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THEY'RE MY BOYS . . . a jubilant West Perth coach Jeff Gieschen has pulled off a Sandover Medal double — two in two years. He's pictured with newly-crowned Sandover Medallist Neil Mildenhall (left) and last year's Medal man Robbie West, who have given West Perth their first back-to-back Medal victories. The two star performers will be to the forefront this Sunday at Subiaco Oval when they lead the Falcons into the Pepsi Cup grand final against Claremont
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Footy Rumours



PRESENTS . . .



It's a fact

RICHMOND'S attempts to revive their ailing club and regain some of their bygone glory days has seen a new man step into the president's chair.

Leon Daphne, one of the country's top businessmen as managing director of Nissan Australia, has taken over as president.

He replaces former player Neville Crowe, who stepped down a month ago and the new chief is confident the club can continue their resurrection.



GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE TRAPS

Coaching quality

THE quality of WAFL coaches at the moment is arguably the finest in the history of the competition.

And with the Hawthorn and St Kilda jobs vacant, one wonders if the directors of those clubs could look interstate for some fresh ideas.

While Stan Alves is a firm favourite to take over the reins at Moorabbin, East Fremantle boss Ken Judge is being linked to Hawthorn, having a long chat with officials last week.

If Judge does get the job at Glenferrie, other avenues may well open up for West Perth's Jeff Gieschen and Claremont's Gerard Neesham.

Jurassic Justin

CHANNEL 7 commentator Gerard Healy pulls no punches in calling the old-style ruckmen 'dinosaurs'.

He feels the big men, who contest the centre bounce-downs and are immobile, could soon become extinct in football, being replaced by ruckmen in the Jim Stynes mould.

When Carlton giant Justin Madden sprinted through the centre square at Waverley Park last Saturday to kick an inspirational goal, Healy labelled the big man 'Jurassic Justin', in obvious reference to the hit movie Jurassic Park.

Contrasting call

THE spreading word of Australian football gets to some strange places.

A couple of West Australians have reported picking up a recent commentary of an Eagles game — while sunning themselves on a Greek island.

Kerry Edwards, one of the leading football photographers with The West Australian, was on assignment with footy-mad reporter Michael Zekulich on the island of Kastelcoraso, off the east coast of Greece.

They picked up ABC Radio Australia on Zekulich's transistor and found a commentary of the Eagles-Hawthorn game from Subiaco Oval.

As the two newspaper men relaxed on the golden sands of the Greek Isles, looking at the cool, refreshing waters, they listened to the call from a water-logged Subiaco on a day that the oval was a mud-bath.

Miles on a winner

FORMER Claremont and West Coast star Geoff Miles sat on two sides of the football fence at the weekend — wearing a media hat on Saturday in the AFL arena and playing in a grand final on Sunday.

Miles, who was dropped off the Eagles list in 1991 and returned home to Geelong to add one more year to his AFL career, was in the press box at Waverley Park, watching the Carlton-Adelaide battle.

He was doing some radio work for a Geelong radio station, sitting alongside former Cat champ Michael Turner.

That combination kicked on together on Sunday when the Turner-coached Barwon Heads played Ocean Ridge in the Bellarine Football League grand final — and Joffa was a star.

He kicked three goals as they surged to a grand final victory, giving the former Claremont star another premiership.



BOWING OUT . . . Richmond veteran Dale Weightman retired from the AFL arena last weekend when he played in the Tigers losing first semi-final team. The former captain of Victoria and a Simpson Medal winner against WA in 1985, is pictured putting his trusty football boots away for the last time. His career kicked off back in 1978, joining the Tigers from Mildura and he bowed out of the league arena with 275 senior games, plus 18 for Victoria. He was a member of Richmond's 1980 premiership side

Winning support

LEADING Melbourne football writer Michael Sheahan is one of a growing number of scribes who openly admit respect for the West Coasters.

Speaking on Melbourne's 3LO, Sheahan said he loved watching the Eagles play.

"You can't help but be excited by watching the likes of Peter Matera and Chris Mainwaring," said the chief football writer of the Sunday Age.

Axing was nice

THE departure of two respected coaches in Alan Joyce, from Hawthorn and St Kilda's Ken Sheldon, was handled well by both clubs last week.

And the two men in question were both full of praise for the clubs that had just wielded the axe over their heads.

Joyce said he was disappointed with the decision, but he accepted it.

"Coaches make difficult decisions and so do administrators," Joyce said. "I've enjoyed very much my four years and I appreciate the involvement."

Sheldon, a guest on Channel 7's Sunday football show, said the whole affair had been handled well by the Saints hierarchy.

"I'll be barracking for the Blues in the grand final," the former Carlton defender said. "But if St Kilda are there next year, I'll be barracking for them, too."

Relaxed atmosphere

LIFE at Glenferrie Road promises to be a lot more relaxed with the departure of Hawthorn coach Alan Joyce.

Hawks legend Dermott Brereton gave a hint of problems behind the scenes when he suggested that Joyce should have stood back and had a look at his own situation at the club.

Speaking on Channel Nine's "The Footy Show", Dermie said that training had become "arduous" in recent times.

The players obviously had a say in Joyce's departure, with the ultra-serious coach losing touch with a few key men — especially captain Gary Ayres, whose unprecedented veiled criticism of the selection panel recently would have started the ball rolling.

Electronic paranoia

THE paranoia in the Melbourne electronic media over the interstate football infiltration of their once-sacred VFL/AFL continues unabated.

Peter "Crackers" Keenan was quite thrilled when Carlton downed Adelaide on Saturday.

"It's lovely to have a Victorian team in the grand final; it's someone to barrack for and hope for," he told listeners to radio 3LO.

On Sunday's Channel Nine show, the delight of Vic-mad Ted Whitten was obvious as he continually yelled phrases like "We've got one team there, now we need another."

. . . out of the jungle

THE wilds of Kakadu, the fabulous national park in the Northern Territory, was a good place for a coach to be hiding as axes were falling down south.

And when Collingwood mentor Leigh Matthews emerged from the jungle to hear all the rumours about a possible return to Hawthorn, he wasn't too happy.

"I've heard plenty of rumours about me this year, none of which are true; they are unbelievable," he told the Sunday Herald Sun newspaper.

"This one might have some logic, but no foundation.

"Morally, ethically and contractually, I'm tied to Collingwood," he told hard-hitting journalist Scot Palmer.

Watson's a buzz

BOMBER blitzer Darren Bewick (right) says the return of veteran Tim Watson was a real winner for the club.

"I was rapt when he came back," the Essendon speedster said after the win over the Eagles — helped by his two goals that were absolute gems.

"It was a real buzz for the young blokes, especially to be playing with a legend."



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EVERY PICTURE ... the faces tell the story as defeated Eagles (from left) Tony Godden, Peter Sumich, Don Pyke, Michael Brennan and Chris Waterman reflect on what might have been after the final siren at the MCG last Sunday

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Eagles fans must lower sights

ALL WEEK bewildered West Coast fans have been shaking their heads in disbelief and asking what went wrong.

When the premiers thrashed North Melbourne at Waverley Park two weeks ago, West Australians assumed the Eagles were automatically on the march towards back-to-back flags.

Reason was thrown out the window. It was September and therefore "our" team would start winning and not stop until John Worsfold had his mitts on the AFL cup again.

After successive grand final appearances, West Coast fans were not prepared to accept the possibility that their football season could end before the last weekend in September.

The WA football public's expectations far outweighed the Eagles capabilities.

POST-SEASON

In the cold light of post-season, the Eagles simply lost three of their last four games and fourth was about as good as we could have expected.

Essendon were simply the better team.

The Eagles went into the finals needing to win four consecutive games in Melbourne against the best teams in the league.

They went into that desperately tough situation with none of the momentum that carried them through last season's finals campaign. Their lead-up amounted to two defeats at the hands of clubs outside the top six.

They did win four games in succession during the year. But their victims in that winning streak included the lowly Brisbane and Richmond.

The Eagles inconsistent form this season should have been fair warning

to Eagles fans that a similar run in the finals was out of the question.

After winning four of their first five games, the Eagles could manage only a 9-8 record for the rest of the year.

Some premiership sides have had less-than-perfect lead-ups to the finals, but you can be sure they had one vital factor on their side — LUCK.

Most successful coaches will tell you that, with the hard work and determination, a lot of luck is involved in winning a flag.

Last year, many things went the Eagles way. Their position on the ladder guaranteed a final at Subiaco Oval.

Third-placed Collingwood lost in the elimination final and the Eagles were elevated to the second semi-final after finishing fourth.

Key players Peter Sumich, Peter Matera and Ashley McIntosh found top form at the right time and Mick Malthouse had almost a fully fit squad to pick from.

Twelve months later and the Eagles had to fight every final in Melbourne.

And every battle they fought was going to be sudden death, which increased the pressure.

Form and injury reduced the Eagles to a shadow of the side that rode the crest of a wave all the way to history last year.

Most of the Eagles problems seemed to be in the forward half.

Most importantly, Peter Sumich, who had a great record in finals until this season, failed to break out of a late-season slump when it counted most and the Eagles were left without a reliable goalkicker.

McIntosh looked nowhere near the player he was this time last year and Brett Heady had an indifferent year.

Karl Langdon was unavailable for almost the entire season and David Hynes is not a prolific goalscorer at centre-half-forward.

The Eagles maintained their record of having the best defence in the league, but the forwards could not put teams away.

The on-ball division also lacked sparkle this season, which was reflected in their poor record at winning the ball out of the centre.

SUSPENSION

Last year's fairest and best winner Dean Kemp struggled with injury for much of the year, Craig Turley retired and Chris Lewis missed almost a third of the season through suspension.

For one reason or another, Mick Malthouse and the Eagles always seemed to be counter-punching instead of landing telling blows.

And Eagles fans should not forget how difficult a task it is to win consecutive premierships.

In the past 34 years, only four teams have achieved the feat — Hawthorn (1988-89), Essendon (84-85), Carlton (81-82) and Richmond (73-74).

Supporters will be wondering over the summer months whether the Ea-

MARTIN ON YOUR MIND
with Steve Martin

gles woes are the start of a slide down the ladder.

The Eagles certainly can no longer claim to have the best young side in the competition.

Essendon have grabbed that mantle. Seven members of the Bombers team that beat the Eagles last weekend have made their AFL debuts since the start of the last season.

The Eagles also have lost the most feared home ground advantage in the AFL.

It took them a while, just as it took the Eagles some time to learn to play in Melbourne, but other teams have conquered their phobia of the flight west.

Another of the Eagles best weapons, their depth, has been outstripped by at least by Essendon and possibly Carlton.

Mark Thompson, Mark Harvey, Anthony Daniher, Stephen Alessio and Alan Ezard either were not fit enough or good enough to make it into the Essendon 20 last weekend.

The Eagles looked nowhere near as awesome as they did last year, when they seemed to be on the verge of a dynasty stretching through the 1990s, but they still have the basis of a very strong side.

Talk of missing the finals next season is premature.

Given a reasonable run with injuries and rapid improvement in several of the younger squad members — like Tony Godden, Drew Banfield, Jason Ball and Daniel Metropolis — and the Eagles will be a force next season.

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Mick must correct imbalance

IF Mick Malthouse were coaching Hawthorn or St Kilda, his head would be on the chopping block.

That is, if you accept that sacked coaches Alan Joyce and Ken Sheldon had run their race at their respective clubs.

Neither was considered capable of taking their clubs to the next phase of development.

The Hawks and Saints believe they need different coaches to take them in new directions.

It could be argued that the West Coast Eagles are also in that boat.

The fact is that while Malthouse lifted the Eagles to a premiership last season, they have become a cross between the puny guy who has sand kicked in his face on the beach and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Malthouse has turned the Eagles into the best defensive side in the competition, but they have failed to develop offensively.

Their attack has been puny in comparison to their defence. And is Malthouse the man to change that? He has shown he is not a creative coach. In some respects, the Eagles live in a cocoon.

No one is allowed to criticise them. And having won last year's premiership some would argue they were entitled to take the stand that they know everything. This season has shown they don't.

Some will be accused of knocking a side when it is down by criticising the Eagles performance this season. But a glaring deficiency in the Eagles make-up was exposed this year.

While Peter Sumich was firing, the Eagles had a focal point in attack. But without him scoring regularly, the attack was innocuous.

REALISTIC APPRAISAL

It can be argued that injuries to Karl Langdon and Brett Heady deprived the attack of some of its firepower this season.

That may be the case, but a realistic appraisal of the team's performance showed that they were incapable of scoring the totals needed to win a premiership.

Attention must be paid to the structure of the forward line. The Eagles did not have consistent ball winners in attack and the ball rebounded far too easily when Sumich did not mark, compounding the lack of potency in attack. It is the defensive nature of the side overall.

That is probably the reason the Eagles have not been as devastating at home this season. Too much emphasis has gone into negating the opposition.

The Eagles need to develop the attacking phase of their game.

While Paul Harding did a sterling job in the ruck he battled against much taller rivals.

The Eagles also failed to blood enough youngsters. About the only time fringe players got a run was if there were injuries.

Malthouse seems to have a small man syndrome. Sure, footy has become a game for the mobile player, but clubs still need players with high marking skills, particularly in attack.

The Eagles did not have that this season and they did not cultivate any big men.

Like Adelaide, the Eagles will win enough games at home to put them in the box seat to make the finals. But unless they become more potent in attack, they face another quick exit from the premiership race next season.



RIGHT HAND MAN . . . former Sydney coach Col Kinnear has played an important behind-the-scenes role with Carlton

Melbourne Calling

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



Support staff crucial to top trio's hopes

THE remaining two AFL finals matches may well turn out to be tactical on-field battles between the coaches.

But much preparation goes into just getting an AFL side on to the ground each week, requiring a competent support staff for the head coach.

Kevin Sheedy, David Parkin and Graham Cornes are three of the most astute coaches of modern times, but they do not go into battle alone.

All three have capable back-up personnel who no doubt have helped their teams to be still in the race for the flag.

Parkin is supported by former Sydney Swans coach Colin Kinnear, whose experience has helped the Blues hierarchy in the heat of battle.

One of Kinnear's qualities is said to be his ability to pick faults in an opposition side.

This attribute has been of enormous value to Parkin, particularly in the finals where the match-up of individual players is crucial.

Cornes chose wisely when he hand-picked former Collingwood assistant Michael Taylor to be his under-study.

Taylor's AFL experience has been of great value to the Crows, especially in their early stages when he helped Cornes lift the players' fitness up to scratch.

CONTINUED SUCCESS

Taylor's value has been revealed in the finals series, with his involvement on the training track paramount to their continued success.

He liaises with Cornes to find the best training drills during the week. Too much of one routine may cause lethargy, while not enough skill work, for example, might also be detrimental to the Crows chances on Saturday.

Taylor's main goal will be to find the right mix of drills that will lift the Crows to their peak at 2.30pm Saturday.

Essendon's Sheedy has a superb back-up coaching panel. With former captain Neale Daniher and David Wheadon at his side, Sheedy is flanked by some very knowledgeable people.

Daniher's main role is to edit the many videos, while Wheadon is heavily involved on training nights.

The AFL has reached a new level where coaches are supported by a large contingent of support staff. No doubt the coaching staffs of the three clubs in the finals race are in for a busy couple of weeks.

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Suma Magic

IT'S easy to sit back and try and analyse where the Eagles went wrong against Essendon. But it comes down to the fact that we were beaten by a better side.

They played a better running game and got a lot of run through the mid-field, which took its toll.

We seemed to be thereabouts for most of the game, but in hindsight we were never in it once they skipped away early.

I think Essendon can go all the way now, if they can get over Adelaide in the preliminary final.

Adelaide played very well against Carlton and were a bit unlucky to lose by 18 points and they will be tough to beat, especially if their full-forward Tony Modra can fire up.

PEOPLE have been a bit harsh on us by saying that we had an inconsistent year.

We lost three games by a goal or less in the middle of the season and if we had got over the line in those matches, we might have finished on the top of the ladder.

In another match we were in front of Melbourne and should have won and I think overall, we had a fair year.

As it is we finished fourth because we went into the finals in sixth spot with no margin for error and we were in sixth spot because of the nature of some of our losses.

THERE'S sure to be a few changes to the structure of the squad and the side next year when the football department decides on the necessary cuts to the West Coast numbers.

About 12 players need to be delisted and a few of the young blokes will probably be trimmed.

They were picked with an eye to the future, but clubs can't afford to hold onto them any more.

Andrew Lockyer has already announced his retirement from the West Coast squad and he gave the Eagles good service with 78 games.

Mick's changed the side a bit this year and has been working on our way of playing and that development is sure to continue.

WE'VE now got about two months off to reflect on our season before pre-season gets underway.

The players have organised a trip to the Gold Coast to relax before we come together before Christmas.

WITH South Fremantle out of the finals race, I'm throwing my weight behind grand final newcomers West Perth.

While Claremont have had a week off to freshen up for the match, West Perth are on a roll and I think they can go on to win the flag.

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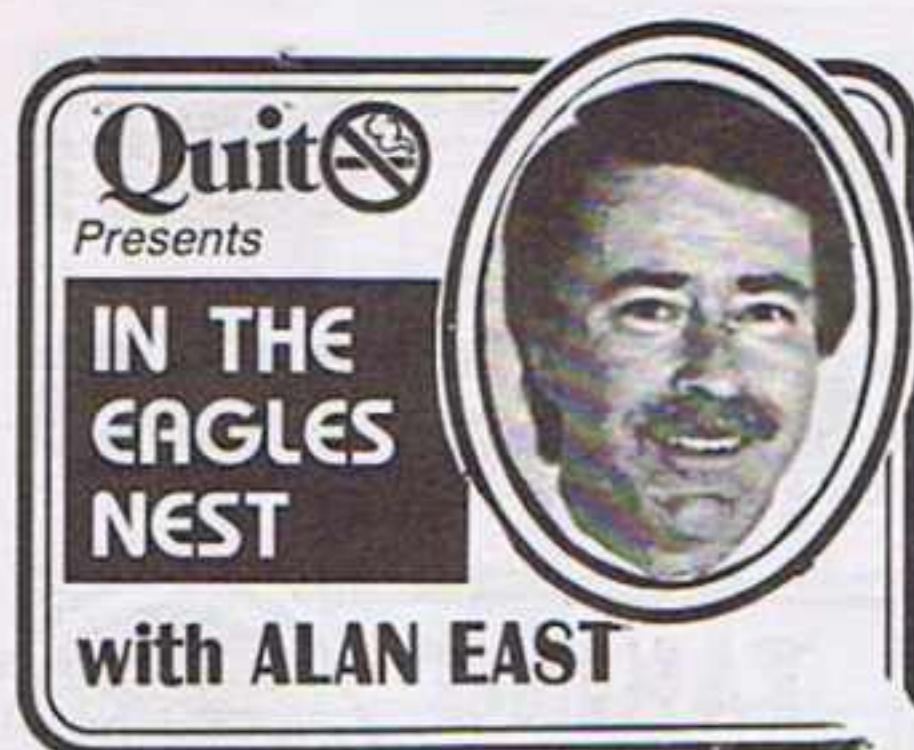
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Barassi blast over penalties

WHILE the Eagles were making no complaints about umpiring decisions hurting them against Essendon on Sunday, the commentators did it for them.

The Eagles certainly copped a few rough decisions and Sydney coach Ron Barassi, part of the colourful 3AW team, stuck up for the West Coasters.

The first-quarter goal from Bombers big man Peter Somerville came after a 50m penalty that Barassi described as a disgrace.

Then another 50m penalty in the last quarter resulted in a goal to David Grenvold — and Barassi said it was yet another error that puts focus on the 50m rule.

Talented bench

THE interchange bench in the crucial third quarter had a sad note about it for the Eagles.

It contained two men whose on-field presence is crucial to the West Coasters, with courageous skipper John Worsfold nursing an ankle injury and No. 1 ruckman Paul Harding far from his best.

The Essendon bench also had an all-WA flavour — dangerman Derek Kickett was cooling his heels alongside Michael Symons.

Mainy back to his best

CHAMPION wingman Chris Mainwaring made a delayed re-entry to the Eagles side this season, but his finale was superb.

Mainy missed the first 10 matches with a knee injury, before making his first appearance against North Melbourne at the WACA Ground in round 12.

He played the next 12 games, with his only "poor" effort being against Essendon at the MCG in round 16, when he lowered his colours to young Bomber Ricky Olarenshaw.

On Sunday, Mainwaring was again opposed to Olarenshaw and squared the ledger.

He picked up 25 kicks and three handpasses in a superb four-quarter effort, to be the Eagles best player.

Lamb in the flock

MANY critics thought Dwayne Lamb's finals experience would guarantee him a recall to the side for the preliminary final, but it was back to Subiaco for the Eagles tagger.

Lamb, with 146 West Coast games behind him, played his first match with the Lions since 1989 and looked a little sheepish when he went to the Subiaco stage to collect the customary Golds tracksuit for playing his first game of the year.

"It was great to be welcomed back by all the guys," he said.

"I try to get down here to watch them as much as possible and I just wish I could have done a bit more to help them to a grand final."

Lamb played in a tagging role, but still finished with 18 possessions.

Back to earth with a thud

STAR Eagles defender Glen Jakovich has certainly experienced the highs and lows of football.

A fortnight ago, he was best-afiel and the toast of WA when he closed down North Melbourne centre-half-forward and captain Wayne Carey.

His brilliant performance was instrumental in the Eagles advancing to the first semi-final, where his opponent was Bomber giant Paul Salmon.

Though not 100 per cent fit, Salmon's class and height shone out as he snared 10 marks and kicked 4.2.

As some form of compensation, Eagles fans should note that Salmon, who was way off line with 1.7 against the Eagles in round 16, has been on target since then, posting 24.6.



Mick sticks by his players

A LACK of consistency was the major problem for the West Coast Eagles this season, according to coach Mick Malthouse.

Speaking to the assembled Melbourne media after the premiers bowed out of the finals race, losing to Essendon by 32 points, Malthouse was adamant that the team had not gone "soft" since last year's grand final win.

He said the loss to Essendon reflected the team's season, when the consistency level had not been high enough to grab one of the top three spots, from where a premiership challenge was easier to launch.

"It hasn't even been week by week," he said. "It's been inconsistent game by game, even quarter by quarter and contest by contest."

"We didn't seem to get two or three goals together today."

"We just haven't had those run-ons you talk about in footy. At no stage did we get a run-on that would get us into a firm position on the ladder."

Malthouse stayed loyal to his hardcore of premiership players, with only the injured Karl Langdon and Dwayne Lamb, who just failed a desperate bid to be fit for the finals, and the retired Craig Turley.

He emphasised that the team's structure was still sound and many of the players have been there since 1990, getting the team to third, second and first last year.



STAYING FIRM ... Eagles coach Mick Malthouse staunchly defended his players after the team bowed out of the finals race

"You don't just change for the sake of change because you blokes (the media) think someone is getting too old," Malthouse said.

"You don't panic and dispose of players who have served you well; if you do that, you're doing an injustice to your players and the club."

