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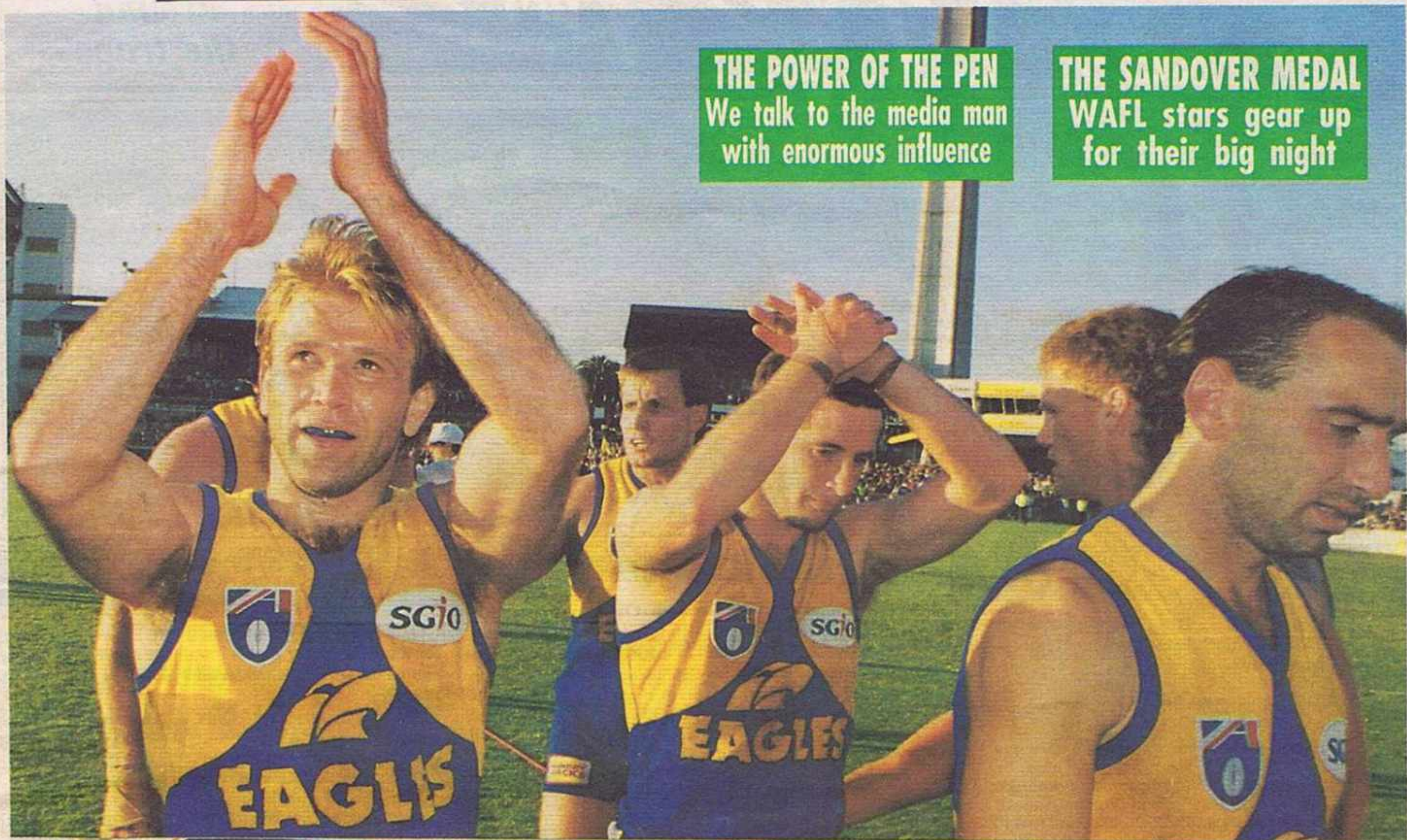
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**WINNERS ... and losers.** These two photographs capture the feelings of the players involved in Sunday's AFL final at the WACA Ground. Eagles winger Chris Mainwaring acknowledges the support of the home-town crowd as he, Don Pyke and Peter Matera leave the ground. By contrast, Collingwood veteran Tony Shaw shows his emotion as he departs the arena for the last time ... a loser by just two points  
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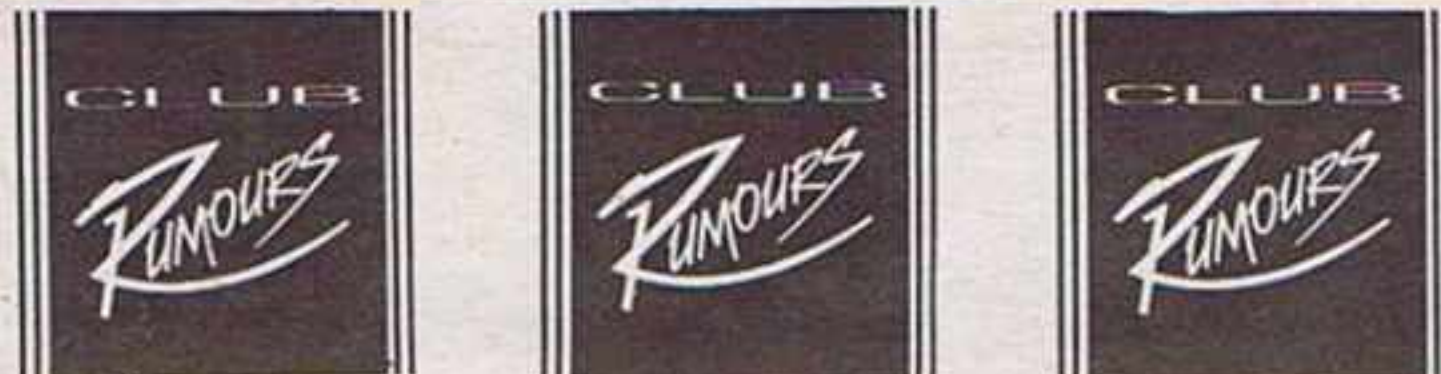
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## Royals on tour

ARE you in this photograph?

It's an East Perth team photograph from season 1948 when the Royals toured Tasmania in a mid-season trip, playing the North West Football Union at Devenport Oval.

Frank Piggott was a member of the side and he's sent us the picture to jog a few memories of famous old Royals on tour.

The team included some of the game's bygone stars such as Jack Sweet, Frank Allen, Jim Spencer, Frank Sparrow, Gus Glendinning, Jack Leadbitter, Colin Pestell, Ray Perry, Jim Washbourne, Len Gardner and Jack Clayton.

Piggott, who now lives on the east coast, is holidaying back in Perth and can be contacted on 418 1565.



## West men winners

TWO football writers from The West Australian have claimed the top honours in the Media Guild's tipping competition.

Russell Reid took out the top prize in the Coventry Group-sponsored award, with 178 points, one ahead of his work-mate Ken Casellas.

Third place went to Westside's Glen Quartermain on 176, followed by Laurie Heal (Sunday Times) on 175, 6PR's Percy Johnson on 174 and a host of experts on 173 — Peter Poat (6NR), Ray Wilson (Sunday Times), Brad Elborough (Westside) and Peter Bosustow (6WF).

Reid came home strongly with 59 points in the last round to snatch the lead, but it was Bosustow (who also tips in Westside) who took out the last round prize with 60 winners.

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## Reserves reward

NOT every club restricts its awards simply to league players — the East Perth Past Players and Officials Association acknowledges the efforts of their reserves footballers each year.

The Royals oldies have weekly voting for their reserves team and the award has gone to Rod Wheatley, who also played 12 league games this year.

He won \$150 for his consistent efforts in the twos.

## Hawks united

IT WAS almost like the good old days at Glenferrie Oval.

The venue was East Fremantle Oval and it was a Sharks training session leading up to the finals.

Guest coach was one-time Hawthorn champion Dermott Brereton, in Perth for a couple of speaking engagements. He was being helped by his old Hawks buddy and Sydney coach Gary Buckenara — and they were being watched by another Hawthorn team-mate in Sharks coach Ken Judge.

Out on the track were Paul Abbott, a former Hawthorn premiership player; Steve Malaxos, a brief Hawks visitor for one season, Paul Harding, who also had a year at Glenferrie and one-time under-19s player Damien Condon.

Watching over the proceedings was East Fremantle football manager Rod Lester-Smith.



HAWKS CLAN . . . getting together at Sharks training were (from left) Steve Malaxos, Damien Condon, Paul Harding, Paul Abbott, Dermott Brereton, Rod Lester-Smith, Ken Judge and Gary Buckenara

## Quick change

THE ground crew at Subiaco Oval were working overtime in the lead-up to the Pepsi Cup first semi-final between Subiaco and West Perth last Saturday.

The ground, particularly the half-forward flank on the members side, had flooded courtesy of a deluge that opened up at 9.45am — nearly two hours before the scheduled 11.30am start.

The famous super sopper went to work to clear the flooded areas and after what seemed to be a futile exercise, finally proved effective as litres of water were pumped over the boundary line.

West Perth and Subiaco had to contend with the heavy and slippery conditions in the first half, but when the sun broke through, the oval improved markedly.

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## Bain a winner

FORMER East Perth rover David Bain has added another medal to his list of achievements.

The 1988 Sandover Medallist has won the Gardiner Medal for fairest and best in the AFL reserves — despite playing 12 senior games with Fitzroy.

The courageous little man polled 17 votes to win by three from Hawthorn's Glen Nugent and North Melbourne's Troy Polak, a former Perth player.

Bain adds the medal to a fairest and best with the Brisbane Bears and also one with East Perth.

## Shaw's tribute

COLLINGWOOD veteran Tony Shaw — heading for a media career on his imminent retirement — has named two West Coasters in his AFL team of the year.

The tough little 313-gamer, writing in the Sunday Herald Sun, placed Eagles duo Guy McKenna and Glen Jakovich in their customary spots across half-back.

In his profile of the all-stars team, Shaw said: "They go together because they play in tandem and are a major reason for West Coast's ladder position. Both read the play well, use their disposals exceptionally well and love playing alongside one another."

Shaw rated Jason Dunstall as the best full-forward and Stephen Silvagni as the best custodian. Greg Williams was in the pivot and, naturally, the centre-half-forward role went to Wayne Carey.

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## Thrillers are winners

THE AFL couldn't have wished for better finishes than the ones that occurred over the weekend.

North Melbourne got up by 23 points after scores were level at full-time; Geelong won by five points thanks to a Billy Brownless goal after the siren, Melbourne stormed from more than four goals down to beat Carlton by 27 points, while West Coast held on by two points to triumph over Collingwood.

All four results silenced critics of the final eight, but the attendances were a concern.

Just 38,223 watched the Kangaroos and Hawks, 61,182 were at the MCG on Saturday night, a disappointing 56,111 saw the Demons shock the Blues, while the WACA Ground wasn't a sell-out, attracting only 31,824 fans.

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## Farewell Frank Fuhrmann

FOOTBALL paid its last respects to one of the game's most popular identities last week when former player and administrator Frank Fuhrmann passed away.

Fuhrmann was in his late 80s and had a love affair with football that extended for 70 years, starting as a player with South Fremantle in 1924.

He captained the Bulldogs, won the club's fairest and best award and finished with 113 games, moving into umpiring after his retirement.

He went back to South Fremantle as a member of the board, serving as president from 1953 to 1959 and then advanced to the WANFL board room, where he was vice-president from 1967 to 1972.

Fuhrmann served as a state selector for 13 years and was made a life member of the Bulldogs in 1948.

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# PERCY'S POINT presented by... The Perth International HOTEL



WITH the WAFL season fast coming to an end, the major talking point will be which players join the Fremantle Dockers.

East Perth's gutsy rover Peter Miller and South Fremantle terrier Peter Bell have been signed and other obvious acquisitions will be Quenton Leach, Anthony Jones, Craig Callaghan, Shaun McManus, Daniel Bandy and Clinton Wolf.

But let's look at the unheralded potential champions. Jon Stagg, of East Fremantle, lives in the shadow of his look-alike McManus and is not always in favour with the Sharks selectors. But he has real flair.

Pace at AFL level is one of the top priorities and Stagg not only has it, but has the ability to handle the football cleanly at top speed.

He also shows enthusiasm for the tough contest and at AFL level, that is another priority.

The goal he made by his own brilliance against Claremont in last week's second semi-final was Peter Matera-like and goalkicking wingmen are rare.

Stagg should be looked at closely by the Dockers. South Fremantle winger Paul Caratti is unlike Stagg in the way he plays, but has other attributes that make him interesting.

He is strong, has a long kick, reads the game well and is prepared to work at both ends of the ground.

Caratti has also shown he can close down quality opposition, as he did against Brendan Krummel in the last derby.

## Dockers out to shanghai best

He is also coachable and Gerard Neesham likes that sort of player.

Caratti's team-mate Bruce McKnight is another player who, after a troublesome career at East Perth, is starting to realise his potential.

He runs hard, also reads the match well and is direct.

Two other Bulldogs who played league this season and were still eligible for colts level are James Clement and Brad Bootsma.

Clement seems to know where to find the ball in the forward line, while Bootsma is one of those hard-running, long-kicking defenders in the Jones mould.

East Fremantle's Craig Burrows is probably an obvious choice at centre-half-back, but he still needs to work on his concentration.

At the next level, it's not good enough just to be talented; you must show that extra something in the way of desire.

Perth's Darren Rigby has speed and is coachable, as David Glascott proved this season.

Rigby's last clash with Chris Waterman, who had been

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dominating WAFL football, proved that he can mix it with the best.

As Collingwood have found out, you can't succeed without a key forward.

For that reason, the promising Kingsley Hunter, the maturity of an unsung Paul Morgan and Brenton Cooper, who kicked 90.45 for the year in a bottom side, loom as logical recruits.

The Dockers should seriously consider Cooper, because if they don't, someone else will.

Claremont fans have been excited by the late-season return of Scott Chisholm.

Players with his pace, balance and awareness are rare, but seem to come from Chisholm's home town — Darwin.

One wonders how many more are up there that we don't know about?

Maybe Neesham does and maybe he will unveil a few more before long.

**MARLOWS** presents **PAGE THREE VIEWPOINT** with **GLEN QUARTERMAIN**



# Buckenara, Lamb are Lions candidates

FORMER Sydney Swans off-field leader Gary Buckenara and retiring West Coast Eagles rover Dwayne Lamb have emerged as leading contenders to coach Subiaco next season.

The coaching position became available when Tony Solin's two-year tenure was terminated by the Subiaco board on Monday night.

Buckenara, a veteran of 154 games and four premierships with Hawthorn and coach of Sydney for 18 months, has confirmed he is interested in the position.

Lamb, who played in West Coast's 1992 premiership side and was the first Eagle to pass the 150-game milestone, has announced his AFL retirement.

A veteran of 152 games with Subiaco, the 32-year-old Lamb could even continue next season as a playing-coach.

Buckenara, who played his last game for Hawthorn in 1990 due to recurring knee problems, was assistant coach at Fitzroy in '91 during troubled times and assumed the Swans mantle in '92 before he was replaced by Ron Barassi four rounds into last season.

### DISAPPOINTMENT

He has made no secret of his disappointment at losing the Sydney post and has since nurtured a burning desire to prove his critics wrong.

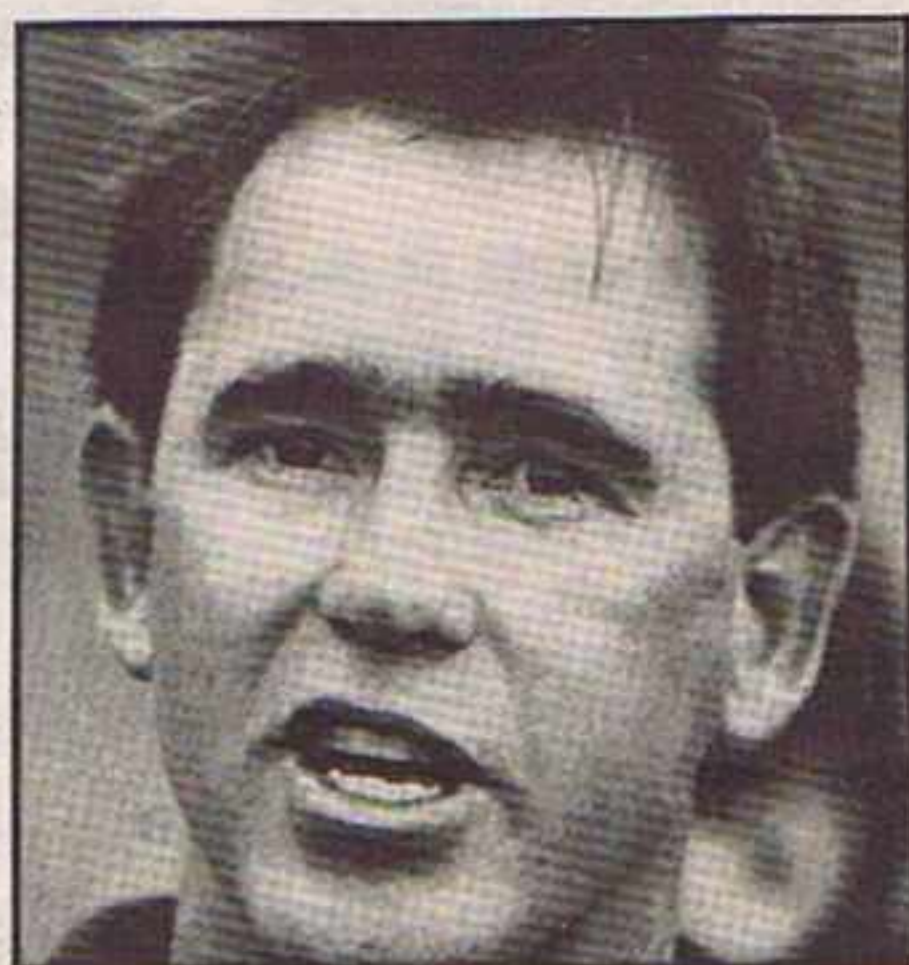
"There is no doubt I would like to coach again," Buckenara said.

"I'm a proud sort of person and believe in my abilities. I think I've still got a lot to offer, particularly at a club like Subiaco.

"I could build a solid base there and develop players so they could take the step to the next level."

Buckenara, who says he hasn't spoken to Lions officials, would be looking for a three-year term.

Working as the wholesale manager for Boral Tyres in Western Australia and the Northern Territory, Buckenara will assume a specialist role as kicking coach with the Western Reds, Perth's national rugby league team, next season.



NO LONGER ... Tony Solin will not coach Subiaco in 1995

The role will take up several hours, one day each week.

Buckenara has this year developed a media role as an AFL-WAFL commentator with 6WF and the GWN regional television network.

It would be a genuine homecoming for Buckenara, who grew up in Geelong, Victoria, moved to Perth as a teenager and cut his football teeth with Subiaco.

### MIXED RESULTS

Solin, a 157-game WAFL player with three clubs, departs the coaching arena after a mixed two years at Subiaco.

He steered Upper Great Southern league club Boddington to a hat-trick of premierships between 1989 and '91 and reached the '92 grand final as captain-coach.

# candidates

He was assistant coach to Stan Magro at East Perth in 1992, before assuming the Subiaco reins.

He steered Subiaco into the preliminary final last season and finished one-rung lower this year. His overall record stands at 26 wins and 21 losses.

Subiaco president Brian Warren said the club wanted to take a new direction.

"The Subiaco Football Club is in a unique situation with a large squad of West Coast Eagles players and it was felt that a different approach to this situation

is required for the 1995 season and beyond," Warren said.

"The Board felt that with the calibre of players available during the previous two seasons, that better on-field results could have been attained.

"Tony Solin has many fine qualities, both as a person and a coach and we feel he still has a great deal to offer football."

Speculation was rife entering the finals that only a premiership would save Solin's job.

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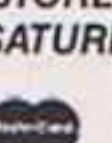
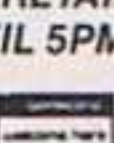
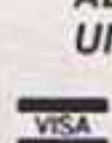
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- 48 Nick Caputi (South Frem)
- 48 Matthew McMurray (Perth)
- 47 Tony Godden (Subiaco)

**100 GAMES**

- 99 Peter Wilson (Eagles)
- 99 Bill Monaghan (Subiaco)
- 98 Craig Turley (Eagles)
- 98 Bill Krakouer (South Frem)\*
- 97 Peter Wilson (East Frem)
- 96 Karl Langdon (Eagles)
- 96 Peter Matera (Eagles)
- 95 Brett Heady (Eagles)

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Bill Krakouer 17 South Fremantle, 65 East Fremantle, 16 Claremont.

**150 GAMES**

- 148 Richard Dennis (West Perth)\*
- 148 Troy Ugle (Eagles)\*
- 148 Geoff Passeri (Swan Districts)
- 146 Guy McKenna (Eagles)
- 144 Laurie Keene (Subiaco)

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Richard Dennis 70 East Perth, 57 Carlton, 13 North Melbourne, 8 West Perth; Troy Ugle 105 Swan Districts, 43 Eagles.

**200 GAMES**

- 199 Paul Mifka (West Perth)\*
- 199 Wally Matera (Sth Frem)\*
- 198 Paul Mifka (West Perth)
- 197 Craig Nelson (West Perth)
- 196 Guy McKenna (Claremont)\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Wally Matera 143 South Fremantle, 24 Eagles, 32 Fitzroy; Paul Mifka 198 West Perth, 1 Eagles; Guy McKenna 146 Eagles, 50 Claremont.

**300 GAMES**

- 296 Steve Malaxos (East Frem)\*

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**Sometimes  
those  
selectors  
are right**

EVERY football supporter loves to have a shot at the selectors.

In many cases, they base their argument around what they see on television, but such coverage gives a narrow and often distorted view of the worth of a player to the team.

Rarely do rank and file supporters consider the player's opponent, the game plan or the conditions.

They simply base their assessment on what an individual has previously achieved, making the judgement with the heart more than the head.

Most people would have considered 1992 premiership player Paul Harding a certainty to be brought into the Eagles team for the finals, particularly when Ryan Turnbull succumbed to injury.

However, in a master-stroke, Mick Malthouse and his selectors opted for David Hynes as the replacement and the South Australian has been a match-winner in the past two games.

Malthouse, often criticised as too predictable, has utilised the mobility of Hynes to negate opposition tactics, where the ruckman drops back to defence.

Hynes, with more experience than Turnbull, positions himself in the corridor, forcing the opposing ruckman to move from defence and play on him.

Turnbull, who courageously declared himself unfit for the round 24 clash against Footscray, now faces a difficult task to regain his place in the team, but would probably get picked ahead of Harding, who appears a chance to play with his fourth AFL club, the Fremantle Dockers next season.

The Eagles match-committee also showed courage as Hynes was unable to beat Collingwood's Damian Monkhorst in previous encounters, especially in the wet at Subiaco Oval in 1992 when the Magpies won by one-point.

Other innovative moves by the selectors this season include the use of Jason Ball in both defence and attack, the selection of Tony Godden ahead of Matt Connell and the development of Brett Spinks as a centre-half-forward.

The unfortunate Drew Banfield, who surely should have been permitted to play for Subiaco last week for match-practice, also faces an uphill battle to regain his place.

But along with Craig Turley, who resumes with West Perth after serving a two-week suspension, Banfield will help to keep the pressure on the midfielders.

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**AUSTRALIAN Football is over-regulated.**

Given all the controversy regarding umpiring decisions in Sunday's qualifying final at the WACA Ground, Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews made the most sensible statement.

"Today, you get six weeks for things that 20 weeks ago were a free kick".

Surely the powers-that-be should listen to a man of Matthews experience and immediately cease to over-regulate the game.

The third-umpire and trial-by-video have taken away all the gladiatorial aspects of our sport.

Crowds love to see one-on-one duels like the marking contest between Peter Sumich and Craig Kelly.

Umpire Grant Vernon was simply too close to that battle and awarded a free kick to Kelly for what he thought was a holding offence against the much-maligned full-forward.

In the good-old-days, umpires like the late Jeff Crouch, Ray Scott and Lindsay Johnston, made players earn their free kicks.

**Sprigg  
Marks**



with **TREVOR SPRIGG**

Former East Fremantle and WA defender and West Coast Eagles chairman of selectors, now with radio 6PR and ABC television

The tiggly-touchwood stuff was ignored, as was accidental interference unless it was blatant and completely ruined a player's chance of winning the ball.

In the Sumich-Kelly case, the Pies defender was probably holding the Eagles forward an instant before the reverse occurred and Vernon blew his whistle.

As both players were in it together, why not let them slug it out, unless the interference ruins either player's chance of the mark?

If the AFL must use trial-by-video, they should concentrate on thuggery and cowardly acts behind the play, not minor indiscretions.

**Brawl just pulls Eagles together**

TEAM spirit is an important factor in sport at any level, none more so than the AFL's national competition.

Players on interstate trips live together for a good part of the weekend and for interstate clubs like West Coast, Brisbane, Adelaide, and Sydney, those trips make up half of their season.

Eagles players have developed a successful routine for interstate travel — many players even prefer playing in Melbourne to home.

Expectations of success are so high in Perth that they are often too hard to live up to.

**CONTRIBUTE**

Other elements contribute to feeling within a team and perhaps the AFL, in their handling — or mishandling — of the Eagles-Footscray half-time brawl did the Eagles a back-handed favour.

Club insiders say the entire, drawn-out affair pulled the club closer together.

Not only were Eagles players quick to come to each others help, as indeed they should, during the melee, but they spent a harrowing week together after the event.

While Peter Sumich, Jason Ball, Glen Jakovich, Tony Evans and Chris Lewis were ecstatic to have the charges against them dismissed, their team-mates who were witnesses, Peter Wilson and Don Pyke, showed the most emotion of all leaving the tribunal.

Both gave crucial evidence and while the five charged were probably too emotionally drained to give away too much, Pyke and Wilson wore broad grins.

Club officials also banded together during 30 hours of emergency meetings over two days.

**Kicking around...**



with **TANIA ARMSTRONG**

That certainly was not the way they imagined spending the week leading up to the club's most important game of the season.

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**FORMER** Swan Districts rover Greg Walker is on the verge of joining a select band of players to enjoy a premiership in two states.

Walker (27) and the son of triple Sandover Medallist Bill, has cemented a place with strong SANFL club Woodville-West Torrens (the Eagles), who are hot favourites to win their second successive premiership.

Recruited from Guildford Grammar in 1986, he was best-field and won the Simpson Medal in Swan Districts 1990 grand final win over Claremont.

Walker played 95 WAFL games before moving to SA earlier this year "to try something different."

"SA football is more physical and is played in closer quarters," he says. "In WA there's more space and it's a quicker, more flowing game."

"It took a while to get used to it."

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# Team glory for Diesel

CARLTON'S champion centre-man Greg Williams has won every major Victorian media award in a season of domination which has few equals.

But he would exchange all the prizes, holidays and cars for another chance at a grand final.



**MACHINE**... Carlton's Greg Williams is the key to their midfield engineroom

After Sunday's disastrous loss to Melbourne, when the Blues squandered a four-goal second-quarter lead, Carlton now have to win their next two games just to make another play-off.

Williams and many of his teammates were well down on form, Carlton being comprehensively out-coached and out-played by Melbourne.

The 1986 Brownlow Medallist, who had missed the final home-and-away game because of illness, did not appear to have recovered fully.

Ironically, his form against his old team Geelong at Waverley Park on Saturday will help decide if the Blues go through to preliminary final weekend after having entered the finals firm premiers favourites.

Williams is at short odds to win another Brownlow, but he is desperately seeking team, rather than individual, honours.

## SUPERLATIVE

His work in the Carlton midfield has been superlative and he could very well win the Brownlow, ahead of other prime contenders Glen Jakovich, Garry Hocking and Shaun Rehn.

At 30, Williams believes he is playing the most effective football of his life. A worrying knee injury has forced him to change his tactics and play more of an "at home" role in the centre.

His combination with Craig Bradley and former Sydney team-mate Barry Mitchell has been excellent.

Mitchell has been one of football's most important pick-ups after a lost season at Collingwood, where he was dubbed the "Million Dollar Man", but finished in the reserves.

Bradley was a late withdrawal from

## On the East Coast from KEN PIESSE



Sunday's team and Carlton missed his drive.

Leading up to Carlton's game against Melbourne on Sunday, Williams answered these short questions.

**Ken Piesse: Who gave you your nickname?**

Greg Williams: Mick Turner at Geelong. Coach Tommy Hafey showed a motivational tape of an American grid-iron match. One of the running backs for the Redskins, John Riggins, was known as "The Diesel". They'd give him the ball and he'd just charge through them. Mick reckons it was me all over. It stuck.

**KP: Best coach?**

GW: You pick things up from people like Hafey and (David) Parkin. There's no question that you need them. I just think I've been able to play. I've always trained hard and had the skills. I haven't been coached that much really. I've been lucky I've been able to play. I've always handballed and always been able to kick and read the game.

**KP: Salary?**

GW: I think I'd be close to the highest. But I don't really know what Wayne Carey or Jason Dunstall are on. Mine has been publicised (\$250,000-plus), but no-one really knows what I'm on. People make a big deal about what certain players get. There is a lot of pressure on you to perform, but I think I have.

**KP: Most satisfying match?**

GW: I enjoyed last year when we won the early finals to make it to the grand final. They were my best wins. Unfortunately, the grand final is my worst memory. That was very disappointing.

**KP: Biggest thrill?**

GW: Captaining Victoria in 1989. Unfortunately, it seems that State football has lost a degree of its importance with the expansion of the competition to 15 teams, including four interstate. I'd still like to play in them, but I just can't play three games in 10 days.

**KP: Best player seen?**

GW: Gary Ablett. When I started at Geelong I said he was. He kept on proving it. He was the most dynamic, the most everything.

