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FIRED UP . . . West Coast defender Glen Jakovich might be on one knee, but that doesn't stop him from firing out a handpass to send the Eagles into attack once again. The classy Jakovich has been rated as one of the AFL's top five players and, at 21 years of age, he's already a seasoned campaigner
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Footy Rumours

Club Rumours presents . . .

Gossip from around the traps

Change pays off

TWO players who have really capitalised on a change of club this year have been Fitzroy centreman Brad Boyd and Collingwood's John Ballantyne.

The 22-year-old Boyd was rejected by Collingwood, but was a key playmaker in Fitzroy's recent victory over Essendon, providing a driving force out of the middle, especially at the bounciedowns.

His success is something that irks coach Robert Shaw simply from the point of view that the media have ignored the youngster — along with their general ignorance of Fitzroy and what's happening at the club.

Boyd has admitted that he's a far more committed footballer this year, especially now that his studies as an accountant are over.

Ballantyne (24) has surprised the critics by succeeding at full-back after being rejected as a forward at Footscray, playing just 20 games in four seasons. His effort in curbing Carlton champion Stephen Kernahan in round two was outstanding.

Fremantle theory

CONTINUED speculation about a merger among the AFL clubs — pushed along by growing pressure from Port Adelaide to graduate to the national league — is interesting food for thought for the Fremantle people.

As the Fremantle search continues for a coach, football and marketing managers, colours, logos, a suitable name and many other associated factors, a merger would solve a lot of problems.

For example, if Fitzroy came West and became the Fremantle Lions, then the guernsey colours could easily be adapted to suit the Port flavour-of-the-month of green and the logo and everything else would be in place.

Fremantle's acting executive officer David Hatt has welcomed the prospect of any Victorian-based club moving West and says the interim board would love to talk to a Melbourne organisation.

He says the initiative would have to come from a Melbourne club, but the board would be only too happy to discuss a merger and relocation prospect — which would certainly give the Fremantle team a stronger player-base.

Successful weekend

IT WAS a fairly successful weekend for players celebrating AFL milestones.

While Essendon great Tim Watson had his 300th marred a week earlier by a shock loss to Fitzroy, the milestone achievers last week enjoyed upset victories.

Fitzroy skipper Paul Roos (250) led the side to victory over Brisbane and Carlton's Tom Alvin marked his 200th match with a Blues win against Geelong.

North Melbourne's Wayne Schwass (100) played an important role as they crushed Hawthorn and Adelaide forward Tony Hall (100 with Hawthorn and three with the Crows) kicked three majors in their hard-fought win over Sydney.



DOUBLE TON . . . Tom Alvin celebrated his 200 games with an upset victory

Top quality advice

SOME of the game's biggest names featured in school holiday coaching clinics in Melbourne under the Quit sponsorship.

Players like Gavin Brown, Garry Lyon, Danny Frawley, Matthew Knights, Jason McCartney, Nigel Kellett, Steve Febey, David Calthorpe and WA's Jeremy Guard took part in the recent clinics at a number of venues.

Challenging rugby

THE AFL ventured right into the heart of rugby league territory to launch its new television commercial aimed at matching the TV hype of its rival code.

Aussie Rules has been left lamenting in Sydney and Brisbane especially, where the Tina Turner TV commercials have captured the imagination of sports viewers.

The AFL's ambitious plan to lure Sydney and Brisbane audiences to games in the northern cities is based around a commercial featuring some of the world's greatest sports names.

The commercials debuted nation-wide last week and certainly won widespread support under the theme of 'I'd like to see that'.

With world-class sporting stars like tennis champion John McEnroe, Olympic gold medallist Carl Lewis, former world heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield and NBA basketball star Hakeem Olajuwon, the film clips are presented in an eye-catching manner.

Eagles veteran Peter Wilson features prominently in the umpire-arguing department that appeals most to volatile tennis star McEnroe.

The launch of the TV commercial was staged at the Sydney Cricket Ground, with the chiefs of the NSW Rugby League — along with Andrew Ettingshausen and other rugby stars — special guests to see what the opposition can dish up.

Bring back the droppie!

THE old drop-kick has certainly faded completely from the football arena, but John Todd — celebrating his 40th year in football — still rates it highly.

Responding to a question on Channel Seven's Friday Footy Show, Todd said that the drop kick did have some good points — and he should know, he was a master at the art.

"If you could do a drop kick, you could easily learn how to do a drop punt properly," he said.

"But if you can't learn the drop kick, then it's hard to do the drop punt correctly. Maybe a few players should go back and learn the droppie."

Loyal Bucky fan

IT'S GREAT to see football heroes developing fans among the younger generation, but it's not often that such adulation carries on during a player's entire career.

But such is the case with Gary Buckenara, now retired after an illustrious playing career and a fan named Michael Bushell.

Bucky had a good luck message for Bushell on last Saturday's 6WF football coverage, wishing him all the best for his 21st birthday.

"He wrote to me after I had played just a couple of games for Sabiaco and he's been a fan ever since," said Bucky.

Royal reward



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PLAYERS who have their kicking boots on have been offered a healthy bonus if they can produce some straight shooting at the Perth Oval goals.

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Players who do manage to hit the target with their shots on goal will be acknowledged at the club's after-match presentations.

Quotable quote

ST KILDA coach Stan Alves came up with a classic quote in the lead-up to the Saints clash with Essendon at Waverley Park.

Asked if he was frightened at the prospect of tackling a Bombers side on the rebound, Alves replied: "We're coming off two successive losses, so they must be absolutely terrified."

That might have been the case, as the Saints caused the upset of the season in downing Essendon by 14 points.

Just practising

PRACTICE matches are exactly that — just practising for the real thing.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse experimented with several concepts during the pre-season hit-outs and after a first-round Foster's Cup loss to Adelaide and two more defeats by Geelong and St Kilda (at home), some critics sensed a disappointing season ahead.

But after the 96-point stroll over Richmond, the astute Eagles coach said how foolish it was to prejudge a side on its efforts pre-season.

"We were judged on our practice match form," he said. "I think that's a mistake."



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PERCY'S POINT . . .

SUBIACO have been the main offenders in an ordinary opening fortnight of the WAFL season.

The West Coast brains-trust believe Subiaco have all the talent — but that over-abundance of riches has done nothing to help Lions coach Tony Solin.

Solin has been burdened with too many Eagles of the same type who are all vying for the same position in the West Coast side.

This leaves Solin with a major dilemma — how can he train a side to play a certain style when two-thirds of the team spend most of the week with the Eagles.

Solin would be hard-pressed to do a Mick Malthouse and organise a secret training session because most of the Subiaco players would be unavailable to learn the strategies.

The players in question are Damian Hampson, Matt Connell, Dwayne Lamb, Scott Thomson, Jarrod Schofield, Tony Godden and Drew Banfield (he has the spot). How do the Eagles fit seven into one and keep them all happy?

It cannot be done, so every Saturday Solin has six disillusioned players to motivate.

His job is becoming that of a reserves coach to work

Lions fail with Eagles riches

disenchanted senior players back into the correct frame of mind after being dropped.

And when he cajoles them into thinking right and playing well, he loses them again.

Add Daniel Metropolis, Jason Heatley and Karl Langdon and supplementary summer Eagles David Snow, Scott Gooch and Nathan O'Connor to the list and where does Solin turn?

Subiaco's on-field presence and general attitude in their losses to Perth and Claremont have been shocking.

There is only one course of action.

Solin and Subiaco must face West Coast and tell them they are not fielding all these players.

If the Eagles don't like it, tell them to spread some of the players around the other WAFL clubs.

If this doesn't happen, they will slaughter a year of Subiaco's history and Solin's coaching career will be



Fast-talking hard-hitting 6PR football critic and Aussie Rules addict PERCY JOHNSON has his say in Westside Football

over in its infancy.

Solin should ask brother and East Perth coach Robert about Chris Waterman's attitude against the Royals at the WACA Ground last Saturday night.

The Sharks utility was playing like a man trying to prove a point, not just going through the motions, as some of the Subiaco players are prone to do.

Better still, Tony — ask your mate Gerard Neesham about the problem. The Tigers boss doesn't have any Eagles coming and going now.

It's time Subiaco and Solin stood up to be counted.



Jakovich rated in the top bracket

WEST Coast defender Glen Jakovich has kicked his way into the top five players in the AFL and can only get better.

That's the confident belief of former North Melbourne and Eagles champion Ross Glendinning.

The inaugural Eagles skipper is only man in the history of the VFL/AFL to win a Brownlow Medal (1983) playing at centre-half-back — and his rating of Jakovich is high praise indeed.

Jakovich's form in three games at centre-half-back this season has indicated even more improvement on his joint club champion year of 1993 and four-quarter consistency is a feature.

PROGRESS

Glendinning has watched Jakovich's progress keenly since he was an ambitious teenager with South Fremantle and he's certainly impressed with the 21-year-old.

"He has come a long way since he first started," says Glendinning.

"In those early days there were some

doubters wondering if he would make the grade considering he was such a big fellow at 15 and 16.

"Apart from his great physical attributes, he just loves to play footy and his commitment to the game is terrific.

DEMOLITION

Glendinning, who watched Jakovich's demolition of Richmond's Brendon Gale at the MCG last Saturday, said the former South Coozee lad has shown enough to rank him as one of the competition's legitimate superstars.

"I'd have him in my top five players and if I was at Fremantle and had an open slather on the AFL, I'd pick him at centre-half-back and (Wayne) Carey at centre-half-forward," Glendinning said.

It's no secret Glendinning is a big fan of Carey (22) and the clashes be-



TOP BRACKET . . . Eagles defender Glen Jakovich is rated among the best five AFL players

tween the North Melbourne captain and Jakovich should be a highlight for many years to come.

Last season the tyros engaged in two classic contests and honours were shared — Carey outclassing his opponent at the WACA Ground in the qualifying round, before Jakovich returned the compliment in the elimination final at Waverley Park.

Already a veteran of 65 AFL games, Jakovich has displayed admirable consistency in his opening three matches taking the honours in tussles with Essendon's Glenn Manton, Adelaide's Nigel Smart and Gale.

"For me to put in three good games in a row is important because consistency is my aim," says Jakovich. "It's a

lot easier when the boys are playing well and we are winning our games.

"I don't want to do anything flashy or heroic, just my job and take my opponent out of the game."

However, it is now expected of Jakovich that he gathers numerous possessions from the key defensive post, unlike other centre-half-backs whose primary aim is to negate their big marking opponents.

Against Richmond, the former South Fremantle teenage star collected 20 kicks, eight marks and seven hand-passes and consistently turned defence into attack in typical style.

Jakovich's philosophy of closing down his rivals is simple.

"I'm in a position where I'm going to come up against blokes like Smart, Gale, (Stephen) Kernahan, Carey and (Stewart) Loewe, so in the first 10 minutes I want to get on top and destroy their confidence a little bit," Jakovich said.

"I want to let them know I'm running around and getting kicks as well. If I can take them out first and then turn it into an offensive thing, later in the game in the third and fourth quarters, I can pick up possessions more freely."

On the rare occasion Jakovich does lower his colours, he takes every step, including watching the video of the game many times over, before matching up again.

It is this dedication that has led to him being the AFL's premier centre-half-back and, with the absence of injury, could turn him into one of the greats.

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- 142 Richard Dennis (West Perth)*

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Big week for Joyce

IF A week is a long time in politics, seven days must seem like an eternity in football.

Just ask Alan Joyce.

Nine days ago he was out of work, but in the running for the soon-to-be-filled Fremantle coaching position.

That was Tuesday of last week. By midnight he had accepted a three year contract to replace Terry Wheeler as Footscray coach.

Just four days later he steered the Bulldogs to a stirring one-point loss to Collingwood at the MCG.

"It was just an amazing week the way things turned around," Joyce reflected this week.

FREO INTERVIEW

Joyce confirmed he had been interviewed in mid-March by Fremantle interim board members Ross Kelly and Ron Alexander.

"The interview was on a Sunday morning," he said. "They asked if I would make an application, so I sent the application in."

"From that point the only correspondence I had was a letter last Wednesday confirming they had received my application."

"So there was not much reason to hang around when the Footscray offer came about."

Footscray job needed some quick thinking

This is how Joyce's appointment unfolded:

★ Tuesday:

7.30pm: Joyce receives a telephone call from Footscray general manager Dennis Galimberti, who informs him Wheeler has been sacked and asks whether he would be interested in talking to them about the position. Joyce agrees to talk.

8.30pm: Footscray president Peter Gordon and Galimberti arrive at Joyce's home.

"I needed to know what Footscray wanted in terms of this season," Joyce reflected.

(At this stage, Joyce is believed to have called the Fremantle interim board for a commitment which it was unable to make.)

*11.30pm: Gordon offers Joyce a three-year contract. Joyce accepts.

★ Wednesday:

Noon: Joyce meets Footscray officials in solicitor Gordon's city office.

3pm: Joyce speaks to players and staff at Footscray, followed by a press conference at the Western Oval to announce his appointment.

4pm: A one hour training session.

6-11pm: Match committee meeting with Gordon, Terry Wallace, Gary O'Sullivan and Ted Whitten jnr. A side is selected for Sunday.

"We trained again on Thursday and Friday, which were just light sessions and then I went to the football on Friday night and Saturday before we played Sunday. And I'm still alive," Joyce joked.

COMMITMENT

Joyce said he had missed the commitment at "the elite level" and was excited about the player depth at the Western Oval.

"The seconds are two games clear on top with players like Richard Osborne, Steve Macpherson and Luke Beveridge running around, so the club has obviously been well managed," Joyce said.

★★ In view of Alan Joyce's new coaching appointment, he has stepped down from all 1994 media commitments and his My View column will not continue in Westside Football.

Finding a footy team

Freo unlucky with AFL draft timing

LIFE is all a matter of timing.

In trying to form an inaugural squad of 50 players, the proposed Fremantle Football Club was unlucky right from the start.

The formation of the club was announced just seven weeks after the November 1993 national recruiting draft.

Therefore, players like Stephen Jurica, Paul Barnard, Darren Gaspar, Mark Merenda and Jason Heatley were picked up by other AFL clubs.

Under the rules, as they now exist, most of those players could have been priority choices for Fremantle.

Naturally, it would have meant delaying their entry into AFL ranks for a season.

But they are all young and mostly playing below AFL senior level anyway, maybe that wouldn't have been such a bad thing.

Gaspar has made his AFL debut with Sydney and Barnard must be wondering what hit him after playing in two heavy losses with Hawthorn.

It seems certain that Jurica and Merenda are going through an educational process at Richmond and their progress will dictate when they are blooded.

There is also a scenario that a draft choice could be "loaned" to a club for a season, as was done with Nathan Buckley at Brisbane last season.

Barry Mitchell is at his third club (Carlton) in as many seasons and Richard Osborne's meanderings see him at Footscray via Fitzroy, Sydney and the American National Football League.

It is little wonder that player and club loyalty has gone out the window. Another area in which Fremantle

have been disadvantaged is the fact they were unable to take part in the pre-season March 1994 draft as their licence had not been approved by the AFL.

Had they been permitted to do so, such players as Jon Ballantyne, Haydn Robbins and Trent Nichols, who had been de-listed by their clubs, could have been available to Fremantle.

It is significant that all have made an early impact with their new clubs, especially Nichols at North Melbourne.

The Tasmanian-born left-foot rover gave East Fremantle excellent service, especially in the '92 finals series, but could not get a regular game with the Eagles.

Perhaps the free-flowing style of the Kangaroos offensive play suits Nichols better than Mick Malthouse's defensive strategies.

It would not surprise to see "Tassie" cement his place in AFL ranks.

Former Bulldog Ballantyne has been switched from attack to defence by Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews and has performed well so far this season.

His real test will come over the next few weeks when he is likely to play on full-forwards such as Paul Salmon, Gary Ablett and Tony Lockett.

Other players selected by opposition clubs in the March draft would also have come under strong consideration by Fremantle.

Dean Irving is at Melbourne as a back-up ruckman to Jim Stynes and the emerging Greg Doyle.

David Muir, maturing as a player under Claremont's Gerard Neesham, was snapped up by North Melbourne and Subiaco's Scott Thomson is now

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with **TREVOR SPRIGG**

Radio 6PR's former State and East Fremantle defender and West Coast Eagles chairman of selectors

on the Eagles list.

These players would have been retained in Perth and used as the basis for the FFC development squad currently being put together.

It is gratifying to see the early-season form of some de-listed players in the local Pepsi Cup competition.

Derek Hall, Rob Malone and Mark Collins have been prominent, especially using their experience in tight situations.

Young players Craig Burrows and Shaun McManus have played well for the Sharks with Bulldogs Jarrod Dougan and Peter Bell developing.

Longmire recovery boosts



SUPER 'ROO ... John Longmire has returned to the fray for North Melbourne in record time after a knee reconstruction at the end of last season

WHEN John Longmire injured his knee in the final home-and-away game last year, even the most optimistic North Melbourne supporter would have doubted he would play this season.

Knee reconstructions mean an automatic 12 months on the sidelines, yet Longmire not only resumed running just 15 weeks after his operation, he played in Norths Foster's Cup opener in February.

Having missed Norths opening round with a shoulder strain, he celebrated his ahead-of-schedule return to the big-time with five goals in the thrashing of Hawthorn last Friday night.

His rapid recovery, helped by arduous daily fitness sessions, meant he missed only two official games — Norths losing final to West Coast last September and the club's second round win over St Kilda.

"As soon as it happened, I thought it would be 12 months (out of the game)," Longmire said.

"I'd never had a knee injury, but Mark Roberts did his and spent 12 months out.

RECUPERATION

"It used to be that a cartilage put you out of the game — let alone a reconstruction."

To help his recuperation, Longmire trained every weekday at Arden St from 10am to 2.30pm. At weekends, he jogged or swam.

He said a major factor in the speed of his comeback was that he could devote so much time to his rehabilitation.

"Being a full-time footballer was one of the biggest things that helped me," he said.

"If I had to work as well, I would have struggled.

"Every day I was at the club, going

'Roos morale

On the East Coast from **KEN PIESSE**



for a ride, doing weights or swimming.

"Surgery techniques have developed that much, even in the past couple of years.

"The cuts aren't as big and they are doing a lot through the arthroscope. There is not as much damage to the knee.

"They get your rehabilitation going straight away on a machine, whereas they used to put you in plaster. Now

you get back into it that much quicker."

One of Longmire's aims this year is to head Norths goalkicking for a fifth consecutive season, which would equal John Dugdale's post-war record.

After the Hawthorn game, coach Denis Pagan publicly acknowledged Longmire's courage and dedication in returning so soon, saying his star full-forward had set an inspirational example to everyone at the club.

North Melbourne's premiership odds tumbled from 15/1 to 10/1 after their 21-goal slaughter of Hawthorn.

All-Australian captain Wayne Carey took 17 marks and kicked seven goals in a remarkable solo effort, which showed he has recovered from the back-related hamstring problems that restricted his form late last season.

Bombers dive without stars

MELBOURNE are the early-season glamour side and may start slight favourites against premiers Essendon in this weekend's feature match.

Bombers captain Mark Thompson says he will return for Saturday's big clash, after missing the night series and Essendon's opening three day games with a calf strain.

Thompson says he could have played against St Kilda, having trained strongly all week, but the club's medical staff preferred an extra week on the sidelines.

Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy says Thompson and fellow premiership players Dean Wallis and Darren Bewick were likely to play against Melbourne.

Recruit Barry Young also will be in contention.

Grand final pair Dustin Fletcher and Peter Somerville are facing the axe. Winger Ricky Olarensaw was another to disappoint in the club's second unexpected loss in a row.

Coach Sheedy is staying calm, despite losing two of the first three day games. Last year the Bombers won only once in the opening month and Sheedy believes given the return of some of his champions, the team will soon return to form.

But the loss of star centreman Michael Long, the hero of the club's premiership win, is a major problem as the Bombers work towards their target of successive flags.

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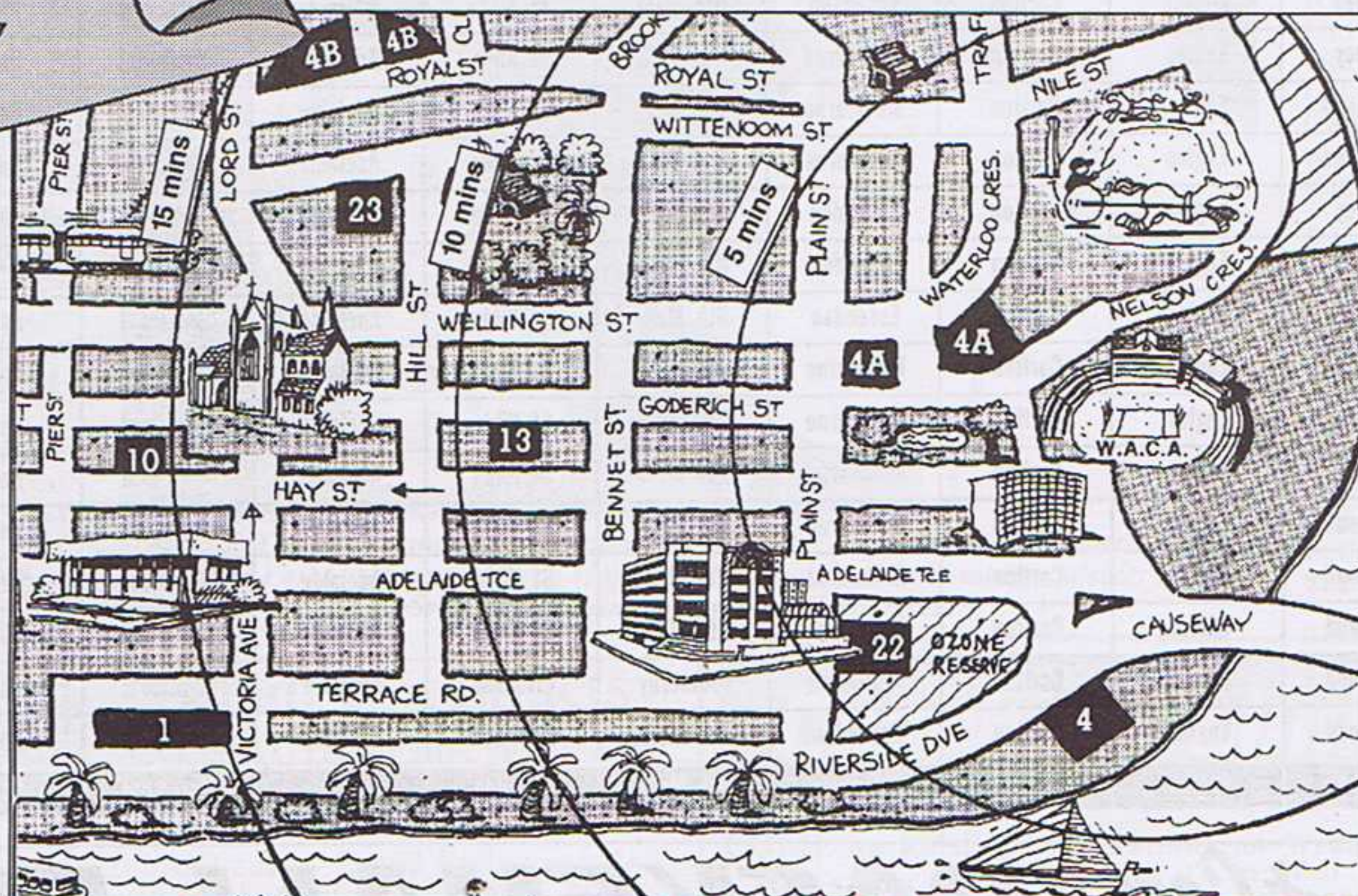
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BOND, Shane	3	3	16	6	12	2	5	3.0	0	6	1
BRENNAN, Michael	3	143	23	7	9	3	3	0.0	1	4	2
CLAPE, Matt	1	24	5	2	3	1	1	0.0	0	0	0
EVANS, Tony	1	38	10	4	8	0	1	0.1	0	2	0
HARDING, Paul	3	113	15	6	7	6	2	0.0	28	2	1
HART, David	3	115	46	11	12	3	3	2.1	0	3	2
HEADY, Brett	3	79	31	17	10	3	2	9.5	0	1	2
JAKOVICH, Glen	3	65	47	27	23	6	2	0.0	8	4	3
KEMP, Dean	3	91	43	12	32	6	4	2.2	1	7	1
LEWIS, Chris	3	131	38	9	12	3	6	5.6	2	8	0
MAINWARING, Chris	2	140	26	6	9	3	5	1.0	0	2	0

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MATERA, Peter	3	77	45	12	16	3	3	2.4	0	5	2
McINTOSH, Ashley	3	56	28	16	10	4	3	0.0	2	5	0
McKENNA, Guy	3	126	22	11	29	5	2	0.0	0	9	2
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SPINKS, Brett	3	3	23	18	12	2	3	3.1	2	0	2
SUMICH, Peter	3	110	28	16	2	1	5	12.10	1	3	0
TURLEY, Craig	3	86	18	9	17	2	3	1.2	0	5	1
TURNBULL, Ryan	3	14	15	6	6	2	2	2.0	33	0	0
WATERMAN, Chris	2	95	2	0	4	1	1	0.0	2	1	1
WILSON, Peter	3	134	29	11	14	4	3	2.1	0	9	3
WORSFOLD, John	3	140	24	8	31	3	1	0.0	0	12	5

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Club	Player	Games This Year	Total Club Games	Kicks	Mkis	Hbals	Score	Hand
BRISBANE	Peos, Paul	3	66	2	1	-	1.0	-
	Starcevich, Craig	2	126	4	3	2	1.0	1
COLLINGWOOD	Christian, Michael	2	115	6	1	2	-	-
	Rowe, Brad	2	48	6	4	3	3.1	-
	Curley, Todd	1	1	2	-	4	-	-
FOOTSCRAY	Southern, Danny	3	3	7	1	9	-	-
ESSENDON	Kickett, Dale	3	41	5	3	3	1.1	-
	Cransberg, Peter	1	54	4	3	5	1.1	-
	Delaney, Tony	1	5	5	1	5	1.1	-
FITZROY	Bain, David	3	89	11	3	4	-	-
	Dunstan, Michael	3	23	12	6	4	1.1	-
	Guard, Jeremy	1	43	7	12	2	3	-
	Zanotti, Mark	3	122	10	1	4	-	-
ST KILDA	Winmar, Nicky	2	138	23	6	4	3.2	-

Club	Player	Games	Total Games	Kicks	Mkis	H/Outs	Tackles	Shep
GEELONG	Bairstow, Mark	3	130	8	-	1	1.0	-
	Handley, Stephen	3	38	6	2	3	1.3	-
	O'Reilly, Stephen	3	15	1	1	4	-	-
HAWTHORN	Allan, Ben	3	78	14	3	8	-	-
	Barnard, Paul	2	2	3	1	1	1.0	-
NORTH MELBOURNE	Ishchenko, Alex	2	111	4	3	6	-	7
	Laidley, Dean	2	71	5	1	3	-	-
	Marr, Peter	2	24	5	1	4	-	1

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BRILLIANT Eagles full-back Ashley McIntosh has hit the lead in the \$500 O'Connor's Tavern Eagles rating award after yet another outstanding performance in the last line of defence.

