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GENERATIONS ... the oldest and the newest got together last Sunday when the Sandover Medallists Club welcomed their latest addition, West Perth's Neil Mildenhall. The Falcons midfielder is pictured with the game's oldest-surviving Sandover Medal winner, John Leonard, who went on to become one of WA's outstanding coaches after winning the award in 1926 while playing with Subiaco

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Collins welcome at the top

THE move into AFL officialdom by hardened Carlton chief executive Ian Collins has been welcomed by many of his peers in the Melbourne-based clubs.

Collins forged a reputation for tough football in his 25 years at Carlton, as a player and then administrator and his move into the AFL arena to replace the late Alan Schwab was seen as a natural progression.

Club officials such as Mr Schwab's son Cameron (Richmond) and fiery Collingwood chief Allan McAllister have acknowledged that Collins was the man for the job.

West Coast general manager Brian Cook is also impressed with the appointment of Collins.

"He's got a reputation of being fairly hard-nosed and determined

and that's probably not a bad thing," says Cook.

"He can put some balance into the AFL and he's prepared to make hard decisions."

The post of chief executive at Carlton has been taken by Stephen Gough, whose previous role as Blues football manager has been filled by one-time Collingwood player Geoff Walsh.

Champion ambassador



TRIBUTE TIME... life members of the WAFL gathered at Subiaco Oval this week for their Christmas get-together and the presentation of an annual award to honour one of their number

This year the recipient was Perth stalwart Jack O'Dea, with more than 50 years service to the Demons behind him, who received the specially-struck memento sculptured by Swan Districts legend, Stan Moses

O'Dea is pictured receiving the sculpture, which featured a guernsey with his playing No. 2 on the back and the word Joan underneath — because, as Moses said, behind every good man there's a good woman and O'Dea's wife was proud to be part of the presentation

Quick start

TALK about being thrown in at the deep end — that's exactly what's happened to former East Perth coach Stan Magro on arrival at Collingwood.

Magro recently took up the post of assistant coach to Leigh Matthews at Victoria Park, but it hasn't been an easy introduction.

Matthews is currently enjoying an overseas holiday and Magro is handling coaching affairs in a rapid fire introduction to coaching life and pre-season in the AFL.

Noisy start

WESTSIDE'S recent Footy Facts article on the history of the Simpson Medal produced a couple of interesting by-products in the trivia story department.

The Simpson Medal has been running since 1945, donated originally by Dr Fred Simpson and continued on by his family, with a host of impressive winners.

One footballer who hasn't won the Medal is colourful Malcolm Brown — but he's got a Dr Simpson tale to tell that beats many players who have taken out the honour.

It was Dr Simpson, a well-known West Perth medical man of the 1940s and '50s, who actually spanked Brownie's posterior when he first poked his head into the world back in 1946. The good Doc gave the newcomer a hefty whack to produce the customary scream — and Brownie's had his mouth open ever since!

And then there's the tale from Leederville Oval, the land of football that he loved and served so devotedly.

Always aware of the hypochondriac nature of footballers — especially those seeking an excuse to miss early-morning training sessions — Doc Simpson became renowned for his cure-all little jar of 'pills.' What most people didn't discover until years later was that they were a mixture of jelly beans and chocolates!

Handy pay-day

GOOD news on the money front at Perth Oval — some welcome cheques have been handed out in recent days, much to the relief of players and coaching staff from a bygone era.

The Royals have finally paid off outstanding wages owed for the 1991 season, a year when the financial tale took a grim turn and the playing and coaching contracts were put on hold.

Three support staff were owed money (including league coach Ian McCulloch) and nine players received a back-dated bonus.

Some astute fund-raising and financial planning in recent years has seen the East Perth board trim its budget, with the pledge to pay those outstanding amounts a priority in their planning.

Expert warning

FORMER Perth footballer and leading sports science expert Dr Frank Pyke has issued a timely warning to authorities in Australia about the dangers of cutting back school sporting programmes.

Dr Pyke — father of current West Coast star Don Pyke — is the head of the Victorian Institute of Sport and has spoken out on the controversial topic of school sport and education.

In a special Sunday Age newspaper inquiry into the lack of basic sporting skills among school children, Dr Pyke said that the cream of Victoria's elite young athletes would fall short of championship quality with cuts in school sporting programmes.

He said that there were clear signs already that poorly-acquired basic skills were in evidence among youngsters turning to specialised sports.

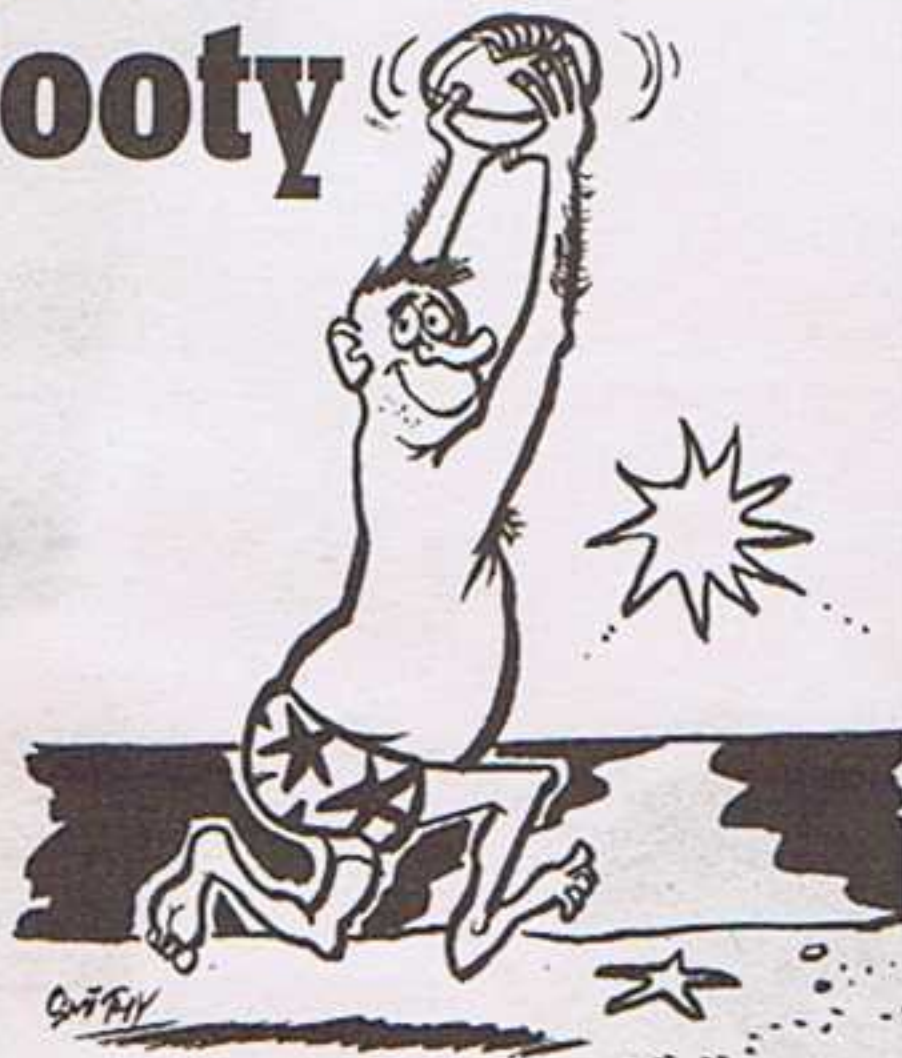
Victorian figures show that team sports such as football, netball and basketball in schools were down by 20 percent on previous years and inter-school athletic carnivals, for example, had dropped by 50 percent.



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Gold Coast appeal

QUEENSLAND seems to be the in-place these days for coaching apprenticeships.

With the Brisbane Bears looking upwards after their long-awaited move to the Gabba, in the middle of town, the former Gold Coasters are enjoying a higher profile in banana-land.

The Brisbane-based Queensland Australian Football League is part of this revival and they have attracted a number of new coaches up from the south.

Taking up coaching reins in the QAFL are former Claremont and Carlton player Wayne Blackwell (North Brisbane); Sydney Swans star Mark Browning (Southport) and one-time Collingwood rover Neville Shaw at West Brisbane.

Incidentally, Shaw takes over from a player who once kicked around in the West — Claremont rover Gary Shaw, the high-priced recruit who went to Collingwood even though he wasn't related to Neville Shaw or his more-famous brothers, Tony or Ray.

Helping out

WEST Coast general manager Brian Cook was sympathetic about the Adelaide Crows missing out on a game at the MCG in next season's AFL fixtures.

He said that the Eagles would be quite happy to transfer their Crows-Eagles game in Adelaide to the MCG.

Freo appeals

THERE is no more famous Fitzroy footballer than Kevin Murray, the iron man who worked his heart out for the Lions.

Murray, who captain-coached East Perth in 1965-66 before returning to Melbourne to win a Brownlow Medal in '69 — is Fitzroy's games played record holder with 333 senior appearances.

And while he's as concerned as any true Lion about the club's continuing financial plight, he does see some light at the end of the tunnel — and he's not totally against the idea of a relocation to the West.

Speaking to 6PR's Gary Carvolth last week, the iron man of footy — he was still playing seniors in the Victorian country at the age of 47 — suggested that Fremantle wasn't all that bad an idea.

"Fitzroy would be one of the stars of the competition in a few years if they relocated to Fremantle," said Murray.

"These financial problems have been around for three or four years and they seem to be more damaging this season."



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Footy never stops in Westside

THE countdown to the 1994 football season is well and truly under-way and with practice matches scheduled for late January, the action isn't far away.

The West Coast Eagles young players (under-23) will clash with a Brisbane Bears side at Subiaco Oval on Saturday, January 29, at 4pm to herald a tough pre-season campaign for the 1992 AFL premiers. Practice hit-outs follow against Essendon (February 5) and Adelaide (February 12) before meeting the Crows again in the opening Foster's Cup match on February 23.

Westside Football will be boundary-side in the lead-up to the 1994 season, with our summer editions going right through — apart from a brief Christmas break. So pencil these dates in on the calendar below and get your copy in your local newsagency.

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Tough run for Eagles

THE West Coast Eagles have found that finishing fourth has its drawbacks after a close study of next season's AFL fixtures.

A tough draw awaits the Eagles after a new system divided the 15 clubs into groups of five, where the teams play each other twice.

Two matches against Essendon, Carlton, Adelaide and Hawthorn is the compulsory result, along with duel out-ings against North Melbourne, Fitzroy, Footscray and Richmond.

"You wouldn't look at it and think that it's an easy draw," said Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett.

"We're expecting teams like Richmond to improve, Fitzroy are a good side because they always beat us and the North Melbournes of the world will also get better.

"You would also expect Sydney and Brisbane to improve because of the draft.