**KP: Most regrettable moment?**

GW: Last year's grand final and being fined \$25,000 (before he joined Carlton). It should never have happened.

**KP: Wild streak?**

GW: I suppose I had an eye for an eye mentality at one stage. But I've mellowed. It became obvious to me it was hard to get away with anything. Hopefully, my tribunal days are over. I haven't been there for a couple of years.

**KP: The national concept?**

GW: The more people who can see our game the better. The biggest problem is the Melbourne clubs being able to keep up with Perth and Adelaide. Somehow they have to inject more money into the clubs to keep them or they'll have to merge. I don't know how it's going to work, but someone is going to have to merge.

**KP: Carlton in 1994?**

GW: I reckon we can match it with anyone. Now we're in the finals, we're looking forward to having another crack at it.

## Carey denies Kangas on rack again

FOUR weeks ago, critics claimed that North Melbourne were again heading for a premature exit from the premiership race.

After their disappointing fade-out last year and run of losses in late July and early August, many wondered if Norths rip-roaring early season form had flattered.

But at the weekend, the Roos come-from-behind win over finals specialists Hawthorn showed that the team have improved to be just one win from a berth in the grand final.

Captain Wayne Carey's salute after kicking the last of his four match-winning goals on Saturday remains an indelible image from a spectacular first weekend of play-offs.

"A lot of people were saying four weeks ago that we were heading down the same road as last year," Carey said.

"I think we've proved them wrong."

### PERSONAL SPUR

Carey said he had used his own disappointing effort against star Eagles defender Glen Jakovich in last year's elimination final as a personal spur during summer training.

"All last summer I thought about it," he said. "All I wanted to do was play in the finals again this year and do much better."

Carey's 22 kicks, 10 handballs and 10 marks in a game which went for virtually five quarters was an enormous captain's effort, especially given that he was less than 100 percent fit, courtesy of an old calf injury which caused him to limp after five minutes.

After levelling the scores at 91 points each late in time-on with his third important goal, Carey continued to star in the extra 10-minute period as Norths sprinted clear, having eight scoring shots to none.

After Carlton's shock loss to Melbourne on Sunday, Norths bypass the semi-finals to join the Eagles in the preliminary finals.

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Name	1994 Games	Total Games	1994 Kicks	1994 Mkrs	1994 H/B	1994 For	1994 Kicks Agst	1994 Score	1994 H/Outs	1994 Tackles	1994 Shep
BALL, Jason	14	16	113	57	69	23	12	6.6	54	11	6
BANFIELD, Drew	29	29	180	37	108	21	22	6.4	2	43	17
BOND, Shane	19	19	124	44	104	15	24	13.11	0	31	4
BRENNAN, Michael	21	161	129	59	57	19	16	2.1	7	19	8
CLAPE, Matt	6	29	24	7	11	1	1	2.1	0	3	2
EVANS, Tony	12	49	74	27	64	11	9	8.5	0	21	6
GODDEN, Tony	6	11	24	4	12	2	4	3.1	0	4	0
HAMPSON, Damian	2	6	5	0	4	0	0	0.0	0	3	1
HARDING, Paul	6	116	29	13	17	9	11	0.0	66	2	1
HART, David	23	135	276	65	109	24	13	9.8	0	23	12
HEADY, Brett	19	95	146	59	62	22	12	36.23	0	13	8
HYNES, David	11	58	77	30	46	7	9	11.9	75	9	10
JAKOVICH, Glen	23	85	337	122	127	30	21	2.3	38	16	16
KEMP, Dean	20	108	269	71	150	24	21	16.13	2	39	11
KRUMMEL, Brendan	1	9	5	2	6	0	2	0.0	0	1	0
LAMB, Dwayne	5	151	28	17	40	4	2	0.3	0	11	3
LANGDON, Karl	3	96	19	7	4	2	7	1.2	1	3	0

## WA PLAYERS IN AFL CLUBS

1994 SUMMARY

Club	Games	Total	Kicks	Marks	H/Balls	Score	H/Outs
<b>CARLTON</b>							
Spalding, Earl	17	169	7	5	6	1.1	—
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>							
Christian, Michael	10	123	4	3	3	—	4
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>							
Southern, Danny	23	23	5	4	4	—	—
<b>GEE LONG</b>							
Bairstow, Mark	17	144	18	1	7	1.0	—
Handley, Steven	12	47	3	2	1	—	—
O'Reilly, Stephen	21	33	7	5	2	—	—
<b>HAWTHORN</b>							
Allan, Ben	23	98	18	2	2	0.1	—
<b>MELBOURNE</b>							
Irving, Dean	4	47	2	3	6	—	10
Norrish, Jason	13	18	6	2	2	—	1
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>							
Ishchenko, Alex	23	133	7	3	4	—	9
Laidley, Dean	23	92	10	7	6	—	—
Mann, Peter	16	38	8	1	3	—	—

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### How the Eagles rated

**DEFENDER** Glen Jakovich forged further ahead of his nearest rival Guy McKenna in the \$500 O'Connors Tavern Eagles ratings award. Jakovich polled seven votes against Collingwood to move to 152, five ahead of classy half-back flanker McKenna. Don Pyke is next in line with 145, two ahead of the ever-reliable David Hart. The top vote-getter for the qualifying final against Collingwood was stand-in ruckman David Hynes who polled nine votes.

Name	Es	Ad	Ri	Fi	Hu	NM	Ca	Fe	SS	Mel	BB	Col	Gee	SNK	Ess	Ade	Ri	Fi	Hu	NM	Ca	Fe	Tot	
BALL, Jason																								79
BANFIELD, Drew	4	4	5	3	3	8	6	6	5	7	6	5	4	5	4	6	5	4	6	4	6	4	3	112
BOND, Shane	4	3	7	7	3	6	3	6	7	6	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	91
BRENNAN, Michael	5	4	5	5	6	8	8	4	6	7	5	6	7	5	6	6	6	4	6	3	6	6	6	115
CLAPE, Matt																								21
EVANS, Tony																								60
GODDEN, Tony																								26
HAMPSON, Damian																								7
HARDING, Paul	5	5	4	5	5																			29
HART, David	8	7	6	7	4	7	4	5	7	7	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	8	4	7	7	143	
HEADY, Brett	4	6	7	6	3	7	8	5	4														94	
HYNES, David																								59
JAKOVICH, Glen	6	7	9	8	7	4	6	6	7	7	5	9	6	8	5	5	7	6	8	5	7	7	152	
KEMP, Dean	7	6	7	7	6	8	6																124	
KRUMMEL, Brendan																								4
LAMB, Dwayne																								27
LANGDON, Karl																								12



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WILL BUTUN	165	Carlton	Melbourne	East Frem
RICHARD CAMM	162	Carlton	Footscray	West Perth
ALAN EAST	171	Carlton	Melbourne	East Frem
BRAD ELBOROUGH	178	Carlton	Melbourne	East Frem
THE HOOD	165	Carlton	Melbourne	West Perth
PERCY JOHNSON	179	Carlton	Melbourne	East Frem
KEN PIESSE	176	Carlton	Melbourne	East Frem
GLEN QUARTERMAIN	181	Carlton	Footscray	East Frem
TREVOR SPRIGG	173	Carlton	Footscray	East Frem
GARY STOCKS	175	Geelong	Footscray	West Perth
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**Semi-finals offer sudden death**

# Angry Blues face Cats

A SPILLED mark 5000kms away may have cost Geelong this year's AFL premiership.

The Cats were on the verge of claiming a week's rest and a preliminary final berth as the second-highest winner in a tantalising first week of play-off matches.

But Collingwood ruck-rover Mick McGuane dropped a difficult chest mark directly in front of goal with the Magpies trailing by two points and just seconds remaining in the qualifying final at Perth's WACA Ground.

The Eagles win — and injury — could prove equally as important in shaping the Cats destiny as last Saturday night's Billy Brownless-inspired victory.

The Cats must now focus their attention on an angry Carlton in Saturday's second semi-final at Waverley Park.

A win would elevate them into a preliminary final joust with North Melbourne — and just one victory from a grand final berth.

A loss would mean sudden death departure.

The Blues fate this week rests largely on an AFL tribunal hearing for a charge against ruckman Justin Madden.

Madden has ranked alongside Collingwood's Damian Monkhorst and Adelaide's Shaun Rehn as one of the three premier ruckmen of the competition this season.

## PLAYMAKERS

His ability to bring playmakers Greg Williams, Craig Bradley, Fraser Brown, Mil Hanna and Barry Mitchell into the game has been influential on the Blues return to prominence this season.

Just as prominent in the final analysis will be Geelong's in-form ruck-rover Mark Bairstow, ruckman John Barnes and bit-part utility Adrian Hickmott.

The Blues are reeling after a 27-point elimination final loss to Melbourne at the MCG, a game in which their lack of pace in the midfield and a tendency to become lost on the big grounds were cruelly exposed.

Williams was held to 16 possessions by Brett Lovett and Andrew Obst, while at no stage did Mitchell have an influence.

Carlton's speed stocks will be boosted by the return of Craig Bradley from a thigh injury.

Deprived of Bradley's one-touch ball-handling, blistering pace, swift delivery and goalkicking ability, the Blues appear as vulnerable as a large pumpkin at Halloween.

By GLEN QUARTERMAIN

Tall winger Anthony Koutoufides is an integral part of Carlton's pre-match strategy as he is often used on a smaller opponent.

The Blues should opt for Brown to match Ricciardi's pace, with Koutoufides on either Grant Tanner or Andrew Wills on the other wing.

There is good news and bad news for the Cats.

Prime movers Garry Hocking (bruised buttocks), Paul Couch (blurred vision), Ken Hinkley (ankle) and Steven Handley (ankle) should be available, while defender Tim McGrath is considered an outside chance to recover from a damaged shoulder.

Sadly, Michael Mansfield, one of their key players this season, has been ruled out for the remainder of the season with broken ribs and a punctured lung, the latter sustained when he jumped up off the interchange bench celebrating Brownless' kick after the final siren, which edged the Cats to a five-point win over Footscray.

## SPARKLING FORM

Geelong full-forward Gary Ablett returned to sparkling form against Footscray, kicking five goals straight in the opening term, before Steven Kretiuk tightened up and restricted the spearhead to only 1.6 for the remaining three quarters.

Ablett, Brownless and Co. will front up against a backline second only to West Coast.

The combination of Stephen Silvagni, Peter Dean, Ang Christou, Hanna, Andrew McKay and Tony Lynn has given Carlton a rare blend of experience, guile, speed and defensive nous.

At the other end, Geelong full-back Stephen O'Reilly will be brimming with confidence after a nullifying effort on Footscray match-winner Chris Grant.

He will need every semblance of confidence against Carlton's Stephen Kernahan.

Kernahan is a champion and will long be remembered for many things, not the least being his seven goal haul in last year's losing grand final.

Handley's presence will be critical to Geelong as another tall defender to mind Carlton's loping forward Earl Spalding, freeing up David Mensch for James Cook.

# firepower



KEY MEN ... Carlton face a huge task in stopping Geelong's matchwinners Gary Ablett and the reborn Bill Brownless



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Kicks	Marks	Handballs
Ben Allan (Hawthorn)..... 390	David Schwarz (Melbourne)..... 319	Greg Williams (Carlton)..... 343
Nathan Buckley (Collingwood)..... 376	Chris Grant (Footscray)..... 315	Chris McDermott (Adelaide)..... 314
Don Pyke (Eagles)..... 354	Wayne Carey (Nth Melbourne)..... 293	Paul Broderick (Richmond)..... 293
Mark Hunter (Footscray)..... 354	Shaun Rehn (Adelaide)..... 279	Craig Lambert (Brisbane)..... 279
Tony McGuinness (Adelaide)..... 352	Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)..... 269	Todd Viney (Melbourne)..... 269
Glen Jakovich (Eagles)..... 337	Brendan Gale (Richmond)..... 255	Barry Mitchell (Carlton)..... 255
Nathan Burke (St Kilda)..... 335	Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)..... 245	Garry Hocking (Geelong)..... 245
Wayne Schwass (North Melbourne)..... 334	James Hird (Essendon)..... 236	Shaun Rehn (Adelaide)..... 236
John Platten (Hawthorn)..... 333	Jason Taylor (Hawthorn)..... 228	Brett Lovett (Melbourne)..... 228
Chris Meinwaring (Eagles)..... 329	Paul Roos (Fitzroy)..... 219	Gavin Brown (Collingwood)..... 219

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# D-Day for Footscray

# ambitions

THERE is one certainty about Sunday's Melbourne-Footscray first semi-final at the MCG.

By GLEN QUARTERMAIN

It will not be pretty football.

The Demons philosophy is to hold onto possession for as long as possible and wait for the best option to peel off upfield before delivering.

The Bulldogs, on the other hand, are renowned for their honesty and ability to subdue opponents with unwavering accountability.

It will be a fierce, close-in, battle of attrition through the Bulldogs determination to shutdown Melbourne's potent attack.

Melbourne's multi-pronged forward line has an undeniable edge.

The Bulldogs lack of defensive height was cruelly exposed in their final round 71-point loss to the West Coast Eagles at Subiaco Oval.

If the match settles down into a goal-kicking shoot-out, Melbourne will win, despite the fact the Demons prime targets Martin Pike, David Schwarz and Garry Lyon can expect close attention from Steven Kretiuk, Barry Standfield and Keenan Reynolds.

Explosive Melbourne opportunist

goal-sneak Sean Charles, who kicked five majors against the Blues, may be sick of the sight of Steve Wallis' face by the end of the game.

Charles, Pike and Schwarz kicked 13 of Melbourne's 18 goals against the Blues.

The Demons have the form, following last Sunday's 27-point victory over Carlton at the MCG.

Melbourne coach Neil Balme afterwards pointed to the players tackling, harrassing and overall commitment to the team plan.

"The players weren't prepared to let it go," he said.

Footscray has a classical full-forward line of Chris Grant, Richard Osborne and Luke Beveridge — two tall and a crumber.

Grant and Osborne will be matched with Sean Wight and David Neitz following their successful swamping jobs on Stephen Kernahan and Earl Spalding.

Grant was held to two goals by Geelong's Stephen O'Reilly and will be

## Crucial battle will test resolve

primed for a greater influence against the Demons.

The danger player for Melbourne will be Footscray half-forward Leon Cameron.

His opponent will be raffled between Matthew and Steven Febey and Jason Norrish.

Melbourne's centre-half-back Paul Prymke should be opposed to Footscray's Matthew Croft.

Footscray fell only 26 seconds short of toppling Geelong, due to Billy Brownless' goal after the final siren that gave the Cats a thrilling five-point final buffer.

### DISCIPLINE

The Bulldogs were forced to haul in a five goal quarter-time deficit, an achievement that speaks volumes for their disci-

pline and willingness to follow new coach Alan Joyce's line.

"We've taken a fair step here in the last two-and-a-half hours. We weren't far off it tonight," Joyce said shortly after the Bulldogs had blurted a rendition of their theme-song "Sons of the 'Scray" — a rarity after a loss.

The mobile divisions should be evenly matched with Footscray ruckmen Ilija Grgic and Standfield opposed to Dean Irving and Jim Stynes.

Melbourne's Andrew Obst, Todd Viney and Kevin Dyson will be similarly well-matched with Mark Hunter, Tony Liberatore and Simon Atkins.

The winner will tackle West Coast in the preliminary final, at the WACA Ground, while the loser will be looking to next season.

## Allan decision is imminent

HAWTHORN could become a victim of the market forces as they bid to retain the services of premiership centreman Ben Allan.

The Hawks have predicted that Allan's future would be settled "one-way-or-another" in the next fortnight.

Allan became involved in a tug-of-war between Hawthorn and the Fremantle Dockers the moment Melbourne's win over Carlton knocked the Hawks out of the finals race last Sunday.

The 1991 club champion and premiership centreman is contracted until December 31, but could agree in advance to play for the Dockers next season.

Allan's manager Ricky Nixon met with Fremantle coach Gerard Neesham and recruiting officer Cameron Schwab this week.

"We know they are on to him, that much is pretty obvious," Hawthorn football manager John Hook said yesterday.

"We will be trying as hard as we possibly can to keep Ben, but we'll know the outcome within a week, two at the most.

"We'd love to keep Ben at the club, because he has not only been an outstanding player, but an outstanding bloke."

The Hawks may become the first victims of recruiting concessions granted to the fledgling Dockers, who can sign 12 uncontracted AFL players in the first two years.

### CAPTAINCY BAIT

The offer to Allan could include the captaincy and a salary of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a season.

A big proportion of the Dockers squad will be snared from WAFL ranks, but they will be on minimal salaries, enabling big dollars to be offered to recruits.

The Dockers have already had an impact on two Melbourne clubs with Essendon's Mark Mercuri and Collingwood's Paul Williams re-signing on better deals after being targeted by Fremantle.

Nixon predicted that the domino theory would apply to the Dockers.

"Once one leading player leaves the nest and goes west, others will follow," Nixon said.



**Kodak pic of the week**  
WHAM . . . and Eagles defender Michael Brennan repels yet another Collingwood attack as he flies high over Trent Horton to thump the ball out of the danger zone. Brennan was in a typical mean mood in the last line of defence and is enjoying another good finals series — Photograph by GREG WOOD





# Magpie icon stands tall

# in final exit

WHILE West Coast players and the majority of the 31,824 spectators at the WACA Ground on Sunday were dancing with joy after the Eagles had scored a thrilling win over Collingwood, Magpies players hung their heads.

Not only had they seen a chance to advance into the next round of the finals disappear by just two points, but for the third time this season, they had let down club legend Tony Shaw.

Playing his 313th — and final — game, Shaw was forced to watch from the

bench for three quarters after tearing a calf muscle.

At the end of the match, Shaw made his way out on to the ground to applaud his team-mates, but understandably, couldn't hold back the tears.

As he made his way from the WACA Ground, Shaw wept unashamedly.

A year that promised so many individual highlights for Shaw, had ended in bitter disappointment.

Against North Melbourne in round nine this year, Shaw ran out on to the MCG for his 300th senior match.

What appeared a certain victory midway through the second quarter, evaporated as the Kangaroos stormed back in the second half to snatch an unlikely win.

## MILESTONE

Collingwood players had a chance to make his second milestone — breaking Gordon Coventry's long-standing record of 306 league matches — more memorable than the first.

Unfortunately, beating Footscray at the Western Oval was part of the assignment and the improved Bulldogs spoil Shaw's day.

And then there was Sunday.

Coach Leigh Matthews said Shaw, regarded as one of the most antagonising players in the land, had been an ornament to the game.

"He's been a great man for Collingwood and a great man for footy," Matthews said.

"But the time comes. I don't think he's going on."

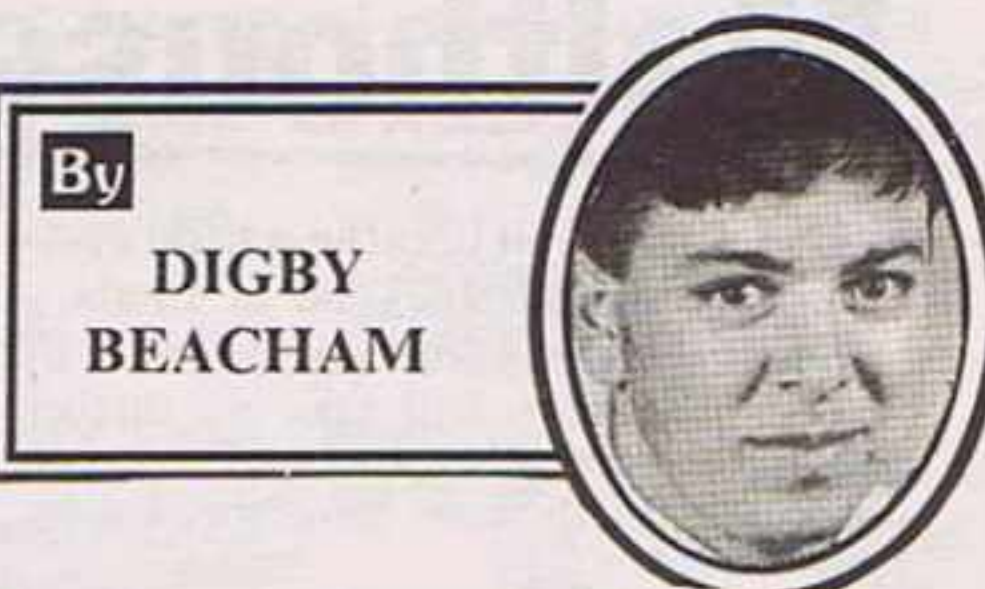
Shaw is held in the highest regard at Victoria Park and even the most hardened Eagles supporters would have felt a touch of sadness when the gutsy little left-footer shed some tears.

With the Magpies trailing by 24 points at three-quarter time, they were given little hope of pulling off a victory, despite kicking with a four-goal breeze.

## PREMIERSHIP HERO

But there is little doubt the players would have dedicated the final 30 minutes to the hero of the 1990 drought-breaking premiership.

Whether Matthews mentioned Shaw's name in his three-quarter time address is unknown, but expecting anything less than 100 percent commitment and inten-



By DIGBY BEACHAM

sity from the Magpies would have been foolish.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse admitted as much.

"It was a great win for us," Malthouse said.

"But we knew Collingwood were always going to tough it out — you don't expect any different from Collingwood."

Gavin Brown, who assumed the captaincy from Shaw this season, was outstanding at full-forward, while South Australians Nathan Buckley and Tony Francis were busy.

The defence tightened up and, if Mick McGuane had marked a floating ball in the closing seconds, the end result might well have been different and Shaw could have earned the chance to end his career where he would have wished — at the MCG.

Never one to hold back a verbal spray, the barrel-chested veteran was recruited from Reservoir Lakeside in the Diamond Valley.

He debuted in 1978 and played only five matches.

However, his obvious leadership skills and ability to overcome pain ensured him a highly decorated career in Collingwood colours.

Shaw won the Copeland Trophy (Collingwood's best and fairest) in 1984 and 1990 and was the Norm Smith Medallist in the 1990 grand final win over Essendon.

"It would be fair to say I have been written off from time-to-time for being too slow or not being able to kick that far," Shaw said.

"But you all have your strengths and weaknesses."



SEASON OVER ... emotional as always, the former skipper leads Collingwood off in his last match

(Excerpt from a poetic tribute to Tony Shaw from Melbourne's ABC radio show, Grandstand on 3LO)

WITH good old fashioned g and d you've stood every test

And now deserve your ranking with football's very best

Who needs the pace of Graeme Wright Or Gavin Brown's sleek fitness

Surely you're the general and 300 games bear witness

Well it's true your kicking isn't long

But distance ain't the key

You can pin-point teammates with precision accuracy

And when you gain possession and don't have time to kick

Your vision is uncanny and your hands are super slick

You have a brain for football and your energy is unflagging

But pity that you cannot stop your tongue from always wagging

But then that's why your loyal troops, those hordes in black and white

Know when they see you play each week, your bark's worse than your bite

And we, the football public, who love and curse you most

No matter our allegiance, a thrill that you can boast

Is another grand achievement; yes we all knew you could

Play 300 senior football games for the good old Collingwood.



FUN TIMES ... Tony Shaw enjoys a laugh during the West Coast match

# Eagles win never a breeze

WEST Coast's fate was riding with the famed sea breeze, the Fremantle Doctor, at three-quarter time of last Sunday's qualifying final against Collingwood at the WACA Ground.

The Eagles led by 24 points, but the spirited Magpies had the advantage of a strong breeze blowing to the causeway end.

Six goals later — three nailed by inspirational captain Gavin Brown — the Magpies fell agonisingly short of an against-the-odds victory.

The collective sigh of relief could be heard from Albany to Broome — the West Coast Eagles were only one step away from a third grand final berth.

But it took all the Eagles guile and desperation to fend off a fiercely committed Collingwood in last Sunday's fourth qualifying final at the WACA ground.

"There was a three or four goal wind out there," Eagles coach Mick Malthouse said.

"I was not one bit disappointed in the players or their general application.

"It was a great win for us.

"We knew Collingwood were always going to tough it out. You don't expect any different from Collingwood."

The Eagles have advanced to next weekend's preliminary final against the winner of the semi-final between Melbourne and Footscray.

They have earned a week's rest, alongside North Melbourne and the relief was etched all over the face of Malthouse.

Winger Peter Matera, who bedazzled the Magpies with two crafty third term goals and full-back Ashley McIntosh

# breeze

By GLEN QUARTERMAIN

were both injured and forced off the field before the final siren.

It is doubtful either would have played if the Eagles lost to the Magpies and were forced to play this weekend.

The two examples of Matera magic in the third term earned the praise of Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews who believed they were the difference between the two teams.

"I would go so far as to say that is what beat us," Matthews said.

"A couple of goals that came from a sensational one-off bloke.

"He grabs the ball in the midfield and says don't worry about anyone else, I'm going to finish.

"We got beaten by maybe those two fantastic individual efforts by him at that point."

Eagles ruckman David Hynes made a bold statement with his best-afiel effort against Collingwood ruckman Damian Monkhorst.

Hynes was West Coast's unlucky 21st man when they won their historic 1992 premiership.

But things have changed since then, with the advent of a three-player interchange bench.

Hynes would be delighted to be the Eagles 21st man this time around.



SITTING OUT ... a calf injury meant Shaw couldn't lead by example

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## Malthouse delighted with win

WEST Coast can breathe a little easier after the first weekend of finals.

Hawthorn and Collingwood, two of their bogey sides, will take no further part in the September action after losses to North Melbourne and the Eagles respectively.

The pair had contributed three of West Coast's six losses for 1994, but will have to wait until 1995 for further success.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse was delighted to have eliminated the Magpies, albeit by only two points.

"I thought it was a great win for us," Malthouse said.

"I was not one bit disappointed in the players' general application.

He said the week's break that came with Sunday's win was a huge advantage, especially with Ashley McIntosh (hamstring) and Peter Matera (hip) unable to finish the game.

"We've got a couple of blokes who are pretty sore, let me tell you," Malthouse said.

"I guess it's a chance to freshen up and under those circumstances, that's why you play for top spot.

"The consequences are very far reaching of course with a two-point win, because it gives us a break and knocks Collingwood out."

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## Mighty Matera

PETER Matera became recognised as a big-game player when he starred in the 1992 grand final against Geelong.

The dashing winger kicked five goals on the way to collecting the Norm Smith Medal, awarded to the best man afield.

Against Collingwood on Sunday, Matera gave another indication of why he is feared by opposition coaches.

After a quiet first quarter when Magpies speedster Mark Fraser more than matched him, Matera was shifted to half-forward and burst into action.

He gathered seven kicks for the term, but it was in the third quarter that he turned into his electrifying best.

A 65-metre goal hurt the Magpies, while his individual piece of brilliance minutes later, which saw him have a bounce, evade three Collingwood players and convert from the 50-metre line, was demoralising.

Even Magpies coach Leigh Matthews admitted that: "He was probably the difference between the two sides."

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## Tough run

THE Eagles will compensate for their second bye in a month with an intense Sunday training session at Subiaco Oval.

West Coast coach Mick Malthouse will use his full squad of players, which has been boosted by the exit of Subiaco from the WAFL finals.

"It won't be light. I've got good numbers, much to Subiaco's disappointment," Malthouse said.

"We are in a better position than what we have been in the past because most of our squad, about 34, are either still playing or have only missed one week of competition."

Players like Matt Connell, Damian Hampson, Dwayne Lamb, Jason Heatley and Jarrad Schofield are all still rough contenders to win an Eagles berth given such unwanted dramas as injury or, hold-your-breath, suspensions.



ON CAMERA... David Hynes has certainly put his name in the spotlight in the last two weeks with great ruck displays

## Hynes grabs his chance

FOR the second successive week, David Hynes stunned critics with a Herculean performance.

A fortnight ago, the South Australian eclipsed Footscray's Ilija Grgic at the centre bouncdowns and around the ground — a feat he repeated against Collingwood's Damian Monkhorst.

And on both occasions, Hynes opponents held a significant 14cm height advantage.

With Monkhorst not 100 percent fit because of an ear infection, Hynes took advantage of the situation and worked tirelessly to gather 16 kicks, eight marks, seven handpasses and 21 hit-outs.

His great form leaves coach Mick Malthouse with a pleasant problem.

Ryan Turnbull, who has played all but the last two games in the ruck, will be available for selection again in the preliminary final.

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## Heady in touch

BRETT Heady gave another indication of why he is in the Eagles best 21 with a fine effort against the Magpies.

The talented half-forward, who lacks nothing in courage, started on the bench, but was introduced into the action in the second quarter when Brett Spinks was taken from the field.

Heady took a while to get into the game, but kicked three goals, including one from a magnificent mark in the third term.

A confidence player, Heady has struggled with match fitness and form, but his statistics of 10 kicks, six marks and one handpass were timely for both himself and the Eagles.

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## Dashing Deano

ONE man that the Eagles forwards love seeing run through the centre of the ground with the ball is Dean Kemp.

A common sight is Kemp receiving the ball from the half-back line, looking up-field and pin-pointing one of the Eagles leading forwards.

Kemp was able to get away and do this on several occasions against Collingwood and the first term saw him hand both Peter Sumich and Shane Bond goals.

On the one occasion he played on from a team-mate's free kick at half-back, kicked the ball with perfect weight to the back of a pack 30-metres from the Eagles goals and found Bond, who ran on into an open goal.

## Mixed feelings for Lewis

ELATION turned to disappointment for Chris Lewis within seconds at three-quarter time.

The classy forward kicked a stunning goal from the boundary line which was given the all-clear.

However, field umpire Peter Carey hadn't heard the three-quarter time siren and when co-umpire Chris Mitchell over-ruled him and disallowed the goal, the Lewis jubilation quickly disappeared.

