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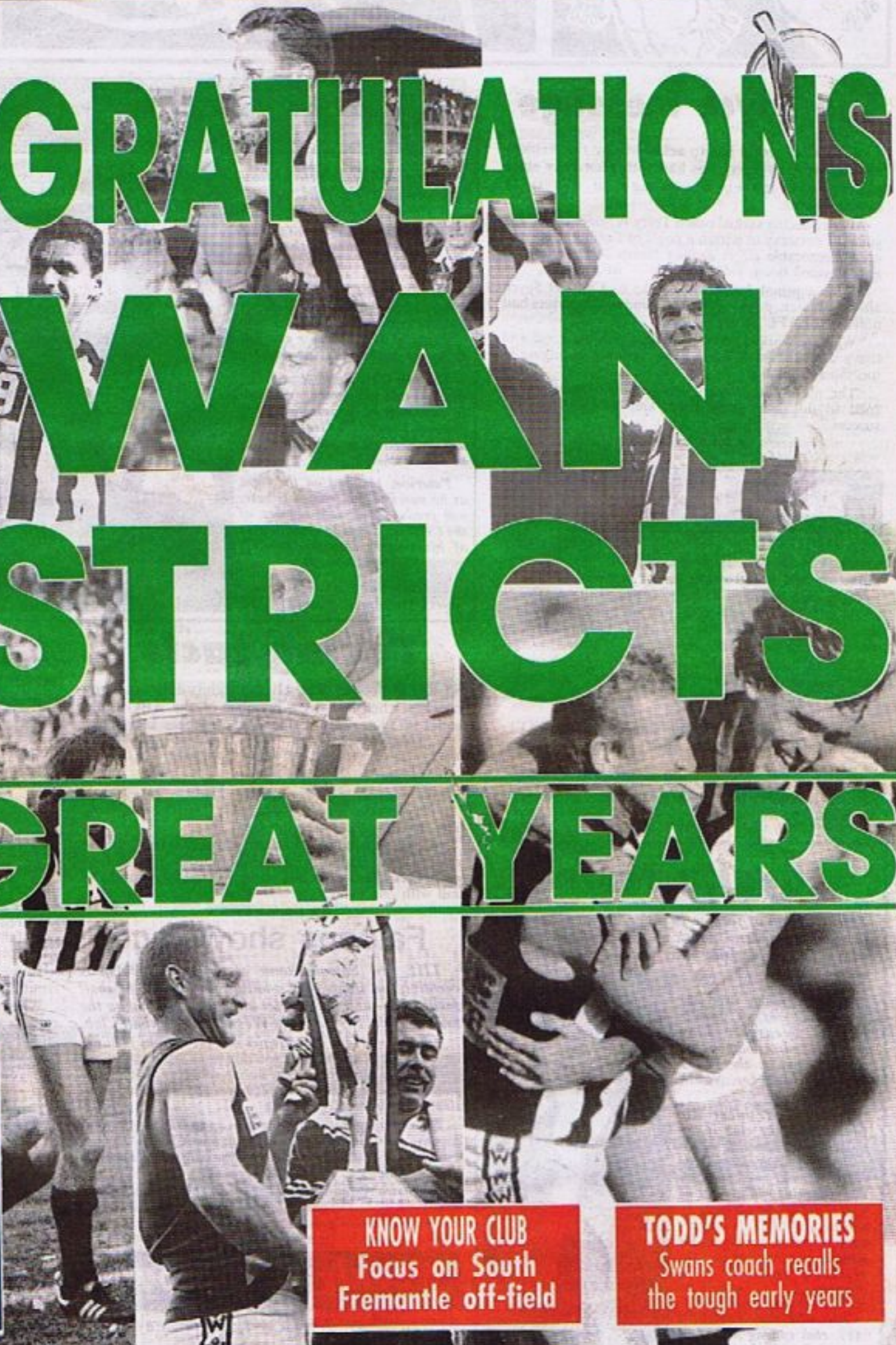
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MAGIC MEMORIES... these photographs from Westside's files capture some emotional moments in Swan Districts history. Clockwise, from the top left they are: Bill Walker and Keith Narkle with the 1984 premiership cup; Hayden Bunton jnr after the 1961 flag; John Todd and Graham Melrose celebrate the 1982 triumph; Garry Sidebottom and Tony Solin jump for joy; Peter Hodyl and Brad Shine with the 1990 premiership cup; Peter Ware, Mike Smith and Stan Nowotny after the 1983 flag and (centre) John Cooper with that cherished cup

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The Joyce message

THE football world has to acknowledge the tremendous input Alan Joyce has had with Footscray since taking over three weeks ago in dramatic circumstances.

After replacing sacked coach Terry Wheeler, Joyce has guided Footscray to within a point of Collingwood, put up a memorable effort against North Melbourne and now downed boom side Adelaide — in Adelaide.

It was a proud Joyce who spoke to Channel Seven after the match, pointing out that nine of the players had notched 10 AFL games or less.

"We have worked on developing a running game and that's what they did," said Joyce, still not indulging in too much jubilation.

"The players have been very receptive to what I've tried to do since going there and they deserve the success."

Busy Neesham

CLAREMONT coach Gerard Neesham was a busy man last weekend, mixing his football coaching commitments and his growing media responsibilities.

The would-be coach of the new Fremantle AFL side was a panellist on radio 6PR first up on Saturday and then journeyed across town to ABC headquarters to make a guest appearance on the 6WF show.

Neesham admitted he had changed his mind about the need for a second AFL team out of WA — a decision certainly influenced by his AFL coaching aspirations, which now sees him as the hot favourite.

He also suggested that the standard of the AFL, especially in the lower teams, wasn't as good as it used to be.

"There are a few players running around in the bottom four or five sides who wouldn't have got a game in the old VFL," he said.

Loyalty tested

THE decision of former Premier Carmen Lawrence to enter the federal political arena will present her with a loyalty decision next year — in the football arena.

She has taken over the Fremantle seat of former Federal Treasurer John Dawkins and, in doing so, has replaced him as the No. 1 badge-holder for South Fremantle.

Bulldogs president Ric Gloede says the club is delighted that Fremantle's Federal Member has retained the No. 1 honour — and adds that Dawkins will always be welcomed at the club, as he will be at WAFL headquarters, where a stroke of his friendly pen handed out \$8-million for the new grandstand.

But with the Fremantle AFL club coming next year — and Fremantle Oval still the popular pick as the headquarters — will Ms Lawrence support the new side . . . or retain her Eagles loyalty, as this 1992 premiership picture confirms.



Carmen Lawrence

Falcons preserve some history

A SLICE of West Perth history was unveiled as part of the club's move to Joondalup, with the presentation of a limited edition framed tribute to the 'Cardinal Twins'.

Produced by football buff Paul Paterson, the framed and signed piece of memorabilia features photographs of Mel Whinnen and Bill Dempsey in their playing days.

The two West Perth champions, with 371 and 343 games respectively, were part of the celebrations to farewell Leederville Oval last year and the welcome to Joondalup Arena last weekend.

Paterson, pictured on the right as he unveiled the framed tribute, will produce a limited number of the Cardinal Twins for sale as part of his venture into the football memorabilia business.

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Facing facts

ST KILDA coach Stan Alves certainly didn't pull any punches when he was a member of the ABC radio panel in Victoria covering AFL matches last year.

And when he was a guest back among his former radio colleagues on Monday, he didn't dodge the issue of the Saints losing effort to Richmond.

"We were pathetic," said Alves. "It was a day when the players disgraced the guernsey. They were deplorable, terrible, they were the pits."

"Richmond showed us what you can achieve if you want to get the ball. I'm talking about using two hands to get it; even the most skilled player has trouble getting the ball with one hand."

Falcons showplace

THE new Falcons home at Arena Joondalup is certainly an impressive addition to Perth's football facilities — and the district aims to capitalise on the arrival of the 109-year-old West Perth Football Club.

A hectic weekend of festivities saw the various facilities on display and the Arena's function room is set to become Joondalup's prime centre for a wide range of functions — from cocktail parties and buffet dinners to business conventions and wedding receptions.

The room can cater for functions up to 200 people — as was the case with Friday's dinner to host Channel Seven's Footy Show — and the bar and restaurant facilities provide sweeping views of the football ground.

The Bistro restaurant and bar offers relaxed and casual dining for up to 150 guests, overlooking the Arena's tennis courts and leisure gardens.

Weekly turn-around

IT'S an old saying, but a week is certainly a long time in football.

Two weeks ago, for the first time in the expanded AFL competition, all interstate teams — West Coast, Adelaide, Brisbane and Sydney — won their respective games on the same weekend.

However, last weekend was one all four would rather forget, with the Eagles losing by 71 points, the Crows by 17, the Bears by 87 and the Swans by eight.

Ducky's honour

FORMER West Perth champ John Duckworth was a proud man on Monday when he featured in the Anzac Day festivities at the new Joondalup Arena.

The former Vietnam veteran and South Australian Magarey Medallist was honoured with the role of accepting a new Australian flag to fly above the stadium, as part of the memorial service before the game.

Earlier, he had taken part in the cavalcade of past captains who made the journey from Leederville out to Joondalup transporting the West Perth flag and he was an intense spectator as his old Cardinals tackled arch-rivals, East Perth.

"It was war when we played each other in my days," Duckworth recalled.

"Even when I played against Ian McCulloch, who is one of my best mates and I still work for him, friendships were forgotten."

However, Ducky did give a brief insight to his on-field reputation, which was pretty fearsome.

When asked by 6PR panellist Keith Slater whether he really was as ferocious as he appeared, Ducky hedged a bit, but replied: "No, not really. I was a quiet bloke and it was all a bit of a bluff."

If you believe that, you'll believe anything!

Grumpy coach

ESSENDON captain Mark Thompson gave a brief insight to the make-up of Bombers coach Kevin Sheedy after last week's thrilling four-point win over Collingwood.

"He was pretty grumpy and toey all week; he really got into us, so we knew we had to perform," said Thompson.

"He's like that when we've got our backs to the wall and he was certainly delighted at the victory. But he doesn't get too carried away with wins like that."

Only when it's against the Eagles, eh Bomber?

IT pays to support a football team.

Hawthorn supporters who successfully picked Hawthorn to defeat West Coast in the 61-to-72 point bracket system which operates in Victoria earned \$536.20 for a \$1 outlay.

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PERCY'S POINT

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WHAT has Chris Waterman done to be overlooked for the past three Eagles games?

His form for East Fremantle has been solid, he has played team football for his WAFL club and still cannot earn a recall.

The thing that is really annoying about his non-selection is the performance of some high profile Eagles, who are well below full fitness.

Winger Chris Mainwaring is getting a game when he is struggling and obviously carrying an injury.

It happened against Adelaide earlier this year and opposed to Hawthorn last Sunday it was embarrassing to see the former East Fremantle star running around.

Champion galloper Phar Lap didn't carry as much strapping as Mainwaring did against the Hawks and he performed.

I'm not picking on Mainy because I admire the bloke and the way he plays, but the team comes first and a fit Waterman makes the Eagles a better outfit than a half-fit anybody.

Waterman gets harsh treatment

It seems as though there are people in the Eagles who receive preferential treatment and others who are on the outer — and one wonders if Waterman's delay in signing his contract has anything to do with it.

Looking at the Eagles against Hawthorn, Mainwaring wasn't the only player who appeared to be short on fitness.

Captain John Worsfold was the shadow of the Worsfold we all know and respect and he was second to the ball too many times to be totally fit. And even Glen Jakovich, who was seen limping on Saturday, didn't look too fresh running onto the ground on Sunday.

It's easy to cheat on injury fitness when your side is belting the opposition each week. But when everybody has to work hard to stay in the game and when one, two or even three unfit players take their place, the tide quickly turns.

The public and the overlooked players like Waterman deserve a lot better.

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

MEMO Mick Malthouse: You are turning Drew Banfield into a sheep.

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Banfield should be able to learn how to read the play and get his own ball before you make him a player who is expected to know how and when to run off and create.

All he does at the moment is follow his opponent around and he is second to the ball.

Unless Banfield's thinking-game is reversed, he will be finished before he started.



