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The Heat is on

WA's elite baseball team, the Perth Heat, is out after the 1993-94 Pepsi-ABL championship and they have hit out impressively in the opening matches

The winners of the national league crown two summers back, the Heat started in good style with a clean-sweep 4-0 victory over the East Coast Cougars at home and then split their away battle 2-all with the Waverley Reds, in Melbourne

They are at home again this weekend, with double-headers against the Canberra Bushrangers and the Heat will really be on out at Belmont's international baseball park, Parry Field

Some of the Heat stars who will be out to thump the visitors are pictured here (from left) Greg Jelks, Shane Tonkin, John Moore and Stuart Howell

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ON THE MOVE

PERTH Heat made the first of many road trips last weekend and travelling is something that has become second nature in the club's fifth season.

Constant travel is now a fact of life for any side in a national competition and the logistics of moving a sporting team from one side of the country to the other is no easy task.

However, like the West Coast Eagles, it is something the Heat have mastered with trial and error.

The travelling party consists of the league limit of 19 players, along with two specialist coaches and a secretary.

However, with the official Australian Baseball League limit set at two

coaches, plus a secretary, the appointment of Tony Adamson as a playing coach has proved a bonus in terms of travelling personnel.

The first year coach doubles as a player, which allows the Heat to take along three coaches to ease Adamson's burden on road trips.

Assistant coach and manager Pete MacKanin and pitching coach John O'Donoghue, both professional coaches in the US with the Baltimore Orioles, accompany the squad, along with assistant coach and executive secretary Trevor Malcolm.

Trainer Matthew Butterworth is the

sole medico in the touring party and home sides are expected to help the visitors with any serious injuries.

Because of the time difference and distance involved in road trips, Perth Heat leave WA the day before their first game, play two double-headers and return home the morning after.

No training takes place at away games apart from the customary pre-game routine of 40 minutes batting practice and 15 minutes of fielding after arriving at the opposition's ball park.

— TANIA ARMSTRONG



Adamson hits his way to the top

IN CHARGE ... Tony Adamson has stepped up to coach the Perth Heat after being the team's initial captain

By ALAN EAST

A DECISION to concentrate on baseball in preference to football has seen Tony Adamson stride right to the top in his chosen summer sport.

The former Teal Cup footballer and one-time East Perth junior star has recently taken over as coach — or field manager, as the role is officially known — of the Perth Heat, WA's team in the national baseball league.

Adamson, a classy first baseman, had been the Heat's captain since their introduction to the national series four years ago and his elevation to the coaching role came about recently when newly-recruited coach Tom Treblehorn was appointed manager of the Chicago Cubs.

"Coaching is the next step up in your sporting career, so I'm pretty pleased about getting the opportunity," says Adamson, who ranks among Australia's top baseballers in the last decade.

After a Claxton Shield debut with Western Australia as a 16-year-old, Adamson has toured overseas extensively with various baseball sides and

spent a year in America playing as a semi-professional with Oregon.

"I'm really looking forward to the challenge of this season," he says. "I've got the advantage of having a good team to coach and I'm surrounded by an excellent coaching team."

Adamson, who led WA to their national championship victory two summers ago, has been one of the senior players in the Heat line-up, but he has no problems about adjusting to coaching his recent team-mates.

"I'm 30 now and most of the guys are a few years younger, so I don't have too many worries about getting on with them," says Adamson.

"We have a pretty good structure in place at the club and it's always comforting to know that Don Knapp, one of Australia's top baseballers in recent years, is our managing director. I'll certainly be using him as a sounding board."

Adamson will have plenty of talent at his disposal this year as the Perth Heat face a demanding 56-game season, with matches in every capital city.



The squad will be boosted by another annual injection of talent from the Baltimore Orioles, a powerful American club who have developed strong links with the Perth Heat, providing Mike Young, the championship-winning coach two years ago.

Curtis Goodwin, Jay Powell and Scott Klingenberg are the three newcomers to Perth this season — and they provide some powerful baseball potential.

"Goodwin is a centrefielder who is probably the fastest athlete in the State," says Adamson. "Boy, he's quick."