McIntosh polled eight votes after closing down Richmond spearhead Matthew Richardson to take a one-point lead in the prestigious award, which also has a magnificent Ray Montgomery sculpture from Westside Football as a prize.


Name	Votes	Total
BANFIELD, Drew	4	4
BOND, Shane	4	4
BRENNAN, Michael	5	5
CLAPE, Matt	4	4
EVANS, Tony	5	5
HARDING, Paul	5	5
HART, David	8	8
HEADY, Brett	4	4
JAKOVICH, Glen	6	6
KEMP, Dean	7	7
LEWIS, Chris	6	6
MAINWARING, Chris	4	4
MATERA, Peter	6	6
McINTOSH, Ashley	8	8
McKENNA, Guy	6	6
PYKE, Don	6	6
SPINKS, Brett	5	5
SUMICH, Peter	7	7
TURNBULL, Ryan	3	3
TURLEY, Craig	6	6
WATERMAN, Chris	1	1
WILSON, Peter	6	6
WORSFOLD, John	5	5



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	Tally	Sydney v Richmond	Eagles v Fitzroy	Hawthorn v Carlton	Essendon v Melbourne	Footscray v Nth Melb	Brisbane v St Kilda	Adelaide v Geelong	Claremont v East Perth	Perth v South Frem	East Frem v West Perth	Subiaco v Swan Dist
RON ALEXANDER	22	Sydney	Fitzroy	Carlton	Essendon	Nth Melb	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	East Frem	Swan Dist
TANIA ARMSTRONG	22	Sydney	Eagles	Carlton	Melbourne	Nth Melb	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	East Frem	Swan Dist
DIGBY BEACHAM	23	Richmond	Eagles	Carlton	Melbourne	Nth Melb	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	East Frem	Subiaco
PETER BOSUSTOW	21	Richmond	Eagles	Carlton	Melbourne	Nth Melb	Brisbane	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	East Frem	Swan Dist
WILL BUTUN	19	Sydney	Eagles	Carlton	Essendon	Nth Melb	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	South Frem	West Perth	Swan Dist
RICHARD CAMM	18	Sydney	Eagles	Carlton	Essendon	Nth Melb	Brisbane	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	East Frem	Swan Dist
ALAN EAST	20	Sydney	Eagles	Carlton	Essendon	Nth Melb	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	East Frem	Subiaco
BRAD ELBOROUGH	17	Richmond	Eagles	Carlton	Melbourne	Nth Melb	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	East Frem	Swan Dist
THE HOOD	16	Sydney	Eagles	Carlton	Melbourne	Footscray	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	West Perth	Swan Dist
PERCY JOHNSON	23	Sydney	Eagles	Carlton	Melbourne	Nth Melb	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	East Frem	Swan Dist
STEVE MARTIN	18	Richmond	Eagles	Carlton	Melbourne	Nth Melb	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	West Perth	Swan Dist
KEN PIESSE	19	Richmond	Eagles	Carlton	Melbourne	Nth Melb	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	Perth	East Frem	Swan Dist
GLEN QUARTERMAIN	20	Richmond	Eagles	Carlton	Melbourne	Nth Melb	St Kilda	Adelaide	Claremont	South Frem	East Frem	Swan Dist
TREVOR SPRIGG	22	Richmond	Eagles	Carlton	Melbourne	Footscray	Brisbane	Adelaide	Claremont	South Frem	East Frem	Subiaco
GARY STOCKS	21	Richmond	Eagles	Carlton	Essendon	Nth Melb	Brisbane	Adelaide	Claremont	South Frem	East Frem	Swan Dist
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Other games

SYDNEY are provided with an ideal chance of notching their first win for 1994 when they host Richmond at the SCG on Friday night.

The Swans have lost their opening two matches, but have been far from disgraced, while the Tigers were appalling against West Coast.

Simon Minton-Connell and Dale Lewis are effective focal points in attack and with Richmond's defence undisciplined against the Eagles, coach Ron Barassi would be full of confidence.

HAWTHORN'S woes look set to continue when they clash with last-start winners Carlton at Waverley Park on Saturday.

The Hawks have lost their last two, including a 127-point thrashing by North Melbourne last Friday night and must take on the Blues without the services of Jason Dunstall and Chris Langford, who are still injured.

Carlton's big name players Greg Williams, Peter Dean and Stephen Silvagni were in good form against Geelong and with Stephen Kernahan in attack, could have too many guns.

ESSENDON face the unthinkable — three losses in a row — when they tackle the in-form Melbourne on Saturday at the MCG.

The Bombers have struggled with injuries and form and Kevin Sheedy faces a tough task of 'getting them up' to take on the Demons, who will be fresh after the bye.

Melbourne's three-pronged forward set-up of Allen Jakovich, Garry Lyon and David Schwarz looms as Essendon's biggest problem.

FOOTSCRAY will look to put aside the disappointment of last week's thrilling loss to Collingwood when they take on North Melbourne at the Western Oval on Saturday.

The Bulldogs showed tremendous character against the Magpies and a repeat performance will be required against the Kangaroos, who sit on top of the ladder with a percentage of 264.7.

North Melbourne also boasts a potent attack and how Alan Joyce can counter their input could be crucial.

ST KILDA, fresh from a character-boosting win against Essendon, travel to the Gabba to meet Brisbane in a vital game for both clubs.

The two have just one win from three games and another loss could seriously dent their finals hopes.

Gordon Fode filled in admirably at full-forward for St Kilda (five goals) and with experienced players Nicky Winmar and Danny Frawley in good touch, the Saints could triumph again.

ADELAIDE are set to make life tough for the injury-riddled Geelong at Football Park on Sunday.

The Crows beat Sydney without key players Tony Modra and Tony McGuinness, but should welcome them back, while the Cats will be without centre-half-forward Barry Stoneham (calf) and captain Mark Bairstow (knee).

Adelaide are always hard to beat at Football Park and unless the Cats can produce a remarkable form reversal, they will not trouble the Crows.

By GLEN QUARTERMAIN

night's match against the West Coast Eagles at the WACA.

West Coast may be the most defensive outfit in the AFL under the coaching of Mick Malthouse, but they still spring from a white-collar ilk where power, speed and class are the football pre-requisites.

The clash of opposites should result in an enthralling contest, as the their recent 3-3 match-up record would indicate.

INNUENDO

Fitzroy, once again the subject of merger or extinction innuendo pre-season, are in sixth position on the ladder with wins over reigning premiers Essendon, Brisbane and an 11-point loss to early pace-setter Collingwood.

After an opening round three-point loss to Essendon, the Eagles have been impressive 19 and 96-point winners over Adelaide and Richmond.

The Lions started West Coast's run of outs at the WACA Ground last season when they downed the Eagles by 18-points in their round eight encounter.

That stirring win followed equally impressive victories over the Eagles in 1992 at North Hobart Oval and the previous year at Princes Park.

EXPLANATION

Fitzroy captain Paul Roos has a simple explanation for the Lions sound record in Perth.

"We don't often play in front of huge crowds in Melbourne, so I think the boys see the crowd size and the fact it's televised as a real challenge and an opportunity to prove themselves," Roos said this week.

"They seem to get up easily for these sort of games."

West Coast's respected midfield of Peter Matera, Chris Mainwaring, Dean Kemp, David Hart, Craig Turley and Chris Lewis will confront a confident opposition mobile unit of Matthew Armstrong, Jim Wynd, Brad Boyd, David Bain, Jason Baldwin and Kieran Sporn.

The Lions pre-season gain Jeff Hogg is slowly regaining the form to led to captaincy of Richmond, kicking five goals in last week's win over Brisbane for a total of eight from five matches.

He can expect to wear the shadow of Michael Brennan, if the reliable West Coast defender overcomes a hamstring strain, freeing up the quicker Ashley McIntosh for the irrepressible Ross Lyon and Glen Jakovich for Fitzroy



LOOK-ALIKE ... Fitzroy's Jeremy Guard looks like his skipper Paul Roos and the Lions hope he can show the same form at the WACA on Saturday

battle

centre-half-forward Stephen Paxman or even Roos.

At the other end, West Coast are blessed with options — Peter Sumich should be matched with Mark Zanotti, Brett Spinks possibly with the mobile Roos and Brett Heady with Michael Dunstan or Jeremy Guard.

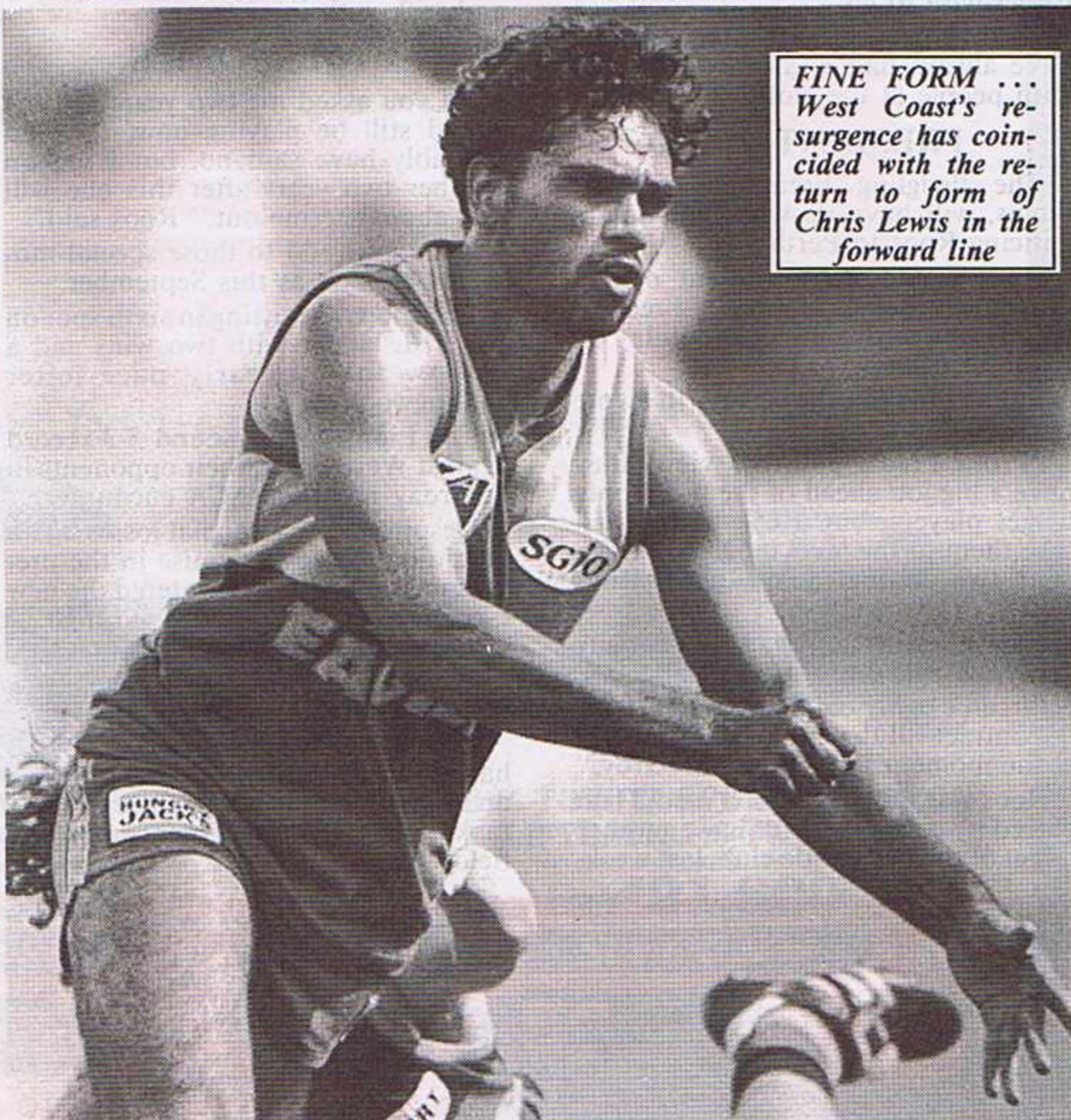
Malthouse does not believe the absence of Alastair Lynch, who has crossed to Brisbane, has made the Lions any less formidable.

"They've got Jeff Hogg, who is a very good forward and some new young kids who are extremely talented and in good form," Malthouse said.

The Eagles have not altered their normal pre-match routine, despite the Saturday night format for the first time. They have trained Monday, Wednesday and again tomorrow night at Subiaco Oval.

Ironically, the Eagles last win at the WACA was against the Lions, in August, 1992.

No West Coast player needs reminding where that victory led them five weeks later.



FINE FORM ... West Coast's resurgence has coincided with the return to form of Chris Lewis in the forward line

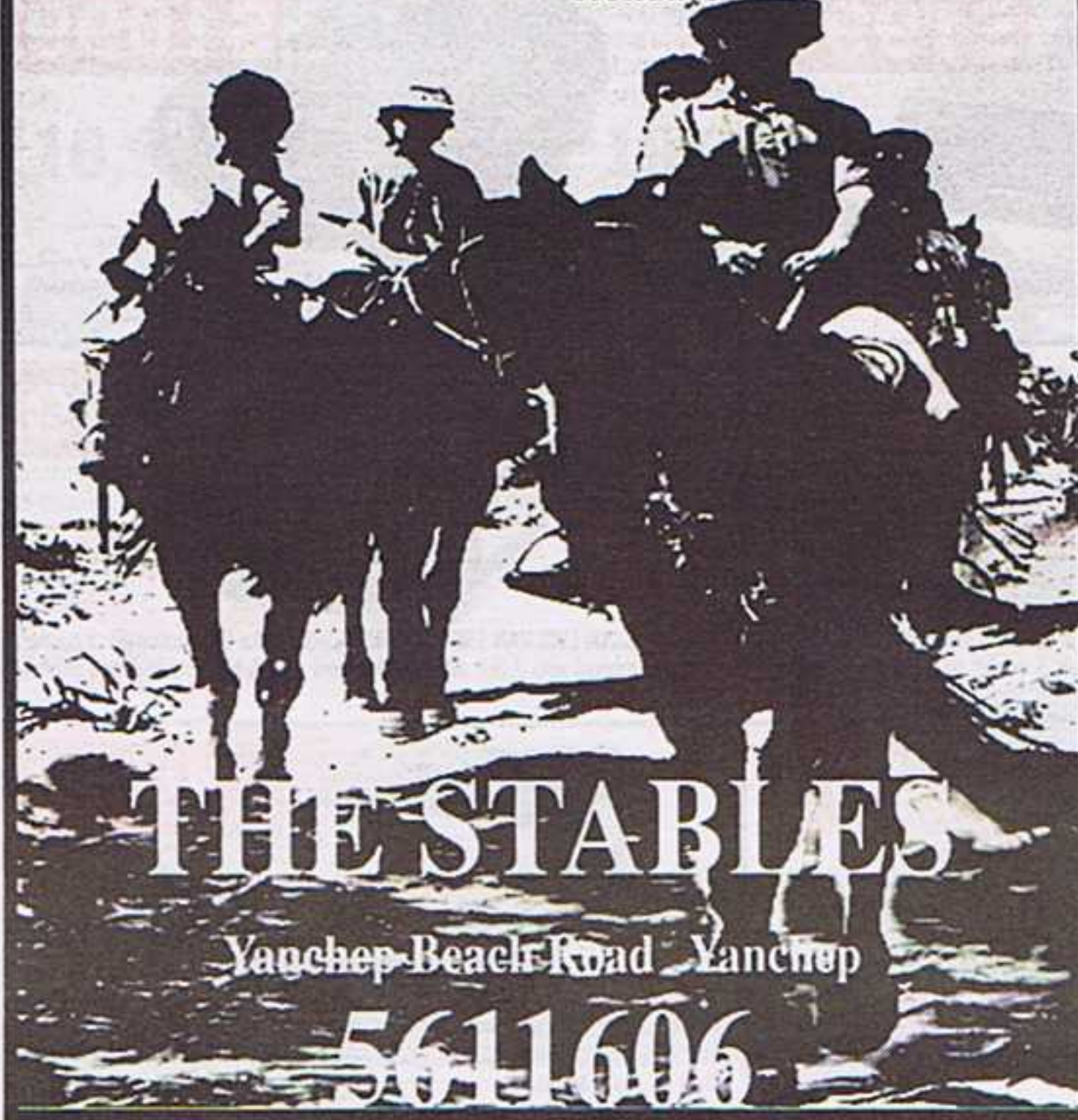
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Loyalty rules for top 'Roy

LOYALTY is the first word in the football vocabulary of Fitzroy captain Paul Roos.

The Lions skipper has baulked at persistent offers from rival clubs over his 13-season 250 game VFL-AFL career.

For the 30-year-old All-Australian, the financial lures and premiership promises were always secondary to what Fitzroy could offer.

"Fitzroy has always suited my circumstances and while I have had offers to go elsewhere, there has never been any reason to leave," Roos said this week after celebrating his latest milestone with a victory.

"Players have left the club for different reasons and I can understand their reasoning. But I've never had a reason career-wise to go.

"I have been looked after well and have always had a good relationship with people at the club."

FREMANTLE BID

The fledgling Fremantle side, it seems, will have its work cut out in enticing Roos to Perth.

Roos would not comment on rumours he was interviewed by Fremantle officials during a recent holiday on Rottnest Island.

But he did offer the new outfit a vote of sympathy.

"From Freo's point of view, they have a big job ahead of them not only to get players, but a coach who will take them to the level they want to be at in two or three years time," Roos said.

"To be quite honest, I don't really know whether I am in their plans.

"I can't really comment at all. I am in contract till the end of the year and at the moment I'm happy at Fitzroy."

Roos was the subject of a media ban placed by coach Robert Shaw, another target of the Fremantle club, last week,

By GLEN QUARTERMAIN

when the Lions believed their skipper's 250th game had been snubbed.

Roos is proud of the individual honours he has received, including best and fairest awards, Victorian captaincy and All-Australian selection.

But he marks as his finest moment Fitzroy's stirring elimination final win in 1986 when they overcame Essendon by one point.

"I will never forget Micky Conlan kicking the winning goal with a minute and a half to go," Roos said.

"They are memories you keep forever."

Just how many memories Roos will add to the tally is dependent on fitness and luck with injury.

MEMORIES

"If you asked me two years ago if I would still be playing now, I would probably have said no, but I reckon another two years after this one will just about see me out," Roos said.

Roos may add to those special moments as soon as this September.

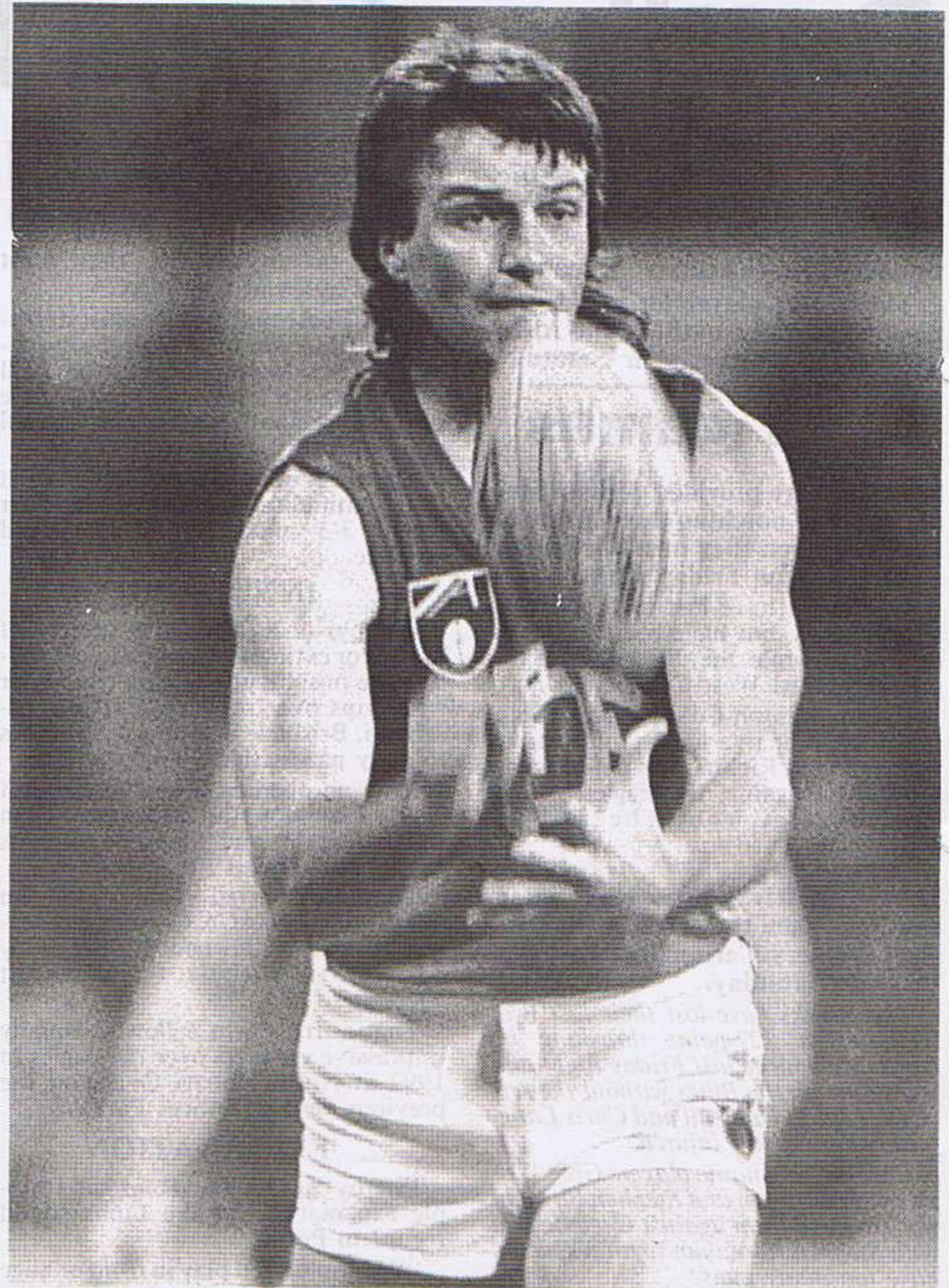
The Lions are sitting in sixth spot on the AFL ladder with two wins and a narrow loss to early pace-setter Collingwood.

The Lions have a sound 3-3 record against West Coast, their opponents in Saturday night's WACA encounter.

Despite heavy financial losses again heralding Fitzroy's demise in the pre-season, the Lions have entered the new football year with an on-field high.

"It may seem from an outsider's view that we are always trying to prove ourselves," Roos said.

"I think what happens is we always have a fair amount of external pressure on us and the only way the players can make any sort of statement is on the field."



LOYAL LION... Paul Roos has rejected many lucrative offers in order to stay at his beloved Fitzroy



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Bulldogs potential pleases Joyce

FOOTSCRAY have the potential to cause some football critics heartache by playing in the finals.

While new coach Alan Joyce didn't declare that his charges would be part of the September campaign, he was particularly buoyed with their plucky effort against Collingwood at the MCG on Sunday, losing by just one point.

Normally reserved and equally straight-faced, Joyce said the character displayed by everyone at the Western Oval was exciting.

"I reckon Collingwood is as good a team as there is running around at the moment," Joyce said.

"They are a very, very good side and I reckon we tested them to the wire."

Joyce, a dual premiership coach with Hawthorn, replaced Terry Wheeler last Wednesday and held his first training session that night.

He admitted that he didn't know some players, but with the assistance of reserves coach Terry Wallace and chairman of selectors Ted Whitten jnr, he was able to wrinkle out any problems.

However, that didn't appear the case early in the third quarter.

Collingwood had skipped more than 30 points clear and looked like split-

By DIGBY BEACHAM

ting the game wide open, despite Footscray "having a dip".