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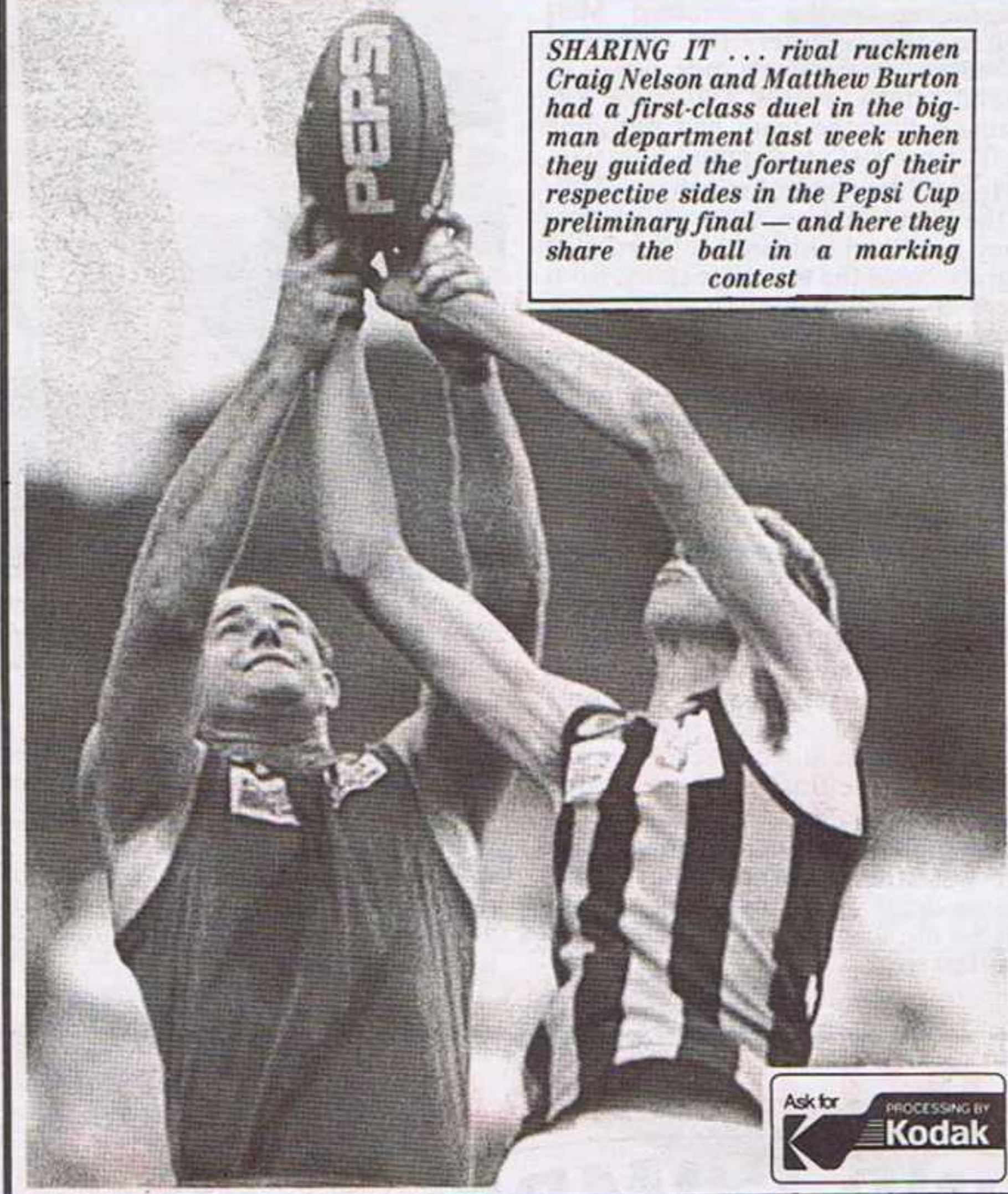
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Picture of the week

SHARING IT ... rival ruckmen Craig Nelson and Matthew Burton had a first-class duel in the big-man department last week when they guided the fortunes of their respective sides in the Pepsi Cup preliminary final — and here they share the ball in a marking contest



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Top records fail to save coaches

THE events of the past couple of weeks would make you wonder why anyone would want to coach a league team.

With heads rolling at AFL level last week and coaches copping flak in the aftermath of failed finals campaigns, surely the men must be doubting the worth of such roles.

If you examine the records of both Alan Joyce and Ken Sheldon you begin to realise they did little wrong.

Indeed, Joyce's record was outstanding — two premierships, success in the night series and a strike rate of better than 70 percent.

It certainly smacks of the players and the coach having a communication problem and it was a hurdle the Hawks board felt could not be jumped.

BETRAYED

Joyce, a devoted Hawthorn man throughout his playing, administrative and coaching careers, was not saying as much, but he must surely have felt betrayed.

It was interesting to see Dermott Brereton on Channel 9's Sunday football show suggesting that Joyce should have seen the situation arising and reassessed his position before it degenerated further.

Brereton — reading between the lines — seems to have been a key player in Joyce's demise. He was vocal about the way one of his long-time mates Gary Ayres was treated when

TAKING STOCK
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relegated to the reserves and also felt he had been ready to play in the seniors, but the Hawks held him back in the reserves.

Whatever the reasons, it was sad to see a man with a great track record on the heap with a myriad other sacked coaches.

He was preceded on the stack by St Kilda's Sheldon, another who did fine things for his club, but was discarded none-the-less.

Sheldon took the Saints to their first finals campaign since 1973 when they improved dramatically in 1991, following up a year later.

After failing to maintain that standard, though, he was axed.

Senior coaches have also been given their marching orders in SA and WA — not forgetting that the Sydney's Gary Buckenara and North Melbourne's Wayne Schimmelbusch were early-season casualties.

Neil Kerley, one of the great coaches of SA football, was also discarded by West Adelaide last week, amid a furore as fans lashed out at the decision.

And Perth's Ken Armstrong, another of the most respected men in the game, was released by Perth a few weeks ago.

It seems that Sheldon is correct when he says there are two kinds of coaches: "Those that have been sacked and those who will be sacked."

MEDIA FLAK

On top of the problems within their own clubs, coaches also cop flak from wide sections of the media and public when their teams lose.

The same people adore them when they win — just ask Mick Malthouse.

The headlines in Melbourne after a disappointing performance by the Eagles against Essendon in the first semi-final almost attacked the coach because he did not want to elaborate on points he made to his players behind closed doors.

As the newspapers, television and radio reporters sat in the dressing room waiting for Malthouse and his players to emerge, you could hear the coach dressing down his charges for their in-sipid efforts.


When asked what he said to the players, Malthouse explained that if he had wanted the media to know what was said he would have opened the door and invited us to join him.

A pertinent point — some things must stay in-house and that was probably one of them.



ON THE OUTER ... veteran South Australian coach Neil Kerley has been given the sack by West Adelaide

Eagles can't put score on the board



Stats AND Facts
with **Richard Camm**

ESSENDON exposed West Coast's inability to kick a winning score in Sunday's first semi-final at the MCG.

In the past three years, the Eagles miserly defence has conceded scores of more than 100 points in only 11 of 73 games. Of those 11 games, the Eagles have won only two.

While the Eagles have based their game plan around their tight defence,

they have neglected a vital ingredient — the ability to kick winning totals.

The Eagles have kicked more than 100 points 41 times in the past three years — winning 38 of those games.

This season, the Eagles won nine of the 10 games in which they kicked 100 points or more — and only four of the 12 games in which they were restricted to a score of less than 100 points.

In each of the past four years, the Eagles have lost only one game in which they kicked 100 points or more.

The Eagles problem this season was that they kicked scores of more than 100 points in less than half their games — compared with more than 60 per cent of their games in the 1990-92 seasons.

The Eagles average score dropped from 102 points last year to 96 this season, while the average score conceded increased from 81 points to 83.

The statistics confirm that opposition teams which can kick more than 100 points against the Eagles are well on their way to victory — and that was what the Bombers did last Sunday.

The Eagles perfect finals record at the MCG came to an abrupt halt on Sunday. They also lost all three games at the MCG this season.

The Bombers win over the Eagles was their ninth in 14 encounters between the clubs.

West Coast lost three of their last four matches for the season, the second time this year that the Eagles lost three out of four.

The Eagles last lost three consecutive matches in rounds 13-15 of 1989.

PETER Sumich on Sunday became only the 13th player to kick 50 goals in finals, his three goals against the Bombers lifting his tally to 52 in 13 finals.

The only other current player to have kicked more goals in finals is Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall, who has 73 goals in 19 games.

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The Pepsi Cup grand final

Focus on the rival coaches

Tigers genius is back in his September role

THERE were no prizes for guessing the topic of conversation when Gerard Neesham and Tony Solin were spotted together on Sandover Medal night. Plotting the downfall of West Perth has been Neesham's sole aim since he succeeded for the first time this year in the second semi-final.

By TANIA ARMSTRONG

Solin, a good friend of Neesham's from their Swan Districts premierships days of 1983 and '84, had his first year at the helm of Subiaco ended by a rampaging West Perth.

While West Perth's hunger for a premiership has been growing since their last flag in 1975, Neesham's was rekindled when he was an onlooker last September for the first time in a decade.

In a remarkable run of good fortune — and excellent management — Neesham played in six successive grand finals with three clubs from 1983-88 and coached the Tigers in the next three.

But he says the nerves are still a part of grand final day.

STILL NERVOUS

"You always get nervous, you've just got to try and control them," said Neesham in this week's build-up.

"About nine or 10 of our guys; half of our team, are young players who have never played in a grand final and it will be a great experience for them.

"You can't teach them any more at this stage; you've just got to get them confident enough to go for their shots and play to the level they are capable of."

Claremont look likely to take 11 premiership players into Sunday's clash — while the rest will be seeking glory in their first grand final appearance.

Darrell Panizza, Mark Hann, Dale Ballantyne, Rob Malone, Clinton Wolf, Brian Beresford, Scott Edwards, Kevin Mitchell, Dale Kickett, Darren Klemm and Mark Brayshaw all know what it takes to win the flag and their experience will be invaluable.

Season 1993 has been a remarkable season for Claremont and



Neesham can't help thinking of where they were at the end of 1992.

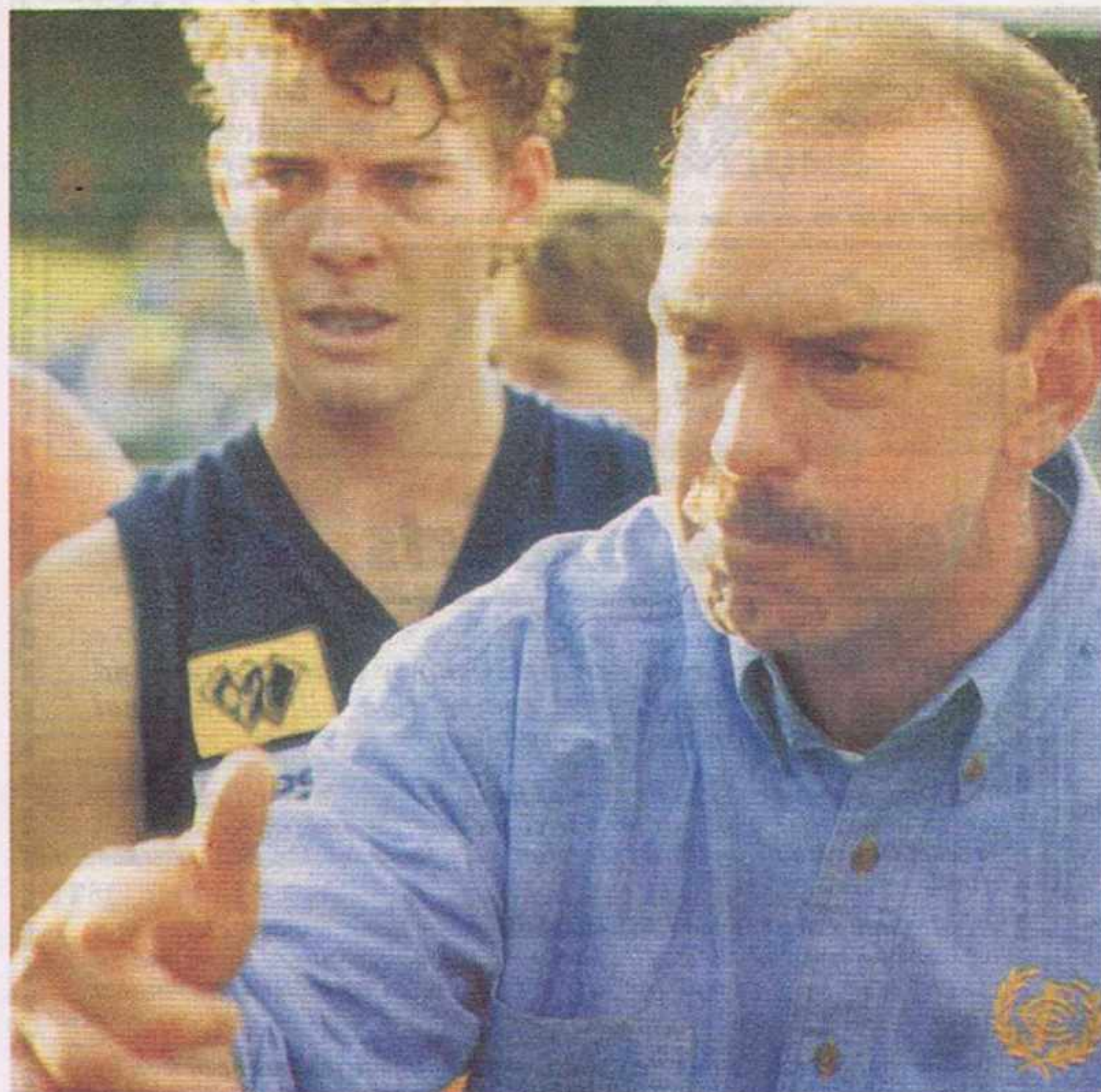
"It's just a fantastic turn-around for both clubs — last year we played off for the wooden spoon," he said.

"We also lost Phil Gilbert, Jason Norrish, Tony Begovich, Paul Burton and Tony Delaney, so it has been a great effort from our kids."

With all three Claremont grades playing off for the premiership, Neesham says it won't have any effect on his senior selection.

"The league side won't be affected because you pick the best 20 players," he added.

"Who to leave out is very difficult — it's the hardest decision to make all year and at the moment we have about five blokes vying for a few positions."



THE POINT . . . Claremont coach Gerard Neesham makes an emphatic point to his young Tigers

WHEN West Perth run on to Subiaco Oval this Sunday, there will be a lot of football followers shaking their heads in disbelief.

How can a side that finished bottom for the past three years be playing a leading role in the Pepsi Cup grand final?

The Falcons finished with three wins from their last four games of 1992, but that's a long way from topping the ladder the next season.

However, Jeff Gieschen has shown why he was highly recommended by West Coast boss Mick Malthouse, with a superb coaching performance.

The former Wodonga mentor has instilled tremendous fighting qualities and self-belief into his charges as they make this last year at Leederville Oval a memorable one.

Those few remaining doubters about the Falcons premiership claims had their thoughts erased with the preliminary final win over Subiaco.

BUCKED THE ODDS

Opposed to a side with six Eagles squad members and the WAFL's leading goalkicker in Jason Heatley, West Perth bucked the odds for a brilliant 32-point win.

The Falcons led by 21 points at three-quarter time and were kicking into a strong four-goal breeze.

Many spectators, including more than a few Falcons fans, wrote them off, but they dug deep to outscore Subiaco in emphatic fashion.

Gieschen was delighted with the result — stressing the fact that "every man and his dog had tipped us to finish last at the start of the year."

"We were staring down the barrel at three-quarter time," he says. "But, like so many other times this season, we

By DIGBY BEACHAM

dug deep and found something when it counted.

"Everyone at the West Perth Football Club, supporter or player, has to feel a sense of triumph for what we did against Subiaco."

After the win, Gieschen made his way to the sidelines and embraced his players, while the legion of loyal Falcons fans applauded their heroes.

The players then acknowledged their supporters, before making their way into the changerooms, where Gieschen spoke to them for 10 minutes about the next challenge.

Gieschen denies that the expectation and emotion leading up to their first grand final in 18 years, is a problem.

"When you come from last to first, there has to be a degree of emotion and joy in what you do," Gieschen said.

"Everyone tipped us to finish last at the start of the year and now we're playing in a grand final.

"The boys can take some satisfaction from reaching the grand final; sure we were joyous. But if you know me and know these lads, you know that they were back on the job at 9-o'clock the next morning."

The Falcons lost to the Tigers for the first time this season in the second semi-final, by a tight 11 points when they were without star small man Robbie West: the hero against Subiaco, with 33 possessions and five goals.

"The hit-out did us good, because we had a lot of boys who hadn't played much footy in the last month or two," Gieschen said.

"It was just another exposure to the finals-type atmosphere and it could only do us good."

Roller-coaster right to the top



TO THE TOP . . . West Perth coach Jeff Gieschen has orchestrated a remarkable Falcons revival

BOOK BONANZA

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Maureen's a big winner

HUNTINGDALE reader Mrs Maureen Wakenshaw is off to this week's Pepsi Cup grand final at Subiaco Oval courtesy of Westside Football.

Her entry nominating Claremont and West Perth as the teams to contest this year's Pepsi Cup grand final was first correct out of the competitions box — and that earns Mrs Wakenshaw a double pass to the big game, at Subiaco Oval, this Sunday.



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This week we have a collection of football books for the first correct entry out of our competition barrel picking the two winners in this weekend's football — the AFL preliminary final and the WAFL grand final.

Mosman Park reader J.M. Turnbull is our latest winner, claiming a carton of Pepsi and our Eagles pack — a football, a pair of socks and an Eagles book — for being the first entry selected with all three winners right.

The major prize in our Beat the Experts competition has been won by Morley fan, Mrs Val O'Neill, who was listening to radio 6PR when George Michalczyk, the principal of Motive Travel, in the Griffin Centre, on the Esplanade, announced her as the winner of a trip for two to the AFL grand final.

Mrs O'Neill and her husband Ken will fly to Melbourne with Australian Airlines, staying at the Welcome Hotel, in central Melbourne, with tickets to the West Coast brunch before the big game and reserved seats at the MCG.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

(Cross out the team you think will lose)



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46 Clinton Wolf (Claremont)*
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100 GAMES

99 Scott Edwards (Claremont)
99 John Zaikos (Perth)
97 Peter Wilson (East Frem)
97 Trent Nichols (East Frem)*
96 Mark Amaranti (East Frem)
96 Ned Fimmano (South Frem)
96 Darren O'Brien (West Perth)
93 Karl Langdon (Eagles)
93 Greg Walker (Swan Dist)
93 Chris Waterman (Eagles)
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150 GAMES

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200 GAMES

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250 GAMES

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300 GAMES

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Prepare to hail new king Carey

WAYNE Carey has had little to smile about in September, but on Monday night, he could be the new king of football — the Brownlow Medallist.

Despite North Melbourne's disappointing fade-out, which saw them eliminated in the first week of the finals, Carey's magnificent season deserves to be rewarded with the ultimate individual award.

If he does win, he will be only the third forward — after Footscray's Kelvin Templeton and St Kilda's Tony Lockett — to win the Brownlow.

AWESOME

His displays in the first two-thirds of the season were simply awesome, his match-winning, last-quarter effort



SPOTLIGHT ... Wayne Carey will be in the limelight next week at the Brownlow Medal count

COACHING TALK

THE axings of Ken Sheldon and Alan Joyce from their coaching jobs last week were far from secrets in the Melbourne football world.

Sheldon's job at St Kilda seems certain to go to one of his coaching assistants, former Melbourne and North Melbourne stalwart Stan Alves.

Talk that Ken Judge may get Hawthorn's job is far-fetched, despite his strong interstate record.

Hawthorn are likely to go for one of "their own," with former player Peter Schwab a favourite to return, with coaching legend Allan Jeans as his selection chairman.

Ironically, when Jeans joined Richmond as coach last season, he took Schwab with him. The younger man may repay the favour.

Hawthorn are considering other administrative changes, including replacing president for the past six years, Trevor Coote.

REFRESHING honesty from the Adelaide Crows Nigel Smart at the weekend.

Asked how badly he and his teammates were feeling after their second semi-final loss to Carlton, Smart said they were naturally disappointed, but next time they played the Blues, they would win easily.

Smart also said the major reason he played football was to enjoy himself.

In an era when footballers are frowned on for being truthful, it was great to hear him speak straight from the heart.

On the East Coast from **KEN PIESSE**



against Essendon one of the greatest solo performances in the past decade.

In a year when many stars, including super-Cat Gary Ablett, are ineligible because of suspension, Carey, Adelaide's Tony McGuinness and Carlton's Greg Williams have been easily the most consistent players.

Williams won the Channel Seven Sportsworld and Inside Football's Footballer of the Year awards, while McGuinness was Melbourne radio station 3AW's No. 1 player.

Carey has won nothing, though he is favoured to dominate North Mel-

bourne's best and fairest award for the second year.

INSPIRATIONAL

In kicking more than 60 goals this season, Carey averaged eight marks a game and was an inspirational first-year captain.

Without his on-field influence, Norths slipped from being late-season grand final fancies to virtual also-rans.

Coach Denis Pagan paid tribute to Carey, saying he deserved to be one of the chief Brownlow Medal fancies.

"He had one or two quiet games, but that was all. The rest of the time he was fantastic," Pagan said.

If Carey wins, he will be North Melbourne's first Medallist since Ross Glendinning in 1983 after Malcolm Blight in 1978 and Keith Greig in 1973-74.

It will also heap more ridicule on Sydney, which sold him, virtually sight unseen, for just \$10,000 in the late 1980s.

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PRESENTS ...

West Coast Eagles best players in last Sunday's clash with Essendon were ...

Men of the match



Chris Mainwaring



David Hart



Don Pyke

IT'S hard to imagine where the Eagles would have been without the efforts of Chris Mainwaring on his wing against Essendon.

While some of his colleagues were down on form, the 27-year-old Mainwaring excelled against talented youngster Ricky Olarensaw.

Time and again Mainwaring cleared the ball out of the centre bounces and sent the team into attack, only to see his good work come undone on the half-forward line.

Mainwaring finished with 27 touches and one booming goal from just inside 50 metres, but even that effort failed to inspire his team-mates.

THE David Hart success story continued against the Bombers in his eighth game back from injury, but unfortunately, it all ended too quickly.

Desperate to play in a winning grand final side after being a member of the 1991 loss and missing out on last year's win with a hamstring injury, Hart was one of the most disappointed players after losing to Essendon.

Opposed to danger-man Darren Bewick, Hart won the battle even though Bewick kicked two superlative goals.

Hart finished among the side's best when he kept Bewick to 15 touches and collected 16 himself and was particularly effective after half-time.

RELIEVED of his normal task of tagging Darren Bewick, Don Pyke was watched by Sean Denham in a change of scenery for the Eagles on-baller.

The little things in football seldom appear on the stats sheets, but the 'one-percenters' help win finals and Pyke could never be accused of not putting in his share.

Pyke's application to the football was desperate stuff and he laid six tackles in efforts to turn over the ball and he added three shepherds.

Pyke finished with 25 touches in a courageous display, after struggling to complete training in the last three weeks as sore spots and a long season took its toll.

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THE WEST COAST EAGLES

LEADING THE COMPETITION

Two Eagles in All Stars side

BRILLIANT wingman Peter Matera and star defender Guy McKenna are the only West Coast players to earn selection in the 1993 CUB All-Australian team of the year.

The team, which was chosen by Mal Brown, Russell Ebert, Gerard Healy, Ted Whitten and Ricky Quade, was named this week.

Only Adelaide Crows pair Tony McGuinness and Ben Hart and Essendon defender Gavin Wanganeen have retained their place in the side from last year.

Matera played 18 qualifying games this season, missing two when he was sidelined through suspension, found guilty of striking Geelong wingman Peter Riccardi at Kardinia Park in round seven.

Last year's Norm Smith Medallist, Matera excited fans once again with his blistering speed and long goals.

McKenna's selection makes up for a disappointing 1992 when he was plagued by a groin injury.

An All-Australian representative in 1991, McKenna enjoyed an excellent

season, remaining unflustered in defence and clearing the ball with monotonous regularity.

Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy was named coach, while the role of captain was given to North Melbourne centre-half-forward Wayne Carey.

HOW THEY LINE UP

Garry Hocking (Geelong)	FORWARDS Gary Ablett (Geelong)	Tony Modra (Adelaide)
Craig Bradley (Carlton)	HALF-FORWARDS Wayne Carey (capt) (North Melbourne)	Garry Lyon (Melbourne)
Greg Anderson (Adelaide)	CENTRELINE Greg Williams (v/c) (Carlton)	Peter Matera (West Coast)
Guy McKenna (West Coast)	HALF-BACKS Mark Harvey (Essendon)	Andrew McKay (Carlton)
Gavin Wanganeen (Essendon)	BACKS Alastair Lynch (Fitzroy)	Ben Hart (Adelaide)
RUCK: Jim Stynes (Melbourne), Ben Allan (Hawthorn), Tony McGuinness (Adelaide).		
INTERCHANGE: Nigel Smart (Adelaide), Nathan Burke (St Kilda)		
COACH: Kevin Sheedy (Essendon)		
UMPIRE: Darren Goldspink		



MIDDLE MAN ... Carlton's Greg Williams was named in the centre for the All Stars side

East Coast chatter

THE Adelaide invasion of the Victorian stronghold has been backed up by a couple of big names from two traditional Melbourne clubs.