By TANIA ARMSTRONG

"There's not an easy game... the only breaks you get are the byes."

In an intense start, the Eagles play seven consecutive matches before a round eight bye and the first chance to catch their breath in a season which finishes on October 1.

While the new fixturing is considered the fairest way to allocate contests, there are some amazing results for and against some sides.

Fitzroy, who finished 11th but only two matches out of the final six, fare well, but don't look like breaking any attendance figures at their new home ground of Western Oval, which won't help their ailing coffers.

Matches against North Melbourne, co-tennants Footscray, Geelong and the Eagles should spark interest for the

bulk of Lions fans who now have to travel from the inner-city suburbs to Footscray.

Depending on how the Lions are travelling, the remaining six matches at Western Oval don't include any crowd-pulling teams and will do little to get the turnstiles clicking.

Turning to the September 10 finals, starting a week later than usual, North Melbourne will go in with a distinct advantage if they are still in the running.

Already regarded as the night specialists, the Kangaroos, who shot to the top of the ladder in 1993, play five of their last six matches under lights.

Remarkably, their last three matches are on their home ground, the MCG.

This fact would further rile Adelaide Crows officials who are dumb-founded at the absence of an MCG fixture on their list.

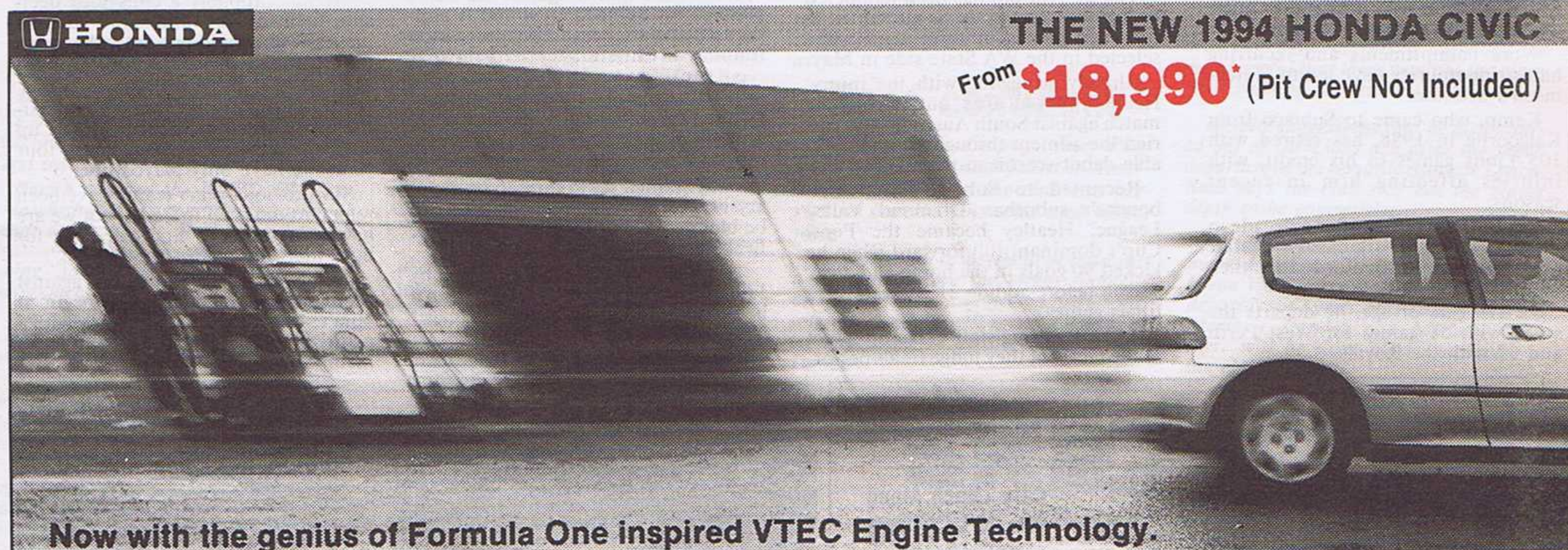
This season the Crows worked hard to become competitive in Melbourne and went tantalisingly close to a grand final berth.

While 11 home matches almost guarantee the Crows another finals berth, the MCG-free zone does little to enhance their growing reputation as premiership contenders.

Both matches against Essendon will be played away from the grand final venue, the first at Princes Park to make way for a round eight match between Melbourne and Footscray at the MCG.

The preliminary final rematch appears to have more interest than the other fixture, but the Crows will travel to Princes Park before hosting the Bombers at Football Park.

The Crows also play North Melbourne at Princes Park to make way for Melbourne, before hosting other MCG tenants Richmond and Melbourne in Adelaide.



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WAFL clubs target a host of recruits

TELEPHONES have been running hot since the AFL draft in November — and the return to WA of a number of de-listed players will bring some surprises.

Todd Menegola and Richard Dennis, previously with Swan Districts and East Perth, will change WAFL colours in the hope of rekindling their football careers.

Menegola, who joined Richmond in 1991, will play with Subiaco, while West Perth will gain the services of Dennis.

Going against the flow is South Fremantle's Peter Worsfold, who will return to the Bulldogs after three seasons and 31 games with the Brisbane Bears.

De-listed players in the AFL are hot property for WAFL clubs, many with years of experience and the ability to dominate the WAFL if they can recapture their early form.

Thirty West Australians were released in mid-October and while some will not return to their home State, many are keen to again make their mark on the local scene.

AUTOMATIC

Players who left the WAFL are automatically zoned to their former clubs on return from the east, but that is not necessarily where they will stay.

Subiaco started negotiations with Menegola during last season and stepped up talks as soon as he was freed by Richmond.

In his two seasons in the east which netted 19 AFL games, Menegola formed a friendship with former Subiaco player Todd Breman, who will also return to the Lions via Richmond in time for next season.

Another Subiaco connection comes in the form of Menegola's home town

host of recruits

By **TANIA ARMSTRONG**

of Mukinbudin, shared by Lions player Brian Ettridge.

Subiaco football manager Wayne Loxley and general manager Alan White have both spoken to the 26-year-old on trips to Melbourne and are confident of no hold-up in clearance proceedings.

"At 26 years of age, he will be a handy recruit and he is looking for a new challenge in football," said Loxley.

Loxley's counterpart at West Perth, Jeff Dennis, had no trouble getting an introduction to his brother, Richard.

A Blues premiership player in 1987,

his first season in Victoria, Dennis played 57 games with Carlton and 13 with North Melbourne in 1992.

He played out this season in the VSFL and was a member of Norths side that lost the grand final to Melbourne.

He is set to return to WA early next year with a transfer with AMP and the 27-year-old's clearance from East Perth should be a formality.

"He wants to continue his career with his brother and we're not going to stand in his way," said East Perth football manager Cam Robbins.

"If he didn't go to West Perth, he had an offer to coach in South Australia and we have always had a good relationship with West Perth."

"We believe he'll be a big asset as he's still got about three years of football left in him," said Dennis.



BACK HOME...Peter Worsfold will be a Bulldog next year.

"He'll be valuable in a lot of areas whether it's a key position like centre-half-back or centre-half-forward or across half-forward or possibly at full-forward."

Worsfold's return to the Port is a much needed plus after the likely losses of up and coming youngsters Darren Gaspar (Sydney), Warren Campbell (North Melbourne) and Stephen Jurica (Richmond).

The Bulldogs are also hopeful of enticing former Souths and Carlton star Jon Dorotich back to the WAFL if a job transfer can be organised.

Summer season spoils up for grabs

FOOTBALL fans can look forward to another summer of early action with confirmation that the successful Emu Export summer series will continue in 1994.

Reintroduced under a new name and in a unique format for 1993, preliminary scheduling by the WAFL has the pre-season competition pencilled in to begin on February 26.

New guernseys and rules were used on a trial basis last summer, a move which was greeted with enthusiasm on all fronts.

Five weeks of action will once again take in country venues and night games with the final set to be played at the end of March.

The WAFL have already begun discussions with the WACA hierarchy in search of an agreement on night matches.

"We will meet with the WACA about the possibility of playing the majority of matches under lights at the WACA," said WAFL football manager Trevor Howard.

"We are also heavily in discussions with the Brewery and Pepsi as their agreement runs out in 1994."

Hanging up their boots

RETIREMENTS are coming thick and fast around the WAFL clubs and Subiaco seem set to lose a few stalwarts.

Premiership players Garry Kemp and Bret Hutchinson and West Perth's Angelo Del Borrello are among those players to hang up their boots.

Hutchinson (29), who joined the Lions from Melbourne in 1987, retires after a frustrating 10-game season which saw him pass the century mark to finish with 105.

Work commitments and recurring hamstringing injuries have led to Hutchinson's decision.

Kemp, who came to Subiaco from Kalgoorlie in 1988, has retired with 105 Lions games to his credit, with injuries affecting him in recent seasons.

Del Borrello retires after a decade in the WAFL, firstly with East Perth after graduating from Bedford and then with the Falcons.

At 27 years of age, he departs the scene with 58 games for West Perth and 62 with the Royals.

NEW Eagles recruit Jason Heatley is determined to be fit and firing for the planned stars-of-the-future game against the Brisbane Bears on January 29.

Heatley, who underwent a hernia operation last week, is making a steady recovery from the surgery aimed at correcting his groin troubles.

The 21-year-old has been hampered by a groin injury since he attempted to play two games in three days when selected in the WA State side in May.

Already struggling with the injury, Heatley played one quarter of the match against South Australia and carried the ailment throughout a remarkable debut season in the WAFL.

Recruited to Subiaco from Melbourne's suburban Diamond Valley League, Heatley became the Pepsi Cup's dominant full-forward when he kicked 90 goals in the home-and-away season before adding 21 goals in three finals games.

AFL recruiting staff make no secret of the fact that they judge finals perfor-

By **TANIA ARMSTRONG**

mances highly and Heatley's nine goal preliminary final effort in a losing side secured his selection as 43rd choice in last month's draft.

Heatley qualifies for the under-23 nature of the match against the Bears planned for Subiaco Oval and is aiming to be fit after resuming pre-season training at Christmas.

At 191cms, he is being groomed as a possible replacement to relieve full-forward Peter Sumich to duties further up-field or as another attacking option in a forward pocket.

With Sumich set to turn 26 on January 11, Heatley is an obvious choice to be blooded at full-forward against the Bear cubs.

"He'll be jogging and running by January, so we're pretty hopeful he'll be right," said Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett.

The unique match against the Bears

is the first of three practice games scheduled in a tough lead-up to the Eagles Foster's Cup campaign starting on February 23.

In a break with recent tradition, the Eagles will embark on a heavier than usual pre-season with practice matches against Brisbane, Essendon (February 5) and the Adelaide Crows (February 12).