But the "Scraggers" continued to pump the ball forward courtesy of giant Ilija Grgic dominating at centre bouncings and around the ground.

He consistently fed talented on-ballers Leon Cameron and Tony Libertore, who were brilliant.

The Bulldogs did fall down in attack and in the last quarter, had six chances to wrest the lead from the Magpies.

It is history that they failed to achieve that, kicking a poor 5.14 for the second half, to finish with 12.22.

Nippy half-forward Steven Kolyniuk displayed the form that saw him represent Victoria a couple of seasons ago; promising centre-half-forward Chirs Grant was in great touch, while inexperienced pair Alan Thorpe and Scott Allen showed their class.

Together, the quartet kicked eight goals (two each) and with Richard Osborne scoring seven in the reserves, the Bulldogs boast a formidable forward set-up.

In defence, veteran Steve Wallis proved a fine example for Ben Sexton, Barry Standfield, Daniel Southern and Anthony Darcy, while on the ball,

Mark Hunter did a fine job negating boom Magpies recruit Nathan Buckley.

"The second half was a tremendous credit to our guys," Joyce said.

QUALITY

"I was very proud of them and the quality of guys like Doug Hawkins, who came up to me before the start of the game to wish me well.

"This is a quality team and a quality football club."

A major criticism levelled at Footscray is their lack of depth, but a quick glance at the Bulldogs victorious reserves team suggests otherwise.

It included Osborne, Tasmanian state of origin players Simon Atkins and Steve MacPherson, Luke Beveridge and Peter Quill, who between them have played 559 league games.

No one needs to tell Joyce that player talent at the Western Oval is not as flash as during his stints at Glenferrie.

But if anyone is to extract Footscray's full potential, there is nobody better suited than the strict disciplinarian.



NEW DOG... Alan Joyce is excited by Footscray's prospects

Sacking inspires Magpies

COLLINGWOOD'S match-winning five-goal burst in the opening 15 minutes of Sunday's clash at the MCG was achieved with the help of Footscray's sacking of coach Terry Wheeler.

That was the opinion of coach Leigh Matthews after watching his side cling to a narrow one-point victory against the Bulldogs.

The win gave the Magpies a 3-0 win/loss record

and has them placed perfectly going into round four when they have a bye.

"We mentally got ourselves up early — the guys were focussed and I think probably the Footscray happenings helped in that," Matthews said.

"It made our guys know what their job was."

Matthews was not concerned by the Magpies being restricted to two goals after half-time and goalless in the final period.

"We certainly stopped, whether we got tired or just stopped, is a 64 dollar question and if you are asking me for the answer, I don't know it," Matthews said.

"I just know that the Carlton game — warm conditions, big crowd and we won — aren't the ideal preparation to go into the next game.

"Today was always going to be tough, emotionally and physically, so we were happy just to win."

— DIGBY BEACHAM

Time for Tigers to deliver long-promised goods

THE time has come for Richmond to stand up and be counted as a genuine finals contender.

For too long, the Tigers have been described as a youthful and inexperienced line-up, which had the potential to make an impact during the 1990s.

An extensive summer recruiting drive netted quality players in Jamie Elliott, Michael Gale, Matthew Dundas and Paul Broderick (from Fitzroy), ruckman Greg Dear (Hawthorn), Hady Robbins (Melbourne), as well as luring Matthew Rogers and Jamie Tape from South Australia.

Their presence had earned the "new-look Tigers" tag and given the club every reason to think they can make the finals for the first time since 1982.

OPTIMISM

A two-point loss to Footscray at the Western Oval was followed by a crushing win over Brisbane, resulting in new optimism sweeping the club.

Richmond coach John Northey was adamant the game against West Coast would provide a gauge for his team.

However, after losing by 96 points with all eight recruits taking their place in the side, Northey could be excused for wanting the season to end.

The loss was bigger than Richmond's two combined defeats in 1993,

By DIGBY BEACHAM

which included playing in front of a hostile Subiaco Oval crowd.

Richmond players made the same mistakes that Northey has worked tirelessly to erase when the pressure was applied.

The turn-over rate was unacceptable.

Unless that is amended soon, starting with Friday night's clash with Sydney at the SCG, last year's four wins and 14th place may be hard to better.

Senior players Matthew Knights, Brendon Gale, Tony Free, Chris Naish and Scott Turner must strive for greater consistency and give Northey, who is a fine coach, something to smile about week-in and week-out.

Northey was at a loss to explain his side's dismal showing.

"It was very disappointing, we expected a lot more," Northey said.

"They gave us a lesson in football — we just seemed a totally different team to last week.

"We seemed hesitant and just didn't attack the ball.

"The flaws just crept into the game."

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** Perth v South Fremantle (4)	H	Perth 16-18	85pts
East Fremantle v West Perth (3)	H	East Fremantle 10-12pts	
Subiaco v Swan Districts (2)	A	Swan Districts 19-21pts	
** West Coast v Fitzroy (5)	H	West Coast 28-30pts	94pts
Hawthorn v Carlton (7)	A	Carlton 25-27pts	
Essendon v Melbourne (8)	A	Melbourne 31-33pts	
Footscray v Nth Melbourne (9)	A	Nth Melbourne 25-27pts	
Sunday, April 17			
Brisbane v St Kilda (10)	A	St Kilda 31-33pts	
Adelaide v Geelong (11)	H	Adelaide 28-30pts	

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Our columnists have their say

Lions blame media, AFL for Roos snub

THE AFL faces the task of defending the indefensible after ignoring the milestone of champion Fitzroy defender Paul Roos last week.

Whether there is a hidden agenda in the exercise — as suggested by 'Roos coach Robert Shaw — is debatable, but there is no doubt the AFL should have recognised Roos' 250-game achievement.

The AFL had the chance through its official organ, the Football Record, to pay tribute to one of the greatest players of the modern era, but only wrote 13 lines on the Lions skipper.

Shaw saw it as part of an AFL conspiracy to see the club disintegrate in the interests of a national competition which cannot support the existing club numbers in Melbourne.

He reacted angrily — and took it out on the press.

Because the print media had failed to recognise the achievement, he refused the obligatory post-match conference.

Instead he issued a brief statement:

"I think it's pretty ordinary when the print media fail to recognise all throughout this week the outstanding achievements of Paul Roos to Victorian football and to this club.

"It is a sad day for football when Roos becomes an innocent victim of the print media's hand-in-hand courtship with the administrators of



LION HEART ... Paul Roos urges on his team

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football in trying to eliminate Fitzroy from the competition.

"It is unfashionable to be Fitzroy and therefore Roos has suffered from that malaise. Now would you please leave."

Shaw vented his anger and makes some relevant points. It is difficult to understand why the Melbourne papers would choose to ignore the Roos feat, though the Terry Wheeler sacking probably dominated thoughts during a busy week.

ANGER

It's doubtful that such a directive would have come from the AFL and it's even harder to believe the press would follow such an instruction.

The Fitzroy coach did not go so far as to suggest that might have happened, but reading between the lines, it seems the club believes that was a possibility.

The great pity is that Roos' milestone will be remembered for the controversy surrounding the game, rather than the wonderful contribution he has made to his club and the sport.

Perth fans will get their chance to acknowledge one of the greats of the game at the WACA Ground on Saturday night.

Although most fans will be urging the Eagles to success, WA football followers also appreciate a great athlete and Roos will receive a warm welcome.

In an era when club loyalty is easily purchased, Roos has stayed faithful to his club when clearly his devotion to the outfit has been tested.

The pre-season rumours about the club's possible demise and the financial problem that surfaces annually, would have made it difficult for the all-Australian star to stay loyal to the Fitzroy cause, but he has done that.

To put the milestone in perspective, Roos is one of only 56 players to reach the mark.

A Victorian captain and all-Australian representative, he has been an ornament to the game and will continue in that manner until the end.

MELBOURNE CALLING

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



IN THE world of corporate business, executives demand financial success and failure is not tolerated.

It seems the scenario is not far removed from an AFL perspective when the Footscray board of directors decision to sack Terry Wheeler is considered.

Wheeler, after being named coach of the year in 1992 — just 22 AFL matches ago — must be wondering if the words loyalty and football can be used in the same sentence.

The Footscray players obviously took a liking to Wheeler — perhaps due to his unique approach to pre-season training.

One exercise a couple of years ago had the entire Bulldogs cast jump out of a plane, which was in perfectly sound condition and parachute into Port Phillip Bay below.

Now this may sound as intelligent as the Nigel Smart fire-walking exercise. However, Wheeler's intentions were valid.

He wanted his players to feel they could achieve anything, even survive a jump from 4000-feet.

Unfortunately, the nature of a coach's job, particularly in the success-driven AFL environment, has seen many coaches dumped when they least expected it.

Ken Sheldon, Wayne Schimmelbusch and Gary Buckenara are all recent examples of coaches who have been told their services were no longer required.

Sheldon had promoted St Kilda to their first finals campaign in years, before being replaced at the end of last year.

High-scoring West Coast thrive away from home

WEST Coast recorded their biggest win outside Perth in Saturday's clash with Richmond at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The Eagles 96-point win was their sixth biggest and the club's largest victory since beating the Brisbane Bears by 131 points at the WACA Ground in round 20 of 1992.

The Eagles win was their first at the MCG since the 1992 grand final victory over Geelong.

The Eagles biggest win at the MCG before Saturday was by 75 points against Essendon in round 15 of 1992 and their largest win outside Perth had been by 82 points against Hawthorn in round 7 of 1991.

THE Eagles win stretched their winning sequence against Richmond to nine, after the Tigers won three of the first four games between the two clubs.

The 96-point victory surpassed the Eagles previous margin against Richmond of 51 points at Subiaco Oval in round 18 of 1989.

Richmond's final score of 5.9 was their lowest against the Eagles (previously 9.11 at Subiaco Oval in round 3 of 1993); the lowest score against the Eagles at the MCG (9.8 by Essendon in round 15 of 1992) and the lowest against the Eagles since round 9 of 1991 (when Fitzroy kicked 2.8 at Subiaco Oval).

HAWTHORN have suffered their worst consecutive results for 44 years with losses by 54 points and 127 points.

Corporate coaches must expect high jump

It seems that with a team boasting Tony Lockett, Stewart Loewe, Nicky Winmar and Robert Harvey, finals appearances are not enough.

The absurd fact is that replacements are made during, or leading into, a season.

Buckenara's role was taken over by Ron Barassi after three games in 1993, while Schimma was ousted after a pre-season Foster's Cup loss a couple of weeks before Norths season-opener.

Surely a coach's performance is reviewed at the end of each season, as is the case with the players and any change considered necessary is acted upon then.

All things considered, Footscray have certainly chosen a man with a fine coaching record in Alan Joyce. He's a man's man, who talks straight and from the heart.

Training under his direction will no doubt be tough as he attempts to improve on his three night and two day premierships.

One thing I can guarantee is that no Footscray player will be jumping out of any planes while he is in charge.

Stats AND Facts
with Richard Camm

Hawthorn lost the opening two games of the 1950 season — a year when they failed to record a victory — by an aggregate margin of 189 points, losing by 80 points and 109 points respectively.

Friday night's 127-point defeat was the Hawks first loss to North Melbourne since round 19 of 1984, when the Kangaroos won by 71 points at Arden Street.

The loss was the Hawks first by more than 100 points since round 21 of 1979 when the Kangaroos beat them by 105 points at Princes Park and the Hawks heaviest defeat since a 128-point loss to Carlton at Princes Park in round 2 of 1969.

NORTH Melbourne's win was the Kangaroos equal fourth highest ever and their biggest for four years.

The Kangaroos recorded victories by 141 points against Richmond, 127 points against Melbourne, 92 points against St Kilda and 90 points against Sydney at the MCG in 1990.

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Face to face

Southern swaps the boutique feel for mean streets

THE shaven head and tattooed torso of Daniel Southern doesn't look out of place down Footscray's Barkly Street — and he likes it that way.

The rugged-looking teenager is delighted to be in the western suburbs and representing the blue collar workers in the bleak industrial area.

It's an area where the fans idolise the players who cross the line at the famous Western Oval and tough guys like Southern feel right at home.

To say it's a different scene to that of the plush Claremont area, where Southern was a regular league player last year, is a gross under-statement.

But that doesn't faze the 19-year-old, who has shown considerable promise in his three senior AFL appearances.

"Everyone is really down to earth at Footscray and have made me feel welcome, which makes it a lot easier for a bloke coming to Melbourne," Southern said after last Sunday's tough game against Collingwood.

"I think I've settled into the side well and there is a position for me, so I've just got to grab it by the neck."

Although standing only 188cms, Southern weighs 92kgs and even during the pre-season, he was described as a ready-made AFL footballer.

Those claims have been justified, as the apprentice painter sets about trying to consolidate a berth in the Bulldogs senior line-up.

And what happens from round four to the end of 1994 would have to be substantial if it was to shock Southern.

A two-point win against Richmond at the Western Oval, was followed by a thrashing from Geelong at Kardinia Park, where he played on arguably the best man in the league, Gary Ablett.

Then last Wednesday, he was driving to meet his physio when he heard news that Terry Wheeler had been sacked and replaced by former Hawthorn coach Alan Joyce.

Against the Magpies, Footscray fell well behind before finishing strongly to lose by one point after dominating play for the majority of the second half.

"It was disappointing to lose after all the traumas that had happened during the week, because a win would have got us back on track," Southern said.

"But I think the boys showed a lot of heart out there and we were just a bit unlucky in the end."

Southern admitted the change in coach mid-week had 'sparked' the Bulldogs players into action.

"I was pretty shocked because I'd just come to a new club and was getting settled in and learning how a coach wants to play me," he stated.

"But Joyce has got us lifting the tempo a bit and got us on the ball — under Wheels, the blokes were going through the motions a bit."

While at the helm, Wheeler showed tremendous faith in Southern, lining him up against Sydney full-forward Simon Minton-Connell in the Foster's Cup, Richmond full-forward Matthew Richardson in the last-quarter after he had caused the Bulldogs defence plenty of problems and then Ablett.

"There was a bit of talk around the club that I'd take Ablett and Wheels told me on the Wednesday, so he gave me a bit of notice," he said.

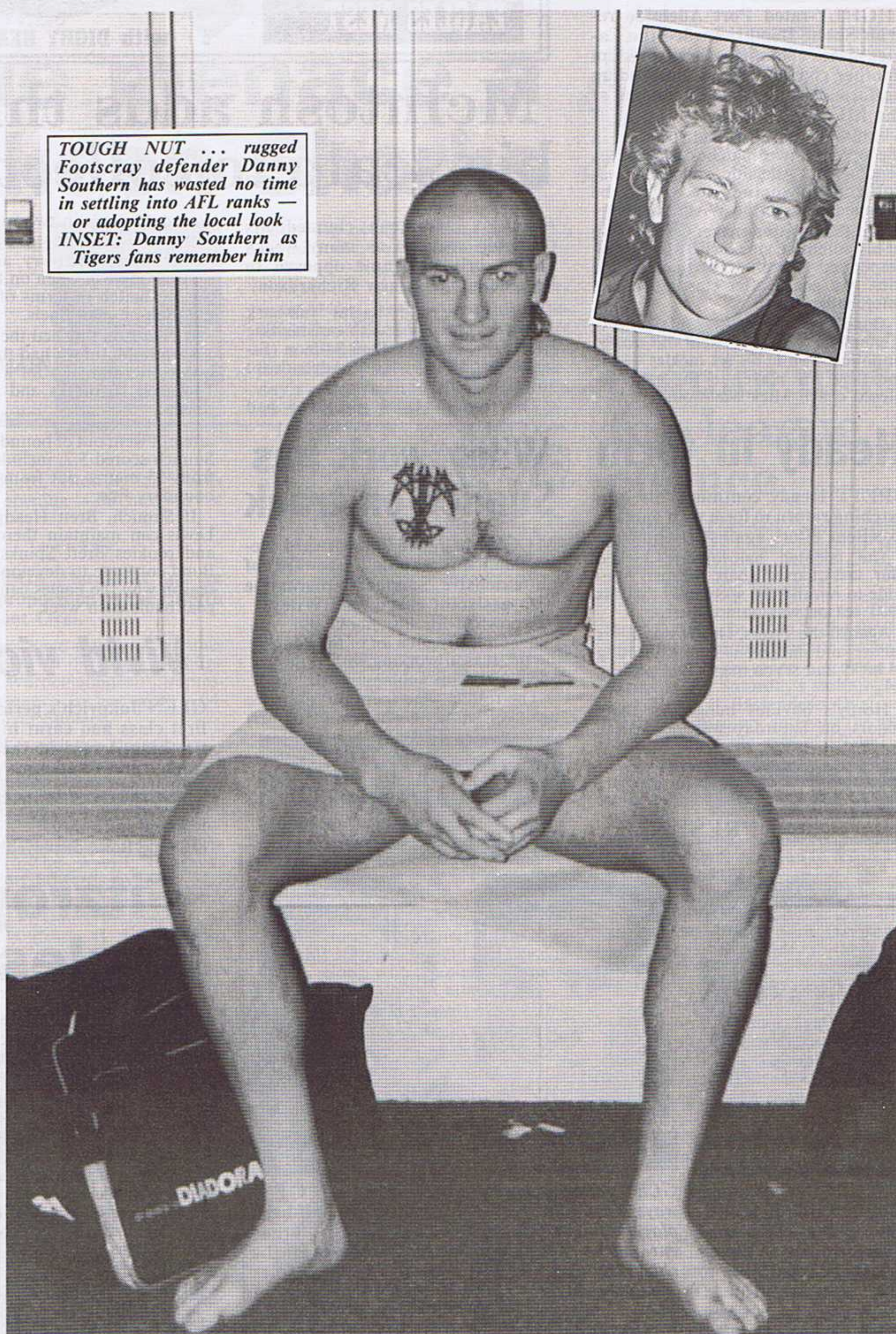
"I slept alright, but I was pretty nervous playing on the great man and being only my second game."

Ablett finished the match with 7.6, to be nearly the Cats best player.

"It was pretty hard because we got killed over the ground and the ball was coming down a fair bit and when he kicked three on me early, I really didn't know

He looks like an extra from the film Romper Stomper, but tough Footscray full-back Danny Southern doesn't mind. After a superb premiership season for Claremont in 1993, he has settled into his job at the Western Oval like a veteran. DIGBY BEACHAM talks to the teenager who gets football's hardest assignments each week

TOUGH NUT . . . rugged Footscray defender Danny Southern has wasted no time in settling into AFL ranks — or adopting the local look
INSET: Danny Southern as Tigers fans remember him



what to do," Southern added.

"I tried to work it out from there and some of the goals he kicked were just sensational."

Selected 92nd in the 1992 national draft after winning All-Australian selection following an outstanding Teal Cup carnival the same year, Southern could prove to be an excellent choice.

He shows no fear and even in the AFL arena, displays the characteristic dash out of defence he produced consistently in 1993 with Claremont.

Southern was one of the rookies of the year in the WAFL, finishing third in the Sandover Medal and winning the Football Media Guild's prestigious player of the future award.

If it wasn't for a serious knee injury followed by major surgery in junior ranks and a reputed lack of pace, he would have certainly been picked up earlier than 1992.

Currently working at the Western General Hospital and living with former colts team-mate Tony Delaney, who is playing with Essendon, in a three bedroom house in Moonee Ponds, Southern loves the lifestyle in Melbourne.

"We always said if we ended up in Melbourne we'd get a house together and it's only 15 minutes from training, so it's going really well."

Even after handling the pace of WAFL football in 1993, Southern was a little undecided on where he would be this season.

Tigers coach Gerard Neesham wanted the aggressive defender to stay for one more year, which would have seen him off Footscray's list at the end of 1994 and a definite for the Fremantle AFL team.

However, after much deliberation, he decided to

make the move and signed a three-year deal with the Bulldogs.

"There was talk at the time when I was about to sign that Fremantle would come in, but I wanted to come to Melbourne because this is the home of footy," Southern said.

"You wake up in the morning and there are five pages of footy in the paper — everyone lives and breathes footy and that is what I wanted."

But he was quick to point out that his time under Neesham, a hot favourite to gain the Fremantle post, has been a huge advantage.

"I hadn't played senior footy before and having a year under Gerard Neesham has taught me a lot," he admitted.

"Playing in a grand final and a few pressure games has helped make the transition to AFL a lot easier."

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Bond rewards Eagles faith

HIGHLY-rated Port Adelaide recruit Shane Bond rewarded the Eagles match committee for giving him another chance with an outstanding performance against Richmond at the MCG.

Still only 18, Bond had struggled in the opening two matches against Essendon and Adelaide and there was conjecture whether he would be dropped back to the WAFL.

But the decision-makers, well aware of his potential, stuck with him and he responded to grab 18 possessions and kick two goals, after starting on the interchange bench.

Bond's quick-thinking and Guy McKenna-like handball talent did not go unnoticed, while his six tackles — the most by any player in the game — pleased coach Mick Malthouse.

Heady in form

BRETT Heady continued his eye-catching return to form with another excellent effort against Richmond.

The talented half-forward kicked four last-quarter goals against Adelaide to remind the spectators that his 1991 season was no accident.

Against the Tigers, Heady was at his elusive and dangerous best, collecting 14 kicks and seven marks and posting 3.4.

Heady's obvious hunger to snare majors on Saturday was heartening.

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IN THE EAGLES NEST



with DIGBY BEACHAM

McIntosh adds third big scalp to collection

ASHLEY McIntosh claimed his third big scalp in as many weeks with a brilliant game opposed to Richmond's Matthew Richardson.

The 21-year-old Eagles full-back went into the game with outstanding efforts in restricting Paul Salmon (Essendon) and Tony Modra (Adelaide) to one goal each.

The teenage Tiger spearhead had

posted 15 goals in two matches.

But he was not helped by his mid-fielders' poor delivery and couldn't shake McIntosh when on the lead and was no match in terms of strength in the man-on-man duels.

Richardson finished the match with 1.3 while McIntosh had the extremely impressive statistics for a full-back of 14 kicks, 10 marks and three hand-passes.

Wiley work has Sumich on track

MUCH maligned full-forward Peter Sumich is reaping the rewards of an extensive summer programme with assistant coach Rob Wiley.

Renowned for his 'hook' shots on goal, Sumich spent a lot of time during the pre-season working with Wiley on weights and his shots on goal.

The results were there for all to see against Richmond when, after his first

attempt went out of bounds on the full, Sumich scored 5.2, including one gem from 55 metres out from goal on the boundary line.

If Sumich, Brett Heady and Chris Lewis can maintain their good form and rookies Brett Spinks and Shane Bond continue to develop, there is no reason why the Eagles cannot kick big goal hauls each week.

Vivid victory

GLEN Jakovich's performance was first class and earned him the Vivid Clothing Award at the post-match trophy presentations.

Jakovich completely eclipsed Richmond forward Brendon Gale and fully deserved his award.

Shane Bond displayed his class and



HI-HO, HI-HO... off to work we go — that's Eagles dasher David Hart as he strolls out of the Radisson President Hotel in Melbourne to do battle with Richmond. Struggling along with the team gear is trainer David Jones

was well rewarded at the presentations, when he picked up two trophies, the Pepsi Award and Woodside Petroleum Ltd Cheer Squad Encouragement Award.

Bond began the game on the interchange bench, but had an immediate impact when introduced.

Other award winners were Ashley McIntosh (Tooheys), Don Pyke (Puma) and Dean Kemp (Gatorade).

Men of the match



Ashley McIntosh

CURBING in-form full-forwards is a difficult task at the best of times, but Ashley McIntosh continues to take it in his stride.

After eclipsing Essendon's Paul Salmon and Adelaide's Tony Hall in successive weeks, McIntosh lined up as expected on Richmond teenager Matthew Richardson.

And for the third week in a row, the athletic 21-year-old kept his opponent to just one goal.

Richardson started well when he took a mark from beyond 50 metres and kicked truly, but from then on he didn't post another major, struggling against the pace and strength of his more experienced Eagles defender.



Glen Jakovich

GLEN Jakovich has always been touted as a player of immense talent and he continues to show why each week.

The powerfully-built 21-year-old was in devastating form against strong-marking Richmond spearhead Brendon Gale to be best-on-ground.

Jakovich collected 20 kicks, eight marks and seven handpasses, but in the process, kept Gale scoreless from his meagre seven possessions.

The performance was clearly Jakovich's best for the season and as is the case so often, is the springboard for attack.

At the trophy presentations, Jakovich was rewarded for his effort with the Vivid Clothing Award.



Guy McKenna

EXPERIENCED West Coast half-back Guy McKenna turned in his best game for the season in the Eagles 96-point demolition of Richmond at the MCG.

Cool in a crisis, McKenna was opposed to Matthew Dundas and completely shut down the former Lion.

'Bluey's' dominance of Dundas saw the Tiger removed from the ground, while he continued to thwart Richmond's attacking moves.

McKenna has now played 126 games for West Coast and similar efforts like last Saturday confirm why he is rated as one of the AFL's premier half-backs.

Fitzroy warning has Eagles on their guard

WEST Coast's crushing win over Richmond will mean little when the ball is bounced at 6.30pm at the WACA Ground this Saturday.

That is the belief of champion defender Guy McKenna, who played a big part in the Eagles 96-point win over the supposedly new-look Tigers.

McKenna said Fitzroy, who are coming off successive wins, should enter Saturday's clash full of confidence after success in the corresponding game last season.

"They are a very good side and we will have to play well to beat them," he said.

TOUGH GAME

"Fitzroy beat us at the WACA Ground last year and you know when you play them that you are going to get a tough game."