Mick Taylor, a top player from the old Collingwood school and Geoff Southby, a true-Blue from Carlton, were both in the coaches box as Adelaide threw out their finals challenge.

Taylor is the Crows assistant coach, back in his home town after a good VFL career, while Southby, a great full-back, is the Melbourne-based forward scout for the Adelaide side.

"I go to watch the team the Crows play the following week," the former Blues champ said.

"I monitor strategies and players and keep in close contact with Graham Cornes."

ESSENDON coach Kevin Sheedy is confident the Bombers can "keep the lid" on things as they build up to this week's preliminary final clash with Adelaide.

"We are a well-controlled club," he said after the win over West Coast.

"We have plenty of senior guys who know what it's all about. And our young players are quite a mature lot. There's an intelligent level of thinking around the place."

Fellow-coach Ron Barassi — in his other role of a critic — dubbed a new nickname on Sheedy in their after-match interview on radio 3AW.

"We'll call you snag now," Barassi said, in reference to a newspaper article claiming Sheedy as the Sensitive New Age Coach.

Demons award to Allard

PERTH'S Wayne Allard became one of the youngest winners of the Demons fairest-and-best award after an outstanding season in defence.

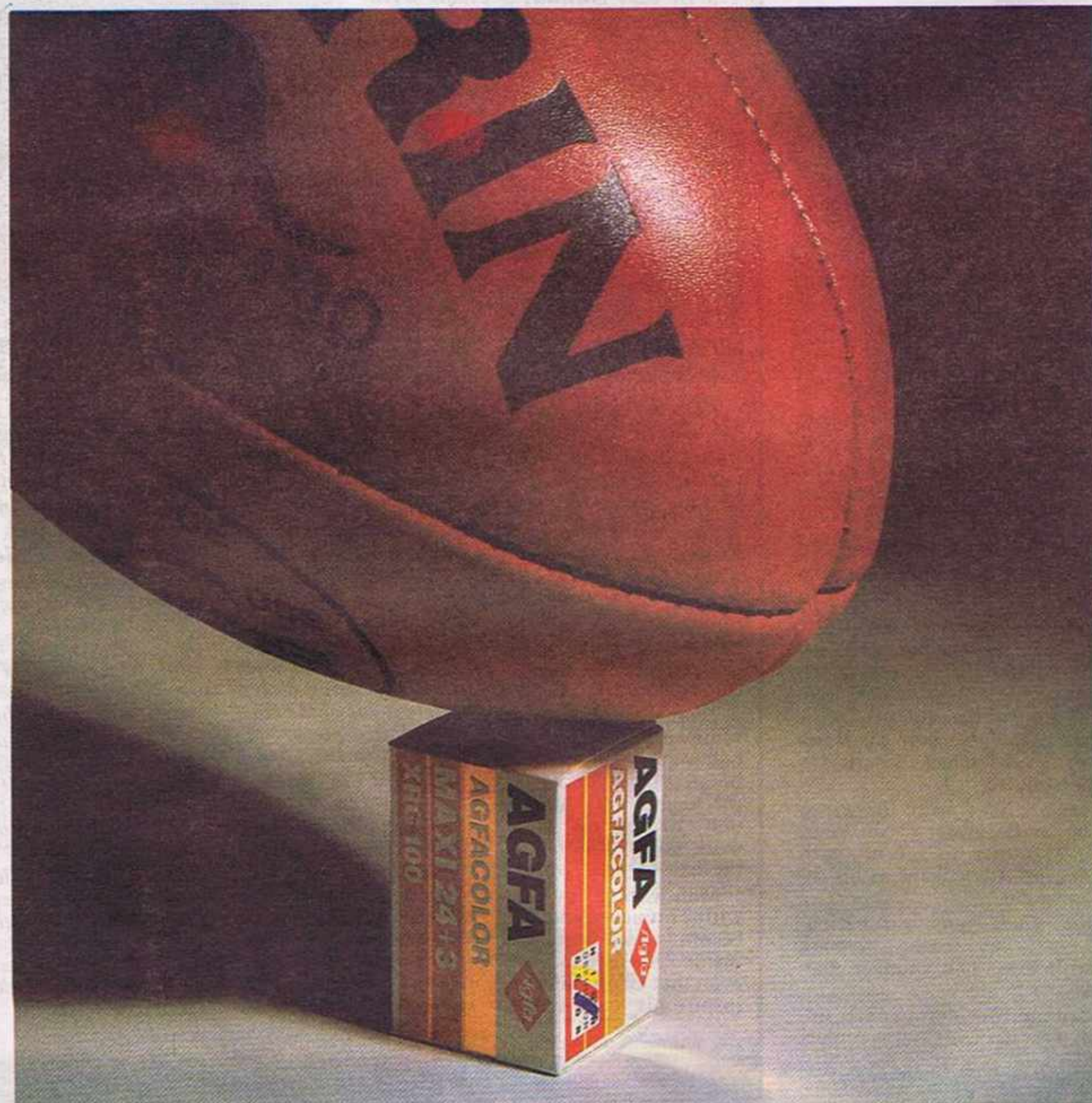
Allard, in his third season of league football and only 19 years of age, is the youngest winner since star rover Robert Wiley claimed his first count at the same age in 1974.

The nuggety back-pocket beat experienced campaigners Adrian Barich and Jeff Moore after playing all 21 games in his best season.

With youth holding the key to Perth's future success, Allard's win was a good sign after last year's success by 20-year-old rover Russell Thompson.

Utility Mark Grogan won the reserves fairest-and-best award while Medallists Medal winner Damon Squiers collected the colts award.

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Thinking aloud

A column of news and views by
ALAN EAST

Coaches put heads on chopping block

IT HAS been a fascinating few weeks on the coaching front — both WAFL and AFL — and it is interesting to compare the changing of the guards ... and the methods of execution.

One of the most obvious factors to emerge, yet again, is to be wary of club administrators who publicly defend their coach-under-pressure — it is a sure sign that the axe is being sharpened.

Perth did that with Ken Armstrong, denying reports that he was about to be sacked, but within two weeks changed their coaching structure to leave the old-time premiership coach out of a job.

Perth did not "sack" Armstrong — the man who did his best to revive a club that lacks players; both in quality and quantity.

The administrators simply changed their structure, turning the coach's role into a part-time one and upgrading their football manager's post, leaving Armstrong with no choice but to go back to full-time school teaching.

Across the nation, St Kilda and Hawthorn both disposed of loyal servants.

The Saints dumped Ken Sheldon just a few weeks after the administration had lauded his coaching feats and even suggested that a two or three-year extension to his contract was being considered.

What changed the situation?

The Saints finished on a double winning note — without supposed keyman Tony Lockett — but they missed the finals and that is the ultimate sin.

Hawthorn, that much-respected club when it comes to avoiding scandals, especially with players, found some cracks appearing in the wall — and loyal servant Alan Joyce was sacrificed.

DISPENSED WITH

Joyce, after three March night premierships and two September day flags, was dispensed with.

There was no mystery, no pre-sacking rumours or scandals — just a quick, clean cut and an open and honest admission that the board felt it was time for a change and Joyce was not the man for the future.

Joyce, bitterly disappointed after a life-long devotion to the Hawks, was full of praise for the club and the way they handled it all — it was simply a statement that the old and traditional Hawthorn style of coaching was about to join the new age.

The list of candidates for both vacancies grew rapidly, confirming that coaching still was an attractive career path, despite the uncertainty of it all and the ruthlessness of dismissal.

The grace with which Joyce and Sheldon took their axings provided dignified exits.

Sheldon even went to the extent of offering his support to staunch friend Stan Alves in his bid to win the Saints job. But Alves said he had one major question to ask the board — where did Sheldon fall down?

Both men covered their disappointment in style.

MAJOR FAILING

Joyce, whose major failing was the inability to build a good one-on-one communication line; sticking with the old-style Hawks approach of one-in, all-in, has been a Hawthorn man through and through and it will be interesting to see if he resists the temptation to try again elsewhere.

Both Sheldon and Joyce leave their posts with impressive win-loss records — they weren't disposed of for failing.

Joyce has a 67-26 win/loss record — for a winning percentage of 72 — while Sheldon's is 48 wins from 89 games, with one draw — and he is the second-best achiever at St Kilda; behind the

sole premiership coach, Allan Jeans (1966).

In the wake of the coaching wakes — and the Saints was a beauty, apparently, with every team member in town lobbing on Sheldon's doorstep when the news broke — many rival clubs reacted in contrasting ways.

LONG CONTRACT

Collingwood were keen for Leigh Matthews to get back from a Northern Territory safari and avoid any Hawthorn speculation by confirming his long contract, while Fitzroy showed signs of concern as the highly-rated Robert Shaw was touted as a man who could be enticed out of the dangerous Lions den.

West Coast and Adelaide must have been pleased about their recent decisions to re-appoint Mick Malthouse and Graham Cornes as confidence-builders on the eve of the finals; thus avoiding any gossip-mongering.

Back home, West Perth produced a similar morale-boosting move by retaining Jeff Gieschen as he goes about his history-making task of being the last Leederville Oval premiership coach.

Seventh-placed East Perth re-appointed Stan Magro (though we are yet to hear that officially) and the Royals are searching for the vital support staff structure needed to help the club fulfil its potential.

The queue at the Lathlain Park door is not that long and it's good luck to the man who gets through — he will need it!



BOWING OUT . . . making dignified exits from coaching roles are (from the top) Hawthorn's Alan Joyce, St Kilda's Ken Sheldon and Perth's Ken Armstrong

200-club gets a boost

MEMBERSHIP of the prestigious WAFL 200-Club rocketed towards the 200 mark this week when a host of new members were welcomed after a change of rules.

The club has undergone a major overhaul to coincide with the changing face of football in WA and 68 new members joined the existing 110 players who have notched 200 senior games.

State games and appearances for other major football leagues such as the VFL/AFL and the SANFL are now taken into account, along with coaching and umpiring milestones.

Secretary Neil Randall, who played 211 games with Subiaco and South Fremantle, said it had become evident over the years that the club needed a change.

"It was getting to the stage where

there wouldn't be too many players reaching the 200-game milestone in the WAFL because of AFL football," said Randall.

The introduction of the West Coast Eagles and the drafting of players to the AFL was a major consideration in the revamp.

The new members admitted this week are:

CLAREMONT: Denis Marshall, John O'Connell, Steve Malaxos, Wayne Blackwell, John Annear, Jim Krakouer, Phil Krakouer, Kevin Worthington, John McIntosh, Ken Hunter.

EAST PERTH: Gary Gillespie, Phil Tierney, Mal Brown, John Watts, Dean Turner, Phil Haughan, Syd Jackson, Gary Malarkey, Ron Alexander, Ian Thompson, Ross Glendinning.

SUBIACO: Mike Fitzpatrick, Gary Buckenara, Peter Featherby, Dwayne Lamb.

SOUTH FREMANTLE: Maurice Rioli, Stan Magro, Max Richardson, Bruce Monteath, Brad Hardie, Rod Barrett, Jon Dorotich, Phil Cronan, Colin Beard, Bernie Naylor.

EAST FREMANTLE: Ron Alexander, Ken Judge, Rod Lester-Smith, Tony Buhagiar, Jim Sewell, Doug Green, Peter Wilson, Michael Brennan, Paul Harding, Ray Sorrell, Trevor Sprigg.

PERTH: Peter Bosustow, Nugget Hilsz, Ian Miller, Earl Spalding, Rob Wiley, Ken Armstrong.

SWAN DISTRICTS: Simon Beasley, Bob Beecroft, Craig Holden, Phil Narkle, Murray Rance, Mike Richardson, Garry Sidebottom, John Todd.

WEST PERTH: Ross Gibbs, Derek Kickett, John Gastev, John Duckworth, Brian Adamson.

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Preliminary final

A CONFIDENT Essendon side with a legion of loyal fans await Adelaide for their preliminary final clash at the MCG on Saturday.

The Bombers bounced back to their dangerous best against West Coast in last weekend's first semi-final and are targeting the Crows in the hope of earning a rematch with Carlton in the grand final.

A fortnight ago, the Blues beat Essendon by two points, followed by an 18-point win over the Crows.

Unfortunately for Adelaide coach Graham Cornes, he is faced with the unenviable task of reviving his players after their first finals loss.

Important to the result is the form of Crows full-forward Tony Modra.

Modra went into the finals series with 119 goals from 20 matches, but since then he has been held to just two goals each by Hawthorn's Chris Langford and Carlton's Stephen Silvagni.

On Saturday, he is likely to be op-

posed by Dustin Fletcher (18), who last time restricted him to just three goals.

At the other end, Bombers coach Kevin Sheedy has no such worries.

Full-forward Paul Salmon shrugged off a groin strain to kick four goals, while youngster James Hird came through after returning from a hamstring injury.

Both loom as dangers to Adelaide and Cornes is likely to assign David Pittman to Salmon and Rodney Maynard to Hird.

Maynard was tight against the Blues Earl Spalding in his first game in nearly two months, since breaking his collarbone. At his best, Maynard provides tremendous rebound.

The forwards' task is also made easier when the ball is delivered well by the players up the ground — which points

to another absorbing tussle between two capable running brigades.

Crows captain Chris McDermott, Tony McGuinness, Simon Tregenza, Mark Bickley, Greg Anderson and Andrew Jarman gather many possessions and their disposal is exceptional.

But Essendon's Michael Long, Gary O'Donnell, Ricky Olarensaw, Paul Hills and Joe Misiti are also prolific kick-getters and warrant respect.

Their input will rely heavily on the

hands of ruckman Peter Somerville, who was in great form against the Eagles.

Somerville and Salmon will be opposed to Crows youngster Sean Rehn, who continues to be impressive.

Rehn had an absorbing tussle with Carlton's Justin Madden and his marking around the ground give him greater importance in the Crows line-up.

Cornes said after the Crows loss to Carlton that advancing to the grand final via the preliminary final was not a bad thing.

But there are no second chances on Saturday and unless Modra can fire, Adelaide could struggle to combat Essendon's all-round strength.



THE CROWS

- 1. GREG ANDERSON**
27yrs 186cms 90kgs
Games played 21Adel, 103Ess, 8SA
Had the better of Brett Sholl on his wing, but quieter when Tom Alvin took over
- 2. ANDREW JARMAN**
27yrs 177cms 93kgs
Games played 58Adel, 6SA
Had 29 possessions despite close attention from Matthew Hogg
- 3. STEPHEN ROWE**
27yrs 173cms 83kgs
Games played 26Adel
Missed selection but could be needed to create more run in the forward line
- 4. SEAN TASKER**
25yrs 188cms 90kgs
Games played 27Adel, 1SA
Started on the interchange; kicked two goals up forward
- 6. TONY MODRA**
24yrs 188cms 91kgs
Games played 30Adel, 3SA
Well-held to kick just two goals from full-forward for the second week
- 7. NIGEL SMART**
24yrs 188cms 90kgs
Games played 58Adel, 2SA
Had no influence at centre-half-forward where Mil Hanna was devastating
- 10. CHRIS McDERMOTT**
29yrs 184cms 86kgs
Games played 65Adel, 9SA
Good on a half-back flank where he had 29 possessions
- 11. TONY McGUINNESS**
29yrs 176cms 78kgs
Games played 62Adel, 109 Foots, 8SA
The Crows best; collected 30 touches with top class disposal a feature
- 12. SIMON TREGENZA**
22yrs 184cms 82kgs
Games played 52Adel, 1SA
Kept his side in the game when he beat Alvin and Mark Athorn on his wing
- 13. SCOTT LEE**
30yrs 178cms 85kgs
Games played 65Adel
In doubt with a shoulder injury and would be missed from defence
- 14. STUART WIGNEY**
24yrs 191cms 99kgs
Games played 52Adel, 1Vic
Had little influence up forward apart from kicking the first two goals
- 15. DAVID PITTMAN**
24yrs 198cms 84kgs
Games played 17Adel, 2SA
Restricted Stephen Kernahan to three goals; solid in defence
- 18. RODNEY MAYNARD**
27yrs 188cms 80kgs
Games played 59Adel, 2SA
One of the best till half-time; worked hard on Earl Spalding
- 21. DAVID BROWN**
23yrs 175cms 80kgs
Games played 32Adel, 1SA

Replaced Matthew Liptak in a forward pocket after half-time but had trouble converting

- 25. MARK MICKAN**
32yrs 196cms 102kgs
Games played 37Adel, 48Bris, 5SA
Has missed selection in the finals and is an unlikely inclusion
- 26. MARK BICKLEY**
24yrs 178cms 80kgs
Games played 62Adel, 3SA
Good contributor on the ball, but not at his best
- 27. MATTHEW LIPTAK**
23yrs 178cms 76kgs
Games played 53Adel
Down on form after two top games; benched before replacing the injured Lee
- 32. MARK RICCIUTO**
18yrs 182cms 80kgs
Games played 18Adel
Solid throughout in defence to be one of the best
- 33. WAYNE WEIDEMANN**
26yrs 182cms 91kgs
Games played 36Adel
Cut out of the game by Blues defender Andrew McKay
- 35. RODNEY JAMESON**
23yrs 184cms 90kgs
Games played 52Adel
Late withdrawal with bruised ribs but should play
- 49. MARK VISKA**
22yrs 181cms 85kgs
Games played 12Adel
Watched the resting rovers in a back-pocket; fairly quiet
- 51. RANDALL BONE**
19yrs 194cms 98kgs
Games played 12Adel, 1SA
Replaced Jameson, but spent much of the time on the interchange
- 52. SHAUN REHN**
22yrs 198cms 90kgs
Games played 42Adel
Overall beaten by Justin Madden in the ruck, but won 15 hit outs



THE BOMBERS

- 1. MARK HARVEY**
28yrs 184cms 89kgs
Games played 156Ess, 6Vic
Star centre-half-back expected to resume after injury
- 2. MARK MERCURI**
19yrs 178cms 74kgs
Games played 21Ess
Collected 24 possessions against the Eagles
- 3. PAUL SALMON**
28yrs 206cms 110kgs
Games played 180Ess, 13Vic
Brilliant big man; always dangerous in attack
- 4. GAVIN WANGANEEN**
20yrs 180cms 78kgs
Games played 60Ess 3SA
Sensational in defence
- 5. JAMES HIRD**
20yrs 188cms 89kgs
Games played 18Ess INSW
Young spearhead recovering from injury
- 6. ANTHONY DANIHER**
30yrs 191cms 90kgs
Games played 109Ess, 115SS, 4NSW
Veteran full-back; could struggle to win a place
- 7. CHRIS DANIHER**
27yrs 191cms 90kgs
Games played 53Ess 3NSW
Unheralded backman with loads of courage
- 8. DARREN BEWICK**
26yrs 178cms 82kgs
Games played 116Ess, 4WA
Livewire forward with blistering pace
- 9. DEREK KICKETT**
30yrs 179cms 88kgs
Games played 75Ess, 12NM, 3WA
Had a shocker against West Coast but will bounce back
- 10. GARY O'DONNELL**
28yrs 181cms 85kgs
Games played 135Ess, 7Vic
Experienced defender-tagger
- 11. PAUL HILLS**
20yrs 183cms 83kgs
Games played 49Ess
Speedy wingman with plenty of potential
- 12. MICHAEL SYMONS**
21yrs 180cms 75kgs
Games played 22Ess
Well down against the Eagles, but is a dangerous forward
- 13. MICHAEL LONG**
23yrs 178cms 78kgs
Games played 100Ess, 3NT
Classy wingman; a key to Essendon's chances
- 15. ALAN EZARD**
30yrs 172cms 70kgs
Games played 183Ess, 4Vic
Veteran small man, but an unlikely starter
- 18. TODD RIDLEY**
24yrs 186cms 83kgs
Games played 17Ess
Talented utility, but may miss a spot
- 19. PETER SOMERVILLE**
25yrs 196cms 94.5kgs
Games played 64Ess 1Vic
Improving ruckman and a Bombers key
- 21. DEAN WALLIS**
24yrs 190cms 90kgs
Games played 59Ess
Reliable utility who could play after a shoulder injury
- 24. JOE MISITI**
18yrs 185cms 86kgs
Games played 23Ess
Talented teenage defender; picked up 30 possessions against West Coast
- 26. MARK THOMPSON**
29yrs 176cms 85kgs
Games played 168Ess 1Vic
Captain and half-back battling to overcome a calf strain
- 27. STEPHEN ALESSIO**
21yrs 201cms 87kgs
Games played 17Ess
Improving young ruckman in the wings
- 29. DAVID GRENVOLD**
27yrs 183cms 89kgs
Games played 68Ess
Hard-working defender in excellent form
- 31. DUSTIN FLETCHER**
18yrs 196cms 80kgs
Games played 15Ess
Teenage star who had the better of Peter Sumich
- 32. TIM WATSON**
32yrs 186cms 90kgs
Games played 296Ess, 10Vic
Has returned in grand style and adds experience
- 38. SEAN DENHAM**
24yrs 172cms 75kgs
Games played 30Ess, 44Gee
Speedy rover with good defensive side
- 47. RICKY OLARENSAW**
20yrs 183cms 75kgs
Games played 14Ess
Talented left-footed midfielder
- 48. DAVID CALTHORPE**
20yrs 180cms 84kgs
Games played 11
Effective against West Coast with some handy goals

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THE Jason Heatley show continued at Subiaco Oval when a nine-goal preliminary final haul had everybody reaching for the record books.

Heatley fell one goal short of the preliminary final record of 10 goals kicked by Subiaco's Todd Breman in 1991 and the new Lions spearhead finished with 9.2 in an outstanding individual performance opposed to Peter Freeman and Andrew Nicholls.

Heatley's haul took his first year

tally to 111.42 and if players are judged on finals performances, then Heatley's 21-goal effort in three finals has seen the young Victorian recruit pass the test.

Heatley will receive a \$500 cheque from GIO Australia and a Westside Football trophy — the only official acknowledgement of the WAFL's leading goalscorer — at a special end-of-season Westside Football function after topping the goalkicking in the 21 Pepsi Cup qualifying rounds.

Other goalscorers still in action on the weekend were Lions trio Rod Willet, Kane O'Brien and Andrew Macnish and West Perth's Todd Curley and Derek Hall.

Hall added the biggest haul of the

group when he kicked three goals straight in an impressive display from centre-half-forward.

