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**FESTIVE FEELINGS ...** West Coast Eagles pair Guy McKenna and John Worsfold brightened up the Christmas spirits of youngsters at Princess Margaret Hospital last week with a visit to several wards. They are pictured with Lloyd O'Garr (6), of Edgewater and Anna Heavens (7), of Leeming, who were delighted to pose for photographs with two of their sporting heroes  
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# Leonard's captaincy feat

WESTSIDE's recent edition featuring the State's oldest surviving Sandover Medallist John Leonard prompted AFL statistician Col Hutchison to come up with a couple of little gems about the 90-year-old master.

Leonard, a proud member of WA's sporting Hall of Champions, carved out a magnificent playing and coaching career in WA — a member of Subiaco's 1924 premiership side, winning the San-

dover Medal in 1926 with the Lions and later coaching West Perth to flags in '34 and '35 and then taking Claremont to their hat-trick in 1938-39-40.

But the English-born Leonard also had one season with South Melbourne, where he captain-coached them in 12 games in 1932, kicking 17 goals.

That feat puts him in illustrious company, according to Hutchison, who says that only two other players in VFL/AFL history have cap-

tained a side in every game they played.

Chris McDermott, who has led the Adelaide Crows in his 66 games since their 1991 AFL debut and Jack Conway, who played 51 games with Geelong before the turn of the century, are the only two men to have captained their side in every one of their games.

The legendary South Melbourne goalkicker Bob Pratt once described Leonard as the best coach he had ever played under — even if it was just a one-year stint.

## Big-hitting Boris

No, injured Eagles star Karl Langdon hasn't given away the boots-and-leather for a baseball bat.

He's just taking part in a Perth Heat promotion where he featured among some of baseball's home-run specialists in a charity day for United Way.

Langdon, a pretty handy cricketer with the blade, showed that swinging the baseball club wasn't all that difficult either.

Let's hope his injuries allow him to get back on the football field next season — and he isn't lost to a rival sport



## Radio debate

THE West Coast Eagles and the WA Football Commission have gone to bat at AFL headquarters on behalf of WA's football-broadcasting radio stations.

In a strange policy move, the AFL decided to call for tenders from radio stations wanting to broadcast matches in season 1994 — but they limited it to just two stations in each State.

That would certainly put one of WA's three football stations — 6WF, 6PR and 6NR — out of business next season, because it would not be viable to cover just the WAFL games alone if a station didn't have the rights to broadcast Eagles matches.

The WAFL is obviously keen to retain three stations broadcasting games; it's tough enough with one match missing out each week now.

The Commission is confident that the AFL will amend its thinking to allow three stations to call their games in the West, at least.

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## Top television

THE Seven Network isn't about to let any rival television people erode their strong hold on Australian Rules coverage judging by the recent five-year agreement signed with the AFL.

Seven are believed to have agreed on a fee around the \$80-million mark to get exclusive rights to cover football right around the nation — and no wonder, with the incredible ratings the game has generated.

High-profile football matches have broken all TV ratings in WA, South Australia and Victoria in recent years, with games like the 1992 Eagles premiership peaking at over 50, which means that one in every two homes with a TV set turned on has the dial at No. 7.

During the 1993 season, Seven telecast 145 games — or 384 hours — of football, which included the pre-season Foster's Cup matches.

The station now wants to grab a bigger hold of audiences in Queensland and NSW and that's one major reason why the AFL will not let the Brisbane Bears or the Sydney Swans fold — the TV dollar is too big to ignore when it comes to providing the station with a national competition.

But it still doesn't change the fact that West Aussies want some better time slots for Friday night matches when they don't involve the Eagles.

## Busy Bluey

IN between his West Coast training sessions, running his Sports Locker store down Fremantle way, working with the Aspire Fitness group at Perth Oval or doing charity work, Eagles star Guy McKenna still finds time for a game of cricket.

And to show that he hasn't lost his flannelled touch, Bluey was in top form recently when he turned out for Central Districts, in the Metropolitan Cricket Association.

His medium pacers grabbed 5-17 in the first innings and 7-9 second time round and he also knocked up 84 runs.

Admittedly, it was seventh grade, but the team was short of players and it was the McKenna clan, with Guy teaming up with brother Rick to set up a winning score.

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## Brownie's burst

MALCOLM Brown might be living 5000kms away in Melbourne, but he's never far from the local scene when it comes to stirring the pot.

Brownie has been firing off some tough barbs in his regular segments with Gary Carvolth on radio 6PR and he reckons it's time football officialdom got off its backside and did some real promoting.

"Footy has to wake up to itself," he said, suggesting that the game was under pressure from rival codes, especially with the introduction of the Western Reds rugby league side into WA.

"There's no doubt that for the longevity of our game we have to get off our tails and make it a truly national competition."

"The longer we delay, the more opportunities we'll give other sports the chance to prepare their challenge to football."

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## Salary extension

THE AFL has agreed to lift the salary cap for clubs next year to \$1.85 million each.

The increase will help cover additional match payments for the third interchange player, plus the 15 AFL clubs have 22 home-and-away games next season, two more than in 1993.

Despite the drop in squad numbers to 42 players, the AFL felt that the rising demands of players, plus the extra work-load, was sufficient cause to allow a \$100,000 increase.

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## Back to business

FORMER WAFL leading goalkicker Todd Breman didn't waste any time getting down to business after landing in Perth last Wednesday.

Breman was at training with his Subiaco teammates the same afternoon on his arrival home from Richmond, his second AFL club after an earlier stint with the Eagles.

A familiar face on the track was his former Richmond team-mate Todd Menegola, who is training in earnest with his new club.

## Royal reminders

IT'S annual report time among the WAFL clubs and it's interesting to flash back a decade to East Perth's 1983 summary.

Claiming the Outstanding Play trophy was none other than Robert Solin, who has taken over at Perth Oval as league coach and pictured alongside him in action is rover Wayne Otway, who returns to the club next season to be assistant coach.

## Three umps get nod

THE AFL will experiment with three field umpires in next year's Foster's Cup pre-season series.

The 'guinea pig' for many AFL changes, the Foster's Cup has in the past been used to experiment with the length of quarters and microphones on umpires.

If the experiment is a success, a third umpire could be introduced in time for season 1995.

## Lobster taste

CARLTON premiership player Jon Dorotich is one footballer who is quick to acknowledge the influence coach Robert Walls had on his career.

The 31-year-old Dorotich, who is headed back to South Fremantle for next year's WAFL season, says that Walls, the sacked Carlton coach of season '88, was a real innovator when it came to tactics.

Speaking to 6PR's Gary Carvolth, Dorotich said that Walls was one of the first coaches to experiment with the huddles across half-back and other corridor football techniques.

The strongly-built Bulldogs star of the early 1980s will return to Perth early in the New Year, taking up a job in the Fremantle car industry.

"I guess all I need to clinch the deal is a couple of crates of lobsters," he joked, admitting that he had also looked at an offer from Port Adelaide and a coaching chance in the VFA.

"The coaching role doesn't really appeal because you need to devote an extra eight or 10 hours a week and I'm looking forward to spending a bit more time with my family," he added.

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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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## Coach decision puts locals on outer

A DESIRE to have the coaching staff for WA's second AFL side in place by mid-1994 has damaged the hopes of current WAFL aspirants.

WAFC chairman Peter Tannock has confirmed that the appointment of a coach and football manager are a priority for the 16th AFL side.

Local front-runners for the job — East Fremantle's Ken Judge, West Perth's Jeff Gieschen and Claremont's Gerard Neesham — will all continue with their WAFL clubs next season.

The probability of any active coach announcing their intentions before the 1994 Pepsi Cup was over is highly unlikely, let alone finding the time for the arduous task of putting a competitive side together.

The appointment of capable personnel is crucial to the success of the new club, which has finally been granted admission to the competition for 1995 after months of speculation.

### INDEPENDENT

While the WAFC was granted the licence on Tuesday, a sub-licence will be issued to an independent company within three weeks.

A board of directors will be set in place in the same time frame and appointing a full-time football manager and coach is next on the agenda.

Two big names come to mind as possible coaches — Hawthorn premiership coach Alan Joyce and Sydney's Gary Buckenara, both casualties of the coaching axe in 1993.

Joyce, who coached East Fremantle in 1971-72 and 1977-78 and Perth in 1980-81, has obvious links with the Port, along with extensive experience in the AFL.

By TANIA ARMSTRONG

Joyce took AFL power-club Hawthorn to premierships in 1988 and 1991 in his four seasons at Glenferrie Oval.

Released this season after the club missed the finals for the first time in 12 seasons, Joyce's record speaks for itself. But whether he would want to step back into the hot-seat is another matter.

Buckenara, one of WA's champion players, would love the chance to revive his AFL career and he has rejected offers from local amateur clubs since his return to Perth mid-year.

The Swans finished 15th in his first season as a senior coach in 1992 and he was ingloriously dumped four rounds into 1993. But after a playing career at Hawthorn under some astute coaches, he has the knowledge to be successful.

Inaugural Eagles coach Ron Alexander agrees that it would be difficult for a WAFL coach to take on a new role during the local season, but not impossible.

"I was appointed coach of the Eagles in June, but didn't take up the role officially until October," said Alexander, who was coaching East Fremantle at the time.