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PAGE THREE VIEWPOINT

with DIGBY BEACHAM



West Perth the big winners in Joondalup move

WEST Perth general manager Steve Woodhouse has predicted strong crowd support for future Falcons games at the Joondalup Arena.

Woodhouse said the 15,082 people that turned out on ANZAC Day to watch the club do battle with arch-rivals East Perth was a 'one-off' occasion.

But he is quietly confident that people in the northern suburbs will continue to support the decision to move from Leederville Oval.

"It's a tough one because it depends on when the Eagles play, who and where they play, the weather and who we play," Woodhouse said.

"But I think we can expect to see between 3000 and 4000 when we're here for home games."

If the Falcons are able to attract that many people at each home game, it would make them the WAFL's biggest crowd-pulling club.

After round three this year, the average home attendance was 2500, which included the opening round derby between East Fremantle and South Fremantle at East Fremantle Oval.

"We're really relying on being a community-based club and we have enormous support from the northern suburbs," Woodhouse said.

He said the club had asked for permission from the Wanneroo City Council to shift the small grandstand from Leederville Oval to the Arena.

GRANDSTAND

Currently the ground has just one stand capable of seating 1400 people and when winter sets in, a new stand will be necessary to provide suitable protection.

"The old cow shed seats about 600 or 800, so it would be good," Woodhouse said.

WAFL general manager Trevor Howard said the tremendous response was just reward for West Perth taking football to the people.

"If we had attracted 10,000 fans, it would have been good, but West Perth were looking for up to 15,000," Howard said.

"Most of those were local people who will return because there is huge support

Falcons set to enjoy boost in supporters

for the WAFL in the northern suburbs, particularly for West Perth and Subiaco."

West Perth's immediate success places pressure on Perth, who have been criticised in some circles for not moving out to Kelmscott from their home at Lathlain Park.

East Perth overlooked a chance to move to Dianella more than a decade ago, while there has been discussion about one of the Fremantle teams shifting to Rockingham or Mandurah.

SUPPORT

"The West Australian Football Commission has always said they would support any club prepared to move," Howard said.

"If the clubs are prepared to re-locate out where the population is growing, I'm sure the local community will support them."

West Perth received a \$400,000 grant from the Commission for moving and if Monday's turn-out is any indication, the decision will be a master-stroke.

The oval was in superb condition, sponsors are well catered for in terms of exposure and the ground's tricky breeze presents the Falcons with a decided home-ground advantage.

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FALCON SUPPORT... some of the 15,000 strong crowd, plus those watching for free from the top of the hill, who witnessed West Perth's first match at Joondalup Arena on Anzac Day

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 - 47 David Hynes (Eagles)
 - 47 Wayne Allard (Perth)
 - 47 Greg Jones (West Perth)*
- * Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Greg Jones 25 West Perth, 2 Footscray, 20 Swan Districts

100 GAMES

- 98 Tony Evans (Eagles)*
 - 98 Mark Amaranti (East Frem)
 - 97 Peter Wilson (East Frem)
 - 95 Chris Waterman (Eagles)
 - 94 Andrew Lockyer (East Frem)
 - 93 Karl Langdon (Eagles)
 - 93 Greg Walker (Swan Dist Fremantle)
 - 93 Ryan Turnbull (Eagles)*
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150 GAMES

- 146 Dwayne Lamb (Eagles)
 - 144 Lucio Baroni (East Perth)
 - 144 Michael Brennan (Eagles)
 - 144 Adrian Barich (Perth)
 - 144 Richard Dennis (West Perth)*
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200 GAMES

- 197 David Hart (Eagles)*
 - 193 Chris Mainwaring (Eagles)*
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Ablett — the write stuff

GARY Ablett is one of Australia's foremost sporting heroes. He's also one of the most private.

For years he has been fielding off requests from publishers to pen his autobiography.

But Ablett rarely grants interviews. "The Ablett's are a very private and loyal family," says long-time family friend Graham Davies.

"You don't knock one of them or the others will fly into you."

While writing a soon-to-be-released biography of Ablett, I have found just

**On the
East Coast
from
KEN PIESSE**



how revered the great man is — especially in his hometown of Geelong.

While Ablett is reluctant to speak about himself, others certainly aren't.

Let me share one or two of my favorite "Superman" anecdotes.



COOL CAT...
Gary Ablett is reluctant to talk publicly and prefers his actions to speak for him

NOT all the League clubs are convinced that a final eight final system is the way to go, especially in a 15 team competition.

North Melbourne chairman Ron Casey said his club wrote to the AFL Commission recently, indicating the final eight concept should have been deferred, at least until there was a 16 team competition.

"In the interests of improved public relations, we suggested that a better system could have been for two final fours to be played in the old-fashioned format that was in vogue for more than 40 years until the early 1970s," Mr Casey said.

"It would have been less complicated and less confusing to the public — even if it had taken an extra week to play."

ONE of the game's big improvers this year has been Carlton and state squad utility Matthew Hogg, who had previously been off-loaded by Essendon and Footscray.

"He's much better now than a run-with or a tagger," said his coach David Parkin.

"At one stage against Hawthorn in round four, he had 20 possessions to (just) six against (John) Platten."

Hogg is one of many league players who, having started elsewhere, is now making the most of his time at a new home.

IT was refreshing to see St Kilda's open-door policy to supporters after their recent big win against Essendon.

Instead of supporters being denied access to their heroes after a big win — which unfortunately was often the case during Ken Sheldon's time — they were all allowed in and joined in a few verses of the club's theme song with players.

When coach Stan Alves addressed his men in private soon after the final siren, club runner Paul Callery even yelled, "stay here" to fans.

Laidley out to make amends

AT THE end of last season, Dean Laidley must have felt like a mountain climber who had fallen 10 metres from the summit.

The former West Coast utility was pivotal in the Kangaroos resurgence last season, playing 17 quality games.

But a two-week suspension, after being found guilty of head-butting Footscray's Tony Liberatore in the final round, meant Laidley missed the Kangaroos 51-point elimination final loss to the Eagles at Waverley Park.

STILL HURTS

The memory still hurts Laidley. "I let the North Melbourne Football Club down by getting suspended and not being able to play," Laidley said.

"I know we got done by 10 goals and me missing would not have made the difference, but I let the players and the club down and I still owe them."

Laidley, originally from West Perth, will get the opportunity to make amends when the Kangaroos tackle the Eagles on Saturday.

The 27-year-old played 52 games with West Coast, but was overlooked in the Eagles 1992 premiership success.

"You always want to do well against your old side," Laidley said.

"Look at how Liam Pickering and Tim McGrath played for Geelong against us, their old club, last weekend."

Laidley points to the Kangaroos seven goal to two final term against the Cats as proof that the 15-point loss could have been different "had we played to our potential in the last quarter".

"In today's footy it's always going to be hard to win four or five games in a row because if you become the slightest bit complacent, opposition teams just jump on you."

— by GLEN QUARTERMAIN

Ablett has been renting a house in Highton, a suburb of Geelong and, like any other householder, had his normal share of duties and problems.

One weekend over summer, he turned his back on all his chores, including the grass which was lush and overgrown.

Instead of mowing it, he thought he could solve his problem by hiring a sheep for the weekend.

FRONT GATE

He made sure his front gate was secure and went off happy in the knowledge that the sheep would chomp the grass back to a manageable level.

On return, expecting the grass to be nice and short, he looked over the fence and not only couldn't find the sheep, but his grass had hardly been touched.

Unfortunately, his flowers and ferns weren't in as healthy a condition.

What's more, the sheep had gone visiting and knocked over his next door neighbour's prize \$100 pot plant!

Until last year, Ablett had worked for Geelong president Ron Hovey at his North Geelong transport business.

His popularity was incredible, Hovey says.

"Gary asked me five or six years ago if there were any odd jobs I needed done out at Moriac (Hovey's property).

"We were pretty right, but I said there was some work at the depot if he wanted to come out.

"He got to like it and it suited him. He knocked off any time he wished.

"He used to go out with deliveries and come back with more than he had started with.

"People would offer him crates of bananas, little presents, anything.

"He'd sign a few autographs and say he'd be back again tomorrow and there'd be a dozen autograph books ready for him."

DOUBLE-PARKED

Teammate Paul Couch says one of the funniest Ablett stories was when he double-parked a Hovey truck outside a shop in the main street of Belmont.

"It was just before the lunchtime peak period and Gary darted into the shop.

"As so often happens, he got waylaid talking to the bloke out the back and must have been there for a good two hours.

"Meanwhile, peak hour had passed and the cars which had been parked had all moved on, leaving Gary's truck right out in the middle of the road!

"Ron Hovey got a phone call from the police. Is that your truck?" they asked.

"Sure enough it was Gary's truck. He'd just lost track of time. But it hadn't been his fault. Everywhere he goes people love to talk to him."

Incidentally, after a sluggish beginning to the season, Ablett is starting to hit his straps, having kicked 22 goals in his first five matches, including 7.6 in an upset win against ladder leaders North Melbourne on Saturday.

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MELBOURNE CALLING

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



Demons find Balme for ills

A MAJOR surprise in the opening five rounds this season is Melbourne's form.

Coach Neil Balme has developed the Demons into a hard outfit that appears to have no major weaknesses.

Perhaps the secret of their success is the even performance of the entire team, without reliance on any one individual.

The Febey twins, Steven and Matthew, have been in sparkling touch.

Steven has played a somewhat unobtrusive 113 AFL games but seems to have been given a new lease of life since the establishment of his less-experienced brother in the Demons line-up.

Matthew's entry into the AFL was anything but smooth as he has been riddled with crippling injuries since his arrival at Melbourne from Devonport.

In what is a remarkable story in persistence, Matthew was twice delisted by the 'Dees' but his dedication to playing at AFL level is finally paying off.

He has now notched 33 games and seems set for many more.

Brett Lovett and Graeme Yeats are two Melbourne stalwarts whose careers appeared to be stalling at the end of last year.

Balme's coaching philosophies obvi-

ously appealed to them as they are both back to their consistent best form of a couple of seasons ago.

Lovett, formerly a state half-back, has been used in the midfield with great success.

His ball-winning ability and slick handball are now able to be used to their full extent due to his increased fitness level.

Such has been his effectiveness this year that he was even tagged by Brisbane last week.

Yeats has been running out of the backline with the confidence he displayed a couple of seasons ago.

His style is reminiscent of former Perth star Alan Johnson in his hey-day in the late 80s at Melbourne when he could often be found having shots at goal while playing out of a back pocket.

Melbourne sit alone at the top of the ladder, being the only unbeaten team after five games.

And to add to the concerns of other teams, they do not rely on one star player to get them across the line.

Hawks raid Eagles nest

WEST Coast tumbled to their heaviest defeat in nearly five years when they went down to Hawthorn on Sunday.

The 71-point loss — West Coast's sixth largest — followed two of the Eagles biggest victories in their two previous matches.

It was the Eagles worst loss since their 142-point drubbing at the hands of Essendon at Windy Hill in round 15 of 1989.


The losing margin was the Eagles biggest in a match in Perth — 18 points greater than the 53-point losing margin to the Hawks in round 8 of 1988 at Subiaco Oval.

The loss contrasted to the Eagles last two losses at Subiaco Oval — to Carlton in round 14 last year and against Collingwood in round 13 of 1992.

The margin in both matches was a solitary point.

The Eagles final score of 8.10 equalled their lowest-ever score in Perth — 7.16 against Fitzroy at the WACA Ground in round 8 last year.

Before Sunday, the Eagles lowest score at Subiaco Oval had been 8.14 against Collingwood in 1992.



Stats AND Facts

with Richard Camm

WHILE the Eagles went from chocolates to boiled lollies, full-forward Peter Sumich dominated the scoring to kick over half of the Eagles goals for only the fourth of the time in his 112-game career.

In percentage terms, Sumich's best performance previously was 11 goals out of 20 against Essendon at the MCG in round 15 of 1992.

On Sunday, Sumich kicked 63.8 percent of the Eagles score and 75 percent of the team's goals for the match.

Only Chris Lewis, who kicked the solitary goal in the Eagles thrashing by Essendon in 1989, has a better percentage return.

Falcons reap reward for strategic move

AS LOCAL football fans poured through the Joondalup Arena gates on Monday, West Perth officials must have been rubbing their hands in glee.