The Lions made the club's favourite son Paul Roos' 250th game one to remember when they beat Brisbane by 33 points last weekend.

That gave Fitzroy a 2-1 win/loss record and despite the exodus of Alastair Lynch, Paul Broderick, Jamie Elliot, Matthew Dundas and Michael Gale, the Lions are producing a typical spirited brand of football.

Arguably, the biggest problem facing Fitzroy is finding a way of penetrating the Eagles brick wall backline, which has conceded only 199 points in three games.

McKenna said the defence is well aware of its role.

"We have to stop the attack — it's

By DIGBY BEACHAM

like the opening batsmen in cricket; they have to blunt the pace bowlers and then send the ball back to score the runs," he said.

"We have to cut off the ball and send it into our forward line to the advantage of our forwards."

If McKenna, the Eagles 1989 club champion, lines up across half-back as expected, he could get the job on Lions teenager Jarrod Molloy, who last week gathered 19 possessions and kicked two goals to be among his side's best players.



PERFECT POISE... Eagle Guy McKenna has been in top form in defence

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Focus on the Eagles

Winning team not all on the field

THE football team support structure that surrounds the West Coast Eagles is the envy of most rival clubs in the AFL.

Despite a somewhat shaky start to Eagles life off the field in the early years of 1987, '88 and '89, the club has settled down with impressive stability under the dual control of general manager Brian Cook and football manager Trevor Nisbett.

The power structure of stability runs right through the club, from coach Mick Malthouse, who is now in his fifth year, to the medical specialists, the match committee, the trainers and even the statisticians.

Nisbett heads the football department and his influence as football manager has been felt in many areas — even to the office staff, which has had very few changes since things settled down in 1990.

EXPERTISE

The football department has called on expertise from a number of WAFL clubs in its collection of full-time workers and the part-time people such as the selectors — if you can call a 25-30 hour-a-week commitment a part-time role.

Nisbett is an East Perth player who started in management at the Royals and switched to Subiaco as football manager, a post that prepared him well for the next step up to AFL level — and also paid off on the playing field, judging by the high number of Subiaco recruits to have advanced to Eagles ranks.



STAND BY ... runner Rob Wiley awaits the call as he sits on the interchange bench with Trevor Barron

The club's recruiting manager Mick Moylan started as a player at Claremont and went to South Fremantle, where he launched his administrative career. He had a stint at Perth as general manager before joining the Eagles in a role that he has held from the second year of Eagles action.

Chairman of selectors Ian Miller has a long background as a player and Sandover Medallist with Perth, Fitzroy and East Perth (where he won a Simpson Medal in a winning grand final side) and later coached the Demons before forming an association with Malthouse.

Assistant coach Robert Wiley had an equally-illustrious career, starting with Perth, advancing to Richmond — where he played with Malthouse — returning to be part of the inaugural Eagles side and then coaching Perth.

Selectors George Young and Tim Gepp both started with Subiaco and advanced to VFL level at St Kilda and Richmond/Footscray (under Malthouse) respectively before returning home to continue their involvement at WAFL level.

Gepp resumed as a player with East Fremantle, while Young forged a long-running reputation as a league team runner with Subiaco ... and also at West Perth for a while.

Even some of the medical experts have strong WAFL backgrounds.

FITNESS

Fitness coach Brian Dawson played at Swan Districts and Perth; Dr Rod Moore and strength coach Glen Stewart were South Fremantle stalwarts and Tom Odgers came from East Fremantle as the rehabilitation expert.

Training assistant Gary Greer was a 200-game player with South Fremantle and then East Perth and another Bulldog in the Eagles camp is property man Hank Gloede, who is a brother of current Souths president, Ric Gloede.

Head trainer Bill Sutherland came up through the ranks at Claremont; his assistant David Jones was a Swans man and the rest of the training staff also had apprenticeships in WAFL ranks.

The club's two timekeepers, Alan Bradshaw and Doug Chatfield, are Claremont and Souths through-and-through, while room manager Trevor Barron knows Subiaco Oval inside out as he has been a Lions man all his life, as has the team's veteran bootstuffer, Ted Boden.

STALWARTS

Other assistants such as brothers Ron and Maurice Lorimer, Brian Fay and interchange steward Milton Tanner are Swan Districts stalwarts who went to the Eagles when John Todd was appointed coach back in 1988 — and haven't got around to leaving, though they still follows the Bassen-dean boys strongly.

Former player Phil Scott is employed as a ruck coach; match co-ordinator Ken Godwin has a long administrative association — generally as a volunteer — with East Perth and even the club's recently-appointed chaplain, Neale Fong, played with West Perth and served on the club's board of directors.

Marketing manager Ross Nicholas is now in his fourth year, while his secretary, Gillian Harris, is the only original member of the West Coast staff still in the club's employment.



HARDY TYPES ... rain, hail or shine, selector Ian Miller, Dr Rod Moore and football manager Trevor Nisbett listen intently to coach Mick Malthouse

The off-field team

- FOOTBALL MANAGER
Trevor Nisbett
- RECRUITMENT MANAGER
Mick Moylan
- LEAGUE COACH
Michael Malthouse
- ASSISTANT COACH
Robert Wiley
- FOOTBALL SECRETARY
Anna Arco
- MELBOURNE MANAGER
Stephen Nash
- CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS
Ian Miller
- SELECTORS
Tim Gepp, George Young
- FITNESS COACHES
Dr Brian Dawson (co-ordinator),
Dr Tom Odgers (rehabilitation),
Mark Neates (speed), Glenn
Stewart (strength)
- TRAINING ASSISTANT
Gary Greer
- DOCTORS
Dr Ken Fitch (medical co-ordinator),
Dr Rod Moore
- SURGEONS
Dr Don Johnson, Dr Tim Keenan
- PHYSIOTHERAPISTS
Dr Brian Edwards, Chris Barrell
- PODIATRIST
Ian Lowther
- DIETICIAN
Glenn Cardwell
- DENTIST
Dr Graeme Ewers
- OPTOMETRIST
Lloyd Owens
- HEAD TRAINER
Bill Sutherland
- TRAINERS
David Jones (assistant head
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Schloss, Bill Amorous, Brad
Johnstone
- HEAD PROPERTYMAN
Hank Gloede
- RUCK COACH
Phil Scott
- DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Trevor Woodhouse
- ASSISTANTS
Ron Lorimer, Maurice Lorimer,
Dick Wilkins, Brian Fay, Phil
Mander
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- ROOM MANAGER
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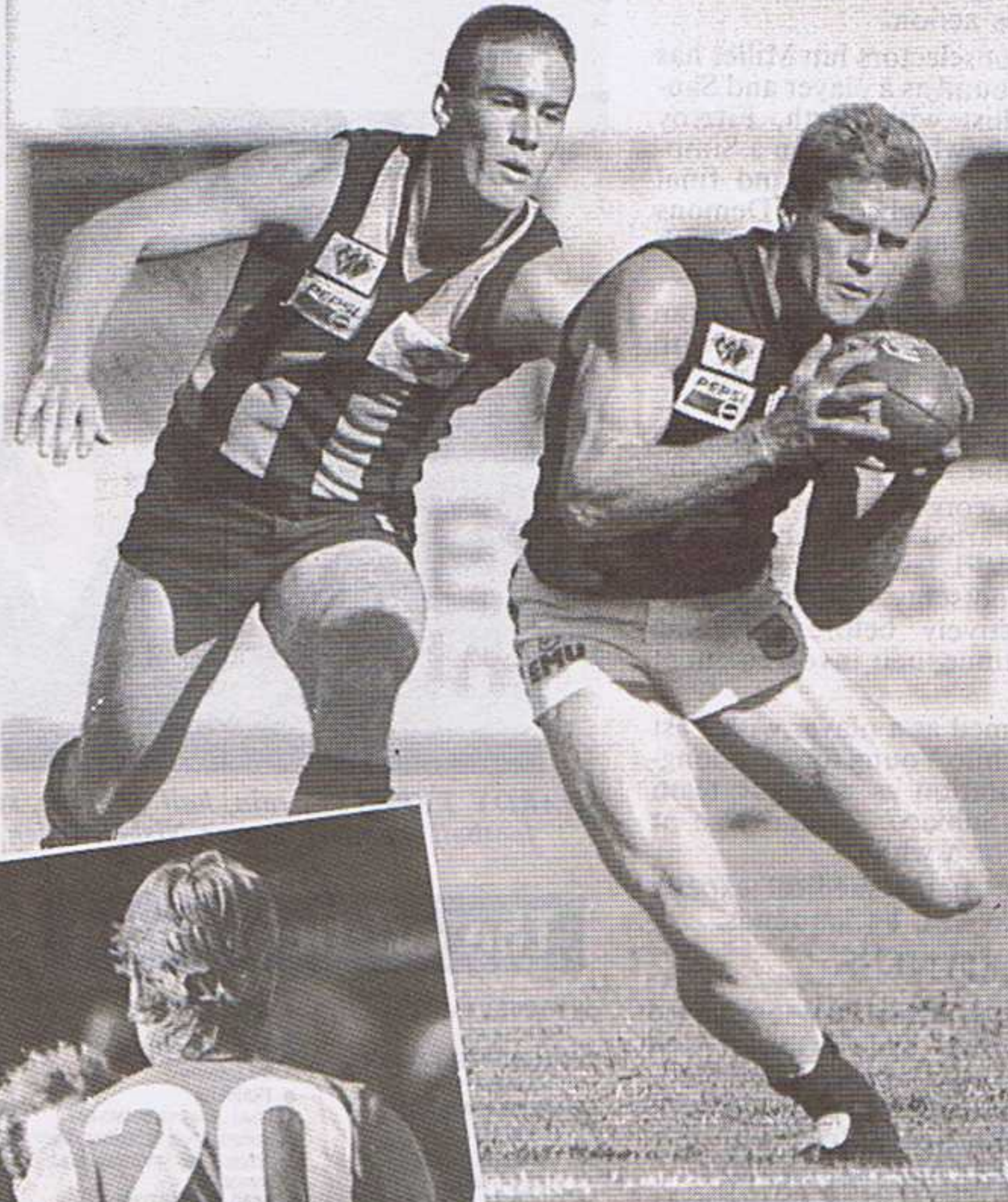
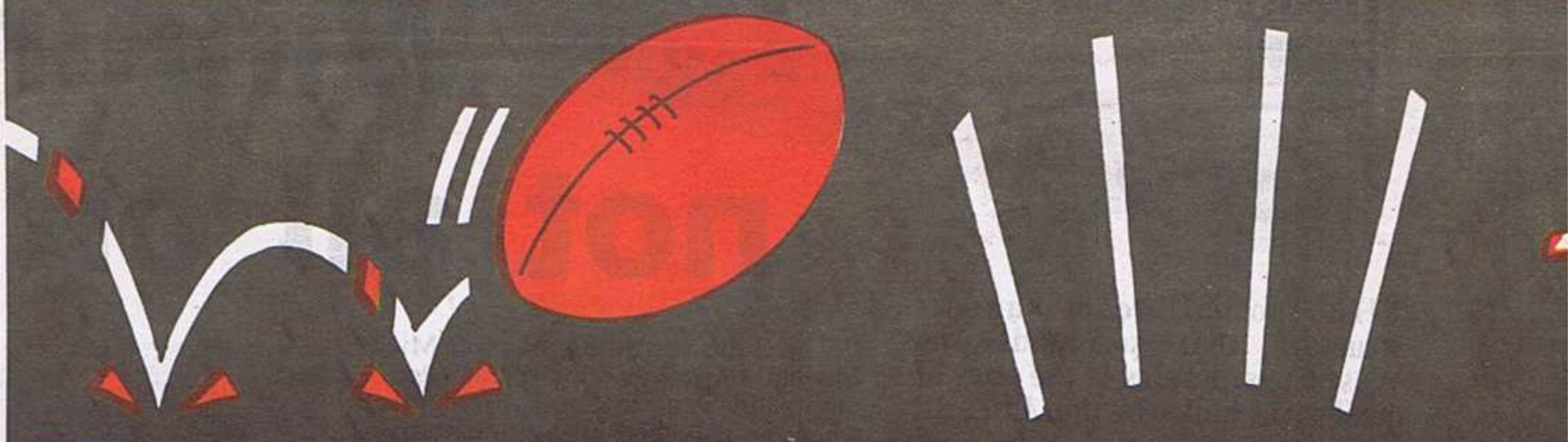
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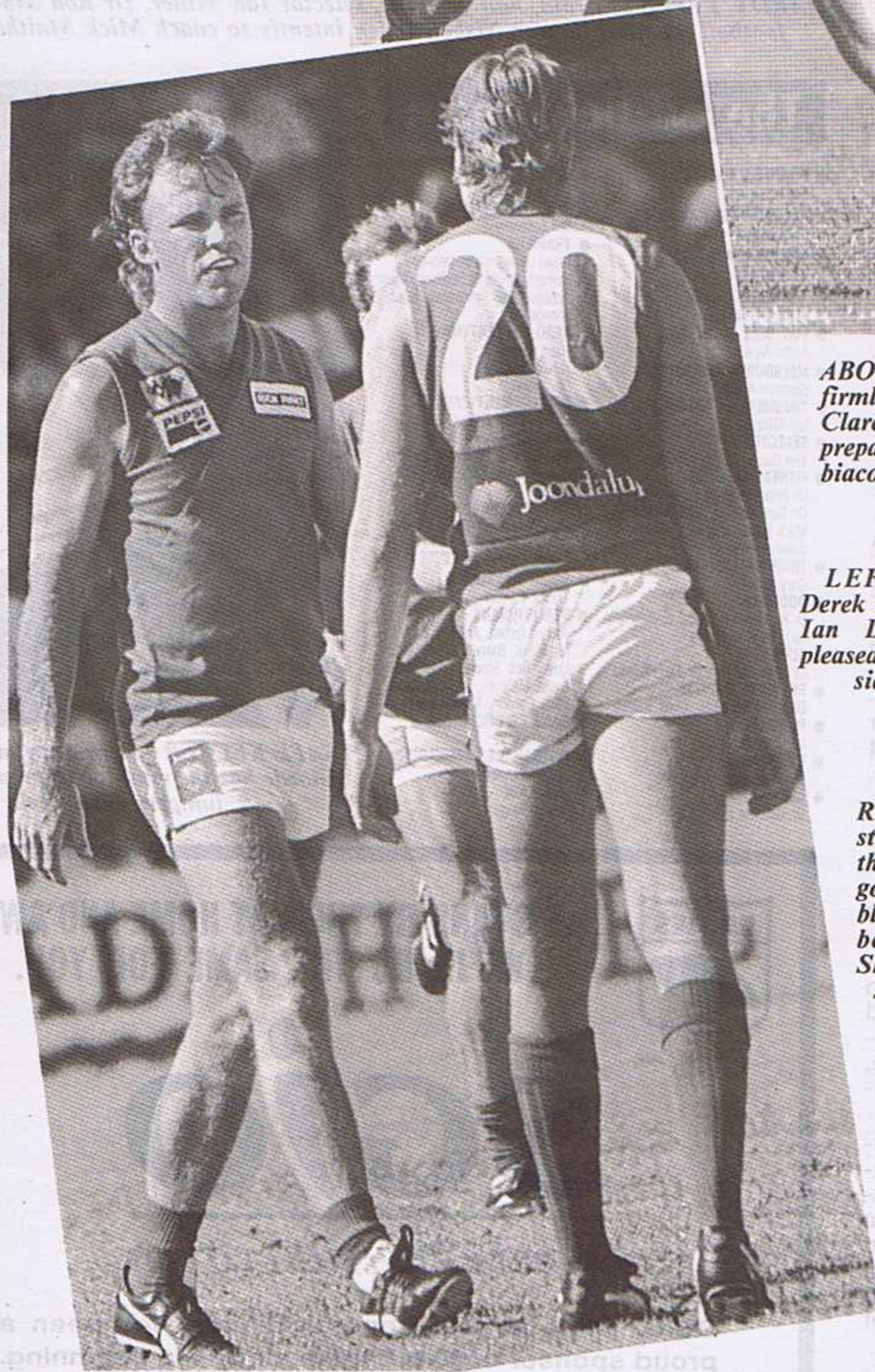
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ABOVE: With the ball firmly secure in his hands, Claremont's Scott Edwards prepares to elude his Subiaco rival Jarrad Schofield



LEFT: West Perth's Derek Hall and team-mate Ian Downsbrough were pleased to be on the winning side at Fremantle

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THE Pepsi Cup campaign has kicked off in fine style with the new talent — with many youngsters seeking to put their names on the map. Westside Football photographers GREG WOOD and MIKE WOOD were on hand this weekend to capture the action in the four WAFL matches of physical football.



RIGHT: Big Swan Districts star Travis Edmonds was in the thick of trouble as he goes to the ground with a bloodied face and outnumbered by Perth players Shane Guthrie, Toby Jackson and Daniel Murray

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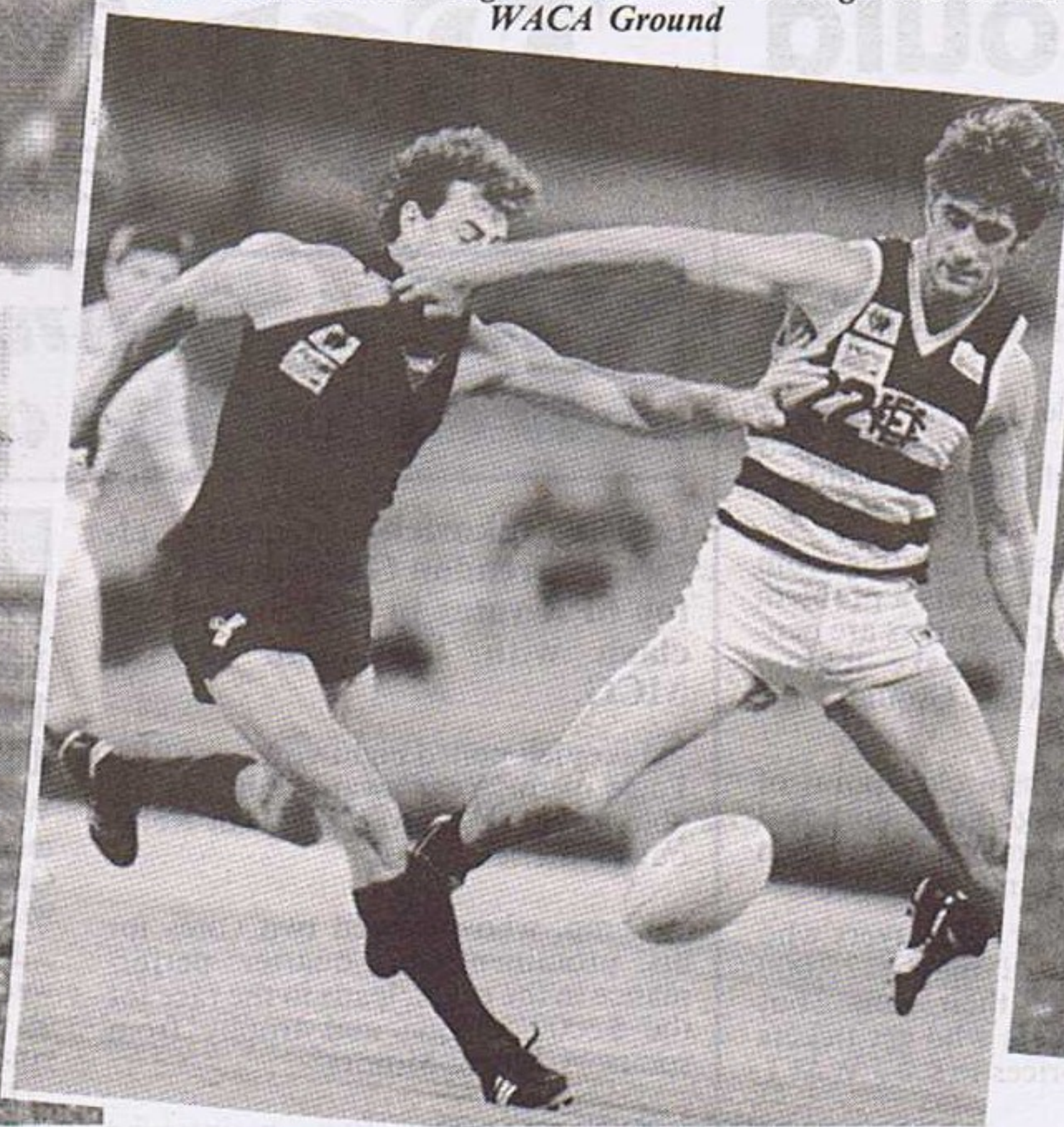
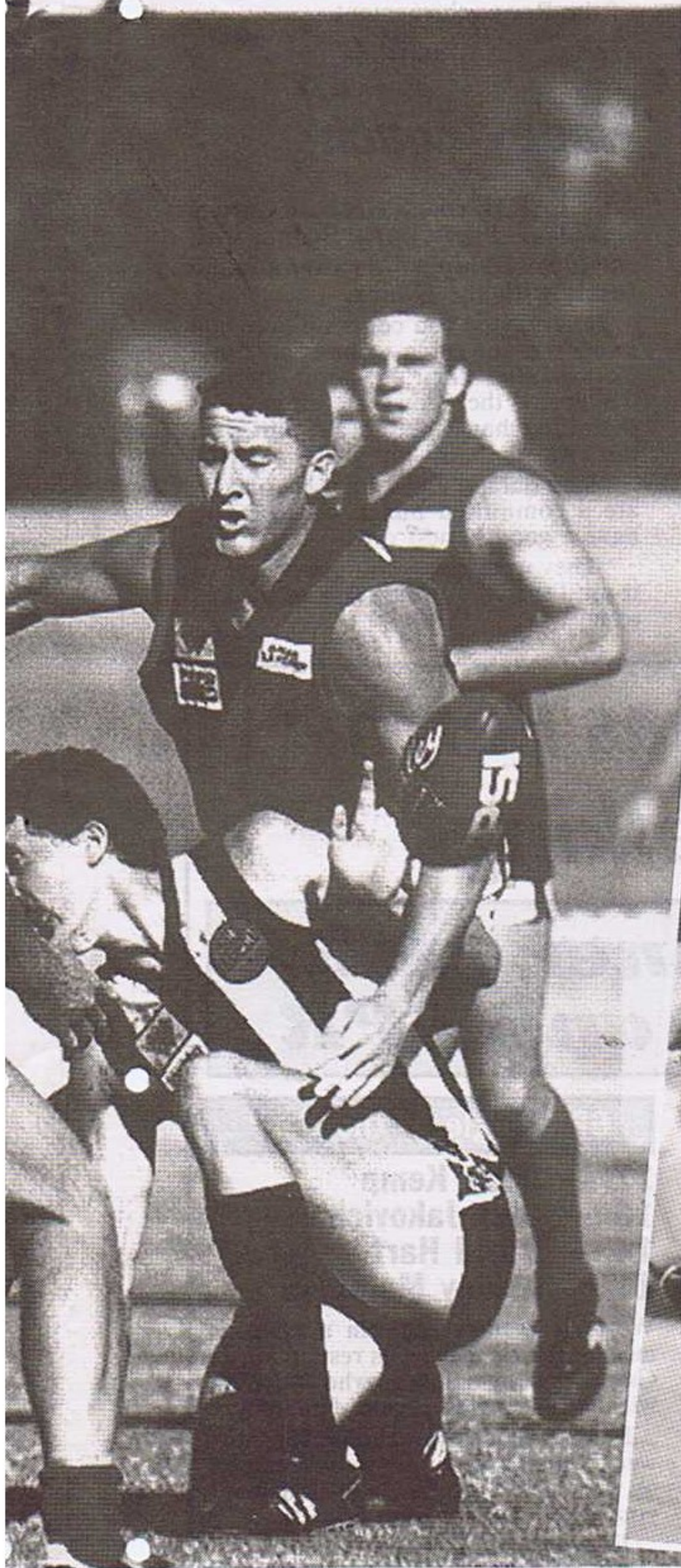
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yle with the eight WAFL clubs boasting an influx of their name in front of the new Fremantle AFL side.) and MICHAEL RADALJ were out-and-about last matches — where there was no shortage of tough,



ABOVE: South Fremantle's Frank Morellini has the ball in his sights while he fends off West Perth's Paul Mifka
RIGHT: South Fremantle pair Martin Atkins and Greg Wootton have a break during the Fremantle battle
BELOW: The battle between East Fremantle's Paul Abbott and East Perth's Leigh Willison was a tough one at the WACA Ground



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Recruits great . . . but let's keep our junior focus

THE influx of interstate footballers to WA shores is all well and good, but let's hope WAFL clubs aren't letting junior development slip in the process.

Last week's four WAFL matches saw 28 interstate players, compared to 78 from local club zones and 62 from country districts.

Perth fielded 10 players from the east in their line-up against Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval on Saturday; West Perth had six and East Fremantle and Subiaco had four each.

The prospect of gaining a berth with the Fremantle AFL club is an attractive carrot to dangle in front of eager young footballers . . . which is obviously why they are here.

RECRUITING

There is nothing wrong with the recruiting of players to fill a specific void in the side.

The Demons have lacked a quality full-forward for some time and came close to securing Brenton Cooper last year.

To their credit, the club realised what they were still lacking and enticed him west for 1994.

His 11 goals is an excellent return from two matches.