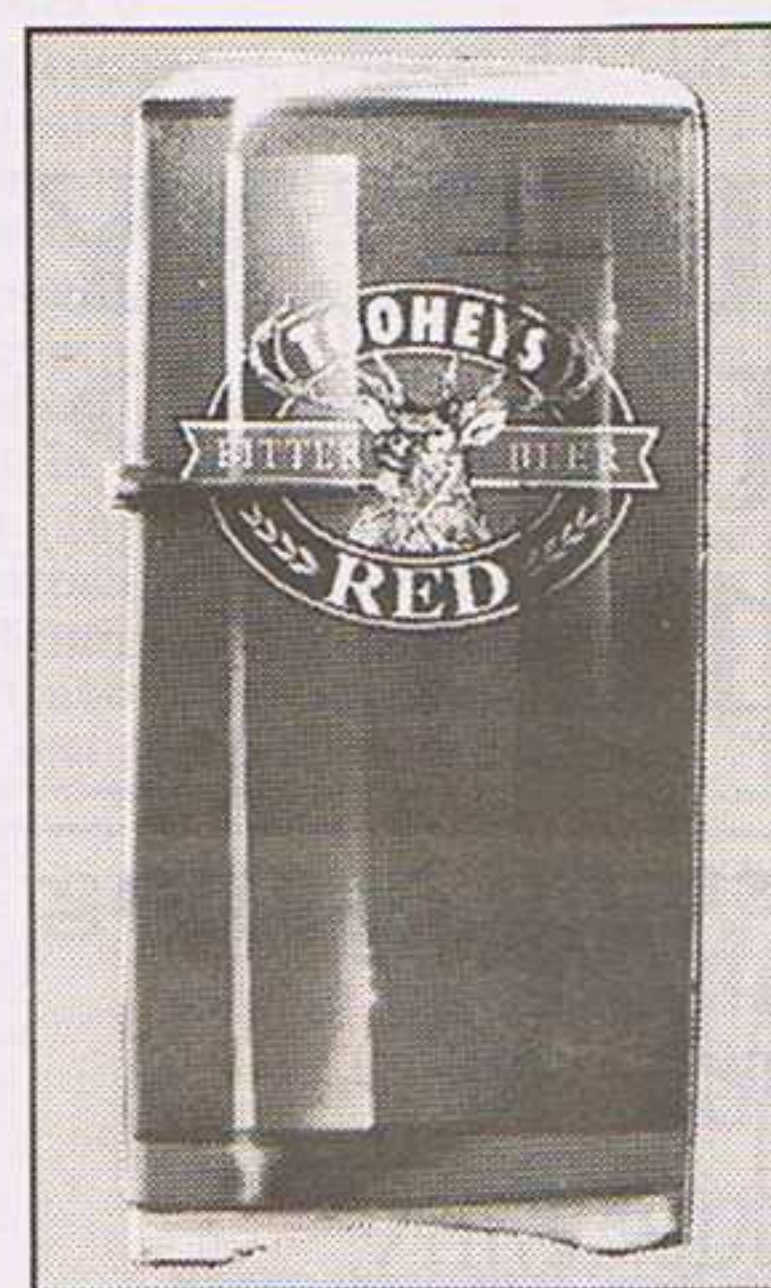
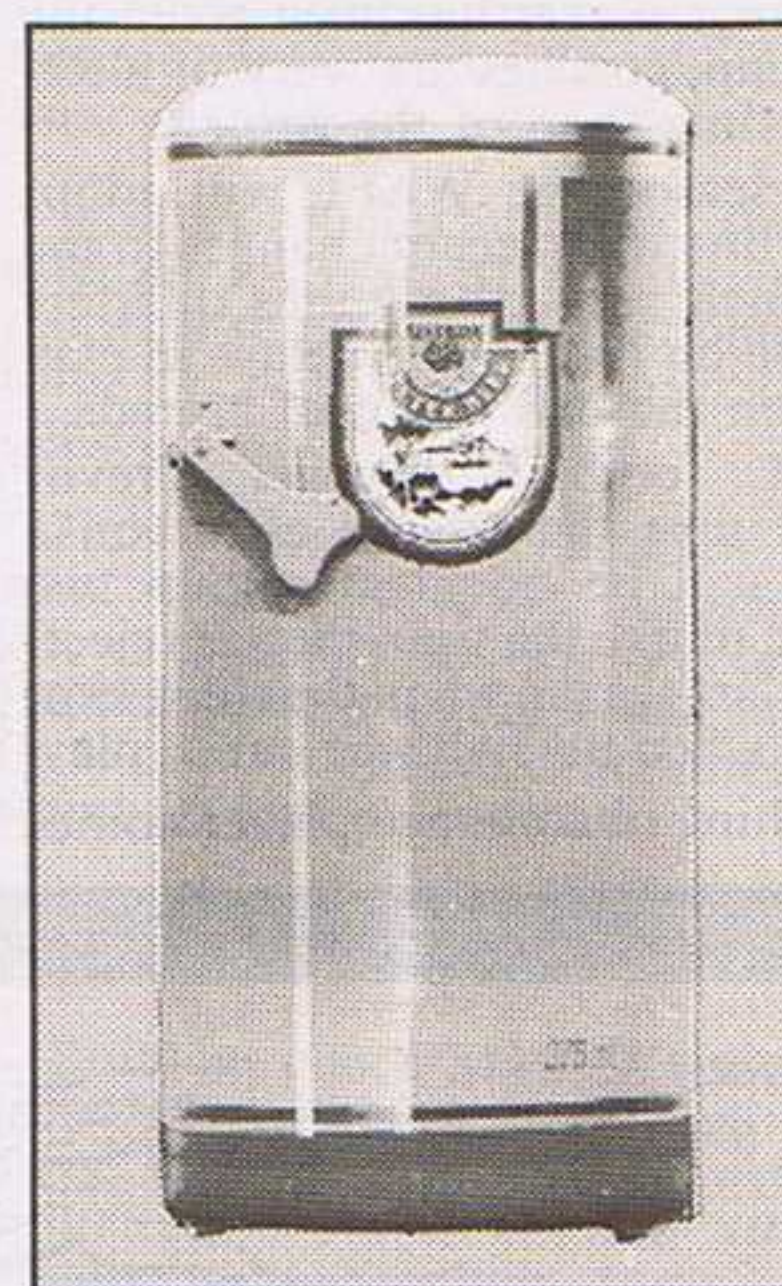
"It's difficult for a coach to have a foot in both camps, but my appointment wasn't made public knowledge until after the WAFL season finished."



CANDIDATES . . . two big names who should be coaching contenders are Alan Joyce (left) and Gary Buckenara

What they said about the new team — centre pages

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**FLEDGLINGS** ... new Eagles Shane Bond (left) and Brayden Lyle are ready to settle into the West Coast camp for next season

# New Eagles a boost for WAFL clubs

By **TANIA ARMSTRONG**

EITHER Perth or East Perth are set to receive a double bonus early next year when the West Coast Eagles allocate their new recruits to WAFL clubs.

The WAFL reverse draft won't happen till the end of January, but one of the clubs seems certain to be boosted by at least two of the three new Eagles moving West.

South Australian 1992 draft choices Brayden Lyle and Shane Bond are looking for a club, along with Victorian Fraser Gehrig.

The internal draft, used by the Eagles for the past two seasons, allocates players to WAFL clubs working up from eighth position.

With only three new players coming to town — unless any additions are made with the March draft — wooden-spooners Perth, seventh-placed East

Perth and sixth side East Fremantle are the Pepsi Cup clubs in contention to receive a boost to their playing stocks.

However, the Eagles are reluctant to separate Port Adelaide team-mates Lyle and Bond and the pair may go to one club.

A similar situation arose in 1991 when sixth-placed Perth received Sandhurst's Craig McNaughton and North Launceston's Shane Porter on their move to WA.

While Bond, Gehrig and youngster Ben Robbins visited Perth last week, Lyle's arrival was postponed due to illness.

Lyle has already signed up for next season and will move over shortly, while Bond will spend Christmas with his family before re-settling in the West.

The 17-year-old Gehrig will also return home for Christmas, but will be back in WA for next season, while Robbins will spend next year at home in country Victoria completing year 12.

At 16 years of age, he was the youngest player drafted last November, qualifying for the draft by just four days.

## ROUTINES

The object of the pre-Christmas taste of life with the Eagles is to help the players-of-the-future familiarise themselves with training routines and venues and also get a general insight into life in Perth.

"Learning the weights routine takes a couple of weeks and it also gives trainers like sprint coach Mark Neates a chance to look at the work that needs to be carried out in the new year," said Eagles recruiting officer Mick Moylan.

Gehrig and Robbins, chosen as selections 16 and 33 respectively, were in the club's top six draft preferences and recruiting staff considered themselves lucky when they were still 'alive' when their choice came around.

Gehrig, at 195cms and a dual Teal Cup representative, adds depth to the club's big man department with the ability to play at centre-half-forward or centre-half-back.

Robbins was considered unlucky not to make the Victorian Country Teal Cup side this season when his football made considerable improvement after a slow start to the year.

A talented all-round sportsman, he was also a member of Victoria's under-17s cricket squad.

Bond, an 18-year-old who performed well in Port Adelaide's finals campaign, is described as a mid-fielder with a "happy knack of kicking a goal".

The four youngsters add much-needed depth to the Eagles 42-man squad.

# Coaches wary of changes

By **TANIA ARMSTRONG**

WAFL coaches have mixed reactions to Pepsi Cup rule changes set to be introduced next season.

While the introduction of a third interchange player has been given the thumbs up, coaches are wary of altering the time span of the game.

Next season the WAFL will adopt rules in line with recent changes to the AFL which sees 20 minutes quarters plus time-on for normal delays in play and when the ball is out of bounds.

WAFL football manager Trevor Howard says the overall effect on a quarter will be no greater than two minutes, unlike the time change rejected early last season when the clock kept running when the ball was out of play.

The third interchange player comes

as a welcome relief for coaches, who previously devoted too much time to juggling injured players on the field.

Reserves and colts coaches retain the option of using 22 players and while some thought was given to bringing that into line with the league, the object of giving extra players a run in minor grades was considered more important by the WAFL.

What the coaches think:

Jeff Gieschen (West Perth):

"I liked the time system the way it was because while football has always been a

test of skill and combining as a team, it's also been the ability of the players to go the distance.

"The three interchange system is a great thing. We lost three players last season for seven weeks or so because they had to go back on with corked thighs etc and they may have played the next week."

Robert Solin (East Perth):

"I don't reckon the three player interchange is a bad thing, but I'm not sure about the reduced quarters.

"It's hard to work out just what the quarters will work out to. I guess we'll have to wait and see and average it out."

David Glascott (Perth):

"I think both are reasonable progressions on the game. I agree strongly with an extra interchange player because the days of sending someone back onto the ground with an injury or after they've been knocked out should be over.

"On the shorter quarters, I'm a bit each way, but by reducing the time you will reduce player stress injuries. It will make the game faster in that players will be able to go harder at it. They will get fitter despite playing for a shorter time."

Tony Solin (Subiaco):

"I don't really mind them. I think the third interchange player is a good idea and the shorter quarters won't really amount to much."

Gerard Neesham (Claremont):

"We've increased the number of people to play the game and decreased the time available to play them, so where's the logic in that?"

"The answer is, of course, with TV and they're the people who are paying \$100 million for five years.

"I know they've done some study on the shorter quarters and if you want to go that way by making it a more compact package, then maybe the players should be asked what they think. After all, they're the ones training for 11 months of the year to play the game.

"As a player I always found the 20-minute half-time break excessive and I wonder if there are other areas where the game could be condensed."



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**A real survivor**  
**TREVOR Nisbett**, the West Coast's football manager, has been associated with Dwayne Lamb for a decade, going back to when they were in similar manager/player roles at Subiaco. He has this to say about the Eagles veteran:  
 "Durable is the best word to describe him; he's probably the most durable player I've ever been associated with. He just seems to be able to beat off injury all the time."  
 "There have been plenty of critics suggest that his days are numbered, but he's very much an under-rated player, because of his perceived limitations."  
 "But he's training as hard as anyone at present and he's going flat out to make sure he's still around for the whole of the 1994 season."  
 "I'm sure he'll prove his critics wrong and whoever challenges for his place in the side will have a tough job ahead of him."

**SALUTE ... the courage and strength of Dwayne Lamb has been in evidence many times in his 14-year senior career**

# Lamb shows true grit

**DURABLE** Dwayne Lamb has long been the subject of public criticism through his many years, both at the West Coast Eagles and with Subiaco.

His apparent lack of ambidexterity has often been labelled as a flaw in the football armour of the Eagles veteran.