"It was probably a conscious decision because we wanted the younger players who would not get a chance to play against that sort of opposition to get a game," said Nisbett.

"We normally play two games maximum in the lead-up to the Foster's Cup and on occasion over the last four years we have only played one."

"In previous years teams have been reluctant to travel to Perth, but we are happy to travel to Football Park for both matches against the Crows."

The Subiaco Oval clashes against Brisbane and Essendon will begin at 4pm to avoid the heat of the day with a nominal charge for non-Eagles members.

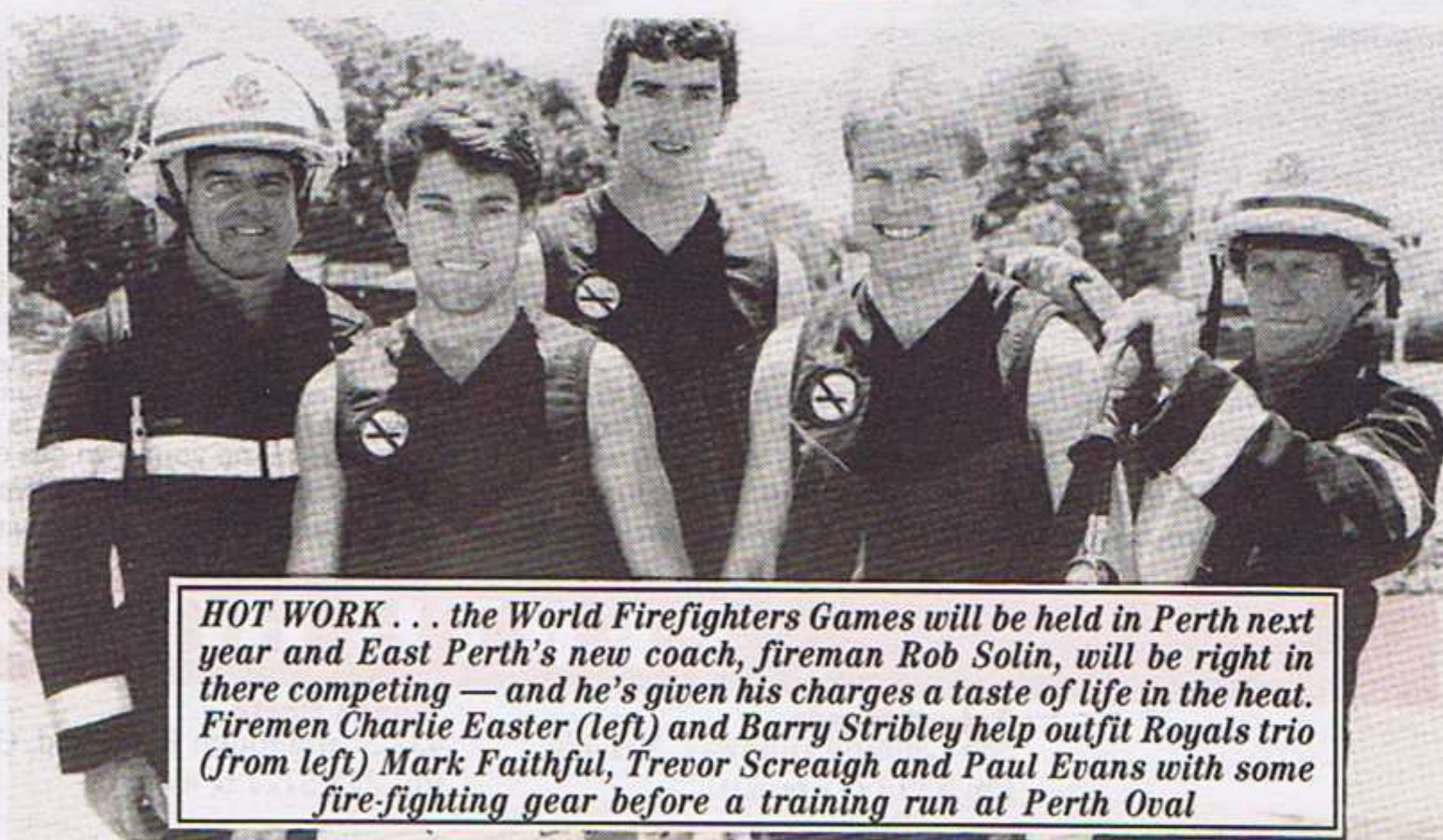
Heatley aims to be fit

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HOT WORK . . . the World Firefighters Games will be held in Perth next year and East Perth's new coach, fireman Rob Solin, will be right in there competing — and he's given his charges a taste of life in the heat. Firemen Charlie Easter (left) and Barry Stribley help outfit Royals trio (from left) Mark Faithful, Trevor Screaigh and Paul Evans with some fire-fighting gear before a training run at Perth Oval

Eagles assistant goes back to school . . .

Wiley guides his flock of young Eagles

ROB Wiley thought he had left the teaching profession behind with a change of direction in his career a couple of years back.

But he now finds himself back at school with the West Coast Eagles.

His full-time role as assistant coach to Mick Malthouse sees him overseeing the progress of five of the club's rising stars . . . on and off the field.

The five 'apprentices' are completing a traineeship with the Department of Education, Employment and Training and Wiley is relishing his new role.

A secondary school teacher until venturing into the newsagency business, Wiley is now full-time at the Eagles, with a variety of roles including assistant coach, player promotions officer and apprentice supervisor.

In his charge four days a week are up and coming footballers Lee Walker, Jason Ball, Travis Burton, Jarrad Schofield and Brett Spinks.

SPORTS COURSE

The first three are doing a sports administration course, while Schofield and Spinks are furthering their hospitality skills.

Their classroom ranges from some Wembley tennis courts; a Selby Street reserve; the waters of the Swan River and behind the bar at the Subiaco Oval Eagles Supporters Club.

Up to three hours a day of physical activity is a normal part of their routine, combined with one day a week at TAFE as part of 13 weeks of study and 39 weeks of hands-on work and training at Subiaco Oval.



TOP TEACHER . . . Eagles assistant coach Rob Wiley takes his young class for daily skills lessons, from left, Travis Burton, Brett Spinks, Lee Walker and Jason Ball



LEARNING FAST . . . rookie Eagles (from left) Jarrad Schofield, Travis Burton, Lee Walker and Brett Spinks watch Jason Ball come to grips with computers

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Talking footy

with TANIA ARMSTRONG

While Schofield and Spinks gain work experience in the running of the Supporters Club bar, Walker, Ball and Burton try their hands at administrative areas including marketing, finance and reception.

And if the image of three burly footballers juggling phone calls at the front desk is hard to picture, Wiley says it was also an eye-opener for the young men involved.

"I think the boys handle themselves OK," says Wiley.

"It's a bit of a rude shock for them when it's busy and the phones are going non-stop — but it's good for them to handle a bit of pressure.

"They're finding themselves very useful up in the office.

"At the start there were three guys in admin. who nobody knew what to do with, but it doesn't take long for people to start relying on them."

An afternoon at the WAFC or at Eagles director Murray McHenry's Steve's Hotel in Nedlands furthers their experience and the object of the traineeship is simple — think about football as much as possible, while providing a career of their choice.

Walker and Ball both left bank jobs, while Spinks was a courier driver. They made the move with confidence, while the other two jumped at the chance to better utilise their time.

"We offered the apprenticeship to a number of our youngsters and these five took it because they saw the opportunity of learning a new career," said Wiley, a former Perth champion rover, Richmond premiership player and inaugural Eagle in 1987.

"It was also a great opportunity for them to further their football and hopefully start to establish themselves as regular AFL players."

While many squad members are just getting used to pre-season training under Brian Dawson, Wiley's students are at it six days a week.

Now that full training is underway, the five complete Wiley's daily hour-long skills session on top of their assigned training of weights, running or swimming.

Wiley has also thrown in variety in the form of early morning rowing sessions on the river to build up strength and tennis and badminton to aid agility.

AFL premiers Essendon helped set up the sports administration course now on offer to the three Eagles.

Of the quintet, only Ball (two games) and Schofield (one) have made it to the top for brief appearances.

Every little bit helps in the competitive 42-man squad and with the pressure of work eliminated, these five are already at an advantage to others.

However, they still have daily tasks to attend to and a certificate will accompany them into the workforce when their 12 months is up mid-year.

While having a ticket to a trade can only help their chance of employment, Wiley doesn't try to hide the other major benefit to the club.

"The aim was to be able to give these guys the opportunity to have an extra hour of football each day," he said.

"This could develop their skills further which in turn will help them get into AFL football that bit easier.

"We obviously want them to get better in their football, but at the end of 12 months to also be able to confidently go out and get a job.

"Although a couple of them had jobs, they may have wanted to get into another field."

The fact that the future of the club is being moulded under his guidance is not lost on Wiley and he says the senior players are well aware of the improvement and eagerness of their young rivals.

"I've noticed an improvement since they started and hopefully there's a lot more to come because they're still pretty young," he said.

"Hopefully, it creates healthy competition and keeps the senior guys on their toes.

"They're responding very well and are enthusiastic about the season coming. It's a bit of an experiment, but we're more than happy with the way its going."

NEW GROUP

A new group are certain to be introduced to the initiative in the new year and Wiley says recruits are obvious targets.

"It's a good opportunity for us to settle them into their new environment and saturate them with footy," said Wiley.

"With the age coming down in the squad and certainly with youngsters looking for work, it's an ideal opportunity to get something going for them and improve their footy."

Looking for any edge to put them in front of their 13 AFL rivals, the Eagles and Essendon are forging the way of the future as the age of the professional footballer draws ever nearer.

The more amount of time spent on football and on developing team spirit can only benefit the club.

"They're building up a pretty good bond among each other along the way," he said.

"Success on the field is created a lot by being together off-field and the camaraderie they're building up will have an effect down the track."