"Powell is a young pitcher who has recently signed on for \$1 million with the Orioles after graduating from the University of Mississippi and he'll benefit by a stint in Australia after half-a-season of pro. baseball behind him.

"And Klingenberg is another pitcher who will boost our already-strong line-up in that department."

In addition, Perth Heat will welcome back Mark Ettles, the first WA-born baseballer to crack the big league in the United States, where he has been pitching for the San Diego Padres.

Fans flock to Parry Field

RISING attendances at Parry Field, the home of Perth baseball at Belmont, confirms the sport's popularity.

Much of the increase is attributed to the success of the Perth Heat since they joined the Pepsi-ABL in 1989.

Last season Perth Heat topped the league's attendance figures with 68,000 people at 21 home games, an average of 3200 fans a fixture.

Seating at the stadium has been expanded to 4200, with room for a further 3000 people on the hill and the 7000 ball-park capacity was reached twice last summer.

The addition of 15 VIP boxes for this season has doubled that section, with the 1200 reserved members seats already sold out.

Attracting youngsters to the game also plays a big part in baseball's promotions and Perth Heat's junior 'Heaters Club' has 700 members.

Another innovation is the dinner tent located beyond the right-field fence, where fans can enjoy a meal while watching the baseball action, with seating for 120 people.

For more information contact Doug Mateljan on 474 2199.

Busy change for Ettles

SOUTH Perth baseballer Mark Ettles has had a dramatic change of life style in recent years.

Gone are his days of pinch-hitting around the Perth playing fields in between his work in the building industry and his rise to the top level with the Perth Heat.

Nowdays he journeys around the ball parks of America, one of only five Australians to have made it to the top level of US baseball and the first West Aussie to achieve that status.

The 27-year-old Ettles was promoted to the San Diego Padres earlier this year, culminating a seven-year climb through the American baseball ranks, starting with an Alabama side and moving to a Florida club.

Ettles says that it took some adjusting to life in the States, especially the demanding 148-game season packed into five months. Overcoming mental and physical tiredness was one of the big challenges.

"That's why I enjoy coming home for the summer," says Ettles, who is back in Perth for some relaxation, mixed with action in the Perth Heat side.

HOME AGAIN ... South Perth's Mark Ettles (left) and American import Greg Jelks are key members of the Perth Heat line-up.



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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Perth HEAT Annual Ball	Rotary Challenge
28	29	30				

DECEMBER 1993

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
					Melbourne Away	Melbourne Away
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JANUARY 1994

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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TV Adelaide 3.45pm	TV Adelaide 3.45pm				East Coast Away	East Coast Away
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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					Canberra Away	Canberra Away
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Brisbane 6.00pm	TV Brisbane 1.00pm		Brisbane Away	Brisbane Away

