 - Hawthorn
 - Brisbane
 - Collingwood
 - Geelong
- Bye:** Brisbane, Collingwood, Geelong

Saturday, 21st August (Round 21)

- Collingwood
 - Hawthorn
 - Fitzroy
 - Geelong
 - Footscray
 - Richmond
 - Sydney
 - Carlton
 - Adelaide
 - Brisbane
 - Essendon
 - West Coast
 - Melbourne
 - North Melbourne
- Bye:** St Kilda

Friday, 27th August (Round 22)

- West Coast
 - North Melbourne
 - St Kilda
 - Carlton
 - Melbourne
 - Brisbane
 - Adelaide
 - Fitzroy
 - Essendon
 - Footscray
 - Richmond
 - Sydney
 - Hawthorn
 - Collingwood
- Bye:** Essendon

THE FINALS

SEPTEMBER 4/5, 11/12, 18 and 25.



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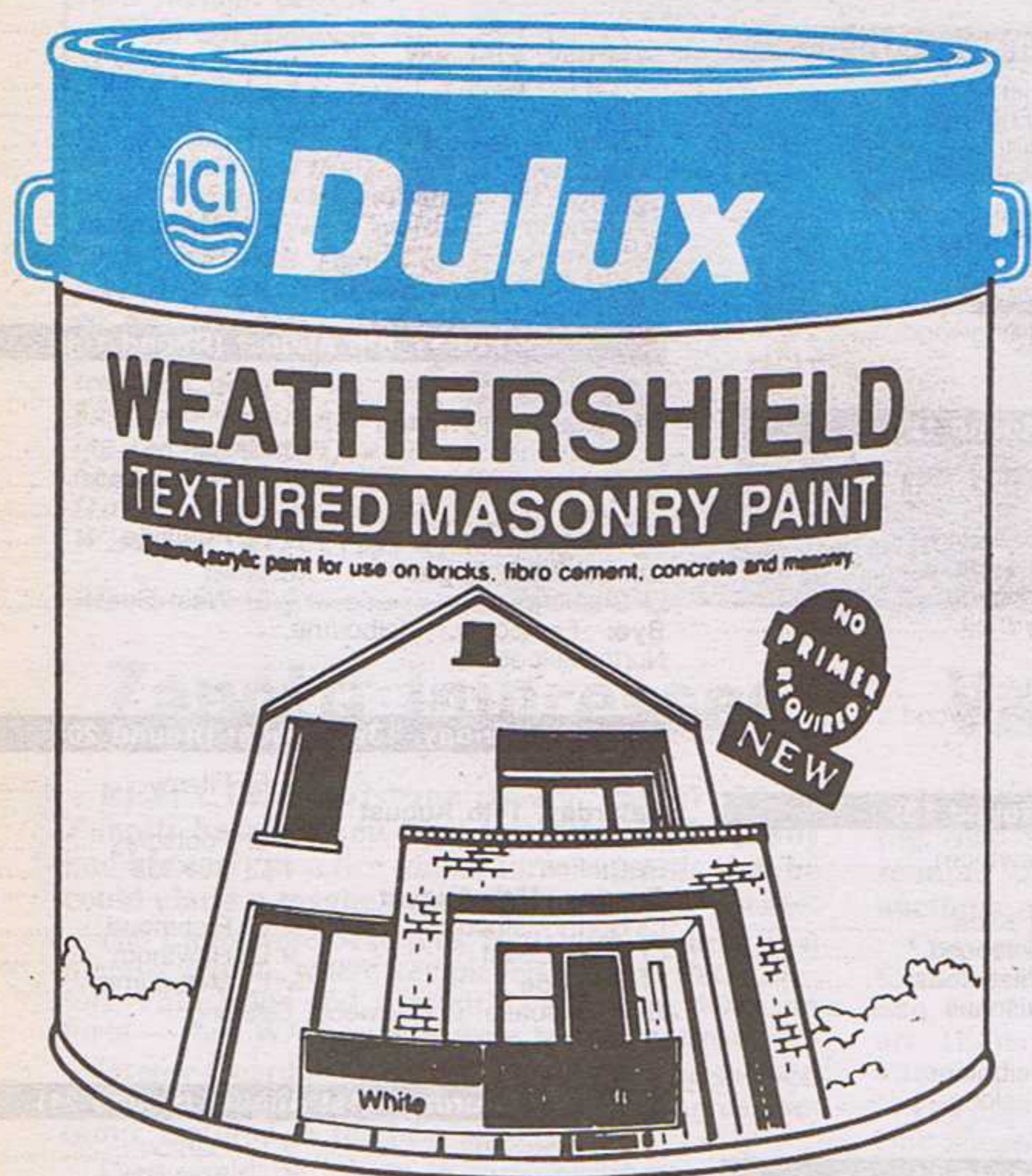


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