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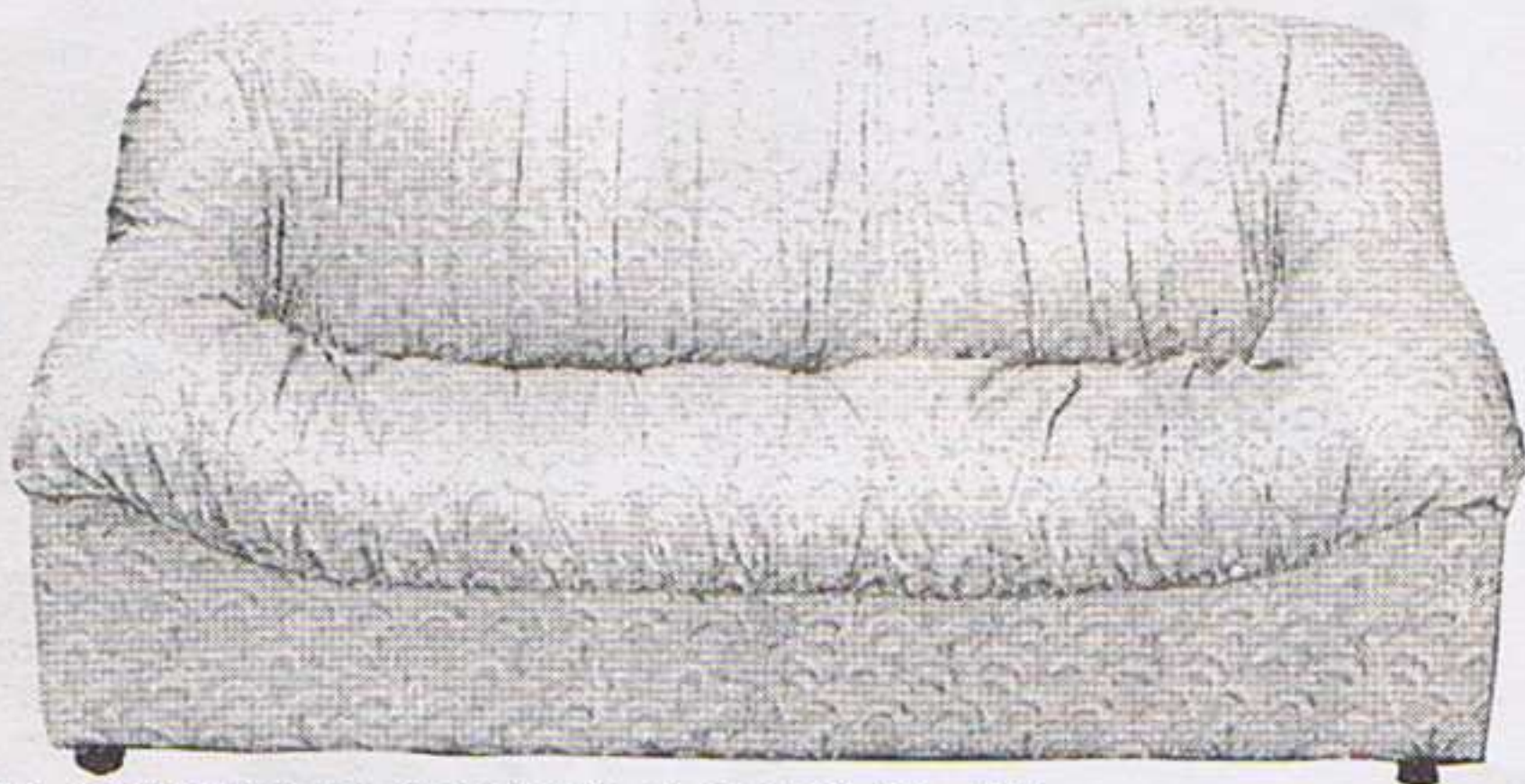
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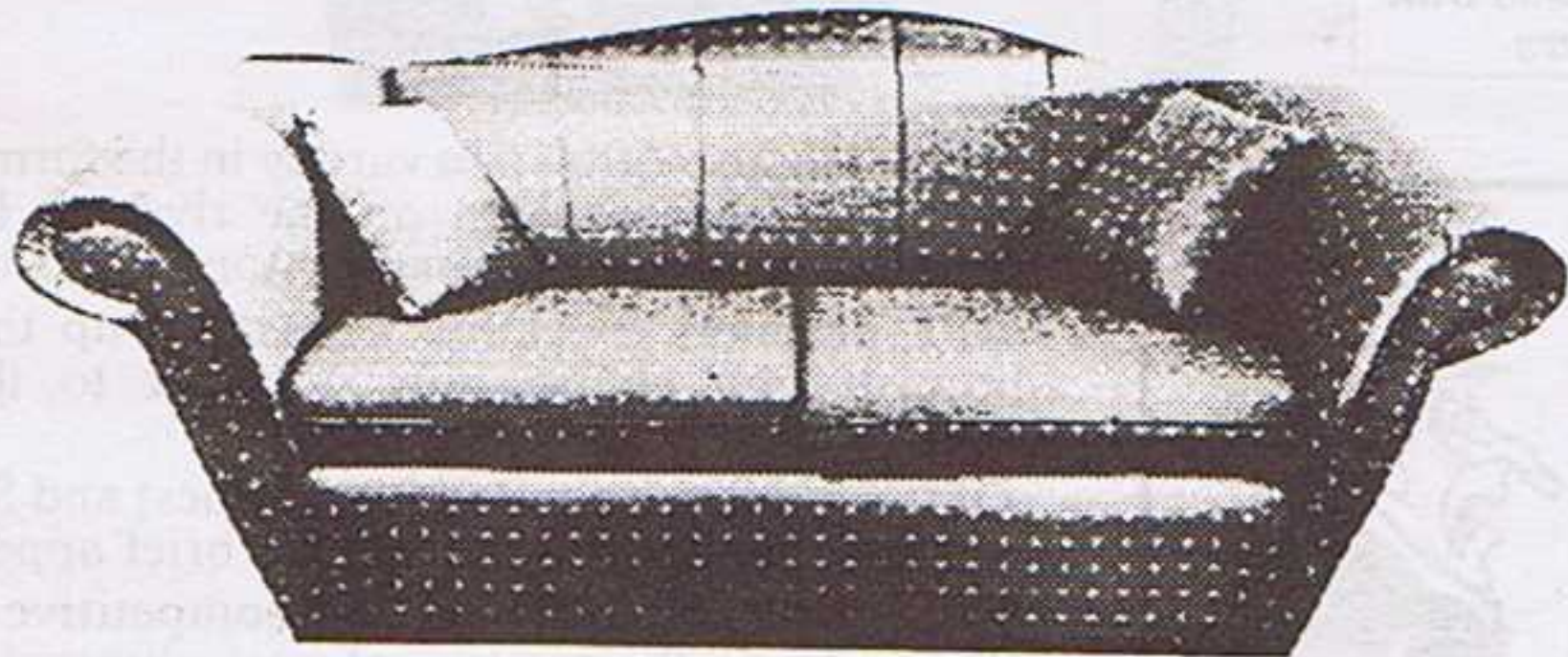
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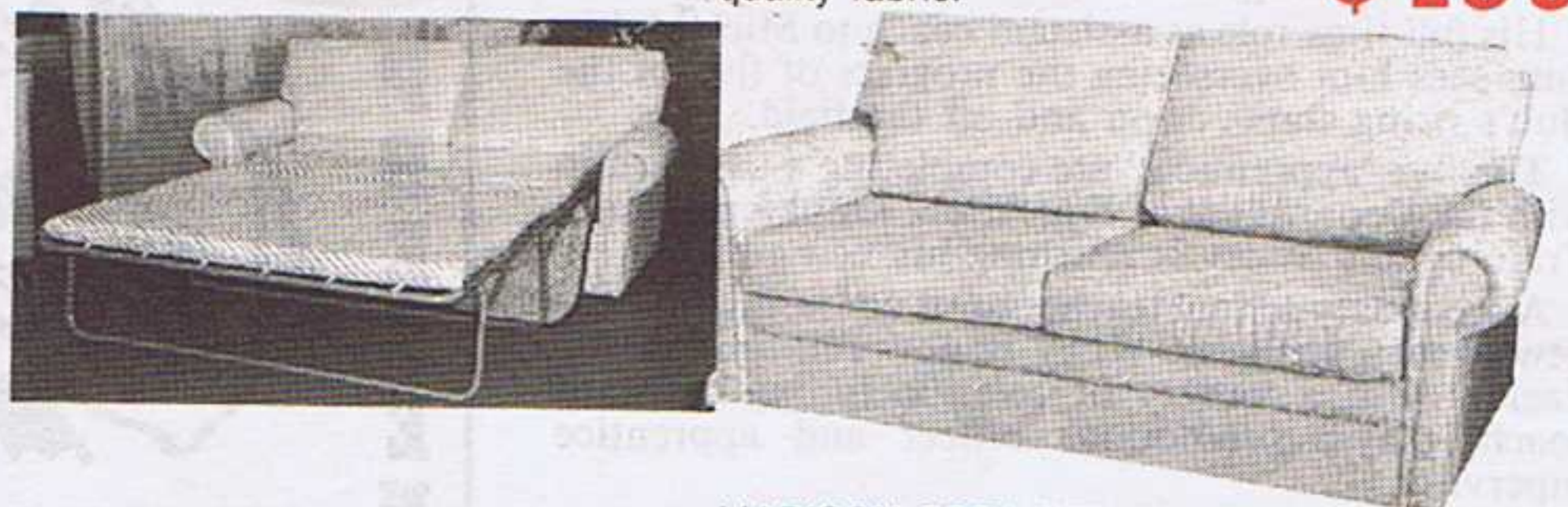
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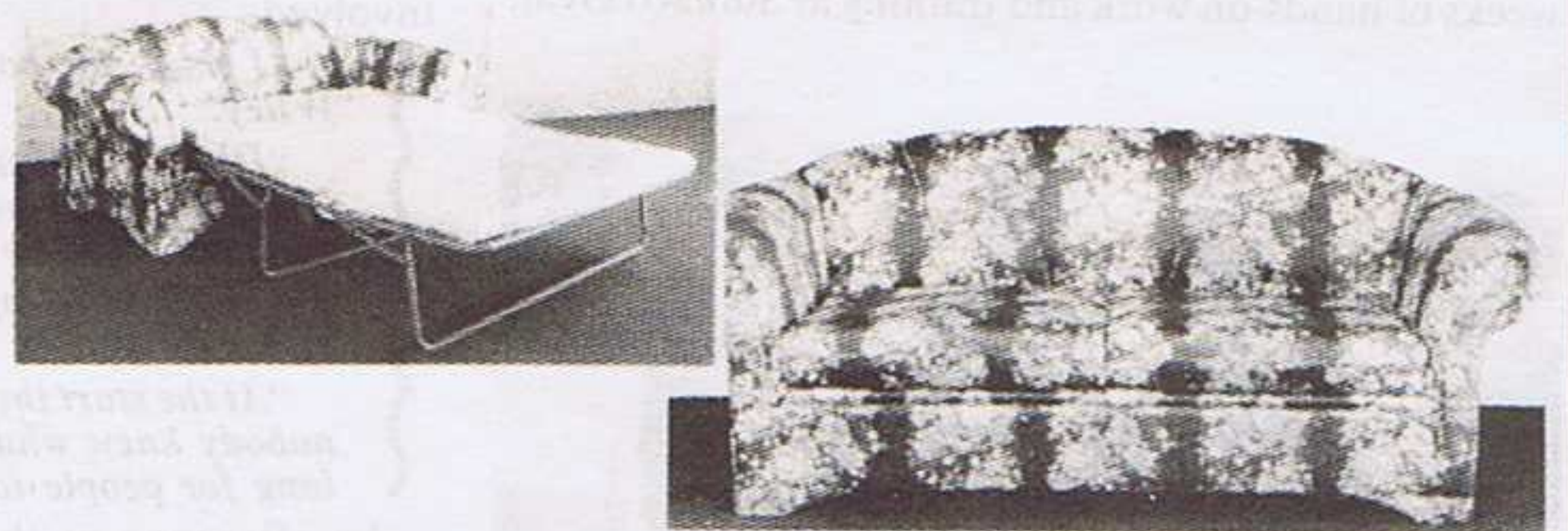
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Aussie Rules has produced many champions in more than 100 years of fierce competition across the nation and this summer series profiles some of WA's stars of the past

The exploits of Ern Henfry, football's latest addition to the WA Hall of Champions at the Mt Claremont Superdrome's Museum of Sport, had a big impact on Victorians ... as TANIA ARMSTRONG reveals in this look at a true champion



ROOKIE DEMON ... a young Ern Henfry was a Perth star at the age of 17

Teenage star's rapid rise to VFL stardom



COOL COACH ... a Perth premiership in 1955 was a triumph for Ern Henfry

WHEN Ern Henfry moved to East Victoria Park in 1921 at four months of age, the Perth Football Club had no idea what an historic arrival it would prove.