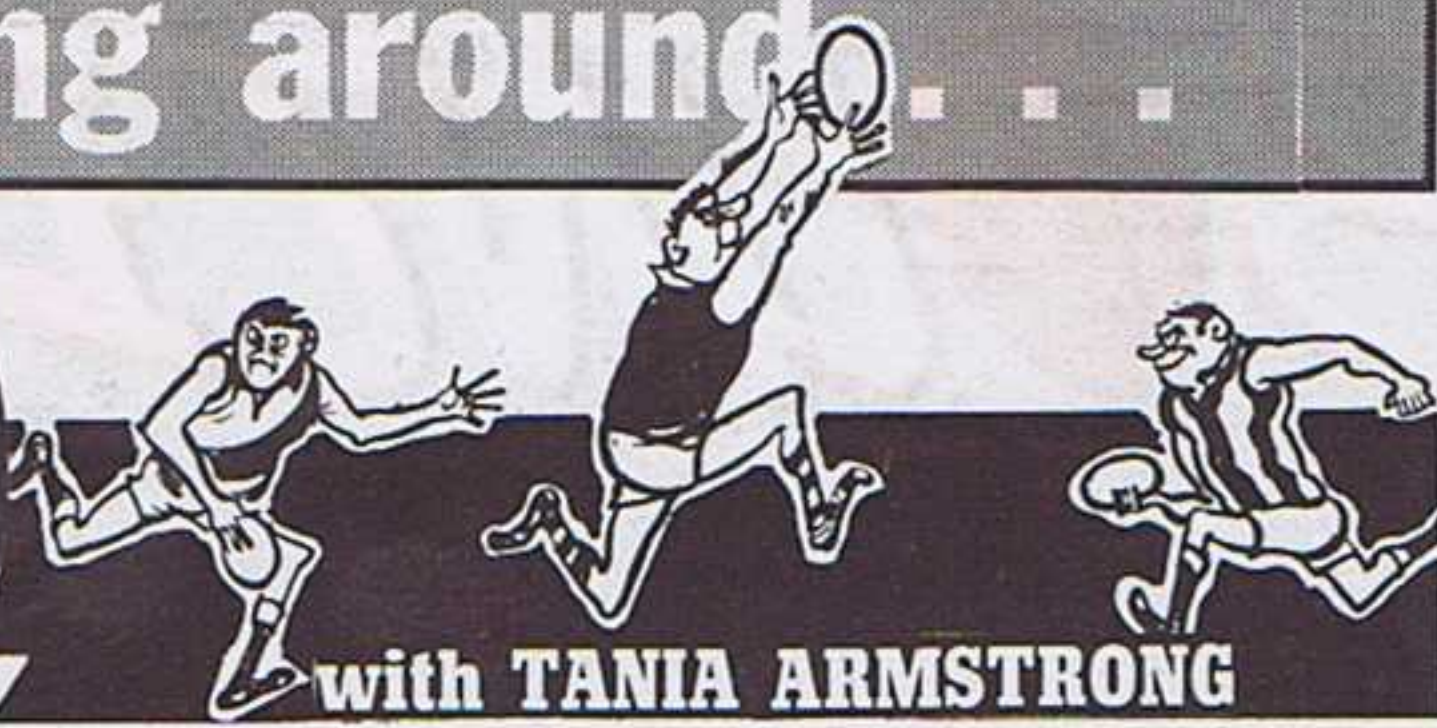
There is a quality array of football managers in the WAFL and junior development is no doubt high on their daily agenda.

Let's hope the reserves and colts players who are finding it harder to get to the next level, accept it as a challenge and don't get disheartened.



YOUNG FALCON . . . West Perth ruckman Ryan Smith (22) has shown promise in both Falcons matches this season. The versatile 'big man, who stands 190cms and weighs 88kgs, is a product of the Wanneroo juniors and is one of the first locals to break into the league team.

Kicking around . . .



Moore quits

STATE player Jeff Moore has again walked out on the Perth Football Club.

Moore, who had a long clearance wrangle with the Demons hierarchy over summer, eventually signed with the club and started training.

But the classy defender has not been sighted at the club since the Pepsi Cup season kicked off two weeks ago.

Moore is believed to be keen to play amateur football, but is sure to attract offers from other WAFL clubs.

Helping balance the Lathlain Park books is John Zaikos, who has been enticed out of retirement and could notch that one extra game he needs to reach 100.

WEST Coast big man David Hynes is not enjoying much luck, with a bruised knee keeping him out of South Fremantle's team last weekend.

Hynes has lost his place in the Eagles line-up to 20-year-old Bulldog teammate Brett Spinks, who has done well enough at centre-half-forward to keep his rival at Souths.

The return of Karl Langdon to football after suspension will further complicate the issue.

IT is hard to know what goes on with Melbourne-based clubs when you are working out of Perth, but Fitzroy's blast at the media for overlooking Paul Roos' 250th game was amazing.

The Lions obviously have a problem with the media constantly investigating their finances and chances of survival.

However, that is the media's job.

The most remarkable aspect of the matter at Western Oval — on a great day for the club — was the fact that coach Robert Shaw refused to speak to the media, handing out an official written statement instead.

The overlooking of Roos' milestone was a major oversight by the media.

Try as we might to keep up with the milestones and other happenings, journalists sometimes miss things.

But in the time it took to prepare the written club statement, Fitzroy could easily have informed the media outlets of the Roos achievement.

Happy coach

ADELAIDE coach Graham Cornes was pleased to fly out of Sydney with the premiership points after a tough tussle with the Swans.

"Every time you come up here you know it's not going to be easy," said Cornes after their 19-point victory, which saw the Crows use all three of their interchange players as injuries hit the visitors hard.

"Ron Barassi knows that his players are a committed bunch and they do have a good honest dip.

"They were never completely out of it until the 20-minute mark of the last term."

WAFL fans could miss out

TRADITIONAL WAFL supporters may be the biggest losers when Perth and South Fremantle meet in an AFL curtain-raiser at the WACA Ground on Saturday.

WAFL general manager Trevor Howard said the match is a critical trial in anticipation of fixturing problems next season when Fremantle enters the AFL.

"When that happens there will be an AFL game in Perth every week and one televised live, so where does that leave the WAFL?" he said.

"We have no alternative but to look at the concept of double headers."

Gates open at 2.30pm for the 3.45pm WAFL clash which precedes the 6.30pm West Coast-Fitzroy AFL encounter.

TICKET PRICES

Perth and South Fremantle supporters hoping to watch their clubs have to pay AFL prices for tickets, a rise from \$5 for WAFL members or \$6 for the public, to \$12.40 for a standing room ticket.

Tickets were still available early in the week, while 41 seats were sold late last Friday after being returned from Fitzroy's allocation.

Howard conceded WAFL supporters would lose out, but it was critical the league gauged the support of double headers.

"There is no doubt some people will be disappointed and we accept that," he said.

"The upside is people can see two games for the price of one AFL game, but the downside is the traditional WAFL supporters pay the AFL price.

"We are expecting criticism, but we can't win."

South Fremantle and Perth had contrasting reactions to the scheduling of the neutral game.

South Fremantle general manager Brian Ciccotosto was disappointed that no seats were allocated to Bulldogs members.

"They had a choice of standing room tickets only, which presents a problem because many of our members are pensioners and you can't take fold-up chairs into the WACA Ground," he said.

"It's difficult from a club point of view when there is going to be a real hue and cry from our members when they can't see the game.

"It will be good for the players who will have a crowd of maybe 25,000 towards the end of their game, but those of our members who get tickets have to pay AFL prices to see a WAFL game."

NO TAKERS

Perth general manager Trevor Riley said the Demons gave their members a chance to buy seats, but there were no takers.

"We spoke to our members when seats were available and we were going to buy 200 to 300 tickets, but they said no, so they cannot complain," he said.

Perth figures indicate only 181 of 800 members watched the opening round clash with Subiaco at Lathlain Park.

"In the light of those figures, I don't see how it will make that much difference," Riley said.

6PR has Perth talking

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GLEN Jakovich's negating effort on Brendon Gale earned him top 6PR votes in last Saturday's clash with Richmond at the MCG.

Jakovich polled eight votes in 6PR's Eagle of the Year award, but was unable to knock centremen Dean Kemp out of the lead.

Kemp, who received two votes for his prominent four-quarter performance in the pivot, leads in the race for the \$2000 cheque and trophy from sponsors Major Motors.

Ruck-rover Don Pyke maintained his solid early season form to poll five votes against the Tigers, while Kemp and Ashley McIntosh were each awarded two votes with one going to rookie Shane Bond.

Jakovich wins the Eagle of the Match prize — \$100 courtesy of Makita — from the 6PR commentary team of WA's Simon Beasley, Rob Gaylard and Dan Lonergan.

The \$50 award from Automatic Transmission Clinics for the Mark of the Day went to full forward Peter Sumich.

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- 16 — Glen Jakovich
- 14 — David Hart
- 11 — Ashley McIntosh

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 5/4 East Fremantle v 4/7 West Perth, at East Fremantle Oval; Broadcast by 6NR.
 5/4 Subiaco v 4/7 Swan Districts at Subiaco; Broadcast by 6WF.

Dennis the menace a threat to keen Sharks

FRESH from seven successive Melbourne winters, West Perth forward Richard Dennis has taken just two weeks to adjust to the different football climate in WA.

Dennis, who has joined football manager brother Jeff at the Falcons after a 70 game VFL/AFL career with Carlton and North Melbourne, has adapted quickly to the tempo.

"Things haven't changed much from when I was last in Perth seven years ago," Dennis said this week.

"It's still a case of chipping the ball around and running more with the ball because of the bigger grounds, whereas in Melbourne it's more physical and direct."

The 27-year-old former Carlton premiership forward was instrumental in West Perth's win over South Fremantle last Sunday at Fremantle Oval, kicking three goals and forming a three-pronged attack alongside Peter Freeman and Derek Hall.

SHOWDOWN

The Falcons have a tough opening to the season with three successive away matches against Claremont, South Fremantle and Saturday's showdown with East Fremantle at East Fremantle Oval.

"It was always going to be tough and if we can go 2-1 after this week it will be a great start," Dennis said.

The match will be a battle of defensive wits between rival coaches East Fremantle's Ken Judge and West Perth's Jeff Gieschen.

Judge would surprise if he didn't tag the Falcons potent midfield of Darren Harris, Neil Mildenhall, Wade Starr and Darren Stanley.

Harris may be pitted against the Sharks Mark Cummins, who has successfully blanketed Wally Matera and Peter Miller in successive matches, freeing up Steve Bilcich for his role as a half-forward/centreman.

Gieschen will try similar tactics to counter East Fremantle's centreman-rover Steve Malaxos, possibly with Harris to offset Judge's certain tag.

The other key duels should be between West Perth's centre-half-forward Hall and Craig Burrows following the East Fremantle defender's stopping job on David Hynes in the opening round.

FAVOURITES

In the last line of defence, the underrated Damien Condon should match-up against Peter Freeman.

East Fremantle will enter the game narrow favourites after opening the season with successive victories.

The Sharks have addressed a lack of pace with good form from Mark Attard, Shaun McManus and Jason Sherriff.

The presence of Paul Abbott at centre-half-forward has added a new dimension to the attack and taken pressure off full-forward Andrew Lockyer.

Judge is entitled to enter the game



By GLEN QUARTERMAIN

with confidence, following the Sharks impressive opening — but he's wary of West Perth.

TOP DOGS Claremont face an unknown proposition in East Perth at Claremont Oval.

The Tigers have rolled yet another skilful forward off the production line with Leigh Wardell-Johnson's impressive performance in last week's 64-point win over Subiaco.

At the other end, the Tigers will rely on their trusty defence of Quenton Leach, Brendan Hendry, Mark Brayshaw and Darrell Panizza to restrict the Royals scoring.

Claremont boasts arguably the best midfield in the WAFL business through Scott Edwards, Andrew McGovern, Darren Klemm, Rob Malone and Matthew Gauci and will start healthy favourites at their home ground.

The Royals have opened the season in schizophrenic style with a gritty 13-

point win over Swan Districts and a 49-point loss to East Fremantle.

SOUTH Fremantle's much-vaunted pre-season recruiting campaign has failed to produce results — a situation the Bulldogs will be desperate to turn around in Saturday's experimental clash with an up-and-down Perth at the WACA.

Despite the presence of Jon Dorotich at full-forward and Peter Worsfold, Andrew and Billy Krakouer and Russell Merriman further upfield, South Fremantle are yet to win a game.

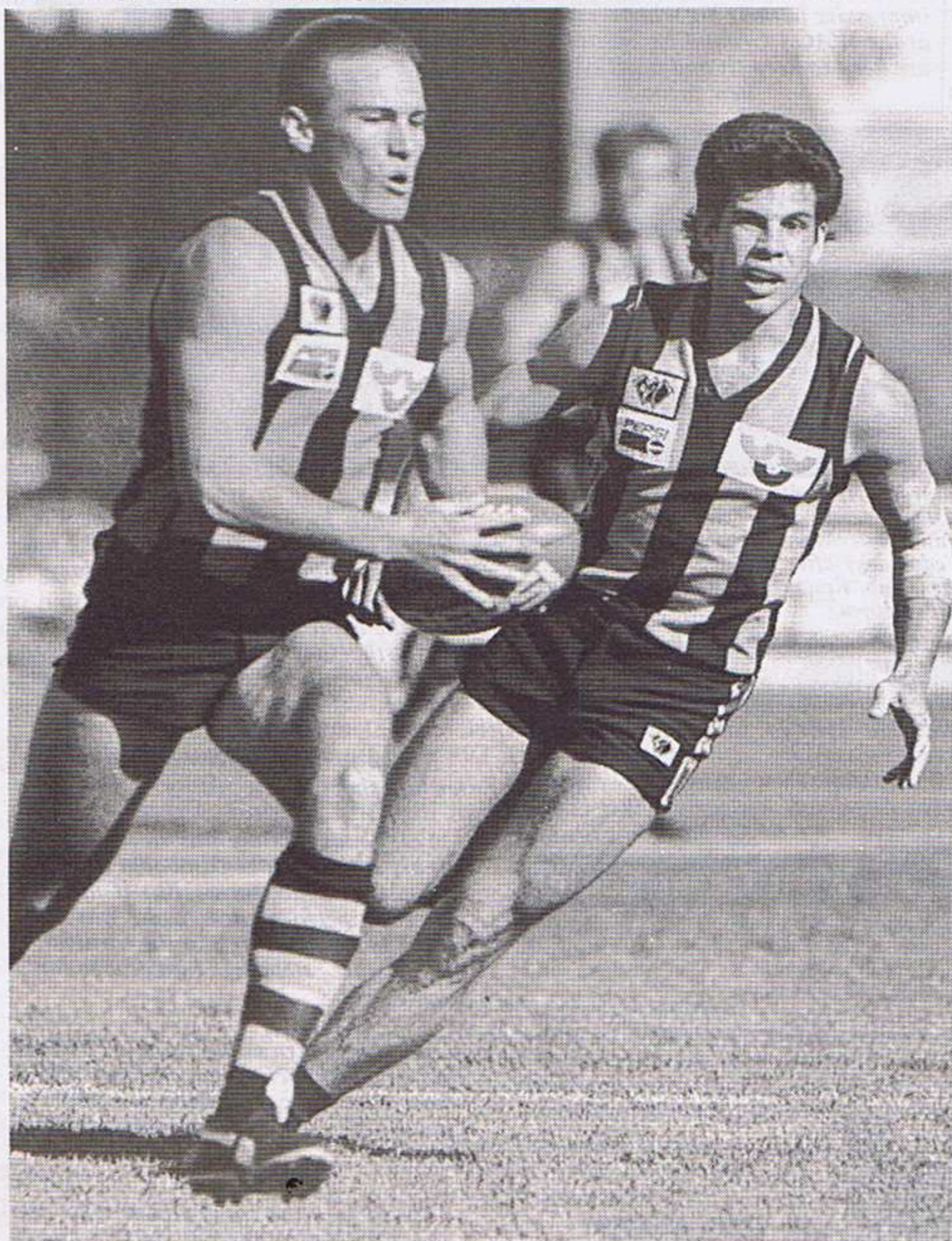
The Demons were disappointing 47-point losers to Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval last Saturday, after an impressive opening round victory over Subiaco at Lathlain Park.

Perth's on-ball division will be pivotal on this result with ruckman Stephen Pears and midfielders Matthew McMurray, Guy Cannon and Adrian Barich looking to perform over four quarters.

A WEEK of introspection should produce a radically improved Subiaco in Saturday's clash with Swan Districts at Subiaco Oval.

The Lions have suffered two demoralising losses, while Swans confidence will be on a high after a 47-point win over Perth.

Subiaco will be looking to improved performances from their runners — notably Jarrad Schofield and Dwayne Lamb, along with Daniel Metropolis and Jason Heatley in attack.



YOUNG LIONS... Subiaco need improvement from key play-makers like Jarrad Schofield (left) and Gavin Keyser

Swans tyro thanks mate for league chance

SWAN Districts rookie Brent Davison owes a mate back at Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault Football Club a big favour.

Persistent coaxing from the friend lured Davison back on to the football field in the Bunbury junior league.

Davison, who made his debut for Swans in last Saturday's stunning win over Perth at Bassendean Oval, was frustrated by injury and gave the game away between the ages of 10 and 16.

"I had knee problems so I stopped playing for a long time, but then a mate talked me back into the game," Davison said.

Swan Districts is the latest beneficiary of Davison's decision to resume his football career.

When ruckman Jason Ball was ruled out against Perth with a torn hamstring, Swans turned to Davison to help Travis Edmonds at the centre bounces.

ATHLETICISM

Davison more than capably matched Perth duo Stephen Pears and Geoff Wilson, standing out with his athleticism and ground-level skill.

Davison moved from Geraldton to Bunbury — a region that has served Swans well — in his early teens.

He joined Harvey-Brunswick under the coaching of Brad Shine, who played 23 games for Carlton in the mid-to-late 1980s.

After an approach from Swans coach John Todd and advice from Shine, Davison arrived at Bassendean Oval in late January.

Davison attributed his form on debut to luck and claimed he was still short on condition.

"It was not too bad considering I'm lacking match fitness," he said.

"This is only my third (senior) game, including practice matches."

At 23, the Swan Districts rookie wants to seize the opportunity he has been handed, particularly in the presence of ubiquitous Fremantle AFL talent scouts.

"I have aspirations to play at the higher level; it doesn't matter who with, as long there's a chance," he said.

A string of performances like last Saturday's effort and there is little doubt Davison's wish will be granted.

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DURABLE ABC commentator George Grljusich is enjoying a new lease of life back on television — even if it is with a rival commercial station.

As part of Channel Seven's new-look Friday Footy Show, GG teams up with a host of 6PR-oriented people like Bob Maumill, Gary Carvolth and Brad Hardie, under the coaching of Swan Districts veteran John Todd.

There is no doubt that George is one of the most colourful people in the local football media ... and he does have some good points to make, with his passionate support of Aussie Rules, especially anything to do with Fremantle.

His comments on radio 6WF last Saturday morning about his concerns over the AFL draft make for sensible reasoning — but it is not something the AFL will listen to.

The introduction of the draft — better known as the annual cattle muster with participants having no say in who buys their bodies — is designed to even up the competition.

POWER CLUBS

But George says that is not necessarily a good thing.

Football thrives on powerful clubs and power-reigns in different eras have produced some of the game's champions.

He suggests that when you destroy great clubs such as Hawthorn — which has failed to come to grips with the draft because its renowned home-grown talent and depth are suddenly running out — you destroy the very game itself.

The AFL has a concept that allows the competition to even itself out to such an extent that every club gets a turn at the top of the table and by

offering big player concessions to the bottom teams — as it did last year for Sydney, Brisbane and Richmond — it hopes to balance the table.

"The free enterprise system is the best way to run football," suggests GG, who believes that clubs should be allowed to develop power bases under their own initiatives and not simply rely on the player draft.

One of football's major mysteries is why more players have not challenged the legalities of the draft, but every time a potential recruit steps forward to take legal advice, something happens to deter them.

The concept of breeding club loyalty

and playing for the guernsey went out the window years ago ... such is the pity of progress.

You only have to look at the sudden axing of coaches like Terry Wheeler, Alan Joyce, Wayne Schimmelbusch and Ken Sheldon in recent times to realise that you are only as good as your last outing.

Footscray's Wheeler was coach of the year not so long back; Joyce held aloft premiership cups at Hawthorn; Schimmelbusch was a North Melbourne hero as a player and Sheldon busted his guts trying to keep St Kilda alive on the football field.

But none of that mattered when the boards of those clubs decided a change was needed. Those guys did not even have the chance of being picked up in a draft system, though Joyce, at least, has been recycled.



FRUITS OF VICTORY ... the triumphant East Fremantle players are obviously on a healthy diet, judging by their after-match feasting. The Sharks, who looked impressive in their big win over East Perth at the WACA Ground on Saturday night, are keen to keep fit and healthy with their new menu

Changes will please the 50m critics

A NUMBER of changes to WAFL games have been introduced for the 1994 Pepsi Cup season — and the 50-metre penalty is on top of the list.

After constant criticism of the over-use of the 50m penalty, the gurus who control the game have finally decided to seek a compromise.

There are now two penalties — the 50m penalty will be used for severe or obvious deliberate time-wasting acts.

And when the incident is only minor, the umpires will implement a 25m rule, which is probably the most sensible rule change officials have made for years.

The 25m penalty will apply to minor infringements such as encroaching over the mark or accidental time wasting.

The experiment is being trialled with the approval of the National Australian Football Council, the ruling body of Australian Rules football and will be reviewed at the end of the season.

OTHER CHANGES

There are a number of other changes as well and we detail them here just for the record.

★ All league teams will play with three interchange players, with the reserves and colts sides continuing to use four interchange.

★ The starting time for games has been changed, with the league side kicking off at 2.30pm, the reserves at 11.50am and the colts at 9.30am.

Matches scheduled for the WACA Ground start four hours later — 1.30pm, 3.50pm and 6.30pm. The only exception is this Saturday (April 16) when the league game between Perth and South Fremantle starts at 3.45pm as a curtain-raiser to the West Coast-Fitzroy clash.

The Perth-South Fremantle reserves and colts will be played at Lathlain Park at the normal Saturday times.

★ The format of 20-minute quarters, plus time-on, is designed to reduce the length of the match. Time-on is recorded immediately from when the ball goes out of bounds until it is returned to play. Time-on for a score starts when the goal umpire signals the score and not when he waves the flags.

★ Four changes to the original Pepsi Cup fixtures have also been made:

April 16 — Perth v South Fremantle, at the WACA Ground at 3.45pm.

April 23 — Perth v East Fremantle, at Lathlain Park.

June 4 — Subiaco v Perth transferred from Monday, June 6.

August 14 — Claremont v East Fremantle, transferred from August 13.

What's on at your club

CLAREMONT
Saturday: After-match presentation to Darrell Panizza for his 250th game

EAST PERTH
Saturday: Presentations at the Hyde Park Hotel, North Perth. 6.30pm: happy-hour from 5.30pm.

PERTH
Monday, April 18: Quiz night. Tables of six. Sunday, May 22: Ladies day at Lathlain.

South Fremantle
High Roller bingo, third Tuesday of each month, tickets \$18. Normal bingo every Tuesday, \$10. Daytime bingo, Mondays, 12.30pm.

SUBIACO
Post-match presentations in the social hall, 6pm. Bar open Thursday evenings.

Swan Districts
Saturday, April 30: 60th anniversary, Swan Districts versus East Fremantle, at Bassendean Oval. Meet the players at the club Wednesdays after training. The Club Restaurant is open Saturdays, 6.30-8.30pm.

WEST PERTH
Sunday, April 24: Cabaret at Joondalup Arena, tickets \$25. West Perth's new address is Kennedy Drive, Joondalup; telephone 300 3611

West Coast Eagles
Supporter's Club bar open every afternoon. Lunch served Fridays. Watch training in comfort on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Peter's Junior Eagles Club has vacancies for youngsters aged under 15. Telephone Chris Radice on 381 1111. Ring the West Coast Hotline on 0055 10065 for information about the Eagles, or listen to 103FM.

Timmy socks it to state rivals

VICTORIA'S Sunday Age newspaper came up with a couple of classic items of trivia recently in their back page column "Pssst".

One was a tribute to Tim Watson on his 300th game, a story going back to 1976 when he was selected in the Victorian under-15 team to play in the national schoolboys carnival in Sydney.

As the team gathered at the airport to fly north, they looked resplendent in their Victorian blazers, shirts, ties, trousers etc.

Except for one player who had forgotten his shoes.

Yes, young Timmy was so nervous he left his shoes back at Dimboola and flew to Sydney in his socks. But it did not affect his performance ... he was Victoria's best-and-fairest at the carnival, a year before stepping into Essendon's league side.

The other yarn came from a Football Record flashback from August 1975 when a list of competition winners included the name Gary Ablett, from Drouin.

Yes, it was the same Ablett who became Geelong's supercat, but in those days the teenager was a dab hand at footy trivia and won a \$65 football outfit in a weekly contest.