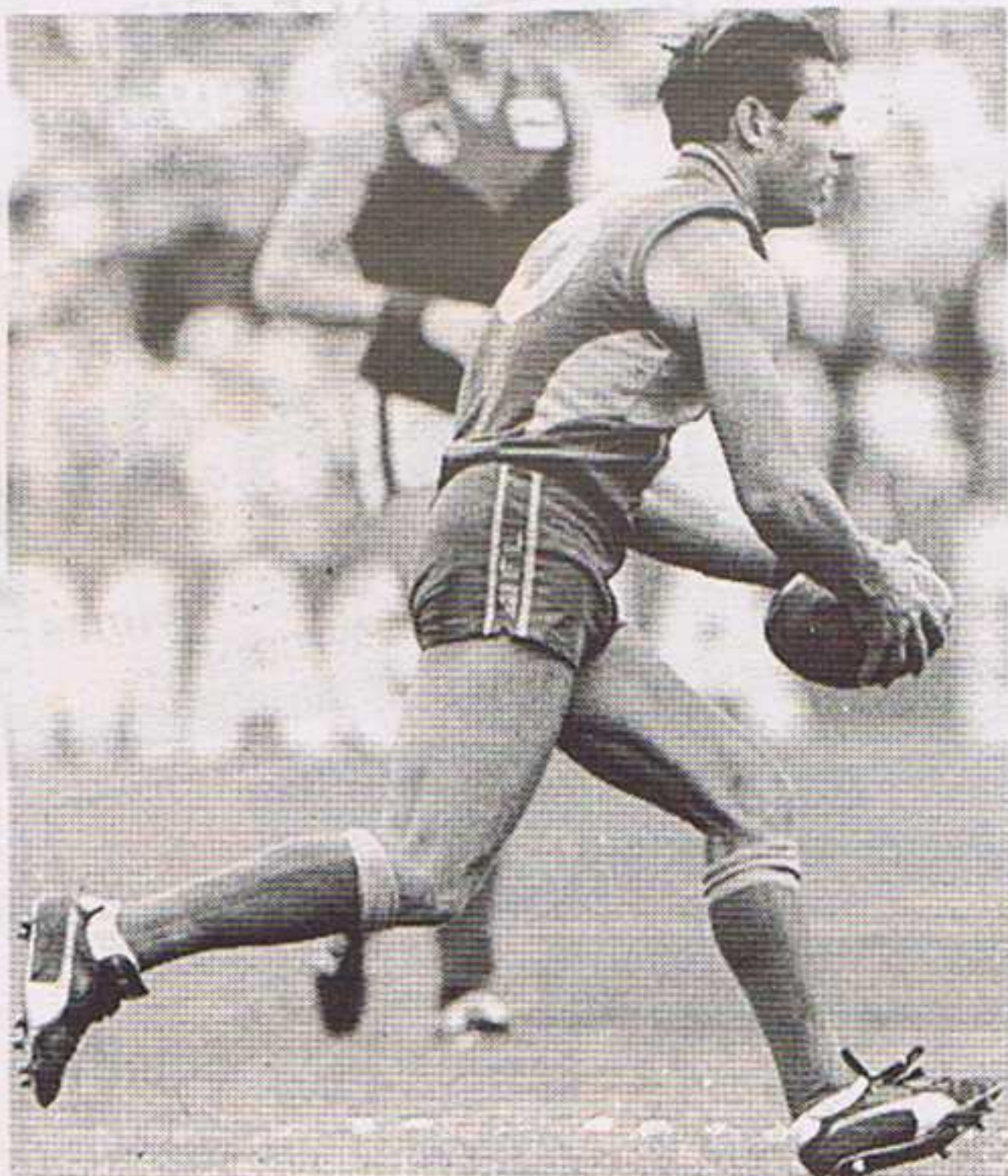
But in almost 300 senior games, he has defied the critics to consistently gain his share of possessions, while tagging some high-profile opponents out of action.

When you watch Lamb play, you can tell that this is a man who relies on experience. He surveys the field closely, always looking for the loose opponent or the best option.

He creates plays or game-plans in his own mind and when he receives the ball, he lopes along in his distinctive style, his next move already planned out.

While the critics suggest that Lamb is in trouble on the right side of his body — he clearly doesn't like kicking or handballing away from his beloved left side — he still seems to be able to extricate himself from sticky situations.

But ambidextrous or not, Lamb has been one of the most dependable Eagles over the last seven years of AFL action.



**DRIVING FORCE ... the midfield thrusts by Dwayne Lamb have been a feature of his games with the Eagles**

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Landed with the nickname of 'Fatty' — to distinguish him from Phil Lamb, the skinnier one in their early days at Subiaco, but not related — his strong, stocky 178cm, 90kg frame can deliver a solid bump, or apply a tough tackle.

Lamb is one of only six players in West Coast's 1993 line-up who were in the original 1987 squad of Eagles. He survives, along with Michael Brennan, David Hart, Chris Lewis, Chris Mainwaring and John Worsfold.

Since that inaugural year, Lamb has played 146 AFL games — he was the first Eagle to the century mark and he still sets the pace, even though a late-season injury robbed him of the 150-game milestone.

His long career has had its fair share of lowlights as well as highlights — in 1990, his arm was broken by a loose boot from Jim Stynes when playing against Melbourne and in 1991 he was knocked unconscious by a solid bump against Geelong at the WACA Ground.

However, the high-points of his career far out-weigh those little setbacks.

After a premiership with Subiaco in 1986, he went on to be a member of last year's Eagles premiership team — and you can include three fairest and best awards with the Lions in his 135 games at Subiaco.

There have been plenty of injuries suffered by the tough body, but Lamb has shown remarkable recovery powers to be back in action very quickly.

The injuries continued this year, with a departure from the MCG in round 16, when he damaged an ankle against Essendon. He worked determinedly to

make a comeback before the finals and was even named in the West Coast squad of 23 for one game.

However, the injury didn't recover and subsequently he finished the season on 146 games.

The word is out that Lamb's career might be nearing an end — but he's certainly not conceding that it's time to hang up his boots.

His determination to overcome injuries will surely see him tackle summer training with a vengeance and there are plenty of reasons to keep him on the West Coast books next year.

Lamb may not classify among the greats of WA or Australian football, but he certainly goes down as one of the most reliable and dependable players the game has seen.

And, while not wishing to put any kind of curse on Lamb's 1994 season, he could well be in the unique position of notching the 150-game milestone — and subsequent life membership — with two different clubs.

Given that he needs only four AFL games to reach the milestone with the Eagles, Lamb is also within reach of that tally with Subiaco, with 15 games to go.

If the worst scenario prevails and the durable former North Innaloo junior finds himself back in the WAFL, he could at least notch a double that certainly has never been done in senior football before.

★ *Kristian Karamfiles was a Westside Football work experience student from Balcatta High School*



**LIONS STYLE ... the driving left boot of Dwayne Lamb featured prominently in Subiaco's 1986 premiership victory**

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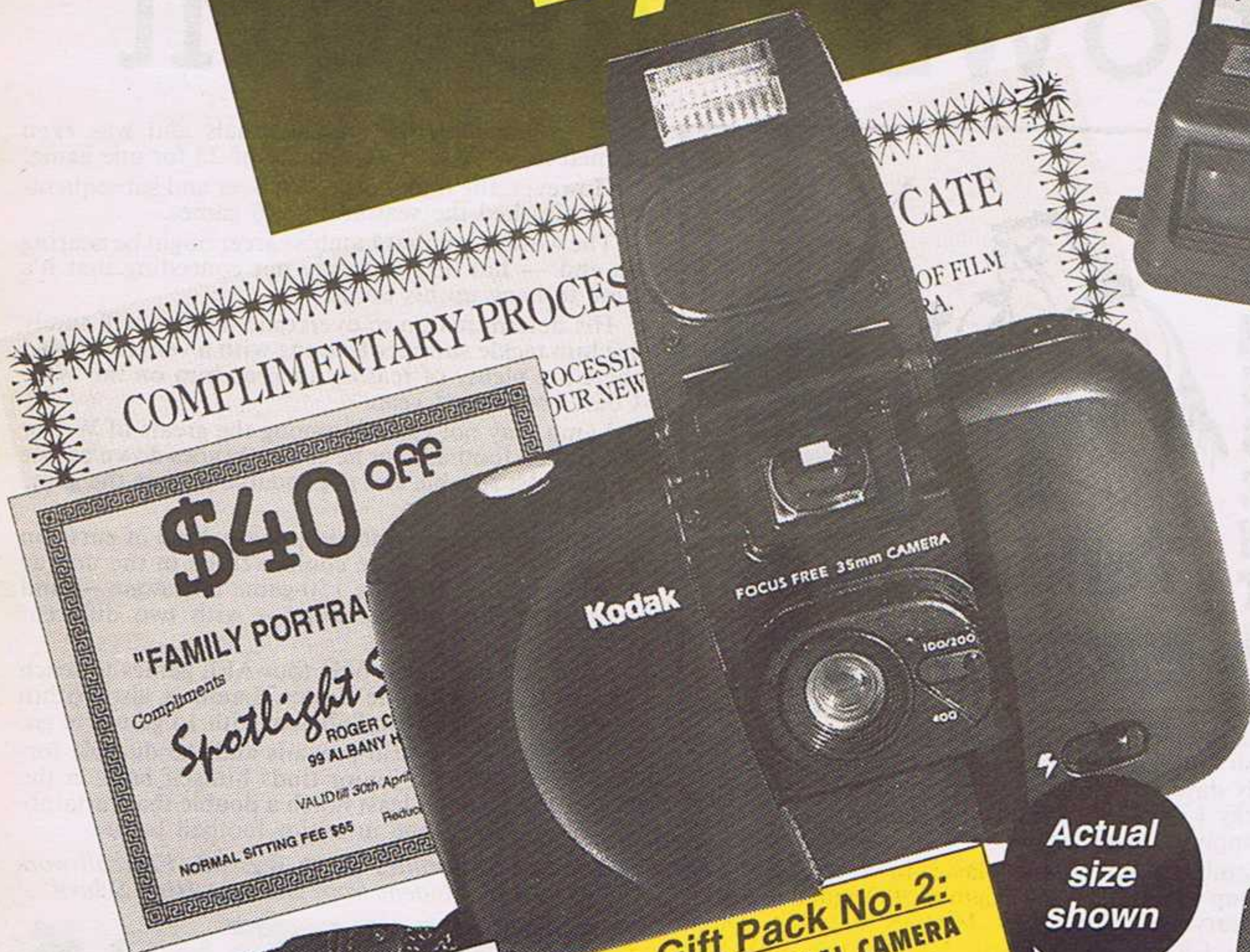
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*Aussie Rules has produced many champions in more than 100 years of fierce competition across the nation and this summer series profiles some of WA's stars of the past*

*Football has taken former Claremont star Ken Hunter to the heights of a VFL premiership and now he is back at Carlton as a member of their board of directors. TANIA ARMSTRONG talks to one of football's quiet achievers*

TRIPLE Carlton premiership player Ken Hunter has a lot to thank his freakish marking skills for.

Those flying leaps into and over packs from the man with his socks down and guernsey flapping loose around his hips, are what his legion of fans remember best.

While honing his aerial feats with Claremont, they were also deeds which helped furnish his house after numerous prize-winning efforts in Channel 7's mark-of-the-day contest.

*"I think it was 1977 and they had a variety of goods to give away as prizes each week," Hunter recalled.*

*"I won a fridge, freezer, television and stereo which wasn't bad going for a 19 or 20-year-old trying to set up house.*

*"When I won the mark-of-the-year award I got a video recorder — but it's well and truly obsolete now."*

The television is the only thing still alive and well in the Hunter family household in Melbourne, remarkably surviving a number of treks across the Nullarbor.

About to step up his involvement with Carlton after a stunning election onto the 12-man Blues board, Hunter returned to Victoria in 1992 due to family reasons after returning to Perth on his AFL retirement in 1989.

#### NO FEAR

A member of Carlton premiership teams in 1981 and '82 and the club's last success in 1987, the man who showed no fear on the football field is now devoting his spare time to winning another flag.