GIO TOP SCORERS

	Finals goals	Total goals
Jason Heatley (S)	21.6	111.42
Scott Cummings (SD)	7.2	84.43
Brad Hardie (SF)	4.2	73.47
Paul Morgan (C)	5.3	58.27
Paul Barnard (EP)	-	53.32
Andrew Lockyer (EF)	-	40.28
Andrew Macnish (S)	2.2	39.32
Jeff Davidson (EF)	-	38.25
Kane O'Brien (S)	2.5	37.24
Rod Willet (S)	5.4	36.28
Chris Gerreyn (C)	3.1	36.22
Todd Curley (WP)	6.1	37.26
Jason Ball (S)	1.2	33.33
Wally Matera (SF)	2.2	31.25
Derek Hall (WP)	4.0	30.25



KING OF THE LIONS ... Jason Heatley bowed out of the finals on a high note

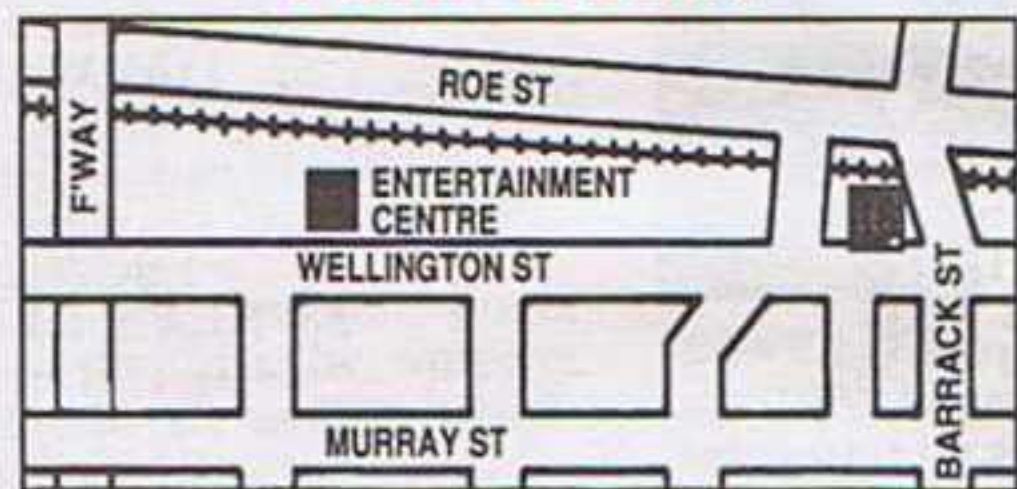
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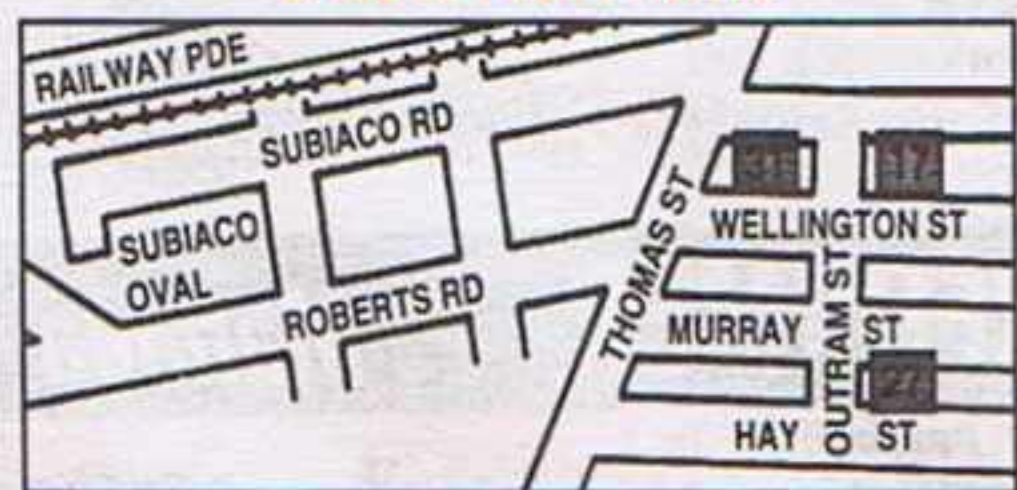
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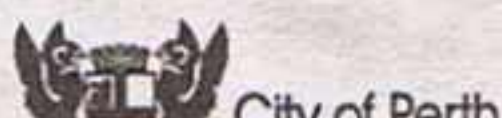
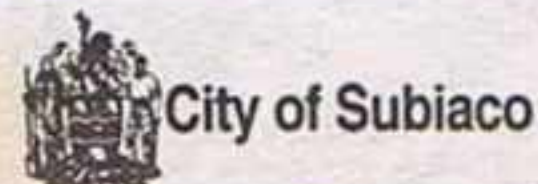
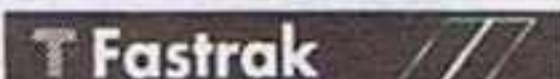
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Stars of the finals

Robbie West

ROBBIE West wore a broad smile when the final siren sounded a 32-point victory, just one point more than his own match-winning contribution of 5.1.

An automatic inclusion in the side after overcoming a calf strain which kept him out of the second semi-final, West hit top form against Subiaco in the preliminary final.

Playing out of a forward pocket, the Sandover Medallist finished with 21

kicks, nine handballs and seven marks.

His opening goal from a set shot early in the first term set the scene and his second just nine minutes later was a danger sign for the Lions.

Three of his five goals were from beyond 50-metres and he beat two opponents on a day that belonged to the Wodonga recruit.

An integral part of the Falcons grand final hopes, West was the difference between the two sides on Saturday and the main reason behind the club's second highest score of the season.

His absence against the Tigers a fortnight ago was a telling factor and he will carry a heavy load into the premiership decider.



TRIUMPH ... that's the feeling of West Perth star Robbie West after his five-goal match-winning effort

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The Pepsi Cup grand final

Cardinal emotions will run high

WIN, lose or draw, West Perth supporters will shed a tear or two when the Pepsi Cup grand final is decided at Subiaco Oval this Sunday.

Falcons supporters are perhaps the most emotive group in the WAFL and they will be there in their thousands.

Cardinal red and blue supporters young and old came from everywhere to support the Falcons farewell to Leederville in August and the WAFC is preparing for another bumper crowd on Sunday.

West Perth's first grand final appearance in 18 years has the town talking.

Last week, the packed stands and the fans in the outer rose as one every time the Falcons goaled. They didn't win any friends in the Subiaco camp, either, by the way.

MOTHBALLS CHANT

Their chant of "mothballs, mothballs" did the job of riling the Lions fans and when a small group of Falcons followers lent over the fence to spit on Subiaco forward Daniel Metropolis in the final term, a number of Lions decided that arch-rivals Claremont would be the team to support this week.

Metropolis had vented his frustra-

By **TANIA ARMSTRONG**



tion on West Perth defender Paul Mifka when he flung him across the boundary line near the Falcons dug-out.

West Perth trainers and the injured Basil Zempilas jumped to Mifka's defence and an ugly melee developed before Mifka was rightly rewarded with a free kick.

That was just one sign of the high emotion that has accompanied West Perth on their sentimental journey throughout 1993 and one can only imagine how it might overflow if they claim their first flag since 1975.

Leederville Oval, hosting its last post-match function before the club's move to Joondalup, would see a party to end all parties.

Buoyed by a second successive Sandover Medal for the first time in their history — this time to Neil Mildenhall — a premiership would cap off their perfect season.

Under second-year coach Jeff Gieschen, the Falcons have completed a full circle by jumping from the bottom of the ladder to the top.

The Falcons season wasn't without its troubles and Gieschen hit out at player reports and the fact that people still refused to take his side seriously.

The minor premiership silenced their critics and a grand final victory would add an extra gag.

BOLD GAMBLE

A premiership would also be testament to Gieschen's coaching ability and the West Perth directors, who

gambled boldly with their appointment of the little-known man from country Victoria.

In a remarkably short time, Gieschen has built a team of dogged competitors with a huge desire for the football.

The Wodonga influence is dominant and seven Victorians will represent West Perth on Sunday, with only Robbie West playing with the Falcons be-

fore the former Footscray player arrived to coach.

Mildenhall (Traralgon), Peter Freeman (St Kilda), Troy West (Footscray) and Wodonga recruits Mark Lambourn, Darren Harris and Andrew Nicholls have all found a new home at Leederville.

Joondalup will be their next home if they stay in WA and a premiership would be the ultimate send-off.

What the other coaches say

WEST Perth and Claremont's Pepsi Cup showdown on Sunday is looming as a thriller.

That's the opinion of the WAFL coaches who will be spectators when the premiership battle is played out.

Here is how they see the result:

KEN JUDGE (East Fremantle) — West Perth: "I reckon it's a toss of the coin. Claremont have a bit more talent, but I like Jeff Gieschen's coaching style and West Perth's hardness could bring Claremont undone."

"West Perth remind me a lot of East Fremantle last year — they don't lie down and just keep coming at you."

MARK WATSON (South Fremantle) — Claremont: "It should be very even, but Claremont look more efficient in front of goals, they have a good running division and still boast the best

defence. Paul Morgan and Chris Gerreyn are good focal points in front of goals."

KEN ARMSTRONG (Perth) — Claremont: "A month-and-a-half ago, I said Claremont, so I'll stick with them."

"They've come good at the right time of the year and the week's rest will do them the world of good."

"Claremont will be steadier than Subiaco and give West Perth more of a four-quarter hit-out."

JOHN TODD (Swan Districts) — West Perth: "They remind me a lot of 1982 when we hadn't won a premiership in 19 years and Phil Narkle won the Sandover Medal."

"It's very similar for them now and when things start to snowball, they just follow the same pattern."

What's happening

SUNDAY'S Pepsi Cup grand final is set to be a huge event — and not just on the ground during the WAFL battle.

There is plenty of other entertainment, starting with the colts grand final between Claremont and Perth at 8.45am.

The official presentation to the winning side will be at 10.55am, with the reserves grand final between East Fremantle and Claremont kicking off at 11.10am, with their presentation straight after the match.

The pre-game action starts at 1.55pm with entertainment, including bagpipes, skydivers and Coco the Monkey.

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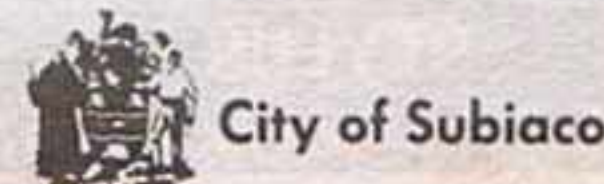
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	Kwinana Bus Station	12.40pm
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	(Citylink stop on Rockingham Road near Colville Cres)	1.00pm
994	Southlands Shopping Centre	12.40pm
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2. MATTHEW GAUCI

19yrs 170cms 70kgs
Games played 5

Courageous rover in his first season

3. ROB MALONE

23yrs 185cms 87kgs
Games played 44

Hard-working midfielder in top form at right end of the season

5. GLEN SYMONDS

23yrs 180cms 82kgs
Games played 21Cl, 29EF

Missed second semi-final with a hamstring strain and will have to prove his fitness

6. QUENTON LEACH

21yrs 180cms 82kgs
Games played 34

Talented half-back, who provided good dash from defence against West Perth

7. KEVIN MITCHELL

20yrs 180cms 73kgs
Games played 104

Experienced half-forward, who returned to his best in the second semi-final

8. SCOTT EDWARDS

25yrs 182cms 80kgs
Games played 99

Courageous wingman: will play his 100th game

9. BRIAN BERESFORD

26yrs 179cms 82kgs
Games played 112

Utility capable of slotting in well at both ends of the ground



BIG INFLUENCE ... Clinton Wolf gives Claremont strong drive from the ruck

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10. DANIEL SOUTHERN

18yrs 188cms 92kgs
Games played 17

One of the rookies of the season; key defender

11. DALE BALLANTYNE

24yrs 185cms 83kgs
Games played 52

A premiership player in 1991 keen to hold his spot in the side

14. JOE SMITH

22yrs 188cms 84kgs
Games played 13Cl, 1Subi

Highly-skilled forward, who was thrown into the ruck against West Perth

15. DARREN KLEMM

27yrs 175cms 70kgs
Games played 39

Rover, who kicked five goals against the Falcons and is a real danger

16. PAUL MORGAN

25yrs 192cms 93kgs
Games played 33Cl, 8SF

Greatly-improved full-forward with strong hands and long kick

17. DALE KICKETT

25yrs 177cms 75kgs
Games played 68Cl, 21StK, 2WCE, 15Fitz

Uses his uncanny skills to great effect rebounding off half-back

20. CLINTON WOLF

24yrs 199cms 93kgs
Games played 27Cl, 19EF

Key ruckman vital to Claremont's chances

21. DAVID MUIR

22yrs 185cms 96kgs
Games played 32

Powerful forward, with an aggressive approach to the ball

25. CHRIS GERREYN

22yrs 200cms 98kgs
Games played 33

Hawthorn draftee: can play in attack and in the ruck

26. ADAM CLARK

28yrs 193cms 95kgs
Games played 50Cl, 5EP

Replacement ruckman with good agility

27. GARRY EDWARDS

25yrs 176cms 87kgs
Games played 31

On-baller down on form in second semi-final and will be keen to rebound

32. MARK HANN

30yrs 176cms 71kgs
Games played 165

Experienced wingman in good form after overcoming hamstring problems

33. RICHARD HARVEY

19yrs 185cms 76kgs
Games played 8

Teenage half-back in his first season of senior football

35. BRENDAN GREEN

22yrs 174cms 78kgs
Games played 40

Elusive rover, who kicked three goals against the Falcons in a return to form

37. MATTHEW WRIGHT

23yrs 188cms 87kgs
Games played 2

Talented backman who adds depth to the defence

40. DARRELL PANIZZA

34yrs 184cms 83kgs
Games played 247Cl, 74Wood

Evergreen defender in sparkling form; has plenty of grand final experience

44. MARK BRAYSHAW

27yrs 187cms 85kgs
Games played 87Cl, 32NM

Has slotted into defence on his return from North Melbourne and been a solid contributor

45. BRENDAN HENDRY

22yrs 170cms 75kgs
Games played 23

Nuggetty back-pocket specialist in fine form

52. GERARD MILNE

22yrs 192cms 97kgs
Games played 6

Well-built youngster with plenty of ability



TIGERS TWOSOME ... Claremont midfielders Rob Malone and Garry Edwards share the celebrations

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CLAREMONT confirmed the thoughts of many fans when they beat West Perth in the second semi-final to earn a direct passage to the 1993 Pepsi Cup grand final.

Though they finished the WAFL season in third place, Claremont's form in the finals — beating Swan Districts and West Perth — has been superb.

This Sunday, when they tackle West Perth, it will be Claremont's sixth grand final in the seven years Gerard Neesham has been at the helm.

A win would give Neesham four premierships and make him the most successful coach the club has had — surpassing Johnny Leonard's impressive three pennants in 1938-39-40.

Claremont go into the match as favourites because of their vast finals experience and should benefit from the week's rest they enjoyed while Subiaco and West Perth fought out the preliminary final.

THE KEY MEN

CENTRE breaks are always crucial and their importance increases even more in grand finals.

Neesham will look to Clinton Wolf to fire up in the ruck and provide his smaller players with first use of the ball, which automatically places the opposition backline under pressure.

Wolf returned to the Tigers side against West Perth and showed he was over the hamstring problems that had restricted his input before the finals.

The former East Fremantle player



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Claremont words by
DIGBY BEACHAM

was a member of the Tigers premiership side in 1991 and would desperately love to taste the feeling again.

If Wolf needs a break, Neesham can either use Joe Smith, who was given a run in the ruck during the final quarter against West Perth, or Chris Gerreyn.

THE ATTACKERS

FULL-forward Paul Morgan will be in a dangerous mood this week.

After an impressive season, his finals efforts were dulled a little as he was held to just 1.1 and he will be eager to return to his dangerous self.

While Morgan was quiet, his colleague, the powerfully-built small man Darren Klemm, wreaked havoc.

He was extremely dangerous in attack,

reading the ball well off hands and kicking accurately (5.2).

Also productive for the Tigers against West Perth was veteran half-forward Kevin Mitchell, who made a timely return to form, despite posting just one goal.

THE DEFENDERS

CLAREMONT'S half-back line is arguably the best in the WAFL and they are in sparkling touch as the Tigers prepare for another tilt at the premiership.

Half-backs Dale Kickett and Quenton Leach play more like wingmen than defenders, continually backing themselves and providing tremendous rebound.

Kickett, who has been drafted by Essendon, continued his outstanding efforts against West Perth, while Leach had the better of his duel with West Coast squad member Paul Symmons.

As Kickett and Leach steal the limelight, captain Darrell Panizza has been the quiet achiever at centre-half-back.

The 34-year-old blankets his opponents with a minimum of fuss and offers valuable experience.



COOL CAT... young Tigers star Brendan Green is solid around the packs

THE MIDFIELDERS

BRENDAN Green showed his class against West Perth with a fine roving performance.

After having a quiet day against Swans, Green was at his best around the packs, finishing off his good work with three goals.

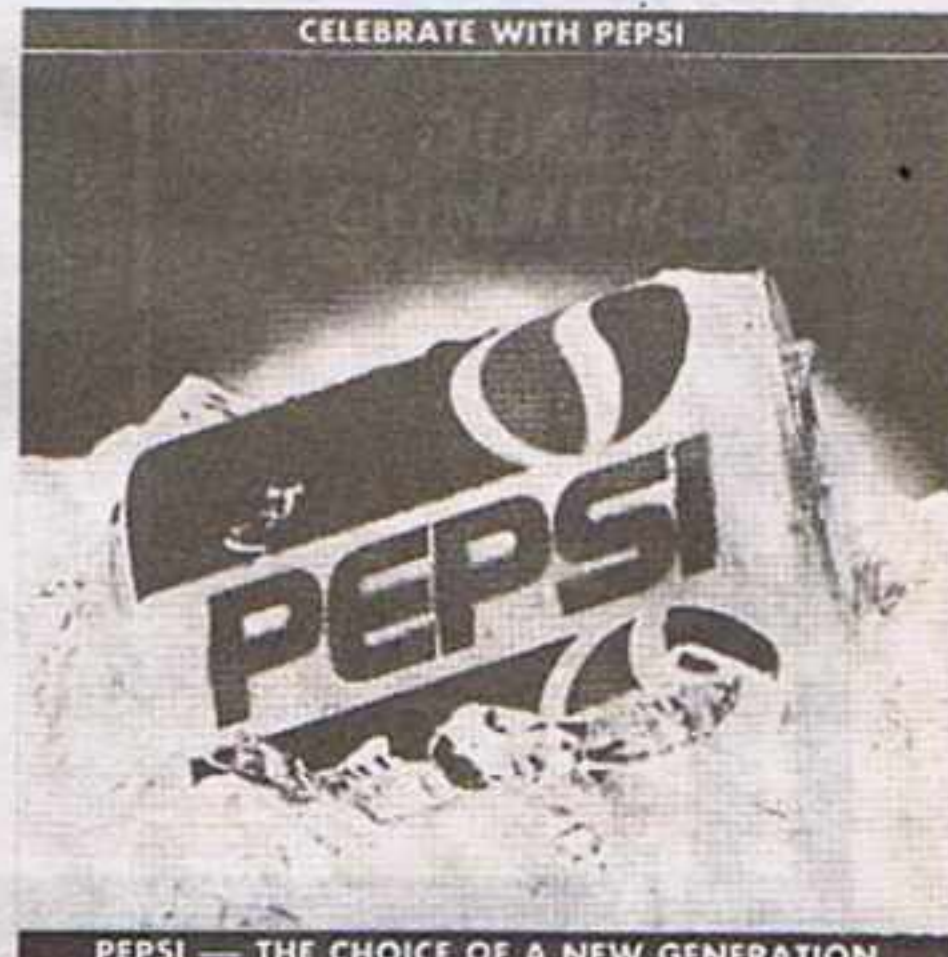
Centreman Rob Malone has been in fine form since a stint in the reserves mid-season and his solid effort against West Perth was encouraging for Neesham and the Tigers match committee.

Experienced wingman Mark Hann, the club's last premiership captain, has battled hamstring strains this year, but should be at his best on Sunday.

TIGER TALK... Claremont coach Gerard Neesham has the right words for skipper Darrell Panizza, with Garry Edwards on the right



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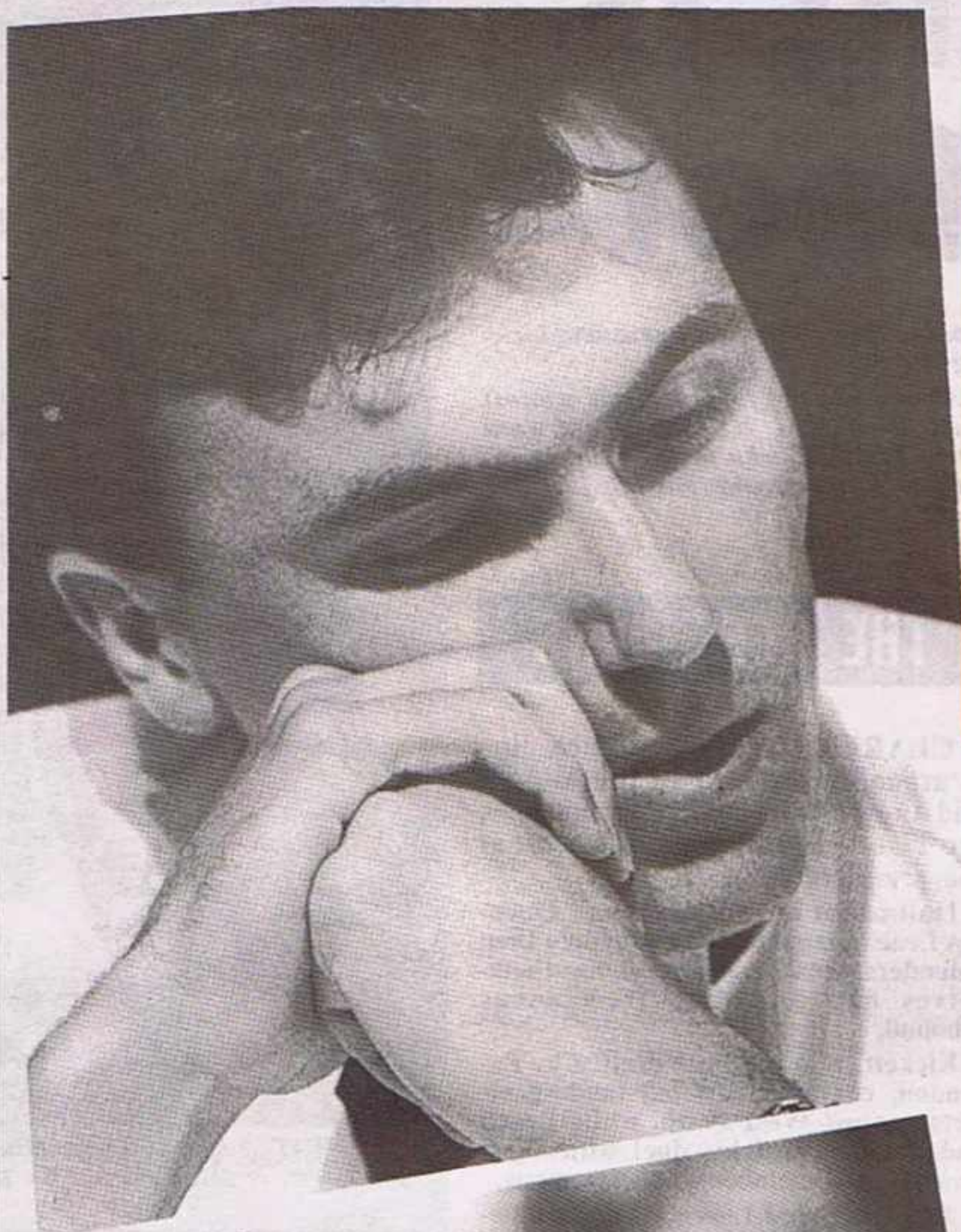
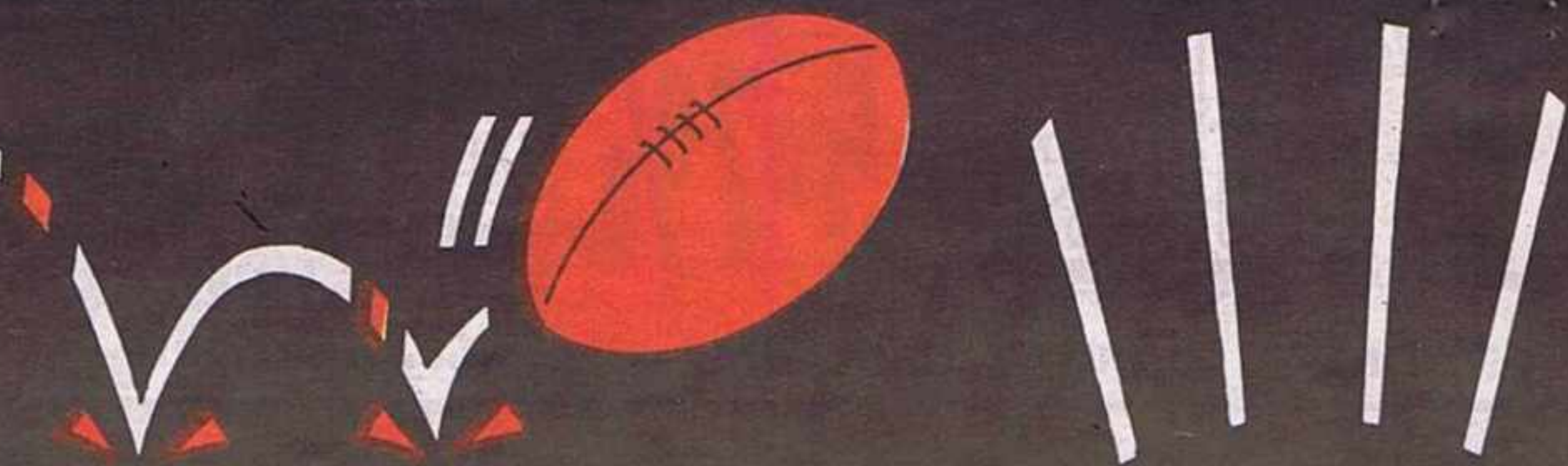