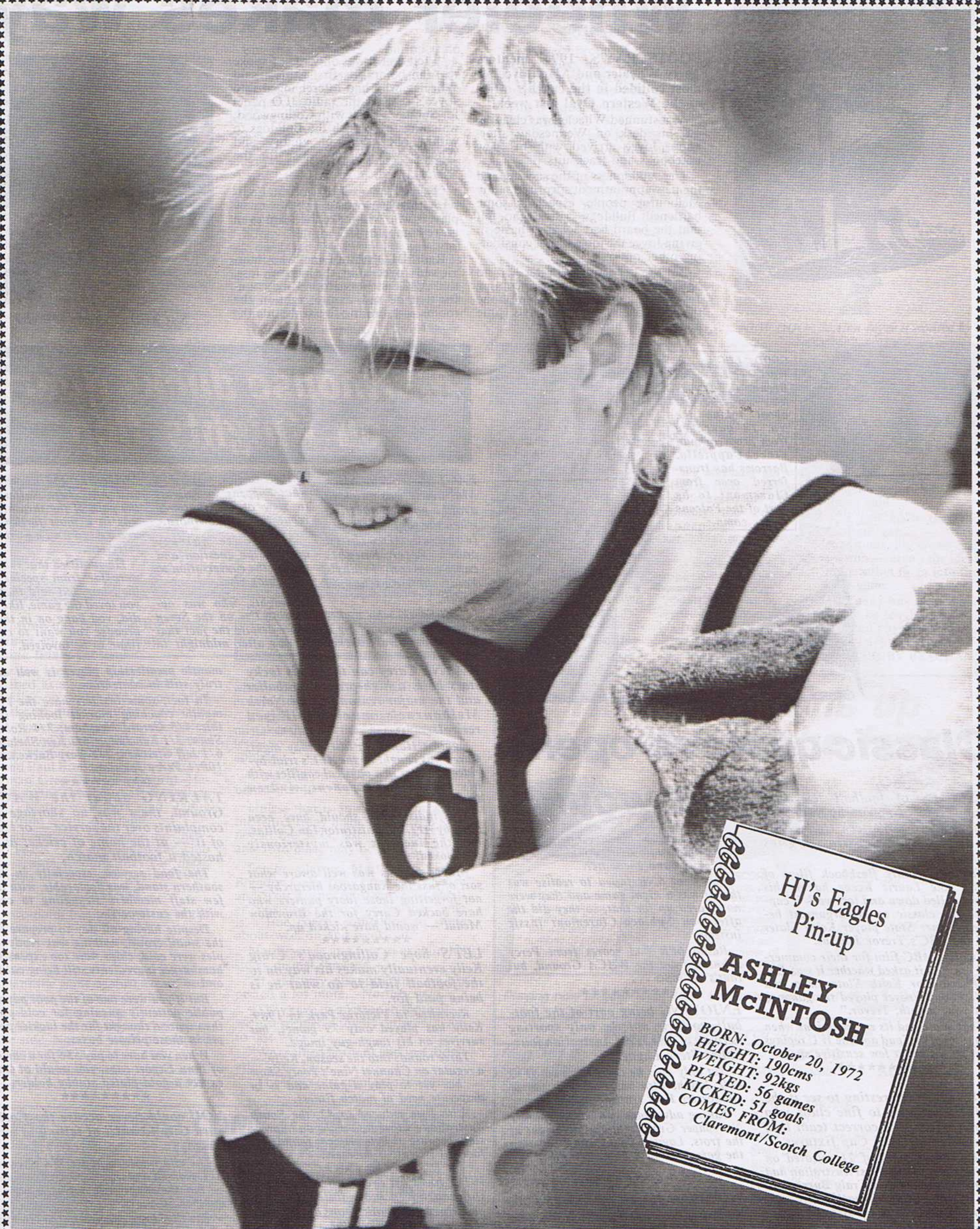
That earned him a spot on Channel Seven's weekly football show to take part in a final quiz shoot-out — but he failed to take off the major prize.

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Wheeler makes way

FOOTSCRAY'S 1994 mentors Terry Wheeler and Alan Joyce almost collided in the coach's office at the Western Oval last week.

As a stunned Wheeler was cleaning out his desk on Wednesday afternoon, Joyce arrived with his new notebooks and tracksuits.

The suddenness of the sacking and the new appointment surprised many Melbourne people, especially some hardened Bulldogs critics who felt that the board had acted in haste in giving Joyce the job without considering other options.

But the departing Wheeler had no hard feelings towards the incoming Joyce, going out of his way to phone the new coach before Sunday's game and wishing him all the best.

"I felt that it was only right I spoke to Alan before his first game," said Wheeler, who had interchanged into Joyce's seat on the radio 3LO panel for Sunday's clash with Collingwood, watching Joyce push the Bulldogs to within one point of victory and Wheeler was full of praise for the effort.

"He has an exciting job at Footscray this year because we have new players who will make the team even more competitive."

Radio 3LO's Tim Lane, who interviewed Joyce after the narrow loss, told ABC listeners around the country that he saw a rare sight in the rooms — a smiling Joyce, despite the defeat.



SACKED ... Terry Wheeler



GOOD LUCK ... West Perth recruit Brendan Barrows has no worries about taking the No. 13 guernsey from property man Vince Cappiello. Barrows has transferred over from Claremont to be part of the Falcons camp

Malthouse ducks query on Knights flop

EAGLES coach Mick Malthouse was quick to avoid a pointed question when the topic of the beleaguered Hawthorn coach Peter Knights came up on Friday's Footy show on Channel Seven.

Malthouse, who makes a point of never making a point about rival coaches

or their tactics, was asked what happens to Knights in view of the shattered reputation at Hawthorn.

Malthouse quickly avoided the question and turned the conversation to something else.

Knights, who was appearing live on the Seven show despite the fact that it was after midnight in

Melbourne and he would still have been suffering the pain of the thrashing, was in a most forthright mood during the interview.

He admitted that things were far from special in the camp, but said that if you loved the game, like he did, you hang on in there because you want to continue to be involved.

Classic quote re-opens old wound

A SERIES of football television commercials being run by Subiaco's major sponsor, Western Underwriters, is producing embarrassed grins around town.

The ads feature flashback films of blokes like Laurie Keene having his shorts pulled down and last week it captured the classic on-air argument between former State player Keith Slater and the ABC's Trevor Jenkins.

Stealing ABC film for their commercial venture, it asked whether it was Elle McPherson or Keith Slater who had said: "You've never played the game so shut your mouth, Trevor."

That quote had its repercussions when first uttered by Spud and the WU replays must be hitting a few sensitive spots.

IT WILL be interesting to see if the WAFL continues to fine clubs who do not release the correct team lists on the eve of Pepsi Cup fixtures.

The Sharks team of 21 released on Friday night to The West Australian had Scott McDonnell and Craig Burrows in the line-up, with Michael Crain and Darren Capewell on the list of outs.

But at Saturday morning training, the roles were reversed, with officials saying that both Burrows and McDonnell were injured.

The West was not pleased ... but then the Sharks won the match!

IF YOU were one of those frustrated football fans twiddling the dial on Saturday night trying in vain to find radio coverage of the East Perth-East Fremantle game, then don't blame us.

The WAFL issued a press release early

last week with the broadcast details telling us that radio 6NR would cover the WACA Ground encounter.

But what 6NR failed to realise was that it was a night game and they were not geared up for that, so they did the afternoon Subiaco-Claremont tussle instead.

Radio 6PR had scores from Percy Johnson from the WACA Ground, but that's all folks ...

ENJOYING being part of the football world is not the only sporting activity of The West Australian journalist Steve Lague.

Not only does he cover lawn bowls as well, but he also has become a fan of Gloucester Park trotting.

Taking advantage of the Community Newspaper Group's family night out at the trots, Lague's young son Brett won the gate prize of a mountain bike.

NOT often do you see a rival coach go out of his way to shake hands with a member of the winning team — but that is what Richmond's John Northey did on Saturday.

Shattered by the 96-point loss to West Coast, Northey walked across the ground to congratulate rookie Eagle Brett Spinks, who put in another top game at centre-half-forward.

IS someone leaking West Coast team match-ups out of the Eagles camp?

It seems a coincidence that a prominent radio critic seems to know the match-ups each week.

Surely not another selector-gate issue!

WAYNE Carey can thank his lucky stars he is a high-profile footballer and the major reason behind North Melbourne's much-publicised revival.

Against Hawthorn last Friday night, Carey was caught by the AFL's trial-by-video cameras in a physical conflict with his immediate opponent, Andrew Gowers.

His indiscretion should have been cited by AFL administrator Ian Collins, but the incident was mysteriously overlooked.

Maybe Collins was well aware what sort of fuss the Kangaroos hierarchy — not forgetting those footy punters who have backed Carey for the Brownlow Medal — would have kicked up.

LET'S hope Collingwood's Craig Kelly eventually makes his way on to the football field to do what he is being paid for.

Recruited to Victoria Park in 1989, Kelly has played only 79 games, but survives on his tough-guy image.

Three rounds into the season, Kelly — a regular on Channel Nine's Footy Show — has yet to play a game and is in desperate need of match fitness.

With lists reduced to 42, the South Australian will want to make an impression, because as Peter Daicos found out, football is truly a business.

WHY has East Fremantle's premiership coach Ken Judge failed to figure prominently in talk about a coach for the new Port AFL side?

The former Hawthorn and East Fre-

mantle premiership player is well and truly still in contention.

In fact, some insiders have the Fremantle coaching market looking like this: 4/5 Gerard Neesham; 7/4 Robert Shaw; 3/1 Ken Judge; 4/1 Ken Sheldon; 6/1 Jeff Gieschen; 7/1 Gary Buckenara; 100/1 Percy Johnson.

TALKING about the WACA Ground, there was no shortage of complaints over the service — or lack of it — at the home of cricket as it hosted a football match.

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Whitford aim to move up again

WHITFORD started their campaign to regain a place in A-grade with a first-up win over last season's B-grade pacesetters, Dianella Morley.

Whitford have retained the services of Tony Fulgrave as coach and started in tremendous fashion, beating Dianella by 18 points at Light Street Reserve.

Whitford came from behind in the last term, kicking five goals to two, after trailing throughout.

Best for Whitford were Sauta, Gibson and Adams.

Dianella Morley have Bassendean coach of seven years, Clayden Whittle, at the helm this season, looking to go one better than last year and make the grand final.

Only eight players from last season's side played on the weekend, with Darren Christison (Port Hedland), Geoff Winton (Port Hedland) and Brad Ward (Burswood) all leaving.

But they have also recruited some players, with Mark and Tim Steeles (Broome), Jason Straw (Nollamara) and Glenn Facey (Mosman Park) joining the club.

Whittle was impressed with the brand of football Fulgrave had Whitford playing.

"They are going to be very hard to beat if they hit the ball that hard all year," he said.

Although Dianella had a few players down with cramp in the last quarter — and a few showing they were a little unfit — Whittle wasn't too disappointed with the performance.

He was pleased with Tim Geddes, Jason Cox and Brad O'Brien, who kicked five goals.

HAMERSLEY WIN

Hamersley Carine continue to work their way towards A-grade and were too good for University at McGillivray Reserve, beating the students by an impressive 92 points.

David Whitehead is leading Hamersley, who are on a roll since playing E-grade four seasons ago.

Although they have lost Darren Hewston and Clay Stashiw to retirement and John Hathaway and Craig Whatmore back to Wanneroo, in the Sunday League, they have picked up Geoff Hendriks and Innaloo pair Graeme Craig and Steve Vicary and may have a few other new faces at Carine Reserve in the next couple of weeks.

Hamersley kicked 11 goals to University's five in the first half, then kicked another 11 majors in the second half.

Their best were Stan Horsman, who kicked five goals playing at centre-half-forward, Joel Deacon, coming up from the colts and playing well in the ruck and rover Mick Richers.

University have former East Perth and Swan Districts player Frank Wilson coaching their second side.

He was very impressed with Hamersley Carine, believing they are better than Mt Lawley's A grade who they played in a pre-season scratch match.

Better players for University were David Scurvington, Brett Miller and Dave Dunstan, while Wilson believes that all his players need to catch up on the work they missed in pre-season.

TOUGH GAME

CBC were understandably nervous about playing Swan Athletic in the first week of fixtures after the way the young side finished the '93 season.

But last year's grand finalists were too strong for the young Swan Athletic side, who showed a lot of promise towards the end of last season, winning by 29 points.

By BRAD ELBOROUGH

CBC, who played in the grand final last year, have lost no players and are concentrating on making the A-grade competition next season, when they move into their new clubrooms.

New coach Paul Bennett thought it was a tough first round and was a little worried with no-one getting a chance to play the week before because of Easter.

Better players for CBC were Dean Rominello, at half-back, ruck-rover Len Cannell, state squad member Michael Porter, who kicked three goals and David Reid, who kicked five goals.

Bruce Douglas, at Swan Athletic, is happy that his side has suffered no losses, while they have picked up Troy Basich, back from injury and Swan Districts Adam Matson and Dean Burns.

He was a little worried about their preparation, but is confident they will fight back.

Better players for Swan Athletic were Adam Matson and Graeme and David Johnston.

EASY START

Bassendean had an easy start to the season, beating Innaloo by 121 points at Jubilee Reserve.

Bassendean looked very fit after an excellent pre-season under new coach Noel Baker.

Baker has been involved with Swan Districts, Sawyers Valley, Gosnells and Midland in the past and is looking forward to the challenge of amateur football.

Bassendean have suffered a major loss with key player Paul Carlson going to Bayswater, but welcome Nathan King, coming back to the club and Troy Collard, from East Perth.

Innaloo also suffered a few losses, with Matt Cullen moving to Nollamara, Chris and Scott Uglov going to Scarborough and Brett O'Neill to North Beach.

Coach Glen Kettlewell believes they have a lot of work to do after their disappointing pre-season.

Good players for the Bulldogs were Mick O'Neill, Gordon Narrier and Tim Kettlewell.

IMPRESSIVE

Wesley Curtin produced an impressive first quarter against Wembley to set up their 80-point win at South Oval.

George Christie is in charge at Wesley again this year and is happy with the way his running players took control of the game early.

Better players for Wesley were Geoff Miller, back from an injury that saw him sidelined for most of '93, Paul Hamersley and Les Egerton.

Former Canning man Peter Drew, has taken on the Wembley coaching as they join University as the only two sides in A and B grade.

Although beaten convincingly this round he was happy with the way his players fought back in the second half, especially Shane Paddon, Lorne Cunningham, Paul Fisher and Greg Fraser, who kicked three goals.

THIS WEEK

Games this week see Whitford take on Bassendean, at McDonald Park; CBC against Wesley Curtin, at Fremantle Park; Hamersley Carine meet Swan Athletic, at Carine Reserve; Wembley host University at Henderson Park and Innaloo take on Dianella Morley at Yulumba Park.

Upset kicks off A-grade tussle

By DAVID EGGLESTON

THE Emu Export A-grade amateurs season started off in an unexpected way — with reigning premiers North Beach toppled at Dalkeith Oval by Collegians Old Scotch.

It was a tough physical game that saw North Beach squander opportunities in front of goals by poor disposal.

Collegians were behind throughout, but bottled up play on the defensive side of the ground in the third term when they were kicking against the breeze.

Norths increased their two-goal lead at three-quarter-time when they kicked the first goal of the final quarter, but Collegians fought back to hit the front with four minutes left to play and held on to win by two points.

Best for Collegians were ruckman Justin Edmondson, ruck-rover Brad Howard and Chris Keys, on a wing. Anthony Howitt capped off a good game at half-forward with five goals.

Norths best were Brendon Lynch (wing) and Brad Gwilliam (full back).

WEMBLEY STRONG

Wembley flexed their muscles against Trinity Aquinas at Henderson Park, after conceding a seven-point lead at half-time.

Wembley struggled to develop teamwork in the first 60 minutes, while Trinity let themselves down in the final half.

However, Wembley's strong physical pattern of play showed through as they refused to concede to Trinity.

Best for Wembley included Callum Castledine (rover), Gary Davies (full-forward) and Jason McBride playing out of a back pocket. Centreman Eric Cane was best for Trinity, with Greg Fleay on a half-back flank and Nick Durin roving also played well.

SLICK SCARBOROUGH

Scarborough coach Gary Armstrong led his charges to a 16-point win over the more fancied Nollamara at Des Penman Reserve.

Armstrong had Scarborough playing close-checking football in the first quarter and kicked away to a four-goal lead midway through the term.

Nollamara started to get more use of the ball, but were still behind at quarter-time. Neither side could take advantage across the midfield nor in the following division.

Scarborough curbed the opposition's key players up forward, which created problems for Nollamara. Damien O'Keefe, in particular, held Nollamara's star recruit Matt Cullen well.

Scarborough are a strong physical side who will play an important part in this year's finals.

Best for Scarborough were Ian Putt in the ruck and changing at full-forward, where he finished with three goals, former Collingwood colts captain Bruce Bennett in the centre and rover John Blackburn, who kicked five goals.

Nollamara's best were Dean Wilson ruck-roving, Alan Thomas in the unaccustomed centre-half-back position and Gordon Cole playing his first A-grade game.

University showed they will be a force again this year with a 12-point win over Mt Lawley at Hamer Park.

University dominated the first half, controlling the midfield and forcing the ball into attack.

Mt Lawley looked under-done, but fought back in the second half, only to have University apply the pressure in their backline, forcing Mt Lawley to kick points.

Best for University were Richard Caldwell and Shaun Massey on the

wings, while David Bain won in the centre. Full-forward Mark Foster finished with three goals.

Mt Lawley's two 19-year-olds Ross Van Bec (centre-half-back) and Damien Cramwell (half-back) were best-afield for their side with captain Bill Armstrong picking up from two years ago with three goals from the half-forward flank.

TOP SPOT

West Coast moved to the top of the ladder with a resounding 90-point victory over North Fremantle, at Claremont Oval.

Both teams had strong defences in the first half and with Norths holding the edge midfield, only two goals separated the sides at half-time.

West Coast lifted in the second half as Norths defence crumbled under the goal onslaught.

Best for West Coast were Chris Ricoll (centre-half-back), Kim Rigoll (full-back) and rover Gerard Chipperfield. Full-forward Bernard Martin chipped in with five goals.

THIS WEEK

North Beach meet Wembley at Charles Riley Reserve in what should be the match of the day.

Wembley should have too much strength, although Norths are hard to beat at home.

Scarborough should pick up their second win when they take on Collegians Old Scotch at Millington Reserve.

North Fremantle play Mt Lawley at Gil Fraser Oval and although the Fremantle team has the home ground advantage, they should struggle.

University clash with West Coast at McGillivray Oval in a game that should be closely fought out, with the students holding a slight advantage.

Nollamara travel to Collier Reserve to play Trinity Aquinas and with both sides evenly matched, it should be a good tussle.

EMU EXPORT LEAGUE

A GRADE: University 15.12 (102) (Caldow, K. Massey, Bain) d Mt Lawley 12.17 (89) (Armstrong, Van Bec, Cranwell), Wembley 26.18 (174) (Taylor, Roberts, Castledine) d Trinity Aquinas 9.12 (66) (Fleay, Jordan, Webb), Scarborough 13.7 (85) (Putt, Bennett, Blackburn) d Nollamara 9.15 (69) (D. Wilson, Thomas, Coles), Collegians Old Scotch 13.4 (82) (Edmondson, Howard, Keys) d North Beach 10.20 (80) (Lynch, Williams, Mountforward).

B GRADE: CBC 18.18 d Swan Athletic 12.7, Whitford 14.13 d Dianella-Morley 12.7, Wesley-Curtin 23.20 d Wembley 12.6, Bassendean 24.16 d Innaloo 6.3.

C GRADE: Bullcreek 10.15 d Brentwood 7.12, Scarborough 13.6 d Baywater 9.15, Cockburn Lakes 9.12 d Redcliffe 7.13, Mt Lawley 14.5 d Osborne Dist 13.5.

A COLTS: University 22.11 d Mt Lawley 5.5, Wembley 18.15 d Trinity Aquinas 3.2, Scarborough 14.11 d Nollamara 10.8, Nth Beach 19.10 d Collegians O/S 4.6.

B COLTS: CBC 12.9 d Swan Athletic 7.8, Whitford 13.10 d Dianella-Morley 6.10, Cowan Uni 10.10 d Wesley-Curtin 7.4, Bassendean 10.10 d Innaloo 9.7.

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Plenty of movement in the

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THE WA Amateur League got under way last weekend with the top three grades and the colts opening their 1994 premierships campaigns, with the other grades starting this week.

There have been plenty of teams moving up — and down — the grades after last season and here is a run-down of who is playing where.

North Fremantle will again be attempting to hold their place in A-grade after winning the B-grade premiership last season.

Norths have been up and down several times over the past decade and are hopeful that the appointment of former Collingwood and Claremont player Tony Beers can settle them down.

They take the place of Whitford, who are back in B-grade after a brief taste at the top grade and they will be desperately trying to regain their place, under the guidance of coach Tony Fulgrabe.

Also joining the B-grade competition are Wembley and Hamersley Carine, who both come up from C-grade.

Wembley won the grand final in C-grade last season and join University as the only clubs with both A and B grade teams.

Hamersley Carine have had a tremendous last couple of seasons in amateur competition, coming from E-grade to C grade in three years and look a strong prospect to gain their first A-grade berth in 1995.

C GRADE

Mt Lawley found out how difficult it was maintaining teams in the top two grades and new coach Paul Wrensted won't be too disappointed with their second side dropping down a grade.

C-grade will be strengthened by three clubs coming from D-grade in Lynwood Ferndale, Brentwood and Redcliffe.

Nollamara's second side have also dropped a grade from C to D-grade and join Swan View, coming from E-grade, as the new sides in that grade.

Coolbinia Yokine haven't enjoyed the greatest of seasons recently and have dropped yet again, to E-grade.

SINGLE GRADE

With the single team grade discontinued after only one season, top sides Hellenic, St Norbert and R. & I. Bank have been placed in E-grade, along with Bassendean coming up from F-grade.

Also moving down a grade are Collegians Old Scotch and Swan View, who found the going a little tough in E-grade.

C-GRADE GAMES

BULLCREEK-Leeming spoiled the celebrations of Brentwood's Peter Mannion's 100th game with a 21-point win at Beasley Reserve.

In a scrappy game, Danny Mosconi, at half-back, Mark Sinden, in the centre and Peter Mannion all played well for Brentwood.

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WINNERS ALL ... some of last year's premierships winners gather at the annual amateurs dinner with their prized plaques

By BRAD ELBOROUGH

Two clubs coming up from G-grade are Hamersley Carine and Cockburn Lakes.

While Hamersley enjoyed a successful season with three of their sides advancing up grades this year, Nollamara didn't enjoy such victories.

With their second side sliding from C to D-grade, their third side has also been forced back from F-grade to G-grade, but are overlooking last year and have already enjoyed pre-season wins in all grades with new coaching staff.

Also joining this competition is Osborne Districts, from F-grade and Bullcreek, Forrestfield and Dianella Morley, who come up from H-grade.

Another of the single team grade teams in East Fremantle joins the H-grade competition, along with Mt Lawley, coming from I-grade and CBC, Wesley Curtin and North Beach, coming from G-grade.

Relegated from H-grade are Wesley Curtin, who will be joining former J-grade clubs in Hamersley Carine, their third side moving up a grade and Brentwood in I-grade.

The J-grade competition sees six new sides with Old Guildfordians, from the single team grade, Whitford and Carlisle (from I-grade) and from K-grade, Innaloo, Swan View and Forrestfield.

Joining the K-grade competition from J-grade are Warnbro Swans, Trinity Aquinas and Bullcreek, while Forrestsdales come down from J-grade.



FOOTY TALK ... amateurs president Don Baker (left) chats with North Beach president Phil Crannage, Wayne Hardman (Mt Lawley) and umpires adviser Brian Smith at the annual presentation dinner

Amateur contacts

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All other grades to be faxed to Westside Football (227 6440 or 227 5197) on the appropriate match report sheets before Tuesday morning.

Colts round-up

UNIVERSITY showed they are keen to again dominate the A-colts when they beat Mt Lawley by an impressive 79-points at Hamer Park.

Mt Lawley were only two goals down minutes before half-time, before University scored a couple of quick goals, then ran away with the game in the second half.

Mt Lawley's best players were Ben Murphy, Troy Babich, Rob Sherwood and Adam Vaughan, who won their fairest and best last season.

Scarborough and Nollamara had a tough battle at Des Penman Reserve, with Scarborough winning by 27 points.

With these two sides having sat at the bottom of the colts ladder over the past couple of seasons, they showed they are going to be competitive this season.

Best for Scarborough were Chris Dickinson, Mark Gaslow and Mike Williamson, while for Nollamara Jack Calyon, Gavin Dalziel and Gary Fisher played well.

In a tough game at Claremont Oval, West Coast held off North Fremantle to record a 27-point win.

With new A-grade coach John Dimer taking an interest in the colts, they are starting to get some system working already and will be a strong force.

Better players for West Coast were Craig Smith, from Esperance, who kicked two goals playing at centre-half-forward, rover Matt Elliot and ruck-rover Darren Turner.

North Fremantle struggled in the A-colts competition two seasons ago, but showed last week that they have the basis for a good side.

Wembley started this season where they left off last year, beating Trinity Aquinas in good fashion to the tune of 103 points at Henderson Park.

Josh Popp was best for Wembley, with Rodgers (four goals), Hodgison (four goals) and Deua-Pouna also playing well.

Last year's grand finalists North Beach beat Collegians Old Scotch by 94 points at Dalkeith Oval.

THIS WEEK

This week's games see North Beach and Wembley meet at Charles Riley Reserve, Scarborough play Collegians Old Scotch, at Millington Reserve, North Fremantle versus Mt Lawley, at Gil Fraser Oval, University host West Coast, at McGillivray Oval and Trinity Aquinas meet Nollamara, at Collier Park.

B COLTS

Cowan University produced a spirited comeback to beat Wesley Curtin by 24 points at South Oval.

After trailing at half-time, Cowan slowly started to peg pack the deficit and sealed the game kicking into the breeze in the last term.

For Cowan, Paul Crogan, at centre-half-back, Luke Vladich, Matt Howes and Russell Trainor all played well.