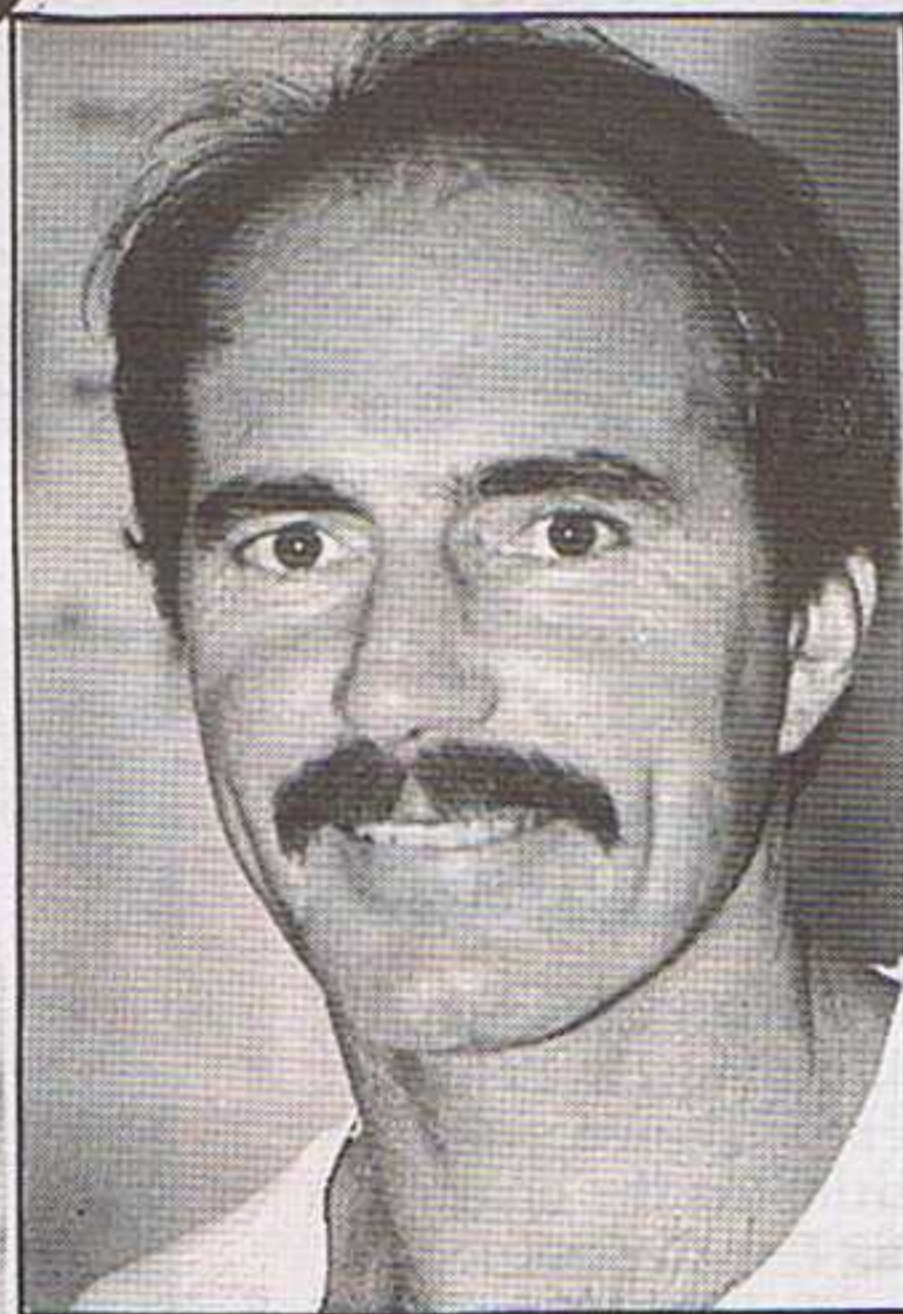
"The guys are very disappointed about the way the grand final turned out this season," said Hunter.

"Then again, it was a good effort to get there after it looked unlikely half-way through the season."

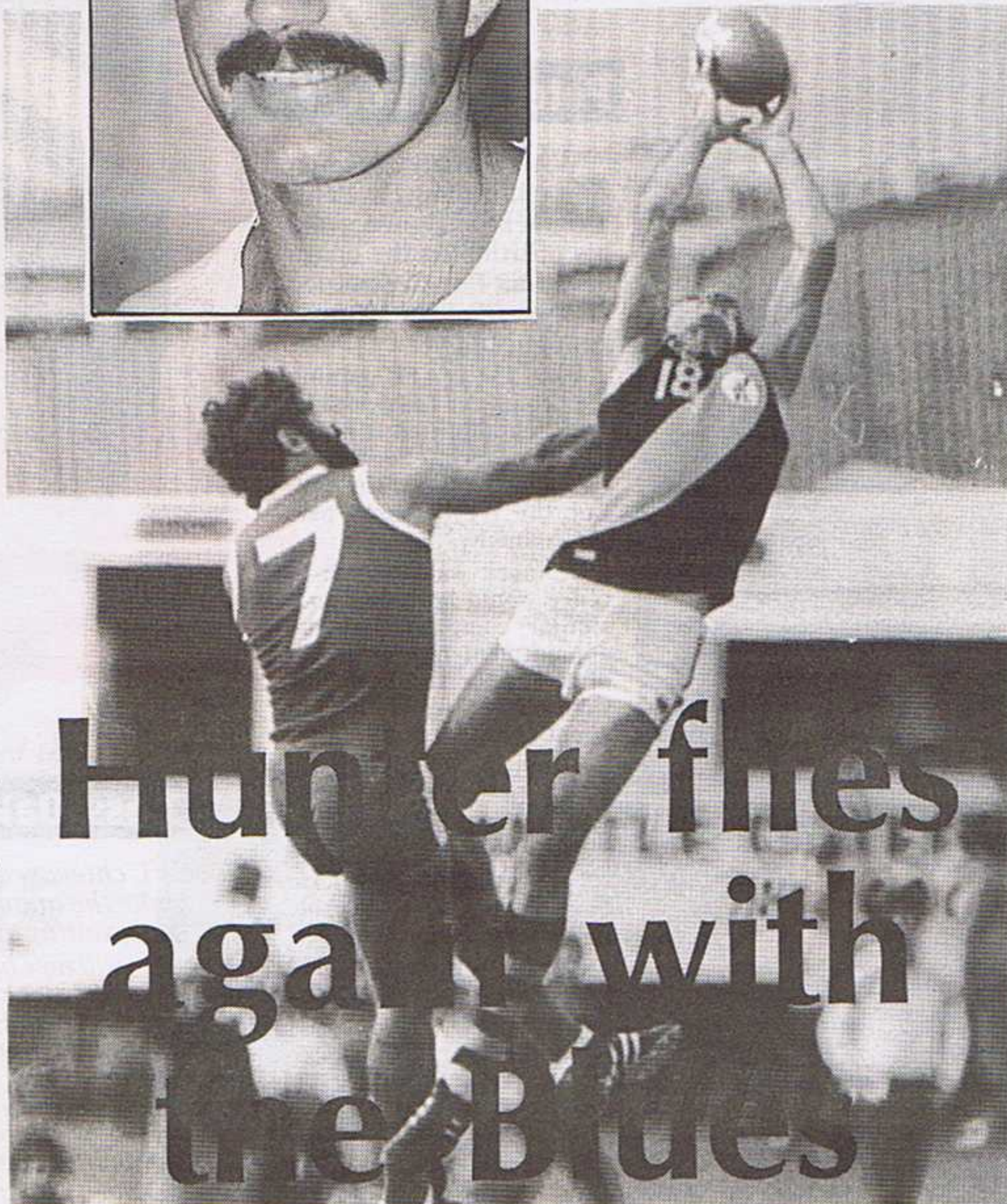
While Hunter's brief coaching career has been put on hold, he is more than happy to keep an involvement at board level under re-elected president John Elliott.



**TUCKED AWAY** ... three Blues premierships awaited Ken Hunter when he went to Melbourne



**"Carlton flew me over one weekend when I wasn't playing with Claremont and I signed there and then"**



In a shock result, Hunter ousted Elliott's running partner Malcolm Payne as one of eight men vying for four vacancies — such is his popularity among Blues supporters.

"I'm likely to be used in a football capacity, possibly recruiting, but it's just good to be involved," he added.

"My employer CUB weren't happy with me coaching, but this is something that I'll be able to cope with ... it's something you do in your own time."

His 147-game experience with Carlton and 99 games with Claremont will be put to good use, adding to the football knowledge he gained after starting out with the Carlisle juniors.

Living in Cloverdale where no club was available, Hunter caught the bus to Carlisle after school, trained with the side and tried to be home before his mother and step-father would miss him.

*"Neither were very keen on me playing footy, I would save up my lunch money for the bus fare and try to be home before they got home from work."*

Hunter represented Perth in a number of junior combined sides before moving to Dalkeith at 14 years of age, where he attended Hollywood SHS and found himself in Claremont territory.

He debuted with the Tigers as an 18-year-old in 1975 and quickly made a name as a half-back flanker to be reckoned with.

His first of many State games for WA came before he had chalked up 30 matches and he left Claremont after season 1980, forever poised on 99 games.

"I was never really big on personal statistics so it didn't worry me all that much," said Hunter.

"I never thought of trying to get that one more game when I returned to Perth because I had finished playing at the highest level and that's where I wanted to leave it."

Hunter's first talks with a VFL club were with North Melbourne, but they fell through after he broke his jaw for the third time while playing State-of-Origin football for WA against Victoria as a 19-year-old.

#### INJURY PRONE

Many people had the impression that Hunter, who looked like a bag of bones, was injury prone, but his fearless approach to the football often created most of the dangerous situations.

While North Melbourne went cold on him, Richmond, Collingwood and Carlton kept up an interest in the spindly defender.

Carlton won out and their interest reaped instant benefits.

"Carlton flew me over one weekend during our season when I wasn't playing and I signed there and then," he recalled.

"I liked what I saw and I got the

impression that they were doing me a favour.

*"I'm very happy that I did go there because it enabled me to play in a great era for the club and also to play with some of the best footballers the club has ever seen."*

A premiership in his first season along with a club fairest-and-best award and best first year player award were rewards for his signature.

Remembered most for his feats across half-back, Hunter grew into a valuable utility player with the Blues and topped the club's goalscoring in 1983, the same year doctors forecast the end of his career after yet another serious injury.

"My most comfortable position was across the half-back line, but I didn't mind the occasional run up forward," said Hunter.

"But after playing in the forward line, I realised that it wasn't as easy as it looked and was quite happy to go back to half-back.

"Buzz (Peter Bosustow) will tell you playing up forward is easy, but that's only because I was kicking the ball straight to him!"

#### INSTANT SUCCESS

While Hunter had instant success with a premiership in his first year with Carlton, it is the second in 1982, that he looks back on most fondly.

*"All the grand finals you play in are important and the friendships that you form are the best thing to come out of them," he said.*

"But the 1982 win was probably the most satisfying as we came from third place and to beat the favourites Richmond and just do it the hard way.

"It also gave us back-to-back flags which were — and still are — pretty rare."



**RARING TO GO** ... Ken Hunter in his last season with Claremont

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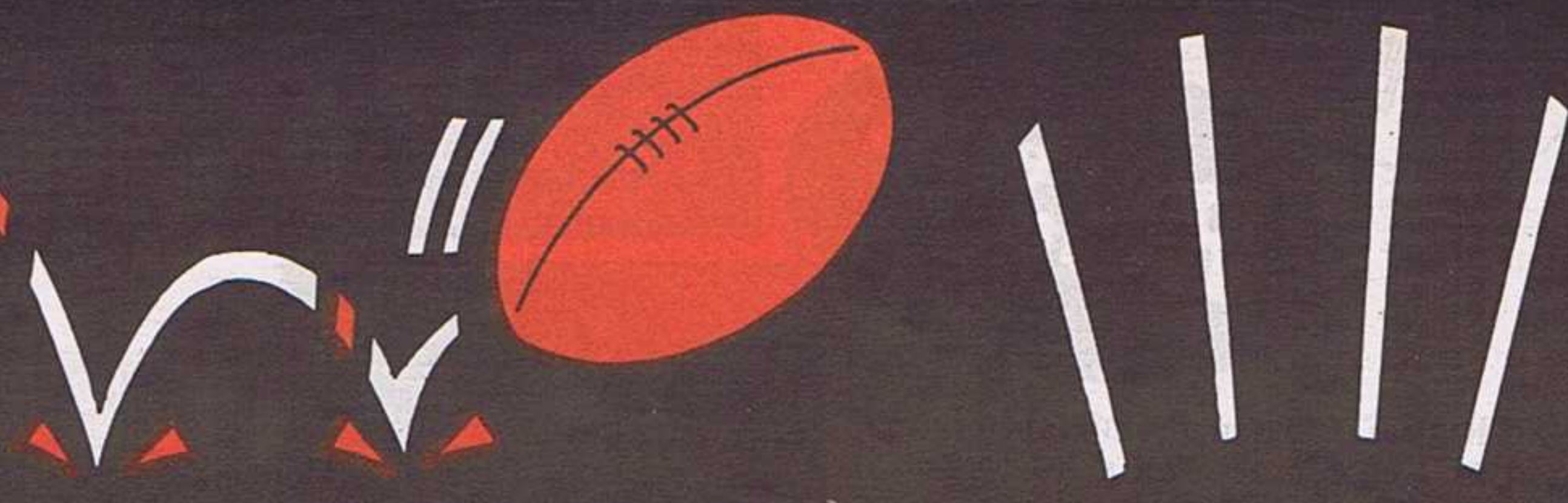
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**Peter Tannock:**

WA Football Commission chairman, Dr Peter Tannock, resigned from his position on the board of Indian Pacific Limited on the eve of the historic announcement.