Just 16 years later he played his first senior game for the Redlegs, going on to make his mark with Carlton and then in the coaching arena back in WA.

After spending his childhood across the railway line from where Lathlain Park now stands, Henfry became one of WA's top footballers and most respected coaches.

A recent induction into the WA Hall of Champions was a reward for life-long service to football, interrupted for five years by World War II.

A champion centreman with Perth before answering the call of war, Henfry went on to captain Carlton to the 1947 VFL premiership before coaching Perth to a flag in 1955.

Discharged from the RAAF in August, 1945, after serving in Darwin, NSW, South East Asia and the Philippines, Henfry took the opportunity presented to all ex-servicemen of obtaining a transfer in their civilian employment to anywhere in Australia.

"Barring the intervention of war, I probably wouldn't have ever left Perth," said Henfry.

"I don't believe in switching clubs, but there was a double opportunity for me to further my career in the bank and my football in Melbourne.

"In those days if you wanted to progress in the bank, Melbourne was the place to be and that's where the best standard of football was."

REPUTATION

Working for the Bank of Australasia (now the ANZ), Henfry carved a reputation in the mid-field with Perth after learning his craft with Victoria Park Metropolitan.

Tried in an end-of-season game in 1937, Henfry played his first full season two years



FITTING REWARD ... football legend Ern Henfry and one-time Australian swimming star Neil Brooks are pictured on their induction to WA's Hall of Champions

later and was the outstanding rookie of the season.

He had an immediate impact on the local scene in 1939 and was only 17 when he twice represented WA against Victoria at Subiaco Oval.

Regarded as a quick thinker and possessing a lethal stab pass, Henfry claimed the Perth fairest and best award in 1941 at 19 years of age.

In the same season he finished one vote behind the legendary Haydn Bunton snr in Sandover Medal voting — his last season in WA before the interruption of war.

Henfry would not play a full season of football again until 1947, after Perth refused a clearance when he settled in Victoria in 1946.

Never wanting to be out of the football action for too long, service postings enabled Henfry to pull on the boots and refresh his skills. Ten games in New South Wales (1943), two for Carlton (1944) and one for Perth in 1945 were the result and Carlton was the

obvious choice of club on settling in Victoria.

After playing the last two games of the 1944 season with Carlton when he was transferred to the Gippsland area of Victoria, Henfry made a lasting impression.

"I was never recruited by Carlton, I did it on my own steam," Henfry recalled.

"While in New South Wales I had come across a guy who suggested I give Melbourne footy a try.

"So I travelled up on the train on the Saturday morning, had a practice with them and went back on the Saturday night."

Having to sit out the 1946 season after being refused a clearance, Henfry trained with Carlton throughout the year and with his leadership qualities quickly recognised, he was named captain for 1947 — an extraordinary move by a Victorian club.

"It was a shock decision for me and it was fairly difficult to start directing people I hadn't

even played with," said Henfry.

"All I could do in 1946 was train with Carlton as I couldn't come back. I was married with one child and had made a commitment to the bank."

At 25 years of age and with two games to his name, he proved an inspirational leader, but even Henfry didn't dream of the success he would have in his first season at the helm.

Pitted against Essendon skipper and all-time great Dick Reynolds, a triple Brownlow Medallist, Henfry led Carlton to a one-point victory over Essendon.

State appearances continued in Victoria and he captained the Vics to wins over South Australia and WA in 1949 after Victorian selectors had previously been reluctant to even select 'foreigners', let alone make them captain.

Another grand final appearance, this time a loss to Essendon, followed in 1949 and Henfry stayed with the Blues until 1952, captaining the club for all six seasons and 92 games.

"I hadn't reached any great heights with the bank and I had virtually finished my football career," said Henfry.

Both Henfry and his wife Kath had their families in the West, so the return to Perth and to his old club was automatic.

He captain-coached Perth in 1953; took his tally to 96 games and enjoyed his first coaching triumph in 1955 though he says coaching never came easy to him.

Kicking into the breeze in the final term, Perth came from two points down to beat East Fremantle by the same margin and break a 48-year drought for the club.

"The thrill of winning a premiership is for the players, but the sense of achievement is for the coach," he said.

"To win that grand final was a great thrill because I don't necessarily think we were the best side in the competition that year.

"But the best sides don't always win grand finals and it was a credit to our guys to come from the first semi-final.

"South Fremantle, who we beat in the preliminary final,

had an outstanding side, with eight players in the State team.

"The win was an incredible performance because at one stage we looked completely beaten."

Henfry says the triumph was even more meritorious given the fact that his side's home ground was the WACA, which was not very conducive to training.

He coached Perth until the end of 1959, served on the committee in 1960 and then resumed coaching in 1962 until the end of 1965.

Even that one year away from Perth was rewarding.

He coached the University amateurs to a premiership; a remarkable achievement with a side that had graduated from B-grade the previous year.

Henfry's football brain obviously rubbed off on many members of that side including WAFC chairman Peter Tancock, AFL commissioner Terry O'Connor and WAFC commissioner Kevin Edwards — though Henfry refuses to accept any credit.

"They were always going to go on to bigger and better things in their lives," he said.

"They were wonderful people to be associated with and I enjoyed my time with University immensely."

Stints as coach of Aquinas in the Alcock Cup and as a TV commentator followed Henfry's WAFL retirement and he teamed with ABC host George Grljusich and panelists George Moloney, Brian Foley and Merv Cowan before a posting to Bunbury as a bank manager took him away from Perth for a decade.

Now living in Duncraig with his wife and a keen follower of Perth and University, Henfry enjoys watching WAFL games — and even attends the occasional Eagles match.

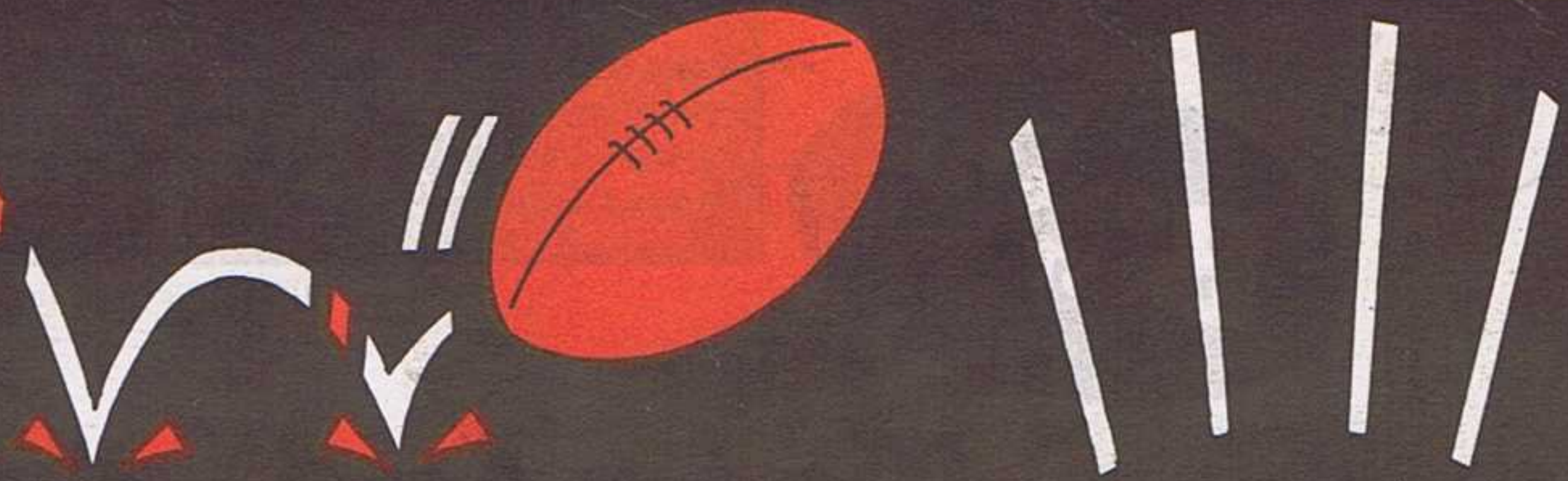
"Football is something I could talk about for hours; the differences — both good and bad — about the game nowadays," he said.

"I think we're too prone to change, whereas many sports all over the world have gone years without changes to the rules."

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ABOVE:- THIRSTY WORK ... enjoying the awards evening with a rewarding drink are East Fremantle general manager Bob Uittenbroek, Ansett's Ron Buckey and Pepsi All Star, Stephen Bilcich, of East Fremantle



BELOW:- ANOTHER ONE ... All Stars coach-of-the-year, premiership winning Claremont mentor Gerard Neesham, adds another T-shirt to his collection



LEFT:- RATINGS WINNER Travis of the Quality

BELOW:- FILLING pleased to Claremont White was Jason He

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All Stars celebrate a big Pepsi year

THE selection of the GIO Pepsi Cup All Stars team for season 1993 provided a fitting end-of-year honour for players in the WAFL.

With the WAFL season producing plenty of highlights and unveiling yet another crop of outstanding young stars headed for national level, the competition for places in the All Stars side was hot.

The Westside Football judges narrowed the team down to a final 20, placed in their regular positions — and with Claremont premiership mentor Gerard Neesham earning the coach-of-the-year honour.

These photographs capture Westside's recent awards night at the Polly Farmer Room, at Subiaco Oval.