It vindicated one of the toughest decisions the club's board has ever contemplated and the vote of confidence was overwhelming.

Crowds of the magnitude that flocked to the club's new headquarters for their first official match against arch-rivals East Perth will be the exception rather than the norm, but it gives the club a flying start.

And while the die-hard Falcons supporters travelled by train, bus and car to get to the match, rival clubs watched green with envy.

While some opponents were prepared to sit back and assess the success of the West Perth venture, WA's oldest club took the bit between their teeth and made the tough decision.

The result is a magnificent complex, ideal for the needs and demands of WAFL football for the future and it has the base from which to build the most powerful club in the league.

East Perth might have been the first to taste defeat at Joondalup, but they will certainly not be the last.

ADVANTAGE

Already there is evidence that the Arena will be a great advantage to the Falcons.

It was obvious early in the match that the West Perth players, with the advantage of training at the venue, read the blustery conditions a treat and while East Perth players struggled to keep the ball in play down the outer wing, no such problem existed for the Falcons.

Watching the game from the bank under the scoreboard was a magnificent spectacle though the absence of toilets on the outer side was a problem.

TAKING STOCK

with GARY STOCKS of The West Australian



There is little doubt the Falcons, who currently have the longest stretch between premierships, are on the road to recovery.

While East Perth and Perth have resisted offers to move into the suburbs, West Perth accepted the challenge and will deservedly reap the benefits beyond 2000.

Membership has swelled and they're almost fighting back offers of sponsorship.

All this at a time when other clubs are struggling to make a dollar.

East Perth had an opportunity 20 years ago to move out of Perth Oval and into the heart of their recruiting zone, but opted to remain the inner-city base.

They hung on in the hope that Perth Oval would be the base for WA football and there is strong evidence that the Royals were duped when Subiaco became home territory for the game in WA.

Now the Royals are finding life extremely difficult and there are no quick fixes to the problem, though they still can examine the prospect of shifting.

So, too, must Perth look at a relocation to Kelmescott.

It's no coincidence that the three city clubs have not won a premiership since 1978 and are running out of time to arrest the situation.

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** Nth Melbourne v West Coast (5)	A	West Coast 25-27pts	119pts
Brisbane v Adelaide (8)	A	Adelaide 34-36pts	
Sunday, May 1			
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Dream start for Sumich

WHEN Peter Sumich awoke last Sunday morning, he couldn't have dreamed that the day would pan out as it did.

At quarter-time, he had kicked all four of the Eagles goals on his way to finishing with six from a total of eight — not enough to stop the side losing by 71 points.

However, it was the way he kicked three of his goals that was a touch bizarre.

At quarter-time, half-time and full time, Sumich converted after winning the ball shortly before the siren.

On all three occasions, he was interrupted by the siren as he walked in to shoot on goal.

Harding on feet

NOT so fortunate in the injury stakes was big man Paul Harding, who was stretchered from the field after falling awkwardly and wrenching his knee.

The injury, shown on television replay, looked sickening as Harding's knee-joint went backwards and then forwards and the mobile ruckman fell to the ground writhing in agony.

It was a relief to witness Harding walking on the leg in the rooms after the match ... albeit rather gingerly.

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Masochists

WEST Coast coach Mick Malthouse and his match committee must be masochists.

How else could you explain their action after Sunday's 71-point loss to Hawthorn?

The players normal post-match trophy presentation was cancelled and, instead, the Eagles power-brokers opted to watch a video replay of the capitulation, while the match remained fresh in their minds.

The players also watched the third quarter immediately after the match.

Jako early favourite

PENCIL in Glen Jakovich as an early-season favourite to win the best and fairest award he shared with Don Pyke last season.

Jakovich has been one of the shining lights of the AFL season so far, along with North Melbourne's Wayne Carey, Geelong's Gary Ablett, Melbourne's Allen Jakovich and the Febey twins, Matthew and Steven.

He was one of few prominent players against the Hawks, amassing 25 possessions and holding 10 marks.

Beaten Turley gets support

MICK Malthouse sprang to the defence of ruck-rover Craig Turley after the Hawthorn loss.

Turley was well beaten on a wing by Hawthorn's Shane Crawford until three-quarter time, but lifted the tempo in the final term to make an imprint on the game.

Malthouse conceded Turley was beaten, but said he was still a fair contributor.

Spinks ankle injury worry

POWERFUL forward Brett Spinks sent shock waves through the West Coast medical room when he fell to the ground clutching an ankle.

Spinks was assisted from the field, but the sighs of relief were audible when the talented tall returned to the game just before half-time.

Spinks, who sprained an ankle, will be a key to West Coast's hopes of defeating North Melbourne in Saturday's MCG clash.

Playing in only his fifth AFL match, Spinks was one of the Eagles key contributors in the opening quarter, taking three marks and kicking his side's only goal.

Attitude fear realised

MICK Malthouse had his worst fears realised when Hawthorn steam-rolled the Eagles by 71 points.

Leading up to the match, Malthouse had expressed concern about how Hawthorn were a great club and could not be dismissed, despite losing their previous three matches by a combined total of 288 points.

He even took the unusual step of highlighting the Perth Wildcats shock loss to the North Melbourne Giants at the Entertainment Centre as a warning to what can happen if complacency sets in.

After the match he expressed his disappointment.

"Hawthorn came across to play footy and I reckon our attitude before the start of the game was that it would be a stroll in the park," he said.

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Men of the match



Glen Jakovich

WEST Coast may have lost to Hawthorn by 71 points, but it was through no fault of Glen Jakovich.

The 21-year-old continued his sparkling touch when he had the better of Jason Taylor at centre-half-back for two-and-a-half quarters before being swung into attack.

Jakovich, a prolific possession winner for a key defender, gathered 18 kicks and seven handpasses to go with his 10 marks.

Carrying a niggling ankle injury, last year's club champion showed his usual attacking qualities and repelled many Hawks forward moves.

Jakovich's tussle with Wayne Carey this weekend should be a classic.



Peter Sumich

THOSE Peter Sumich critics were nowhere to be seen at Subiaco Oval on Sunday.

The Eagles full-forward turned in his best game for the season when he kicked 6.1 out of the Eagles total of 8.10.

Opposed to experienced Hawks defender and captain Chris Langford, Sumich got off to a flying start with four straight by quarter-time.

From there on he was starved of opportunities, but still troubled Langford with his good work ethic and persistence.

Often criticised for not finishing the good work achieved upfield, Sumich has worked hard all year and has been rewarded with 21 goals from five matches.



Guy McKenna

WITH Hawthorn pumping the ball into their attacking zone with monotonous regularity, it was crucial the Eagles defence held firm.

And while it was a difficult task, Guy McKenna worked overtime to try and achieve it.

The cool half-back intercepted numerous Hawks attacking thrusts and his disposal was of its usual high standard.

For most of the game, McKenna roamed the backline gathering possessions, but he was unable to hold off the ferocious Hawks.

McKenna finished with 14 kicks and six handpasses and would have been an award winner if the post-match presentations had been held.

Kicking around...



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Attitude the essential ingredient

IF EVER you needed proof that attitude means everything in sport, look no further than West Coast's display against Hawthorn on Sunday.

The previous week, Eagles players lairised against Fitzroy at the WACA Ground.

But on Sunday, they were second to the football and made to look very ordinary by Hawthorn.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse said after the match the players attitude was that they only had to run onto Subiaco Oval to win the match.

Few in the media were surprised to hear those words after watching the Hawks demoralise the home side.

Another example of attitude changing the way a team functions is to look at the example set by Footscray since Alan Joyce's appointment as coach.

The Bulldogs have since lost to Collingwood by one point, given North Melbourne a good run for their money and beaten Adelaide at Football Park in one of the AFL's toughest assignments.

Joyce's coaching philosophy probably couldn't make that much difference in the short term, but a new attitude by his players can.

THE WAFL is in grave danger of becoming a four-team race just a

month into the season, a situation that would be disastrous for football.

Claremont, East Fremantle, Swan Districts and West Perth all appear to be a cut above the rest.

The remaining four sides have only notched one win each and face an uphill battle to catch the leaders.

Subiaco appear to have turned the corner and their fast-finishing efforts of last season could be emulated again.

South Fremantle are the big disappointment.

After a heavy pre-season recruiting programme, they were tipped to become league trend-setters.

But that has failed to eventuate despite their star-studded line-up.

Perth and East Perth, both with young and inexperienced sides, were always going to struggle, though the Royals spirited second half against West Perth at Joondalup was a good sign.

If Claremont and East Fremantle can both win their matches this weekend, their round six clash is going to be one of the most eagerly-awaited battles for some time.

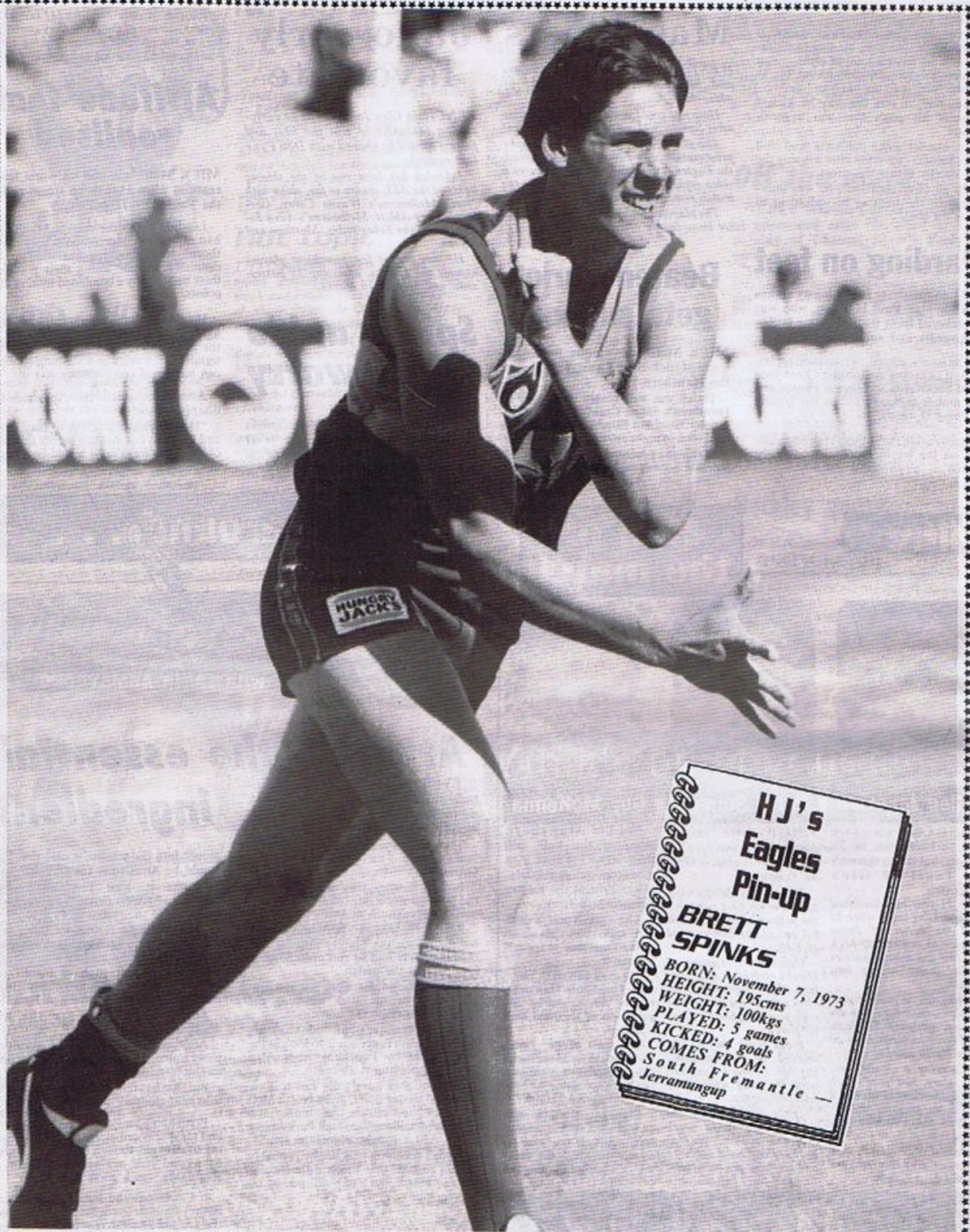
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It's a long way
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JOHN Todd's regular trips to Bassendean Oval have given him plenty of time to reflect on numerous topics during his 16-year stint as coach of Swan Districts.