FEBRUARY 1994

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. . . and who's in the team

2 — **Tony Adamson**
Age: 30
Club: Morley
First base

5 — **Leigh Moyle**
Age: 20
Club: Perth
Infield

8 — **Mark Cook**
Age: 20
Club: Melville
Pitcher

9 — **Parris Mitchell**
Age: 32
Club: Melville
Pitcher

10 — **Shaun Hrabar**
Age: 24
Club: Perth
Third base

11 — **Travis Nicolau**
Age: 23
Club: Gosnells
Pitcher

13 — **Heath Gillard**
Age: 23
Club: Wembley
Outfielder

14 — **Gavin Edmondson**
Age: 21
Club: Morley
Catcher

16 — **Scott Metcalf**
Age: 21
Club: Morley
Catcher

17 — **Simon Eissens**
Age: 25
Club: Morley
Pitcher

18 — **Stuart Howell**
Age: 22
Club: Perth
Pitcher

19 — **Steve Johnson**
Age: 23
Club: West Stirling
Infield

20 — **Sean Jones**
Age: 24
Club: Vic Park
First base

21 — **Brett Walters**
Age: 19
Club: South Perth
Pitcher

22 — **Shane Tonkin**
Age: 22
Club: Perth
Pitcher

23 — **Lyall Barwick**
Age: 22
Club: South Perth
Outfielder

26 — **Fred Lindberg**
Age: 20
Club: Perth
Pitcher

27 — **Mark Ettles**
Age: 27
Club: South Perth
Pitcher

29 — **Scott Klingenbeck**
Age: 22
Club: Baltimore
Pitcher

30 — **Shane Spry**
Age: 18
Club: Melville
First base

31 — **Jay Powell**
Age: 21
Club: Baltimore
Pitcher

33 — **Brad Anderson**
Age: 22
Club: Wembley
Pitcher

34 — **Keith Wenban**
Age: 29
Club: Gosnells
Pitcher

36 — **Jason Hewitt**
Age: 19
Club: South Perth
Second base

38 — **Curtis Goodwin**
Age: 21
Club: Baltimore
Outfielder

42 — **John Moore**
Age: 24
Club: Perth
Catcher

43 — **Michael Moyle**
Age: 22
Club: Perth
Catcher

44 — **Greg Jelks**
Age: 27
Club: Melville
Short stop

45 **Clayton Byrne**
Age: 21
Club: Wanneroo
Right field

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NEWCOMERS . . . Perth Heat's three American imports for this season are (from left) Curtis Goodwin, Scott Klingenbeck and Jay Powell

Two mates at the top

A **LIFELONG** sporting friendship — mixed with a few stints as on-field rivals — has blossomed into a strong partnership in this year's Perth Heat baseball campaign.

Newly-appointed captain John Moore and his deputy Shaun Hrabar have stepped up to the senior on-field leadership roles with the appointment of former skipper Tony Adamson as the team's coach.

Adamson, a stalwart of WA baseball and a long-serving WA and Australian star, will look to his two off-siders to help lift the Heat as they set out to recapture their championship-winning form of 1991.

Moore and Hrabar have been friends since their early teenage days when they joined forces in baseball sides — but were rivals on the football field come winter.

Their first State team selection came in a WA under-13s side that went to Brisbane, with Hrabar as the pitcher and Moore an outfielder.

The Perth Baseball Club at Inglewood Oval was their home and they were still together for an under-18s

By **ALAN EAST**

State trip to Sydney, but by this time Moore had been converted to a catcher, with Hrabar pitching them in even faster.

Hrabar has moved to the Morley club this year, while Moore is still with Perth.

On the football field, Moore was a stand-out half-forward or ruck-rover with the Noranda club, while Hrabar was at Bedford, though they did come together in combined sides. Their rivalry was continued at school, with Moore at Morley High and Hrabar at John Forrest.

"We've always been good mates and our wives, Debbie and Stephanie, have been close friends, especially when they were at Morley High," says Moore, a 24-year-old electrician.

"We had been away together plenty of times before joining up in the Perth Heat and it's great to be sharing the captaincy duties."

Both players opted for a career in

baseball over football, with a knee injury suffered by Moore as a 17-year-old helping make his decision for him.

Moore has no regrets about his choice of sports, especially with his latest honour as captain coming after his selection in an Australian side that toured overseas earlier this year.

"We had a 10-day visit to the United States and then a training camp in Italy and it was tremendous experience," says Moore, who feels comfortable in his more responsible role as captain.