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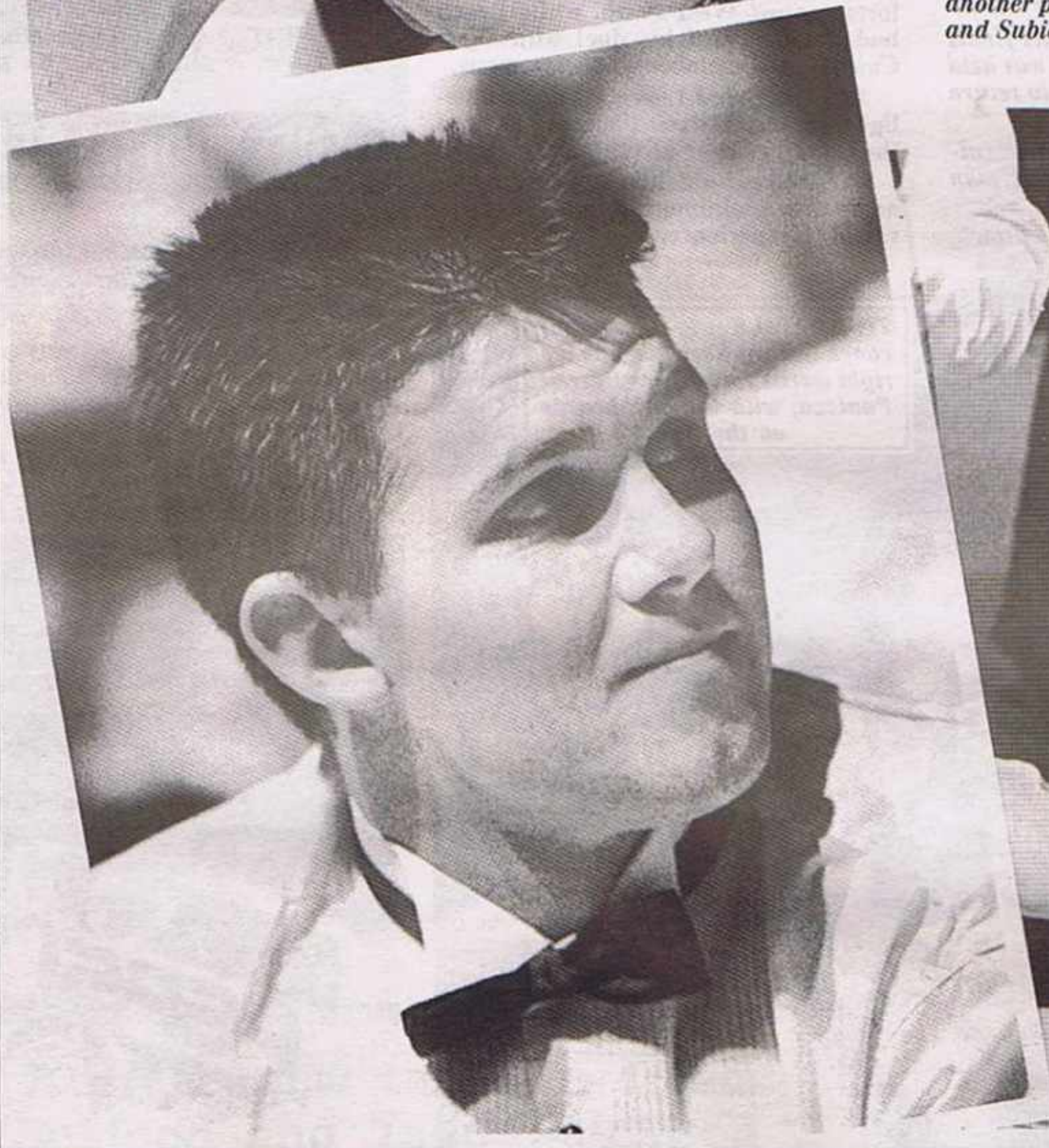
PEOPLE came from far and wide for football's night of glamour at the B Showroom and West Perth's Neil Mildenhall quietly stole the show.

Mildenhall beat off all the favourites — many of them ineligible — to claim back Sandover Medals for the Falcons and leave many players pondering what might have been.

Westside Football photographer GREG WOOD captured the contenders and their mood as the vote count unfolded.

Pictured anti-clockwise from the left:

ALWAYS NEXT YEAR . . . pre-count favourite Ryan Turnbull watches his hopes slip away; **CLUB** . . . Subiaco century goalscorer Jason Heatley gave a good showing; **WELL DONE** . . . Neil Mildenhall is congratulated by team-mate Greg Jones; **NOT THIS TIME** . . . Swans big man Travis Edmondson, another pre-count favourite; **STILL SMILING** . . . ineligible runners South Fremantle's Wall and Subiaco's Errol Bourn could still manage a smile; **THOUGHTFUL DEMON** . . . a mid-season injury to Perth defender Jeff Moore cost him dearly



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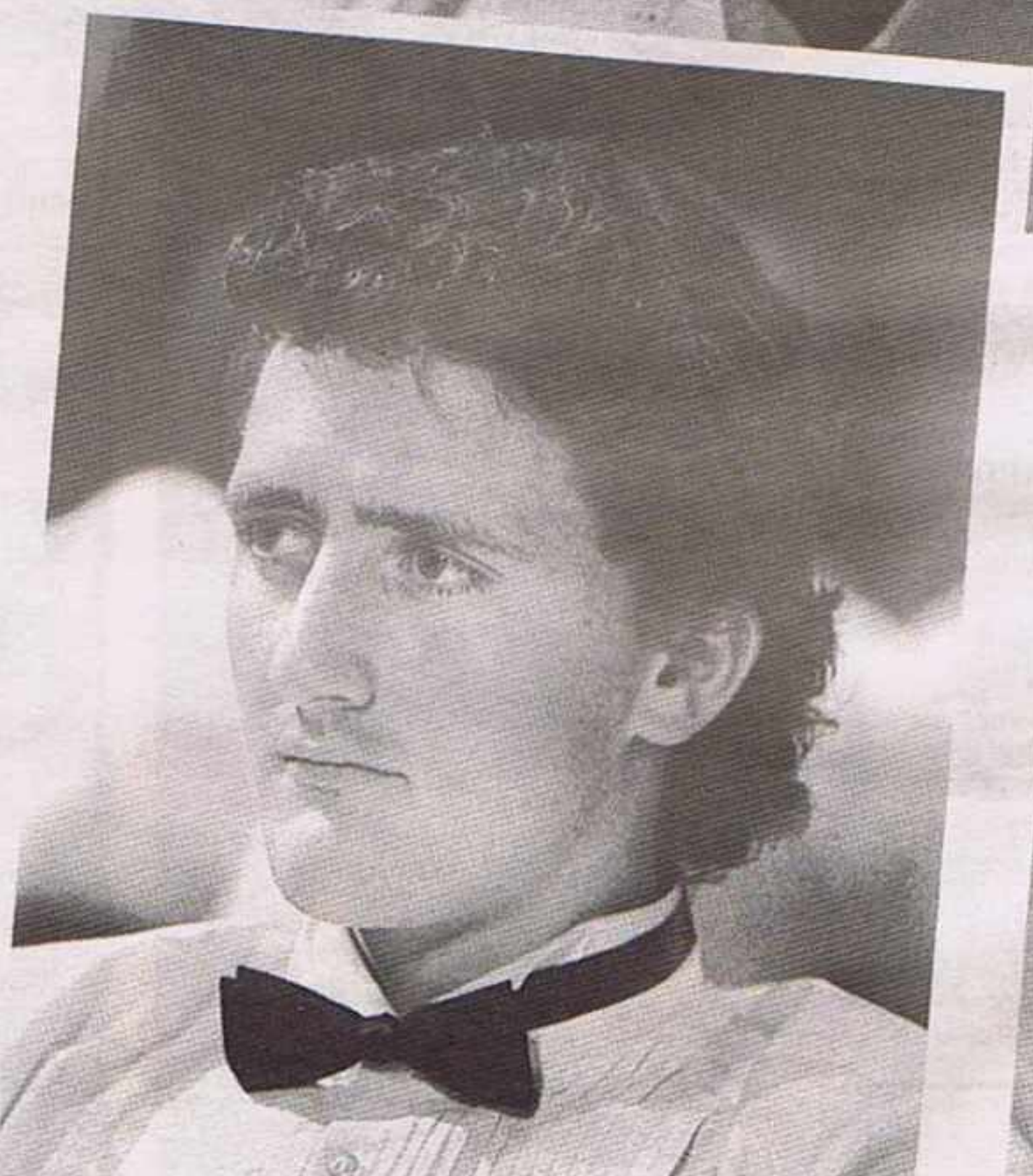
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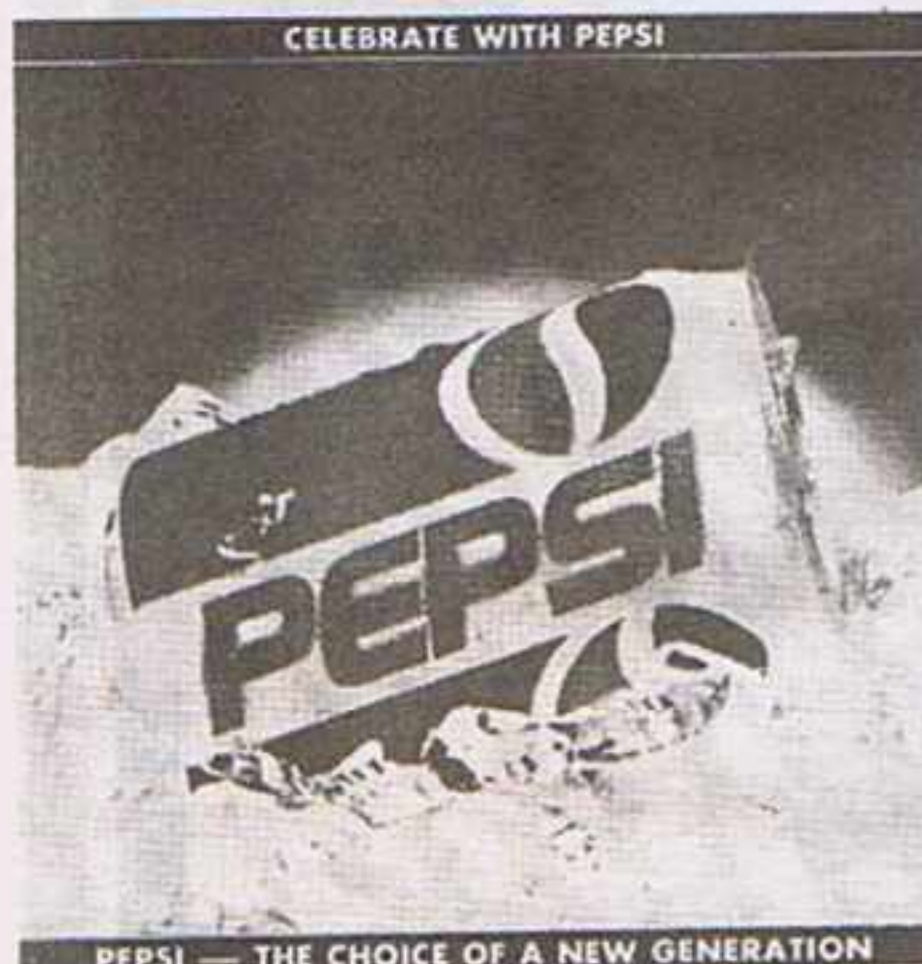


WEST PERTH

- 2. NEIL MILDENHALL**
25yrs 175cms 70kgs
Games played 20
Sandover Medallist who is a big possession-getter in the midfield
- 6. DARREN HARRIS**
25yrs 174cms 70kgs
Games played 43
Tireless rover, who will enter the grand final in fine form
- 7. DARREN O'BRIEN**
24yrs 178cms 81kgs
Games played 96
Talented left-footer expected to tag Rob Malone in the midfield



DOGGED DEFENDER ... veteran Paul Mifka



- 9. ROBBIE WEST**
24yrs 174cms 76kgs
Games played 46WP, 13WCE
Best-afield against Subiaco, collecting 33 possessions and kicking five goals
- 10. WAYNE DAYMAN**
32yrs 171cms 80kgs
Games played 131
Fierce defender in brilliant form in the twilight of his career
- 11. TODD CURLEY**
20yrs 185cms 74kgs
Games played 58
Collingwood draftee, who will command plenty of respect in attack
- 12. RICK TOOVEY**
25yrs 184cms 78kgs
Games played 61
Missed the preliminary final with a hamstring strain and is battling to prove his fitness
- 15. TROY WEST**
22yrs 185cms 80kgs
Games played 15
Was superb at centre-half-back against Subiaco, but was reported for striking
- 16. PAUL SYMMONS**
20yrs 185cms 75kgs
Games played 30
Started well against Subiaco up forward; has blistering pace and good balance
- 17. GREG JONES**
23yrs 190cms 88kgs
Games played 23WP, 20SD, 2Foot
Superb across half-back and could hold down a key defensive position
- 20. IAN DOWNSBOROUGH**
21yrs 195cms 82kgs
Games played 17
Missed the preliminary final with a calf strain and is in doubt for Sunday's grand final
- 21. MARK LAMBOURN**
26yrs 175cms 75kgs
Games played 17
Speedy midfielder, who is likely to be used as a tagger against Claremont
- 23. DEREK HALL**
22yrs 188cms 84kgs
Games played 80WP, 2WCE
Effective at centre-half-forward and is crucial to the Falcons chances
- 24. CRAIG NELSON**
30yrs 193cms 90kgs
Games played 174WP, 23W Torr
Lion-hearted ruckman, who will oppose Claremont's Clinton Wolf; has enormous responsibility
- 25. TONY EDWARDS**
22yrs 188cms 75kgs
Games played 27
Was overlooked for the preliminary final and could play if Troy West is suspended
- 26. PETER FREEMAN**
24yrs 187cms 89kgs
Games played 36WP, 5StK
Lowered his colours to Jason Heatley and will be keen to rebound against Paul Morgan
- 27. GEOFF VALENTINE**
23yrs 180cms 79kgs
Games played 19
Hard-working utility with loads of courage
- 28. MARK MERENDA**
17yrs 180cms 80kgs
Games played 13
Promising half-forward; well-held against Subiaco, but kicked a great goal



- 31. ANDREW NICHOLLS**
23yrs 180cms 80kgs
Games played 24
Former Wodonga player who has developed into a tight-checking defender
- 36. RONNIE BURNS**
20yrs 170cms 70kgs
Games played 2
Lightly-built forward, who kicked two clever goals against Subiaco
- 37. PAUL MIFKA**
28yrs 186cms 81kgs
Games played 174WP, 1WCE
Was quieter than normal at half-back, but capable of a big-game performance
- 44. WADE STARR**
25yrs 180cms 75kgs
Games played 29
In good form on a wing against Subiaco and will oppose either Scott Edwards or Mark Hann
- 46. PAUL HASLER**
28yrs 183cms 84kgs
Games played 118
Experienced defender eager to win his place back for the grand final
- 49. TREVOR GREEN**
22yrs 189cms 84kgs
Games played 12
Kicked two goals from full-forward after coming off the interchange bench
- 55. LEITH PAINTER**
24yrs 180cms 80kgs
Games played 29
Former Claremont player who adds strength to the Falcons backline



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WEST Perth continued to capture the imagination of the WA football public when they beat Subiaco in the preliminary final.

Their courageous 32-point win propelled them into their first grand final since 1975, when they beat South Fremantle by a record margin.

At the start of this year, most critics tipped the Falcons to miss the finals — but coach Jeff Gieschen has moulded a close-knit team, who will do anything for their team-mates.

West Perth will enter Sunday's grand final as sentimental favourites — after all, it is not every day a club bids their home of 78 years a farewell with a premiership.

The Falcons beat Claremont in all three qualifying games this season, before lowering their colours to the Tigers in the second semi-final.

Falcons fairytale rolls on in style

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West Perth words by DIGBY BEACHAM



WORTHY SMILERS ... revelling in the glory of a grand final appearance are Falcons pair Paul Mifka (left) and Trevor Green

THE KEY MEN

WEST Perth captain Craig Nelson has been a tower of strength all season and is crucial to the club's chances of making Sunday a memorable day.

The powerful ruckman had 21 hit-outs against Subiaco and spent a lot of time in defence trying to block the leading of star Lions full-forward Jason Heatley.

His burly frame has been instrumental in West Perth advancing as far as they have and Gieschen will ask his skipper for another tireless effort.

Nelson was asked to do the majority of the ruckwork against Subiaco, with rookie Ian Downsborough (calf) sidelined and forward-ruckman Basil Zempilas straining his groin early in the second quarter.

If Downsborough overcomes his injury problem, he is likely to be included in the hope of easing Nelson's workload.

THE ATTACKERS

KEY forward Derek Hall is a player of obvious class and his showing against Subiaco was further proof of his value.

Opposed to in-form Lions defender Lee Sounness, Hall took nine marks and kicked three goals in a fine display.

While Hall proved a handful for the Lions defenders, West Coast squad member Robbie West terrorised them, kicking five goals from a forward pocket.

West missed the second semi-final with a calf strain and if he assumes the same role against the Tigers, he is likely to be opposed by Brendan Hendry.

Falcons half-forward Todd Curley kicked two goals against the Lions and is also a danger for Claremont.



NOW HEAR THIS ... field umpire Grant Vernon has some helpful hints for big Falcons ruckman Craig Nelson

THE MIDFIELDERS

NEWLY-crowned Sandover Medalist Neil Mildenhall, recruited from Traralgon in Victoria, has proved to be one of the finds of the season.

The dashing midfielder, who is equally at home in the centre or on a wing, is a penetrating kick and strong overhead.

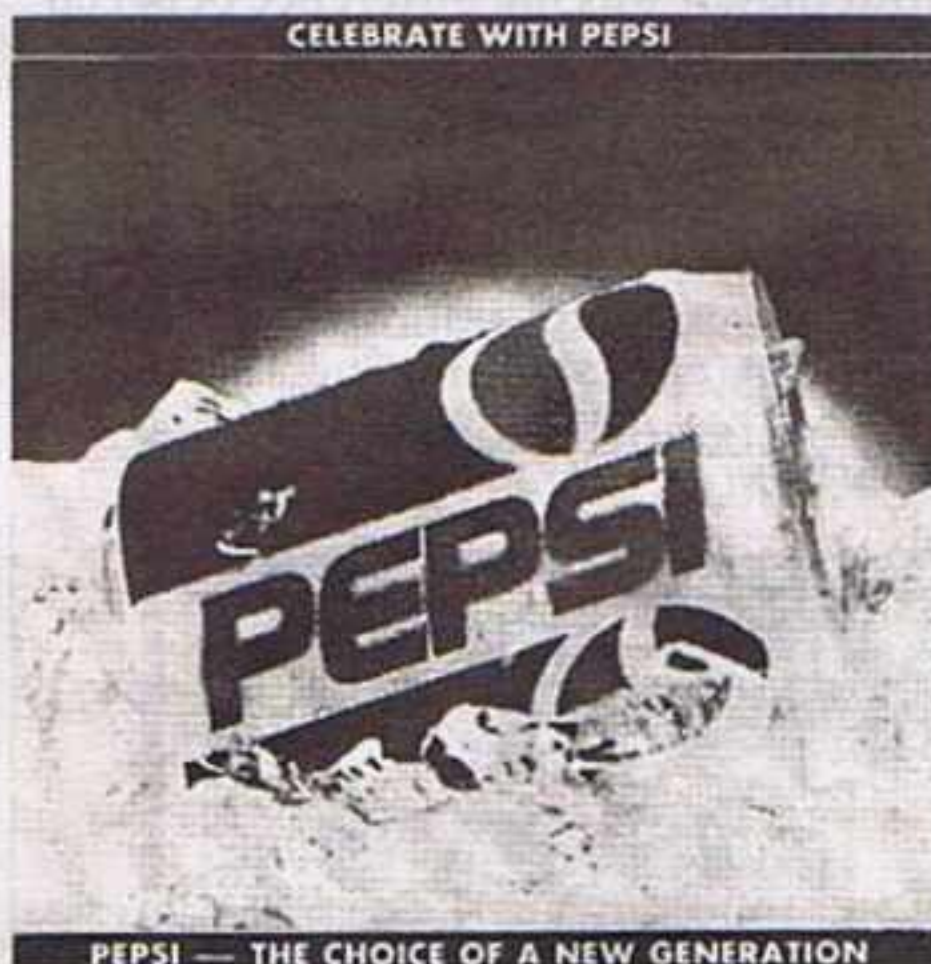
He amassed 26 possessions against the Lions from the centre, but could be used on a wing against Claremont, allowing Darren O'Brien to tag Rob Malone.

Courageous rover Darren Harris is also a problem for Claremont, with his large appetite for hard work.

He was brilliant early against Subiaco and a similar start on Sunday would be invaluable.

THE DEFENDERS

TROY West played his best game for West Perth last Saturday when



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he eclipsed Subiaco centre-half-forward Rod Willet.

The former Footscray player, in his first year with the Falcons, collected 18 possessions and held Willet to just 10.

He received great support from Greg Jones, who was in fine form from his half-back flank, assisting in negating Willet and notching 21 disposals in the process.

Jones usually holds down a key defensive post and could be opposed to the Tigers centre-half-forward David Muir on Sunday.

Full-back Peter Freeman was beaten by Heatley last Saturday, but Gieschen is likely to stick with the one-time St Kilda player and assign him the task of opposing Tigers full-forward Paul Morgan.

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Richmond bowed out of the football action when their reserves team lost the knock-out first semi-final at the weekend — and two Tiger Todds from the West will sit on a nervous fence for the next few weeks

TODD BREMAN and Todd Menegola — Richmond recruits from Subiaco and Swan Districts — both know their football careers are on the line as the AFL clubs set about trimming their squads from 52 to 40.

Trips back home are looming as options for the two players as the October 20 deadline approaches and it doesn't take much inside information to suggest that the West Aussie pair will be among the casualties.

But neither of them are expressing concerns about what might happen in October — what will be, will be, so to speak.

The bottom line is that they have enjoyed their excursions to Victoria and believe they have benefitted from their Melbourne football — Breman notching 24 games in two seasons at Richmond and Menegola 19 games in three years.

HAMPERED PROGRESS

Breman, who played 23 games with the Eagles before his move to Punt Road, had a mid-season injury that hampered his progress this year.

"I was reasonably happy with my early season form," Breman said, as he put his boots away for the summer after Saturday's reserves loss to Footscray.

"I was disappointed that I didn't play more senior games, but the injury slowed me down.

"There were some selection disappointments. You often feel as though you should be playing seniors and there were a few times I thought I was harshly done by.

"But there's nothing you can do about that; every player has that problem."

Breman said he had no problems with John Northey, who took over as Richmond's senior coach this season. He was a player's coach and you always knew where you stood with him, he said.

BROWN REFRESHING

Having Malcolm Brown take up residence at Richmond was also a refreshing move, according to Breman.

"He didn't have a lot to do with the players; he kept out of that area," he said. "But it's great having him around. His presence is good and the administration is stronger for his involvement.

"You feel the rub-off of his influence and you always know he's around."

Breman doesn't rule out an extension of his AFL career, but he is making no rash predictions.

"We'll just see what happens in the next few weeks; weigh up a few things," he said.