With the WAFC gaining the licence for the new side, Tannock admitted it would be inappropriate for him to retain an interest in IPL Ltd, the West Coast's parent company.

Tannock said a sub-licence would be issued to a similar company and the appointment of a board of directors for the new side would hopefully follow in about three weeks.

Tannock added that he hoped to see a coach and football manager appointed by mid-season in 1994.

"It's been our long-term goal to have a second side and we hope they compete fiercely and vigorously with the Eagles," he said.



**Ross Oakley:**

AFL chief executive officer Ross Oakley flew to Perth to make the announcement and described the occasion as "an exciting day."

He will now begin a torrid time of determining the format for a 16-team competition in 1995, a possible eight-team finals series and the probability of opposition from AFL clubs about player concessions to be granted to the AFL's newest addition.

While Fremantle will take part in the draft for the first time in November 1994, Oakley admitted it was not an easy task putting together a competitive side inside 12 months.

Oakley said it was in the AFL's best interests to make the team competitive and added that they would do everything possible to ensure that it was.

"The objective is to locate two teams where there are more than one million people who are fanatical about their football," said Oakley.



**John Worsfold:**

WEST Coast skipper John Worsfold, a South Fremantle boy from way back, greeted the announcement as though it was inevitable.

With the issue talked about for so long, Worsfold says he has already got used to the idea and he has no qualms about lining up against any old mates as he already does when taking on old Bulldogs in Scott Watters, Mark Bairstow, Nicky Winmar and so forth.

Worsfold was happy to see the new side given a good 12 months to get its act together and not go through the rush the Eagles did. He said he would continue to take an interest in South Fremantle in the WAFL, but would have no affiliation with the new club.



**Malcolm Brown:**

Malcolm Brown, one of WA's leading proponents for the second side, was delighted at the news.

The former South Fremantle coach saw the move as a real boost for Fremantle and would provide some much-needed opposition for the Eagles, who had been living in the safety of a one-team-town for too long.

Brown, often linked with the formation of the new Port club, is contracted to Richmond as a marketing consultant for another year — which means he could well be a candidate to be involved in the administrative side.



# BOUNCE INTO

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## Footy's hottest topic

IT'S the hottest topic of the summer and the biggest announcement since the West Coast Eagles were born late in 1986.

Fremantle people are over the moon at the prospect of barracking for their boys in the big league, but others have their reservations.

TANIA ARMSTRONG explores a selection of key football identities and examines their thoughts on the AFL's newest football side.



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### Ric Gloede:

SOUTH Fremantle president Ric Gloede was happy that confirmation of the Fremantle side has finally come about and everyone could start doing something about it.

Wanting to know who, when and where had been burning issues for months and Gloede said it was good that some planning could now be done.

Gloede added that it would be an exciting time and he hoped everyone would forget the problems about bringing in another side and start thinking positive about solutions.

### Brian Cook:

WEST Coast general manager Brian Cook has been preparing for the announcement of the second team for some time.

Largely concerned with the feasibility of his own club, Cook said studies had shown that the Eagles would lose \$800,000 in profit in the second side's first year of operation.

This will come in the form of a 10 percent drop in membership and a reduction or loss of sponsorship, particularly State-wide companies who would be reluctant to be affiliated with only one WA-based side.

Cook said that while both clubs would be working for the good of football in WA, he was sure they would be fierce competitors on and off the field.



### Ron Alexander:

INAUGURAL West Coast Eagles coach Ron Alexander, who has recently been involved in a feasibility study into the new side, said the introduction would complete the football jig-saw in the State for the next three decades.

He added that player concessions were vital for the side's immediate success, as the club's financial viability would depend on how competitive they were on the field in their first season.

Alexander says a certain number of players — contracted or not with rival clubs — should be made available to the Fremantle side at the end of next season, as the club had to be built on the foundation of three or four very good players.

### Len Hitchen:

EAST Fremantle president Len Hitchen likes the sound of the Fremantle Sharks and says the Shark is a very marketable logo.

While he was just as keen to see the new side based at East Fremantle Oval, he admitted Fremantle Oval was probably the preferred home ground.

Relieved that a decision had at last been made, Hitchen said that working towards something positive now took priority over inuendo and rumours about when and where it was going to happen.



# MEETING PLACE

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BEING captain of a bunch of different sporting types, all with contrasting personalities, varying ambitions and a host of mixed emotions and habits, can be a tough task.

And when you are given that onerous task at the tender age of 22 — with half the team older than you and a couple of compatriots carrying a lot more experience — the challenge looms much higher.

But three years down the track, John Worsfold doesn't seem too fazed about the enormity of his task; after all, he's now led the team into a losing grand final, followed by a winning premiership battle and now a fourth placing in the cut-throat AFL arena.

And he's come through the wars with plenty of physical scars, but certainly no emotional hang-ups.

#### FOLK-LORE HERO

In fact, Woosha is looming as a man who could go on to be one of the great football captains in Aussie Rules folk-lore.

He's a pretty ordinary-looking bloke at times — except when he's chesting some-one — and the way he carries himself in public life is a fine tribute to the young men that this great Australian game produces.

Woosha comes from solid Fremantle breeding and was al-

ways captaincy material, right from his junior days when he often led his mates. He made his league debut under a good South Fremantle bloke in Don Haddow back in 1986 and he was stamped immediately as leadership material for the Bulldogs... only he didn't last there long enough.

He was called up for West Coast duties in 1987 and he's been there ever since, apart from half-a-dozen Bulldogs games back in the first year.

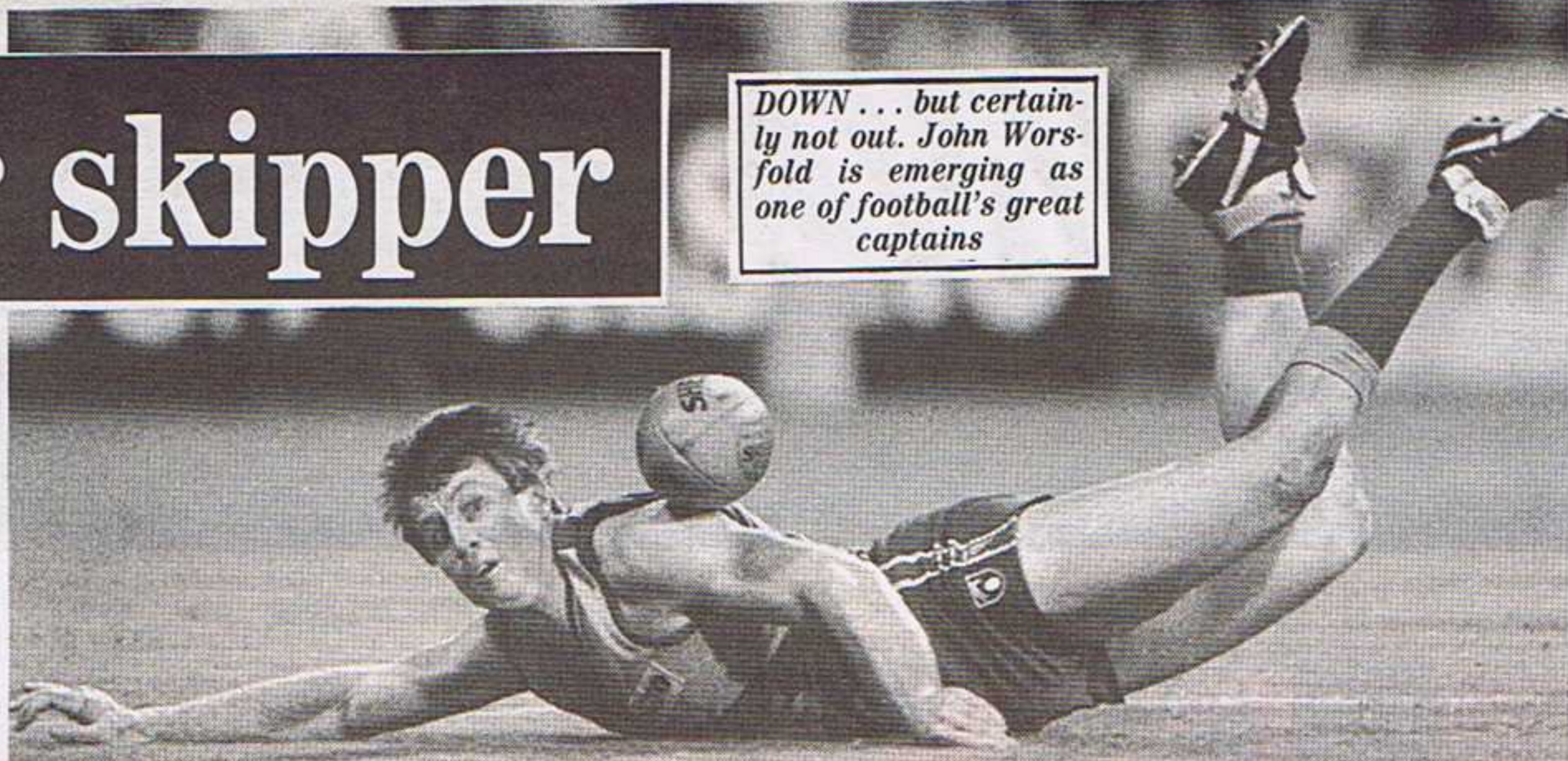
The trusty Oxford dictionary tells us that a captain is a chief leader, a great soldier, a strategist, an experienced commander.

Eagles fans have seen all of that in action in recent years as they applaud every physical bump handed out by Worsfold. If ever a man leads by example — and there are times when you think he could almost die by that same example if things go wrong, especially at tough places like Victoria Park, Collingwood's home ground — it was Woosha.

Worsfold has often been

# Super skipper

DOWN... but certainly not out. John Worsfold is emerging as one of football's great captains



By ALAN EAST

called Superman because of his ability to change personalities as he crosses the white line — his version of the telephone box so frequently used by Christopher Reeve in his box office boomers.

He earned that nickname back in his early days and it was justified by his spectacles, his quiet, unassuming style and soft voice and his boy-next-door looks.

But, like the famous movie star, once he goes into action he becomes a different character, a

fierce fighter, standing up for his fellow men, arguing the cause with the game-controllers, running the length of the field to show his support.

He's willing to push his chest into anyone's face, he takes on the giants of the footy world without any fear. To see him chest tough guys like James Manson, Dermie Brereton, Craig Kelly or Mick Martyn makes you want to turn the telly off; it's almost R-rated stuff.

How he never gets filled in by a rampaging idiot in opposition colours has bamboozled many an Eagles fan. He dishes out so much lip that he's never going to win a Brownlow — hardly

even a vote — but he's going to win the ever-lasting love of his mates.