LEFT:- WELL DONE ... Eagle-of-the-Year Don Pyke is congratulated by Westside's advertising manager Will Butun, who presented the trophy on behalf of O'Connor's Tavern, in West Perth

LEFT:- RATINGS WINNER ... Swan Districts dual fairest and best winner Travis Edmonds receives his prize from Carol Vaillant, of the Quality Langley Hotel, after topping the Westside Ratings award

BELOW:- FILLING IN ... Subiaco general manager Alan White was pleased to accept the GIO WAFL goalkicking award from rival Claremont ruckman Adam Clark, who works for sponsors GIO. White was accepting the trophy on behalf of Lions goalkicker Jason Heatley, who was in hospital undergoing a groin operation



WINNING GRIN ... Subiaco's Errol Bourn proudly displays his 1993 Pepsi Cup All Stars T-shirt and celebrates with a Pepsi, of course



GOLDEN HANDSHAKES ... WAFL football manager Trevor Howard presents Pepsi All Stars T-shirts to (from the top) Ryan Turnbull, Brad Hardie and Adrian Barich

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BACK HOME . . . one-time Hawthorn star Peter Knights returns to Glenferrie Oval in the tough role of coach for season '94

Knights gets the chance to revive a coaching career

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they compete in the finals — a rewarding habit in the last decade or so.

It certainly won't be any tougher than the Brisbane contract when Knights and his rookies were given just five months to prepare a team for their VFL debut.

He was a newcomer to the art of coaching, was surrounded by people also feeling their way and working under a private ownership scheme that saw the original club chairman, television star Paul Cronin and his successor, the once-rich Christopher Skase, laying down the law about who should play where — and who couldn't be dropped.

Knights is regarded as a very single-minded person and that's one reason why he probably didn't survive in Brisbane; he wasn't flexible enough for a club keen to take over at the top immediately. There was a similar scenario with the West Coast Eagles in that same debut year of '87 — inaugural coach Ron Alexander, a pretty single-minded person also, didn't quite fit the image that the rich and influential private owners wanted.

ENJOYMENT

Knights himself says he's no great motivator; he's more a lover of football who wants to share that emotional enjoyment with his players.

"I love being involved in the game and if everyone around you is enjoying playing, then you play well," he says. "We can all improve and I'm quite happy to look, listen and learn and certainly we'll be out to emphasise the traditions of the Hawthorn Football Club."

"There will be plenty of old-style traditional values in evidence, such as training your hardest, being proud to wear the brown and gold and so forth."

"But football's a changed game nowadays; you have to be more flexible; more adjustable."

After just three weeks in the coach's chair at Glenferrie Road, Knights has been impressed by everyone around him. He says the feeling is enthusiastic and the people are hungry for their football.

"Everyone just wants to get on with the business of playing footy," he says.

"My first few weeks have been pretty hectic, trying to put names to faces and getting to know the players. We've been training four times a week and the attitude is terrific."

"There's still plenty of good players here; sure, we've lost a few players, but so has every other club and when you look at our talent line-up, there's an abundance of good quality."

ESSENDON EXAMPLE

Knights will be taking a slice from the Essendon premiership cake as he builds his new team around him.

He admits that football's too fast and furious these days for just one man to be the figurehead and he'll look to former players John Kennedy jnr and Barry Rowlings to be key figures as assistants.

"We'll be a three-man coaching panel and we'll work very much together," says Knights, obviously aware that the same type of format produced a rather unexpected premiership at Essendon this year.

"We'll have a coaching staff out to develop and teach the players. There will be a lot of responsibility on the assistant coaches and in these days of younger players coming through, there will be a strong focus on teaching."

THERE are many people in the world of football who believe that Peter Knights, the legendary Hawthorn player, became something of a sacrificial lamb when he crossed the lines into the coaching arena.

After a magnificent high-flying career of 267 games, the man who dragged the fans through the turnstiles with his exciting style of football opted for the toughest coaching role in the land — in charge of the inaugural Brisbane team as part of the expanded VFL.

When he was dumped midway through the 1989 season — with a 16-43 win/loss record — there was plenty of sympathy for his plight; after all, he had to blend a crop of 50 assorted players harvested from 30 different clubs around the country and try to formulate a winning style.

CAST—OFFS

Other clubs had 'donated' players to the Brisbane cause; but Knights had to perform the miracle and turn the cast-offs into a real team. They came from all over Australia; they had no real feeling for each other; they were playing for a new coloured guernsey — and not a very impressive-looking strip at that.

It was an impossible task . . . and now the newly-appointed coach of Hawthorn is jubilant about a recycled chance in the big time. The blond-headed quiet, but dedicated, Knights will celebrate his 42nd birthday at the end of March, just as the season kicks off for what will be an interesting challenge.

It won't be an easy season. The once-powerful Hawks — a club that served as the bench-mark on and off the field for most of the 1980s — have been rocked by internal strife; something totally foreign to Hawthorn people.

There has been player outbursts; player sackings; player dissatisfaction; they've replaced a premiership-winning coach and, above all, their internal affairs such as finance and sponsorship problems, have been aired in public.

Knights the one-time Hawk hero has walked back into the club as the surprise coaching choice — he returns with a not-so-impressive record, especially in Tasmania where he copped his walking ticket after Devonport finished last with just three wins — the tally he had in 1989 when the Bears wielded the axe.

But Knights is a true-blue Hawthorn man if nothing else. He learnt the three D's — dedication, determination and diplomacy — in true Hawk style; firstly under the legendary John Kennedy, then the academic David Parkin and finally the taciturn Allan Jeans.

PHILOSOPHIES

"A lot of their philosophies will certainly be used in my coaching," says Knights. "I've definitely learnt plenty from those three men, but I'm keen to add some of my own personality to the job."

Knights is full of enthusiasm about the task ahead and he's certainly not admitting to any major problems; he says simply that the club is making '94 a year when

Saints coach Stan Alves is not simply the man in charge for next year, but he's a close personal friend as well.

Winmar fronted up at Saints training recently and survived a 4km time trial, finishing in the middle of the pack, but admitting that he needed to catch up on his fitness work.

But he was all smiles at being back at Moorabbin, signing a four-year contract and declaring that he would finish his days at St Kilda.

Into print

COLLINGWOOD greats Peter Daicos and Tony Shaw are the latest football heroes to occupy the bookshelves after the release of a testimonial book "Tribute to Tony Shaw and Peter Daicos".

The pair, who are the first Magpies to play 15 seasons since Lou Richards in 1955, were recently honoured at Victoria Park along with retiring teammates Ron McKeown and Jamie Turner.

Dandenong after severing his six-year ties with the Tigers.

Richmond's fairest-and-best winner in 1991, Lambert is pinning his football hopes on the March draft after declaring that he wants a change of scenery.

At 25 years, Lambert has many years of football left and is keen to venture north to the Sydney Swans.

Winmar stays

FRIENDSHIP is about to play a vital part in the career of disgruntled Saint, Nicky Winmar.

The one-time South Fremantle star has declared that he's a St Kilda man forever after a couple of troubled seasons that have seen his career on and off the rails.

Winmar says that new

The Flea, who recently turned 34, has signed a one year contract with an option of another after flying to Tasmania to complete negotiations.

Persuasion

NORTH Melbourne are doing their best to convince their interstate recruits to get with the strength at Arden street.

Perth's Troy Polak and Central District's Paul Geister were due to arrive this week, hot on the heels of South Fremantle's Warren Campbell.

Since leaving Perth, Campbell has shared a house with gifted rookie Adrian McAdam, reuniting a friendship that started in Darwin as young children.

Lost Tiger

RICHMOND ruck-rover Craig Lambert is completing pre-season with his old VFA club

East Coast Chatter

MCG plans

DIEHARD sports fans be warned — the MCG could one day be the venue for sports other than football and cricket if a current survey is an indication.

In a survey sent to selected AFL members, baseball and the two rugby codes are touted as possible visitors to the ground during football season.

Members are asked if they would attend other sporting fixtures for an admission price of \$20.

A football double-header could be an attraction of the future with members asked to express interest on attending a consecutive rugby league match and AFL fixture.

Flea's job

RETIRED Richmond rover Dale Weightman will continue his football career in Tasmania after being appointed playing coach of South Launceston.



Around the country

Top performers

TALENT scouts from the WAFL Pepsi Cup competition have been active in the Great Southern region in recent times, particularly after the counting of fairest and best awards.

Albany clubs Royals and North Albany capped off their seasons by naming Gavin Morgan and Nathan Ashton winners of the fairest and best trophies for their respective clubs.

Darryl Byatt was runner-up in the Royals award, with Brendan Noakes second in the North Albany count.

North Albany reserves stalwart Alan Noakes won the fairest and best award for the fourth year in a row, ahead of Adam Clarke.

Paul Herbert won the award for the Royals reserves best, with Shane Hart runner-up.

The colts winners at the two clubs were Brian Ingrey (North Albany) and Brad Hulm (Royals).

Talented teenager Craig Webster won Tambellup's fairest and best, going one better than last year when he was runner-up.

The 17-year-old defender beat Daniel Robinson for this season's top trophy.

Merit award



WELL EARNED... Geraldton's Mel Pirrottina with his Merit Certificate

ONE of Geraldton's long-serving football stalwarts in Mel Pirrottina has been honoured by the WA Football Commission.

He has been a member of the Great Northern Football League's protests and disputes tribunal for more than 15 years, after originally playing with St Pats and then Towns before a knee injury curtailed his career.

Pirrottina was among a number of football volunteers who received special Merit Award certificates at a function in Perth.

Retirement time

MUCH-travelled footballer Gary Winterton has hung up his boots after a 19-year senior career that has taken him all over Australia.

The 36-year-old Winterton, who had a couple of seasons with Swan Districts in the early 1980s, has retired from senior football with Mines Rovers, in Collie.

After growing up in Victoria, where he played for Hampton Park and Eastern Districts League team Mulgrave — winning a fairest and best award in 1980 — Winterton moved West... and hasn't got around to leaving.

After a stint with Swans, he moved to the country, joining Mines Rovers before a spell with Boddington, where he played in a premierships side under current Subiaco coach Tony Solin.