"I have no regrets about the move to Melbourne; it's been a great experience

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On the road

Two Todds can still run hot

By **ALAN EAST**



HERE'S HOPING ... WA recruits Todd Breman (left) and Todd Menegola at Werley Park last week, bowing out of season '93 with the Richmond reserves

and good for my football. I was only 25 when I came over and I had a lot more football left.

"I've been appreciative of Richmond giving me an opportunity to play at the highest level and I've enjoyed the life in Melbourne, everything's footy. You can't really get away from it as they talk footy day-in and day-out."

Breman, a schoolteacher who worked part-time in Melbourne, is confident that Richmond can turn around their disappointing season.

After losing the grand final of the pre-season Foster's Cup to Essendon, the downhill slide was hard to accept, as they won just four games to finish second-last.

"There were a lot of games when we were in it for 20 minutes of a quarter, but then a 10 bad minutes would let us down," Breman said. "You can't afford that; it was the difference between us and the others."

HIT THE TARGET

"But it's possible to turn Richmond around; the players have to believe in themselves more, improve five or 10 per cent and start hitting the target more. They have to work hard for four quarters."

Menegola also had a disappointing season, with injury helping to keep his senior tally down to just nine games.

"Early on, I thought I was playing reasonably well in the twos," he said.

"But I had a couple of injuries and with the team performing so up-and-down that didn't help much."

Menegola's season came to a disappointing end as he not only bowed out on a losing note, but he could not remember much about the game, after copping a heavy knock early.

NO REGRETS

While he accepts that it could be hard to hold his place on the club list, he has no regrets about his three years at Tigerland.

"Richmond have been good to me and I've enjoyed those years," he says. "I don't think I came over too early. I was 23 and I don't believe another year in WA would have made all that much difference to my football."

"I was happy to get to this level at that age and I believe my football has improved. I haven't been particularly happy with all my matches, but I can benefit from the years here."

"The thought of going back to Swans if I get cut doesn't frighten me, but I'll just wait and see and consider all the options."

"I've enjoyed living in Melbourne, even if the weather tests you a bit."

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Sandover to shy Victorian

NEIL Mildenhall had every right to be nervous as the Sandover Medal count entered its middle stages.

The West Perth wingman had figured prominently in the voting, but would his decision to return home to Victoria for a wedding in round 19, come back to haunt him?

Fortunately for the quietly-spoken 25-year-old, it did not and Mildenhall amassed enough votes (38) in his other matches to win the WAFL's highest individual award.

South Fremantle captain Wally Matera (33), Subiaco midfielder Errol Bourn (33), Claremont defender Dale Kickett (31) and Falcons half-back Paul Mifka (25) finished behind Mildenhall, but were ineligible after being found guilty at the tribunal.

SECOND PLACE

Officially second was Swan Districts centreman Mike Richardson on 25 votes, while pre-count favourite Ryan Turnbull and rookie Claremont defender Daniel Southern were on 23.

Swans ruckman Travis Edmonds, who entered the count as joint favour-

By DIGBY BEACHAM

ite with Turnbull, received 19 votes.

Recruited from Traralgon in country Victoria, Mildenhall missed just three matches this season on his way to emulating last year's feat of team-mate Robbie West.

Perhaps as happy as Mildenhall was Falcons team manager Terry Hardie, who collected \$500 after finally finding a bookmaker willing to bet on the Medal on Monday morning.

"He's been terrific for us and a coach can't ask for more than that," West Perth coach Jeff Gieschen said.

Mildenhall, recommended to the Falcons by West Coast's Victorian manager Stephen Nash, said he wanted to play in the WAFL after a successful 1992 at Traralgon.

"We won all three premierships in Traralgon last year, so I thought I'd come over here and try at the different level," Mildenhall said. "I'm keen to get a chance in the draft."

A cabinet maker, Mildenhall said he was hoping to cap off a good year with a West Perth premiership on Sunday.



MEDAL TRIO... Sandover Medallist Neil Mildenhall is flanked by the Prendergast Medal winner Kelvin Holmes (right) and the Medallists Medal winner, Damon Squiers

Colts medal to country lad

PERTH'S Damon Squiers became the second successive Demon to claim the colts Medallists Medal when he was a runaway 11-vote winner.

Squiers, a 19-year-old who joined the Demons from Quairading this season, repeated the efforts of last year's winner Austin Kelly, a rover who made his league debut this season.

Squiers played every colts game in his debut season and polled 40 votes, well clear of promising Swan Districts youngster Christian Kelly.

In third place was West Perth's Brendon DeGois with 26 votes.

Squiers was quick to thank Perth for giving him the opportunity to wear the red and black.

"Hopefully we can take off the premiership this Sunday," said Squiers, who will be a big part of Perth's quest for their first colts flag since 1972.

PINGRUP product Kelvin Holmes won the reserves Prendergast Medal by three votes from South Fremantle big man Nick Caputi.

The 20-year-old, who played five of the Tigers first six league games this season, finished strongly in the reserves in his second year with the Tigers.

Drafted by Carlton in March this season, Holmes joined the Tigers after three seasons in the Alcock Cup with Hale School.

"It was great to get the invitation to play with Claremont last year and I thought I wasn't having a real good season," Holmes said.

"I should thank my dad for giving me the opportunity to play up here because in these tough times I should be home helping him on the farm."

SUBIACO rookie goalsneak Jason Heatley caught the eye of the men in white when he polled 18 votes in his table-topping season.

MEDAL SHORTS

Heatley kicked 90 goals on debut before adding another 21 in the finals series and collected top votes for two outstanding games.

Ten votes were his reward for hauls of nine and 12 goals in three weeks.

In 1991, Claremont full-forward John Hutton polled 19 votes for an 89-goal home-and-away season and in 1987 Subiaco's Todd Bream collected just 12 votes for 100 goals.

PROMINENT players continued to be overlooked by the umpires, none more so than Perth defender Wayne Allard.

Last Sunday Allard won Perth's fairest-and-best award after playing every game in an outstanding season, yet he finished the count with just three one-votes.

Claremont's Darrell Panizza, one of the favourites to win the Tigers club champion award and a leader in most media awards, also polled poorly with one four-vote haul.

Swans ineligible centre-half-forward Jason Ball went vote-less until round 17.

Dominant in series three, Ball polled five votes before adding another two.

THE four Sandover Medallists still in action in the WAFL all were well out of the contest after interrupted seasons.

Last year's winner Robbie West finished with six votes after playing 10 games with the Eagles, while 1982 Medallist Phil Narkle started well with nine votes in the first round, but his run came to an end.

East Fremantle skipper Steve Malaxos, a joint winner in 1984, fared best with 12 votes, while 1991 Medallist Ian Dargie finished with four votes from nine home-and-away matches.

Relief for ineligible Matera

SOUTH Fremantle captain Wally Matera breathed a sigh of relief when he fell five votes short of Sandover Medal winner Neil Mildenhall.

Ineligible to win after being found guilty at the tribunal, Matera said there would have been nothing worse than polling the most votes, but being unable to collect the Medal.

"I'm really glad I didn't top the poll; I'm happy to finish where I did," he said.

"If you polled the most votes it would be something that would stay with you forever — it would be something you'd never forget."

One of the big question marks over the count was whether the umpires would continue to give votes to ineligible players and thankfully they did.

Besides Matera, other disqualified players Errol Bourn (33 votes), Dale Kickett (31) and Paul Mifka (25) all finished with votes good enough to grab minor placings after outstanding seasons.

Perhaps the most disappointed person at the Burswood Showroom was Subiaco's Bourn.

Most people at the round 16 fixture against East Perth were stunned by his report for time wasting, let alone the guilty verdict.



GENERATION GAPS... John Leonard, the 1926 Sandover Medallist, congratulates Neil Mildenhall, the latest addition to the elite group, with West Perth's 1959 winner, Brian Foley, in the centre

Penalised for waiting too long for a lead downfield, Bourn was booked in the dying stages of a tense clash when the Lions held on to win by eight points.

His 33 votes would have been enough for him to finish runner-up — instead it went to Swans veteran Michael Richardson with 25 votes, a worthy second place-getter after a consistent season.



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Forwards were in fine form

WESTIDE Football examined the candidates for the GIO Pepsi All-Stars ruck division last week — and choosing a full-forward to spearhead the attack is just as difficult.

While big men dominated proceedings around the ground in this Pepsi Cup season, full-forwards made a welcome return to the headlines when they stole the show in front of goal.

Subiaco recruit Jason Heatley topped the table and collected the GIO goalkicking award when he finished with 90.36 from his 18 home-and-away games.

Teenage Swan Districts full-forward Scott Cummings was equally impressive in his first full season in the seniors.

While the youngsters had an enthralling tussle at the top of the table, South Fremantle veteran Brad Hardie was a handy inclusion in the pocket.

Hardie set the pace early in the season and finished with 69.45 — no mean feat at 30 years of age.

East Perth's Paul Barnard, West Perth's Todd Curley and East Fremantle veteran Andrew Lockyer also had good games in front of goal.

There was an abundance of in-form centre-half-forwards around, with Swans pair Travis Edmonds and Jason Ball both starring at Bassendean Oval when relieved of ruck duties.

Subiaco's Rod Willet earned himself a State berth with some top early-season efforts in the trouble spot, while South Fremantle youngster Brett

Spinks was a surprise star with the Bulldogs.

Drafted as a relative unknown by the West Coast Eagles, the 19-year-old from Jerramungup dominated in his debut season, while West Perth's Derek Hall and Claremont's David Muir and Joe Smith proved handy players.

Players worth considering along with Hardie for a forward pocket role are East Fremantle's Trent Nichols, Claremont's Darren Klemm and East Perth pair Peter Miller and Steve Pendleton.

On the half-forward flanks, Subiaco pair Kane O'Brien and Andrew Macnish were in fine form, O'Brien in his first year after accompanying Heatley over the border.

Another rookie to excel up forward was West Perth's Mark Lambourn, while Perth's Willie Dick and South Fremantle's Jason Spinks also played important roles for their team.

Next week Westside Football will examine the host of candidates to make up the defence.

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SUPERULES



Blackaby has WA set for national carnival

WA Superules is in a strong position before the national carnival, in Hobart next month.

State coach Ed Blackaby was impressed with a Sunday trial game at Leederville Oval, especially with the way ruckmen Dennis Williams and Owen Dunn off-loaded the ball to rovers Rod Barrett, Mike Pember and Charlie Pollard to set up the 14.7 (91) to 8.5 (53) win over a Bunbury-Perth combination.

Full-back Chris Hackett repelled many attacks, with strong support from half-backs Doc Richards and Mick Mills.

Best for Bunbury-Perth were Bob Argoon, Paul Vasoli and Alan French.

COUNTRY SUPERULES

BUNBURY'S Adam Road Sharks were the only new team to emerge this season, taking the number of country clubs to 14.

While the carnival format tends to be popular with country clubs, there is

an obvious increase in the number of interclub games.

The Kalgoorlie club ran a successful mid-season carnival, with Quairading hosting the April event.

Next year, the April carnival will be in Northam and the mid-season fixture in Busselton.

The Collie club also ran an excellent carnival on the Wesfarmers weekend.

The country annual general meeting will be in Perth in February. All clubs are asked to send representatives.



The minor grades

Tigers treble

CLAREMONT brought up a remarkable treble when their reserves crushed Perth in the preliminary final to join the league and colts teams in grand finals.

A nine-goal first quarter set up the win, as full-forward Laine Spencer led the way with four goals.

Claremont's backline was almost impassable, allowing Perth a miserly two behinds.

The Demons went even further under in the second term as the Tigers slammed home another eight majors into the breeze.

Centre-half-forward Damon Lukins joined the goalkicking feast with four for the term, as Spencer added another two.

After half-time Perth improved slightly, but were still outscored by a goal.

The only interest towards the end of the match was to see how many goals Spencer would kick. He finished with 10 to be Claremont's best player in the 22.15 (147) to 7.12 (54) win.

Perth were simply outclassed. Troy Polak and Darren Rigby were solid contributors, but their teammates failed to lend assistance.

This week's grand final is between second semi-final contestants East Fremantle and Claremont and is just reward for the clubs who dominated the competition.

The Sharks, who will be refreshed after a week's rest, will need captain Marshall Stockden and Craig Treleven to maintain their good form.

But the Tigers confidence will be high after their impressive win over the Demons and key forwards Spencer and Lukins pose problems.

COLTS REVERSAL

PERTH reversed the result of their last clash with South Fremantle to score a 10-point win in the colts preliminary final — 12.6 (78) to 10.8 (68).

In an even first half, both teams were desperate for possession, which produced entertaining football.

Perth's midfielders ran hard to provide many opportunities for their forwards.

Perth settled better after half-time used the ball long with the breeze.

Rover Douglas Woods was in scintillating form, causing the Bulldogs defenders many problems.

The last quarter belonged to Demons full-forward Damon Squiers, who kicked three goals to give his team victory.

Strong performances from South Fremantle's Leon Hayden, Nathan Loo and Dean Ercegovich would have pleased senior coach Mark Watson.

In the grand final, Claremont will be desperate to make up for last season's failure.

— By WARREN MOSCONI

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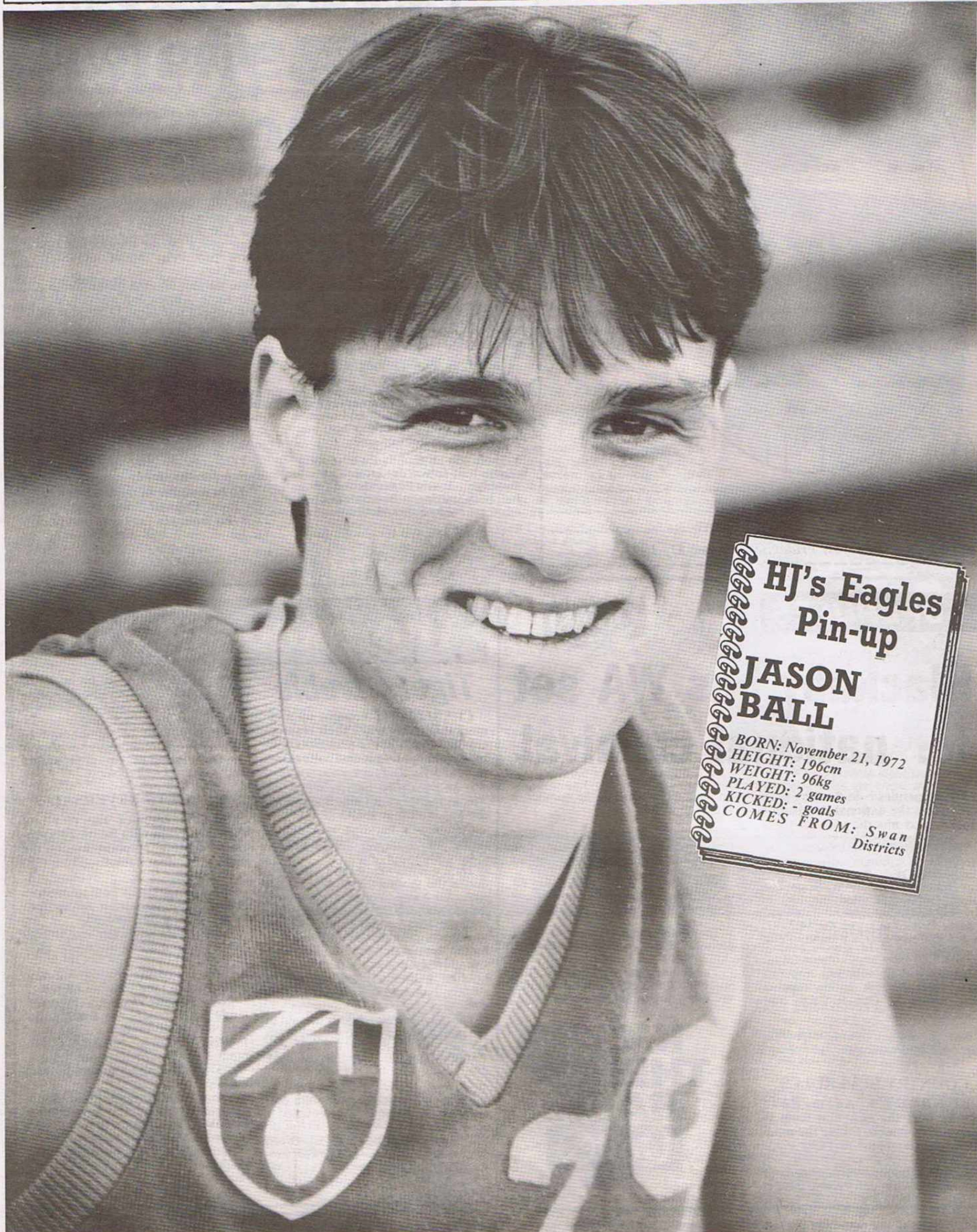
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The Sunday scene

By
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Patient fans celebrate flag win

LONG-SUFFERING Thornlie fans were rewarded for their patience when the Lions ended a 31-year premiership drought by thrashing Canning in a one-sided grand final.

Thornlie — too fast, too skilful and too strong in the air — out-ran and out-played the Tigers to score an emotional win, 20.10 (130) to 10.11 (71).

One of the heroes of the Thornlie win was former Eagles squad member and Perth player Shane Porter.

The victory was also a personal triumph for coach Dennis Evans, who played 18 seasons with Thornlie as they struggled to establish themselves as a league club.

SECOND SEASON

In just his second year at the coaching helm, Evans has achieved the ultimate — lifting the lowly Lions to sixth last year and top this year.

Porter, 12th choice in the national draft in November 1990, had a controversial WAFL career, but put his troubles behind him with Thornlie and capped off a brilliant year by keeping Canning ace Paul Tolan to one goal.

Before Sunday's grand final, Tolan — coming off a two-week suspension — had kicked 110 goals and loomed as a major threat to the Lions.

Nine of those goals came the last time Tolan lined up on Porter, which was the major motivation for Porter to be at his best.

DELIGHT

Porter was so much in control, continually running off the proppy Tolan, that he kicked a goal — much to the delight of the Thornlie supporters.

The Lions had winners all over the ground, but in particular Porter, half-back Michael Evans, Shane Evans at centre-half-back and centre-half-forward Peter Johnson.

Shane Evans has beaten every half-forward in the league and he added former Demon Geoff Wilson's name to his list of scalps after shutting out the big forward.

Veteran ruck-rover Randall Prowse, runner-up to Heath Soutar in the Bowden Medal, turned in another top display along with Arthur Maskos in the centre.

A premiership in the twilight of his long and distinguished career will no doubt rest easily with Prowse.

The high-leaping Tim Miocevic, who was third in the medal count, also did a great job on Soutar, out-rucking him in the middle and getting the ball down to Thornlie's exciting running brigade.

Wingmen Andrew Glendinning and Daryl Holmes formed a winning centreline, though they had a great tussle with Canning mid-fielders Anthony Cole and David and Chris Davies.

Justin Scott did well for the Tigers

Revenge for Ossie Park

OSBORNE Park reserves earned small revenge on Applecross — the side that dumped them out of the league finals race — with a 26-point grand final win.

The Saints were struggling at half-time after wasting the ball in their forward line for a paltry 2.7.

But Applecross, too, squandered their chances and could have been much further in front had they kicked straighter than 5.10.

The third term brought a reversal as Osborne Park, with best-afield Wayne Stevens, Michael Sanzone and Phil Martino firing, blitzed the Hawks with 7.6. Applecross added just 1.2 to trail by 19 points.

Sensing victory, the Saints kicked on with another five goals.

Mick Kailis kicked four goals and Shane Agrela two for the Saints.

For Applecross, Sam Morley, Peter Jennings and Scott Criddle (two goals) battled hard and Andrew Farrell also kicked two goals.

on Ivan Hartree at full-back, but with Anthony McAleer on top for the Lions at centre-half-forward, Canning coach Ron Wilcox was forced to shift him out to the key half-back spot.

Hartree then got into the game to finish with four goals, McAleer kicked three, before an ankle injury cut short his day and Michael Chalmers bagged four from a half-forward flank.

Maskos, running hard into attack, and clever forward Ray Ewen each kicked two goals.

PASSENGERS

Canning simply had too many players down and apart from the Davies brothers, Cole (two goals), defender Phil Doncon and rover Dean Cook (two) they had far too many passengers to be competitive.

After an even first term, when Canning had much of the play but failed to capitalise, Thornlie swept them aside.

The Lions led at the first change — 3.2 to 2.5 — and stamped their authority on the game with a five-goal second term to take a handy 21-point lead.

In the third term the Lions slammed on 6.5 to Canning's 2.2, pushing their lead to an ominous eight goals.

At 14.9 to 6.9 at three-quarter-time, the Lions had all but uncorked the champagne — which they drank freely 30 minutes later after slamming on another 6.1, to stretch their winning margin to 59 points.



WINNERS TOO ... former WAFL player Arthur Maskos joins with Thornlie coach Dennis Evans to celebrate their Sunday League premiership

Thriller to Willetton

WILLETTON held on to snatch a thrilling three-point win over Osborne Park, 8.9 (57) to 8.6 (54) in the colts grand final.

The Saints looked the likely winners after they slammed on 5.4 in the second term with the wind, to lead by 14 points.

But the Blues, who failed to score in that term, kicked 3.3 in the third to Osborne Park's 1.0 to grab a one-point lead.

But even with the Saints coming home with the wind, the Blues refused to give in.

Paul Shea, Phillip Balding and Paul Bekson were superb for Willetton, who scrambled two crucial goals into the breeze.

Osborne Park, with best-on-ground Adam Priestly, Wade Arnold and John Chadd battling hard, scored only two goals with the wind to fall tantalisingly short of victory.

SATURDAY

ARMADALE, superbly led by Darryl Quartermain, beat Kelmscott in the Saturday competition, 11.9 (75) to 6.6 (42).

Darryl Harris, Richard Abraham (two goals) and Brian Downey (four) dominated for Armadale, while David Michael (two) also did well.

Regan Bloomer, Matthew Smith (four goals) and John Hargraves battled hard for Kelmscott.

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COUNTRY ROUND-UP

Souths oust Bunbury in semi

SOUTH Bunbury caused an upset in the South West League when they downed minor premiers Bunbury in the second semi-final.

The Tigers, aided by a nine-goal last quarter, beat their arch-rivals 20.12 (132) to 15.14 (104).

Fresh from their win over Collie in the qualifying final, South Bunbury jumped Bunbury in the first term to lead by 20 points at quarter-time.

However, the Bulldogs showed their fighting qualities in the second quarter, notching five goals to tie the scores at half-time.

They looked to have the game in their control when they led by five points at the end of the third term.

Despite the narrow margin, Bunbury appeared to be playing the better football and went into the last stanza full of confidence.

But South Bunbury coach Ray Rendell adopted an unusual tactic of playing two big men in the centre square, which paid dividends.

The ploy upset Bunbury's rhythm and the Tigers turned in a blistering last 30 minutes, including five goals in the final 10 minutes, to show the way.

Rugged on-ballers Shaun Maiden and Alex Rattray were in great form

for the winners, along with wingman Darren Coram and mercurial forward Jason Ninoyett (nine goals).

DONS OUSTED

Donnybrook's season came to an end on Sunday when they lost the first semi-final to Collie by 20 points, 11.9 (75) to 8.7 (55).

The Dons enjoyed a better first half than their rivals and at the long break, led by seven points.

But the Saints fought back desperately in the third quarter and by the change, were ahead by six points.

They went on with their good work in the fourth quarter, kicking four goals to two and advancing to the preliminary final against Bunbury.

Experienced campaigner Neil Jackson battled an ankle injury to kick six goals at full-forward in a fine performance.

Also prominent for the Saints were rover Troy Sheppard, centreman Brad Barrett and tough defender Ray Speck.

For Donnybrook, youngsters Wayne Huckson and Matthew Kendle worked overtime on the ball and in defence respectively, while forward Ron Hartman was dangerous.

and best medal in the final.

Imperials were unstoppable from the opening bounce, kicking 5.2 to 1.3 in the first term and turning at half-time with a handy lead, 8.9 to 3.3.

They snuffed out any chance Deanmill might have had with a six-goal third term, to lead by 56 points at the final change.

Ray Masters (five goals) turned in another polished display, along with Glen Scaini (five) and Tom Ward (two). Scott Johnstone (three) and Jamie Jones (two) also chipped in.