The Eagles 1990 club champion had the last laugh when he kicked a crucial major in the final term to finish with 2.1 and play an important part in his side's narrow victory.



PRESENTS...

## Eagles Men of the Match



David Hynes

DAVID Hynes arrived as a bona fide member of the West Coast side last Sunday.

Not that Hynes' value was ever in question.

It was just that his versatility had earmarked him as a bit-part footballer, the player picked when a hole required filling.

Over the past two weeks, he has rucked with distinction, first beating Footscray's Ilija Grgic and last Sunday overwhelming a physically-tired Damian Monkhorst.

Hynes finished with 23 possessions, eight marks and 21 hit-outs.

It was no wonder his first words to Channel Seven reporter John Rogers after the match were: "I'm stuffed."



Glen Jakovich

IT WAS not Glen Jakovich's best game for the season.

In fact, it was nowhere near it.

But the fact that Jakovich was still among the Eagles best players underlines his enormous value to the team plan.

Jakovich took on young Magpie Jason McCartney and while Collingwood's tactics largely took the talented Eagle out of the action, he still managed to have a major influence.

He was prominent in the second-half when he amassed 13 possessions.

He spent a short period at centre-half-forward in the third term, but was forced back into defence when Ashley McIntosh left the field injured.



Peter Matera

COLLINGWOOD coach Leigh Matthews best summed up Peter Matera's influence on the qualifying final when asked about the gifted winger's two inspirational goals.

"I would go so far as to say that's what beat us," Matthews said.

Matera was quelled in the opening term by young Collingwood winger Mark Fraser.

But he burst back into the game to have a major influence in the second and third terms and early in the final quarter before being injured.

Matera finished with 17 kicks and two goals and his electrifying dashes through the forward line will linger long in the memory.

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# Final eight still under fire

THE AFL'S controversial final eight system was not vindicated by last weekend's close round of matches, according to Eagles coach Mick Malthouse.

The first-ranked Eagles beat eighth-placed Collingwood by two points, Geelong overcame Footscray with a kick after the siren, while North Melbourne had to go to extra-time to fend-off a desperate Hawthorn.

Only Melbourne broke the cycle with a 27-point win over Carlton.

Proponents of the final eight system argued that the format had been given a vote of confidence by the tight results.

Malthouse put forward another argument.

By GLEN QUARTERMAIN

He pointed to the fact that fifth and sixth could lose in the first week, remain alive and still win the premiership.

On the other hand, the side that finishes first could win in the opening week-end, gain a week's break, lose in the sudden-death preliminary final and be eliminated.

"All sides can lose a game in the eight and the two top sides and now in particular one top side (the Eagles) can lose a game and not play-off in the grand final," he said.

"The final eight is wrong, make no mistake about that."

The narrow West Coast-Collingwood margin was, however, an endorsement of the AFL's long-term plan of evening up the competition.

"The year after next it will be even worse with the top side trying to win 15 or 16 games," Malthouse said.

He said it was a tribute to the Eagles players that they won 16 games and finished a game clear on top of the AFL ladder this season.

"At this end of the season, without looking at the finals, if you can win 16 games in a 22 week season the club is going pretty well, because so many as-

pects have evened up the competition," he said.

The West Coast coach repeated earlier claims the final eight rewarded mediocrity.

"I don't believe in rewarding mediocrity with specials at the end," he said.

"But I do believe in the draft, I do believe in the draw in that the top sides should play each other (twice) and I do believe the bottom side should have bottom pick."

Brisbane and Richmond, in particular, had benefitted from the reverse-draft system whereby lower ladder clubs had the early selections in the end-of-season player market.

"They (Richmond) are now in a position to launch themselves into the final eight next year," he said.

Meanwhile, Malthouse said the physically taxing win over Collingwood would hold the Eagles in good stead for the thrilling finale to the season.

"It toughens you up and that's what finals football is all about," he said. "It really is a different ball game."

"Those who have played it and coached it just know there are so many differences compared to home-and-away matches."

"If you just get over the line and win like that, it does wonders for your confidence, it does a lot for your touch."

"The fact we got beaten by Collingwood 12 weeks ago, to get over the line like that was a real bonus for us, because we didn't play well."



Presents . . .



## Thinking aloud



A column of news and views by ALAN EAST

AUSSIE Football is a headline-grabbing occupation in this fair country of ours . . . but the last week was a little over the top.

To see Perth's morning newspaper devote the entire front page for two consecutive days — not the traditional back page sport spot, by the way — makes you think something, somewhere has gone off the rails.

What our 161-year-old West was telling us was that the decision of football's ultimate hierarchy, the Australian Football League's Commission, had created a situation that, according to the editorial experts, rated more importantly than any other activity in the world over 48 hours.

Now while that was probably very much a parochial viewpoint, it might well have been the most important thing that ever happened to one-eyed West Coast supporters who simply live and breathe for the blue-and-gold Eagle.

To have five of their star players due to appear before the tribunal on assault charges arising out of what we now know as the 'Subiaco Brawl' was devastating; more than that — it was absolute madness; a clear-cut move by the hated Victorians to run the Eagles out of the finals.

### LEGAL INTERFERENCE

What was more confusing was the follow-up news . . . 24 hours later the front page was full again with revelations of secret deals, court hearings and an incredible legal interference that saw the tribunal forced to hold over the Footscray charges until after the weekend's action.

But the serious underlying fact to emerge was that the two most powerful men in football, who were given the responsibility of deciding whether footballers had infringed the laws in any way, shape or form, had been over-ruled by a higher body.

# AFL misplaces its power

Max Croxford, the former hard-line policeman, is the AFL's investigations officer and the man the Commission relies on totally to make the decisions after viewing hours and hours of video tapes.

A rung above him on the power-ladder is Ian Collins, a tough, no-nonsense former player and experienced official who then makes the decision whether Croxford's recommendations will go a step further to the tribunal.

They both said there were no specific cases to answer out of the brawl.

Sure, national television viewers saw the 30 or so footballers indulge in a rather ugly half-time meeting and if you didn't see that live action, it was replayed enough in the next few days that only rabbit hunters on the Nullarbor would have missed it.

But the powers-to-be decided that both of those learned gentlemen were wrong and there were five Eagles and three Bulldogs who had infringed the laws and would face charges.

The fact that the tribunal was scheduled for late Friday — just hours before the first weekend of finals kicked off — didn't seem to bother officialdom; after all, highly-paid coaches and players didn't really need much time to prepare themselves, mentally and physical, for the big games that attract millions of dollars into the coffers.

### EXPLANATIONS

It's history now that Ross Oakley, the chief of that Commission and obviously the man who has to make the explanations, came out late in the week and admitted that the AFL could have handled things a bit better; maybe a bit quicker.

What an understatement.

There wouldn't be a sane-thinking footy fan in the nation who thought the AFL handled the issue with any cleverness.

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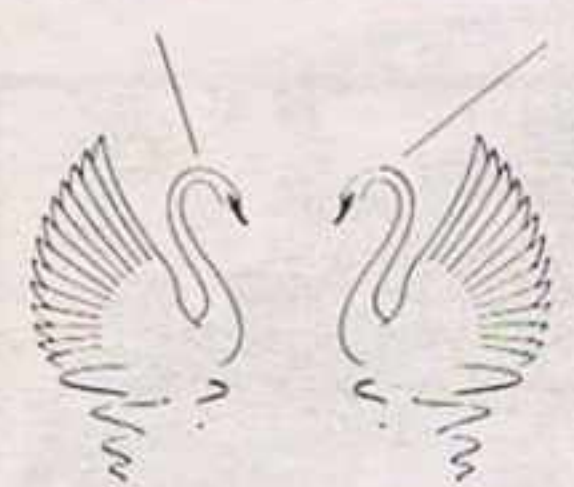
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# Carey set to become finals legend

PLAYERS who perform well in finals are held in high esteem by the football community.

Hawthorn's Gary Ayres, Richmond's Maurice Rioli and Essendon's Simon Madden are all champions of the modern era who enhanced their reputations by playing exceptionally well in September.

Wayne Carey's performance in North Melbourne's thrilling win over Hawthorn on Saturday suggests that his might well be the next name to join the legends of the game.

Most of the Kangaroos sorties into attack revolve around the power forward, so Carey's game can never be ignored because he invariably is in the thick of the action.

To suggest the success of Norths premiership campaign rests squarely on his shoulders is no understatement.

Clearly, he thrives in the limelight, with his 55-metre goal to level the scores before extra time last week as inspirational a goal as there has been.

## MELBOURNE CALLING

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



The kick had a high degree of difficulty and its timing in relation to the game's outcome was exquisite.

### DYNAMO

Sean Charles, Melbourne's dynamo forward pocket-rover, might be the surprise performer of the finals.

His pace and uncanny ability around goals will cause headaches for opposition coaches when assigning a "minder".

In his first finals match last week, he showed no sign of nerves to kick five quality goals.

Charles appears to have matured this season and has settled at Melbourne in what seemed a foreign environment initially.

My tip for the finals is to watch out for Melbourne. They have peaked at the right time and the system coach Neil Balme has introduced is functioning smoothly.

For the public's sake, I hope the finals series continues in as exciting a fashion as it has started.

# Subi aftermath blight on game

THE farce that has become known as the Battle of Subiaco, or an incident of similar proportions, was always going to happen.

The wonder is that it took as long as it did.

The incident involved about 20 Footscray and West Coast players at Subiaco Oval last Sunday week, but the bubble was not the great concern.

The fiasco which followed was more of a blight on the game than the struggle, which was innocent enough and could have passed with no undue attention had it not been for the dangerous circumstances surrounding the black-out of Peter Sumich.

AFL investigator Max Croxford looked at the incident and because all players were disciplined enough not to throw any haymakers, he recommended no charges be laid.

But the AFL Commissioners wanted to make an example of the two clubs and urged its tribunal to take action.

In doing so, it was treading on dangerous ground and opened the way for a Footscray legal challenge.

The incident has highlighted a couple of alarming problems.

## TAKING STOCK with GARY STOCKS of The West Australian



● The AFL Commission has no place becoming entangled in football matters. It is there to administer the game and establish policy to ensure football thrives. It has a football operations manager and surely that brief falls under the control of Ian Collins.

● The trial by video laws have become too wide ranging.

Footscray and West Coast both contend that Collins agreed to fine them \$20,000 and as far as the clubs were concerned, that would be the end of it.

It would have served as a deterrent to other players and the message would have been clear.

### FARCE

But the AFL wanted heads to roll and the result was a farce, particularly in the week leading up to the opening round of finals matches.

The agenda of the trial by video investigators has stretched beyond reasonable bounds.

The purpose of the exercise should have been to offer support to umpires who have trouble keeping up with off-the-ball incidents.

And that is where the jurisdiction of trial by video should end. The exercise has become a witch hunt where the slightest indiscretion is pounced on and the offending player cited to front the tribunal.

It should be there purely as a safety net for the umpires to prevent king hits behind the play, rather than minor infringements in play.

Three field umpires, two boundary umpires, two goal umpires and an emergency umpire should not miss too much and the role of video reporting has become ridiculous.

It was remarkable that players from both camps were able to concentrate on the task at hand and produce admirable performances last weekend.

Footscray fell just a second or two short of a stunning upset against Geelong and the Eagles hung on for a thrilling two-point win over Collingwood during a sensational round of matches.

It was as much with relief as pride that Mick Malthouse punched the air in celebration after the Eagles success.

Although they won only a few individual battles and played below their best, they hung on and that was important given the turmoil of the previous six days.

# Tight finishes ring in new system

THE first weekend of finals under the AFL's McIntyre final eight system was highlighted by close finishes, with the margins in three of the four games being less than a goal.

At Waverley, Hawthorn faltered in extra time to lose by 23 points to North Melbourne.

In the 100 finals from 1978-93, only 12 were decided by a goal or less. The only year in which two finals were decided by less than a goal was 1986, when Fitzroy beat Essendon by one point in the elimination final and Sydney by five points in the first semi-final the next week.

The most recent final decided by less than a goal was last year's qualifying final, in which Carlton beat Essendon by two points.

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SUNDAY'S match was the Eagles 15th final — and the third in which the margin was less than a goal.

Both the Eagles first two finals were decided by less than a goal.

They lost the 1988 elimination final to Melbourne by two points and drew their next final, the 1990 qualifying final against Collingwood.



## Stats AND Facts

with Richard Camm

HAWTHORN became the first victims of extra time in finals — introduced after the disruption the Eagles-Collingwood draw caused to the 1990 finals series.

The Hawks also lost a pre-season night series match in extra time.

In a Panasonic Cup match against the Eagles at Waverley in February 1989, scores were deadlocked at the end of full time. Under the rules of the competition, play continued until the next score.

Paul Peos kicked a behind to give the Eagles victory.

SATURDAY'S game between Geelong and Footscray at the MCG was the first final decided by a kick after the siren since Hawthorn beat Melbourne in the 1987 preliminary final.

Bill Brownless's goal for Geelong after the siren on Saturday evening may not have had the drama of Gary Buckenara's kick on September 19, 1987, after Jim Stynes had run across the mark to incur a 15-metre penalty, but it will still go down in football history.

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THE Eagles-Collingwood clash was only the third AFL match at the WACA Ground not played under lights.

The Eagles met Brisbane at the ground in round three of 1988, after the match was switched from Carrara because of flooding and North Melbourne on a Sunday afternoon in round four the following year.

A total of 32 matches have been played under lights at the ground since the Eagles entered the competition in 1987.

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THREE players — John Worsfold, Guy McKenna and Chris Lewis — have played in all the Eagles 15 finals.

Dean Kemp and Peter Sumich have played in 14, all the Eagles finals since they made their debuts.

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# The power of the pen

MELBOURNE journalist Michael Sheahan is never far from the public limelight as he reports on the nation's biggest sport. But it can provide some hot water at times. ALAN EAST reports

THERE are some people in football who believe that Melbourne journalist Michael Sheahan wields as much power and influence over the game as any of the officials at the AFL.

And they're probably right.

Sheahan is arguably the most-respected football writer in the business — though some at Fitzroy would dispute that claim — and the influence he can exert over footy fans is enormous.

He writes for the Melbourne Herald-Sun — having been enticed from the Sunday Age for a fee similar to some of the big-time player contracts — and his newspaper sells more than half-a-million copies daily.

A long-time football journalist, Sheahan had a four-year stint as the AFL's media officer and while that not only makes him friends with AFL chief executive Ross Oakley, it also gives him a fine understanding of how the system works at the top and in the clubs.

But he doesn't have any particular pipeline to inner sanctum secrets; in fact, Oakley and Sheahan often argue over where he got inside stories from.

Sheahan says things that many other critics just think about. When there's a really hot issue, he's not afraid to put pen to paper and spell it out loud and clear... even if he incurs the wrath of some pretty powerful people.

"I recently wrote a comment piece on Tony Lockett and questioned whether he remained good value to the team, compared to, say, a Gary Ablett," says Sheahan.

"The response from St Kilda people was absolutely amazing.

"The feedback from something like that at the Age would have been okay, but the volume at the Herald was amazing, overwhelming.

"At the Herald, if someone rings up and asks to speak to Mike Sheahan or Trevor Grant, they get put straight through and often you pick up the phone and get the biggest mouthful you've ever heard from someone you've never met."

Sheahan confesses that he's become more aware of his media 'celebrity status' since moving to the Herald and he's conscious of the influence the Sun has on its readers.

"It's not something I've solicited," he says. "But the move to the Herald has opened up a whole new vista on the media world. I'm doing a spot on ABC radio on Mondays and match days and your profile is so much higher on the Sun because of the readership; one and half million readers every day. It's the popular paper.

"I once wrote a story about Chris Lewis and how he had to temper his behaviour and that caused a lot of reaction.

"But the Lockett story was right across the board. I was getting letters and faxes, telephone calls from everywhere, especially from players."

Popular isn't the word Fitzroy president Dyson Hore-Lacey would use to describe Sheahan, who has written a number of crippling articles about the Lions, revealing the club's true debt at a time when they were launching another survival campaign.

Hore-Lacey blamed Sheahan for the club's woes, suggesting the journalist had a 'hidden agenda.'

But Sheahan says that criticism doesn't worry him.

"He's jumping at shadows with those suggestions," says Sheahan.

"I'm convinced he thinks there is a direct line between Oakley and me and every time something negative about Fitzroy comes up, Oakley rings me.

"That's just not right, it's not correct in any way; I don't get any favours from the AFL. Maybe I benefit because I understand the mechanics a bit better than most, having worked there for four years.

"I know in a procedural sense what happens, such as they have a review meeting on Monday mornings. I know what the Commission philosophy is and the functions of various people and how certain blokes perform.

"It just doesn't happen that blokes ring me up..."

Sheahan has broken a number of 'hot' stories — and the one in The West recently about the Dockers offering Essendon's Mark Mercuri a \$1-million deal over four years is an example. The Fremantle people denied the

# Sheahan walks a tightrope in the media



STOP PRESS... Mike Sheahan at the keyboard can often influence the fans

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story, naturally enough, but seldom is Sheahan far from the mark when he puts his byline to big headlines.

Earlier this season he wrote an article detailing what coaches get paid and he was pretty well spot-on — a further illustration of how he can use his experience and utilise his contacts to come up with correct information.

"I talk to a lot of people; even Ross Oakley will ask me sometimes where a certain story came from," says Sheahan.

"It's just a mix; I've been doing this for 25 years and you get to know a lot of people. I haven't burnt any bridges in the areas that concern me; the area of preserving confidences. But I've burnt bridges with Lockett and Fitzroy, for example.

"And probably with Hawthorn, who think I've got a campaign aimed at seeing them go down the ladder.

"But I honestly believe that I can say no-one in Melbourne could accuse Mike Sheahan of not being trustworthy."

So with all these internal and external politics, does Sheahan have a club loyalty?

"That's difficult; we have to like the game and a club to even be involved, I guess," he says.

"I like Melbourne and Footscray; I like Sydney because they are down. It depends on who I'm blueing with! I really like Footscray, yet they thought I was trying to get them out of the competition four years ago.

"I've been on the Eagles bandwagon since 1991. I love the way they play footy. I don't have what you would call a cosy relationship with the coach, because I find that he can be difficult to deal with at times. But I love watching Peter Matera, Ashley McIntosh and Guy McKenna because they are magnificent players."

Sheahan has always been in favour of the expanded national competition and was a staunch supporter of the Eagles and now the Fremantle Dockers.

"I don't know what the Dockers will do for WA, but it will be great for the competition. By the turn of the century the competition should be 14 teams, two from Adelaide and two from Perth and it will be fantastic."

There have obviously been plenty of highlights for Sheahan in 25 years of close involvement with the national game, so what rates highly in his memory?

"Collingwood's grand final win in 1990; that was probably the most memorable thing," he says. "I was on the ground when the siren went and seeing people cry and the emotion that was let loose was tremendous.

"The Carlton-Essendon draw at the MCG early last year was sensational. I just love this game at its best."

What about the Eagles premiership? Did that provide mixed feelings for a Victorian football writer?

"Yes, it did, but it was good in a way. It was inevitable, it was going to happen and when it did, Victorians got up the next day and saw that the world hadn't shut down, the sun had come up again and we still played footy and it was just an evolution in the expanding national competition."

When it comes to rating the best players he has seen, Sheahan hesitates — that takes a little bit of sorting out.

But he says Leigh Matthews, Jason Dunstall, Gary Ablett, Royce Hart and Glen Jakovich are at the top.

"Jakovich is sensational," says Sheahan. "He's as good as anyone I've seen. The only query is that in any comparison between him and Carey, for example, is that Carey does it at the opposite end of the ground, the harder end, I guess."

The newspaper career of this mild-mannered reporter goes back 30 years, starting on his local, the Werribee Banner and graduating to the Melbourne Age, the old afternoon Herald, to the AFL, back to the Sunday Age when it upgraded its football and now to the Herald-Sun.

"The thing I've learnt most is how lucky we are to be able to express an opinion when we want to in a newspaper," he says.

What about articles criticising the AFL, especially when they suggest officialdom has blundered?

"They do get me off-side at times," he says. "Ross Oakley has difficulty separating me the professional person and me his friend and he takes it very personally.

"He can't differentiate. People say I'm often sticking up for Oakley because he's my mate; Oakley says 'sticking up for me? You're always getting into me!'

"He has that difficulty because when he came into the AFL, I was there. He was my boss and we worked well together. I did what he told me. But now we're equal."

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# Barich favourite . . .

THE SIGHT of a muscle-bound Adrian Barich bursting through a pack, tucking the ball under his arm, having a bounce and then kicking over a distance is certain to attract the attention of the umpires.

Just how much attention will be revealed on Monday night when the prestigious Sandover Medal count will be staged at the Burswood Convention Centre.

If betting was allowed on Western Australia's highest individual honour, there is little doubt the Perth captain would be installed a short-price favourite.

Barich led the inexperienced Demons from the front during a tough season and his brilliant first-half of the year could see him leading into the count's closing stages.

If he is victorious, he will be the first Perth player to win the award since rover Mark Watson achieved the feat in 1987.

"People haven't spoken a lot about it and it really hasn't dominated my thoughts," says Barich on the eve of the award.

"I've been concentrating on playing well for Perth and trying to win the Butcher Medal (club best and fairest award) because I haven't won that yet."

The former West Coast Eagle is quiet-

# .. but he's pretty cautious

By **DIGBY BEACHAM**

ly confident he will poll well, though he knows going into the night full of expectation is a bad mistake.

"Sometimes you play really well and don't get a vote and other times, you don't play all that well and get a vote," he said.

"I can remember when Robbie Wiley was expected to win it and he never did."

If anything is going to count against Barich, it will be the disappointing manner in which he rounded off his season.

But it was through no fault of his own. "I went out hard for three quarters of the year and then I got crook," he stated. "It would be heart-breaking if I went out hard and got pinged at the end."

The term 'crook' should not be used lightly.

## OVER-TRAINED

By over-training and being at peak fitness a month before the start of the Pepsi Cup season, Barich had burned up a lot of muscle definition and it started to waste.

His weekly training schedule in the last five weeks included swimming sessions and gentle kicking exercises before games on Saturdays.

Last year Barich polled 22 votes to finish equal fourth behind West Perth's Neil Mildenhall and is adamant he has played '10 percent better in 1994 than 1993'.

Likely to weigh heavily in Barich's favour is that he shouldn't have too many players pulling votes off him.

Rookie key defender Fraser Gehrig, who had an excellent season, should attract the umpires attention, as will fast-leading full-forward Brenton Cooper, who kicked 90.45 for the year.

"When you've got a bloke who is 196 centimetres tall, runs with the ball and takes marks, he's got to get some votes," Barich said, about Gehrig.

## NIGHTMARE

Barich's worst nightmare of getting overhauled in the final round, is a chance and could come in the form of Subiaco wingman Matt Connell.

The current Eagles squad member is a proven vote-getter and was in rare touch when the Lions began to string wins together in the second half of the season.

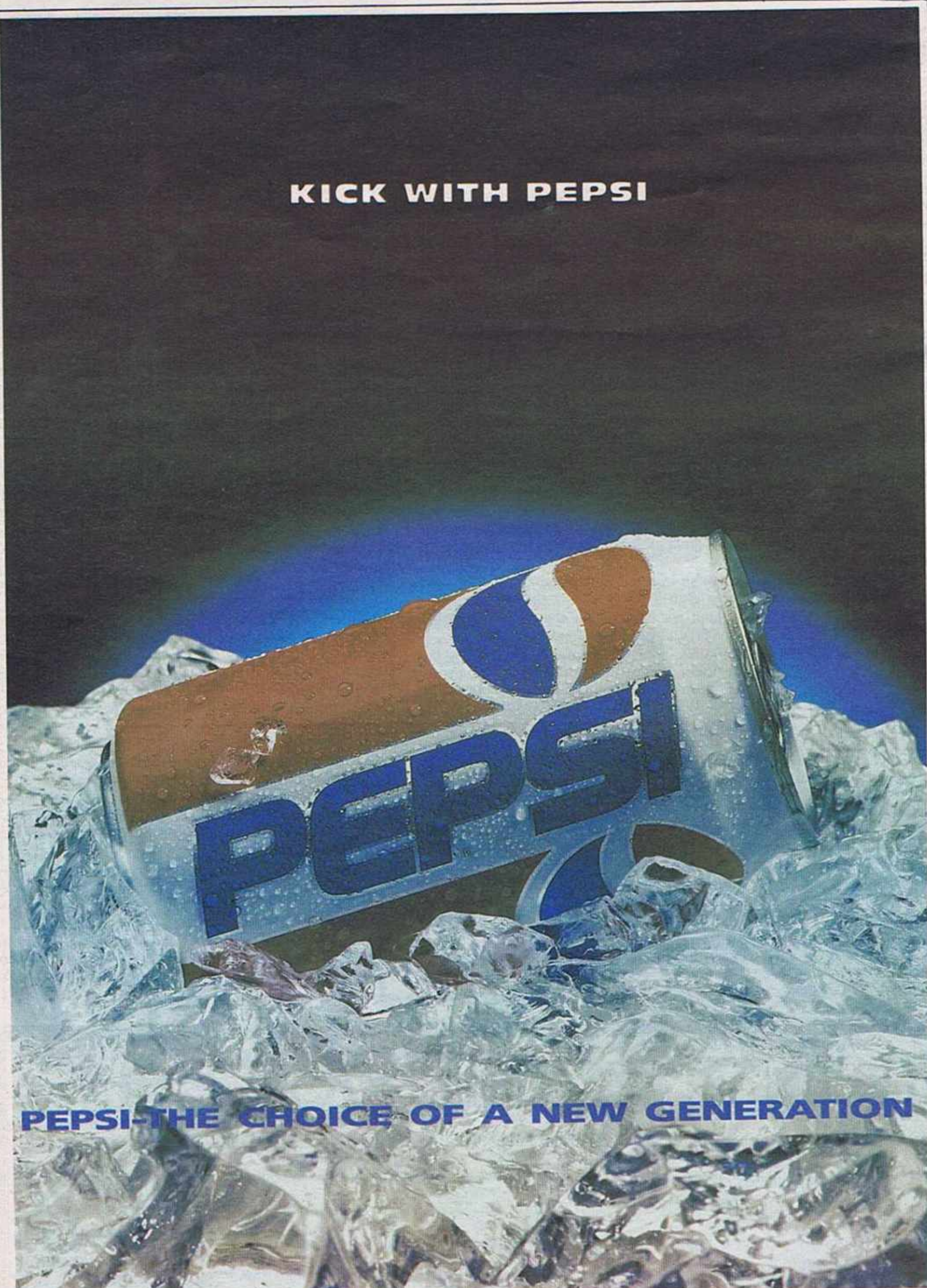
Connell, like Barich, plays the game fair and rarely has anything to say to the men in white.

The 22-year-old could hold an advantage over Barich in that Subiaco finished fourth compared to Perth's eighth and weren't on the receiving end of some thumpings the Demons incurred.



**STAR ROOKIE . . .** Perth youngster Fraser Gehrig has shown admirable qualities

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# Young stars will be prominent

THERE are a host of candidates for the 1994 Sandover Medal — and young players are certain to be prominent.

Names like Fraser Gehrig, Peter Bell, Craig Callaghan and Shaun McManus have the credentials to be Medal candidates.

East Fremantle's hopes of a Medal win for the first time since Murray Wrenstead in 1985 rest with McManus.

The teenager boasts great pace, excellent work ethics, good disposal and flowing locks which shouldn't do his chances any harm.

Bell is an outstanding first-year player.

The South Fremantle rookie rover has played every game and displays the skills and goalsense which makes him appealing to the umpires.

Subiaco have plenty of candidates.