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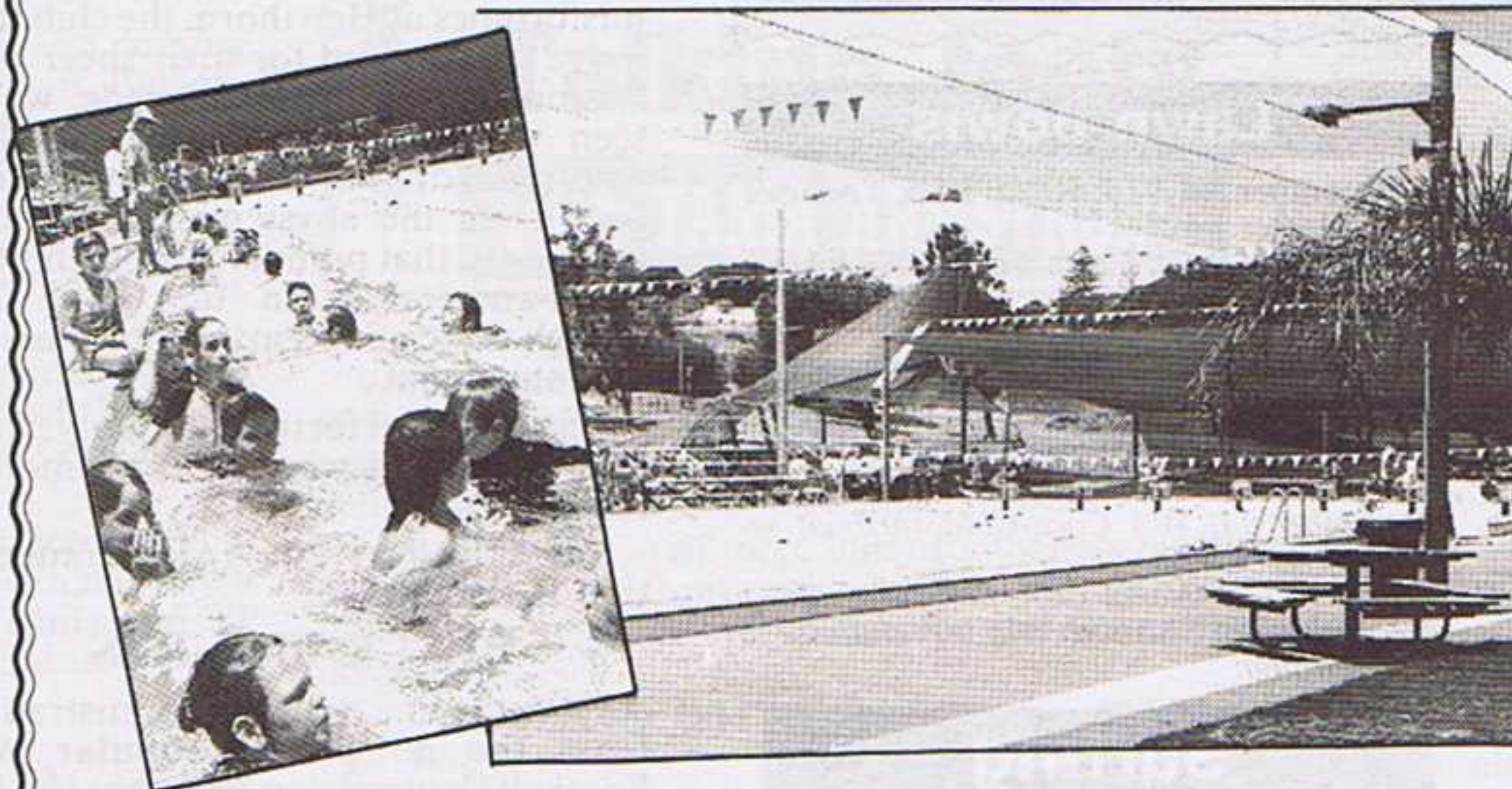
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Those memories roll on . . .



DEMON TRIO . . . Perth Sandover Medallists and their wives (from left) enjoying lunch are George Bailey (1945), Neville Beard (1961), Wyn Bailey, Jo Beard, Peg Moriarty and husband Terry (1943)

The traditional Sandover Medallists luncheon at the City Beach home of family Medal donor Robin Sandover again produced an afternoon of reminiscing, as winners of all eras gathered to welcome 1993's man, Neil Mildenhall.

The West Perth midfielder became the 64th man to claim a Sandover Medal — and the second successive Falcons winner, backing up Robbie West and giving club coach Jeff Gieschen a perfect record in his two years in the WAFL.

The Sandover Medallists club has also admitted winners of major awards in other States — and Brownlow Medallist Graham Moss (VFL, 1976) and Magarey Medallist John Duckworth (SANFL, 1979) — were special guests.



WARM WELCOME . . . Robin Sandover welcomes the Sandover Medallists

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Thinking aloud
A column of news and views by ALAN EAST

Those \$\$\$\$ woes never go away

AND so the wheel of football fortunes — or lack thereof — rolls on.

Football clubs never cease to amaze with their ability to create problems for themselves — it's a bit like the old Jaws movies . . . just when you thought it was safe to go back into the water, along comes another shark.

We've been shocked by financial misfortunes at Hawthorn, the club that we've all admired for their sheer professionalism in the last decade; we've seen yet another let's-save-our-club emotional drama with Fitzroy coming back from the abyss once again and we've seen that premierships aren't the be-all-and-end-all in the game . . . though there are plenty of objectors to that statement.

The financial fortunes of footy clubs are a mystery — where does the money really go to?

Take the revived WAFL competition for example.

BLACK FIGURES

Under some tough administration from the not-always-popular WA Football Commission, the eight WAFL clubs reverted to black figures on their balance sheet in 1992 — the first time that has happened for yonks.

This year, despite so-called careful budgeting and continued restraints — coupled with a gradual increase in interest — a few red figures are going to appear; more than a few at Claremont especially.

After winning their fourth premiership in seven years, the Tigers are suddenly fighting a rearguard action as the balance sheet overflows. How come, you may well ask?

Is it because they have mortgaged themselves to the hilt to buy back players from the AFL draft rejection chute?

Those players came up through the ranks as lowly rookies, won a premiership (under some astute development from the genius of the modern era, Gerard Neesham) and were then snapped up by the money-flushed AFL clubs.

They moved to Melbourne in search of big bucks, only to fall on tough times and on their return it was on a much-reduced budget. But there are still expenses — re-location costs, re-recruiting costs etc.

NO GUARANTEE

Claremont's money woes are not new; winning a premiership has never been a guarantee of financial success.

East Perth's victory back in 1978 — their last premiership boast — was a turning point in the club's history.

After years of financial stability — generated by a couple of the old-time doyens of the football industry in Fred Book and Hec Stempel — the Royals lost \$48,000 in that premiership year; a figure that wasn't only totally foreign to a successful club, but almost unheard of within the WAFL ranks.

It was such a shock to the system that the club took unprecedented steps to try and prevent The West Australian from publishing the figures; a sure dampener on the continued celebrations Royals fans were enjoying.

Claremont are in a similar predicament.

The club has a poor supporter base and the harder they try to keep their players in Tigerland — and their fans happy with premierships — the tougher life becomes in the accounts department.

They say you can't buy success, but unfortunately it doesn't come cheaply.

The millions of dollars that have gone down the football drain via clubs like the West Coast Eagles and the Brisbane Bears in their early days — an estimated \$20 million combined in their first three years — indicate that football is no easy money trail.

The fact that we've survived yet another familiar story with Fitzroy confirms that things aren't getting easier. How much longer do we have to tolerate these begging tales, as much as we love those Lions supporters — especially when they get flogged.

The bean-counters at the WA Football Commission can rightly be annoyed that their restricted budget practices of recent years seem to have been flouted by Claremont in their revival bid.

What with the Lions lamenting in Victoria and the Tigers in trouble at home, who says that the kings of the jungle rule?

MASTERS CHOC PRESENTS

What's happening in sport

Baseball
December 3-4: Melbourne Monarchs v Perth Heat, Melbourne
December 10-11: Parry Field — Perth Heat v Sydney Blues, 6pm

Cricket
December 3-7: Third Test, Australia v New Zealand, Brisbane
December 9: World Series — Australia v South Africa, MCG; December 11: New Zealand v South Africa, Adelaide; December 12: Australia v New Zealand, Adelaide; December 14: Australia v South Africa, Sydney; December 16: Australia v New Zealand, MCG
December 10-13: Sheffield Shield — WA v NSW, WACA Ground

Golf
December 3-4: Greg Norman's Holden Classic, Sydney
December 5: Lord Mayor's Cup, Wembley; Country champions tournament, Melville Glades
December 9: Hillview Tooheys Blue, Hillview
December 12: Sun City Christmas Open, Sun City
December 14-15: WA club pro championships, Burswood

Greyhounds
Cannington: December 4 — 19th Anniversary Cup
December 9 — Christmas Gift heats

Horse racing
Ascot: December 4 — \$50,000 Winterbottom Stakes; \$25,000 Melvista 3-yr-old; \$25,000 Towton Cup
December 11 — \$125,000 Oaks, \$50,000 TJ Smith; \$30,000 Way Quality
December 12 — \$25,000 Imperial Stakes

Lawn bowls
December 5-12-14: Royal Park Tooheys Blue Master Singles
December 7-9-10: Perth Tattersalls mixed pairs

Surf life saving
December 11: WA Coca-Cola surfboat series, Trigg Island
December 12: North Cottesloe carnival
December 18: Scarboro relay, Fremantle to Scarborough

Surfing
December 11-12: Yallingup malibu competition

Trotting
Gloucester Park: December 3 — 4/5-yr-old championships
December 10: Coca Cola Fremantle Pacing Cup

Tennis
December 20-24: City of Perth Open
December 27-29: Junior Hopman Cup, Sorrento, Burswood
December 31 — Pepsi Hopman Cup, Burswood Dome

Wind surfing
December 8-12: Australian World Cup, Perth

Yachting
December 10: Whitbread round-the-world race, Fremantle

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Draft merry-go-round has Edmonds in a spin

SWAN Districts ruckman Travis Edmonds has every right to feel disillusioned.

After all, he's back on the football draft merry-go-round and still wondering where he will get off.

Just before the recent November draft, the gentle giant was told by West Coast football manager Trevor Nisbett that his services wouldn't be required by the Eagles for 1994.

This bitter pill came only seven months after he was given a second chance with a call-up by the Eagles in the March draft, following his dumping from Hawthorn's books.

STAYING HOME

The Hawks, renowned as the family club, had de-listed Edmonds after he informed them he would not be heading to Glenferrie for the 1993 season.

The agile left-footer has now been drafted three times by two clubs and is yet to taste AFL football.

He was given a third "break" when the Eagles included him in their eight players from the WAFL to form their supplementary list.

But his only hope of playing AFL in 1994 will be if the Eagles suffer a disastrous run of injuries and are given permission to call on their back-up group.

By being on the Eagles supplementary list, Edmonds cannot be selected by rival AFL sides in the March draft, but it also means that a good year in

DIGBY BEACHAM looks at a footballer whose career is in the balance



the WAFL would have him in the front-line for a permanent West Coast spot in 1995.

Is the dual Swan Medallist ready to take the next step and play in Australia's elite league?

Yes, that's the confirmed opinion of many critics.

Aged just 22, Edmonds has enormous potential and definitely has the capacity to make it at the top level.