For Deanmill, Nigel Reeve (two goals), Todd East, Robert Radomiljac and Alex Vellios battled extremely hard and Jamie Nicolaou chipped in with two goals, but those players simply lacked support.

Imperials romp to flag victory

IMPERIALS coasted to a comfortable premiership victory over Deanmill in a one-sided Lower South West League grand final, 23.17 (155) to 8.6 (54).

Deanmill, who overcame an injury-stricken Southerners to get to the grand final, were simply no match for a slick, skillful Imperials combination, inspired by Don Milentis.

Milentis, as he has been all year, was outstanding and took out the fairest

Hyden-Karlgarin in first grand final

HYDEN-KARLGARIN beat favourites Kulin in the Eastern Districts League preliminary final, winning through to their first grand final since joining the EDFL in 1983.

The underdogs were in front all game, but were inspired by ruck-rover and best-afield Tim Smith and Chris James late in the game.

More accurate throughout, Hyden-Karlgarin ran out winners, 11.14 (80) to 9.17 (71).

KULIN THREAT

James became a hero when he pulled in two great marks and goaled both times into the wind, as Kulin threatened to snatch the lead.

In the crucial last quarter Hyden-Karlgarin added 3.0 while Kulin peppered the goals for a wasteful 3.7.

Greg Mayfield, on a wing, half-forward Gavin Haslam, rover Rod Austin

ruckman Doug Nichol and ruckman-forward Trevor Hinck (four goals) were superb, while Darren Haslam kicked two goals.

For Kulin, rover Chris Weir, centreman Brian Prater, ruckman Shane Page and defenders Wayne Little and Ashley Byers were outstanding.

Up forward Bill Price (three goals) and Michael Eyres (two) were dangerous.

Hyden-Karlgarin, who have steadily improved, now take on Nukarni in the grand final at Naremben.

WANDERERS defender Matthew Rigg has won the club's fairest and best award after a consistent season in the Great Southern League. He polled 73 votes to be four ahead of midfielder Paul Evans.

By **BRUCE BUTLER**

Rovers into grand final in thriller

ROVERS advanced to the Great Northern League grand final with a thrilling three-point win over Chapman Valley in a classic second semi-final.

Nothing separated the sides all game, with Rovers coming from a point down at the final change to snatch victory, 12.16 (88) to 12.13 (85).

Chapman Valley, though they had three fewer shots at goal than Rovers, will rue their opening term inaccuracy when they blasted away to register 0.7.

But Rovers, in a remarkable term when both sides tested each other out and tried to establish some rhythm, could only manage 0.2.



FINALS MAN . . . Rovers star Alan Dick helped his side snatch a grand final berth

Both sides hit their straps in the second term with Rovers slamming on 6.7 to Chapman's 5.2, to lead 6.9 to 5.9 at half-time.

For Rovers, Burge, Matthews, Neville Condon, Ashley Taylor, Dick and Dann were in everything.

Things tightened up again in the third term with Chapman Valley hitting back with three goals and Rovers notching two.

At the final change, with just a point separating the sides, the scene was set for a classic finish.

Dann continued his good work for Rovers and finished with five goals and Greg Ferguson (three) and Joseph and Gulberti (two each) also kicked crucial goals.

None were more handy than the four final-term goals which lifted them to victory.

For Chapman Valley, Watkins, Col-lard, Cooper, Kelvin Kickett and Michael Farrell were outstanding, failing by less than a kick to secure a grand final berth.

Kambalda oust Railways from finals race

KAMBALDA turned the tables on Railways to dump them out of the Goldfields League and grab a grand final berth against Mines.

Defying the odds Kambalda took out the preliminary final, 10.16 (76) to 8.10 (58).

Railways went in as hot favourites with four wins over Kambalda this season, but failed to utilise a strong breeze in the first quarter.

In an extremely tight first half, Kambalda led 4.7 to 4.5 at the break.

For Kambalda, Wayne Stewart and Mick Massey were giving great drive on their wings and half-forward Mick Piotrowski (three goals) was dominating, with Paul Watson dangerous in attack.

For Railways, Russell Buck alternated from full-back when Kambalda had the wind to centre-half-forward and did well at both ends.

Wingman Ion Hann, centre-half-back Norm Wilkinson and full-forward Trevor Draper (three goals) were also in top form for Railways.

Ruck-rover Rob Payton and Merv Dellar, in the centre, helped Railways regain the lead with a four-goal quarter, but it wasn't quite enough.

As Kambalda turned for home with the wind and trailing by just 10 points — 8.9 to 6.11 — they could sense a chance at victory.

With rover Jason Epis firing, Wayne Cope doing well and full-back Jason Mills on top, Kambalda launched a four-goal blitz and held Railways to a solitary point to run out 18-point winners.

Jerramungup retain flag

JERRAMUNGUP took out back-to-back premierships when they over-powered Ongerup in the Ongerup League grand final, 17.10 (112) to 12.14 (86).

The reigning premiers went into the game as favourites and never let Ongerup into a winning position.

Kim Siviour was again outstanding at centre-half-forward for Jerramungup, along with ruckman Neil Foreman, veteran ruck-rover Wayne Woods and half-forward Brian Lee.

Full-forward Adam Cook, the league's leading goalkicker, bagged four, giving Jerramungup a constant focal point in attack.

Woods (three goals) and Derek Dennis (two) were also dangerous for Jerramungup around the goals.

Ongerup, who put up a gallant struggle, had great contributors in centre-half-forward Dave Williams, ruck-rover Simon Curtin, wingman Brad Tynan and rover Gareth Beck.

In attack, full-forward John King was superb, kicking five of Ongerup's 12 goals and Williams and Curtin bagged two each.

GERALDTON player Andrew Cridle celebrated his 100th game with Rovers in fine style when they downed Northampton in a recent Great Northern League match.

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Ditchburn kicks 16 for Kukerin

COUNTRY football veteran Ross Ditchburn turned in a sensational 16-goal display to put Kukerin-Dumbleyung into the Upper Great Southern grand final on Sunday.

The ageless former Claremont and Carlton champion, hampered by leg injuries all year, saved his best for Sunday's second semi-final win over Narrogin Towns, 26.8 (164) to 13.13 (91).

The 37-year-old Ditchburn single-handedly turned the final Kukerin's way with a blistering seven-goal third quarter.

Doubtful to even play until Friday because of a bad back, Ditchburn's swag of goals was flawless — kicking 16.0.

Westside Football columnist and former Sunday Times sports writer Steve Martin, who now farms at Wick-epin, described Ditchburn's effort as one of the most outstanding displays he had seen in country football.

The reigning premiers slammed on 9.1 for the term and followed up with an 11.1 final term — producing a remarkable 20.2 second half.

The effort is even more amazing, considering that Towns got away to a good start and led at quarter-time (by five points) and comfortably at the main break, 10.6 to 6.6.

Whatever went into Kukerin's squash at half-time obviously worked, with rover Darryl Hart (four goals) and Ditchburn leading the second-half charge.

Veteran ruck-rover John Ditchburn was also outstanding, Tom Pearce dominated the centre and half-forward Brad West chipped in with three goals.

For Towns, ruck-rover John Quartermaine, ruckman Lindsay Borthwick (three goals), utility Keith Ballard and back-pocket Brad Chivell worked hard. Star forward Paul Ryder kicked five



ON TARGET... veteran Ross Ditchburn kicked 16 goals straight in the second semi-final

of his side's 13 goals — including one 60-metre bomb in the second term.

Boddington ended Wickepin's gallant run when they dumped them out of the first semi-final, 21.22 (148) to 15.7 (97).

After a tight first quarter, Boddington stamped their class on the game with an eight-goal second term, to take a handy 19-point lead at half-time.

Ruckman Brett Sherry was in top form, along with brother Craig Sherry at full-forward (seven goals). Half-forward Craig Lucev, (two), defender Glen Roberts and coach Bruce Williamson, who kicked four goals from centre-half-forward, all played well.

Wickepin lost their best player, Brendan Mead, with a shoulder injury in the second quarter and never really recovered.

Geoff Sims, at centre-half-back, defender Martin Atwell and key forward Gavin Kerruish battled hard, but lacked support.

Unbeaten Coorow take premiership

COOROW/Latham continued their unbeaten domination of the North Midlands League when they romped away with the grand final, dumping Morawa 16.13 (109) to 8.10 (58).

The Magpies stamped their authority on the game with a six-goal first term and looked like demolishing a sluggish Morawa.

However, the Tigers fought back in the second term and kicked four goals to Coorow/Latham's two.

At half-time Morawa trailed 8.7 to 5.8, but were within striking distance of the favourites.

For Coorow/Latham, Brad Girando was outstanding and Ricky West, Malcolm Just and Dale Fowler were in

everything. Fowler finished off his midfielders' good work, bagging six goals.

GOOD EXAMPLE

Morawa coach Steve Hill led by example and did everything he could to lift his side and keep them in touch.

David Dique, Mark Thornton and Glen Tapscott, who finished with four goals, also worked extremely hard for Morawa.

With the game up for grabs in the third term Coorow, inspired by best-afield Girando, blitzed the Tigers and slammed on a match-winning seven goals.

Girando was awarded the Len Angell medal as best on ground.

Royals take GSFL crown

ROYALS turned on a powerhouse second half to take the Great Southern League premiership, blitzing Tambellup, 18.12 (120) to 11.9 (75).

Tambellup started full of running and slammed on 5.3 to Royals 3.2, shocking the flag favourites into action.

The second term was a different story as Royals totally dominated from the centre and their running players took control.

Darryl Byatt, Gavin Morgan, Damion Deegan and Don Nesbitt were in everything as Royals slammed on 5.4 to Tambellup's meagre 0.3 in the second quarter.

At half-time Royals were on target for victory, leading 8.6 to 5.6, after Tambellup had virtually stopped to a walk.

With Kim Crabb (four goals), Deegan, Jeff Simpson, Wayne Hulm, Dwayne Dyer and Kim Blythe (two each) dangerous in attack, Royals went further ahead in the third term.

Tambellup had battlers in the brilliant Derrick Woods, Craig Webster, Darren Woods (two goals) and Hyron Smith, but they had trouble penetrating across half-forward.

Albrey Bolton and Daniel Robinson chipped in with two goals each for Tambellup, but it wasn't enough to keep in touch with Royals, who had built a match-winning 32-point lead at the final change.

Royals simply turned up the heat in a free-flowing final term, which saw them slam on another six goals to Tambellup's four and run out comfortable 45-point premiers.

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Grand finals around the grades

C GRADE

Wembley's reserves side will rejoin the B-grade competition next season after they beat the more-fancied Bullcreek by 12 points at Fremantle Oval.

Neil Lantzke dominated at centre-half-forward for Wembley, supported by Shane Properjohn and Greg Fraser, with Brett Islu and Tony Greenham kicking two goals each.

D GRADE

Redcliffe won their fourth consecutive premiership when they beat North Beach by 68 points at Bassendean Oval.

Paul Ford was the outstanding player for Redcliffe, defending strongly and setting up many scoring opportunities.

He was supported by Eddy Hoyer, who kicked six goals for a season tally of 134, and rover Jayson Caine.

Slazenger

Outstanding performances by players in the A-grade and B-grade grand finals have been acknowledged in this week's Slazenger Stars segment.

Courtesy of Denby Gardner, of Slazenger agents Clark Johnson and Associates, the two stars each receive a pair of Slazenger shoes for their efforts.

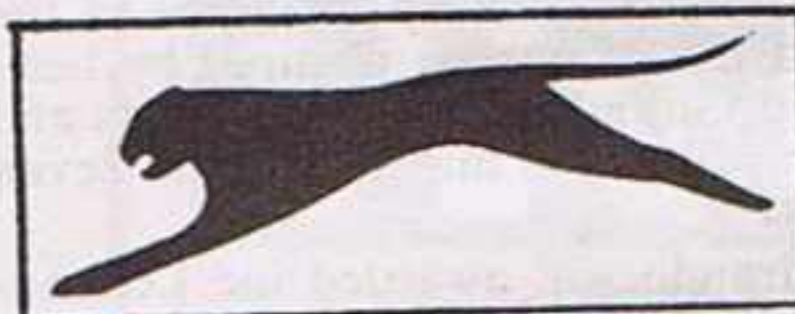
Losing effort was superb

NOT often do best players in grand finals come from losing sides, but the performance of University's Ben Matthews makes him one of the few exceptions.

Matthews' dominance at centre-half-forward kept the students alive in the first-half of their A-grade grand final and he continued on after the break, finishing with five goals.

The B-grade grand final was highlighted by an outstanding performance from North Fremantle's Darren Rennie, whose dashes down the wing helped his side to a premiership from fifth spot.

Rennie, a State cricket squad member, out-paced several opponents and finished with two goals.



Half the team are celebrating in Bali in a fortnight, but until then the entire combination can be found in a pub somewhere in Perth.

E GRADE

Brentwood produced an outstanding final quarter, after trailing at every change, to score a 55-point win over Swan View at Claremont Oval.

Best for Brentwood were Damien Eaves, Ryan Lind and Mark Butler, while Dennis Lambie, Fred Haynes and Darren Jenkins played well for Swan View.

F GRADE

Minor premiers University scored an impressive 64-point win over Bassendean at Robinson Reserve.

G GRADE

Hammersley-Carine held off a spirited Cockburn Lakes to win by 25 points at Gil Fraser Oval.

H GRADE

Forrestfield defended their unbeaten record with a 79-point win over a desperate Bullcreek at South Oval.

I GRADE

Mt Lawley beat Wembley by 37 points at Des Penman Reserve.

Wembley issued several strong challenges, but failed to capitalise on their hard work.

Best for Wembley were Dick Taylor, Crackers Hamilton and Laurie Pettigrove, while Glen Hutchinson kicked four goals and Will Stibbs two.

J GRADE

Hammersley-Carine upset Brentwood by just four points in a tough game at McGillivray Oval.

K GRADE

Innaloo caused a big upset when they beat Forrestfield by 34 points at

Hillcrest Park.

Best for Innaloo were Brent Johnson and Damian Ames.

SINGLE TEAM

St Norbert's defence kept West Perth Hellenic to just seven goals to help their team to a 46-point win at Inglewood Oval.

EMU EXPORT LEAGUE GRAND FINALS

A GRADE: North Beach 13.14 (92) (Lynch, Perrie, Tate, Stewart, Taylor; Duckworth, Davenport) d University 11.9 (75) (Robson, Hudson, Massey, B Mathews, C Edwards, Mutter, Cawley).

B GRADE: North Fremantle 15.10 (Ferraz, D Hagan, Rennie) d CBC 9.7.

C GRADE: Wembley 9.16 d Bullcreek 8.10.

D GRADE: Redcliffe d North Beach.

E GRADE: Brentwood 24.12 (Eaves, Lind, Butler) d Swanview 15.11.

SINGLE TEAM GRADE: St Norberts 14.13 d West Perth Hellenic 7.9.

F GRADE: University 14.18 d Bassendean 5.8.

G GRADE: Hammersley-Carine 11.14 d Cockburn Lakes 7.13.

H GRADE: Forrestfield 18.18 d Bullcreek 6.11.

I GRADE: Mount Lawley 14.8 d Wembley 8.7.

J GRADE: Hammersley-Carine 13.12 d Brentwood 13.8.

K GRADE: Innaloo 10.19 d Johnston (On, Ames) d Forrestfield 6.9.

A COLTS: University 12.20 d North Beach 10.2.

B COLTS: Swan Athletic 9.9 (Carraca, Weiring, Hope) d Cowan uni 7.12.

C COLTS: Ocean Ridge 10.9 (Hart, Stone, Harfield) d Hammersley Carine 8.8.

Medal to Perrie

THE G. J. Giles Medal for the best player in the A-grade grand final went to North Beach's Roger Perrie.

The mobile midfielder was instrumental in his side's 17-point win over University in the Emu Export grand final at Leederville Oval, to cap off a tremendous season.

Milestones at Wembley

FOUR Wembley players notched their 100th-game milestones in the last season.

Shane Paddon joined Wembley in 1983 after playing two games with West Coast and played in a colts premiership side that year.

He won fairest and best awards for the association and was runner-up for the club trophy in 1984, winning the honour in '85 as the team's captain.

Geoff O'Regan followed his brothers to Wembley from the Subiaco colts and played in the D-grade premiership in '89 and was one of four brothers to play in a premiership side in '91 for L-grade.

Chris Phatouros was a member of Wembley's G-grade premier team in '91, kicking 111 goals.

Phil Quirk joined Wembley in 1974 and won the club's D-grade fairest and best in '75.

After a brief stint away from Wembley, Quirk rejoined the club in 1980 and was runner-up in H-grade in 1987.

MILESTONE MEN

Melville pair

MELVILLE have had two life members celebrate milestones this season.

Mark Smith (31) and Dave Cox (42), reached 200 games and 350 games respectively.

Smith has been at the club for 13 years and has held many positions, while Cox has been at Melville for 20 years.

Cowan stalwart

PAUL Day has become the third player to reach the 200-game milestone for Cowan University.

His career with the club started in 1980 in B-grade, when they were known as Churchlands.

He also holds the club record for the most goals kicked in a senior game, with 14.

Veteran's 200th

BULLCREEK Football Club veteran Colin Hardman recently played his 200th game.

Hardman joined the club in 1982 and is also strongly involved with umpiring junior football and playing Superules.

Hardman joins other club stalwarts Mark Gilday (248) and Rod Lean (232) in 200-game service to Bullcreek.

COLTS ROUND-UP

UNIVERSITY and North Beach contested a tough A-colts grand final, with the students running out 30-point winners.

University kicked with the breeze in the first quarter and after keeping Norths goal-less, led by four goals.

The students kept the pressure on Norths, but couldn't capitalise on their hard work, kicking 12.20 and allowing Norths to stay in touch.

Norths looked to be in control at times, but University kicked away in the final term to run away with the flag.

Best for University were Mark Brown, Mark Capogregio and full-back Ben McPhee, while for North Beach Dean Morris, Jason Filiomeni and Kane Kuenen all played well.

B COLTS

Swan Athletic won a premiership thriller against Cowan University at East Fremantle Oval.

Cowan were the only team to beat Swan Athletic during the season, but although they led many times throughout, they weren't able to finish in front.

The last quarter saw the lead change a couple of times, as both teams struggled to gain any advantage, with Swan Athletic running out eventual winners by nine points.

Their best were Alistair Carragher, Glenn Weiring and Matthew Pope, while captain David Cooper poicked up numerous possessions to top Cowan's best, along with Russell Trainor, John Davies (three goals) and Matthew Howes.

C COLTS

Ocean Ridge beat Hammersley Carine in another close game, by 13 points at Fremantle oval.

Best for Ocean Ridge were Lance Hart, Chris Stone and Trevor Harfield.

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Tigers too strong for students

FAVOURITES North Beach had to work over-time before claiming the Emu Export amateurs A-grade premiership on Saturday.

They struggled early before kicking away to a 17-point win over University for their third premiership in five years.

The Tigers won the toss and kicked with a three-to-four goal breeze at Leederville Oval.

University attacked the ball from the opening bounce, kicking the first major within a minute.

Norths fought back and with the help of a 50-metre penalty, equalled the score.

With full-forward Peter Melesso kicking four goals for the quarter, Norths started to edge away.

Ben Matthews kept University in the contest, kicking three goals from centre-half-forward and giving the opposition bench a headache.

But Matthews missed a goal after the siren to leave North Beach 26 points up.

STRONG BREEZE

When the breeze strengthened in University's favour, the second term became a test for North Beach.

Uni crept to within two majors when Peter Hudson snapped a clever goal at the five-minute mark, after some more direct play with the breeze.

University's following division began to get on top as their fast-running players cut North Beach out of the game.

Dual role

COOLBINIA'S I-grade captain Glenn Sadler celebrated his 150th game after an eight-year spell with the club.

Sadler was captain of the club's J-grade side in 1991 and '92 and has been the club registrar for the past two seasons.

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North Beach were unable to score a goal during the term and University overtook them to lead by four points.

Norths dominated early in the third quarter, but their forwards let them down by missing several easy shots for goal.

Norths were stunned when vice-captain Craig Dargie, who had been an effective link man across the centre, was sent off the ground.

Despite this setback, North Beach

regained the lead and finished the quarter 11 points up.

The breeze was still a telling factor as University took first blood with an early goal.

But North Beach dug in, as they have over the past few weeks and University struggled to score.

Shaun Massey had an ideal opportunity to put his side one point in front, but missed an easy goal.

The game then see-sawed with neither side being able to break away.

At the 20-minute mark, Norths Steve Munro kicked a goal to put his side 17 points up and when Bill Duckworth snapped one in time-on, University were out of the contest.

Uni scored another goal, but too late to prevent North Beach taking the flag.

Norths coach Brian Taylor was one of his team's best, with Brendon Lynch, Gary Tait, Bruce Stewart and Gavin Perry supporting their leader.

Ben Matthews was best for University, with back-up from Andrew Mutter, Peter Hudson, Shaun Massey and Chris Edwards.

Norths grab another premiership

NORTH Fremantle topped off a tremendous decade of football with their sixth premiership when they came from fifth spot in spectacular fashion to beat arch rivals CBC in a derby grand final at East Fremantle oval.

Norths kicked with the breeze in the first quarter, when 11 goals were piled on in a 36-minute term, giving Norths a six-point lead at the change.

Darren Rennick was outstanding, finishing the term with two goals, along with Darryl Hagen.

Norths then took control, keeping CBC goal-less in the second term, while stretching their lead to four goals.

FIGHT BACK

Norths kicked a quick goal into the breeze to start the third quarter, before CBC produced the most impressive period of football for the game to get within two points.

The match turned when a vital free kick and 50-metre penalty gave Norths an easy goal and they went on to lead by three goals at the last change.

B-grade round-up with BRAD ELBOROUGH



Norths completely dominated the final term, running out eventual winners by 39 points.

Greg Egan dominated against B-grade medal winner Nigel Rogers in the ruck, forcing his move to the forward line in the second quarter.

Norths best were Rennick, Gavin Ferraz, Darryl Hagen, Geoff Shea, who managed five goals in each of Norths finals, Drew Herrington in defence, Matt Morris and 17-year-old Scott Misich (runner up in the B-colts medal) who played a gutsy second half.

CBC were without Colin Barns, who injured a hamstring on Thursday night, but did have good players in Paul Peca, Joe Lawrence and Tim Bovell.

CBC are looking towards their move to Kardinya Park next year and starting the development of new clubroom facilities and lighting for night football.

FLAG MAN ... Bill Duckworth has added a premiership with North Beach to his illustrious career



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Dean Kemp, can create havoc for the opposition and be a telling factor in his side's performance.

Another midfielder, Essendon's Michael Long, who cut the Eagles to pieces on Sunday, also uses pace to free the ball from the centre congestion.

But foot speed is not essential, as Carlton's Greg Williams has proved.

He burrows in and uses quick hands and feet to shoot the ball out to his

running players.

Adelaide and Collingwood also use slower players in the middle with their respective captains, Chris McDermott and Tony Shaw, in the best position from where to organise their troops.

Westside Football columnist, Ben Allan, is an outstanding Hawthorn centremen, who works tirelessly and Paul Couch does an equally-impressive job for Geelong.

Little League crown goes to Swans

SWAN Districts claimed the 1993 Alex Panton Little League Cup when they beat East Perth on Saturday.

The match was played in front of more than 11,000 people at half-time of the Pepsi Cup league preliminary final between West Perth and Subiaco, at Subiaco Oval.

Best players for Swans were Andrew Emberly, Ry Mitchelmore and Carl Urbani, while Travis Hillyard, Scott Goldsmith and Peter Treen played well for the Royals.

The consolation match between West Perth and Subiaco was played at the same time, with Subiaco winning.

Best for Subiaco were Travis Gillard, Cory Vanison and Craig Hewitt, while Kale Wright, Ryan Chapman and Leigh Jones featured for West Perth.