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Sunday League kick-off

Maskos takes over at Thornlie

TOUGH South Fremantle defender Arthur Maskos takes on the coaching role with reigning Sunday League premiers Thornlie when the season kicks off this weekend.

Apart from premiership coach Dennis Evans stepping down, Thornlie have lost a number of players, including Shane Porter and Shane Evans to Perth, Anthony McAleer to Mt Lawley and Mick Evans and Michael Chalmers to Wanneroo.

However, the Lions have picked up some handy midfielders in Kelvin and Gavin Boyce from Albany and Thornlie local Cameron Vinnecombe, who had a run with Swan Districts last year.

Last year's runner's-up Canning had a scare during a pre-season practice match when Willetton gave them a 15-goal thrashing.

Canning have lost Anthony Cole and Justin Scott to the eastern states, while Chris Davies has left to coach Nollamara.

They have picked up centre-half-forward Travis Underwood and ruck-rover Des Haywood.

Last year's Bowden Medal winner Heath Soutar looks fitter than ever.

Armadale haven't had a good pre-season with losses to Wembley, Mt Lawley and Gosnells.

The Demons no longer have big Gary Armstrong, who left to coach Scarborough, Lee Monument (to Perth) and Don Durnin, who has retired.

East Perth player David Regan has joined the club and coach Steve Turner, of Perth, Melbourne and St Kilda fame, believes they will enjoy at



By Reece Hogan

least the same third-place success as last year.

Willetton are the team to watch out for.

Good recruiting and strong pre-season form suggest the Blues will do better than their first semi-final loss last year.

David Glass (half-forward) and Craig Barnes (ruck) from East Fremantle have joined the club, along with country players Derek Doyle and Liam

Shanahan and rover Nathan Groves.

Another team who have recruited wisely are Applecross.

There are now four Regans at the club with Kevin, Bryn and Robert joining Dwain at the Hawks.

Other new players at Applecross include West Perth and Swan Districts half-forward Ian Bennell and Claremont colts coach Mark Riley, who will be a key forward.

Osborne Park will take some beating this year after picking up Subiaco ruckman Shane Cocker and midfielder Simon Chaplin as well as half-forward John Nikolou, from East Perth.

The Saints have maintained most of their 1993 brigade and have enjoyed successful pre-season hit-outs.

Kenwick may find the going tough after losing Gavin Hanley to Perth, Matt Conleton to Geraldton, Grant Johnson to Manjimup, Rod Smith to Thornlie and Neville Luff, who has retired.

However, Perth wingman Brian Williams, full-forward Ray Irvine and half-forward Craig Thomas, from the Kenwick juniors, look good prospects.

John Spilsbury has left Kelmscott to coach Roleystone and Scott Hodgen has gone to Swan Districts.

Kelmscott are a fit side, with plenty of avenues to goal.

After finishing ninth last year, Wanneroo will be looking to improve with '91 and '92 premiership players Neil Whatmore and Wayne Simms back at the club.

Thornlie premiership players Mick Evans and Mike Chalmers have also joined Wanneroo along with St Kilda reserves rover Kerry Combes.

South Perth have had a strong pre-season under coach Brett Symons and will be competitive.

The Tigers have picked up centre-half-back Michael Adams (Claremont), tough midfielder Brett Weaven of Maddington and ruckman/forward Ian Pope, as well as Claremont premiership player Julian Urquhart, Adrian Pensini and David Lyons.

Kalamunda take on new coach John McGuire this year with the clan including his brother Oral, Jeremy and Angus McGuire.

Last year's wooden-spooners Maddington should fare better this year.

Grand final replay starts season

ONLY four teams will contend the first round of Sunday League fixtures this weekend.

In a replay of last year's grand final, Thornlie will take on Canning at Thornlie Oval, while Applecross meet Willetton at Shirley Strickland Reserve.

New Thornlie coach Arthur Maskos will be keen to maintain the Lions winning form from last year, but believes a few losses will mean a number of players will have to lift this year.

"Last year's players set a high standard," Maskos said.

"So, a few players, especially the younger ones, have to take the reins and lift a few percent if we are to maintain that standard this year."

Maskos wants to get the season off to a good start so he can begin planning for the finals early in the season.

Despite poor pre-season form, Canning should take it right up to Thornlie with their strong running brigade.

At Shirley Strickland, the Applecross-Willetton clash should be top-class with both teams boasting excellent pre-season form.

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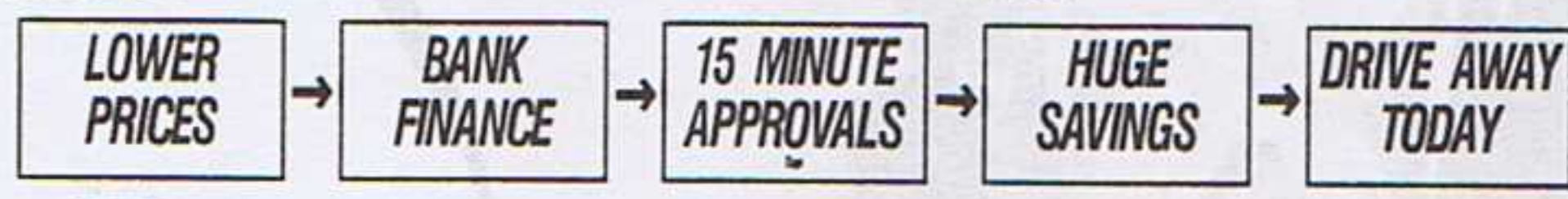
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Royals show power in Albany

ROYALS showed they would again be a powerhouse in the Great Southern League when they crushed Tambellup by 79 points in a replay of last year's grand final.

Jason Drage and Tony Fitzpatrick kicked six goals each to steer the reigning premiers to victory, 20.16 (136) to 9.3 (57).

Tambellup, who promised so much after fighting their way into last year's grand final from the elimination final, were disappointing in the rematch.

Best for Royals were Steve Oreo, Fitzpatrick, Rick Ellard and Geoff Simpson, while for the losers Derek Woods and Chris Penny tried hard.

HAT-TRICK

Railways won all three grades to make an impressive start to their season.

The league team had a comfortable win over Kojonup, 10.17 (77) to 5.9 (39) with six players kicking Railways goals. Troy Sutherland and John Annandale led the way over a Kojonup team that was clearly outclassed.

The Kojonup seconds got a thump-

ing from Railways, 21.25 (151) to 2.2 (14), while the Railways colts demolished North Albany, 29.11 (185) to 3.0 (18).

Last year's league wooden spooners Australs comfortably downed North Mt Barker 24.14 (158) to 6.10 (70) to take them to an unexpected position atop the premiership table.

Australs best were Brett Eades, Peter Dewar and Colin Smith and Danny Riley, both with seven goals.

Wanderers had to fight hard to overcome a dogged South Mt Barker, 12.15 (87) to 11.9 (75), who showed they will be far from easy-beats in '94.

Paul Evans and Jamie Ramm were best for the winners, who spread their goal-kicking around — three players kicked two goals and five notched singles.

For South Mt Barker, Ashley Hooper kicked five goals and was backed up Mal Bryant, Neville McGill and Aldo Lionetti.

Burra storm home to win a thriller

BURRACOPPIN stormed home in the last quarter to snatch a two-point victory over Hyden/Karlgarin in the Eastern Districts Football League.

At one stage in the third quarter, Hyden were five goals in front, but they could only manage one point in the last term as Burracoppin applied the pressure to win, 13.10 (88) to 13.8 (86).

Best for the winners were ruck-rover Peter Hooper, centre-half-back Glen Antonio and elusive centreman Aaron Smith.

Dynamic Burracoppin forward Rick Antonio kicked nine of his team's 13 goals.

For Hyden, ruckman Kim Perrin, rover Rod Austin and full-forward Bob Moorby (six goals) exerted a strong influence.

Kondinin were solid in their 27-point win over Narembene, 18.11 (119) to 13.14 (92).

Diminutive rover Justin Eaton, back from a season at West Perth where he was given limited opportunities, showed he was right back to his Association-medal winning form of '92.

The talented Eaton was in a class apart as he picked up kicks all over the ground and finished with four goals.

Len Murray, at centre-half-forward, was strong and secure, while Ashley Collard, ruck-roving off a half-forward flank, finished with four goals.

Nathan Hayden kicked seven goals in a losing team as Bruce Rock went down to an impressive Southern Cross, 19.14 (128) to 16.10 (106).

Reigning premiers Nukarni thrashed Corrigin 20.17 (137) to 4.9 (33) in a win which propelled them to an early lead on top of the ladder.

Kulin 15.18 (108) beat Merredin 10.8 (68).

Railways recruits boost side

GOLDFIELDS football opened with a night fixture last Friday when Railways, bolstered by several recruits, proved too classy for last season's wooden spooners Kalgoorlie.

Railways dominated after half-time to run out easy winners, 13.20 (98) to 6.6 (42), with their main goalscorers being Trevor Draper (four) and Brenton Calver with three.

Best for Railways were Brad Brierley, Trevor Draper, Gavin Walsh, Todd Colquhoun and Fabian Dawson and for Kalgoorlie, Ian Halley, Darren Begley, Peter Hicks and Mel Gallagher did well.

Kalgoorlie are an extremely young side and look likely to struggle.

At Kambalda, the home side scored a narrow win against Boulder, 10.5 (65) to 8.13 (61).

The Eagles, now coached by former WA and Victorian star Garry Sidebottom, laid the foundations for victory in the first half and held out a spirited, but inaccurate, Boulder in the second half.

Best for Kambalda were Clifton Murray, Wayne Cope, Paul Lee, Craig Thomas and Jason Epis, with Murray kicking five goals for Kambalda and John Scott five for Boulder, whose best were Brett Mayo, Scott, Darrell Reynolds, Callum Winn and Brian Porteous.

Twins kick Tammin to victory

TAMMIN twins Steve and Grant Johnson kicked eight of their team's 14 goals to inflict sweet revenge on last year's premiers York in the Avon League.

Tammin had only one point on the board at quarter-time to York's 0.5, but hit their stride with five-goal second and third quarters and a four-goal final term to run out winners, 14.19 (103) to 7.12 (54).

Tammin were all fired up with the memory of last year's 99-point second semi-final loss to York, which disrupted their finals campaign so much they were bundled out the following week by Railways.

Best for Tammin were R. Hooper, Ivan Rogers and T. Grogan, while York's big man Trevor Tadman (four goals) and Blackiston never gave up.

Kellerberrin kicked a cricket score against Brookton to run out 104-point winners, 31.23 (209) to 16.9 (105).

Kellerberrin's second and fourth quarters each netted 10 goals and A. Yarran's seven-goal effort saw him named as best player.

M. Davis and D. Ugle were Brookton's best.

Railways had nine players kick a goal each in their patchy win over Cunderdin, 9.16 (70) to 9.8 (62).

Best for Railways were D. O'Driscoll and P. Matthews, while S. Darmody, G. Hill and D. Partridge impressed for Cunderdin.

Beverley, who caused one of last year's upsets by downing eventual premiers York in the last qualifying game, showed they were eager to go on with their late '93 promise by dominating Federals, 17.18 (120) to 10.7 (67).

Best were D. Capp, M. Edwards and B. McLean for Beverley, while D. Eiffler, B. George and D. Martin stood out for Federals.

Bidyadanga too strong

BIDYADANGA continued their fine start in the CRA premiership cup race in Broome last weekend when they ran out 87-point winners over Meatworks in the West Kimberley Football Association.

Pius Gregory, in his first game for the season, kicked eight goals in an impressive display at full-forward.

Andrew Jack, Brendan Cox and Bruce Wyardie stood out for the Emus, while captain Les Rogers fought a lone hand for the losers.

Towns pulled away from Cable Beach to win by 32 points, as the Greenbacks ran out of legs in the last quarter.

Michael French led the way for Towns with six goals.

Dampier almost caused the upset of the season when they led Saints for most of the day.

The strong Saints team, however, put the pressure on when it counted and finally ran out comfortable 23-point winners.

Michael McKenzie and Mitchell Tigan finished with four goals each.

Saints take CRA Cup

LOCAL team Saints withstood the out-of-town challengers to win the annual CRA \$2500 Easter Cup played in Broome over the Easter weekend.

West Kimberley Association teams Towns, Meatworks, Saints, Cable Beach and Bidyadanga came up against visitors Derby Tigers, Fitzroy Crossing and defending champions, Port Hedland Tigers.

Towns, Saints, Fitzroy and Tigers survived the first day of the carnival and met in the semi-finals on Sunday morning.

Saints had a comfortable win over Fitzroy, followed by a tough contest between Towns and visitors Rovers.

The crowd roared with delight when local team Towns ran out 22-point winners.

In the grand final Saints met Towns in a fierce contest.

Saints made their break in the second half when the inspirational Albert Dolby kicked three goals in as many minutes to seal the game, the cup and the winner's \$2000 cheque.

Mat Lawson, Mick McKenzie and Dolby were best for the winners, while Neil Marshall and Paul Fogarty tried hard for Towns.

CRA's Bruce Larson handed over the cheque and cup to Saints coach Eric Wade.

Bottom side springs upset

THE Fortescue league season opened in sensational fashion with a win to last year's wooden spooners Demons over Panthers at Paraburdoo.

The Demons, who were win-less in 1993, enjoyed a one-point victory over the Panthers, 11.5 (71) to 10.10 (70).

Towns beat reigning premier Tigers by 13 points in Tom Price.

Towns could have won by a bigger margin, posting an inaccurate 9.23 (77) to 9.10 (64).

Donnybrook look strong

DONNYBROOK, the success story of the South-West Football League last season, look set to maintain their improvement this year.

The Dons overpowered a new-look Bunbury side to reach the South-West summer league grand final for a clash with Collie.

Donnybrook were overpowered by the Bulldogs in the first half, through the work of ruckman Ted Picks and Damien Dimer, Brad O'Reilly and Shane Robbins in attack.

But the Dons fought back with Shane Atherton nullifying Dimer and Brad Hickman dominating in the ruck after the major break.

Collie reached the final through wins over Busselton and South Bunbury.

Rovers fight to hold out Mullewa

GERALDTON Rovers had to work overtime to hold off a surging Mullewa and win by five points when the Great Northern League kicked off.

Rovers, who were last year's top qualifying side, could only manage 4.2 after half-time to Mullewa's 6.8, as the inland boys threw everything at them.

Mullewa outscored Rovers in the first and third quarters, but paid the price for a dismal second quarter when they could only manage two behinds as Rovers eventually ran out winners, 10.12 (72) to 9.13 (67).

Best for Rovers were K. Osborne, R. Gulberti, D. Nazaroff and A. Taylor, while D. Stokes kicked four goals.

For Mullewa, D. Tunbridge, E. Pappertalk, J. Robinson and B. Tunbridge were their best performers.

Last year's premiers Towns, who came from fourth spot to win every sudden-death finals match and roll Rovers in the premiership play-off, had no trouble accounting for Northampton, 18.16 (124) to 11.13 (79).

Their seconds and colts also had convincing wins to make it a bad day for Northampton.

The three other teams — Brigades, Chapman Valley and Railways — all had first-round byes.

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SUPERULES



Bunbury look good in

opening win

BUNBURY opened the WA Superules season in confident style with a 34-point win over Northern Warriors.

Bunbury's best in the 15.7 (97) to 9.7 (63) win were Greaves, Elson and Peters, while Gelmi, Stewart and Bergeson were the Warriors best.

Victoria Park beat Wembley 11.6 (72) to 7.2 (44) with Kinnan, Banner and Smith starring for the winners and Payne, Gillies and Ireland best for the losers.

Southern Saints beat Mandurah 10.10 (70) to 7.4 (42).

The Saints best were Wood, Evan, O'Brien and Backhouse, with Duncan, Pollard and Davies named Mandurah's better players.

Fremantle recorded a 35-point win over Eastern Hills, 14.10 (94) to 9.5 (59).

Fremantle's best were Keep, Haydinger, Dickson and Woodhead, while Blackaby, Someville, Fleming and Flynn kept Eastern Hills in the match.

Wayne Delmenico played his 50th Superules game for Fremantle.

The first Masterules match was played with Northern Warriors beating Victoria Park 6.7 (43) to 4.8 (32).

Warriors best were Wilkinson, Claridge and Davis and for Victoria Park, Clark, Byas and Groenburg were outstanding.

The first country carnival of the year will be held at Bunbury this Saturday.



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What's happening in football

Aust. Football League

Round four — Friday, April 15: Sydney v Richmond, SCG.

Saturday, April 16: West Coast v Fitzroy, WACA (6.30pm); Hawthorn v Carlton, Waverley; Essendon v Melbourne, MCG; Footscray v Nth Melbourne, Western Oval.

Sunday, April 17: Brisbane v St Kilda, Gabba; Adelaide v Geelong, Football Park. Bye — Collingwood.

W AFL Pepsi Cup

Round three — Saturday, April 16: Claremont v East Perth, Claremont Oval; Perth v South Fremantle, WACA (3.45pm); East Fremantle v West Perth, East Fremantle Oval; Subiaco v Swan Districts, Subiaco Oval.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Round five — Saturday, April 16: Port Adelaide v Glenelg, Football Park; Sturt v Norwood, Adelaide Oval; Eagles v North Adelaide, Woodville Oval.

Sunday, April 17: West Adelaide v South Adelaide, Waikerie. Bye — Central District.

Amateur Football League

Saturday, April 16 — A-grade: North Beach v Wembley, Charles Riley Reserve; Scarborough v Collegians Old Scotch, Millington Reserve; North Fremantle v Mt Lawley, Gil Fraser Oval; University v West Coast, McGillivray Oval; Trinity Aquinas v Nollamara, Collier Reserve.

B-grade: Whitford v Bassendean, McDonald Reserve; CBC v Wesley Curtin, Fremantle Park; Hamersley Carine v Swan Athletic, Carine Reserve; Wembley v University, Henderson Park; Innaloo v Dianella Morley, Yaluma Park.

Sunday Football League

Sunday League — Sunday, April 17: Thornlie v Canning; Applecross v Willetton.

Sunday Amateurs — Sunday, April 17: North Fremantle v Kingsley; Midland v Cockburn.

Saturday competition — Saturday, April 16: Wanneroo v Kelmscott; Roleystone v Gosnells; Koonga Valley v Willetton; Osborne Park v Thornlie.

Peel League

Sunday, April 17: Harvey v Sth Mandurah; Waroona v Mundijong; Mandurah v Rockingham; Kwinana v Pinjarra.



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COUNTRY PREMIERSHIP TABLES

AVON ASSOCIATION

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Kellerberrin	1	1	0	209	105	199	4
Tammin	1	1	0	103	54	190.7	4
Beverley	1	1	0	120	67	179.1	4
Railways	1	1	0	70	62	112.9	4
Cunderdin	1	0	1	62	70	88.5	0
Federals	1	0	1	67	120	55.8	0
York	1	0	1	54	103	52.4	0
Brookton	1	0	1	105	209	50.2	0

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EASTERN DISTRICTS

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Hyden Karigarin	1	0	0	149	14	1064	4
Merredin	1	0	0	66	31	212	4
Nukarni	1	0	0	75	32	144	4
Southern Cross	1	0	0	131	51	131	4
Bruce Rock	0	1	0	51	131	76	0
Kulin	0	1	0	31	66	47	0
Corrigin	0	1	0	32	75	43	0
Burracoppin	0	1	0	14	149	9	0

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FORTESCUE LEAGUE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Towns	1	1	0	77	64	120.3	4
Demons	1	1	0	71	70	101.4	4
Panthers	1	0	1	70	71	98.5	0
Tigers	1	0	1	64	77	83.1	0
Saints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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GOLDFIELDS

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Tot
Railways	1	1	0	0	98	42	233.33	4
Kambalda	1	1	0	0	65	61	106.55	4
Boulder	1	0	0	1	61	65	93.84	0
Kalgoorlie	1	0	0	1	42	98	42.85	0

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GREAT NORTHERN

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Tot
Towns	1	1	0	0	124	79	156.96	4
Rovers	1	1	0	0	72	67	107.46	4
Mullewa	1	0	1	0	67	72	93.05	0
N Hampton	1	0	1	0	79	124	63.70	0
Brigades	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railways	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NORWICH UNION



PERTH full-forward Brenton Cooper has kicked further ahead in the race for the \$500 GIO Insurance WAFL goalkicking award.

The Victorian country recruit kicked another four goals last week to add to his seven in round one, taking him two goals clear of South Fremantle's Jon Dorotich.

Dorotich's kicking has been accurate so far this season, kicking 3.0 last week against West Perth to take his tally to 9.1.

Perth's Dustyn McKenna stayed in third place with two goals against Swan Districts, while East Fremantle's Steve Lally kicked three goals against East Perth to push ahead of Jason Heatley and Chris Gerreyn.

GIO TOP SCORERS

Brenton Cooper (P)	11.4
Jon Dorotich (SF)	9.1
Dustyn McKenna (P)	7.4
Steven Lally (EF)	7.4
Jason Heatley (S)	6.3
Chris Gerreyn (C)	6.3
Andrew Lockyer (EF)	5.8
Lucio Baroni (EP)	5.6
Kingsley Hunter (C)	5.3
Stephen Bilcich (EF)	5.3
Rod Willet (S)	5.2
Scott Thomson (S)	5.1
Mark Attard (EF)	5.1



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GREAT SOUTHERN

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Royals	1	1	0	0	136	57	238.5	4
Australas	1	1	0	0	158	70	225.7	4
Railways	1	1	0	0	77	39	197.4	4
Wanderers	1	1	0	0	87	75	116	4
Sth Mt Barker	1	0	1	0	75	87	86.2	0
Kojonup	1	0	1	0	39	77	50.6	0
Nth Mt Barker	1	0	1	0	70	158	44.3	0
Tambellup	1	0	1	0	57	136	41.9	0

EMU EXPORT

WEST KIMBERLEY

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Tot
Towns	2	2	0	0	202	66	306.6	8
Biyadarga	2	2	0	0	190	66	287.8	8
Cable Beach	2	1	1	0	149	110	135.4	4
Saints	2	1	1	0	114	128	89.0	4
Dampier Pen.	2	0	2	0	79	173	45.6	0
Meatworks	2	0	2	0	42	233	18.0	0



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PREMIERSHIP TABLES

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts	Ratio
NTH MELBOURNE	2	2	0	0	315	119	264.71	8	100.00
MELBOURNE	2	2	0	0	292	173	168.79	8	100.00
COLLINGWOOD	3	3	0	0	309	263	117.49	12	100.00
WEST COAST	3	2	1	0	311	199	156.28	8	66.67
ADELAIDE	3	2	1	0	382	316	120.89	8	66.67
FITZROY	3	2	1	0	326	291	112.03	8	66.67
GEELONG	3	1	2	0	331	337	98.22	8	33.33
ESSENDON	3	1	2	0	275	299	91.97	8	33.33
Richmond	3	1	2	0	284	320	88.75	4	33.33
Carlton	3	1	2	0	249	320	77.81	4	33.33
Footscray	3	1	2	0	271	358	75.70	4	33.33
Brisbane	3	1	2	0	249	334	74.55	4	33.33
St Kilda	3	1	2	0	278	389	71.55	4	33.33
Hawthorn	3	1	2	0	263	386	67.78	4	33.33
Sydney	2	0	2	0	224	253	88.54	0	0.00

PEPSI CUP LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	2	2	0	0	190	117	162.39	8
EAST FREM	2	2	0	0	232	163	142.33	8
SWAN DIST	2	1	1	0	202	168	120.24	4
WEST PERTH	2	1	1	0	160	151	105.96	4
PERTH	2	1	1	0	237	249	95.18	4
East Perth	2	1	1	0	143	179	79.89	4
South Frem	2	0	2	0	172	210	81.90	0
Subiaco	2	0	2	0	161	260	61.92	0

PEPSI RESERVES

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
PERTH	2	2	0	0	205	142	144.37	8
EAST PERTH	2	2	0	0	223	171	130.41	8
CLAREMONT	2	1	1	0	199	153	130.07	4
EAST FREM	2	1	1	0	203	186	109.14	4
SUBIACO	2	1	1	0	162	181	89.50	4
South Frem	2	1	1	0	172	227	75.77	4
West Perth	2	0	2	0	175	223	78.48	0
Swan Dist	2	0	2	0	153	209	73.21	0

PEPSI COLTS

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	2	2	0	0	212	82	258.54	8
PERTH	2	2	0	0	225	130	173.08	8
EAST PERTH	2	1	1	0	177	144	122.92	6
EAST FREM	2	1	1	0	190	156	121.79	6
WEST PERTH	2	1	1	0	112	166	67.47	4
South Frem	2	0	2	0	144	182	79.12	0
Swan Dist	2	0	2	0	122	212	57.55	0
Subiaco	2	0	2	0	114	224	50.89	0

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
EAGLES	4						



National scoreboard

Australian Football League

ROUND THREE Friday, April 8

NTH MELBOURNE	6.8	12.13	19.17	25.23	173
HAWTHORN	2.1	3.3	3.6	6.10	46

GOALS — North Melbourne: Carey 7; Longmire, McAdam 5; Stevens, Romero, Roberts 2; Rock, Schwass. **Hawthorn:** Condon, Crawford, Hudson, Nugent, Barnard, Platten.

BEST — North Melbourne: Carey, Roberts, Schwass, Scholl, Martyn, Longmire. **Hawthorn:** Platten, Nugent, Gowers, Crawford, Allen, Condon.

Played at MCG. Umpires: David Howlett, Rowan Sawers, Mark Westgarth. Attendance: 36,726.