Most critics agree that the Eagles lack a real tough guy; the side doesn't have a Mr Nasty of the ilk of Martyn or even David Rhys-Jones. The side's mainly composed of medium-sized runners led by a half-sized half-back, but boy does he make up for the others.

Woosha bursts his way through packs like an enraged rhino and he shows no fear at defying gravity and flying like his mate Superman.

But it's his sheer courage at leading from the front in times of crisis that makes him genuine hero material.

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WEST Coast captain John Worsfold might still be just 25 years of age — celebrating his birthday around grand final time — but he is a 'senior man' when it comes to football, on and off the field.

He leads by example; a captain forced to cope with the bitter feelings of losing a grand final in his first year, but atoned with the joy of taking football's Holy Grail, the much-cherished AFL premiership cup, out of Victoria second time around.

Now, at the end of a somewhat disappointing season that saw the Eagles bow out in the first semi-final, the skipper looks back at the year of '93.

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#### WHERE did things go wrong this year?

There were too many areas to be able to pick one aspect; it wasn't just one little thing.

We didn't really start the year off as well as would have liked to in regards to fitness.

We had a late start after the grand final, due to a number of things and the training and playing just didn't flow on like they had the previous year.

But it's different now; right from the first training night in October the players are working better than I've ever seen; the guys are really switched on, you can tell the difference.

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#### WAS there some sort of a premiership hangover?

Yes, it's certainly there. It definitely has a big effect on you, especially after your first premiership. The guys were still excited when we all came back to start the season; it was still a big thing and there was always talk about what was happening around town and what functions you were going to and so forth.

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#### HAS the club managed to put a lid on things like the public hype?

It's not as demanding now as it was before; we've had a season where we came back to earth. It's our main goal now to give ourselves the best chance of being a premiership contender again. The guys will do whatever that takes; at this early stage I'm really happy about the way things are going, especially with the group of young guys pushing up.

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#### HOW do you rate the emerging young talent?

There was a little bit of talk early this year that we didn't have enough depth in the club, but those young guys who got a taste of it last season are really showing things on the track.

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**Face to face**

**Worsfold tips much tougher Eagles camp**



CONTRASTS... the two faces of John Worsfold — the innocent-looking pharmacist (left) and the aggressive on-field leader

They have taken the first step and want to take the next step up and be a regular part of the best side in the competition.

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#### THE club's strength and depth certainly took a bit of a battering last year with a few players moving on?

It did affect the team unity to a small extent, because we had all been together for a long while. But we also had a lot of young guys come into the club and for a while they couldn't really see a spot for themselves in the premiership side.

They thought it would be too hard to break into the side, but now they've had a taste, they realise they can make it with some real hard work. They can see the opportunities are there, so they will push harder.

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#### WHAT is the biggest challenge ahead?

We have to play our best every week, put our heads down and play the way we know we can. You have to be in the best three sides in the competition to have a real crack at the premiership and we know that we deserve to be there; we want to be hard to beat every week.

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#### WAS it disappointing to lose the security of your home-game winning dominance?

Yes, it was, but I'd like to get that back. I don't see why we can't.

We shouldn't just be thinking that we can win at home, we should be aiming to win every game away as well. I'd like to think our mental toughness can help us win all our home games again.

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#### HOW tough is the AFL competition now?

Very tight, there was just 2-1/2 games between first and 12th, which means you couldn't afford to lose any game; there are no easy matches any more. We'd like to think we're better than just being a game or so better than the 12th side in the competition.

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#### HOW do you see the reduced squad of 42 working?

Very good, it's much tighter and harder to get places in the team, so everyone is lifting.

No one is guaranteed a start, so some-one who hardly played a game last year could easily finish up playing every game this season.

The game between our young guys and the Brisbane Bears in late January will be a really good test; it will be their chance to impress and show they are ready for AFL football.

Virtually all of our squad are going to be ready to play AFL football next season.

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#### WHO is the team to watch out for in 1994?

Apart from us, of course, it's very hard to say. All the sides will have to work harder than ever before, that's the nature of the competition, it's becoming far more professional.

Melbourne maybe will improve with Neil Balme's second year as coach; Collingwood will go well again; Geelong seem to have turned the corner; Essendon will be tough... it's going to be very hard.

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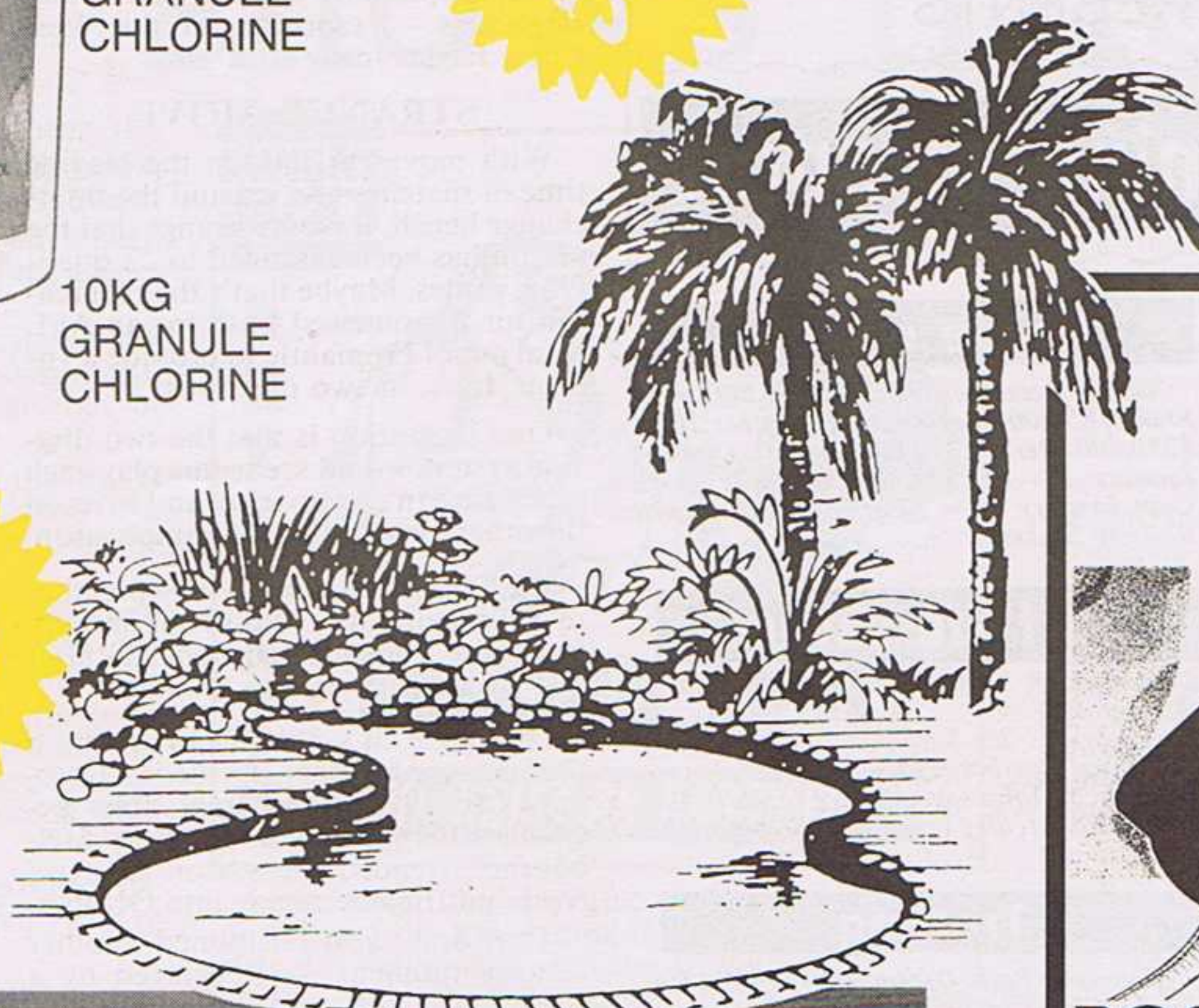
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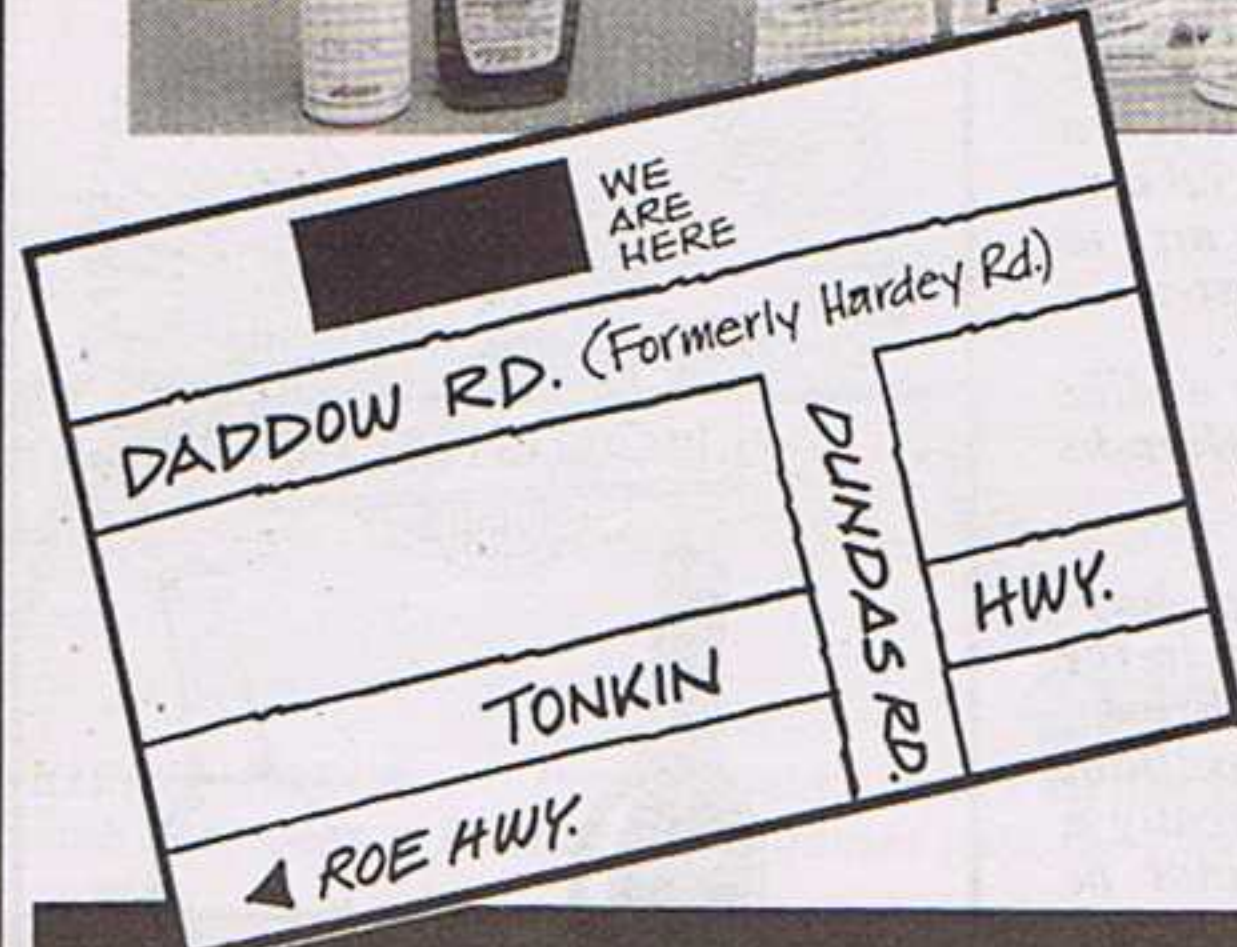