In the other matches played at half-time of the Pepsi Cup reserves preliminary final, East Fremantle (best — Michael Gosatti, Brett Lawrence, Damien Beal) beat South Fremantle (Vincent Schmidt, Josh Ellis, Dino Pizzo) and Perth (Cam Williams, Mick Shehan, Shalvin Cowcill) beat Claremont (Jamie Roberts, Simon Phillipides, Michael Gibson).

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Saints smaller players, the Chilton brothers, Nicky Yarran, Dean Wynne snr and follower Athol Jetta were in control.

Metropolitans failed to penetrate the Saints defence, gallantly led by centre-half-back Bruce Krakouer.

For Metropolitans, none tried harder than follower Dave Skirving, while Devlyn Coleman and Andrew Moyle put in their best games for the season.

Metropolitans defenders had a nightmare job trying to repel a swarming Saints offence, but Rohan Thomas and Rob Williams played solid games.

The Saints goals were shared, but full-forward Shane Wynne was outstanding with 10.

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AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts	Ratio
ESSENDON	20	13	6	1	2333	1959	119.09	54	67.50
CARLTON	20	13	6	1	2315	1968	117.63	54	67.50
NTH MELBOURNE	20	13	7	0	2597	2150	120.79	52	65.00
HAWTHORN	20	13	7	0	2597	2150	120.79	52	65.00
ADELAIDE	20	12	8	0	2168	1840	117.83	48	60.00
WEST COAST	20	12	8	0	1912	1651	115.81	48	60.00
Geelong	20	12	8	0	2354	2109	111.62	48	60.00
Collingwood	20	11	9	0	2086	2050	101.26	44	55.00
Footscray	20	11	9	0	1978	1997	99.05	44	55.00
Melbourne	20	10	10	0	2101	1873	112.17	40	50.00
Fitzroy	20	10	10	0	2001	2011	99.50	40	50.00
St Kilda	20	10	10	0	2040	2166	94.18	40	50.00
Brisbane	20	4	16	0	1886	2504	75.32	16	20.00
Richmond	20	4	16	0	1753	2490	70.69	16	20.00
Sydney	20	1	19	0	1837	2901	63.32	4	5.00

PEPSI CUP LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
WEST PERTH	21	13	8	0	1817	1631	99.24	52
SWAN DIST	21	13	8	0	2000	2047	97.70	52
CLAREMONT	21	11	9	1	2057	1754	117.27	46
SOUTH FREM	21	11	10	0	2019	1858	108.67	44
SUBIACO	21	10	11	0	2268	2086	109.72	40
East Frem	21	10	11	0	2104	2010	104.68	40
East Perth	21	9	11	1	1828	1887	96.67	38
Perth	21	6	15	0	1676	2296	73.00	24

PEPSI RESERVES

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	21	17	3	1	2461	1501	153.72	70
EAST FREM	21	17	4	0	2159	1538	140.38	68
PERTH	21	10	10	1	1985	2207	89.94	42
SUBIACO	21	10	11	0	1785	1855	96.23	40
SWAN DIST	21	9	12	0	1891	1957	96.63	36
East Perth	21	8	13	0	1631	2117	77.04	32
West Perth	21	7	14	0	1823	2382	76.53	28
South Frem	21	5	16	0	2022	2100	96.29	20

PEPSI COLTS

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	21	17	4	0	1781	1045	170.27	68
SOUTH FREM	21	15	5	0	1707	1370	124.60	64
PERTH	21	13	6	1	1585	1131	140.14	54
SWAN DIST	21	13	8	0	1524	1357	112.31	52
EAST FREM	21	12	8	1	1594	1246	127.93	50
West Perth	21	5	15	0	1178	1906	61.80	20
East Perth	21	4	17	0	1145	1803	63.51	16
Subiaco	21	4	17	0	1114	1769	62.67	16

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
EAGLES	20	15	4	2300	1717	31	57.26
PORT ADELAIDE	20	15	5	2553	2155	30	54.23
GLENELG	20	12	7	2370	2003	25	54.20
NORWOOD	20	12	8	2261	1962	24	53.54
CENTRAL DISTRICT	20	12	8	2180	1914	24	53.25
South Adelaide	20	9	11	2127	2045	18	50.98
North Adelaide	20	6	14	1557	2269	12	42.21
West Adelaide	20	4	16	1733	2327	8	42.68
Sturt	20	4	16	1858	2646	8	41.25

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What's happening in football.

Australian Football League

PRELIMINARY FINAL
Saturday, September 18 — Essendon v Adelaide, MCG; live telecast by Channel 7, from noon WA time. Broadcast by 6WF, 6PR, 6NR

South Australian NFL

Sunday, September 19, double-header at Football Park: First semi-final — Norwood v Glenelg; Second semi-final — Eagles v Port Adelaide.

WAFL Pepsi Cup

PEPSI CUP GRAND FINALS
Sunday, September 19:
At Subiaco Oval — 8.45am, colts: Claremont v Perth; 11.10am, reserves: East Fremantle v Claremont; 2.20pm, Pepsi Cup league: Claremont v West Perth (broadcast by 6WF, 6NR, 6PR; ABC telecast live to country regions; last quarter to metropolitan area).



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Second Semi Final

CARLTON	1.3	4.7	8.7	13.8	86
ADELAIDE	2.4	2.9	5.16	8.20	68

GOALS — Carlton: Bradley 5; Kernahan 3; Heaver 2; Madden, Gleeson, McKay. **Adelaide:** Wigney, Modra, Tasker 2; Rehn, Liptak.

BEST — Carlton: Silvagni, McKay, Bradley, Christou, Heaver, Hanna. **Adelaide:** McGuinness, Tregenza, Ricciuto, Rehn, Anderson, McDermott.

Played at Waverley Park. Umpires: Peter Carey, Hayden Kennedy. Attendance: 59,233.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

First Semi Final

ESSENDON	4.2	10.4	13.6	16.12	108
WEST COAST	1.5	4.8	8.9	11.10	76

GOALS — Essendon: Salmon 4; Calthorpe 3; Bewick, Mercuri 2, Long, Somerville, Flood, Grenvold, Watson. **West Coast:** Sumich 3; Lewis, Heady 2; Waterman, Brennan, Pyke, Mainwaring.

BEST — Essendon: Misiti, Long, Somerville, O'Donnell, Hills, Mercuri. **West Coast:** Mainwaring, Pyke, McKenna, Kemp, Hart, White.

Played at MCG. Umpires: Andrew Coates, Brian Sheehan. Attendance: 75,453.

Victorian State League

Second Semi Final

FOOTSCRAY 18.11 (119) d RICHMOND 8.9 (57)

GOALS — Footscray: Ballantyne 6; Smith, Ward 3; Beveridge 2; Satterley, Thorpe, Barrow, Frost. **Richmond:** Breman 4; Thiessen 2; Esler, Ryan.

BEST — Footscray: Kretziuk, Sexton, Charles, Darcy, Ballantyne, Mellody, Nicholson. **Richmond:** Scott-Branagan, Banik, Dennis, Kellaway, Breman.

First Semi Final

MELBOURNE 12.22 (94) d NORTH MELBOURNE 10.13 (73)

Goals — Melbourne: Cuthbertson, Evans, Sullivan 2; Bennett, A Campbell, Dyson, Hilton, Yeats, Taylor. **North Melbourne:** McKay 2; Bardsley, Demamiel, Capuano, Pyman, Larkin, Attard, McKernan, Dwyer.

Best — Melbourne: Yeats, Doyle, Sullivan, Dyson, Goodwin, Pickering, Robins. **North Melbourne:** Schole, McCarthy, Demamiel, Pyman, Eppleston, Bardsley, Buckley.

Sunday Football League

GRAND FINALS LEAGUE

THORNIE	3.2	8.4	14.9	20.10	130
CANNING	2.5	4.7	6.9	10.11	71

GOALS — Thornlie: Hartree, Chalmers 4; McAleer 3; Maskos, Ewen 2; Kidd, O'Loughlin, M. Evans, Porter, Dennett 1. **Canning:** Cook, C. Davies, Cole 2; Tolan, Frederick, Distefano, Atkinson 1.

BEST — Thornlie: Porter, M. Evans, Johnson. **Canning:** Cole, C. Davies, Doncon.

RESERVES

OSBORNE PARK	1.3	2.7	9.13	14.14	98
APPLECROSS	3.6	5.10	6.12	9.18	72

GOALS — Osborne Park: Kallis 4; Agrela 2; Luxton, Daniel, Barrilla, Cole, Kallis, Todd, Erdelyi, Graves 1. **Applecross:** Farrell, Criddle 2; Morley, A. Webster, Aitken, C. Webster, Jennings 1.

Best — Osborne Park: Stevens, Sanzone, Martino. **Applecross:** Morley, Jennings, Criddle.

COLTS

WILLETTON	3.3	3.3	6.6	8.9	57
OSBORNE PARK	0.1	5.5	6.5	8.6	54

GOALS — Willetton: Balding, Bekson, Flynn, Keen, Maxwell, Ritchie, Stripp, Tressie 1. **Osborne Park:** Cole, Merenda 2; Agrela, Frost, Quartermaine, Nicholson 1.

BEST — Willetton: Shea, Balding, Berson. **Osborne Park:** Priestly, Arnold, Chadd.

SATURDAY COMPETITION

ARMADALE	2.3	6.4	11.8	11.9	75
KELMSCOTT	1.1	4.3	4.5	6.6	42

GOALS — Armadale: Downey 4; Michael, Abraham 2; Winmar, Narkle, Hill 1. **Kelmscott:** Smith 4; Bradley 2.

BEST — Armadale: Quartermain, Harris, Abraham. **Kelmscott:** Bloomer, Smith, Hargraves.



PEPSI LEAGUE

PRELIMINARY FINAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

WEST PERTH	7.0	11.2	17.5	21.8	134
SUBIACO	2.2	9.7	13.8	15.12	102

GOALS — West Perth: R. West 5; Hall 3; Mildenhall, Curley, Burns, Starr, Green 2; Harris, O'Brien, Merenda. **Subiaco:** Heatley 9; Metropolis 2; Donnelly, Willet, O'Brien, Schofield.

Best — West Perth: R. West, Mildenhall, T. West, Jones, Starr, Hall. **Subiaco:** Heatley, Dargie, Bourn, Keyser, Banfield, M. Burton. Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Grant Vernon, Trevor Garrett. Attendance: 11,325.

PEPSI RESERVES

PRELIMINARY FINAL

CLAREMONT	9.5	17.6	18.9	22.15	147
PERTH	0.2	3.7	5.10	7.12	54

GOALS — Claremont: Spencer 10; Lukins 4; P. Cox, Ham 2; Mead, Downsborough, Smith, Wira. **Perth:** Grogan, Moreno 2; Abraham, Polak, Keyser.

Best — Claremont: Spencer, Ballantyne, Holmes, Sutherland, Milne, Urquhart. **Perth:** Polak, Rigby, Grogan, Howatson, Thomson, Rigby.

PEPSI COLTS

PRELIMINARY FINAL

PERTH	4.1	5.3	9.4	12.6	78
SOUTH FREMANTLE	4.1	5.2	6.6	10.8	68

GOALS — Perth: Squiers 5; Woods 2; Kickett, Farrell, Stephan, Pastor, Mourish. **South Fremantle:** Dodd, Gunderson 3; Mawby, Bogunovich, Bleus, Gaspar.

BEST — Perth: Long, Harbour, Kickett. **South Fremantle:** Ercegovich, Dean, Rodriguez.

South Australian League

Elimination Final

NORWOOD	0.3	7.3	11.5	15.11	101
CENTRAL DISTRICT	3.2	9.5	11.6	12.8	80

GOALS — Norwood: Prime 5; Ducker, Byrnes 3; O'Brien, Patterson, McIntosh, Pitt. **Central District:** Cummings, Chaplin 3; Handley, Schwerdt 2; Coffee, Reimers.

BEST — Norwood: McIntosh, Patterson, O'Brien, Tanner, Pitt. **Central District:** Stevens, Schwerdt, Geister, Chaplin, Cummings.

Qualifying Final

PORT ADELAIDE	9.3	12.4	21.10	22.14	146
GLENELG	2.1	6.11	11.13	16.16	112

GOALS — Port Adelaide: Hodges 9; Borlase 4; Tylor, S. Bond 3; Foster, Hull, Williams. **Glenelg:** Fidge 4; Chigwidden 3; McGuinness, McRae 2; Marshall, Gibbs, Mansell, Barton, West.

BEST — Port Adelaide: S. Bond, Hodges, Borlase, Meade, Delaney, Chalmers. **Glenelg:** Marshall, Hele, McGuinness, Thompson. Crowd: 18,529.



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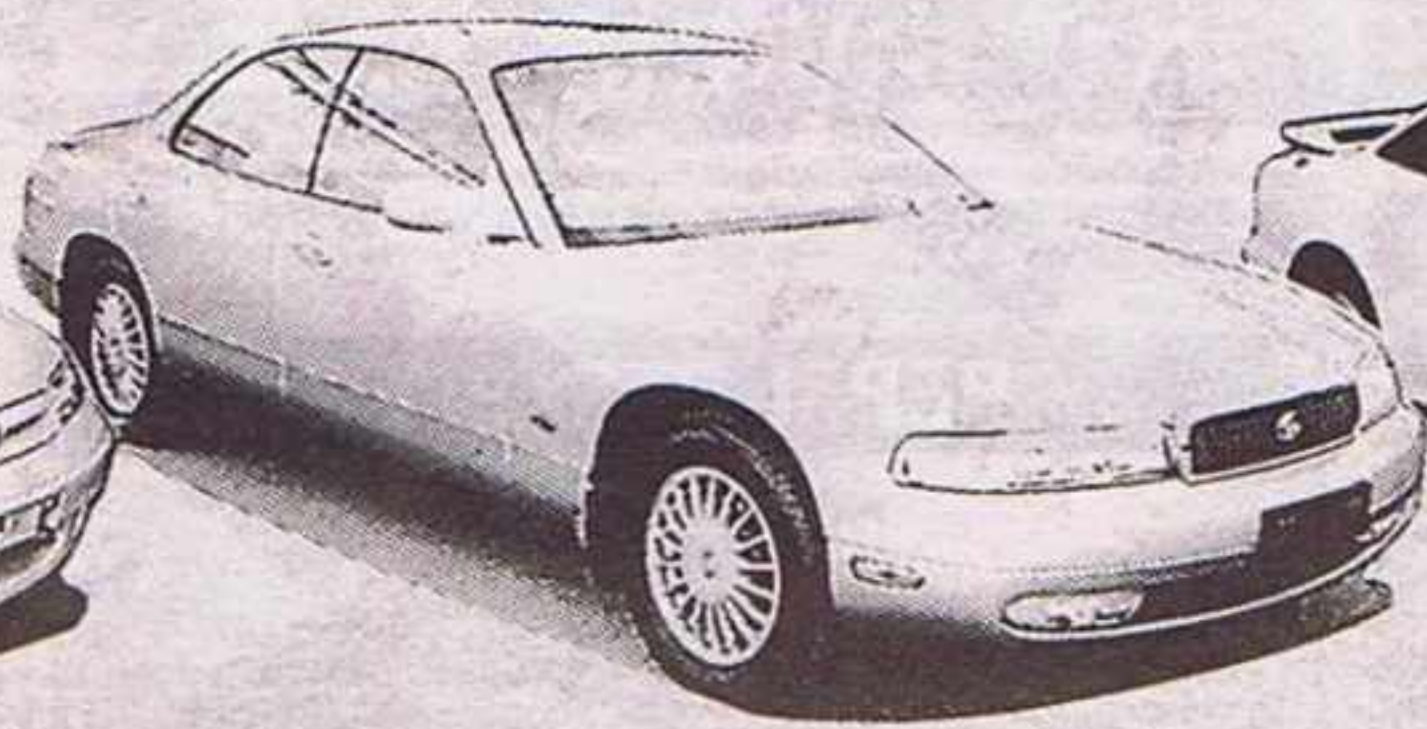
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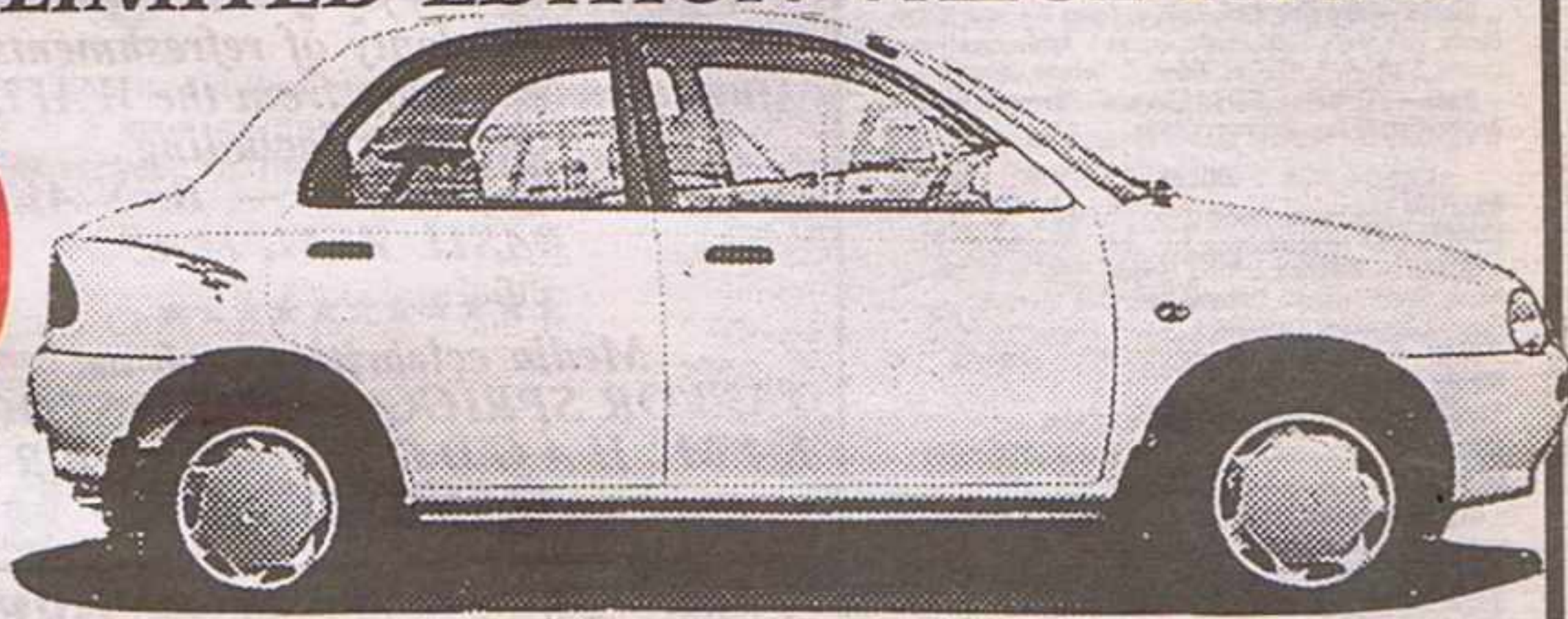
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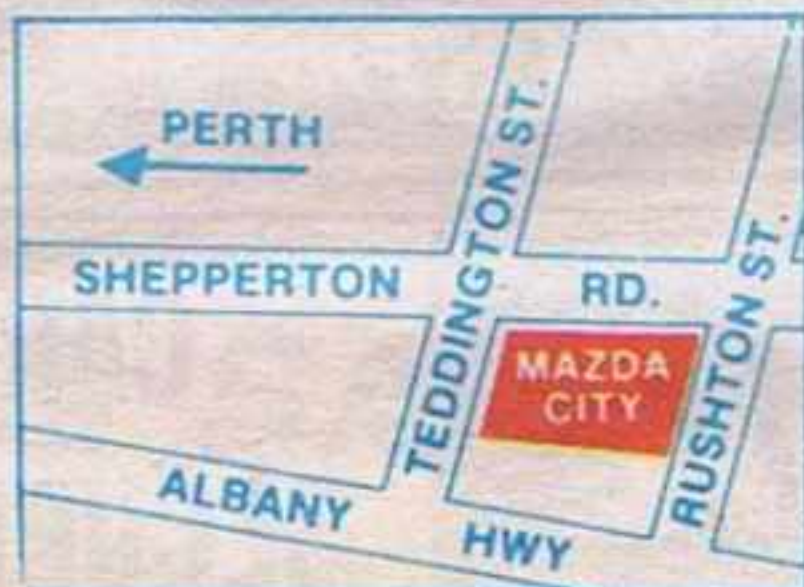
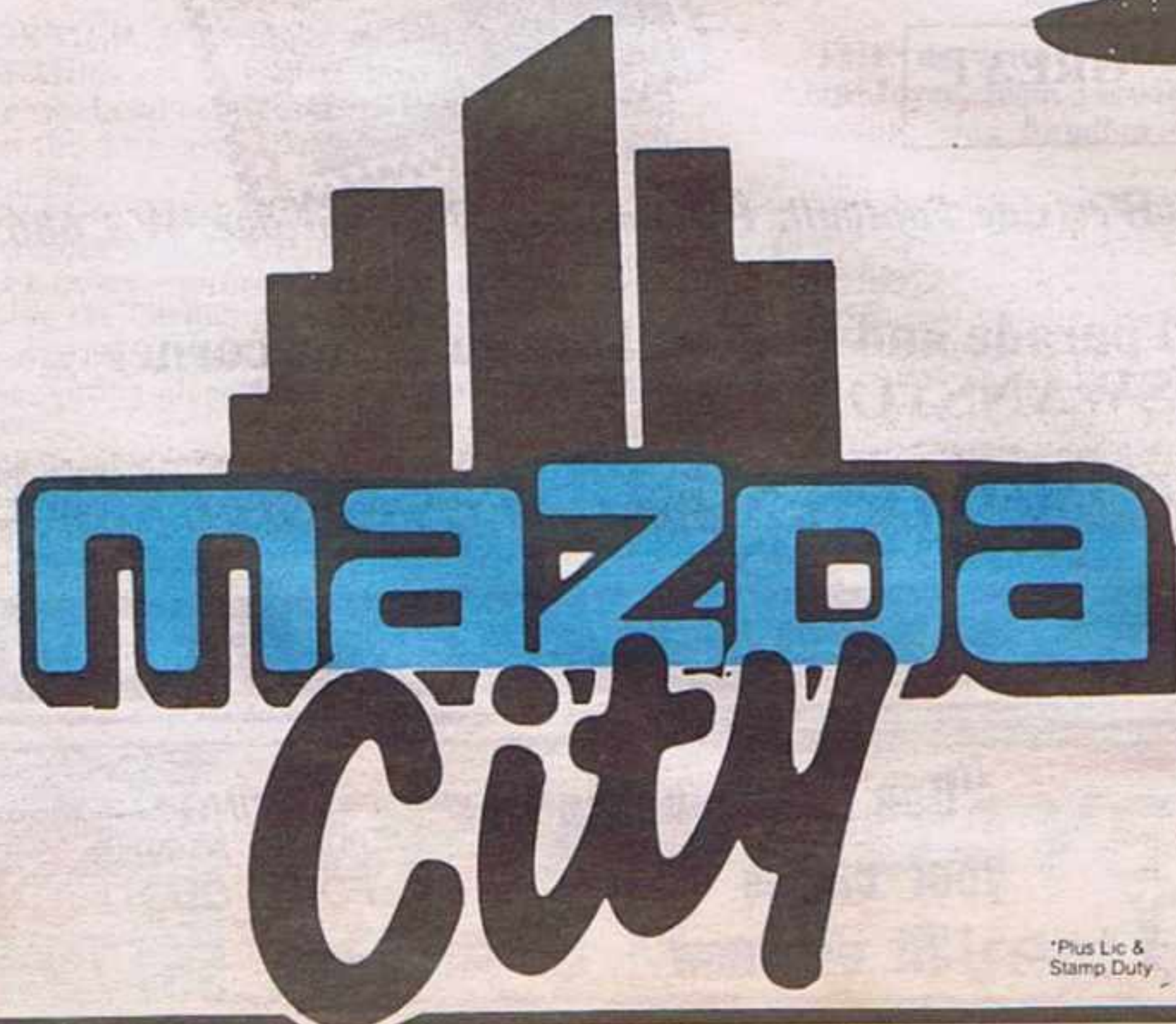
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