## What the experts think

### Ron Alexander

1. Peter Bell
2. Adrian Barich
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2. Adrian Barich
3. Peter Bell

### Alan East

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### Glen Quartermain

1. Adrian Barich
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3. Shaun McManus

### Percy Johnson

1. John Clarkson
2. Adrian Barich
3. Clinton Wolf

### Trevor Sprigg

1. Adrian Barich
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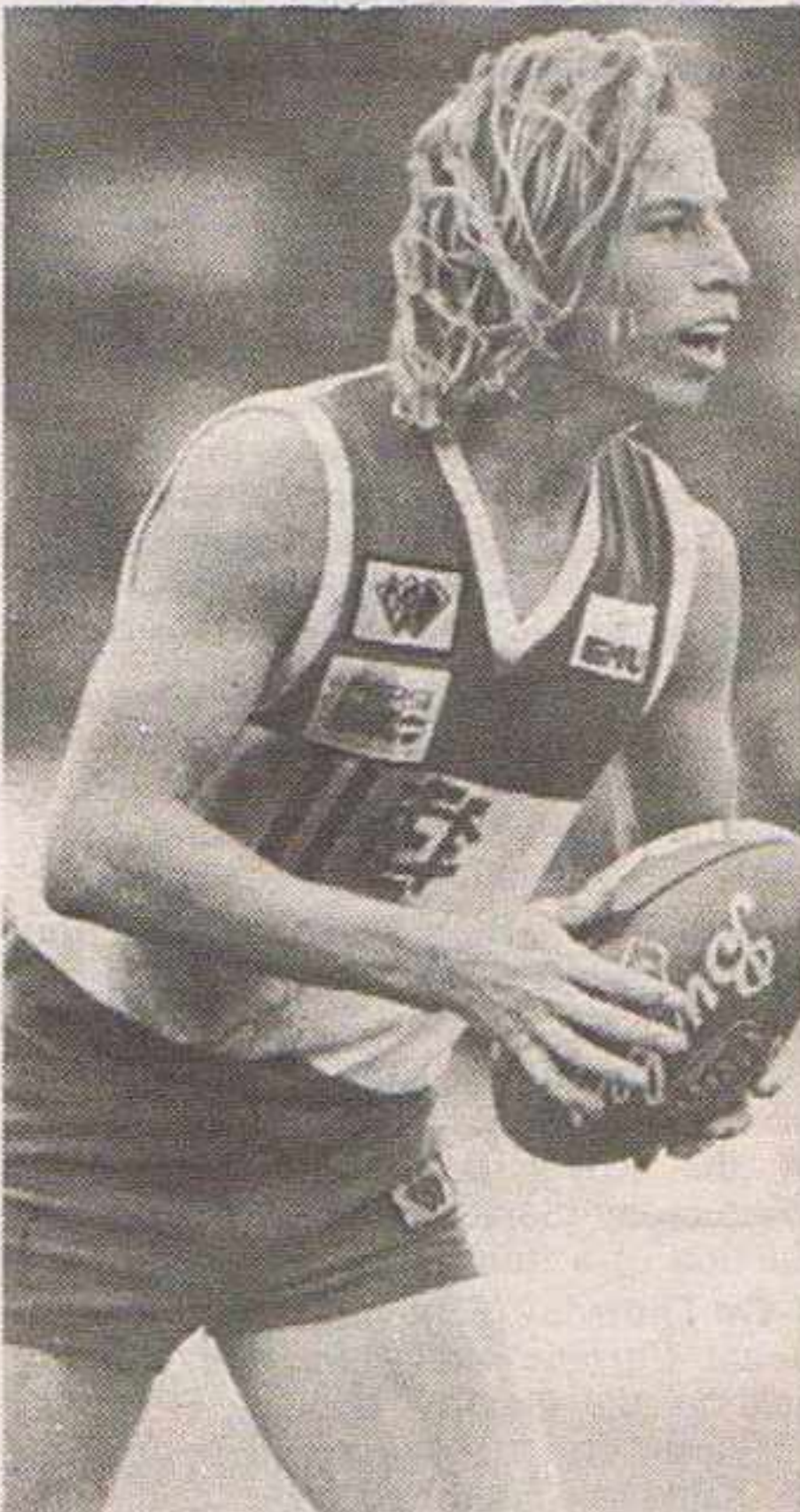
Apart from midfielder Matt Connell, the Lions captain David Snow and on-ballers Tony Godden, Damian Hampson and Dwayne Lamb could also figure prominently, while Matthew Burton's 210cm frame is certain to attract some points.

Claremont have not had a Sandover Medal winner since 1984 when Michael Mitchell and Steve Malaxos tied with East Perth's Peter Spencer.

#### SPECTACULAR

Tigers half-back Quenton Leach had a spectacular start to the year and his aerial skills, along with his blond hair and customary dashes out of defence, are bound to stand him in good stead.

Fellow half-back Brad Wira is not as



HIGH FLIER ... Sharks star Shaun McManus is a real eye-catcher

exciting to watch as Leach, but has been more consistent, while ruckman Clinton Wolf and centreman Andrew McGovern should poll votes early.

The Falcons, who have yielded the Medal winner the past two seasons in Robbie West and Neil Mildenhall, could again look for Mildenhall at the top of the leader board.

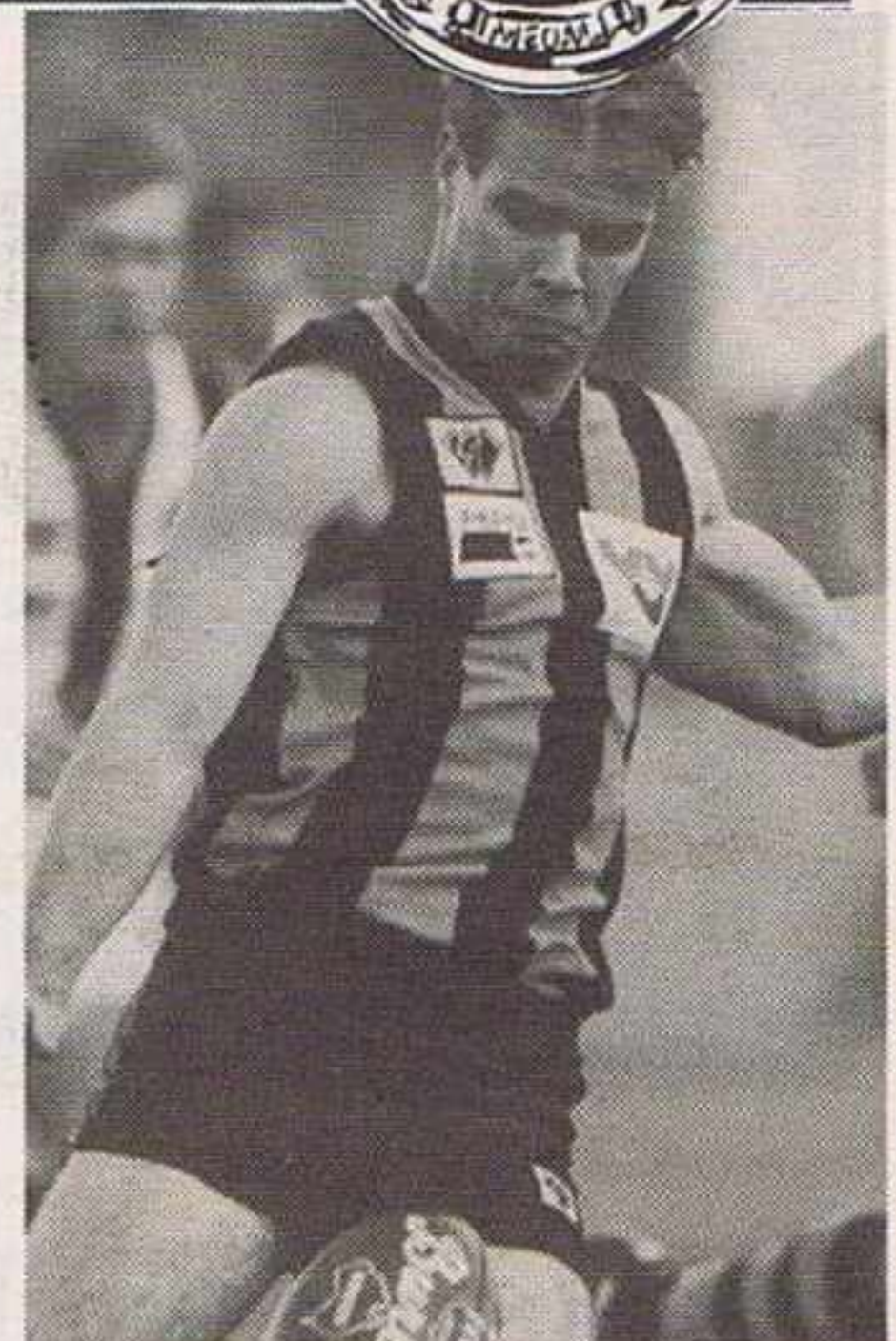
He hasn't been as spectacular this year as he was in 1993, but has still turned in some fine performances.

Dashing half-back Paul Mifka should receive his share of votes, although he is ineligible through suspension for the second successive year.

Small men Darren Harris, Darren O'Brien and Darren Stanley have been serviceable and deserve some recognition.

Veteran Sharks captain Malaxos has been consistent all season, while ruckman Paul Harding has featured in East Fremantle's best when he hasn't been playing for the Eagles.

Swan Districts ruckman Travis Edmonds has enjoyed another fine year and after polling just 19 votes in 1993, will be eager to perform better this season.



LIKELY LION ... Subiaco's Matt Connell should poll votes late

Other likely Swans vote-getters include 1990 premiership players Brendon Retzlaff and Todd Menegola and youngsters Drew Cornelius and Craig Callaghan.

Bulldogs full-forward Jon Dorotich could also fare well, while the late-season form of midfielders Bruce McKnight and Paul Caratti worth noting.

East Perth stalwart Peter Miller and Lloyd Haskett gathered plenty of the ball this year and could be rewarded for those efforts, while 19-year-old ruckman Dean Talbot improved dramatically in the second half of the season.

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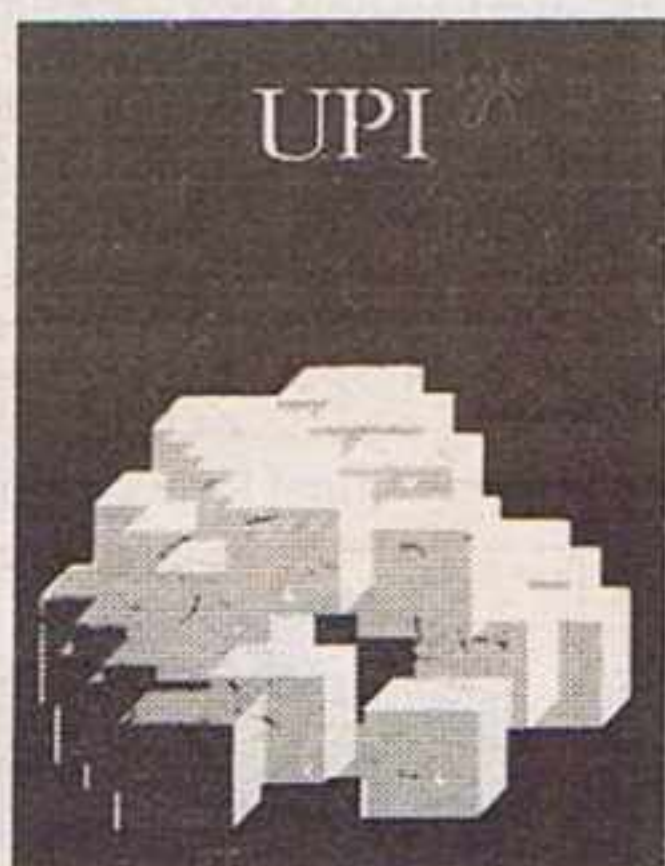
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## Pepsi Cup finals

THE Pepsi Cup field is narrowing right down — and this week's preliminary final clash will see a number of Westside Football readers enjoy ringside seats.

The following people have each won a double pass to Subiaco Oval for Saturday's preliminary final simply by having their names drawn out of the barrel.

B. King, of Karrinyup; Catherine Thompson, of Innaloo; I. M. Giblett, of Bridgetown; Matthew Hawthorne, of Rossmoyne; Paul Wainwright, of Duncraig; J. Elborough, of Balga; D. Allsop, of Embleton; Mark Storie, Osborne Park and J. R. Edgewater, of Manning.

The WAFL Grand Final VIP's competition has closed and a host of readers are now anxiously waiting to see who Claremont's rivals on Sunday, September 25 will be.

Hundreds of readers sent entries in nominating the two grand finalists and a VIP pass for four people will be sent out to the first correct entry drawn from the barrel on Monday morning, when we know who will tackle the Tigers.

The winner will be announced on Gary Carvolth's sports show next Wednesday evening between 6pm and 8pm and will also be notified by mail.

## Win a round of golf at The Vines Resort



IT'S nearly the end of the football season so that means there will be time for a round of golf or two — and Thornlie reader Neville Redmond can look forward to a visit to The Vines Resort.

His entry suggesting that the Eagles would beat Collingwood by three points was closest to the mark in our competitions barrel and he wins a round at The Vines for two people, plus the use of a buggy.

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## Some recent winners

Glenn Kirkwood, of Parmelia has won a copy of Mal Brown's book, 'Mongrels I've Met' and Mary Jessop, of Applecross will soon receive a copy of Polly Farmer's book.

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## Grand final fever starts to build up

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**TREVOR HOWARD**

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CELEBRATION plans have been finalised for the WA Football League's grand final week.

With Claremont already through to this year's Pepsi Cup premiership play-off, West Perth and East Fremantle fight it out this week to see who claims the other berth.

Then the build-up really starts.

First on the agenda is the Sandover Medal count and presentation dinner at the Burswood convention centre showroom next Monday.

Hosted by ABC's Trevor Jenkins, the Medal count will be telecast live by Channel 2 at 8.30pm.

The annual 200 Club dinner will be hosted by the West Perth Football Club, at the Royal Perth Golf Club, on Wednesday (September 21), with the induction of a number of new members.

On Thursday (September 22) the traditional Carbine Club luncheon will be held at the Quality Langley Hotel at 12.30pm. Guest speaker will be former St. Kilda and Victorian player and 1958 Brownlow Medallist Neil Roberts.

The famous Carbine Club meets regularly to raise funds for charity and with their grand final luncheon, the eight WAFL clubs lend their support by booking a table. Members can purchase tickets from their WAFL club at \$50 each.

The WAFL grand final parade will start at midday on Friday, September 23, from the Esplanade, going along Barrack street, around Wellington Street, into William Street and finishing at Forrest Place.

Grand final fever climaxes on Sunday,

September 25 as the two top WAFL teams battle it out at Subiaco Oval to see who takes away the Pepsi Cup.

The grand final kicks off at 2.30pm with a pre-game parade featuring a tribute to the Town and Country Little League competition, celebrating its 25th year and involving the 1994 Medal winners — the Sandover, Prendergast (reserves) and Medallist (colts).

At the half-time break, the Town and Country Shield will be presented by managing director Ray Turner to the WAFL little league club that has used the highest number of participants this year.

There will also be a Quit Challenge novelty relay involving representatives from the eight WAFL clubs.

The major draw in the Pepsi Cup footy pass competition will be held at three-quarter time, with a portable stereo up for grabs, a \$100 Town and Country savings account for second and a two hour Timezone super-party voucher for third.

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# PEPSI CUP PREVIEWS



# Unexpected rivals in encore

FOR the fifth time this season, Ken Judge and Jeff Gieschen will match wits, this time in Saturday's Pepsi Cup preliminary final.

The two respected coaches were not expected to clash again this season after Judge's East Fremantle downed Gieschen's West Perth by 28 points in the qualifying final a fortnight ago.

If the clubs had followed the script drawn up by many experts, the Sharks would have beaten Claremont in last Saturday's second semi-final to advance to the grand final and the Falcons would have lost to Subiaco in the first semi-final, ending their finals campaign.

But in the glorious uncertainty of football, post-season action in particular, both results went against the grain and another East Fremantle-West Perth showdown has been marked in.

Three wins and a 75 percent strike rate against the Falcons have the Sharks installed as favourites.

But West Perth supporters can take heart that their only win over the port club this season was in round nine at Arena Joondalup when brilliant midfielder Craig Turley played.

The West Coast runner is expected to take his place again on Saturday after serving a two-match suspension for striking Carlton's Greg Williams.

Judge is not worried by his availability.

"He's a quality player, but he's just another one we have to deal with," he said.

The Sharks disciplinarian said East Fremantle's surprise 47-point loss to the Tigers was not because "they had been up for so long".

"I think you would be taking a lot away from Claremont if you said that, because they were very good," Judge said.

"They started well, we had a couple of blokes in the midfield and on the ball who were down and we couldn't stop their momentum."

## UNDERESTIMATED

Judge, who is aiming to take the Sharks to their second grand final in three seasons, said West Perth were foolishly underestimated in many corners.

"I have never tried to hide my admiration for West Perth," Judge said.

"But the thing people forget is that they have a fair degree of talent.

"They are very good in defence, have a midfield that is as good as any in the competition and the club also has a fanatical desire to win."

Gieschen admitted after the 28-point loss to East Fremantle that his charges just had to regain their confidence to progress through the finals.

And he feels they achieved that with the thrilling three-point success over Subiaco.

"We had to work hard for that win and it should serve us well," he said.

"Against East Fremantle, I think we had a touch of pre-finals nerves with seven kids — Darren Stanley, Steve Trehwella, Ryan Smith, Brendan Fewster, John Ivulich, Ashley Blurton and Darren Thomas — playing their first senior finals.

"Hopefully, we've learnt from that loss and I think we have."



PEP TALK... preliminary final coaches, East Fremantle's Ken Judge (above) and West Perth's Jeff Gieschen, will be hoping to lift their respective players for Saturday's cut-throat final at Subiaco Oval



## By DIGBY BEACHAM

Turley could come into the side at the expense of veteran Mike Richardson, who strained a hamstring against Subiaco and faces a race against time to prove his fitness.

Richardson began the game in a forward pocket, but Turley is unlikely to start there.

## DANGER

Gieschen might put another of the Falcons midfielders into attack, so Turley can assume a prime running role.

His presence alongside Darren O'Brien, Darren Harris, Mark Lambourn and Neil Mildenhall spells big danger for the Sharks.

There is little doubt Judge will tag them and who he puts on Turley could have a big bearing on the outcome.

Ruckman Craig Nelson was outstanding against the Lions and his duel with Paul Harding and Justin Sanders should be a highlight.

In the qualifying final, Harding and Sanders got on top of Smith, while a less than fully fit Nelson had to stand most of the match in the goalsquare.

The Falcons captain has years of experience, like Harding and it would be no surprise to see Nelson-Harding and Smith-Sanders head-to-head battles on Saturday.

While West Perth have an edge in the midfield, East Fremantle holds the upper hand in attack.

Andrew Lockyer was the difference between the two sides at the last meeting, kicking 6.4.

Anthony Gravener had first crack at Lockyer, but did not have the strength to hold him and was replaced by Peter Freeman.

He again appears the best option and like Claremont full-back Darrell Panizza last week, will be hoping the supply to Lockyer is limited and rushed.

If it is not, the veteran spearhead could thwart West Perth's bid for successive grand final appearances.



## THIS WEEK'S PRICES

8/11 East Fremantle v evens West Perth, Saturday, at Subiaco Oval; Broadcast by 6PR, 6WF and 6NR.

## O'Brien does homework on opposition

AFTER West Perth had beaten Subiaco in the Pepsi Cup first semi-final, coach Jeff Gieschen gave his players two options.

They could stay and watch the second semi-final between East Fremantle and Claremont or enjoy the spare time before the 6pm trophy presentations at Arena Joondalup.

Falcons midfielder Darren O'Brien opted to stay on, but by half-time, with Claremont leading by 35 points, he knew who West Perth would be playing in the preliminary final.

"I thought East Fremantle would win that game, but Claremont looked very quick," O'Brien said.

"East Fremantle are still going to be hard to beat this weekend — they are a very good side."

O'Brien said the Falcons were eager to redeem themselves after losing to East Fremantle in the qualifying final a fortnight ago.

He said their sluggish start had been costly.

"They jumped us in the first quarter and we tried to play catch-up footy, but you just can't do that in finals," O'Brien said.

"On Saturday, we have to get out of the blocks much quicker and give ourselves a chance."

West Perth took everyone by surprise last year when they came from the bottom of the ladder in 1992 to play Claremont in the grand final.

They finished the 1993 home-and-away season on top of the Pepsi Cup table and after losing to the Tigers in the second semi, had to account for Subiaco to earn another crack at Claremont.

That experience should be beneficial come Saturday, O'Brien said.

"We learnt a lot last year and I think our team is just as good as last year," he said.

"We lost blokes like Robbie West and Troy West, but have picked up Anthony Gravener and Darren Stanley."

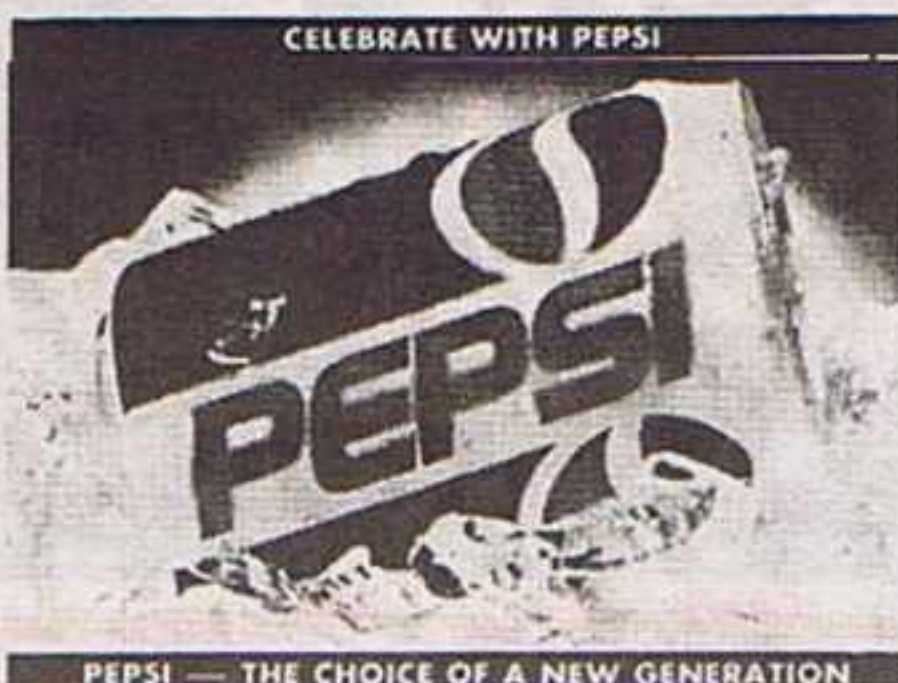
O'Brien is the Falcons first choice as centreman and can be damaging with his evasive skills and accurate disposal.

Gieschen also uses the Collie recruit in attack, giving him a rest, but not the opposition's backline, who are hard-pressed to restrict his team-lifting goals.

"I'd rather play in the middle and I reckon we have one of the best midfields in the competition," O'Brien said.

"But our backline is very good and they run the ball out well and that's how we get a lot of our goals."

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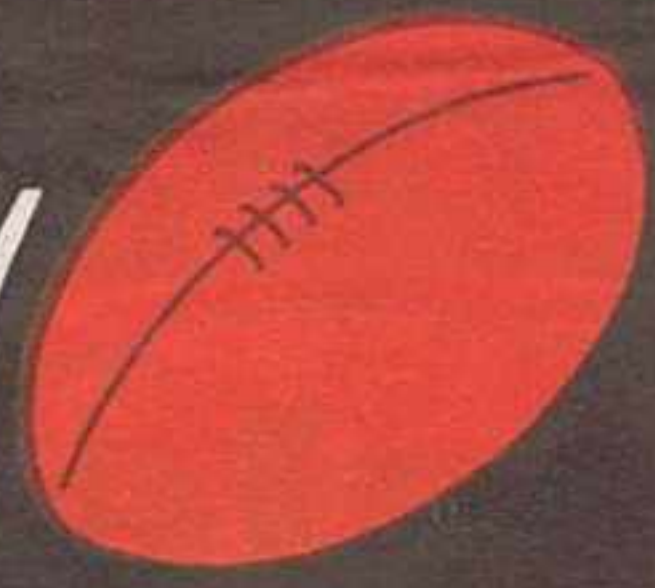


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# That finals



THE mood around town was feverish with finals football last weekend as teams fought valiantly to keep their premiership aspirations alive.

Close finishes were the order of the day as, firstly, the Pepsi Cup double-header at the WACA Ground saw West Perth hang on to beat Subiaco in a thriller, followed by WAFL league leaders Claremont doing it a little easier against East Fremantle.

The nerves were jangling at the WACA Ground 24 hours later as West Coast held on to beat Collingwood by two points.

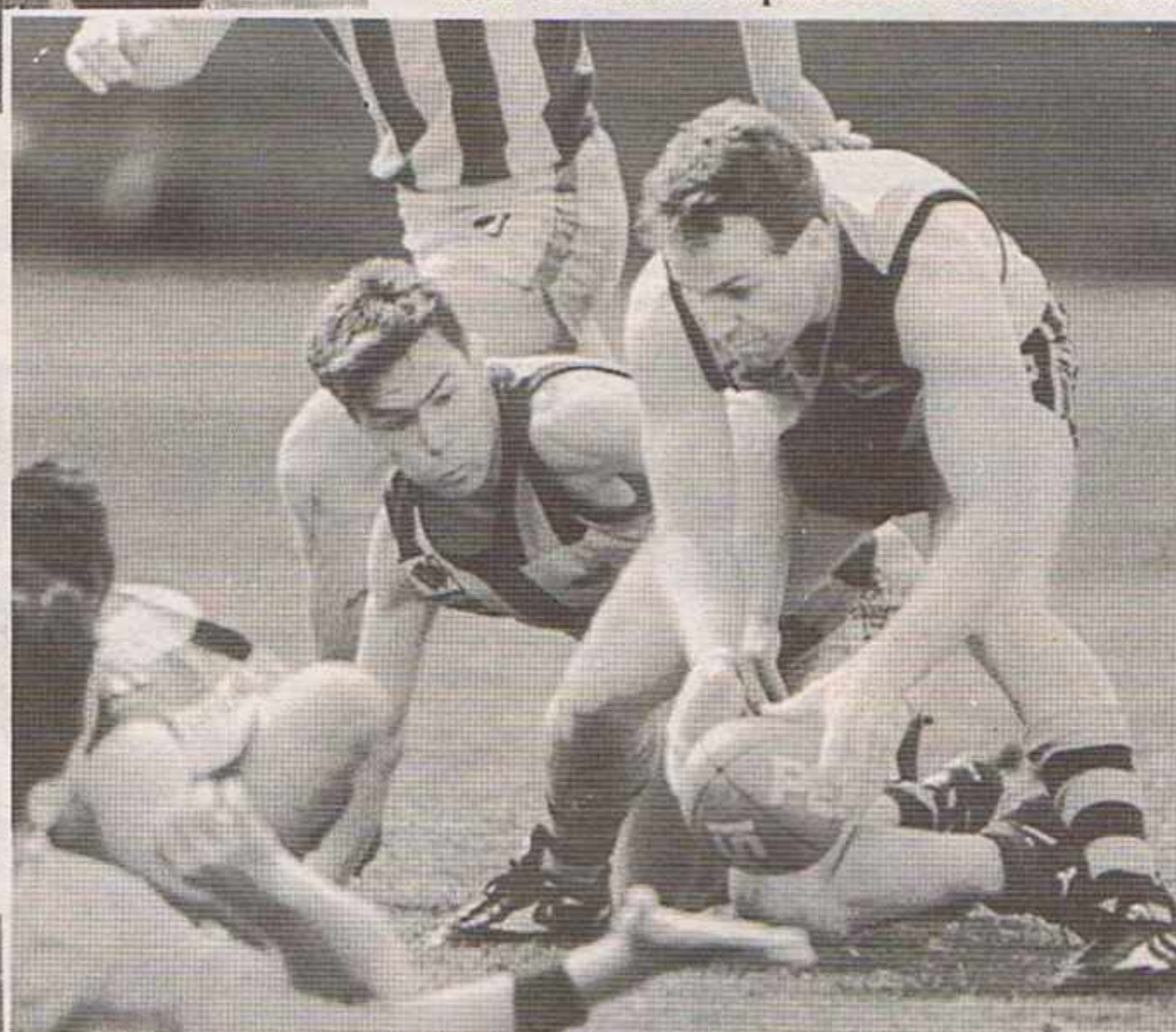
Westside Football photographers Greg and Nadine Wood were there to capture the action and the drama.