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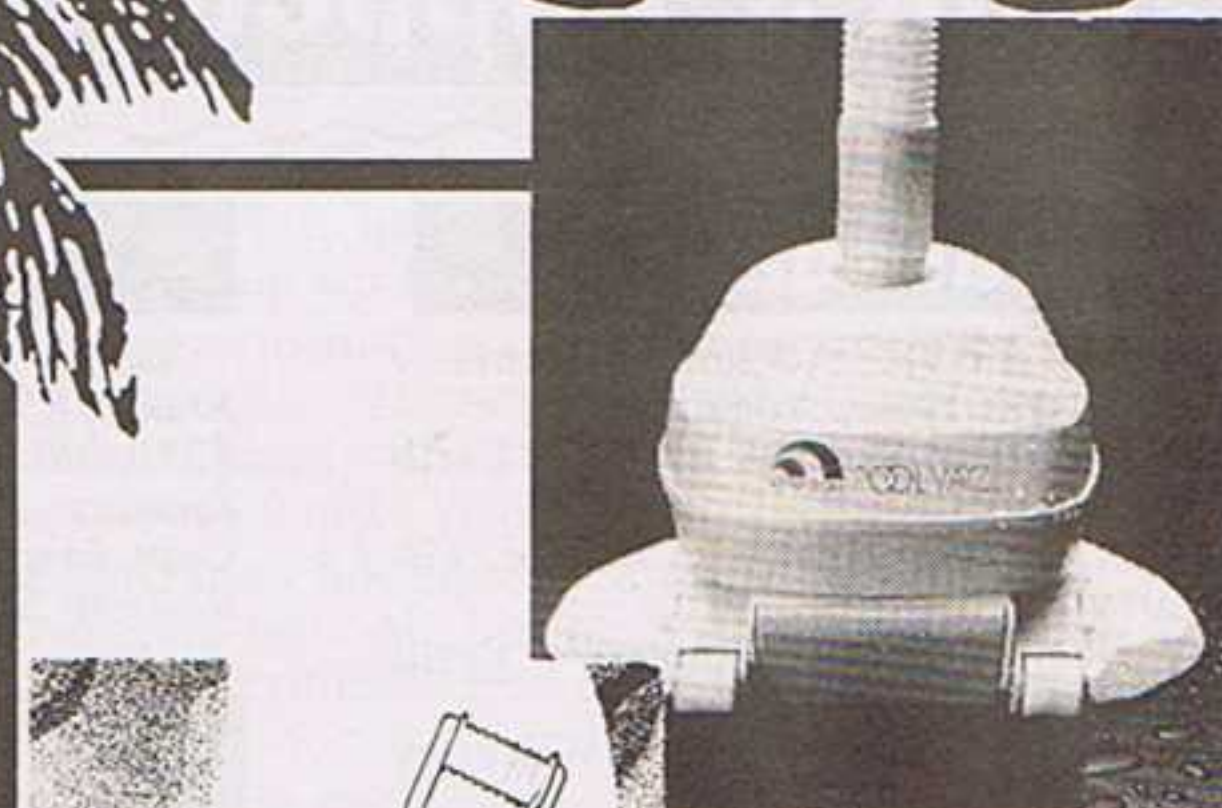


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PRESENTS



## Thinking aloud



A column of news and views by  
ALAN EAST



PRESENTS

## What's happening in sport

### Baseball

December 17-18: Adelaide Giants v Perth Heat, Adelaide  
December 29-30: Sydney Blues v Perth Heat, Sydney  
January 2-3: Perth Heat v Adelaide, Giants, Parry Field  
January 7-8: East Coast Cougars v Perth Heat, Gold Coast  
January 14-15: Perth Heat v Waverley Reds, Parry Field

### Cricket

Test matches: December 26-30: Australia v South Africa, Melbourne; January 2-6: Australia v South Africa, Sydney.  
World Series: December 16 — Australia v New Zealand, Melbourne; December 18: NZ v South Africa, Hobart; January 8: NZ v South Africa, Brisbane; January 9: Australia v South Africa, Brisbane; January 11: Australia v NZ, Sydney.  
Sheffield Shield: December 18-21 — WA v South Australia, WACA Ground; January 7-10: SA v WA, Adelaide.

### Golf

January 2: Sun City Summer Cup  
January 16: WA Golf Club summer cup

### Greyhounds

Cannington: December 18 — Famous Grouse Christmas Gift Final  
December 23 — Globe Meats Chairman's Cup heats  
December 30 — Mandurah Forum Plate

### Lawn bowls

December 27-30: R & I State pairs, Victoria Park; January 1-4: State fours, Manning.

### Horse racing

Ascot: December 18 — \$50,000 Cox Stakes; \$50,000 Lee Steere; December 26 — \$250,000 Derby; \$40,000 WATC Quality; January 1 — \$250,000 Healthway Perth Cup; January 3 — \$250,000 Emu Export Railway Stakes.

### Surf life saving

December 18: Scarboro relay, Fremantle to Scarborough  
December 27-28: Surf boat series, City of Perth and Scarborough.  
January 3: Aqua spectacular, Trigg Island.  
January 8: Medley marathon, Scarborough.

### Trotting

Gloucester Park: December 17 — WA Cauduceus Club Classic.  
December 22, 27, 31 and January 7: \$250,000 Be Active WA Pacing Cup, heats and final.

### Tennis

December 27-29: Junior Hopman Cup, Sorrento and Burswood  
December 26-30: National doubles, Perth Esplanade.  
December 31-January 7 — Pepsi Hopman Cup, Burswood Dome

### Yachting

December 27-January 6: Heron national championships, Perth Dingy Sailing Club, Matilda Bay.  
January 4-8: Soling national championships, Perth Flying Squadron, Melville Water.  
January 8-14: Pelican State championships, East Fremantle.

THE changing face of football has produced many tough raspberries for the aficionados to swallow — and it's not getting any easier coming to grips with new ideas.

Not only does the latest set of AFL fixtures absolutely destroy my holiday plans for next October, but we've lost one of the greatest traditions in 100 years of history — "the last Saturday in September" is no more.

The decision to extend the season and take the grand final into October — admittedly, only by one day — puts a different complexion on the finals battle.

For countless years coaches have preached the gospel about being winners on that last Saturday in September and there is a degree of folklore about a club's preparation for the premiership play-off.

School holidays now occupy the first two weeks of October, which means that travel arrangements for people going to the grand final will be rather complicated. The airlines will certainly be under pressure to airlift the grand final fans — especially if the West Coast Eagles make it in '94.

### STRANGE MOVE

With moves to shorten the playing time of matches and expand the interchange bench, it seems strange that the season has been extended to 22 qualifying games. Maybe that's the real reason for the renewed push for an AFL team out of Fremantle to provide a 16-team draw, in two divisions.

One suggestion is that the two division system would see teams play each other once in one division and twice in the other, providing a 21-game season.

With the last Saturday in September in 1995 being the 30th of the month, maybe we'll get our tradition back after just one excursion into October.

Of course, it's not the first time a premiership has been decided in October. The 1997 grand final draw between Collingwood and North Melbourne extended the season an extra week, putting the replay into October.

That draw also postponed another historic moment — it delayed by a

## Longer season breaks a fine tradition

week the first State-of-Origin clash organised by the Subiaco Football Club at Subiaco Oval, eventually staging that game on Saturday, October 8.

### NAME CHANGE

WHILE on the topic of traditional changes, what about the new name for one of football's best grounds, Carlton's Princes Park?

Suddenly we're expected to call it Optus Oval simply because the Carlton Football Club have attracted some big sponsorship dollars from the new communications player.

Carlton, those powerful Blues, have enjoyed enormous sponsorship from Carlton and United Breweries in the past, helped along by the club's president John Elliott, the boss of CUB.

Now that they've got new major sponsors, they want people to go along with a change of name for their hallowed ground.

Fortunately, the AFL don't agree and the recent fixtures for 1994 still list Princes Park as their home ground ... and that's how it should be.

It was bad enough calling London's famous cricket ground, The Oval, after Foster's (one of Elliott's fairly successful products!) as part of a huge sponsorship deal, but when it comes to footy, that's going too far.

The suggestion by the South Australians a few years back to call their AFL team the Camry Crows, after their Toyota sponsorship, didn't quite get off the ground, despite a few temptations thrown the way of the media.

## Brown's onslaught

MALCOLM Brown has never been backward at coming forward when it comes to saying what he thinks — and doesn't AFL Director of Umpiring, Bill Dellar, now know that.

The two were on line together during last Saturday's 6PR Sports Talk show and even though they were both calling from Melbourne, the phone lines were ringing hot.

If Dellar thought he had a hard time earlier in the season when he was on 6WF's talk-back show — with umpire-hater George Grljusich in charge — then last week's switch to the commercial airwaves — where Gary Carvolth is nice to everyone — was certainly no better.

Brownie made no secret of his dislike of umpires and bluntly told Dellar he should quit.

"I don't think you've achieved anything in the six years you've been in the job; you should be sacked," said Brown, whose role as a marketing consultant with Richmond means he's not really a club official and therefore cannot be fined for umpire criticism.

"The umpires aren't getting taught how to handle people properly. They lack man-management skills, they need some help and training.

"They come over as non-entities, non-descript, power-hungry, glory-seeking people."

Radio 6PR panellist Karl Langdon said he'd love to bite into the argument, but he had to watch his tongue!



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# ON FOOTY'S EDGE

## Dorotich heads back to his old stamping ground

**BIG, strong Jon Dorotich has been welcomed back at Fremantle Oval with open arms — and rightly so. But he faces the prospect of carrying a big burden.**

Fremantle people being the astute — and often harsh — football critics that they are, will not take anything less than his best.

The club's most-decorated footballer in Brad Hardie found that out last season when, despite being a handy goal-kicker out of a forward pocket, he was ridiculed the moment he put a foot wrong.

Dorotich, an experienced left-footer, has been a magnificent contributor for Carlton in the VFL-AFL and Western Australia in the interstate arena since leaving South Fremantle as a raw-boned youngster in 1985.

He was a member of the Blues last premiership team in 1987 and tallied 132 games with the powerful club.

Though not blessed with an overabundance of natural skill, Dorotich's unquestioned strength and versatility made him an important cog in the Carlton machine.

### MEMORABLE

Some of his tussles with former flamboyant Hawthorn centre-half-forward Dermott Brereton are memorable — both refusing to yield an inch and clashing heavily with each other more often than not.

But age has caught up with Dorotich (31) and when Carlton reduced their lists leading up to November's draft, he was discarded.

He only played eight games in 1993, but still felt he had something to offer in the AFL.

Unfortunately for Dorotich, not one of the 15 clubs thought the same as they made their choices in the draft

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



and he was left lamenting in Melbourne pondering his football future.

South Fremantle football manager Mark Bayliss was quick to act, finding him a job as a car salesman back in Fremantle and signing him on for 1994.

Now it's time for the former postman, who grew up in South Fremantle, to return home and reward the Bulldogs for their faith.

South Fremantle are a young side and need plenty of on-field direction — something veterans like Hardie, Wally Matera and the Collards, Brad and Cliff, provided plenty of in 1993.

But the Fremantle football public are fanatical, to say the least and will expect big things from one of the young

Bulldogs from the mid-80s, who, many believe, left the club prematurely in his search of bigger things in Victoria.

The return of Dorotich is similar in some ways to the comebacks of Hardie and Matera, both great South products.

Matera has been a courageous and consistent team leader and Hardie, the 1985 Brownlow Medallist, was a forward line bonus with his 69 goals, many of them inspirational team-lifters.

However, a bundle of goals one week and none the next was not acceptable for Souths supporters, who had no hesitation in letting Hardie know of their displeasure.