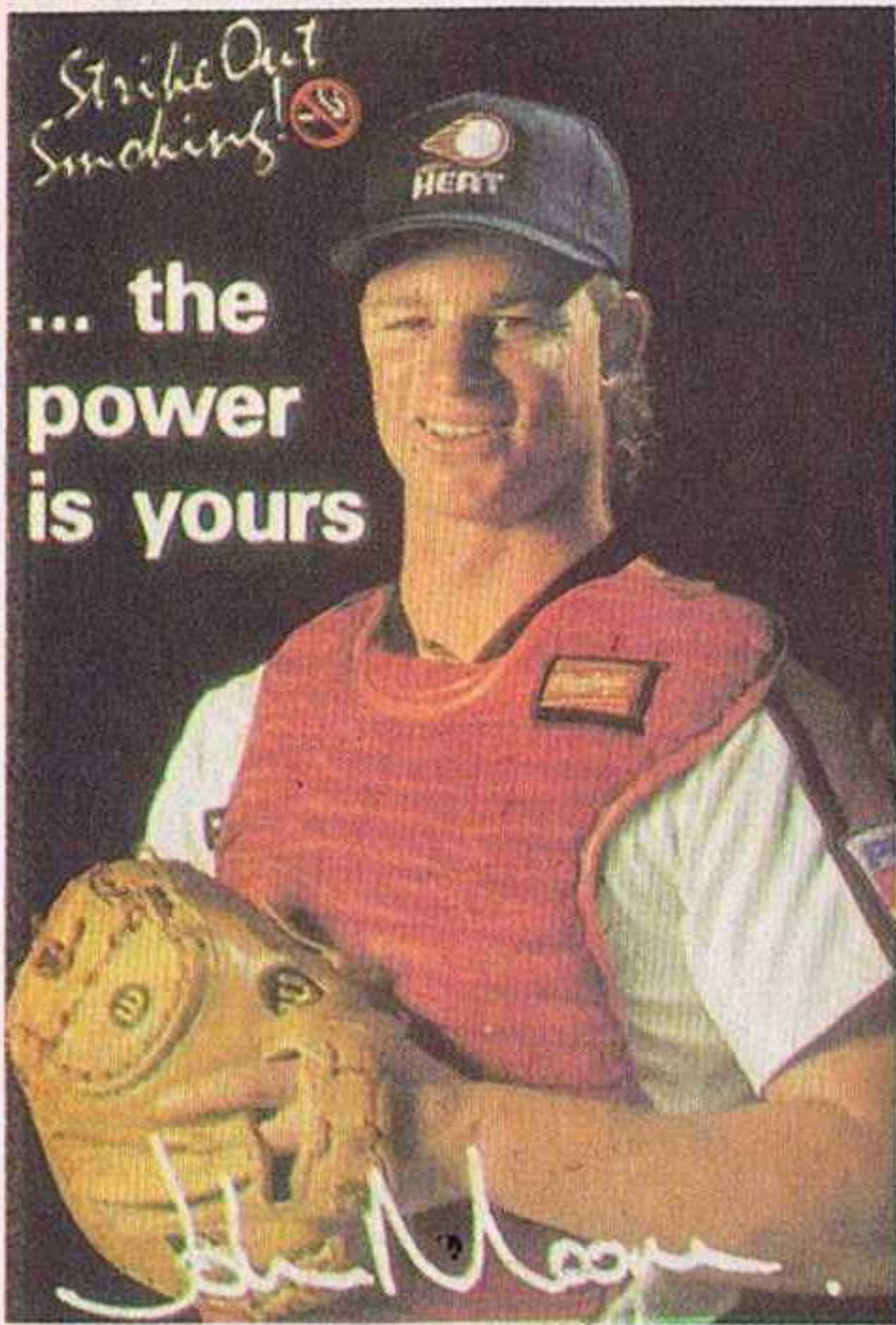
"There's a bit more on-field responsibility, but it's mainly a communications role between the players and the coach."

Moore's baseball career took an extra turn last season when he emerged as one of the team's most reliable hitters, graduating from a regular catcher to where his batting became a feature of the team's performances.

He finished the season with a batting average of .300, which — for the sporting layman — means that every 10 times he stepped up to bat, he hit safely three times, putting him in the team's best bracket of run-getters.

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GOOD ADVERTISING ... Perth Heat players like captain John Moore display the logos of the club's sponsors

Business backs the big hitters

THE rapid success of Perth Heat in their short life-time has ensured a keen interest from the corporate sector.

Sponsors are vital to the success of any sporting team and Perth Heat's growing list of corporate supporters shows the confidence that the business sector has in the side.

With almost 50 sponsors committed to the current season, Perth Heat are as far along in terms of sponsorship as any other club in the national league — an exceptional achievement for a club entering their fifth year.

Seats and signage at Parry Field are included in sponsorship packages, with other major sponsor logos displayed on player uniforms.

Swan Brewery, one of the club's 13 major sponsors, gains wide exposure with the Emu Draft logo on uniforms, along with Healthways.

A large anti-smoking logo is worn by the squad as part of Healthways' "Strike out smoking" campaign.

Other major sponsors are Nissan Australia, who provide cars for players, Boat Torque, Burswood Resort and Casino, Channel 9, Midwaste, Movieland, Nike, PMFM Radio, Sands and McDougall, KFC and Zurich Insurance.

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