### ABOVE

WINNERS TWO... the joy of winning, as Neil Mildenhall and Geoff Valentine leave the arena

### RIGHT

IN TOUCH... Falcon Wade Starr has the ball, while Lions rookie Sam MacFarlane can only look on



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THUMPER... East Fremantle's Craig Burrows flies high to spoil Claremont's Joe Smith



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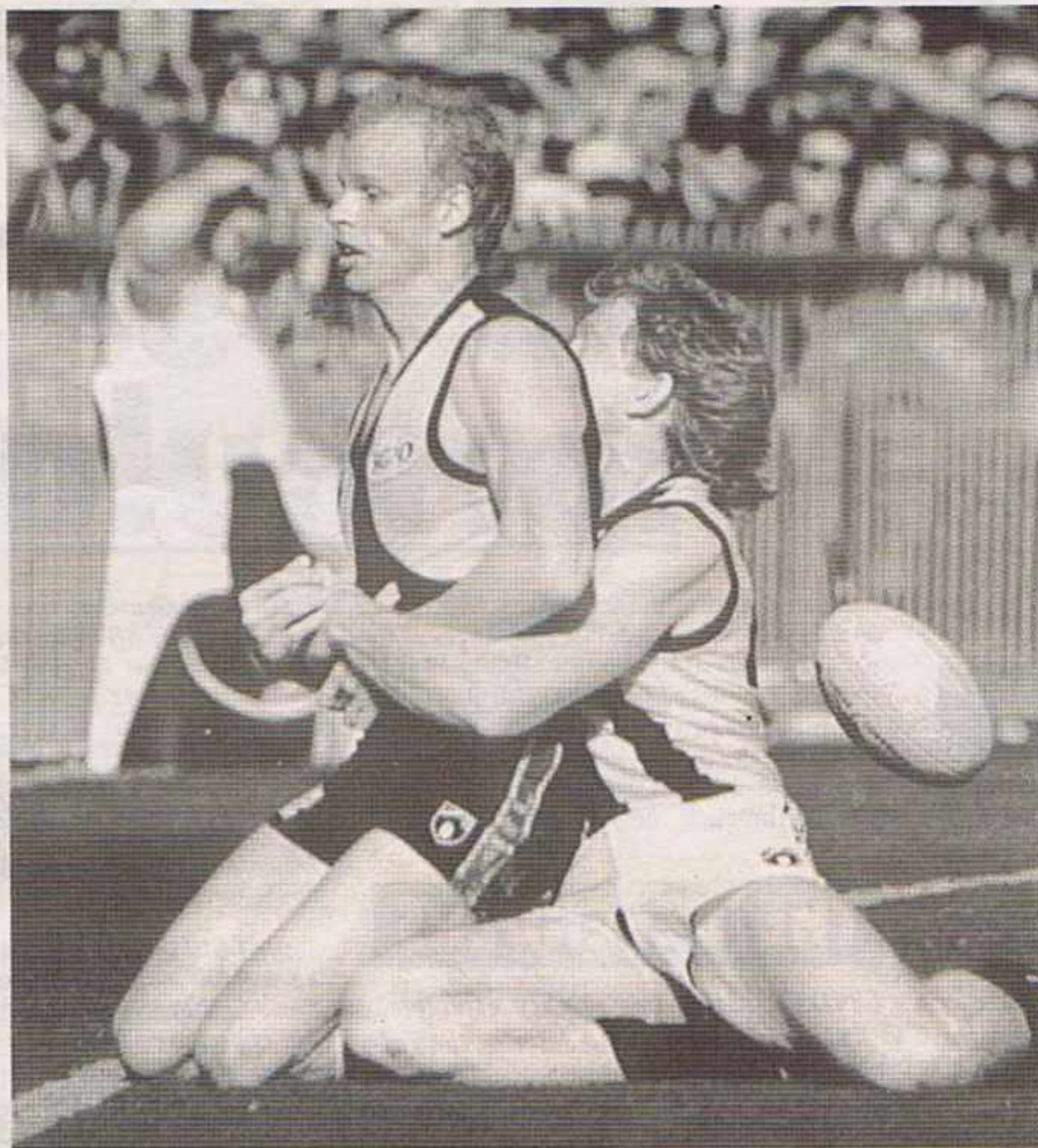
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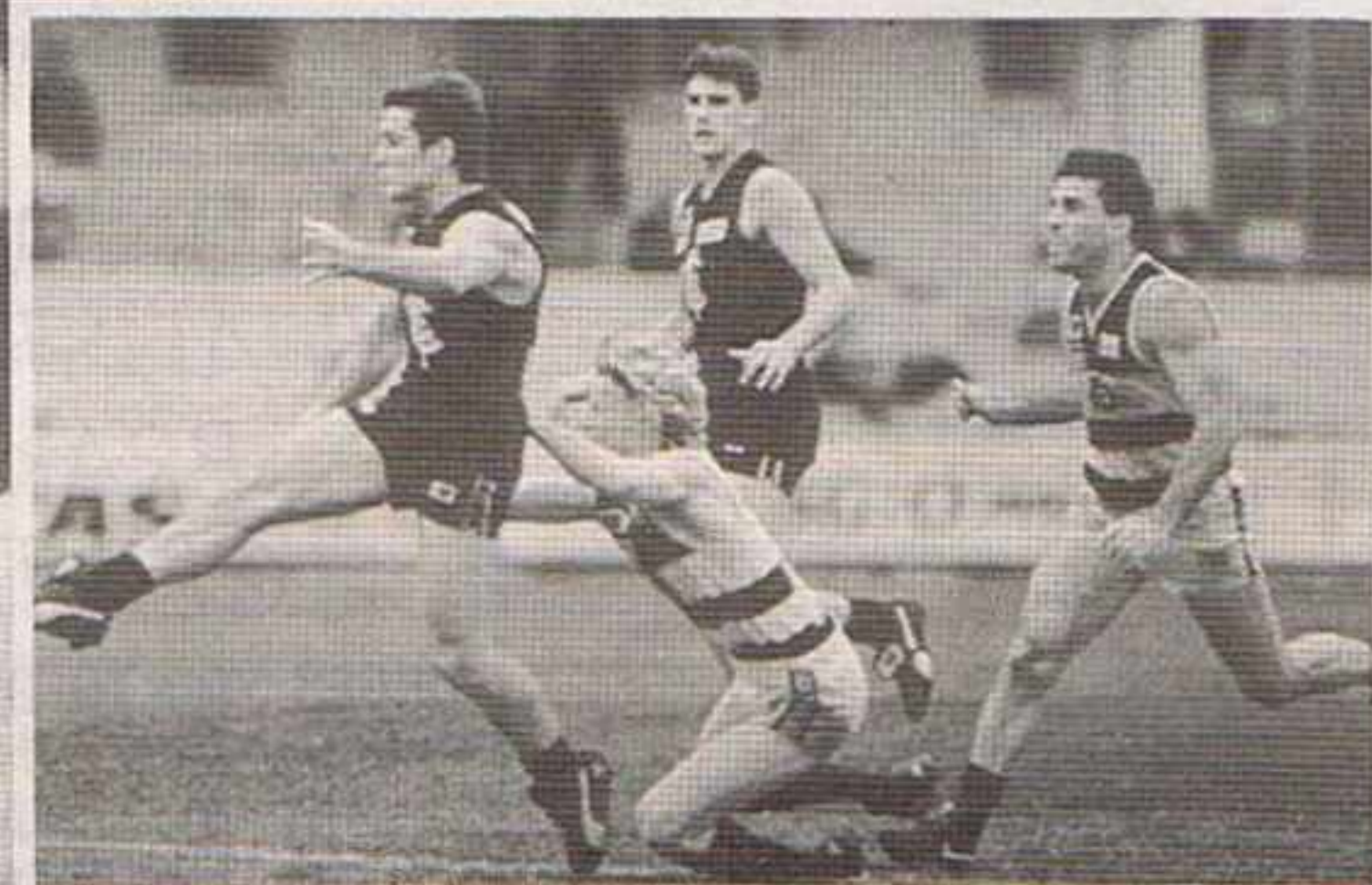
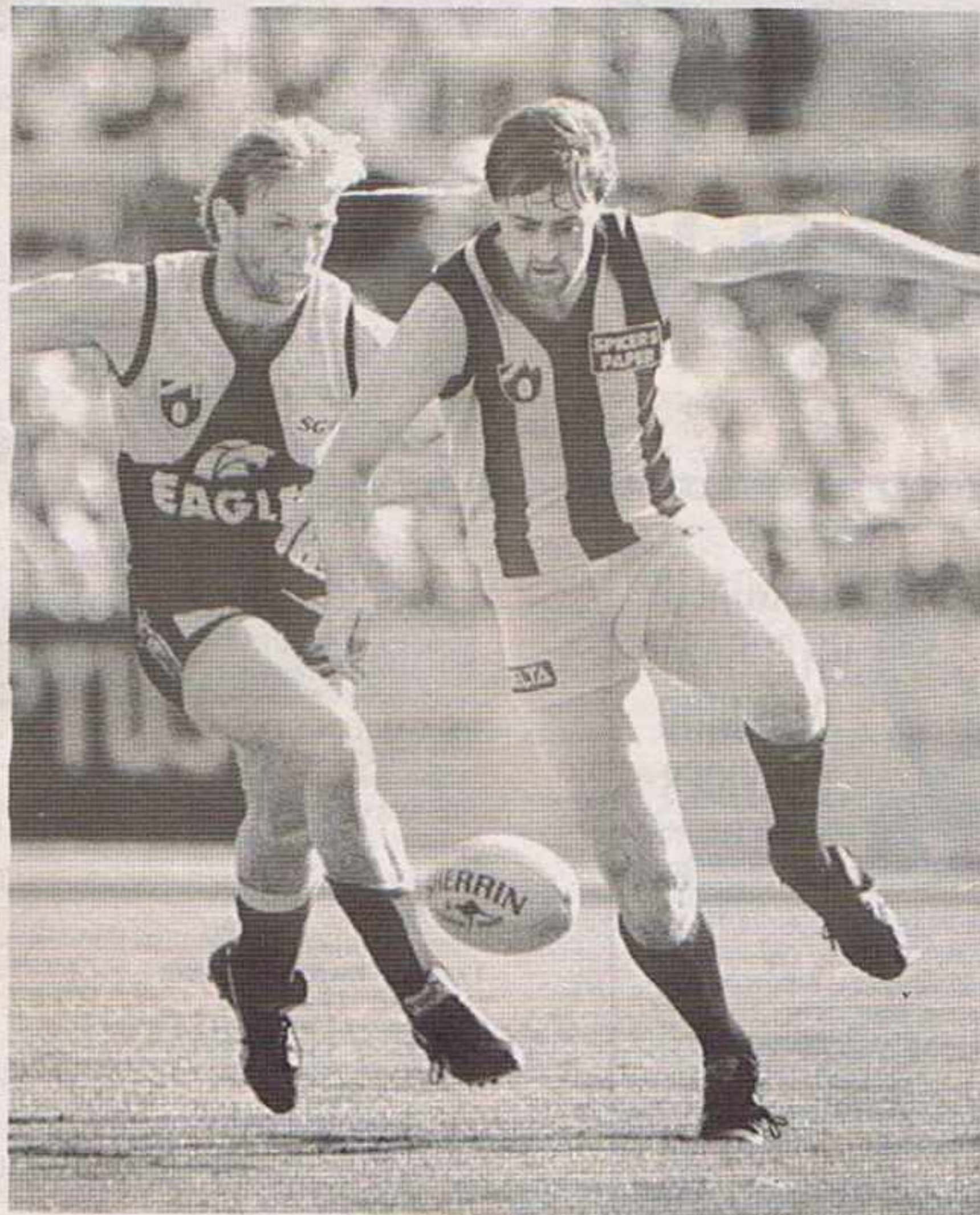
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**GOTCHA...** Magpies man Shane Kerrison brings Eagles ace Dean Kemp to a grinding halt



RIGHT

**EYES DOWN...** the ball is the object as Collingwood's Mick McGuane and Eagle Chris Mainwaring do battle



ABOVE

**CLEARED...** Claremont's Brendan Green clears safely despite the pressure from Shaun McManus and Steve Malaxos

**RECOVERING...** Eagles winger Peter Matera leaves the field with the support of the medicos after a hip injury

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WEST Perth are the West Coast Eagles of the Pepsi Cup.

Their football is not the most appealing to the spectators, but it's highly effective.

Just ask Subiaco.

In a match where they were given little chance of victory, the Falcons revelled in the wet conditions, continually putting their body on the line to help cause a stirring three-point upset.

The thrilling win has set up a preliminary final showdown with East Fremantle and West Perth will be determined to avenge a qualifying final defeat only a fortnight ago.

West Perth's work ethic is admirable and with the hard-running Craig Turley expected to resume after a two-match suspension, the Falcons could be hard to stop.

**THE BIG MEN**

CRAIG Nelson showed he is far from a spent force in the WAFL with a magnificent four-quarter effort against Subiaco.

The gentle giant had more than 30 hit-outs to go with 13 possessions and a similar performance against East Fremantle's Paul Harding and Justin Sanders, will go a long way to helping his side reach their second successive grand final.

# Falcons find the right formula

Nelson's dominance over Matthew and Jay Burton and Lee Souness was such that exciting rookie Ryan Smith spent a prolonged period at full-forward.

Smith has proved on many occasions, including the qualifying final, that he is a real talent and if Gieschen wants to use him in the ruck, he will respond.

*Anthony Gravener and Geoff Valentine are a long way off being the most spectacular Falcons, but handle their roles with a minimum of fuss.*

*Centre-half-back Brendan Barrows and full-back Peter Freeman lowered their colours last weekend, but still worked tirelessly and are likely opponents for Damien Condon and Andrew Lockyer respectively on Saturday.*

*Neil Mildenhall is often used off a half-back flank and not only does he gather the loose ball at the feet of the key forwards, but is prepared to back his judgement and run hard out of defence.*

**THE DEFENDERS**

*UNDER-rated, but mighty effective. That's the best way to describe the Falcons backline.*

**THE ATTACKERS**

WEST Perth and low scores are common place, but more often than not, the total they kick is higher than the opposition.

That was the case last Saturday against Subiaco when they managed just nine goals, but still prevailed.

Darren Stanley started across half-forward and proved extremely damaging, kicking three first-half goals.

He faded after the long break, but what slack there was, was picked up by centre-half-forward Derek Hall, who displayed good marking skills in the wet.

Young pair Ryan Smith and Darren Thomas were quiet against the Lions, but given any latitude, they can prove damaging.

Exciting rookie Ashley Blurton was off target (three behinds), but has heaps of ability and warrants respect.

**THE MIDFIELDERS**

THE expected presence of Craig Turley in West Perth's midfield could prove a huge headache for Sharks coach Ken Judge.

His hard-running and football knowledge see him gather heaps of possessions and along with centremen Darren O'Brien, oozes class.

Rover Darren Harris courageously took his place against Subiaco and was an effective contributor, as was rookie tagger-defender Steve Trehwella, who shut down David Snow.

Gieschen could opt for pace on his wings this week and the choice of Paul Symmons and Mark Lambourn would not surprise.

Both have exceptional dash and like to kick a goal.

Veteran Mike Richardson strained a hamstring against Subiaco and faces a race against time to be fit for the preliminary final.

**The West Perth line-up**

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| 1. MIKE RICHARDSON<br>35yrs 180cms 80kgs<br>Games 7 WP, 141 SD, 7 WA               | 21. MARK LAMBOURN<br>27yrs 175cms 75kgs<br>Games 40                    |
| 2. NEIL MILDENHALL<br>26yrs 175cms 70kgs<br>Games 44 WP, 1 WA                      | 22. RYAN SMITH<br>22yrs 190cms 88kgs<br>Games 19                       |
| 3. RICHARD DENNIS<br>28yrs 185cms 82kgs<br>Games 1 WP, 13 NM, 57 Carl, 70 EP, 4 WA | 23. DEREK HALL<br>23yrs 188cms 84kgs<br>Games 104 WP, 2 Eagles, 2 WA   |
| 4. ANTHONY GRAVENER<br>28yrs 185cms 85kgs<br>Games 19                              | 24. CRAIG NELSON<br>31yrs 193cms 90kgs<br>Games 197 WP, 23 WTorr, 1 WA |
| 5. MARK HARRIS<br>25yrs 183cms 83kgs<br>Games 5                                    | 25. TONY EDWARDS<br>23yrs 188cms 75kgs<br>Games 33                     |
| 6. DARREN HARRIS<br>26yrs 174cms 70kgs<br>Games 61 WP, 1 WA                        | 26. PETER FREEMAN<br>25yrs 187cms 89kgs<br>Games 57 WP, 5 StK          |
| 7. DARREN O'BRIEN<br>25yrs 178cms 81kgs<br>Games 120                               | 27. GEOFF VALENTINE<br>24yrs 180cms 78kgs<br>Games 39                  |
| 8. CRAIG TURLEY<br>28yrs 185cms 80kgs<br>Games 83 WP, 99 Eagles, 2 WA              | 29. BRENDON FEWSTER<br>20yrs 194cms 93kgs<br>Games 7                   |
| 9. DARREN STANLEY<br>22yrs 178cms 78kgs<br>Games 23 WP, 3 Foots                    | 33. JOHN IVULICH<br>20yrs 180cms 85kgs<br>Games 3                      |
| 10. WAYNE DAYMAN<br>33yrs 171cms 80kgs<br>Games 140                                | 34. ASHLEY BLURTON<br>19yrs 175cms 80kgs<br>Games 15                   |
| 12. RICK TOOVEY<br>24yrs 184cms 78kgs<br>Games 77                                  | 37. PAUL MIFKA<br>29yrs 186cms 81kgs<br>Games 197 WP, 1 Eagles, 3 WA   |
| 13. BRENDAN BARROWS<br>23yrs 185cms 80kgs<br>Games 17 WP, 30 Cl                    | 38. DARREN THOMAS<br>21yrs 185cms 95kgs<br>Games 11                    |
| 15. STEVE TREWHELLA<br>21yrs 175cms 75kgs<br>Games 18                              | 41. TREVOR CROTHERS<br>25yrs 190cms 89kgs<br>Games 1                   |
| 16. PAUL SYMMONS<br>20yrs 185cms 75kgs<br>Games 47 WP, 3 Eagles, 1 WA              | 42. GAVIN BELL<br>21yrs 180cms 79kgs<br>Games 2                        |
| 18. KANE MORPHETT<br>22yrs 184cms 78kgs<br>Games 7 WP, 44 EF                       | 44. WADE STARR<br>26yrs 180cms 75kgs<br>Games 44                       |
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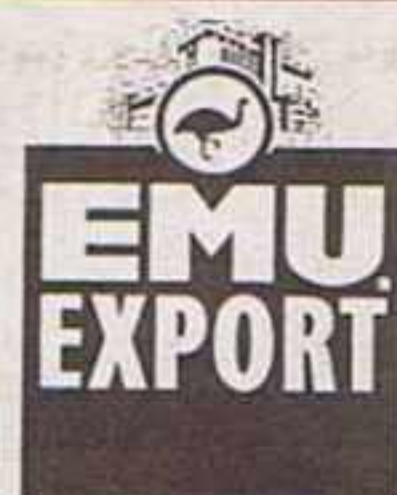
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ON THE GO... Jon Stagg drives East Fremantle forward

# Sharks need massive turn-around

EAST Fremantle fans wouldn't have liked what they saw at Subiaco Oval last Saturday.

The Sharks were not only beaten by Claremont in the Pepsi Cup second semi-final, they were humbled.

After a sluggish start, East Fremantle attempted to play catch-up football, but — apart from a mini-comeback at the start of the third quarter — were never in the hunt.

It was their first loss since August 6 and a complete turn-around from the week before when they were aggressive, disciplined and committed against West Perth in the qualifying final.

Coach Ken Judge must now get his charges back on track and focused on this week's preliminary final against West Perth, before thinking about getting another crack at the Tigers in the grand final.

The loss of Brendan Krummel with a broken leg is a huge dent in the Sharks' premiership aspirations.

and against Claremont, he was among his side's best players.

Harding was opposed to Clinton Wolf and Rhys Croxford and gathered 10 possessions, two marks and 14 hit-outs, plus he kicked a goal.

Harding received good support again from hard-working Justin Sanders, who also notched 14 hit-outs.

## THE DEFENDERS

*EAST Fremantle's backline, responsible for the Sharks securing a double chance, were under siege against Claremont from the opening bounce to the final siren.*

*Full-back Paul Abbott conceded four goals to Paul Morgan and struggled to handle the Tigers spearhead's strength and pace.*

*Centre-half-back Craig Burrows was beaten early by Joe Smith, but fought back well.*

*Classy half-back Craig Treleven was a solid contributor and his 17 possessions were one highlight in a bleak day.*

*Coach Ken Judge will be hoping for improved performances from experienced campaigners Mark Amaranti and Chris Pobjoy if the Sharks are to win.*

## THE MIDFIELDERS

THE Sharks midfield would have been looking forward to their clash with the Tigers after holding the upper hand in their past two battles.

But after the first quarter, it was obvious Saturday wasn't going to be their day.

The classy Tigers runners wreaked havoc and it was left to Jon Stagg, captain Steve Malaxos and Clayton Anderson to shoulder the responsibility.

Stagg gathered 23 possessions and Malaxos 21, while Anderson kept Andrew McGovern quiet.

Unfortunately for East Fremantle, Shaun McManus and Glen Davies were comprehensively beaten by Scott Edwards and Brendan Green respectively.

## THE ATTACKERS

ANDREW Lockyer had a day he would rather forget against Claremont.

Lockyer, who was coming off a 6.4 haul seven days earlier, was hampered by poor disposal from his team-mates and couldn't shake the shadow of Tigers full-back Darrell Panizza, finishing with only two behinds.

Damien Condon started at centre-half-forward, but had trouble also, lowering his colours to Anthony Jones.

Experienced half-forward Stephen Bilcich kicked two goals from his forward flank, while the only other multiple goalscorer was wingman Jon Stagg, who kicked two also.

Darren Capewell and Steve Lally flashed in and out, but posted just one goal each, while Gary Dhurrkay had only two possessions.

## THE BIG MEN

IT is highly unlikely Paul Harding will play for West Coast again this season, but that hasn't affected his form with East Fremantle.

The veteran big man, who guided the Eagles to the 1992 premiership, has been a solid worker in the ruck for the Sharks



DASHER... Darren Capewell has been in good touch for East Fremantle

## The East Fremantle line-up

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| 1. STEVEN EDGAR<br>27yrs 178cms 81kgs<br>Games played 78 EF, 14 Carl                 | 16. GARY DHURRKAY<br>20yrs 183cms 79kgs<br>Games 13                                    |
| 2. STEVE MALAXOS<br>32yrs 177cms 83kgs<br>Games 70 EF, 151 Cl, 66 Eags, 9 Haw, 12 WA | 17. JEFF DAVIDSON<br>24yrs 185cms 88kgs<br>Games 74                                    |
| 4. JOSH GALLOP<br>22yrs 172cms 74kgs<br>Games 28                                     | 20. CRAIG HOYCARD<br>23yrs 194cms 89kgs<br>Games 4 EF, 15 SD                           |
| 5. MARK AMARANTI<br>26yrs 180cms 86kgs<br>Games 117                                  | 21. PAUL HARDING<br>30yrs 193cms 95kgs<br>Games 115 EF, 43 Eagles, 67 StK, 6 Haw, 9 WA |
| 6. STEVE LALLY<br>29yrs 178cms 72kgs<br>Games 26 EF, 116 Perth                       | 22. PAUL ABBOTT<br>29yrs 194cms 97kgs<br>Games 22 EF, 85 Haw                           |
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| 11. SHAUN McMANUS<br>18yrs 180cms 73kgs<br>Games 27                                  | 24. DAMIEN CONDON<br>27yrs 194cms 90kgs<br>Games 73 EF, 1 WA                           |
| 13. GLEN DAVIES<br>22yrs 175cms 72kgs<br>Games 34                                    | 25. CHRIS POBJOY<br>26yrs 179cms 71kgs<br>Games 40 EF, 54 SF                           |
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|  | 27. DARREN CAPEWELL<br>24yrs 180cms 85kgs<br>Games 27 EF, 1 WA                         |
|  | 29. CLAYTON ANDERSON<br>23yrs 173cms 72kgs<br>Games 60                                 |
|  | 33. STEPHEN BILCICH<br>24yrs 175cms 75kgs<br>Games 85 EF, 1 WA                         |
|  | 36. BRENDAN KRUMMEL<br>22yrs 188cms 80kgs<br>Games 59 EF, 9 Eagles                     |
|  | 38. DANIEL CHICK<br>18yrs 185cms 76kgs<br>Games 5                                      |
|  | 39. CHRIS WATERMAN<br>25yrs 183cms 83kgs<br>Games 57 EF, 109 Eagles, 2 WA              |
|  | 43. JUSTIN SANDERS<br>21yrs 198cms 85kgs<br>Games 32                                   |
|  | 44. JON STAGG<br>22yrs 175cms 72kgs<br>Games 24  |
|  | 45. ANDREW LOCKYER<br>29yrs 190cms 88kgs<br>Games 112 EF, 78 Eagles, 6 WA              |

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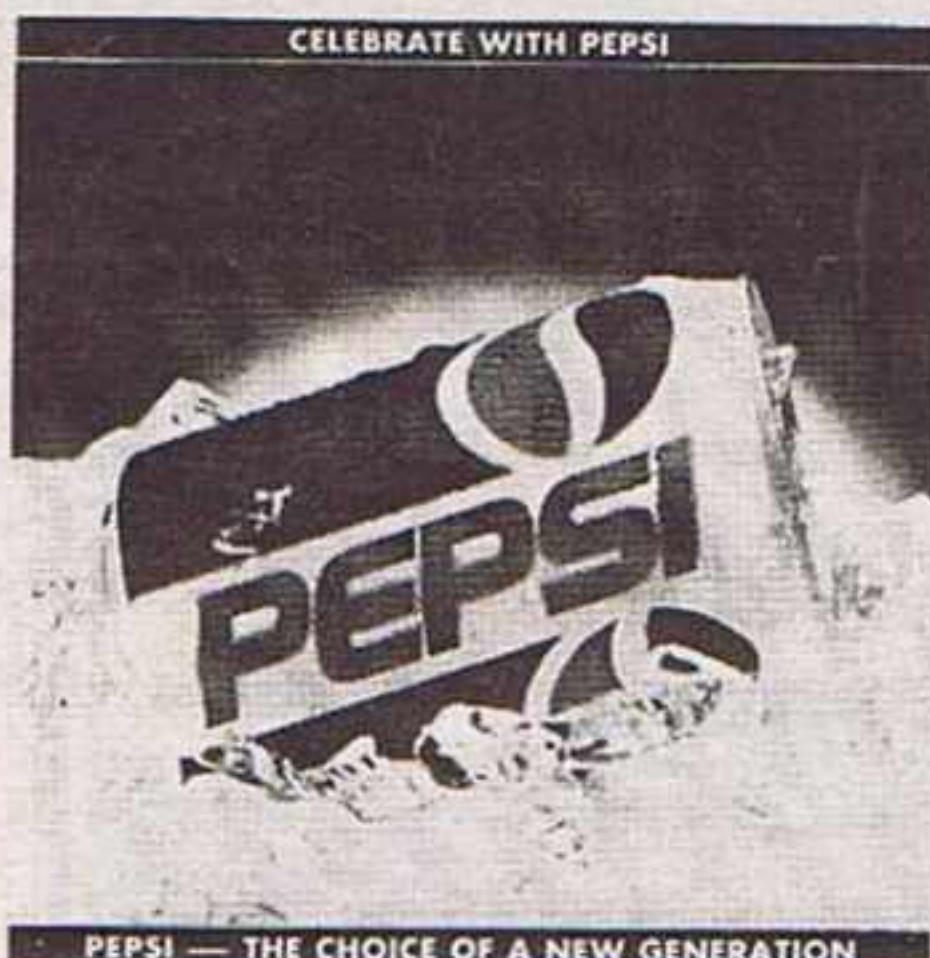
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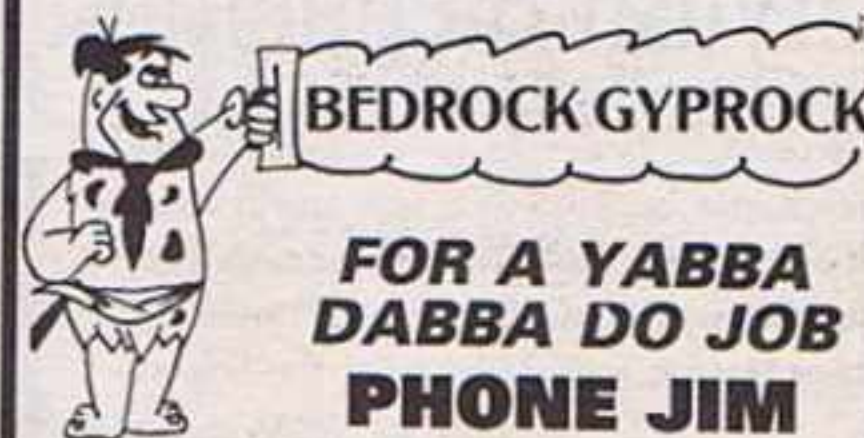
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# Country stars seem to hold the edge

DO footballers from the country have an advantage over their city counterparts?

That's a question asked regularly and both sides of the argument have plenty of positive points.

The West Coast Eagles have 10 of their 42-member squad from the country regions — Drew Banfield, Tony Evans, Dean Kemp, Troy Ugle, Chris Mainwaring, Peter Matera, Brett Spinks, Karl Langdon, Matt Clape and Lee Walker.

They all come from outside the metropolitan area, although four didn't play senior country football.

There is little doubt that the rugged ways of rural action provides a great learning experience for talented youngsters, while it can be argued that their skills and football knowledge suffer from not being in the WAFL 'system'.

The AFL's No. 1 player selected in the 1992 draft in Banfield (Quairading), brilliant wingman Matera (Wagin), aggres-

By DIGBY BEACHAM

sive forward Langdon (Shackleton) and reliable half-back Clape (Margaret River) played junior football in their home towns, but bypassed senior action to learn their trade in Perth.

Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett says some teenagers who play league football in the country often benefitted by lining up against fully-grown men.

"For some of them, I would say yes, most definitely," Nisbett said.

"I wasn't a great player, but when you're playing against senior blokes at 16 years of age, you learn the tricks of the trade pretty quickly."

Kemp was an outstanding junior footballer with Railways in the Goldfields Football League and won the league side's club championship award while still in his teens.

"It shows in his evasiveness skills," Nisbett said.

Mainwaring debuted for East Fremantle in 1985, but before that, he was an exciting rover with Geraldton Rovers in the Great Northern.

Ugle showed he was ready for WAFL action, when in 1986, he starred for Carey Park in the powerful South West Football League as an 18-year-old.

He was best afield from a back flank for the Panthers in their grand final win over Collie.

Hart hit Perth in 1983 after showing his skills in the 1982 Wesfarmers Country Championships for the Eastern Districts Football League.

Evans and Walker also lined up against older players in the Ongerup and South West leagues respectively before making the move to the city.

"The biggest thing in the city is that junior clubs don't push their players up another grade," Nisbett said.

"If you've got a good junior, you've got to push them along because they have to experience not winning and being the best player each week."



COUNTRY STAR ... Subiaco's Drew Banfield is one of 10 Eagles from the country

## Riley not surprised

THE EXECUTION was swift — but the planning began a month ago.

That was when the Tigers started rebuilding after their 51-point round 20 loss to East Fremantle.

In the end, Claremont coach Mark Riley was not surprised at their 47-point second-semi final win over the Sharks.

"We played reasonably well against Perth, who had beaten a couple of teams and Swan Districts, who at that stage were third on the table," Riley said.

"People haven't identified the fact we have changed our team a touch ... we have quickened it up a bit."

Riley was quick to point out that the job was far from over.

### HALF-WAY

"We have done half the job, we are at half-time, we have still got the very important finish to put in place," he said.

Riley's match-strategy was based on using defenders Quenton Leach, Anthony Jones, Scott Chisholm and Brad Wira as springboards into attack.

Veteran full-back Darrell Panizza played a major role in East Fremantle's downfall, holding spearhead Andrew Lockyer goal-less.

"Darrell did a reasonable job," Riley said.

"They won by 90 points in the last game of the year, with Lockyer kicking two, so they're not just a one-man machine, they have numerous people who can kick goals.

"I thought all our backmen played reasonably tight, apart from spasmodic periods in each quarter which allowed them to kick a couple of easy goals."