And Dorotich can expect the same; after all, his years at Carlton were dotted with some inconsistent patches — and even his share of off-field controversy.

He's a colourful character; a man who speaks the Port language and knows that only the best is acceptable. He'll be right at home in the Fremantle Oval cauldron and has the integrity to stand up and be counted.

### EXCITING

Bulldogs coach Mark Watson could lose three of his most exciting youngsters, Warren Campbell (North Melbourne), Darren Gaspar (Sydney Swans) and Stephen Jurica (Richmond) by the time 1994 kicks off.

They all had the potential to hold down key positions — and that's a role Dorotich will be asked to assume.

Dorotich will more than likely line-up at either centre-half-back or centre-half-forward and his strength and aggression can cause opposition coaches and players huge headaches.

But if the former local junior cannot consistently perform at a high level, questions will be asked about his worth — a predicament Dorotich thrives on.



**BULLDOG BACK ... big South Fremantle product Jon Dorotich is set to return to the Port after eight years in Victoria**

## East Coast Chatter

### TV influence

THE influence that television has on football has become even more evident with the release of next year's fixtures and other rule changes.

Following an American trend for tighter playing times in a number of sports, the AFL has adopted shorter quarters for next season, plus the use of an extra interchange player.

Melbourne-based clubs are also starting to believe that Monday night football isn't all that far away.

Footscray's business manager Dennis Galimberti is one club official who sees football moving towards Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday games.

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### Homeward bound

A DESIRE to be back home in Melbourne and involved in some family business activities is one major reason why 24-year-old wingman Dale Lewis wants to opt out of the Sydney Swans arena.

Lewis has asked for a high financial return for his football in a bid to frighten off some of the lesser-light clubs who might be interested in his services in the March draft.

Lewis is keen to get to Melbourne and join his two

brothers who are running hotels in Footscray and West Brunswick.

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### Magpie honour

HIGH-profile Collingwood team-mates Tony Shaw and Peter Daicos were honoured recently by a fair day at Victoria Park to mark their 15-year partnership at the club.

Daicos paired up with Shaw in 1979 and, apart from the legendary Lou Richards, they are the only Collingwood players to compete in 15 successive seasons.

Shaw was present at the fair despite a back injury received at training that had him laid up in bed for a week.

The fans came out in force to congratulate and thank Shaw and Daicos, who were kept busy with autographs as the Magpies indulged in a host of activities.

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### Big winners

A CHANGE in home ground from Windy Hill to the MCG has provided a huge financial windfall for 1993 AFL premiers Essendon.

Attendances of around 50,000 spectators at the Bombers' MCG games boosted the clubs financial

status, giving them an increase in revenue of just under \$1 million, plus an 11 per cent rise in gate receipts.

Essendon returned a profit for the year of \$388,107 — and have signed up a new major sponsor.

Nubrik, the Victorian brick manufacturers who have been with Essendon for a decade or more, have stepped aside on a winning note and the club has signed up the Transport Accident Commission as their major sponsor.

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### Port's push

PORT Adelaide, South Australia's most traditional football club, is so determined to eventually be a part of the AFL that they are prepared to even relocate in Melbourne.

The club that pushed the South Australian NFL into action to launch the Adelaide Crows because of their own private bid to go national, hasn't lost that ambition.

Port insiders suggest that if a vacancy arose among the Melbourne-based clubs, they would be willing to be based in Melbourne for two years, returning to their home town after the 1996-deadline that enables the Crows to be the only team in town.

### Summer dip

WHILE footballers often turn to cricket to maintain their fitness in summer, Hawthorn star and Westside Football columnist Ben Allan prefers water polo.

Allan, runner-up in the Hawks best-and-fairest this season after a 1991 win, plays water polo weekly with the Richmond club.

A former WA teenage and under-20 representative in the sport, Allan says a hit-out in the pool beats pounding the concrete in the heat of summer.

Allan (24) has signed another one year contract with the Hawks, amidst the departures of Gary Ayres, Dermott Brereton and Greg Dear in a shake-up sure to test the side next season.

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ON THE MOVE... field umpire Grant Vernon will base himself in Melbourne next season

# Vernon career move to Melbourne

WA's leading field umpire, Grant Vernon, will move to Melbourne early next year to further his career in the AFL.

Based in Perth, Vernon has umpired 98 games in eight AFL seasons, but he believes relocation is necessary for his continued climb to the top.

"I get the feeling that I've gone as far as I can go from Perth," said Vernon.

"To compete for grand finals will take another step; it's a lot more difficult from Perth."

Vernon's move was made primarily as a career switch with his employment as national operations manager of a finance group.

Given the opportunity to further his off-field career in Sydney or Melbourne, he chose the home of football for obvious reasons.

Vernon made the decision himself, without any persuasion from Bill Dellar, the AFL's national director of umpiring, who will obviously welcome his arrival in town.

"It's a good opportunity to see if I

By **TANIA ARMSTRONG**

can make it," says Vernon. "If I stayed in Perth I would always wonder if I could have made it."

Vernon says the demands for travelling each weekend were becoming increasingly difficult with a young family and he feels regular contact with umpires who have made it to grand final day can only help his cause.

"My last three years of umpiring have been more or less full-time in Melbourne as I have had very few games in Perth," he said.

"It's tough from a family point of view as I would go from work to the airport on Friday night, arrive in Melbourne at midnight and fly home after umpiring a match.

"Getting in the car and driving 30 minutes to the footy has got to be easier than that."

Vernon is planning to leave Perth in February and if being a West Australian and an umpire living in Melbourne is a scary thought, the 29-year-old isn't fazed by it all.

## NO FEARS

"I will still consider myself a West Australian, but the guys in Victoria have always been very good to me and I have no fear about going over there."

Overlooked for this year's AFL finals panel after a taste of finals action in 1991 and '92, Vernon will use that as his driving motivation.

"Missing out on the finals was a big disappointment," he said.

"I started the season slowly, then umpired well in the middle, but bad performances in the last two matches cost me a place in the finals.

"But selection is out of my hands. I have always worked on improving parts of my game — it then becomes a matter of consequence if you get selected."

A product of the East Fremantle Junior Council and with three WAFL grand finals, to his credit, Vernon leaves Perth poised on 196 matches — 98 AFL and 98 WAFL.

## SA power snares Spalding

FORMER Perth player Scott Spalding has signed with SANFL power-club Port Adelaide for next season.

Looking for a football option after being delisted by Carlton after one appearance this year, Perth's hopes of a return by the 25-year-old utility were dashed by the news.

Spalding signed a one-year contract with the Magpies last week after arriving in Adelaide and immediately started training with his new club.

"From all reports from Carlton and Perth he's going to be a very handy acquisition to the club," said Port Adelaide football manager Bob Clayton.

### EXPERIENCED

With the reality of losing a number of players to AFL clubs, Port Adelaide have been trying desperately to secure some experienced players.

Talks with Jon Dorotich and Trent Nichols were unsuccessful, with each opting for a return to their home state of WA and Victoria, respectively.

Perth will begin negotiations for a transfer fee, but that is small compensation for a valuable player lost to the rival state.

"He's a player we would like to have, but unfortunately we can't compete with the money South Australian clubs



NEW MAGPIE... Perth's Scott Spalding has taken up residence in South Australia with power club Port Adelaide

have," said Perth football manager Russell Clark.

Spalding played 61 games for the Demons before being drafted as Carlton's final selection (118th overall) in the 1992 national draft after an outstanding season saw him finish runner-up in Perth's fairest-and-best count.

### PORT LOSS

Port Adelaide, unexpectedly bundled out of this year's finals series by Norwood in the preliminary final, face the prospect of losing six players to the AFL.

Shane Bond and Brayden Lyle will join the Eagles. Bond's brother Troy will join Carlton, exciting 17-year-old

Che Cockatoo-Collins will become the newest baby Bomber at Essendon and 19-year-old Shane Wakelin has joined St Kilda.

Brett Chalmers, now with the Crows after his first controversial signing with Collingwood, is another probable absentee.

## Plenty of highlights

AN action packed season of football awaits WAFL-goers in 1994 with special events planned to boost club coffers.

The historic first match at Joondalup between West Perth and East Perth on Monday, April 25 (Anzac Day) is the first event that will shoot the WAFL into the headlines.

Set to create huge interest in the northern suburbs along with Falcons fans in general, plans are already underway to create a festival atmosphere at the competition's newest venue.

The next gala day will be hosted by Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval on Saturday, April 30 when Swans celebrate their 60th anniversary in the competition.

The black and whites play East Fremantle that day, the club where current coach John Todd made his mark as a footballer.

In keeping with WAFL tradition, the Foundation Day derby will be played at Fremantle Oval on Monday, June 6 — though once again it is not the lone fixture for the day.

Subiaco play Perth at Subiaco Oval as a counter-attraction to the match that is traditionally the biggest crowd-puller of the season.

The Port city once again takes the spotlight on Saturday, June 11 when the football public will pay tribute to 100 years of WAFL football at Fremantle Oval.

A general bye is scheduled for that weekend to allow for special celebrations to mark the occasion.

The Pepsi Cup WAFL season will start at Easter and finish on the weekend of the AFL preliminary final, September 24.

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## What's on at your club

### East Fremantle

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### PERTH

Friday, December 24 — Christmas Eve party, 4.30pm  
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### South Fremantle

Friday, December 17, 5.30pm: Christmas drinks with members and players at the club.

Friday, December 31, 5pm: New Year's Eve Rock Concert.  
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### Swan Districts

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## It's all happening

CHRISTMAS and the New Year marks the turning point in the football year — and several WAFL clubs are celebrating the festive season.

East Fremantle will see the New Year in with a party at the clubrooms for members and supporters, with Opus 2 providing the music from 8pm till 1am.

Perth will host a Christmas Eve function for their members — with a difference.

Everyone is asked to bring a \$2 Christmas present — marked HIS or HERS — and they will be distributed to all in attendance.

There will be pork-in-a-webber and the bar will open from 4.30pm.

Fremantle Oval will be rocking on New Year's Eve with a special concert, featuring Hunters & Collectors, Hoodoo Gurus, Died Pretty and Mutton Birds, with gates opening at 5pm.

The special Blow Out '93 night will be presented by the Metropolis Concert Club, with a special fireworks display at midnight to see in the New Year.

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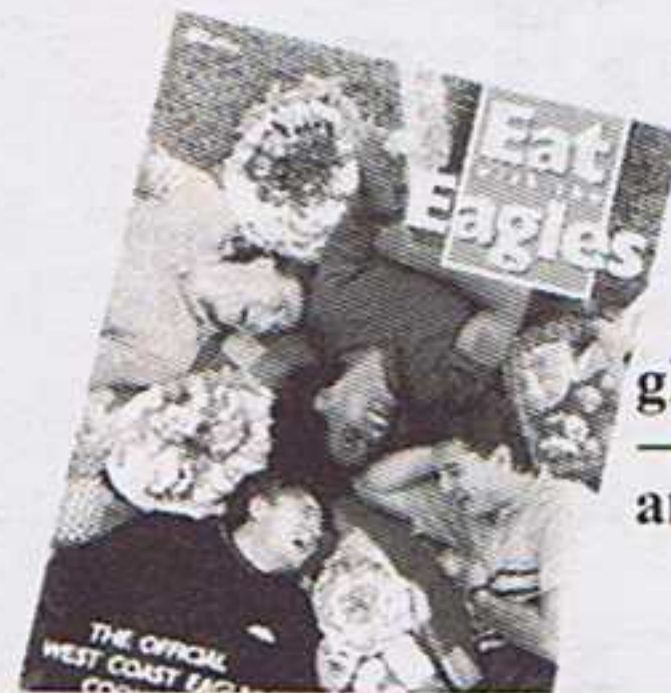
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