Expectations of coaches are enormous, to say the least and they need time alone to think up strategies required for the coming challenge, which could very well determine where the club will finish the year.

Todd, who originally lived in Hamilton Hill before moving a little closer to Bassendean with an Applecross address, has spent hundreds of hours on the road, providing good opportunities for private thoughts — but there have been some serious drawbacks.

"I haven't gone through that many cars, but I've lost a lot of demerit points," laughs Todd as he looked back this week on his long association with Bassendean Oval.

"I can remember being picked up three nights in a row.

"I took a different route on the third night and when I got pulled over I said to the constable that he could have my car, because it wasn't doing me any good. But he still booked me."

Todd is a football survivor and when Swan Districts celebrate their 60th anniversary in West Australian football this weekend, he will receive enough hand-shakes and congratulatory remarks to last him a life-time.

For Todd, arguably one of the greatest players the game has ever seen, is a saviour to the league's youngest club.

After playing 132 games for South Fremantle, including a memorable Sandover Medal win at the age of 17 in his debut year of 1955, Todd turned his hand to coaching. He spent three seasons (1958, '68 and '69) at the helm of the Bulldogs and four years (1973-76) in charge of port

Todd's driving had mixed results

rivals East Fremantle, which produced his first premiership success as a coach in 1974.

He then arrived at Bassendean Oval and the club, whose previous taste of premiership glory had been in 1961-62-63, was about to take the road to recovery.

"It wasn't hard to leave East Fremantle," says Todd.

"I felt perhaps my time was up and there was a little conflict as well, so I moved on."



JUBILATION . . . that's a feeling John Todd has enjoyed at Swan Districts, where he has forged a reputation as the club's most successful coach

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Face to face



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However, the change wasn't easy and his first two seasons at Bassendean saw plenty of adjustments and even though he was happy with the progress, successive wooden spoons looked far from rewarding, especially from the outside.

"It was difficult and not everyone understood the problems we had to overcome," Todd said.

"But working with John Cooper (president) was pure joy because he fully understood what had to be done and what changes had to be made — we worked out that whatever we did, it would help the next person who took over. But, as it turned out, there wasn't a next person."

After finishing fifth in 1979, the Todd influence started to emerge as he developed the boys from Bassendean into a formidable combination and one of the most feared in the competition.

A loss to South Fremantle in the 1980 grand final was followed by a disappointing exit in the following year's preliminary final to the same club.

However, what followed was sensational — back-to-back grand final wins over Claremont in 1982-83 and another flag in 1984 with a six-goal triumph over his previous club, the newly-named Sharks (East Fremantle) under Ron Alexander.

"The first one (1982) is always special and for the club it was the first premiership in 19 years," Todd said.

"After we bombed out in the preliminary final of 1981, we lost a few players and a lot of people thought it might have passed us by.

"The following year was great as well, because winning back-to-back premierships is difficult and you only have to take a look at the records right across the VFL-AFL, the WAFL and football generally all around Australia to see how rare that second win is."

While fans well-remember Swans triple premiership feat, the 55-year-old mentor has fond memories of the 1980 team that made everyone stand up and take notice.

"We broke a lot of records in 1980, setting a home ground attendance figure at Bassendean Oval and winning 13 straight games from the start of the year," he recalled.

"A lot of people don't remember that it was a very, very good side."

During his coaching career, which included a two-year stint with the West Coast Eagles in 1988-89, Todd has been described as hard task-master and, in some circles, a volatile and fiery dictator.

And while he admits he has quietened a little in recent years, the shrewd Swans boss feels that he has been misunderstood by some critics over the years.

"People who don't really know me say I've been a bit like that and some people in the media have painted a picture of me," Todd said, openly.

"If you're hard, you have to be fair and I'd like to think I'm fair, but hard. If the players know where they stand, you will always get better results.

"If I was such the aggro person everyone thinks I am, I don't think I would still be in footy after 40 years.

"In the early days, when I coached South Fremantle at the age of 20, I expected too much. But since then I have tapered off a little," says the man who has been honoured with life membership at South Fremantle, Swan Districts and the WAFL.

And while nothing more would please Todd than a win against old foes East Fremantle, at Bassendean Oval this Saturday, he is keeping the game in perspective.

"We're not going to get carried away with all the hype," he promised.

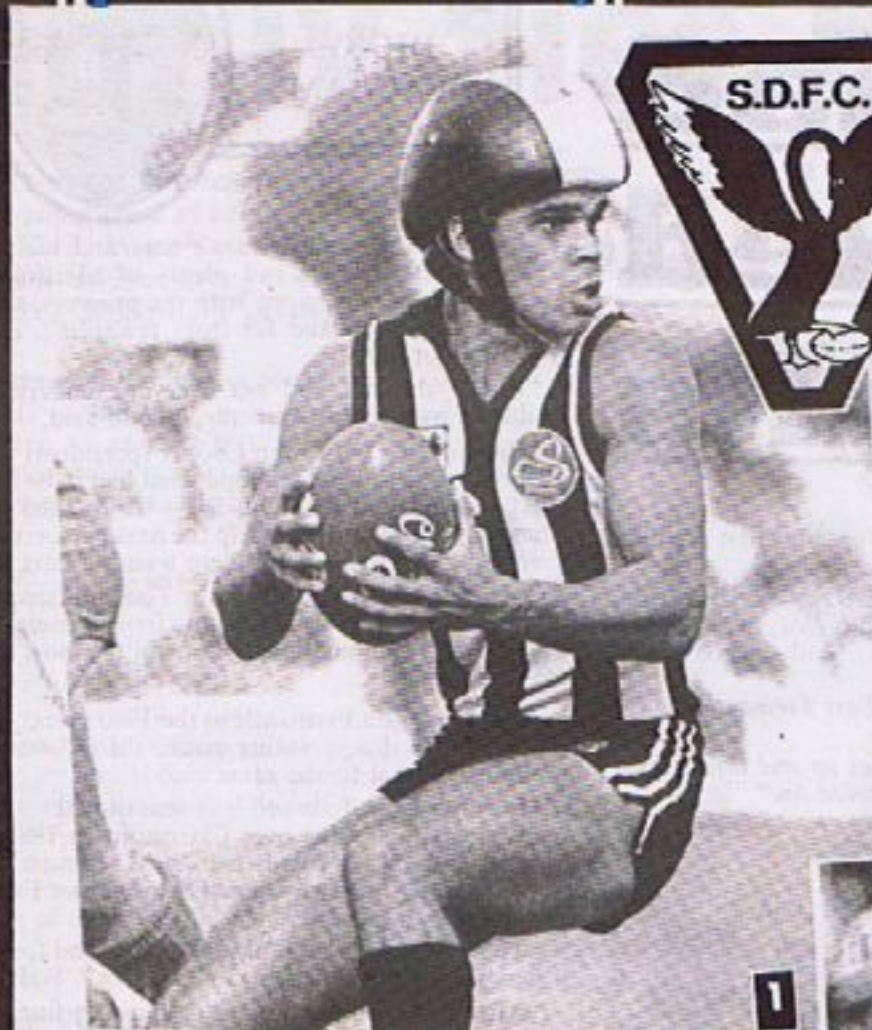
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SWAN Districts have unveiled many champions in their 60-year history and some of them are captured in action this week as Westside Football pays tribute to the WAFL's youngest club on its 60th anniversary.

In recent years the flow of talent from Bassendean Oval to the AFL arena has been enormous — but the club still keeps finding new stars.

For example, after their 1983 premiership victory — the second for coach John Todd — Swans lost Phil Narkle, Mike Smith, Leon Baker and Peter Kenny to the AFL and Stan Nowotny, Graham

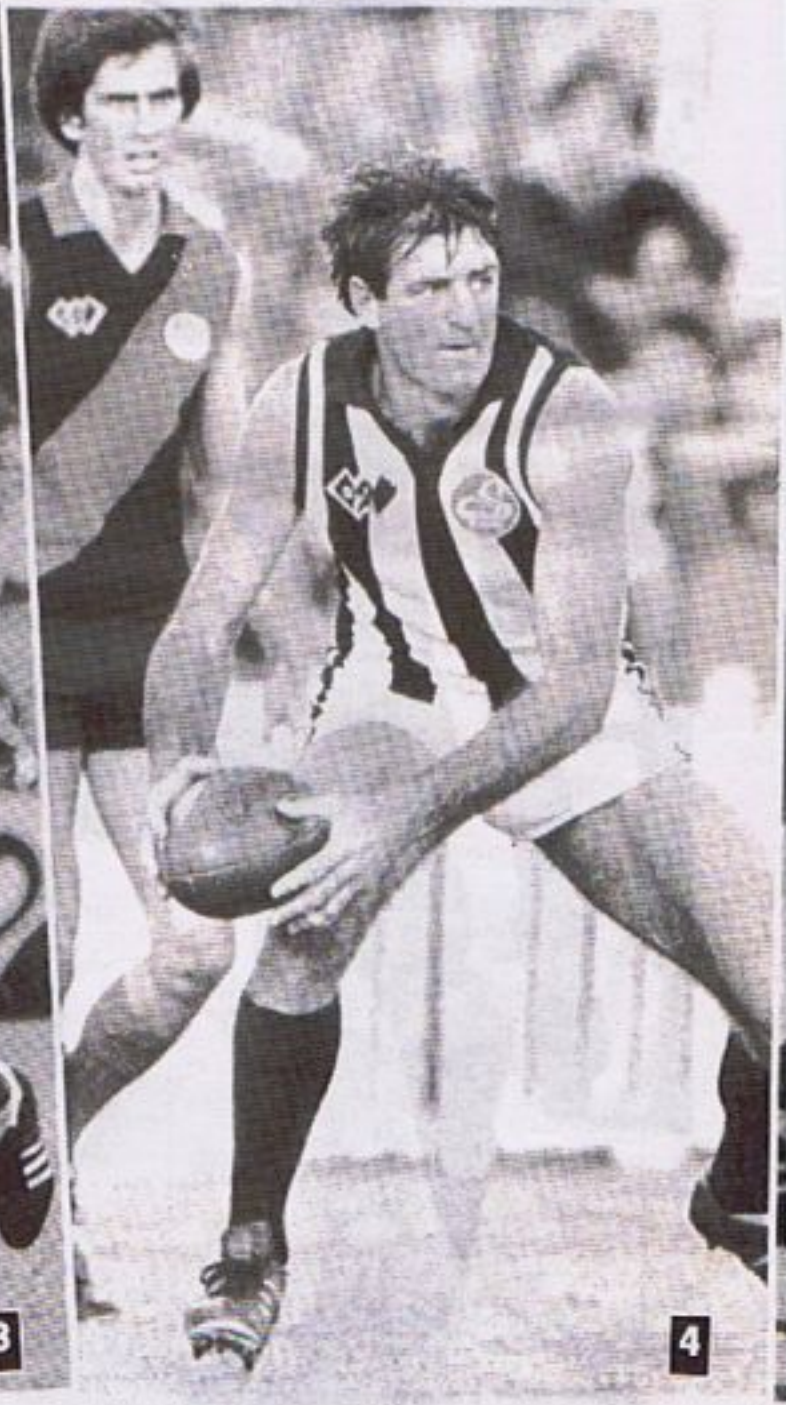
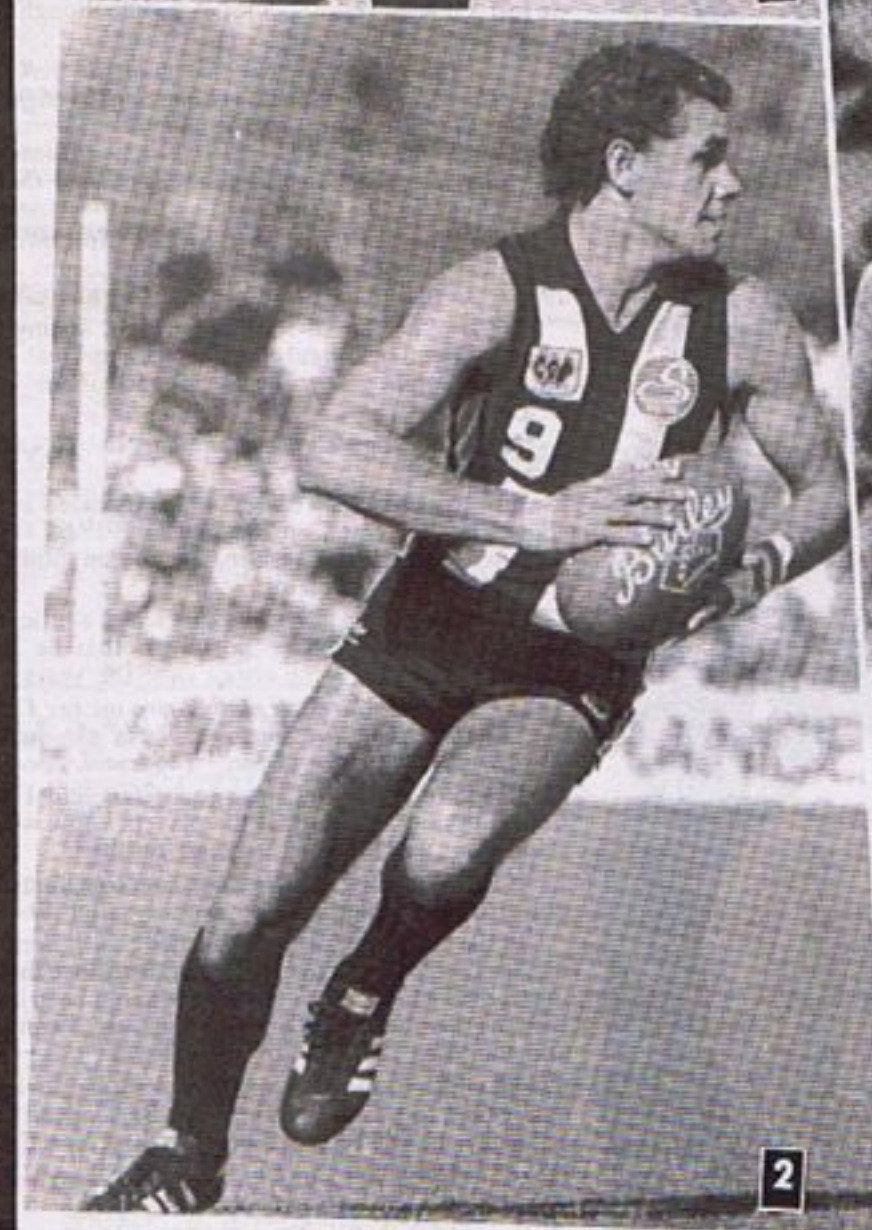
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Melrose and Alan Cransberg retirement.