From there it was left to centre-half-forward Joe Smith and full-forward Paul Morgan, who kicked eight goals, to stitch up the game.

Smith beat East Fremantle's Craig Burrows in the first term, but the young Shark fought back to square the ledger.

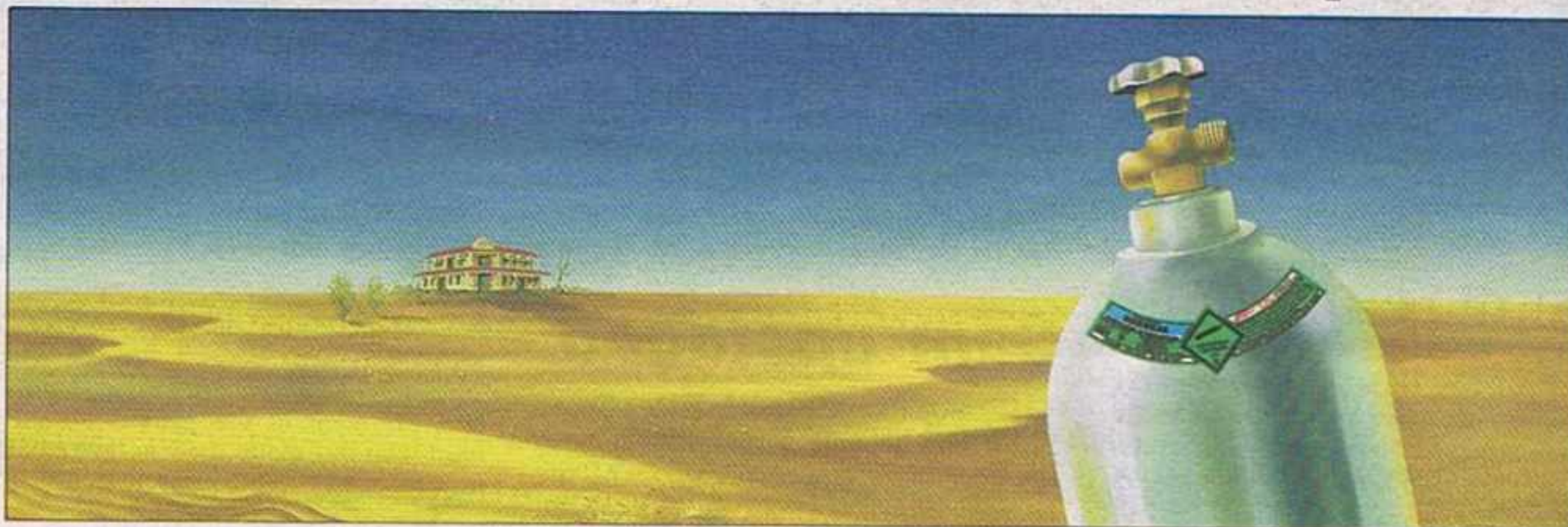
Morgan beat four opponents — Paul Abbott, Brendan Krummel, Damien Condon and Burrows.

The most promising sign for the Tigers was the performance of young ruckman Rhys Croxford in the absence of Clinton Wolf, who was suffering from a virus.

"People might start identifying that we aren't a one-man band or a Wolf-man band," says Riley.

"Wolf was right to come back, but it would have been unjust to pull the young fellow off the oval."

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# THE HOOD

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SETTLING IN... enjoying the over-crowded facilities of the press box at the WACA Ground last Sunday are two men with eyes on permanent seats in the media.

Yes, that's Sharks veteran Steve Malaxos and his Demons counterpart Adrian Barich having a laugh in the luxurious surroundings of the press facilities.

Both have credentials to join the media — and are already putting words to print, with Malaxos writing a column in the Sunday Times and Barich making an interesting contribution to The West on Eagles tactics.

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## Pies respect

THE Eagles hierarchy doesn't believe that the West Coasters have yet earned the respect of the nation's most-famous football club, Collingwood.

Previewing Sunday's game, coach Mick Malthouse said he had told the players that he didn't think Collingwood had respect for the Eagles.

But he added: "There's no excuse for losing in the finals. It doesn't matter what happens in the qualifying games, the finals are different."

Malthouse denied that the Eagles had a home game advantage by playing at the WACA Ground.

He said Subiaco Oval was the team's home base and the WACA was no different to Hawthorn playing at the MCG.

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## Banners banned

STILL at the WACA Ground, there were a few distraught fans outside the gates being told by burly security men that they couldn't take their banners inside.

A group of Collingwood supporters were in limbo land outside the Truman gates as they pondered what to do with their Magpie banner and a young Pies fan was almost in tears as his flag was confiscated.

Official WACA rules say that anything with a pole on it — constituted as a weapon — isn't allowed in the ground. But you only had to look at the television replay to see plenty of banners being waved... but then again, they were Eagles.

Strangely enough, there was even a competition run by a radio station for the best banner at the ground.

## High cost of finals

FOOTY fans were aghast when they arrived at the WACA Ground on Sunday and forked out to buy a copy of the Record, the AFL'S official publication.

The poor old Record sellers were copping flak from every direction as they told the buyers that the price for the finals publication was \$3.50 — a rather huge rise on the normal \$1.50.

The number of pages had increased slightly and the only lame excuse being offered was that it's finals time.

The AFL isn't the only service industry cashing in on this time of the year.

Fans at Subiaco Oval last week had to fork out \$2.80 for a bucket of chips — a rise of 80c on the norm.

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## Sam upstaged

THE popular Channel Nine Footy Show has become a real winner with the fans this season, especially with the laconic Sam Newman developing an enormous cult following.

But sarcastic Sam was upstaged completely last week by none other than football's most outrageous personality, Mark Jackson.

Back in Australia to promote his latest film, the one-time South Fremantle forward who specialised in using his squeaky voice to good effect, was full of humour and out-joked Newman.

"People got their moneys worth when they went to see me play," said Jacko, admitting that while he might not have been the best footballer in the business,

he was certainly the best entertaining footballer.

"There is room for some animated entertainment in the game," added the man who has made the Energiser batteries famous... and himself rich.

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## Not to blame

OUTGOING Subiaco coach Tony Solin was out of order in publicly blaming his younger players for the Lions first semi-final defeat.

Shane Parker, Nathan O'Connor, Sam McFarlane and Jay Burton contributed to the team, while some of the bigger names like Ian Dargie, Rod Willet and Damian Hampson couldn't have been happy with their performances.

## Thrillers aplenty

CLOSE games seemed to be the order of the week for football around Australia.

With North Melbourne beating Hawthorn in extra time, Geelong kicking a goal after the siren to down Footscray and West Coast scraping across the line against Collingwood in the AFL and West Perth just holding off Subiaco in the WAFL, South Australian football didn't want to be outdone.

In their qualifying final, at Football Park, Port Adelaide and Central District were dead-level when the final siren went, only to see the Magpies kick away in extra time to win by 13 points.

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## Sam's thoughts

EVERY critic worth his typewriter or microphone has had a few words to say on last week's Subiaco brawl fiasco... and Channel Nine's Sam Newman was no exception.

He suggested that the whole drawn-out saga was an absolute joke and he couldn't believe that it included legal action with a Melbourne Supreme Court injunction granted to Footscray.

"The clubs should have just gone to the AFL and told them to get their act together and clear up the whole thing quickly — and just threaten to go to court," he said.

"Threatening court action would have got results and been better than just going off and doing it."

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## Colourful call

THERE was plenty of colour and passion in the 6PR commentary box during last week's Eagles game.

Former Collingwood player Brad Hardie certainly demonstrated his support for the Magpies and Percy Johnson took him on, which produced an exciting and informative call.

Brownlow Medallist and Channel Seven panellist Hardie has been given the honour of reading out this year's Sandover Medal votes on ABC television.

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## Official reaction

IT'S always interesting to watch the reactions of football officials and Mick Malthouse's uncharacteristic show of emotion after the victory over Collingwood seemed to indicate he may have overcome his toughest hurdle in this year's finals.

A similar scenario occurred in 1990 after the historic qualifying final draw when the Pies went on to win the flag.

Selector Tim Gepp also showed his disgust when the three-quarter time goal from Chris Lewis was disallowed.

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## Wrong role

THE ERRORS made by usually reliable defender Guy McKenna last Sunday seemed to indicate he is not particularly happy playing in the last line of defence.

Added to that, he had to mark talented players Nathan Buckley and Gavin Brown at various stages.

McKenna is best value to the team when opposed to a lesser-known forward across half-back which allows him to run off and create.

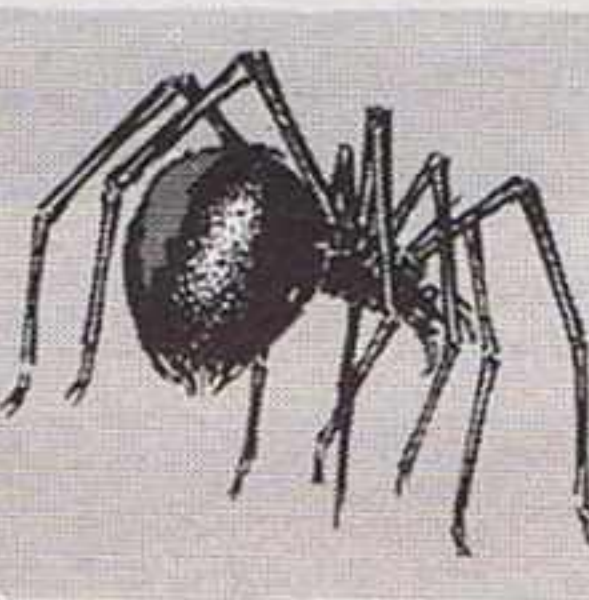
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## Vacant half

TALK about creating an open forward line, the Eagles took that instruction a little too literally at one stage.

There was a stint in the second term when full-forward Peter Sumich followed his man down into defence, leaving the goalsquare rather empty.

In fact, the whole forward line was deserted and there wasn't one player from either side forward of the centre square.



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It seemed the only people that didn't know it wasn't going to be easy were the Eagles.

When we led by 24 points at three-quarter time, the critics were not only saying the fat lady was just about to sing, but were getting ready to put down their glasses.

How wrong they were.

The Magpies, with the assistance of a fairly gusty win, hit back hard and three brilliant goals to captain Gavin Brown kept the pressure on for the last 30 minutes.

Fortunately, we were able to score a couple of crucial goals in the last term to always stay in front of Collingwood.

## AFL finals are hard work

When Jason McCartney kicked his major in the last minute, there was certainly some nervous Eagles players, especially us guys in the forward line, who couldn't do anything when the ball was in the Magpies attacking area.

But the siren sounded and denied Collingwood the chance to beat us and keep going in the finals.

Despite the win, all the Eagles players knew they had been in a final and as coach Mick Malthouse said, there were certainly some sore boys walking around in the changerooms.

The win gave us a bye this weekend, but we won't be taking it easy.

Mick has scheduled a Sunday morning training session and with the large number of Subiaco boys available after losing the first semi-final to West Perth, word has it, that it will be intense.

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6PR Eagle of the Year

**DASHING** West Coast wingman Chris Mainwaring is the Radio 6PR's Eagle of the Year.

The blond bombshell from Geraldton took out the Major Motors \$2000 prize when final voting was revealed on Gary Carvolth's 6PR sports show last Saturday morning.

He finished 18 votes clear of Glen Jakovich in what was a terrific tussle throughout the season.

Paying tribute to Jako's great season, Mainwaring told 6PR listeners that he was thrilled to win the award and hoped that the team would be able to complete what had been a good season.

"Jako told me a couple of weeks ago that the award had a great trophy with it, so I'm pleased to be able to accept it," said Mainwaring.

On line from Melbourne, Malcolm Brown suggested that Mainwaring has been the West Coast's best player over the eight years of Eagles action.

Voting for the award went into camera after round 21, when Mainwaring led with 52, followed by Jakovich (47), Don Pyke (38) and Peter Matera (36).

David Hynes continued his great late-season form by being named 6PR's man of the match last week.

Radio 6PR's WAFL player of the year, sponsored by GIO, saw Claremont's Andrew McGovern win the \$1000 prize with 20 votes, ahead of Subiaco's David Snow (17) and sharing third spot were his Lions team-mate Matt Connell and West Perth's Derek Hall on 13.

Final voting  
66 — Chris Mainwaring  
48 — Glen Jakovich  
45 — Don Pyke  
36 — Peter Matera

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## AROUND THE COUNTRY



# Mullewa get second crack at Rovers

MULLEWA ran out 45-point victors over Brigades to earn another crack at Rovers in the Great Northern League premiership play-off.

Mullewa led throughout the preliminary final to beat Brigades 21.16 (142) to 15.7 (97).

Papertalk kicked five goals and Bryan four and they received strong support from Steele, Keefe and Brad Tunbridge.

Best for Brigades were Davison, with five goals, Ronan (one), Swarbrick and Bruce Gillingham.

Northampton were winners in the reserves and colts preliminary finals.

The reserves saw Northampton score a 40-point win over Mullewa, with Corbett and George kicking three goals and best being Mongoo, Elliott, Comeagain, Simkin and Mourish.

Best for Mullewa were Simpson, Papertalk, Dann and Umbagai.

Northampton colts finished 15 points clear over Towns.

Best for Norths were Corbett, Jupp, Teakle and Mongoo, with Towns best being Chapman and R. and N. Ashwin.

## Jerramungup too strong for Ongerup

JERRAMUNGUP earned a place in the Ongerup League grand final with a 24-point win over Ongerup in the second semi-final.

After going down 12.7 (79) to 5.15 (45), Ongerup now face Borden in the preliminary final this week.

Jerramungup had more scoring options than their opposition, with Wayne Woods posting four goals, Neil Gray three and Scott Ganzer two.

Another main contributor for the victors was Warren Carthew.

For Ongerup, John Kine kicked three goals, with Brad Tynan, Lance Hart and Rocky Eades all working hard.

In the reserves second semi-final, Gnowangerup scored a 20-point win against Jerramungup with their best being Anthony Gollan, Ross Parnell and Rod Noakes.

Best for Jerramungup were Paul Hislop, Mark Fawcett and Brad Wisewood.

Boxwood Hills were too strong for Kent in the colts, scoring a 19-point win.

# Premiership double to Dongara

DONGARA took out the North Midlands double by winning both the league and reserves premierships.

In the league grand final, Dongara came away 25-point winners against Coorow-Latham, 16.9 (105) to 11.14 (80).

Dongara appeared in control throughout the match with Coorow unable to string together more than two goals.

Coorow's confidence was down and they were unable to get their style of play going, giving Dongara the run of the ball for most of the match.

Dongara coach Larry Horwood posted seven goals, but paid tribute to the whole team for a great effort.

# Hawks chase a rare S-W flag

AUGUSTA-Margaret River surged into their first South West League grand final since 1979 when they thrashed South Bunbury in last Sunday's preliminary final.

The Hawks, who dominated proceedings all afternoon on the way to winning 14.13 (97) to 8.10 (58), will play Donnybrook in the grand final.

And Hawks league coach Gavin Watt gets a chance to create history.

The hard-nosed mentor has led the club to their only two colts and one reserves premiership and, in his second season as senior coach, gets a chance to add a league medallion to his trophy cabinet.

If Augusta-Margaret River are to win the premiership, they will have to turn around their three previous losses to the Dons — by 19, 22 and 33 points.

The Hawks led South Bunbury, last year's premiers, by 17 points at quarter-time and after both teams kicked 2.2 in the second term, a Tigers fightback after half-time was expected.

However, it didn't come.

Instead, the Hawks powered away, scoring 5.6 opposed to their opponents three behinds.

Stars in Augusta-Margaret River's win were midfielders James Craig, David Payne, Wayne Roser and Jamie Keane.

The four were outstanding, with Roser closing down Haywards Medal runner-up Joel Cornelius in great fashion.

## Nukarni after a hat-trick

NUKARNI will be chasing all three premierships in the Eastern Districts Football League grand finals at Bruce Rock this weekend after victories in the preliminary finals.

The league battle saw Nukarni beat Narambeen by 11 points, 12.15 (87) to 11.10 (76).

Fidge kicked five goals for Narambeen and Hooper three, but it wasn't enough to outlast Nukarni, who had three main contributors in Caghey, Jones and Lane all with two goals.

Nukarni will now play Kondinin in what promises to be a tough grand final.

Nukarni had a good 34-point win over Burracoppin in the reserves, 12.9 (81) to 7.5 (47).

Leading goalscorers for the victors were Pitt (four), Anderson (three) and Kudas (two).

Doing well for Burracoppin were goalscorers Vanderleer and Lee, each with twos.

Nukarni now play Hyden-Kalgarin in the grand final.

In the colts, Nukarni convincingly beat Southern Cross by 58 points, 15.12 (102) to 7.2 (44).

Leading the charge for Nukarni were Burt with seven goals and Needs with six.

For Southern Cross, Crisp kicked two goals.

Nukarni face Burracoppin in the grand final.



BIG CHANCE . . . Augusta-Margaret River coach Gavin Watt is out to complete a coaching treble

In attack, Sebastian Donovan and 1990 Swan Districts premiership player Shaun Davey proved real problems for the Tigers defence.

Their strong-marking and agility saw them cover heaps of ground and result in posting a combined total of five goals.

South Bunbury youngster Mark Cummins, who played four games with East Fremantle earlier in the season before returning home, worked tirelessly all day, while experienced campaigners Shaun Maiden, Peter Amonini, Jamie O'Donohue and Rod Steele were serviceable.

## Tambellup too strong

TAMBELLUP proved too strong for North Albany in the Great Southern preliminary final, winning by 37-points.

Their 18.10 (118) to 12.9 (81) victory sets them up for a competitive grand final against Royals.

Lomas Ugle was dominant, scoring five goals, with Craig McGee featuring in the best with four and Jeff Farmer jnr kicking three.

Other good players for Tambellup were Doug Woods and Jeff Roberts.

In a disappointing North Albany side, Brendon Noakes, John Woods, Gerard Cameron and Shane Robinson did well.

Tambellup scored a convincing 65-point victory over North Albany in the reserves, 19.15 (129) to 8.7 (55). Best were Jeff Farmer sr, Cheah, Cunningham and Pickett.

For North Albany, triers were Pihner, Minter, Knight and Johnson.

The colts saw Mt Barker beat Royals by 38-points, 13.7 (85) to 7.5 (47).

Wilkes, Dayman and Parsons did well for the winners, while Royals were well-led by Jeffrey, Williams and Davey.

## Boulder into grand final

BOULDER scored a convincing 32-point preliminary final win over Railways to earn a re-match with Mines in the Goldfields Emu Export grand final.

With a two-pronged forward line, Boulder dominated the last quarter to emerge victorious 17.12 (114) to 12.10 (82).

David Cull kicked seven and John Scott six to make the going tough for Railways.

Railways were competitive for three quarters,

led by Quentin Bandry with three goals, Rob Payton, Fabian Dawson, Todd Colquhoun and Dion Starcevic.

Other contributors for Boulder were Paul Graham, Michael Miller, Paul Moyses and Mark

Gilbert.

Boulder won all four matches against Mines in the qualifying rounds, only to be beaten by them in the preliminary final.

Mines have now qualified for the last four grand finals, winning in 1991 and 1993.

## Towns earn a grand final spot

TOWNS and Tigers will fight out the Fortescue League grand final after a tough preliminary final contest.

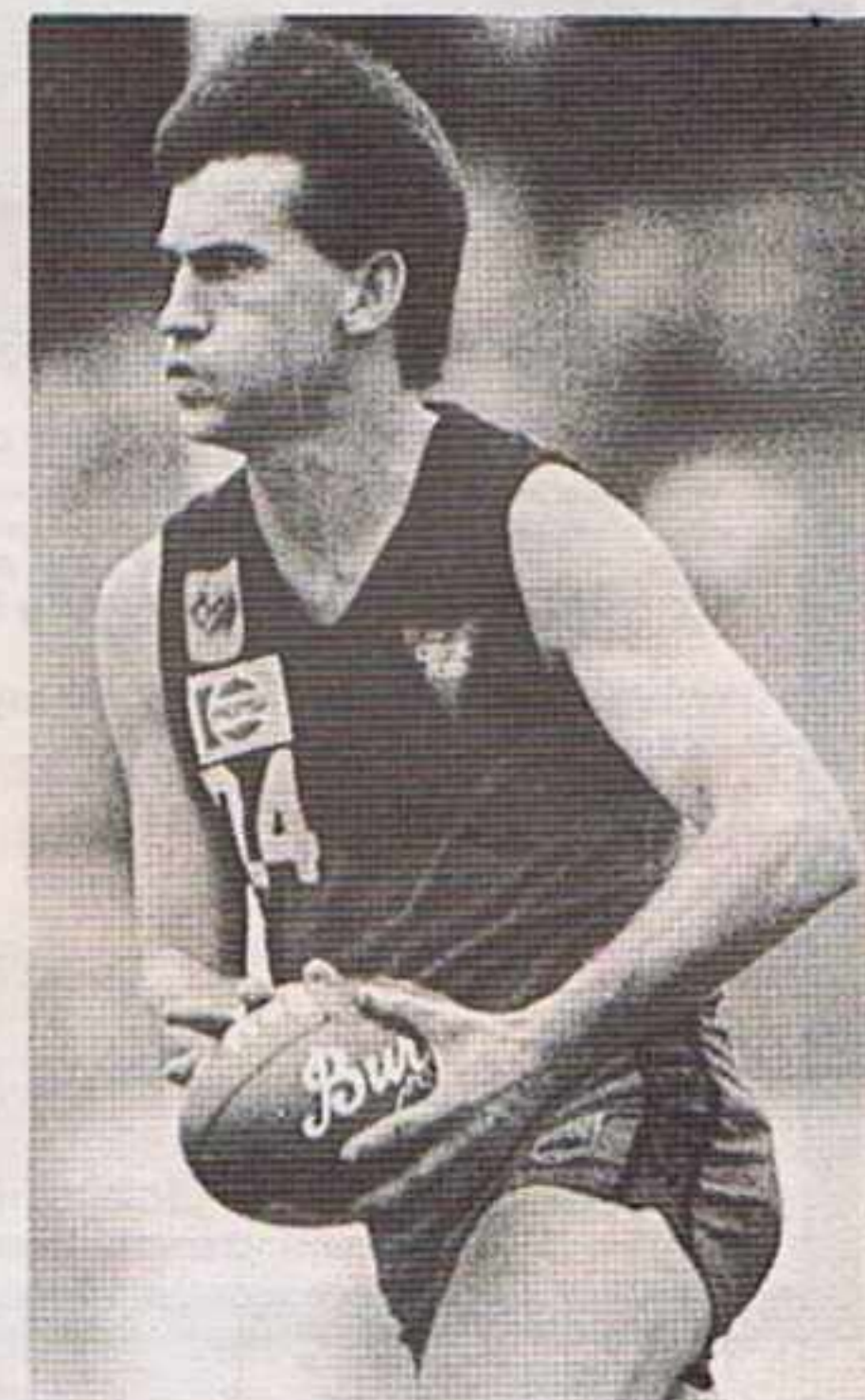
Towns snatched an 18-point victory from Panthers, who had started promisingly by kicking five goals to one in the first quarter.

However, they couldn't continue their form, going down 15.17 (107) to 12.17 (89).

With scores level at three-quarter time, Towns big man Mark Wilson and ruck-rover Mick Arnold took control and crushed Panthers grand final hopes.

Best for Panthers were Chris Perkins and Andrew McTaggart.

Towns Mick Arnold finished 26 votes clear of his nearest rival to win the Bielski Medal for the fairest and best player in the league competition.



HOT SCOTT . . . John Scott was on target to kick Boulder into the grand final

## Umpires turn to celebrate

THE Central Districts Junior Football Association don't just boast a healthy playing zone, but their list of umpires to continue to a higher level is also a proud part of their history.

Previously being made up from the Claremont and East Perth junior councils, the Central Districts have sent AFL umpire Greg Scroop and WAFL men-in-white Sam Kronja and Darren Starcevic onto the next level.

Claremont ruckman Rhys Croxford also once blew the whistle in the junior ranks.

Last week the grand finals in this area were played and the umpires held a night during the leading week to pay tribute to their own work done during the season.

There were awards to the umpires in both modified and open levels and the draw for the grand finals took place.

### DEDICATED

In the modified area the best first year umpires award went to Michael Wilkins, most improved to Mark Wiggett and the WAFL encouragement award for most dedicated was given to Sean Cowan.

The senior division saw most dedicated go to Stephen Tanardi, most improved to Glen Richardi, best first year to Gavin Mangona and Les Brown take out both best clubman and the Golden Whistle award.

The golden whistle award is donated by the FDT given to the umpire most likely to succeed on the WAFL panel next year.

The ages of the umpires were averaged out and that figure was remarkably less than 22 years of age, which went down to 20 years when the emergency umpires were included.

To be given the responsibility to officiate in a grand final is an honour for an umpire and in this zone those honours went to:

13's — Wembley Downs beat West Coast, umpire: David Lindsay, emergency: Mark Wiggett.

14's — Wembley Downs beat West Coast, umpires: Troy Williams, Glen Richards, emergency: Jay Farrell.

15's — Cougars beat West Coast, umpires: Stephan Tanardi, Daniel Britten, emergency: Paul Ratajczak.

17's — Cougars beat Bombers, umpires: Les Brown, Brad Cahill, emergency: Shane Halnan.

## Wongan end Ballidu's season

WONGAN Hills dispatched Ballidu by three points to earn a place in the Mortlock League's grand final against Goomalling on Sunday.

After trailing by 18-points at half-time, Ballidu clawed their way back into the match to lead by five points at the last quarter.

But Wongan hit back to snatch victory 11.16 (82) to 11.13 (79).

Wongan were best served by Minter, Bennett, Trindall, Walton and Hutcheson, while Ballidu's best were Falconer, Lancaster, Sermon, Dick and Latham.

Gingin overpowered Dalwallinu in the reserves to win by 62-points, 15.21 (111) to 7.7 (49).

Best for Gingin were Read, Tapscott and George and for Dalwallinu, Easton, Medlen and Ellison.

Toodyay were too strong for Wyalkatchem in the colts, winning 13.11 (89) to 4.3 (27).

Best for Toodyay were C. and A. Donagan and Somers, while for the losers, Broughton, Watson and Martin did well.

## COUNTRY ROUND-UP



# Kukerin through to grand final

KUKERIN were impressive 31-point winners over Boddington in front of 3000 spectators at the preliminary final of the Upper Great Southern Football League.

Kukerin were keyed up for the clash and were quick to pounce, leading by 5.4 to 0.1 at quarter-time and by half-time held a handy 36-point lead.

At the final change, the game was sewn up and although Boddington tried hard to pull back the margin, the match was out of their reach, losing 15.11 (101) to 10.10 (70).

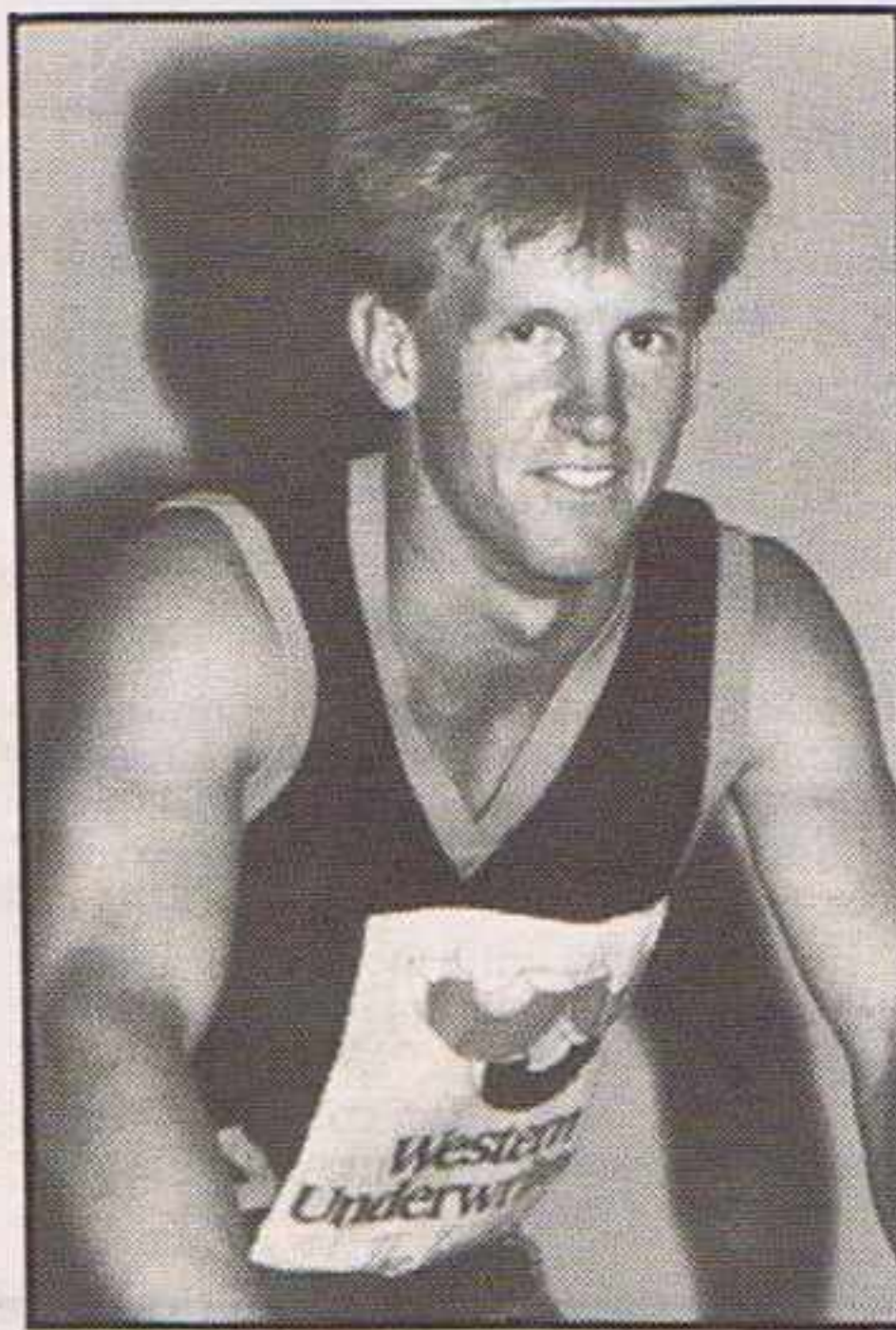
Raymon Joy was outstanding for Kukerin, finishing with three goals, while Darryl Hart (two goals) and Courtney Sutherland were also good.