Saturday, April 9

WEST COAST	5.4	12.7	16.10	20.15	135
RICHMOND	2.0	3.4	4.5	5.9	39

GOALS — West Coast: Sumich 5; Lewis, Heady 3; Wilson, Spinks, Bond 2; Kemp, Matera, Hart. **Richmond:** Rogers, Richardson, Francis, Bulluss, Knights.

BEST — West Coast: Jakovich, Matera, Bond, Pyke, McIntosh, Kemp. **Richmond:** Broderick, Bond, knights, Free, Dundas, Campbell. Played at MCG. Umpires: Bryan Sheenan, Denis Rich, Gerald Walsh. Attendance: 19,609.

FITZROY	6.1	8.5	13.6	17.9	111
BRISBANE	2.1	5.1	10.2	12.6	78

GOALS — Fitzroy: Hogg 5; Molloy, Lyon, Boyd 2; Paxman, Wynd, Armstrong, Dunstan, Manson, Baldwin. **Brisbane:** T. Clarke 5; Peos, Starcevic, Leslie, Craven, C. Scott, Francis, White.

BEST — Fitzroy: Boyd, Dunstan, Roos, Sporn, Paxman, Zanotti. **Brisbane:** Francis, T. Clarke, McLean, Bews, White, Lappin.

Played at Western Oval. Umpires: Chris Mitchell, Trevor Garrett, Scott McLaren. Attendance: 8,829.

ST KILDA	4.4	8.5	12.8	16.12	108
ESSENDON	2.4	8.7	9.8	14.10	94

GOALS — St Kilda: Fode 5; Winmar, O'Brien 3; Everitt 2; Shaw, Vidovic, Bailey. **Essendon:** Mercuri 3; Cockatoo-Collins 2; Salmon, Hird, Kickett, Somerville, Cransberg, Misti, Denham, Olarenshaw, Delaney.

BEST — St Kilda: Winmar, Grant, Harvey, Fode, Keogh, Shaw. **Essendon:** Misti, Hird, Harvey, Denham, O'Donnell, Cockatoo-Collins.

Played at Waverly. Umpires: Andrew Coates, Mark Prince, Adrian Panozzo. Attendance: 30,454.

ADELAIDE	5.5	12.7	18.8	24.10	154
SYDNEY	3.5	9.6	15.8	21.9	135

GOALS — Adelaide: Smart, Ricciuto 5; Hall, Liptak 3; Brown, Weidemann, Groom 2; McDermott, Bickley. **Sydney:** Lewis, Kappler 4; Lang, Filandia, Minton-Connell 3; McRae, Kelly, hepburn, Cresswell.

BEST — Adelaide: Liptack, Hart, Ricciuto, Brown, Jarman, Weidemann. **Sydney:** Filandia, Lewis, Kappler, McRae, Bayes, Kelly. Played at SCG. Umpires: Geoff Caulfield, Grant Vernon, Tim Pfeiffer. Attendance: 11,068.

CARLTON	3.1	9.6	13.12	14.15	99
GEELONG	2.4	5.6	6.7	10.10	70

GOALS — Carlton: Kernahan 3; Bond, Mitchell, Alvin, Madden 2; McKay, Cook, Hanna. **Geelong:** Ablett 3; Birstow, Couch, Breurer, Handley, McGrath, G. Hocking, Hickmott.

BEST — Carlton: Dean, Hanna, Sexton, Silvagni, Williams, Hogg. **Geelong:** Colbert, Couch, McGrath, Hinkley, Liddle, G. Hocking.

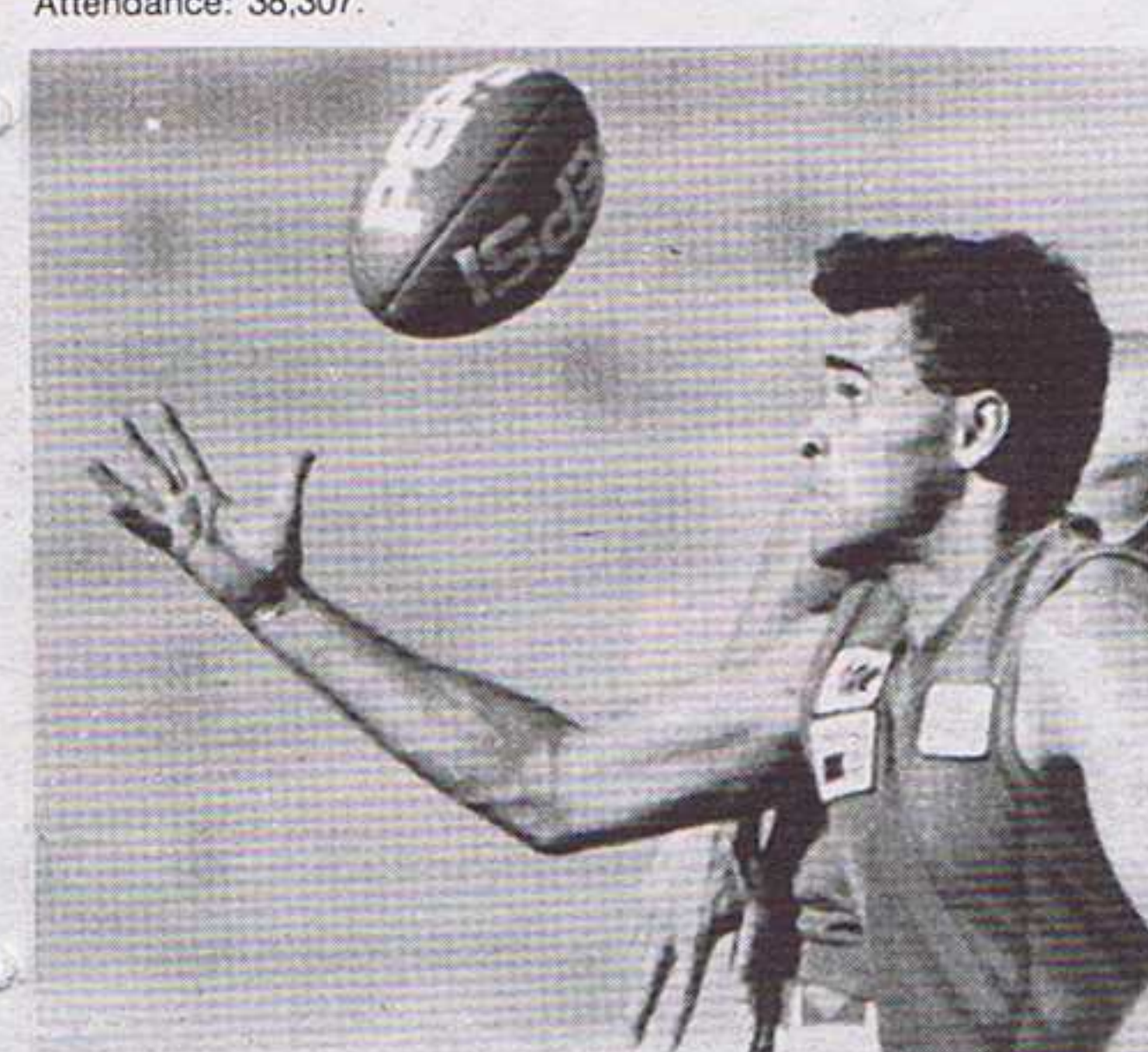
Played at Princes Park. Umpires: Hayden Kennedy, Anton McKernan, Murray Bird. Attendance: 27,787.

COLLINGWOOD	6.2	12.5	14.8	14.11	95
FOOTSCRAY	3.5	7.8	10.17	12.22	94

GOALS — Collingwood: Rocca 6; Rowe 3; Williams 2; Buckley, Brown, McGuane. **Footscray:** Grant, Kolyaniuk, Thorpe, Allen 2; Wynd, Standfield, Cameron, Kretiuk.

BEST — Collingwood: Williams, Pert, Wright, Brown, McGuane, Francis. **Footscray:** Cameron, Liberatore, Grant, Kolyaniuk, Wallis, Allen.

Played at MCG. Umpires: Peter Carey, Darren Agnew, Brett Allen. Attendance: 38,307.



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PEPSI CUP LEAGUE

ROUND TWO

SWAN DISTRICTS	4.0	12.2	15.3	21.12	136
PERTH	4.4	6.5	10.10	13.11	89

GOALS — Swan Districts: Peel 4, Edmonds 3, Bazzo, Finlayson, Cornelius 2, Bradbrook, Caton, Retzlaff, Callaghan, Foote, Menegola, Sara, Davison. **Perth:** Cooper 4, McKenna 2, G. Cannon, McNaughton, L. Cannon, Williams, Docherty, Murray, Hanley.

BEST — Swan Districts: Davison, Menegola, Broadbridge, Retzlaff, Edmonds, Finlayson. **Perth:** G. Cannon, Barich, McMurray, Cooper, Thompson, Allard.

Played at Bassendean Oval. Umpires: Cameron Dawe, Greg Scoop. Attendance: 2543.

CLAREMONT	3.0	9.1	14.5	17.10	112
SUBIACO	3.3	4.5	6.9	6.12	48

GOALS — Claremont: Gerreyn, Wardell-Johnson 3, Green, Hunter, Merillo 2, Brayshaw, Holmes, Malone, Smith, Wolf. **Subiaco:** Heatley 2, Davies, Hampson, Metropolis, Willet.

BEST — Claremont: Leach, Wardell-Johnson, S. Edwards, Hendry, J. Smith, Brayshaw. **Subiaco:** M. Burton, Dargie, Parker, Thomson, Riddle, Connell.

Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Robbie Butler, Peter Repper. Attendance: 2249.

EAST FREMANTLE	2.6	7.12	12.15	16.17	113
EAST PERTH	1.3	3.7	5.9	9.10	64

GOALS — East Fremantle: Lally, Attard 3, Sherriff, Bilcich, Waterman 2, McManus, Abbott, Sanders, Lockyer. **East Perth:** Dillon, Miller, Baroni 2, Mazurek, Perrie, Haskett.

BEST — East Fremantle: Waterman, McManus, Davies, Sherriff, Treleven, Attard. **East Perth:** Miller, Graham, Barnard, Faithful, Johnston, Evans.

Played at WACA Ground. Umpires: Wayne French, Sam Kronja. Attendance: 2825.

WEST PERTH	6.2	9.4	11.12	12.19	91
SOUTH FREMANTLE	1.3	5.4	7.6	11.7	73

GOALS — West Perth: Dennis, Freeman 3, Hall 2, O'Brien, Stanley, Toovey, Valentine. **South Fremantle:** Dorotich 3, Woolton 2, Matera, Caputi, Bell, Morellini, Dougan, Woods.

BEST — West Perth: Harris, O'Brien, Dayman, Reynolds, Valentine, Mildenhall. **South Fremantle:** Bell, Dougan, Matera, Merriman, Collins, Ballard.

Played at Fremantle Oval. Umpires: Darren Starcevic, Simon Gill. Attendance: 3597.

PEPSI RESERVES

SOUTH FREMANTLE	0.4	4.8	9.12	14.16	100
WEST PERTH	2.4	6.5	10.7	15.9	99

GOALS — South Fremantle: Boyd 4, Narkle, Rennick, P. Matera 3, Maloney. **West Perth:** Thomas 5, Burns 3, Crothers, Green 2, Ivlulich, Degois, Morphett.

BEST — South Fremantle: Matera, Rennick, Caratti, Maloney, Gault, Grljusich. **West Perth:** Edwards, Trehwella, Fewster, Warren, Thomas, Crothers.

PERTH	5.6	9.9	11.14	14.16	100
SWAN DISTRICTS	2.3	3.7	6.7	8.9	57

GOALS — Perth: Keyser 3, S. Evans, Burgess, Candy 2, Mourish, Hastie, Porter, Cook, M. Hanley. **Swan Districts:** Barney, Mauger 2, Morgan, Arvino, Spencer, Patterson.

BEST — Perth: S. Evans, Cook, Keyser, Candy, M. Kelly, M. Hanley. **Swan Districts:** Parker, Spencer, Gray, Flugge, G. Walker.

EAST PERTH	2.0	6.6	10.10	16.18	114
EAST FREMANTLE	3.6	5.12	7.16	9.21	75

GOALS — East Perth: Talbot 7, Gibson 3, Leuba, Lester, Colthart 2. **East Fremantle:** Boyle 3, Davidson 2, Graham, Gallop, Chick, C. Doyle.

BEST — East Perth: Jones, Bertram, Talbot, G. Garnaut, Fancote, Wheatley. **East Fremantle:** Davidson, Nixon, Graham, Boyle, Ryder.

SUBIACO	4.3	8.6	11.11	11.11	77
CLAREMONT	2.1	5.3	6.6	11.10	76

GOALS — Subiaco: Gooch 4, Keene, Schawcross, Bates 2, Barnes. **Claremont:** Milne, Costantino 3, Morgan, Jones, A. Cox, Lukins, Spencer.

BEST — Subiaco: Batka, Keene, MacDonald, Johnson. **Claremont:** B. Smith, Von Bergheim, Jones, Constantino, McDonald, Johnson.

PEPSI COLTS

PERTH 16.11 (107) b SWAN DISTRICTS 6.14 (50)

GOALS — Perth: Howe 6, Rochford, Singleton 3, Lambertini 2, Ritchie, Randall. **Swan Districts:** Harris 3, Mourish, Gracie, Brown.

BEST — Perth: Ritchie, Singleton, Howe, Pastor. **Swan Districts:** Brown, Mourish, Barr, Young.

CLAREMONT 16.10 (106) b SUBIACO 5.4 (34)

GOALS — Claremont: Dimmock 4, Milentis 3, Patterson, Hardin 2, Edwards, Gale, Salmon-Lomas, Carroll, Deegan. **Subiaco:** Paulsen 2, Mainstone, Morawski, N. Constantine.

BEST — Claremont: Moss, Trovarello, McLean. **Subiaco:** Young, Malyniak, Geneve.

EAST FREMANTLE 10.12 (72) b EAST PERTH 10.12 (72)

GOALS — East Fremantle: Bradley 4; Warren, Danaway 2, Bunbury, Moffett. **East Perth:** Mortlock, Burgess, Klaricich 2, Mourseilas, Sadowski, Ward, Blurton.

BEST — East Fremantle: Bradley, Worley, Moffett. **East Perth:** Benich, Waters, Williams.

WEST PERTH 9.10 (64) b SOUTH FREMANTLE 8.12 (60)

GOALS — West Perth: Vander-Weill, Ryan 3, Fong, Astbury, Curley. **South Fremantle:** Johnson, Clements 2, Jenkins, Hansen, Hardie, Scott.

BEST — West Perth: Vander-Weill, Astbury, Carron, Cousins. **South Fremantle:** Gundersen, Clements, Allen, Grljusich.

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NORTH MELBOURNE 14.14 (98) d HAWTHORN 12.17 (89)

GOALS — North Melbourne: Fairley 4; Barnett 3; German, Campbell 2; McCarthy, Muir, M. Stevens, Capuano. **Hawthorn:** Graham, Gibson 3; Madigan, Burgmann 2; Hargreaves, T. Allen.

BEST — North Melbourne: Anderson, Danilchenko, McCarthy, Campbell, Barnett, Fairley, German. **Hawthorn:** Graham, Crow, Cooper, Burgmann.

ST KILDA 18.22 (130) d ESSENDON 10.9 (69)

GOALS — St Kilda: Jones 6; Morris 4; McCarthy 3; Jackson, Bowey 2; Cummings. **Essendon:** Kirner, Wallis 3; Williams, Young, Cummings, Moorecroft.

BEST — St Kilda: Frost, Georgio, Heppell, Bowey, A. Harvey, Peckett, Jones. **Essendon:** O'Connor, Hardwocke, Williams, Wallis, Hills, Ridley.

FITZROY 23.9 (147) d RICHMOND 14.12 (96)

Fitzroy: Cummings 7; Palfreyman 4; Wheildon, Mitchell, Morton 2; Seecamp, Doyle, Cook, Bruce, Chandler, Papagiannis. **Richmond:** Edwards 6; Daffey 3; Bower 2; McQueen, Murphy, Pitura.

BEST — Fitzroy: Chandler, Cummings, Warfe, Mitchell, Plunket, Palfreyman, Bizzotto. **Richmond:** Prescott, Schaefer, McQueen, Moon, Edwards.

CARLTON 22.16 (148) d GEELONG 7.12 (54)

Carlton: Delullo 6; Sheenan, Heaver 3; Gleeson, McCormack 2; Powell, Robertson, O'Sullivan, Spalding, Green, Allan. **Geelong:** Brownless 3; Brown, Lewis, Lord, Power.

BEST — Carlton: Allan, McCormack, Athorn, Powell, Gleeson, Harrison. **Geelong:** Brown, McLure, Scott, Lord.

FOOTSCRAY 19.10 (124) d COLLINGWOOD 8.10 (58)

Footscray: Osborne 7; Hargreaves 4; Suto 3; Beveridge 2; Ward, Flavell, Johnson. **Collingwood:** Houlihan, Tranquilli 2; Hotten, Smart, Sandford, Milner.

BEST — Footscray: Quill, Smith, Osborne, Darcy, Lane, Nicholson. **Collingwood:** Houlihan, Kerrison, Drever, B. Jones, Sandford, Curran.

SYDNEY 23.22 (160) d MELBOURNE 15.14 (104)

Sydney: Smith 6; Nettlebeck 5; Chapman 3; Aston, Bonford, McPherson 2; Garlick, McMahon, Donnelly. **Melbourne:** Unavailable.

SANFL — Round 4

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

SOUTH ADELAIDE	2.3	3.5	6.7	11.10	76
NORTH ADELAIDE	1.1	3.7	7.10	8.12	60

GOALS — South Adelaide: Stoeckel 5; Lamb, Parker 2; Aulich, Cameron. **North Adelaide:** McNamara 3; Jeffries 2, Mail, Soderstrom, Bennett.

BEST — South Adelaide: Stoeckel, Lamb, Parker, Cameron, Battams, Trevena. **North Adelaide:** Jeffries, Nunan, Bennett, McNamara, Mail, Mancini.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

EAGLES	7.4	8.7	13.17	17.23	125
STURT	3.3	8.7	13.7	19.9	123

GOALS — Eagles: Niemann 6; Phillipou 3; Taylor 2; S. Sziller, Payze, Chapman, Kluzek, Negri, Lukosius. **Sturt:** Arrol 5; Viney 4; Stagg 3; Kitschke 2; Ahchee, Sutherland, Geddes, Richter.

BEST — Eagles: Niemann, Totham, Chapman, Morphett, Payze, Rogers. **Sturt:** Lennan, Johns, Gray, Williams, Brooks, Lienert.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS	5.6	9.8	14.13	17.16	118
GLENELG	2.1	8.3	9.5	11.9	75

GOALS — Central District: Richardson 4; Girdham 3; Reimers, Schwerdt 2; McKinnon, Luhrs, Robertson, Healy, Pyman, Ingerson. **Glenelg:** Smith 4; Mansell, Barton 2; McRae, Berbakov, Bailey.

BEST — Central District: Luhrs, Ingerson, Stevens, Handley, Haraide, Richardson. **Glenelg:** Deane, McRae, Bailey, Barton, Mansell, Bow.

NORWOOD	2.1	3.5	7.9	15.13	103
WEST ADELAIDE	4.6	5.6	8.9	9.11	65

GOALS — Norwood: Prime 5; Patterson 3; Fleming, Pitt 2; Kemp, Byrnes, D'Antiochia. **West Adelaide:** Patterson, Loving, Simister 2; Symes, Godden, Ravesi.

BEST — Norwood: Patterson, Kelly, Davey, Pitt, Prime, Kemp. **West Adelaide:** Loving, Patterson, Fielke, Barrett, Pope, Simister.

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MANDURAH	2.5	5.10	9.12	11.15	81
PINJARRA	3.2	4.7	4.12	9.15	69

GOALS — Mandurah: Wyllie 4, Stevenson 2, Winmar, Treffone, Fitzpatrick, Thornton, O'Donoghue. **Pinjarra:** Salter, Wilson 2, Ah Chee, Brockman, Jones, Attwood, Gray.

BEST — Mandurah: Aaron Fitzpatrick, Mark Wyllie, Mike O'Donoghue. **Pinjarra:** Phillip Rozman, Greg Turner, Shane Young.

ROCKINGHAM	1.6	7.13	8.18	11.22	88
WAROONA	4.1	6.3	7.8	8.13	61

GOALS — Rockingham: Otto 3, Furlow 2, Avery, Bailey, Flematti, Ling, Mansfield, Snow. **Waroona:** Faulkner 4, Flint, Wilson, Birch, Besetscarf.

BEST — Rockingham: Tony Bailey, Adrian Flematti, Craig Otto. **Waroona:** Mark Faulkner, Glen Wilson, Brad Anzellino.

MUNDIJONG	3.5	10.10	13.14	19.19	133
HARVEY	6.2	10.3	12.8	15.14	104

GOALS — Mundijong: Cooper, Prosser 4, Gangemi 3, Reidy 2, Rallison, Beazley, Graham, Sparkman, Thorne, White. **Harvey:** Faulkner 4, Fimmano, Ietto, Rake, Strand, Zappia 2, Fimmano.

BEST — Mundijong: David Broadbent, Nigel Read, Lindsey Atwell. **Harvey:** Austin Ietto, Glen Faulkner, Tony Strano.

STH MANDURAH	3.7	5.12	8.15	14.16	84
KWINANA	1.4	2.12	5.12	8.19	67

GOALS — South Mandurah: Parker 5, Genefini, Johnston 2, French, Humble, Kent, Penkala, Stanley. **Kwinana:** Donnelly, Shaw 2, Marsh, Lance, Brenchley, Garleir.

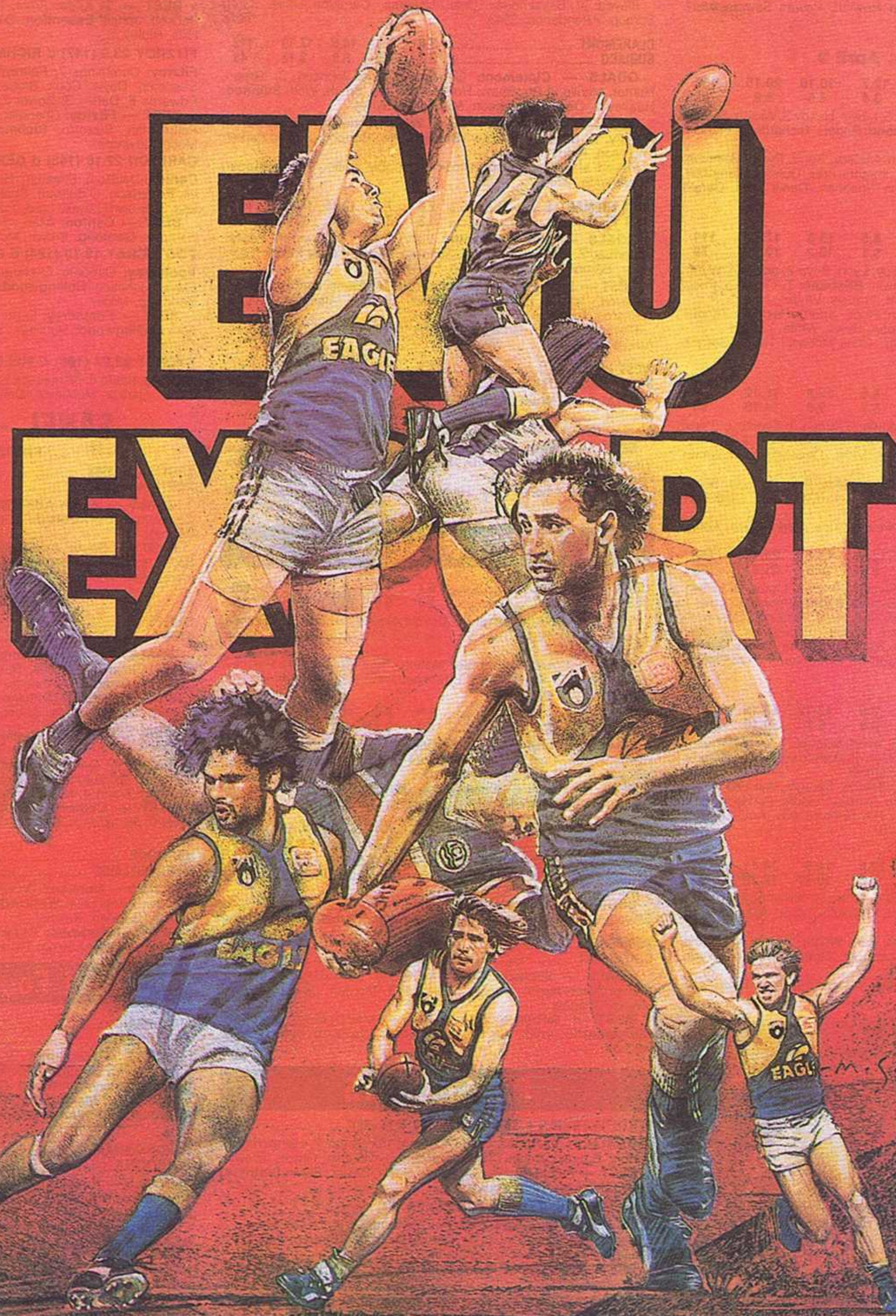
BEST — South Mandurah: Brett Genefini, Tony French, John Baker. **Kwinana:** Jason Lance, Mathew McIntosh, James Chadima.



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