But they still won the 1984 premiers to complete the club's second hat-trick.

These photographs from our files show stars of the past as follows:

1. Phil Narkle, a magic man on the wing and the 1982 Sandover Medallist



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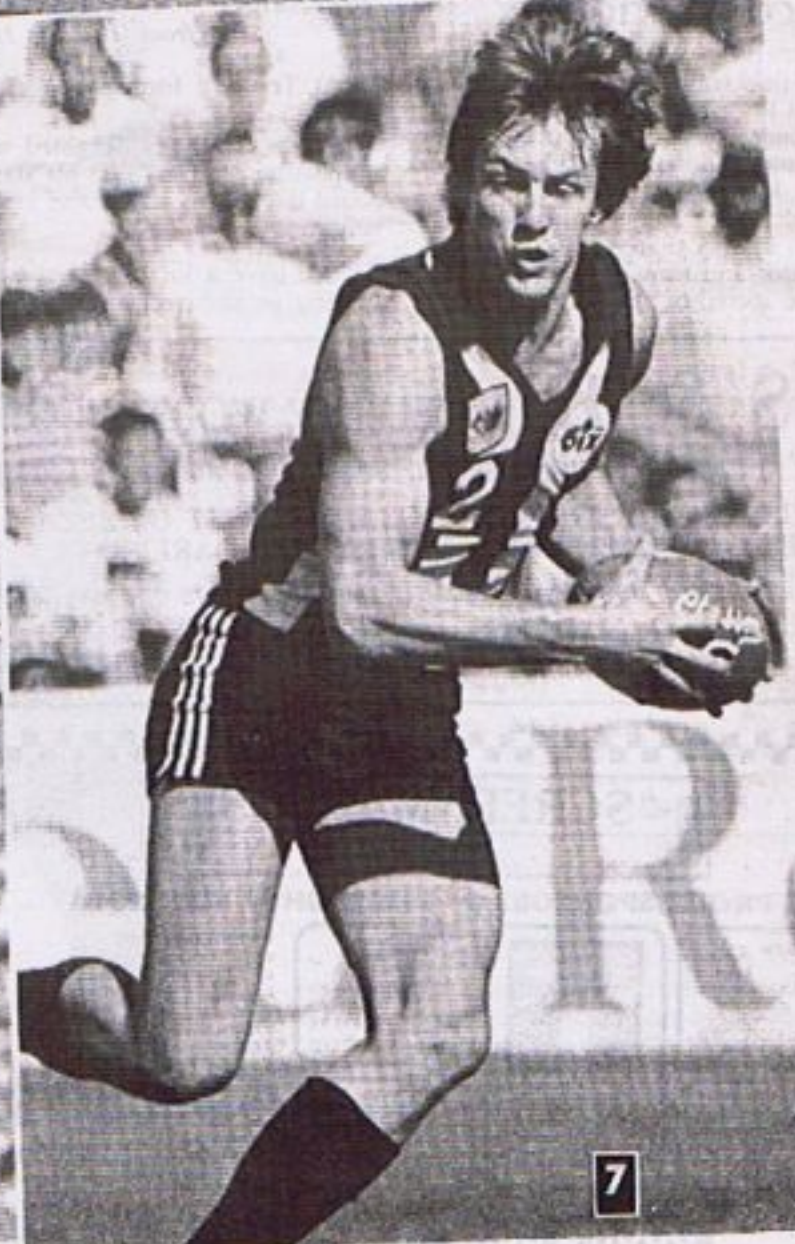
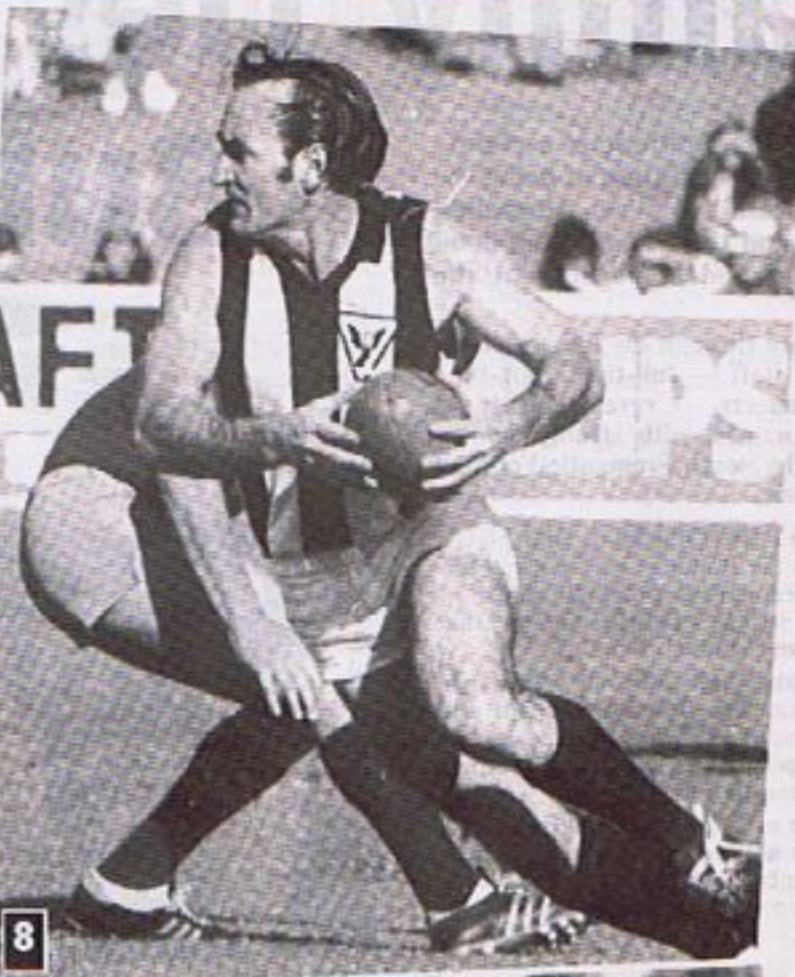
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2. Keith Narkle, the elder brother of Phil and a great leader; a half-forward who played 254 games
 3. Simon Beasley, a graduate from amateur ranks, a 100-goalkicker who went on to be one of Footscray's best full-forwards
 4. Stan Nowotny, a classic case of a batter-made-good, a real gutsy player who finished with 277 club games — second best on record

5. Garry Sidebotton, big, strong and menacing; a real tough key-position player who was outstanding in the interstate arena and did well at VFL level when he crossed the border
6. Brent Hutton, yet another high-flying forward who topped the WAFL goalkicking with 75 in the 1984 season

7. Leon Baker, a classic centremen who many people rate among Swans best players, went on to be part of Essendon's back-to-back flags in 1984-85

8. Bill Walker, the club's favourite son, came to Bassendean Oval for a one-year try-out in 1961 and hasn't left. Swans games played record holder at 305 and current president



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Family ties boost Bulldogs

SOUTH Fremantle have certainly developed a reputation of being the "family club" in West Australian football and there is a strong bond of loyalty and blood-lines at the Port.

A glance through the line-up of the Bulldogs staff — full-time, part-time and volunteers — reveals plenty of familiar names, with strong connections to the South Fremantle Football Club cause.

President Ric Gloede — who played colts with the Bulldogs before army service interrupted his potential career — heads a strong off-field line-up that boasts many staunch workers.

The club's key, full-time officers — general manager Brian Ciccotosto and football manager Mark Bayliss — are both former players who have retained their Fremantle Oval loyalty.

The bar manager in Gerry Bahen is a man with an illustrious playing career and a member of three South Fremantle premiership sides in their golden era of the 1950s.



DIFFERENT . . . three men who play vital, but varied, roles at South Fremantle are (from left) Jim Hurst, Santo Pasqua and Gerry Bahen

CONNECTIONS

There are plenty of family connections in the off-field team — colts coach Alan Watters is the father of former Bulldog Scott; trainer Tom Bottrell has a son of the same name in the seniors; head propertyman Ron Porter is the father of regular custodian John; brothers Don and Santo Pasqua share respective roles as a director and league team manager and office secretary Angela Dean has

father Terry (a former player) on the board.

Gloede says he is delighted with the support he receives from his staff — at board level, in the office and among the volunteers.

"We have a lot of dedicated people helping us survive," says Gloede, who

took over the presidency three years ago after well-known Fremantle business identity Bill Hughes helped stage a major financial revival.

"A lot of people rallied around to help us when we were in financial trouble and they have stayed on since then.

"The volunteers are tremendous and we believe that the board is working extremely well."

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The South Fremantle board's breakdown of duties sees Gloede acting as chairman of the meetings and responsible for major matters at WAFL and WA Football Commission level.

His vice-president, Terry Dean, is chairman of the football committee; Salvatore Capolingua is club treasurer responsible for finance; Colin Hopkins looks after public relations and club publications; Don Pasqua controls membership and sponsorship; Laurie Flanders — the long-serving boxing coach down in the change-rooms — has joined the board to co-ordinate membership, social activities and coterie groups and Jim Hurst is in charge of football development.

OUTSTANDING

"The role played by Jim Hurst in recent years has been outstanding," says Gloede.

"As president of the South Fremantle Junior Football Council, he has turned our junior development around enormously.

"It wasn't so long ago that Souths only had 850 juniors playing in our district; that's up to 2300 now and we'll shortly add more clubs from Rockingham, Mandurah and Leeder."