Bevan and Craig Doney held down the two wings to give full-forward Graham Taylor (four goals) and promising ruckman Adam Matthews (two) scoring opportunities.

Matthew Teeuwissen was Boddington's best, playing in the centre and he also bagged three goals, while Murray Smart, Glen Roberts and Norm Thorne (wing) also played well.

Captain-coach Bruce Williams was also one of Boddington's more desperate triers.

This week's grand final will be played between Kukerin and Wagin on Sunday, at Narrogin.



TRIER... Matthew Teeuwissen was a hard worker for Boddington in a losing cause

Quit PRESENTS  
SUPERULES

THE State coaches were given an excellent opportunity to assess form when the annual country Superules carnival was held in Perth recently.

Played at McGillivray Oval with excellent representation from all country clubs, state coaches and selectors looked at a number of new prospects.

Since the naming of WA squads for Superules and Masterules, there have been withdrawals and changes due to injury.

The most prominent change is the elevation of Wayne Delmenico from the Masterules squad to Superules, being replaced by Colin McArthur.

### 1994 COUNTRY SUPERULES CARNIVAL AWARD WINNERS

TEAM	FAIREST & BEST	COUNTRY ALLSTARS	GOAL OF THE DAY	MARK OF THE DAY
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BUNBURY	Phil Ruediger	Phil Ruediger Chris Cain	Trevor Francis	Chris Cain
KATANNING	Trevor Watson	Allen Campbell Glen Jenkins	Trevor Scorer	Blake Cussons
MIDLANDS	Shane Murray	Shane Murray Len Ritchie	Bobby Whyatt	Max Rainer
SHARKS	Peter Old	Peter Old W Watterson	Rick Douglas	Mark Dawson
MARGARET RIVER	John Vandevorst	J Vandevorst Mal Yates	Wayne Hicker	Kim Bell
COLLIE	Mike Baker	Mike Baker Gary Winterton	P Whelan	G Marley
ONGERUP/QUAIRADING	Pat McLennon	Pat McLennon Dave Jones	John Parsons	S Duffell
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## Newtown take flag

NEWTOWN kicked four goals to none in the last quarter to score a 23-point win against Norseman in the grand final of the South East Football League.

Running out winners 13.6 (84) to 8.13 (61), Adam Bransperger led the way for the premiers kicking five goals, with Kim Gibbs adding three.

Strong contributors for Newtown were Andrew Walden (best on ground), Wayne Burnett, Paul Turner, Geoff Burden, Shane Tobin and Mick Little.

Norseman's last quarter fade out cost them the premiership.

Working hard for the runners-up were Carl Tiefenbacher, Doug McDonald, Simon Dober, Darren Ding, Justin Major and Aaron Harwood.

The reserves grand final saw Esperance score a solid 25-point win over Condingup, 11.11 (77) to 8.4 (52).

Trevor Sambo was in great form for Esperance kicking six goals, with Barry Brown, Munro Sylva, Chris Meicklejohn and Anthony Wagenkwecht all contributing.

For Condingup, Mal Guadagnin, Clinton Watts, Shane Meyer, John O'Brien and Alan Howard all kicked goals.

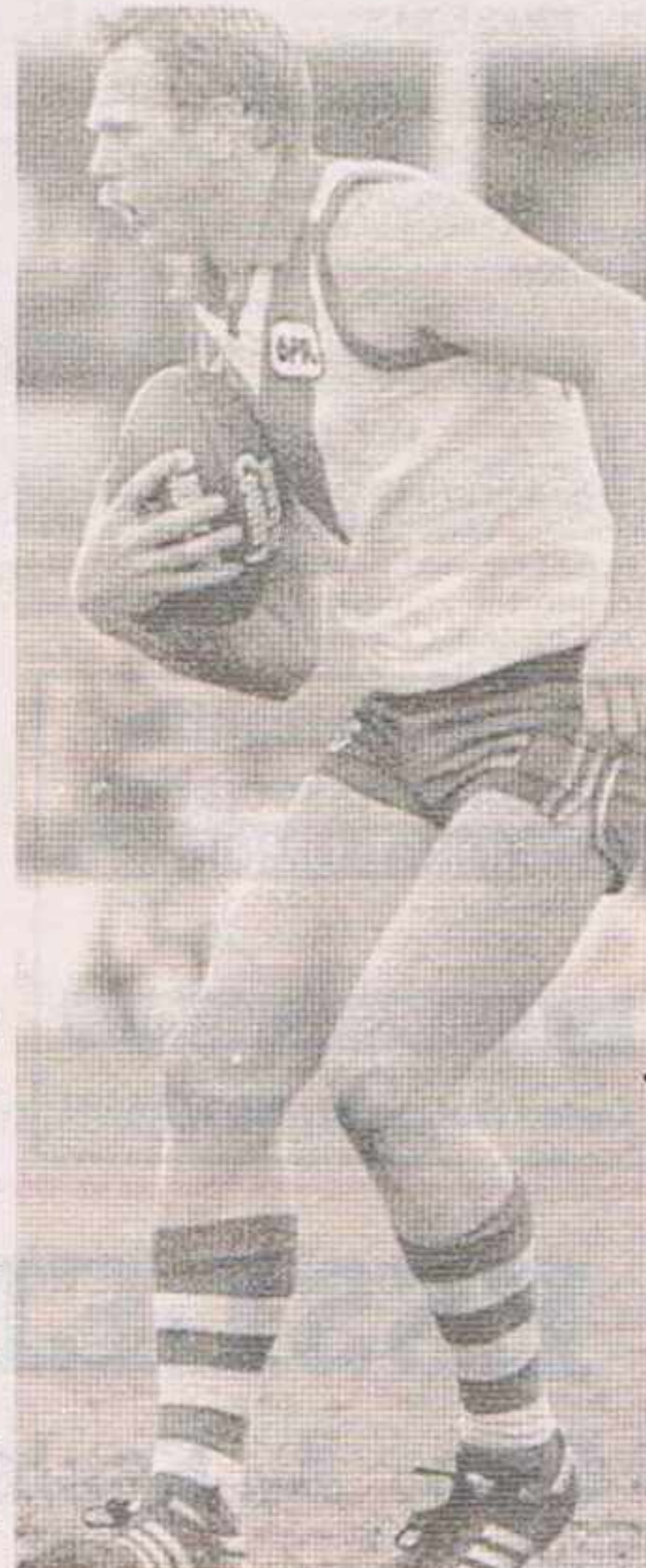
## Delmenico elevated in carnival

Results of the country Superules carnival are:

Round 1: Sharks 42 d Esperance 34; Bunbury 54 d Kambalda 14; Albany 49 d Kalgoorlie 21; Katanning 45 d Collie 39; Margaret River 43 d Ongerup-Quairading 8; Midlands 42 d Busselton 21.

Round 2: Sharks 43 d Kambalda 28; Albany 50 d Busselton 21; Bunbury 50 d Ongerup-Quairading 31; Katanning 68 d Midlands 13; Collie 41 d Kalgoorlie 16; Esperance 41 d Margaret River 29.

Round 3: Bunbury 35 d Esperance 13; Midlands 27 d Sharks 24; Albany 50 d Kambalda 6; Collie 43 d Ongerup-Quairading 18; Margaret River 32 d Kalgoorlie 24; Katanning 55 d Busselton 28.



STILL GOING... Wayne Delmenico is still getting a kick in superules

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# Battle down to two

By BRAD ELBOROUGH

AFTER the ups and downs that Emu Export A-grade sides have experienced this season, just two teams remain in the battle for premiership glory.

This Saturday, at Leederville Oval, Gary Armstrong's Scarborough side will battle John Dimmer and West Coast for premiership glory.

Scarborough finished as the minor premiers and although they lost the second semi-final to West Coast, they will start favourites this week.

Armstrong and his side bounced back with a confident win over Wembley in the preliminary final.

West Coast have had a sensational final series leading to the grand final and there's no reason why they cannot win the flag.

They finished third on the Emu Export premiership ladder and beat Wembley in the qualifying final before their semi-final clash with the Seagulls.

After forging new ties with the Claremont Football Club, West Coast have had the advantage of playing several games on the Tigers home ground and also picked up their coach from the club.

## DIMMER'S CAREER

Dimmer started his football career with Subiaco in 1972 and was a member of their 1973 premiership side.

He stayed with the Lions until 1980, moving camps to play with East Perth, where he served as captain.

He retired from football with 171



CLOSE TIES ... John Dimmer has thrived in the role of West Coast coach after his long affiliation with Claremont

league games to his name and four state appearances.

Dimmer started coaching in 1984, with Karrinyup juniors and held the dual role as state schoolboys coach for two seasons.

In 1986 he took a year off from football, using his spare time to train himself for a marathon run, but in 1987, he returned to the football scene, as reserves coach at Claremont.

He stayed on until the end of 1993, taking them to four grand finals, with two premierships.

"The main reason I'm coaching West Coast is because of their ties with Claremont," says Dimmer.

"I was looking for a change in coaching and West Coast gave me the opportunity.

"My 13-year-old son is playing football and his games are the same time as the WAFL reserves, so I had to make the change."

## THE RECORD

West Coast has played Scarborough three times already this season and Scarborough hold a 2-0 advantage.

Scarborough won both clashes in qualifying rounds, with their first being by 33 points, at Millington Reserve.

Bruce Bennett, third in the A-grade medal count, was Scarborough's best that day, supported by Jamie O'Keefe and Scott Uglow.

West Coast's best included Aaron Hunter, Steve Ovenden and John Wild.

In round 18, Scarborough were again convincing 49-points winners at Claremont Oval.

That day Max Gascoyne (four goals), John Bengough, Craig Dawson and Armstrong (three goals) led the Seagulls, while Wild, Brendan Arundle and Ovenden were good for the Coasters.

The second semi-final saw West Coast turn things around to win by 36 points, at Leederville Oval.

Their better players were Gavin Smith, Don Dwyer (three goals) and Arundle.

Playing well for Scarborough were O'Keefe, Tony Fulgrabe and Uglow.

These sides are yet to produce a close finish against each other, but with so much to play for this week — and a tradition of tough A-grade finals — this game has a lot of potential.

## MILESTONES

### Jeff Richards

250 games — Brentwood

FOURTEEN years of club loyalty paid off for Jeff Richards when he played his 250th game for the Brentwood Amateur Football Club in their first semi-final against Bullcreek.

Richards started at the club in 1980, playing in the colts and has continued as a loyal club man.

Despite having a preference for playing up forward, Richards has spent much of his career in the backline, but this hasn't deterred the 32-year-old from being a fine team member.

### Roger Piggott

100 games — Wembley

ROGER Piggott started at Wembley in 1989 after a stint with Subiaco and although he has made the finals more times than not, he's yet to taste grand final glory.

In his first year, Wembley were put out of the premiership race in the preliminary final and the next season he made it through to the grand final, but lost to North Beach.

That same year Piggott was a member of the state amateur side that played in Adelaide.

In 1991 he was a member of the club's losing elimination final side, then missed out at the same stage in 1992.

They lost in the preliminary final in 1993 and he was a member of the side that lost to Scarborough in the same game last week.

His skill, long kicking, high marking and ability to play in a number of positions make him a key member of Wembley sides.

Piggott has been a committee member for the past two years.

### Peter Hamilton

150 games — Wembley

WEMBLEY'S Peter Hamilton came from the Port Fairy Football Club in 1985 and has gone on to play 150 games for his new club.

Playing in the lower grades, his first taste of success was spoiled when he missed the 1989 H-grade grand final due to a broken leg.

He played G-grade in 1990, then went down to L-grade the next year where he played in a winning grand final team.

In 1992 he was captain of the club's undefeated K-grade premiers side and was also a member of the losing I-grade final team in 1993.

Hamilton is currently playing J-grade and will line up in the grand final this week.



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## Around the grades

### C GRADE

Bullcreek-Leeming have a tough task ahead of them this week, tackling top side Cockburn Lakes in the grand final.

Bullcreek know what it's like to be under-dogs after they met Bayswater in the preliminary final, but still managed to run away to a 46-point win.

### D GRADE

Third-placed Balcatta capped off a tremendous season by beating minor premiers, Lynwood Ferndale by 37 points to go into the grand final, at Bassendean Oval against Cowan University.

Scores were tight going into the last quarter, but Balcatta had the breeze and dominated the term to win comfortably.

Their better players were coach Andrew Rottigni at centre-half-back, captain Charlie Bertilone, ruck-rover Jamie Tassiker and back-pocket Chris Christkotsopoulos.

### E GRADE

West Perth Hellenic moved into the grand final with a hard-fought 21-point win over Coolbinia Yokine.

### F GRADE

After having lost just one game in qualifying rounds, Ocean Ridge have bombed out of the finals after a 68-point thashing from Swan Athletic.

University beat Ocean Ridge by one point in the second semi final and Swan Athletic were expected to be a training run for them as they worked their way to another clash with the students.

### G GRADE

North Beach worked their way into the grand final and celebrated Ian Testers' 200th game with a 12-point win

over Warnbro Swans.

Warnbro came from fifth spot to get to the preliminary final, but Norths Sam Johns (three goals), Chris Baker, Steve Morris and Paul Williams saw they wouldn't go any further.

### H GRADE

The top two sides in the qualifying rounds will play off in the grand final after Dianella Morley beat East Fremantle by a massive 123 points.

Diannela now go on to play High Wycombe, who finished undefeated on top of the ladder.

### I GRADE

Cowan University have won their way through to a grand final clash against Brentwood after a 13-point win over Bassendean, but not without their worries.

Cowan had eight more scoring shots than Bassendean, but were unable to show their control of the game on the score-board, just managing to hold their lead to the siren.

Better players for Cowan were Hong Ho, Todd Teasdale, Gary Hancock, Matthew Arthurson, Tony Adam, Peter McKeirnan and Paul Connolly.

### J GRADE

Wembley have come from fourth spot to earn a spot in this week's grand final against Whitford.

They did this with a nine-point win over Dianella Morley in the preliminary final.

### K GRADE

This is the only grade where neither of the top two sides will play off for premiership glory.

Third-placed Cockburn Lakes beat minor premiers High Wycombe by 57 points to join Nollamara (third place) in the fight for the flag.

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# Gulls favourites in beach derby

SCARBOROUGH moved into the Emu Export A-grade grand final against West Coast after beating Wembley by 24 points in the preliminary final.

Scarborough were determined after their loss in the second semi and applied pressure to Wembley from the outset.

Wembley steadied midway through the quarter, but Scarborough's defence and inaccurate kicking saw them two goals down at quarter time.

Scarborough continued in the second term with the use of the breeze to dominate the play.

Max Gascoyne was strong at centre-half-back where his sure marking and good use of the football repelled many Wembley forward thrusts and put Scarborough into attack.

Ruckman Adam Clark started to dominate on the ball, but lacked support, particularly when Jamie Ferguson was resting.

Scarborough increased their lead to five goals going into the main break and Wembley's woes continued in the third term where they had most of the play, but couldn't convert.

The Magpies kicked 1.4 while holding Scarborough to one goal until a minute before the siren, when the Seagulls kicked their second for the quarter.

This left Wembley needing to double their score in the final term.

## CHALLENGE

Wembley mounted an early challenge to kick the first two goals, but Scarborough fought back with coach Gary Armstrong proving a focal point up forward where he posted three goals.

By **DAVID EGGLESTON**



**WINNER ... Bruce Bennett was in superb form for Scarborough as they won their way into the grand final**

Although Wembley outscored Scarborough, the damage had been done and they had to be satisfied with third position for the year.

Best players for Scarborough were Bruce Bennett, Jamie O'Keefe, John Bengough and Max Gascoyne, while Armstrong finished with four goals.

Wembley's best were Simon McPhee, Jamie Ferguson and Adam Clark.

## NEXT WEEK

**SCARBOROUGH face West Coast in the A-grade grand final at Leederville Oval at 2.20pm.**

West Coast have only beaten Scarborough once this season — in the second semi-final — but they go into this game confident and without injuries.

Scarborough will regain Tony Fulgrave back from suspension.

They are determined to regain some lost pride after not moving directly into the grand final despite being favourites all season.

Scarborough boast a strong midfield and this could be the telling factor.

Both teams have powerful backlines and talented following divisions which make it difficult to pick a winner.

Scarborough have the record over West Coast and should win a close game.

# Wesley aim to conquer odds

WESLEY Curtin have beaten the odds and earned themselves a berth in the B-grade grand final to perhaps regain their place in A-grade from several seasons ago.

This chance comes after an upset 21-point win over Bassendean in the preliminary final at Claremont Oval.

Bassendean held a small lead after the first quarter, but Wesley powered away with the breeze in the second term and should have led by more than three goals at half-time.

That margin was maintained though Bassendean did manage to get within

nine points during the latter stages of the third term.

However, Wesley's state representative, Rex Carlhausen, kicked a goal just before three-quarter time to settle his side.

Bassendean were held through the final quarter, not being able to mount a challenge.

Best players for Wesley were Phil Crogan at half-back, Tim Baker on a wing and Phil Hopewell, who spent some time on the bench, but was able to make the most of his opportunities.

Better players for Bassendean were centre-half-back Clint Bordon and captain Warren Sutton, who played on a wing.

## THIS WEEK

CBC are in much the same position they were last season when they won their way into the grand final and, after enjoying the bye, were beaten by North Fremantle, who had scraped into the five.

Wesley Curtin finished fourth this year and have played through from the elimination final.

CBC will start favourites in the match at East Fremantle Oval, but after last season's hiccup and Wesley Curtin's current form, this game should be a tight, tough encounter.



presents **COLTS CORNER**

# Trendsetters to meet again

IT HAS become a common sight in recent years — North Beach playing University in the Emu Export A-colts grand final — and this year's battle at Leederville Oval is no different.

University won their berth from the second semi-final, forcing Norths to qualify through the preliminary.

They met North Fremantle at Leederville Oval and after a tight first half, showed why the top two sides are well above the rest.

Playing on plenty of adrenalin, North Fremantle were right with North Beach for the first two quarters and as the rain fell, they threatened to produce an upset.

After the main break, North Beach stepped up a cog and when the conditions brightened, they were able to show their skill and posted 10 goals to one for the half.

North Beach went on to win by 61 points.

Better players were Simon Jones at full-back, who dominated the position and held several opponents to minimal scores, Dan Porter in the ruck and Luke Evans. Damon McCauley did well to kick five goals.

North Fremantle had several good players and with them losing just three to seniors next season, already are working at improving next year.

Their better players were Jamie Connelly, Dean Latiza and Darian Allen.

## THIS WEEK

University beat North Beach in three of the last four grand finals and finished them off in the preliminary in the other year.

Uni will try to run North off their feet on the large Leederville surface, but North coach Crannage, who was absent from their last encounter, is confident of an upset.

## B COLTS

University continue to show their dominance of colts football with their B colts joining their A colts in grand final appearances.

They kept Swan Athletic to just two goals in the B colts to set up a grand final show down with Cowan University.

## C COLTS

The C colts grand final will be played between North Beach, also their second colts team and Ocean Ridge, after the latter beat St Norberts by 15 points in a low scoring preliminary final.

## Finals fixtures

### Grand Finals

17th September, 1994

This Saturday — Colts 12.20pm. Seniors 2.30pm.

**A-grade:** West Coast v Scarborough, Leederville Oval.

**B-grade:** CBC v Wesley Curtin, East Fremantle Oval.

**C-grade:** Cockburn Lakes v Bullcreek Leeming, Fremantle Oval.

**D-grade:** Cowan University v Balcatta, Bassendean Oval.

**E-grade:** Coolbellup v W.P. Hellenic, Claremont Oval.

**F-grade:** University v Swan Athletic, Robinson Reserve.

**G-grade:** Forrestfield v North Beach, Gil Fraser Oval.

**H-grade:** High Wycombe v Dianella Morley, Hamer Park No.2.

**I-grade:** Brentwood v Cowan University, Collier Reserve.

**J-grade:** Whitfords v Wembley, Des Penman Reserve No.1.

**K-grade:** Nollamara v Cockburn Lakes, McGilvray Oval No.2.

**A-colts:** University v North Beach, Leederville Oval.

**B-colts:** Cowan University v University, East Fremantle Oval.

**C-colts:** North Beach v Ocean Ridge, Claremont Oval.

## EMU EXPORT LEAGUE

PRELIMINARY-FINALS: A-GRADE: Scarborough 14.10 d Wembley 9.16.

B-Grade: Wesley Curtin 11.10 d Bassendean 8.7.

C-Grade: Bullcreek Leeming 14.15 d Bayswater 7.11.

D-Grade: Balcatta 12.12 d Lynwood-Ferndale 6.11.

E-Grade: West Perth Hellenic 12.9 d Coolbellup Yokine 9.6.

F-Grade: Swan Athletic 16.10 d Ocean Ridge 6.2.

G-Grade: North Beach 8.12 d Wamboro Swans 6.12.

H-Grade: Dianella Morley 28.18 d East Fremantle 9.9.

I-Grade: Cowan University 11.16 d Bassendean 10.9.

J-Grade: Wembley 10.11 d Dianella Morley 8.14.

K-Grade: Cockburn Lakes 12.17 d High Wycombe 3.8.

A-Colts: Nth Beach 15.12 d Nth Fremantle 6.5.

B-Colts: University 7.12 d Swan Athletic 2.12.

C-Colts: Ocean Ridge 5.8 d St Norberts 3.5.



## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Bruce Bennett**

(Scarborough)

Scarborough earned the right to play West Coast in the grand final, led by players like Bruce Bennett.

A strong utility player, Bennett has showed his skills many times this season, running third in the Colin Jamieson Medal.

His efforts against Wembley last week were outstanding and he was clearly best-afield. Scarborough will be looking for him to continue his good form in their quest for this year's flag.

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# Corpus Christi dominate

CORPUS Christi College have completed a clean sweep in the major schools competitions this season.

The Bateman-based school continued their dominance of the FDT-organised competitions by winning the Town and Country Shield grand final, played as a curtain-raiser to the recent West Coast v Footscray clash at Subiaco Oval.

They went through the competition undefeated to become the only school to win the two FDT trophies in the same year.

They also won the Quit Cup for senior high schools earlier in the year.

The grand final saw Corpus Christi, the East Fremantle champions, beat Swan Districts divisional winners, Bunbury's Newton Moore High, 6.11 (47) to 4.10 (24).

The Shield was presented by Town and Country managing director Ray Turner, which ended the state-wide year eight and nine high school football competition with over 120 schools taking part.

"The Town and Country Shield final was a hard game," said Corpus Christi coach Craig Davis.

"We played against difficult odds, with Newton Moore being a physically bigger side.

"We had our own supporters behind the goals, but by the end of the game the ground was packed.

"Corpus are extremely pleased with the football profile we have built up this year.

"The support we have received from both East Fremantle and the FDT has been tremendous, which enabled our players to play against other teams throughout WA."

The Ross Davis Medal for best on the ground in the grand final went to Corpus's Joshua Carr, while team-mates Robert Pizzi, Scott Bennett and James Doyle also played well.

Newton Moore's best player, Ross

# school series



WINNERS... Ray Turner presents the Town and Country Shield to Corpus Christi captain Scott Bennett, with coach Craig Davis on the right

Craigie, was presented with the game ball, while others to play well for them were Luke John-Parish, Cody Kelmin and Adam Hunter.

"Most of our boys had played in grand finals down in Bunbury the week before," said Newton coach Jamie Renkin.

fore," said Newton coach Jamie Renkin.

"It was disappointing not to have won, but when the boys thought about it they were happy with how far they had got and it was a big thrill for them to play on Subiaco Oval."

# Falcons and Sharks clash in grand final

WEST Perth and East Fremantle will clash in the Town and Country Bank's Little League play-off this week for the top club of the season.

They will do battle for the Alex Panton trophy at half-time in the Pepsi Cup league game, playing at the western (Subiaco) end of the ground.

The other half-time game sees Perth and Swan Districts do battle.

The other two matches will be played at half-time in the reserves preliminary final, with South Fremantle facing Claremont and East Perth meeting Subiaco.

East Fremantle came out of the round-robin series with another win last week when they beat Perth, while the Falcons had a draw with Swans to keep their unbeaten record intact.

South Fremantle and Subiaco were also in good touch to overcome East Perth and Claremont.

The Sharks were too strong for the Demons, with best players Aaron Bertolatta, Luke Hanisch and Luke McPharlin, while the Demons best were Leon Davis, Robert Davis and Allan Ryder.

Led by Alan McDonald, Craig Simmons and Leigh Matthews, the Bulldogs outplayed the Royals, who had good players in Ryan Walkerden, Thomas Da-Costa and Cory Marland.

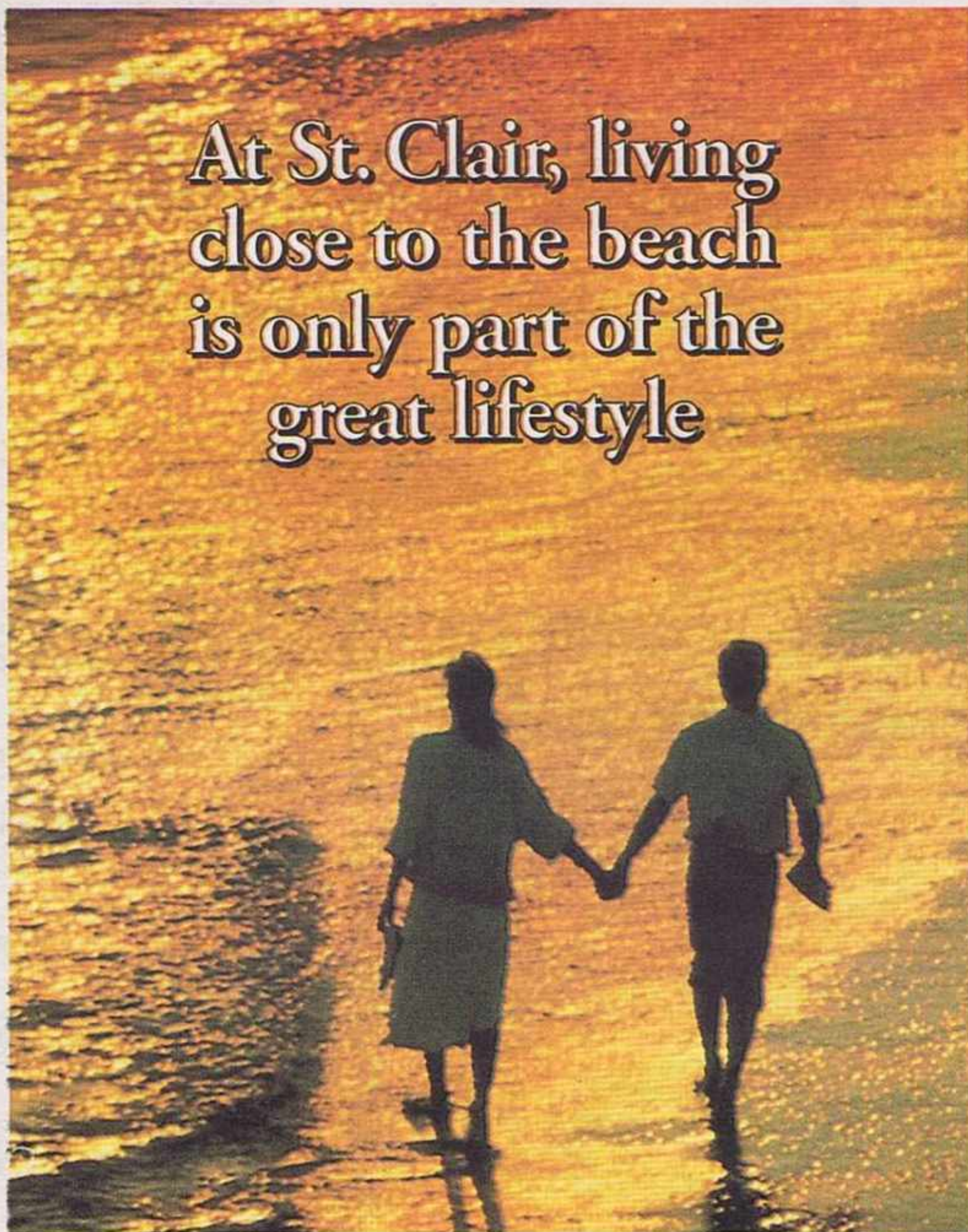
The Lions had good players in Peter Rye, Chad Rankin and Luke Webster, while best for the Tigers were Chris Burr, James Carmody and Simon Henderson.

The Falcons best in their tough draw were Andrew Edwards, Jason Kinane and Daniel Reynolds, while for Swans Blake Kampen, Paul Holland and Todd Daly played well.

The Hungry Jack's little league clash in the main break of the Eagles-Collingwood match saw juniors from Bassen-dean represent Collingwood as they beat the Eagles (Morley Police Boys).

Best for the Magpies were Sam Morgan, Joshua From and Ryan McQueen.