He was a standout performer for Swans all year and was tipped by many critics to take out the 1993 Sandover Medal. However, the umpires didn't quite see it that way, giving him 19 votes to put him well out of the running and second to club veteran Michael Richardson in the Swans ranking.

The moment of truth came well before that for Edmonds — when Western Australia hosted South Australia at the WACA Ground in May.

OUT-POINTED

Lining up at centre-half-forward to allow Ryan Turnbull to lead the ruck, the quietly spoken Swans star was superb, clearly outpointing SA key defender and hot draft property Brett Chalmers.

To say Edmonds made Chalmers, who was found guilty of violating AFL regulations in the lead-up to being signed by Collingwood in the 1992 November draft, look ordinary is a gross understatement.

Standing 195cms and weighing 95kgs, it could be said Edmonds needs

STILL SMILING ... big Swan Districts and WA ruckman Travis Edmonds is determined to make the grade at AFL level and is setting himself for another big season in the WAFL



to bulk up a lot more and increase his strength before successfully adjusting to the rigours of AFL action.

The level-headed big man is well aware of this and is currently spending more time than ever in a gymnasium, lifting weights, cycling and swimming.

Another criticism levelled at Edmonds is his lack of aggression for a ruckman — a comment that may well be justified.

However, Carlton star Justin Madden and Footscray's 1992 Brownlow Medallist Scott Wynd, have proven

more than handy acquisitions in the AFL and they aren't exactly ferocious competitors.

So now Edmonds is forced to sit, wait and wonder what lies ahead.

If he is axed by the Eagles again at the end of this season, will he be too old at 23?

That is one question Edmonds will ask himself, along with the most important one — what more can he do to prove to selection committees that he has what it takes to succeed in the AFL?

Would you believe...

Tough contract

BEING a playing coach isn't all it's cracked up to be, according to Adrian Barich, who recently had his first taste of life in the driver's chair.

Barich coached the WAFL All Stars side which played a combined Aboriginal team at Fremantle Oval just after the season finished — and he found the going tough in his first coaching assignment.

"It was a great experience, but now I know that to captain-coach a side would be very difficult," he said.

"Trying to get a kick, think under pressure and monitor your side's weaknesses in attack or defence was really hard."

Barich, who was touted as a possible replacement for Ken Armstrong at Perth, said if he ever took up the task permanently, he would make sure he had a big band of off-field contributors overseeing proceedings from the bench.

Sydney's coup

COLOURFUL Dermott Brereton has signed on the dotted line with the Sydney Swans for next season ... and that's big news in the publicity department of the harbor city strugglers.

A man as flamboyant as Dermie is

certain to attract extra publicity in the rugby-mad city and even if he doesn't play a game, he'll give coach Ron Barassi some ammunition to fire in the media.

Speaking to Gary Carvolth on 6PR last Saturday, Dermie reckons he can play again even though he's been sidelined for a year or so with a troublesome hip injury.

"The hip is structurally sound; it's perfect again," he said. "The more running and work I do on it the better it feels."

"I just hope I can get back to 100 percent fitness and I'm confident of playing again."

Hawks miss out

HAWTHORN'S desperate search for players to boost their flagging stocks have missed out on gaining the service of talented South Australian Jonathon Robran.

The 20-year-old Norwood defender wants another year in the SANFL before accepting a Hawthorn invitation to cross the border.

The Hawks will certainly hope that they don't encounter similar problems to Robran's elder brother Matthew, who played just one season with the Glenferrie Oval crew before winning a release back to the Adelaide Crows.

New Hawks coach Peter Knights made a special trip to Adelaide to talk to Jon-

athon, but were told by the 1992 draft choice that he wasn't ready for the AFL as yet.

Roos confident

BRILLIANT Fitzroy star Paul Roos is on his annual jaunt to America, confident that the club can survive its current financial and player woes.

Roos flew out of Melbourne town just a few days before the recent financial crisis arose — and was subsequently solved — and he will spend a couple of months living in California with wife Tammy.

In recent years Roos has kept in touch with club developments by telephone and he's hopeful that there won't be too many ISD calls on this summer's account.

Despite suggestions that he also wanted out of the Lions den after the shock departure of the versatile Alastair Lynch, Roos says the club still has the player depth to be competitive.

In recent years he has seen star teammates like Gary Pert and Richard Osborne leave Fitzroy and now with the departure of Lynch, plus Paul Broderick, Matthew Dundas and Michael Gale, there will be some player-vacancies at the club.

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Monday, December 6, 8pm — Annual General Meeting, at the club

East Fremantle

Tuesday, December 7, 8pm — Annual General Meeting, at the club
Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve party, 8pm-1am, \$8 head

PERTH

Monday, December 13, 7.30pm — Annual General Meeting
Friday, December 24 — Christmas Eve party, 4.30pm

South Fremantle

Monday, December 13, 7.30pm — Annual General Meeting, Cabaret Hall

SUBIACO

Tuesday, December 14 — Annual General Meeting, at the club

Swan Districts

Thursday, December 9, 8pm — Annual General Meeting

WEST PERTH

Monday, December 13, 7.30pm — Annual General Meeting, Presentation of the J. J. Leonard Medal for Coach-of-the-Year to Jeff Gieschen

West Coast Eagles

Annual General Meeting, late February

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Making plans

FAMILY life tends to take priority over football in summer and a number of players have embarked on new contracts.

A West Perth duo who have taken the off-season opportunity to signal their intentions about the future are Wade Starr and Peter Freeman.

Each recently announced their engagements to Sandra Rourke and Samantha Westerdorf, respectively, with Eagles centreman Dean Kemp following suit.

Kemp announced his engagement to Karin Boucaut and celebrated with a party attended by Eagles team-mates.

Taking it one step further recently was Claremont big man Peter Higgins, who has well and truly settled into the West after crossing the Nullarbor a few years back.

He recently cemented the ties a bit further by marrying fiancée Natalie.

Perth defender Warren Nicholas and his wife Caroline recently celebrated the arrival of their second child, daughter Brittany Rose.

Swans reward

SWAN Districts have offered a \$1000 reward for information leading to the recovery of their Life Members' honour board stolen from the clubrooms recently.

For the second time in a few months, some-one has removed the board boasting the names of club life members going back to their inauguration in 1934.

The board was recovered from a Mandurah rubbish dump after its first theft and no sooner had it been restored to its place in the foyer, than it disappeared again.

The Swansman Association have guaranteed the \$1000 reward, which is equivalent to the cost of replacing such boards.

The Life Members' board boasts the names of many Swans stalwarts and champions over the years and the club hopes the reward will help produce some information leading to the culprit.

Delicate touch

OPERATIONS are inevitable at this time of year and niggling injuries have been keeping surgeons busy all over Perth.

Perth ruckman Stephen Pears has had his AC joint (shoulder) worked on and is recovering well from the injury, which cost the Demons dearly after he dominated the first round.

South Fremantle players under the knife have been Greg Wootton (foot), Nick Caputi and Josh Grosse (groin) and all are hoping for a speedy recovery.

Injury-troubled Subiaco player Nathan McIntosh has had yet another operation — this time on his shoulder — while an even bigger problem existing for the Lions is finding a bed to accommodate 210cm Matthew Burton when he gets his tonsils out this month.

Wedding bells

MANJIMUP has been a productive breeding ground for East Perth footballers over the years — and was the venue for a special homecoming for one Royal last weekend.

Utility player Anthony Stubberfield returned to his home town to celebrate wedding bells with fiancée Natalie Muir, who is also a Manjimup lass.

Former Royals team-mate Jeremy Silcock — currently deciding his next football step after being de-listed by North Melbourne — was back home to be in the wedding party.

Speedy Falcons

WEST Perth are the latest club to sign up one of WA's most outstanding athletes in a bid to improve the running skills of their players.

Lyn Foreman, who as Lyn Young was Australia's 400-metres hurdles champion, will take the Falcons on a 10-week running programme as part of their summer campaign.

Mrs Foreman — named Quit coach-of-the-year in athletics — has previously helped out at Lathlain Park when Ian Miller and Malcolm Brown were coaching and also assisted Ken Armstrong during his stint at Subiaco.

Falcons search

THE search for a replacement forward for Todd Curley, West Perth's leading goalkicker last season, is on the top of the list of things to do as the Falcons pack their bags to depart Leederville Oval.

Curley kicked a modest 37 goals, including seven in the finals, in his first season in front of goal, but he leaves a void when he joins Collingwood.

"Finding a full-forward is becoming a priority," says Falcons football manager Jeff Dennis.

"We have been looking around, but we may find someone at the club step up in pre-season training."

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An ace pair

FUN, fitness and friendliness — this photograph tries to capture all three of those ingredients, but maybe the fitness side is under question!

The two big men enjoying some antics on the tennis court are none other than Malcolm Brown and John K. Watts — legends in their own lunch-times in the world of football.

Both men love tennis — and Brownie especially is a devotee of the racquet sport. In fact, he has a tennis court in the front yard of his Claremont home.

The two jovial characters have taken part in many tennis pro-ams in Perth over the years, events such as the Asthma Foundation celebrity day; Telethon fundraiser; the Sponsor's Cup pro-am preceding the annual Commonwealth Bank WA Open and other charity events.



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Tennis hits common theme

THERE is a lot in common with tennis and football — as many of the stars in both sports will vouch for.

Take Pat Cash, Australia's last Wimbledon champion. He's a footy nut, an avid Hawthorn fan who would have made a great defender if he had stuck with the leather-and-boots instead of the racquet-and-ball.

And there are plenty of top footballers who love tennis — Eagles stars Guy McKenna, Dwayne Lamb and Peter Matera can all mix it at a competitive level. And former West Coast big man Mark Hepburn was among the best junior tennis players in Australia before opting for football.

Tennis in WA is headed by a man whose major claim to fame was football.

Brian Beers has been chief executive of Tennis West for five years and holds cherished memories of playing in Collingwood's 1958 VFL premiership side.



HERE'S CHEERS . . . the Beers clan, Brian, Tony and Mark, after a Tigers premiership

His two sons, Tony and Mark, both followed his football footsteps with Collingwood and Tony continued his career with Claremont, where he was a premiership player.

Both are competent tennis players, while their father was not only a top-level player in Melbourne, but advanced to be one of Australia's foremost tennis coaches.

Beers believes that the two sports do complement each other.

"I always felt that tennis made me more alert and helped my football reflexes," he says. "And football made me stronger and fitter, which helped my tennis."

Another all-rounder on the WA sporting scene who has mixed tennis and football is Andy Wilson, a former top-line player in Victoria and a league footballer, with Essendon initially and then with Perth, in the WAFL.

Wilson went on to be a top coach, both in Australia and overseas and is currently back in WA working as a sales representative with KC Sports, the distributors of Stellar racquets.

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