The club's board has been stable in recent years and a philosophy adopted by all directors in their role as chairmen of sub-committees sums up the reasons behind Souths impressive improvement off the field:

"Don't bring problems to the board, bring solutions."

Off the field

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Undefeated Sharks firepower could trouble young Swans

SWAN Districts are faced with the daunting task of tackling an unbeaten side at Bassendean Oval for the second successive week when they clash with East Fremantle on Saturday.

The youthful Swans line-up became Claremont's fourth consecutive victim last Saturday when they paid the price for third-quarter inaccuracy to lose by 18 points.

Coach John Todd must now get his charges back on track and confront the Sharks, who like Claremont, have yet to taste defeat this year.

After a disappointing pre-season, East Fremantle have proven to be the surprise packet and their confidence is high after disposing of Perth by 77 points at Lathlain Park.

A key factor in the Sharks excellent month have been the options coach Ken Judge has had in attack — responsible for the side scoring more goals than any other team.

Burly full-forward Andrew Lockyer has kicked 13 goals, but has been upstaged by forward-pocket specialist Steven Lally.

The clever little goalsneak has thrown off the effects of a groin complaint that troubled him last year and his 16 majors from four matches have been a tremendous bonus.

Also proving effective up forward have been Stephen Bilcich and Mark Attard, who have kicked 18 goals between them, while centre-half-forward Paul Abbott remains a good target.

John Laurito looms as Lockyer's likely opponent, while captain Michael Broadbridge, soundly beaten by Joe Smith last weekend, could pick up Abbott.

Todd may elect to give either the inexperienced Grant Bradbrook or steady Stewart Kestel the task of curbing Lally in a tussle that will be crucial to both clubs.

Swans can also kick a lot of goals and if experienced quartet Steven Bazzo, Troy Ugle, Travis Edmonds and Jason Ball all fire up, Judge and his players will know there is a game going on.

Ball and Bazzo have been plagued by inaccuracy and are well aware that their conversion rate must improve if Swans are to dent East Fremantle's hopes.

Young ruckman Brent Davison continues to impress and his duel with the Sharks Justin Sanders and Ian Newman will have a bearing on the outcome.

Swans will look to Todd Menegola, Brendon Retzlaff and David Ogg to show leadership for youngsters Drew Cornelius, Craig Callaghan and Darrin Finlayson, who have played just 21 games between them.

Swan Districts are celebrating their 60th anniversary of WAFL football and the emotion which is associated with special events could be enough for them to cause an upset.

CLAREMONT have caused opposition sides plenty of heartache since Gerard Neesham assumed control in 1987 and South Fremantle appear to

By DIGBY BEACHAM

be another victim when the two clubs clash at the WACA Ground on Saturday night.

The Bulldogs have struggled to develop any system in the opening four games and coach Mark Watson desperately needs his players to lift to stay in touch with the top five.

Claremont showed against Swan Districts they are a polished outfit and with forwards Kingsley Hunter, Leigh Wardell-Johnson and Joe Smith in good touch, South Fremantle could struggle.

Jon Dorotich and Peter Bell kicked seven goals between them and received good support from Darryn Rennick in the side's loss to Subiaco.

All three will find it tough against the outstanding Claremont defence and unless the Bulldogs midfield improve, the Tigers should win.

SUBIACO are showing signs of improvement, but face a stringent test when they meet West Perth at Subiaco Oval on Sunday.

The Lions downed South Fremantle at Fremantle Oval last Saturday, with star performers Dwayne Lamb, Matthew Burton, Laurie Keene, Matt Connell and Bill Mongahan in good touch.

On the other hand, West Perth struggled to put away East Perth at the Joondalup Arena on Monday after starting well.

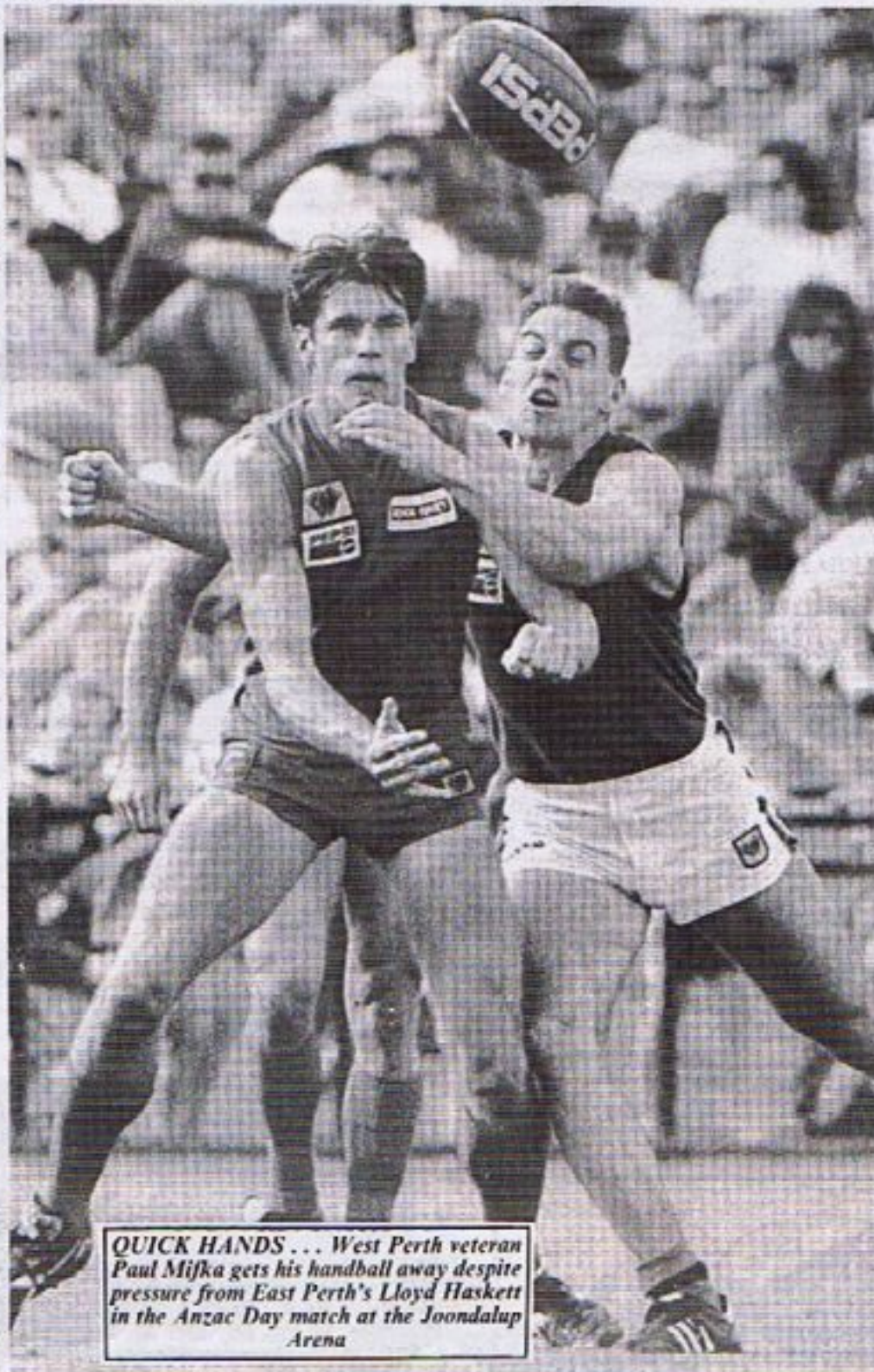
The Falcons kicked just 12 goals for the match and must notch more to beat the Lions, who have the potential to kick big totals.

EAST Perth and Perth confront each other at Perth Oval on Sunday in a game vital to both clubs.

The pair are burdened with 1-3 win-loss records and need a victory to stay in touch.

The Demons boast the league's leading goalkicker in Brenton Cooper (18) — a problem area for Royals coach Robert Solin, who is having trouble finding a suitable goalkicker.

Giant 21-year-old Lee Walker starred at centre-half-forward in the second half against West Perth and if he can maintain that form, the Royals have a prominent target in attack.



QUICK HANDS... West Perth veteran Paul Mijka gets his handball away despite pressure from East Perth's Lloyd Haskett in the Anzac Day match at the Joondalup Arena

Arena offers advantage

WEST Perth have a new home and intend to take full advantage of it.

That is the belief of coach Jeff Gieschen after watching his side account for East Perth at the Joondalup Arena by 21 points in a scrappy affair.

For many of the Royals players, it was the first time they had seen the ground and the breeze which comes over the 1400 seat grandstand caused them plenty of problems.

"It is a tricky breeze and it's a bit like East Fremantle and all those other clubs — there is a definite advantage here now providing we take full advantage of it," Gieschen said.

"It's fantastic to be here, because the players have been waiting to get somewhere they can call home and they have now played a game here.

"We've been waiting for this magical day to arrive."

After the first half, the Falcons looked like running away with the game when they led by 38 points.

But that wasn't the case, as the Royals bottled them up during the third quarter and then made a last-ditch effort to snatch the match in the last 25 minutes.

Gieschen took his players behind locked doors for 15 minutes after the game, but praised them at the post-match press conference.

"Before the game all the pressure was on us to perform and there was very little pressure on East Perth whatsoever," he said.

— by DIGBY BEACHAM

Tigers defence shows pace

CLAREMONT'S attacking defence was engaged in a fascinating battle with Swan Districts forwards in Saturday's Bassendean Oval clash.

Brad Wira, Brendan Hendry, Quenton Leach and youngster Richard Harvey were matched against taller opponents, but were able to expose their lack of pace by repeatedly running off the half-back line.

Hendry and Leach were at one stage curiously opposed to Steve Bazzo and Travis Edmonds.

The match-ups seemed to work for both teams with Edmonds and Bazzo superior in the air, but the Claremont pair more effective at ground level.

Leach's performance was tremendous given that he fought off a bout of flu to take the field.

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No regrets

TALKING about Mal (the mouth) Brown, he was certainly unrepentant in his two Saturday morning interviews on 6WF and 6PR last week. He had no regrets about his public blood-letting at Richmond.

Previewing the West Coast versus Hawthorn match at Subiaco Oval, Brownie declared the Eagles absolute certainties and he couldn't see them getting beaten.

"If they lose I'll come over there and wash and polish Mick Malthouse's car," he jested.

Hot topic

THE Malcolm Brown saga at Richmond dominated football talk last week and Friday's Channel Seven panel show from the Joondalup Arena naturally touched on the hot topic.

Brownie, who had declined to appear live on the show for personal reasons, had his actions dissected by the panellists, most of whom agreed that football's most controversial character was acting a little out of character.

"He was highly organised in his attack on the board," Gary Carvolth said, knowing full well that Brownie usually fired from the hip without a lot of thought. "But this time he had notes and everything in front of him when he launched his tirade."

Bob Maumill suggested that maybe Brownie was firing bullets for someone else in the Tigers camp. "He was the executioner," said the man who was Brownie's chairman of selectors at South Fremantle two years ago.

Tough call

A CALLER to Saturday's 6WF sports show wanted the impossible last week.

Phoning from Karratha, the Richmond fan said he had missed the Mal Brown interview earlier in the morning and wondered if the panel could take 'a minute' to sum up the situation in the Tigers den.

"We had Brownie on for 22 minutes, how could we sum up what he said in a minute," laughed host George Grjusich.

But GG did give the Tigers addict a reassurance that Brownie not only still had his job at Richmond, but was virtually in control of the club after his mid-week coup which resulted in four directors and general manager Cameron Schwab resigning.



FORMER Perth defender, cinema proprietor and man-about-town Allan (Chubby) Stiles is renowned as a lover of the good life. But, as this photo from the official opening of Arena Joondalup shows, Chubby (second from left) ain't what he used to be. Perhaps it's the hard work he's putting in as manager of Warwick 8 cinemas that has seen him shed the kilos. Toasting his new slim figure at the opening were Ross Holt, John McGuinness and Tony Williams

Harsh words on tele

PERTH television critic Pam Casellas has a fairly strong interest in football, not only because it dominates the box, but with husband Ken a prominent journalist with The West Australian, it's often a dinner-table topic.

But maybe the Channel Nine people were half-hoping that she wouldn't be watching their Thursday night Footy Show out of Melbourne.

There were some pretty nasty comments thrown her way as the caustic Sam Newman had a shot at The West's critic, who had said some uncomplimentary things about the show, suggesting it didn't suit the WA viewers because there was not enough Eagles content.

Mal (the mouth) Brown was also on the show and he had a few words for Mrs C. as well — and one wonders how the lawyers viewed the whole segment.

But then again, as a TV critic, Mrs C. is allowed to bag people whenever she sees fit, so maybe those bagged can bag back!

However, Mrs Casellas found she had plenty of local supporter when Channel Seven's Friday show gave her three votes, courtesy of radio-cum-television personality Gary Carvolth.

We hope that just wasn't local parochialism, Gary!

Marked man

OH, the price of being a star.

Champion West Coast wingman Peter Matera has become a marked man and for the second time this year, was laid out by a bone-jarring shirt-front.

Last Sunday's game was just seconds old when Hawthorn strongman Paul Dear collected the 1992 Norm Smith Medallist with a bump that would have even flattened Superman.

And when one remembers that Matera was involved in a heavy collision with Mark Harvey in the season opener at the MCG, let's hope his new contract includes some danger-money.

Port feelings

THERE is plenty of ill-feeling already building up in Perth about the coming Fremantle AFL side.

A meeting last Friday at Fremantle saw representatives of all eight WAFL clubs invited along to hear recruiting plans outlined by the club's chairman Ross Kelly, interim football director Ron Alexander and recruiting consultant Trevor Sprigg.

While the four clubs who have officially been zoned to Fremantle — South and East Fremantle, Claremont and Swan Districts — were represented, two of the other clubs declined to attend.

Perth and West Perth were there to make sure they kept up to date with Fremantle progress, but Subiaco and East Perth were missing.

It will be interesting to see how all eight WAFL clubs react to a Fremantle move to form a development squad with young players from the Pepsi Cup competition.

The Fremantle plan is to get potential AFL draftees into a working group, concentrating on weights, fitness, health, diet and other requirements needed to step up to the next level.

Too biased

CAN someone please inform Neil Kerley that the football media are not to show bias towards any one team.

The former Adelaide Crows football manager is Channel Seven's boundary rider, but rarely gives any news from the rival camp.

When Kerley interviewed Andrew Jarman at three-quarter time of the Adelaide-Footscray clash at Football Park last Sunday, he kept referring to the Crows as 'we' and even asked Jarman what 'we' need to do to get back into the game.

And what a shame it was to see that 'we' didn't get up and win.

Off the mark

TERRY Wheeler's honesty cannot be questioned after his debut as a member of Channel Seven's Footy panel.

The newest member of the 'sacked coaches club' astonished viewers on Sunday when he selected Adelaide to beat Footscray, the club he was coaching only three weeks earlier.

Wheeler believed that the Bulldogs would be better equipped with Richard Osborne at full-forward, but he couldn't see them matching the Crows on their home ground of Football Park.

Wheeler must have been pulling his hair out three hours later after seeing his beloved Bulldogs dump the Crows by 17 points.

Buckley query

DOES Nathan Buckley lack courage — yes, is he gutless?

Well, that's obviously the impression triple Brownlow Medallist Bob Skilton has of him.

On ABC's Ballzap, Skilton said Buckley, the high-priced Collingwood recruit, should take a long look at the way his captain, Gavin Brown, gets the hard ball and supplies his team-mates with possessions.

"He still has a long way to go before he is a great player," Skilton said.

What's on at your club

<p>Swan Districts</p> <p>Saturday, April 30: 60th anniversary, Swan Districts versus East Fremantle, at Bassen-dean Oval. Meet the players at the club Wednesdays after training.</p> <p>Sunday, May 1: 60th anniversary luncheon, Midland workshops</p>	<p>East Fremantle</p> <p>Friday night meals: 6.30pm carvery, \$7.50, includes sweets and complementary drink. Jackpot every Friday night, all financial members eligible, \$20 per week, this week's pot is \$240. You must be there to claim your prize.</p> <p>Saturday, May 7: Spano — the eyes that polarize. Book at the club, meals available, tickets \$20.</p>
<p>Perth</p> <p>Sunday, May 22: Ladies day at Lathlain.</p>	<p>West Perth</p> <p>West Perth's new address is Kennedy Drive, Joondalup; telephone 300 3611</p>
<p>East Perth</p> <p>Tuesday, May 17: Gentlemen's Quiz Night, 8pm, Perth Oval.</p>	<p>West Coast Eagles</p> <p>Wednesday, May 11: Supporters Club Quiz Night, 8pm, tickets \$10, tables of eight, bookings on 381 1111.</p> <p>Friday, May 14: Eagles Race Day, at Belmont Park, members admitted free, first 2000 members receive \$5 betting voucher. Supporter's Club bar open every afternoon. Lunch served Fridays. Watch training in comfort on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.</p>
<p>Subiaco</p> <p>Post-match presentations in the social hall, 6pm. Bar open Thursday evenings.</p> <p>Friday, April 29: Ladies Forum — Wine & Cheese Night, in social hall, tickets \$12.50, includes supper and bar facilities. Bookings 381 1266.</p>	

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Thornlie collapse as upsets rule

UPSET results were the order of the day in the first full round of Sunday League fixtures.

Last year's premiers Thornlie suffered their second loss in as many weeks to a confident Willetton, while Kalamunda proved they will be no easy-beats with a decisive victory over Gosnells.

Armadale accounted for Wanneroo and Canning continued their good run with a win over Osborne Park while, as expected, South Perth took care of Kenwick and Kelmscott out-ran Maddington.

The South Perth-Applecross clash this week is the match of the round.

The Hawks are coming off a bye and will be keen to rectify their two-point loss to Willetton in the first round.

Two teams to have shown impressive early form are Willetton and Kalamunda, who meet each other at Burrendah Reserve on Sunday.

John McGuire has breathed new life into the black and whites who were impressive 66-point winners over Gosnells.

Clem Rodnew looked good up forward for the Cougars with six goals, while Glen Brown kicked five and Ian Brown four.

Mark Bayliss will be Kalamunda's main opposition in their clash after kicking seven goals against Thornlie in round two.

The big full-forward has 17 goals from two games and is proving a real asset.

Willetton's home ground advantage should see them beat Kalamunda.

Wanneroo will have to go back to the drawing board after a 62-point loss to Armadale last week.

The Roos take on an impressive Canning at Kingsway Reserve this Sunday.

After a convincing win over Thornlie in the first round, the Tigers followed up with a 12-point win over Osborne Park.

Rover Nicky Yarran has been playing superbly for Canning combining with ruckman Heath Soutar, while young Travis Underwood has taken a liking to league football.

It's almost impossible to go against Canning with their early season form and they should win this game.

Armadale are proof that scratch matches are no yard stick when it comes to the real thing.

The Demons lost three out of four scratch matches and then came out to give Wanneroo a hiding in their first league hit-out for 1994.

Lee Monument kicked eight goals for Armadale, with Trevor De Roost, Derek Mathieson and Kim Fancote showing good form.

Armadale take on Gosnells at Gosnells Oval this week and the Hawks would want to take a hard look at themselves after a poor showing in round two.

Darren Preedy came on after half-time for Gosnells and booted four goals, while

David Johnson and Steve Davis kicked three each.

Osborne Park will bounce back from their loss to Canning when they take on Maddington at Balcatta Reserve.

Martin Welsh, Craig Goodwin and Wade Taseff were good players for the Saints in their first game and will cause Maddington a few problems on Sunday.

Andrew Kinross made an impressive return for the Bulls.

Osborne Park will go into this game as favorites.

The final game of round three is between Kelmscott and Kenwick at John Dunn Oval.

Warren Osboine should see plenty of the ball for Kelmscott, while Damon Rubery and Paul Burke won't be short of possessions.

Ray Irvine and Peter Ashworth each kicked four goals in the first game for Kenwick and will have to be checked closely by the Bulldogs.

Kelmscott home ground advantage should see them take this game out.

Belmont dominant

KINGSLEY will have to go back to the drawing board after losing 41.21 to 1.3 to Belmont in the Sunday amateur competition.

Frank Khan kicked 14 goals for Belmont, while Clem Hansed and Bevan Ferguson kicked six and four goals respectively.

Brendan Corley, Ryan Hodgkin and Khan were Belmont's best players.

MOSMAN Park had a strong win over North Fremantle 25.15 to 9.8.

Clint Roberts was solid for Mosman Park, along with John Litterick and Andrew Bavaro.

Gary Edgley played well for North

Fremantle with support from Peter Brown and Sergio Noto.

Cockburn outclassed Manning, 21.10 to 8.8, with Daniel Napoleon best on ground closely followed by team-mate Mark Litherland.

For Manning, Paul Murphy, Rob Sanders and Cameron Dunn all played four quarters of strong football.

THIS Sunday Mosman Park take on Belmont, Manning play North Fremantle, Kingsley face Midland and Cockburn have the bye.

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AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

C GRADE

Brentwood notched their second victory in a row, beating Trinity-Aquinas, at Collier Oval, overcoming a slow start to run out winners by 65 points.

Best for Brentwood were centreman Nick D'Angelo, Richie Jones and Danny Mosconi.

Bullcreek-Leeming remained undefeated at the top of the ladder by downing a determined Scarborough by five points. The home side entered the third quarter seven points down, but lifted strongly.

Bullcreek's best were defenders Stu Stymes and Lee Stevens. Forwards Greg Terpsis (six goals) and Lees (four) were excellent focal points.

D GRADE

Cowan University opened their season with an impressive six-goal victory over Dianella-Morley at home.

Best for Cowan were Jay Holland and Rick Ardon, with full-forward Peter Rubie kicking eight goals.

North Beach ran out 102-point victors over University to record their first victory of the season.

Jeff Ruriata and Tim McLourin kicked five each, supported by Richard Sweet, who added four. Also good for Norths were Phil Duce, Greg Brennan and John Porter.

Lynwood-Ferndale used a strong third-quarter breeze to establish their 14-point win over Melville and were able to kick clear in a tight final term.

Lynwood's centre-half-back Fitzgerald dominated, supported by wingman Allsop and King roving, with Sweetman kicking three goals for the victors.

Balcatta produced an eight-goal to one first quarter to down Swan View at Brown Park.

The home side improved to outscore Balcatta in the third quarter, but the early lead was too much to overhaul.

Swan View's best were Jason Firkins (three goals), Simon Pitt and Kim Lawrence.

E GRADE

Bassendeen looked impressive with an 86-point victory over Wesley-Curtin at Jubilee Oval.

Martin led the goalkickers with five for Bassendeen, while ruck-rover Moylan, Shires and Graham all performed well for the victors.

Mt Lawley notched their first win of the season with a 17-point victory over a determined Wembley. Better players for Wembley were Chris Shine, Rod Taylor and Sean Sargent.

F GRADE

Whitford opened their account with a hard-earned 82-point victory over Hamersley-Carine. Whitford were well-served by Luke Jones and look set to improve with six senior players returning next week.

Swan Athletic scored a run-away 181-point victory over Carlisle, set up by an eight-goal opening term.

A dominant forward line had too many options for the visitors, confirmed by Graham Yukich's 12 goals and Kim Yukich's eight. Peter Snell also performed well for the home side.

Best for Carlisle were half-back Rohan Wood, ruckman Tony Holmes and Glen Pinkerton, at centre-half-forward.

G GRADE

Warnbro Swan's remained undefeated with a 37-point victory over Bullcreek-Leeming, after a close three quarters.

Bullcreek's best were Chris Everett (centre), half-back Troy Worth and back-pocket Gary Boyes, with Jamie Harvey kicking three goals.

Forrestfield looked superb in their emphatic 40-goal win over Trinity-Aquinas at Morrissey Oval. The impressive score line of 44.19 to 4.2 reflected the dominant attacking football displayed by the home side.

Best for Forrestfield were centreman Derek Woods, half-forwards Gavin Manckteloo and Greg Boardley, with Wayne Ninnette (12 goals) and Leonard Woods (nine) doing well in attack.

Best for Trinity was Mark Parnell.

I GRADE

Brentwood's dominance of the first three quarters against Lynwood Ferndale at Karoonda set up their 55-point victory. A last quarter fightback by the visitors was not enough to overcome the deficit.

Brentwood's best were Dan Dragovic (rover), forward-pocket Steve Neates and Glade Eves in the ruck. Better players for Lynwood were French, Guser and McNamara, while White kicked six goals.

Cowan University recorded their first win of the year, with a 10-goal victory over Bassendeen. The small oval contributed to the physical game, but an eight-goal to one third quarter sealed Bassendeen's fate.

Cowan's best were centreman Tony Adam and rover Ho, with full-forward Todd Teasedale kicking six and Brad Willis four.

WEMBLEY had a 20-goal turnaround when they bounced back from a thrashing two weeks ago to be good winners in Saturday's A-colts round.

Wembley received a 61-point drubbing from North Beach, but they regrouped to beat Mt Lawley by 74 points at Hamer Park.

Full-forward Jeremy Blake was best for Wembley, kicking seven goals.

He was supported by Brad Court (three goals) and Josh Popp (two goals).

University had an easy 88-point win over Nollamara, at Des Penman Reserve.

Better players for Nollamara were Ric Lambly, Jeff Schofield and Craig Delacey, while coach Warren Branson was happy that his side had kept Uni to under 20 goals for the first time in over four years — they only kicked 19.

North Beach continued on their winning way with a 53-point win over North Fremantle at Charles Riley Reserve.

North Beach full-forward Nathan Evans was kicked four goals, as did ruck-rover Brett McCune, while full-back Russell Broderick and ruck-rover Hayes Wilson also played well.

Scarborough have been the surprise packet this season by winning their third straight game, downing Trinity Aquinas by 83 points at Millington Reserve.

Collegians Old Scotch provided the upset of the round by beating West Coast by 12 points at Dalkeith Oval.

B COLTS

Hamersley Carine were impressive 82-point winners over Innaloo at Carine Reserve.

Best included rover Benny Zoccoli (three goals), ruckman Blair McConnell and centre-half-forward Marc Walters.

CBC produced an impressive four goal to nil final term to snatch a 14-point victory over Cowan University.

Scores were close throughout, with Cowan holding the lead for most of the game.

Better players for Cowan were Ron Mitchell, at centre-half-forward, Mark Worthington and John Davies, who kicked three goals.

Amateur contacts

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Around the grades

J GRADE

Wembley notched an impressive 142-point scoreline in their 110-point victory over Wanneroo at College Park.

With the emphasis on team work, the home side displayed impressive patches of running football.

Campbell, McKay and Hughes all performed well for Wembley, while Gwynn (five goals), Kinkham (four) and Payne (three) added to the 21-goal tally.

Whitford accounted for last season's finalists Dianella-Morley after a scrappy first half.

The second half saw a lift by Whitford, led by Spinna Corspin, Ross Rayson and David McDonald, to record a 73-point win.

Osborne Districts ran out 54-point winners over Swan View, at Grenville Reserve.

Despite playing with 17 men Swan View, put in a commendable effort, but were unable to maintain their efforts for the duration of each quarter.

Best for Osborne were rover Oscar Garen and ruckman Robert Tana. Better players for Swan View were Richard Bull, Dave White and Glen Bishop.

K GRADE

Trinity-Aquinas opened their season with a seven-point victory over Brentwood, at Collier Park.

The visitors came home strongly in the last quarter but were unable to bridge the gap.

Brentwood's best were ruckman Paul Billich, Frank Munalo and Grant Hall.

Bullcreek-Leeming recorded a thrilling three-point victory over Warnbro after the visitors came back from a third quarter deficit.

Bullcreek slowed to a halt and allowed Warnbro to gain a nine-point break, but two late goals gave the lead back to the home side.

Best for Bullcreek were full-back Adam Jeffard, ruckman Brian Corney and Chris Perry, out of a back-pocket. Andy Lavender kicked three goals.

COLTS ROUND-UP

By BRAD ELBOROUGH

C COLTS

Vernard Wallam kicked seven goals for North Beach as he steered his team to a 35-point win over St Norbert, at McGillivray Reserve.

Also to play well for North were Daniel Boylson at half-back, wingman Chris Trew and Luke Evans in the ruck.

Inaccurate kicking cost Bullcreek any chance of a win, when they kicked 4.11 to go down by 43 points to Warnbro Swans.

Better players for Bullcreek were ruck-rover Matt DiCandilo, Clayton Freder-

icks who kicked their only four goals playing at half-forward and Clive Bell.

THIS WEEK

Nollamara are desperate for a win and will look to their clash against the out-of-form Mt Lawley at Des Penman Reserve to grab one. University should continue their winning way against Trinity Aquinas at McGillivray Oval and Scarborough will be looking for four in a row when they travel to Gil Fraser Reserve to tackle North Fremantle.

West Coast will have to improve on last week's efforts if they are to trouble North Beach when they clash at City Beach Oval, while Wembley and Collegians Old Scotch should provide the game of the round, at Henderson Park.

B GRADE

Athletic reverse form

SWAN Athletic showed that pre-season form counts for little when they beat Dianella Morley at Light Street Reserve.

Dianella were easy winners in an earlier practice match, but Swan Athletic turned that around to win by 64 points.

Better players for Swan Athletic were wingman Brad Matson, Rob Scali at full-back and captain Paul Andijich.

Troy Bosich kicked five goals and Mario Possano four.

Better players for Dianella were Mark Steele in the centre, Darren Criddle in defence and Brad O'Brien with three goals at full-forward.

WESLEY-Curtin produced a spirited comeback to hand Whitford their first defeat at South Oval.

Whitford took the early initiative and raced to a five-goal lead at half-time, but Wesley showed character to regroup to win by 21 points.

Better players for Wesley were Darryl Cousins on a wing, Marty Horak at half-back and ruck-rover Bryce Forman.

HAMERSLEY-Carine dominated against Innaloo at Carine Reserve to run out massive 212-point winners.

Hamersley coach Dave Whitehead was impressed with his players, believing they are starting to play well together.

CBC beat an improved Wembley by 73 points at Henderson Park.

Better players for Wembley were

Tucker, Hancock, Grondy, McAullay with two goals and Neil Lantzke, also with two goals.

BASSENDAN showed they are again going to be competitive when they beat University by 39 points at McGillivray Oval.

Uni fought back to within two goals in the third quarter but Bassendeen steadied and held off the fast-finishing students.

THIS WEEK

Whitford face another tough test when they host CBC at McDonald Reserve, Swan Athletic should win against University at Swan Athletic Oval and Wesley-Curtin are favoured to beat Dianella Morley at South Oval.

Bassendeen and Hamersley Carine should provide the match of the round when they clash at Jubilee Reserve and Innaloo play host to Wembley, at Yuluma Park.

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COUNTRY ROUND-UP



Garbin on target again

FORMER Perth full-forward Mick Garbin steered Mines to a 49-point victory over Kalgoorlie in the Goldfields Football League.

Garbin kicked four goals to maintain the reigning premier's status as the early season pace-setter after their opening round win over highly-fancied Railways.

Defender Brett Turner, ruckmen Eric and Carl Tieffenbacher, ruck-rover Matthew Ormsby and winger Jeff Turner were the catalysts of the 14.11 (95) to 6.10 (46) win.

Mines kicked nine goals to Kalgoorlie's one in the first half, but the young Kangas side matched their more highly-fancied opponent goal-for-goal after the long interval.

Kalgoorlie's best players were Mal Dreja, Adrian Hicks, Mel Gallagher, Mike Sherry, Richard Morris and Darren Begley.

Kalannie stay unbeaten

BEACON and Kalannie took the premiership points in the Central Wheatbelt League with impressive wins over Bencubbin and Mukinbudin.

Kalannie remain unbeaten on top of the table after two rounds and their 21.10 (136) to 13.18 (96) victory over Mukinbudin was helped by a nine-goal opening quarter burst.

Dashing forward Wayne Ryder was in brilliant form with nine goals and Matthew Giles added seven to give Kalannie dominance in attack. Their best included Jason Bartell, Ashley Sanderson, Andrew Quinn and Doug Cail.

GOOD SERVICE

Mukinbudin got good service from Luke Sprigg, Joseph and Pat Alvaro and Athol Ventris, with Grant Whyte kicking five goals and Anthony Scorza three.

Beacon had a wide spread of goal-kickers as their forward line functioned smoothly in their 19.18 (132) to 10.14 (74) victory over Bencubbin.

AJ Heal kicked five, Luke Miguel and Andrew Dunne got three each and Murray Junk and Lydon Redfern two apiece. Their best included Rod and Ross Munns, Trevor Watson, Mick Dunne and Heal.

Bencubbin's best were Paul Gillett, Linton Beagley, Barry Davids and Michael Capp, with Rob Breakell kicking three goals and two each to Beagley, Murray Cooper and Phil Sorgiovanni.

Boyup Brook celebrate

BOYUP Brook won their first game since July, 1992 when they shocked Imperials by 25 points in last week's Lower South West League.

The Roos, who have gone on an extensive recruiting spree over summer, showed great character to win 14.11 (95) to 10.10 (70) and move into the top four.

Waters and Leo were outstanding contributors for Boyup Brook, while Ryan and Styles tried hard to lift Imperials.

Deanmill surged to the top of the ladder after handing out a 100-point hiding, 21.15 (141) to 6.5 (41) to Tigers.

Dean Moloney kicked seven goals for Deanmill, while Mark Nicol and Todd East chipped in with three each.

Deanmill's David Moloney was best afield, but received good support from Nicol and Steven Maxwell.

Southerners also claimed their second successive scalp when they downed Bridgetown by 56 points, 12.11 (83) to 4.3 (27).

Stoiche and Omodei led the way for Southerners, while Radomiljac and Meehan kicked three.

Bridgetown, coached by Allan Sidebottom, were best served by Milroy and Evans.

Railways bounced back from their loss to Mines with a thumping 78-point victory over Kambalda.

Former East Perth utility Fabian Dawson led the Railways cause, while Russell Buck and Trevor Draper each kicked four goals.

Other Railways contributors were Todd Colquhoun, Brad Brierley and Rob Payton.

Kambalda outscored Railways by five points in the second quarter, but were overrun for the rest of the match, losing 12.11 (83) to 24.17 (161).

Kambalda's best were Paul Lee, John Penman, Wayne Cope, Brad Hughes, Jason Robbins and Clifton Murray.

Kojonup stay cool in thriller

KOJONUP have again stayed calm in a thriller in the Great Southern Football League.

After beating Wanderers by three points last week, they showed excellent poise to hold off South Barker by 11 points, 10.10 (70) to 8.11 (59).

Giani Pasini kicked four goals, while Brendon Stony and Brad Higgins were prominent.

Mal Bryant toiled manfully for South Barker, as did Paul Galantino and Ben Lionetti.

Railways also prevailed in a tight contest, 13.14 (92) to Wanderers 12.16 (88).

After losing last week, Railways displayed great character, with Colin Pearson, Todd McGregor and Damien O'Meara leading the way.

Wanderers best were Matt Rigg and Arron Pagononi.

STRONG WIN

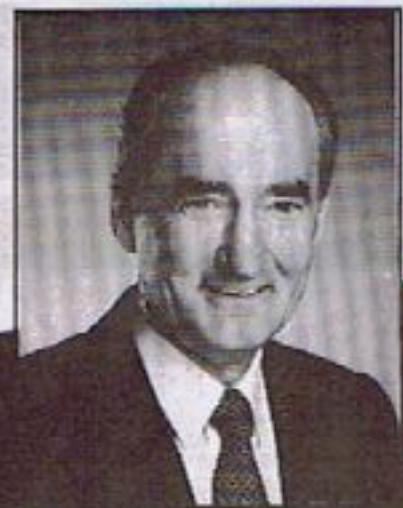
Jason Drabe, Tony Fitzpatrick and Brendan Marshall led Royals to an emphatic 20.8 (128) to 9.6 (60) victory over Australs.

After leading by just one goal at quarter-time, Wanderers poured on the power in impressive fashion.

Danny Riley and Les Jones battled against the odds for Royals.

North Albany gave Mt Barker a football lesson, winning 17.16 (118) to 8.10 (58).

Brendon Noakes and Shane Robinson were North Albany's best, while for Mt Barker, Russell Jones was outstanding.



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