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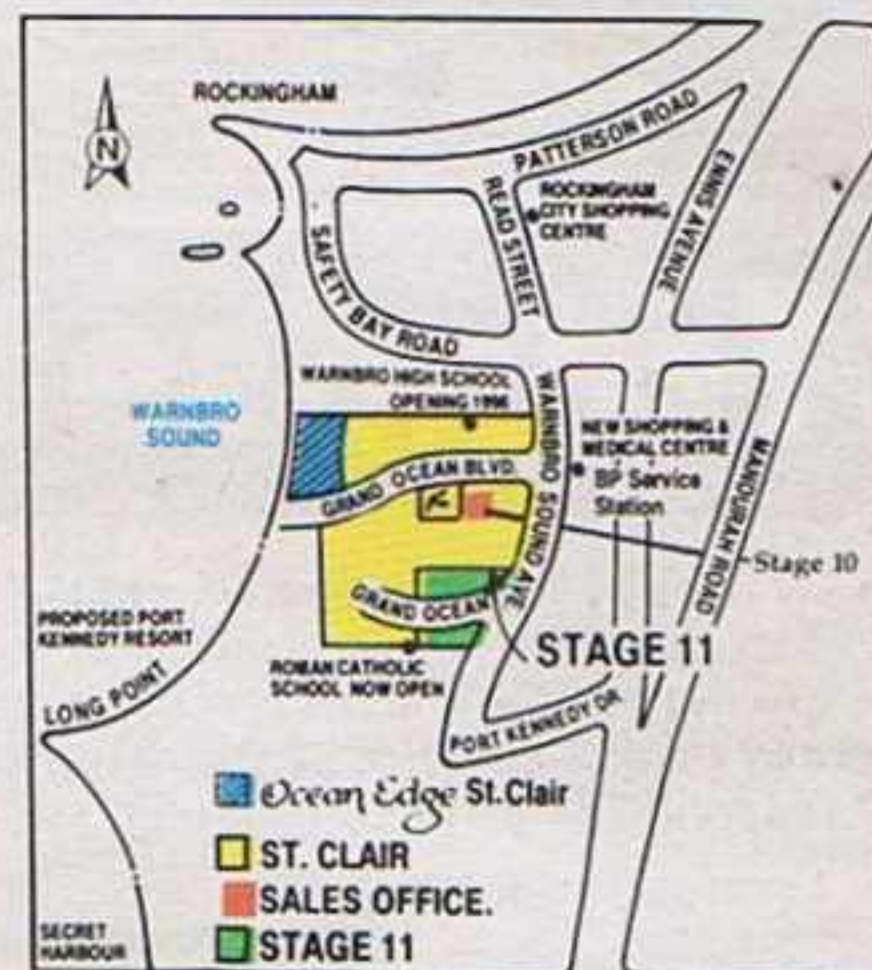
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# Canning wary of Ossie Park

**CANNING** would be concerned after watching Osborne Park demolish Armadale in the preliminary final at Gosnells Oval on Sunday.

They outplayed Armadale in the first half and withstood a charge in the third quarter to run out 42-point winners.

Shane Cocker rarely lost a ruck knock, while ruck-rover Simon Chaplin kicked three goals in five minutes to break Armadale's back late in the third term.

Captain-coach Greg Carpenter led from the front on a wing, destroying three opponents, including Matt Hill and Marlon Johns.

The Saints were impressive using the corridor to advantage with big men Tim Scanlon, John Cleary and usual full-back Ian Grant taking big grabs in the forward line.

Runners Vince Lazarro, Craig Shawcross and Paul Sanzone came back to form and their use of the ball through the midfield set up many attacking moves.

Canning coach Ron Wilcox said he was impressed with the Saints effort, but thought Armadale lacked their usual aggression and desire for the ball.

Canning have played just one game in three weeks and Wilcox is undecided on whether that would be an advantage.

"Last year we played all the games to get to the grand final and it turned out difficult," he said.

"I think there's a case for and against having the break before the grand final."

Wilcox said he would have a hard time selecting the team with so many players on the borderline.

But the side that beat Osborne Park in the second semi-final would be basically the same.

Travis Underwood and Clinton Atkinson will be key men in defence, former East Fremantle runner Darren Hammond will be in the centre, while Paul Keech and Paul Tolan will be the main men up forward.

Nicky and Chilton Yarran will rove, with Heath Soutar taking ruck duties and Justin Tolan helping out when needed.

Runner Paul O'Keefe tagged Bowden Medallist Lazarro out of the game last time they met, but Wilcox said he would not make the same match-up unless Lazarro started sensationally.

"Basically we'll be doing our own thing," he said.

Wilcox believes the clash will be a good one, but will not let Osborne Park storm to a six-goal lead, as in the second

semi.

Osborne Park came out of their Armadale clash unscathed and Carpenter will have a full team to select from.

## ACHIEVEMENT

After the game, he told his players having all three grades in grand finals was a great achievement.

"The players are keen to step up and get their revenge on Canning," he says.

Carpenter said last week that if Canning beat Armadale, they would win the grand final.

He is still confident of winning, but said Canning were a good side and the result would be close.

Martin Welsh got the job on Lee Monument in the preliminary final, but Ian Grant should return to full-back to off-set Tolan.

The Soutar-Cocker duel will be a crucial contest and Chaplin will have to be watched closely through the midfield.

Osborne Park will be confident going into the game and have become favourites after their strong preliminary final win.

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**KEY MAN . . .** Simon Chaplin has a leading role to play for Osborne Park

# Upset of the season in grand final

**MIDLAND** caused the upset of the season when they toppled Belmont in the Sunday amateurs grand final.

Belmont went into the premiership play-off unbeaten and were red-hot favourites.

But Midland started strongly to lead by 10 points at quarter-time.

Belmont hit back to be a point down at the main break, but a four-goal third quarter gave Midland the confidence to go on for a win.

Both sides fought hard in the last term, but Belmont couldn't peg back the lead, going down by 11 points.

Tigers rover Lenny Middleton was named best-on-ground, Goran Dragic was superb in defence and Lenny Patton was constructive all over the ground.

Mick Walters kicked four goals, with captain-coach Ray Keen seeing out the game with a broken finger.

For Belmont, Brendan William was outstanding, with help from Craig Davis and Gerald Gilbert.

In the reserves, Belmont were too good for Cockburn, winning by 26 points and the Bombers also won the colts by 55 points.

Bombers Tony Arandt (reserves) and Mark Fry (colts) won the best-on-ground awards.

## Willetton strong in reserves

**A STRONG** Willetton had too much class for Thornlie in the reserves preliminary final last week.

The 75-point win means they will take on Osborne Park in the grand final.

The Blues defence kept Thornlie goalless to three-quarter time, while the forwards got busy to kick 18.13 (121) to 6.10 (46).

Andrew Gosling was too strong up forward, kicking five goals.

Cleto Piani has had an excellent finals series and will be a player to watch against the Saints.

Lang Watkins and Nathan Groves have also run into form and will have to be checked closely on Sunday.

Last time the teams met, in the second semi-final, Osborne Park won by 20 points.

Wayne Stevens could do nothing wrong in the game, while Ross Giardina and Frank Figliomeni had plenty of the ball.

With Willetton's league side out of action, their reserves will be slightly stronger this week and do not be surprised if they take home the flag.

## Osborne Park recover

**OSBORNE** Park overcame a bad start to beat Willetton by 20 points in the colts preliminary final.

This week, Saints face Kenwick in the grand final.

No doubt many WAFL and even AFL scouts will be on hand to watch the promising suburban under-19s.

# Thornlie get the result

**THORNLIE** finally overcame Roylestone to win the Saturday competition grand final.

After a draw last week, the teams met again with the Lions running out 21-point winners, coming from four points down at three-quarter time.

Thornlie captain Chris Jacobsen led from the front to win the best-on-ground award.

Jacobsen hit form after a poor game in the first grand final to get his team over the line.

Todd Ashbolt played at his skillful best, kicking two goals and Derek Wedge capped off a superb finals series with another excellent effort.

Coach John Spilsbury kicked two of his side's five goals.



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# National scoreboard

## Australian Football League

Saturday, September 10

### FIRST QUALIFYING FINAL

GEELONG	8.3	10.6	12.9	15.16	106
FOOTSCRAY	3.3	8.5	12.7	15.11	101

**GOALS — Geelong:** Ablett 6; Brownless, Mensch 2; Bairstow, Riccardi, Pickering, Hickmott, Couch. **Footscray:** Reynolds, Cameron 3; Grant, Osborne 2; Koster, Wallis, Kellett, Johnson, Standfield.

**BEST — Geelong:** Bairstow, Ablett, O'Reilly, Barnes, Brownless, Wills. **Footscray:** Reynolds, Wallis, Atkins, Cameron, Grant, Southern. Played at the MCG. Umpires Denis Rich, Andrew Coates, John Russo. Attendance: 61,182.

### SECOND QUALIFYING FINAL

NORTH MELBOURNE	2.3	6.12	9.12	15.24	114
HAWTHORN	4.5	5.7	10.11	13.13	91

**GOALS — North Melbourne:** Carey 4; Longmire 3; McKernan 2; Schwass, Archer, Sholl, Allison, King, McAdam. **Hawthorn:** Dunstall 4; Hudson, Stevenson 2; Taylor, Young, Platten, Pritchard, Jarman.

**BEST — North Melbourne:** Carey, McKernan, Blakey, Sholl, Fairley, Crocker. **Hawthorn:** Platten, Gowers, Jarman, Tallis, Graham, Stevenson. Played at Waverley Park. Umpires: Hayden Kennedy, Rowan Sawers, Gavin Dore. Attendance: 38,223.

### Sunday, September 11 THIRD QUALIFYING FINAL

MELBOURNE	4.4	9.5	14.11	18.15	123
CARLTON	3.1	9.7	11.8	14.12	96

**GOALS — Melbourne:** Charles 5; Schwarz, Pike 4; G. Lovett 3; Lyon 2. **Carlton:** Kernahan, Cook, Brown 3; Christou, Gleeson, Spalding, Ratten, Bond.

**BEST — Melbourne:** Schwarz, Lovell, Charles, Pike, M. Febey, G. Lovett. **Carlton:** Koutoufides, McKay, Hanna, Brown, Spalding, Christou.

Played at MCG. Umpires: David Howlett, Bryan Sheehan, Brett Allen. Attendance: 56,111.

### FOURTH QUALIFYING FINAL

WEST COAST	4.3	6.7	9.14	11.16	82
COLLINGWOOD	2.3	4.5	6.8	12.8	80

**GOALS — West Coast:** Heady 3; Sumich, Lewis, Matera 2; Bond, Ball. **Collingwood:** Brown 5; Francis 3; Buckley, McCartney, Hotten, Tranquilli.

**BEST — West Coast:** Hynes, Jakovich, Evans, Pyke, Heady, Matera. **Collingwood:** Buckley, Brown, Francis, McGuane, Kerrison, Williams.

Played at the WACA Ground. Umpires: Peter Carey, Chris Mitchell, Grant Vernon. Attendance: 31,824.

## Victorian State League

### Elimination Finals

FOOTSCRAY 16.16 (112) d HAWTHORN 12.13 (85)

**GOALS — Footscray:** Allen 5; Lane, Thorpe 4; Hargreaves 2, Wynd, Hawthorn; Baxter 5; Barnard, Allen 3; Disney. **BEST — Footscray:** Allen, Sir, R. West, Churchill, Thorpe, Darcy, Hargreaves. **Hawthorn:** Holland, Baxter, Barnard, McCabe, Bergman.

ESSENDON 17.13 (115) d SYDNEY 15.6 (96)

**GOALS — Essendon:** Kirzner, Manton 4; Delaney, O'Connor 2; Dimattina, Kilpatrick, Mollard, Prior, Williams. **Sydney:** Nettelbeck 7; Lang 4; Smith 2; Ah Mat, Garlick. **BEST — Essendon:** Kickett, Morgan, Manton, Kingsley, Kilpatrick, Fraser, Daniher. **Sydney:** Nettelbeck, Caven, Ah Mat, Lang, McMahon.

### Qualifying Final

NORTH MELBOURNE 21.11 (137) d FITZROY 14.9 (93)

**GOALS — Nth Melbourne:** Roberts 7; Campbell, Sholl, Polak 3; Barnett 2; German, Capuano, Anderson. **Fitzroy:** Bruce 4; Cummings 3; Sartori, Sporn 2; Barker, Cavanagh, Palfreyman. **BEST — Nth Melbourne:** Roberts, Anderson, Simpson, German, Geister, Sholl, Danilchenko, Mur. **Fitzroy:** Cummings, Bizzotto, Mitchell, Sartori, Sporn, Bruce.

## South Australian NFL

### QUALIFYING FINAL

PORT ADELAIDE	3.6	8.7	12.9	16.15	111
CENTRAL DISTRICT	2.4	8.9	9.11	14.14	98

**GOALS — Port Adelaide:** Hodges 5; Ginever, Malakelis 3; Borlase 2; Williams, Olsen, Smith. **Central:** Cook 3; Richardson 2; Reimers, Girdham, Stevens, MacGowan, Luhrs, Arnold, Handley, Schwerdt, Roberts. **BEST — Port Adelaide:** Ginever, Hodges, Borlase, Malakelis, Spaulding, Williams. **Central:** McGowna, Stevens, Handley, Cook, Arnold, Windsor.

★ Port won in extra time after both sides were on 13.14 (92). Played at Football Park.

### ELIMINATION FINAL

NORWOOD	7.6	12.6	14.9	22.14	146
GLENELG	4.1	8.4	12.11	15.12	102

**GOALS — Norwood:** Patterson, Irvin 4; Pitt 3; Fleming, Robran, Bowman 2; Cowham, Davey, Russell, Dolan, Loffler. **Glenelg:** Mansell 4; Barton 3; Caldwell, Liptak, West 2; Chigwidden, Cox. **BEST — Norwood:** Patterson, Irvin, Russell, Davey, Pitt, Bowman. **Glenelg:** Chigwidden, Liptak, McGuinness, McRae, Barton, West.

Attendance: 21,226 (double header).

## PEPSI CUP LEAGUE

### FIRST SEMI-FINAL Saturday, September 10

WEST PERTH	4.2	5.6	6.10	9.13	67
SUBIACO	1.0	3.1	5.3	10.4	64

**GOALS — West Perth:** Stanley 3; Hall 2; Mildenhall, Milka, Thomas, Lambourn. **Subiaco:** Heatley 5; Macnish, Dargie, O'Connor, Lamb, White.

**BEST — West Perth:** Mildenhall, Gravener, Nelson, Stanley, Hall, Valentine. **Subiaco:** Connell, Lamb, White, Dargie, Miller, Parker. Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Cameron Dawe, Peter Repper.

### SECOND SEMI-FINAL

CLAREMONT	4.4	10.6	13.10	17.13	115
EAST FREMANTLE	2.1	5.1	9.1	11.2	68

**GOALS — Claremont:** Morgan 8; Smith, Klemm, Sheldrick 2; Leach, Edwards, Green. **East Fremantle:** Bilcich, Stagg 2; Edgar, Malaxos, Lally, Harding, Condon, Capewell, Sanders.

**BEST — Claremont:** Morgan, Chisholm, Green, Jones, Panizza, Klemm. **East Fremantle:** Stagg, Treleven, Malaxos, Capewell, Anderson, Harding. Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Sam Kronja, Wayne French. Attendance (double header) 7100.

## PEPSI RESERVES

### FIRST SEMI-FINAL

EAST FREMANTLE	2.5	7.6	8.11	9.17	71
PERTH	3.3	6.4	6.6	7.7	49

**GOALS — East Fremantle:** Beattie 3; Chick, Wilkinson, McDonnell, Morris, Attard, Stockden. **Perth:** McKenna 2; Cannon, Maguire, Keyser, Milne, Singleton.

**BEST — East Fremantle:** Williams, McDonnell, Crain, Newman, Davidson, Sherriff. **Perth:** Farrell, Pollock, Soklich, Boschman, Mourish, Hanley.

### SECOND SEMI-FINAL

SOUTH FREMANTLE	4.3	7.4	11.8	17.10	112
CLAREMONT	4.5	7.7	10.8	12.9	81

**GOALS — South Fremantle:** Moloney 6; Grosse, Rennick, Bartul 2; Morellini, Grljusich, Matera, Bolton, Collins. **Claremont:** Hunter 5; Burton 3; Constantino 2; Johnston, Malone.

**BEST — South Fremantle:** Moloney, Caratti, Dougan, Bartul, Grosse, McKnight. **Claremont:** Cox, Hunter, Gerrey, Burton, Malone, Shields.

## PEPSI COLTS

### FIRST SEMI-FINAL

EAST FREMANTLE 17.8 (110) d SWAN DISTRICTS 8.8 (56)

**GOALS — East Fremantle:** Reed 5; Dodd, Hersey 4; Bradly 2; Woewoodin, Piani. **Swan Districts:** Harris 3; Burgess, Ross, Browne, Barry, Brown.

**BEST — East Fremantle:** Lindsay, Bradly, Dodd. **Swan Districts:** Gracie, Smith, Prendergast.

### SECOND SEMI-FINAL

SOUTH FREMANTLE 5.8 (38) d CLAREMONT 2.5 (17)

**GOALS — South Fremantle:** Jeffery 2; Gundersen, Stott, Dodd. **Claremont:** Harding, McLean.

**BEST — South Fremantle:** Bennell, Teague, Bogunovich. **Claremont:** Harding, Moss, McLean.

## Peel Football League

### LEAGUE — GRAND FINAL

PINJARRA 16.9 (105) d MANDURAH 8.6 (54)

**GOALS — Pinjarra:** D. Wilson 4; Ryder, P. Wilson 3; L. Gilbert 2; Nancarrow, Tuckey, N. Gilbert, Young. **Mandurah:** Thornton, Dyer, Lawson 2; Winmar, Wylie. **BEST — Pinjarra:** Turner, Young, L. Gilbert. **Mandurah:** Stevenson, Dye, McKell.

### RESERVES — GRAND FINAL

MANDURAH 11.8 (74) d ROCKINGHAM 9.13 (67)

**GOALS — Mandurah:** Woods, Upton 2; Jones, Watts, Milligan, G. Lawson, J. Lawson, Ireland, Moncaster. **Rockingham:** Chitty, Fuss 3; Emmerson, Shinner, Ruscott. **BEST — Mandurah:** Watts, Sloan, Lawler. **Rockingham:** Foss, Payne, Appleby.

### COLTS — GRAND FINAL

MANDURAH 8.7 (55) d STH MANDURAH 6.13 (49)

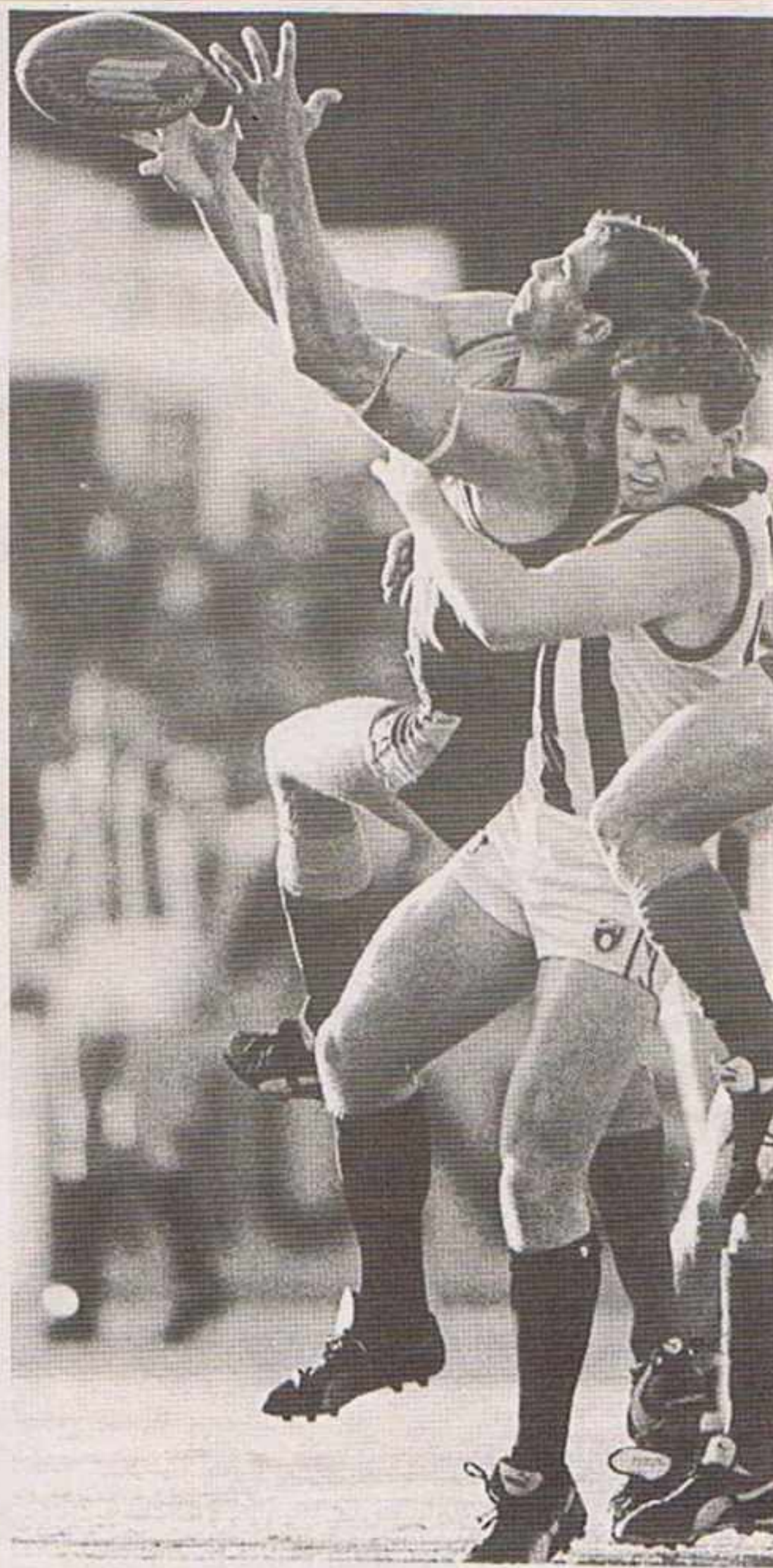
**GOALS — Mandurah:** Poynting, Dalton 2; Taylor, Moloney, Ambler, Low. **Sth Mandurah:** Davidson 2; Melbourne, Ball, Longo, Hunt. **BEST — Mandurah:** Gee, Harrison, Poynting. **Mandurah:** Smith, Davidson, Melbourne.

## SATURDAY COMPETITION

### GRAND FINAL REPLAY

THORNIE 8.8 (56) d ROLEYSTONE 5.5 (35)

**GOALS — Thornlie:** Mullally, Ashbolt 2; Richardson, Eddy, Braden, Jacobsen. **Roleystone:** Spilsbury 2; McManus, Pember, Edwards. **BEST — Thornlie:** Jacobsen, Ashbolt, Wedge. **Roleystone:** Woodward, Bird, Edwards.



## Sunday Football League

### LEAGUE — PRELIMINARY FINAL

OSBORNE PARK 20.14 (134) d ARMADALE 13.10 (88)

**GOALS — Osborne Park:** Fullarton 6; Fallows, Chaplin 3; Sanzone 2; Stevens, Carpenter, Scanlon, Martino, Grant, Shawcross. **Armadale:** Monument 4; Johns, D. Mathieson, Fancote 2; R. Mathieson, Baxter, Hill. **BEST — Osborne Park:** Cocker, Chaplin, Carpenter. **Armadale:** G. Atwell, Marwick, B. Atwell.

### RESERVES — PRELIMINARY FINAL

WILLETTON 18.13 (121) d THORNIE 6.10 (46)

**GOALS — Willetton:** Gosling 5; Stacey, Groves 3; Witherow, Valenti 2; Stammers, Balding, Newman. **Thornlie:** Dartnell 2; Lavell, G. Taylor, P. Taylor, Jakubans. **BEST — Willetton:** Watkins, Piani, Groves. **Thornlie:** Dartnell, Kays, Fidd.

### COLTS — PRELIMINARY FINAL

OSBORNE PARK 10.14 (74) d WILLETTON 8.6 (54)

**GOALS — Osborne Park:** Mincham 3; Pratt, Diviney 2; Malackey, Fazari, Stavretis. **Willetton:** Bonhaur 2; Atkins, Mills, Tolmie, Tresise, Caswell, Flynn. **BEST — Osborne Park:** Rhind, Prestage, Menaglio. **Willetton:** Coswell, Berson, Patterson.

## SUNDAY AMATEURS

### LEAGUE — GRAND FINAL

MIDLAND 12.11 (83) d BELMONT 9.18 (72)

**GOALS — Midland:** Walters 4; Boyd 3; Snedden 2; Keen, Eades, Roberts. **Belmont:** Donato 2; Hughes, Hansen, Gilbert, Leete, Francis, Corley. **BEST — Midland:** Middleton, Dragic, Patton. **Belmont:** Williams, Davis, Gilbert.

### RESERVES — GRAND FINAL

BELMONT 12.17 (89) d COCKBURN 9.9 (63)

**GOALS — Belmont:** Peacock 4; Taylor 3; Gibson 2; Scaini, Walker, Lee. **Cockburn:** Damjondich, B. Mancini, W. Mancini 2; Perica, Kay, Salmon. **BEST — Belmont:** Ferguson, Arandt, Mathews. **Belmont:** Evans, Diagacom, Randall.

### COLTS — GRAND FINAL

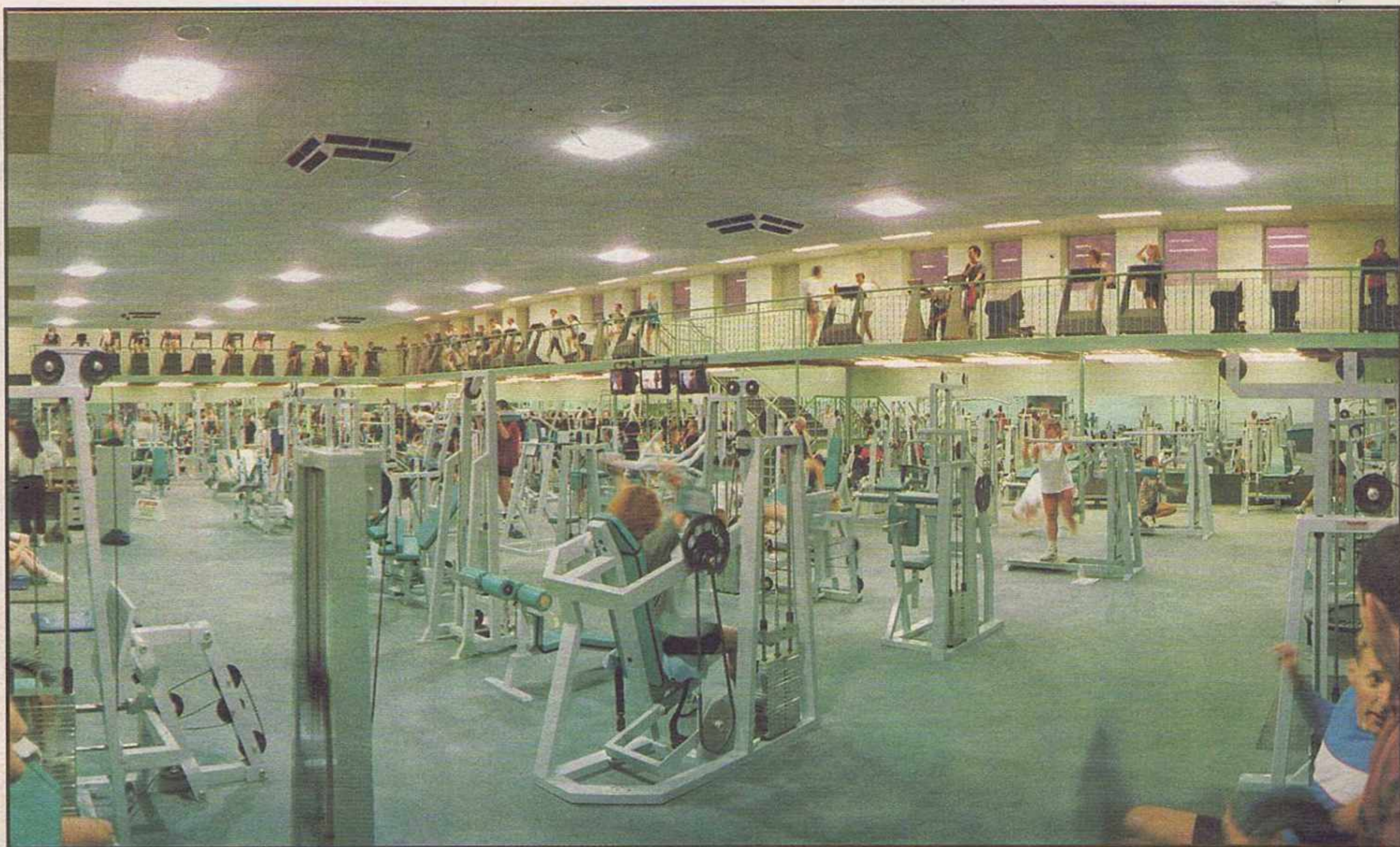
BELMONT 14.7 (91) d MIDLAND 5.6 (36)

**GOALS — Belmont:** Quartermaine 5; Lovett 3; Smythe, Harding, Cox, King, Jenzari, Miller. **Midland:** Harrison 3; Simpson, Martyn. **BEST — Belmont:** Fry, Smythe, Miller. **Midland:** G. Tassone, Patton, M. Tassone.



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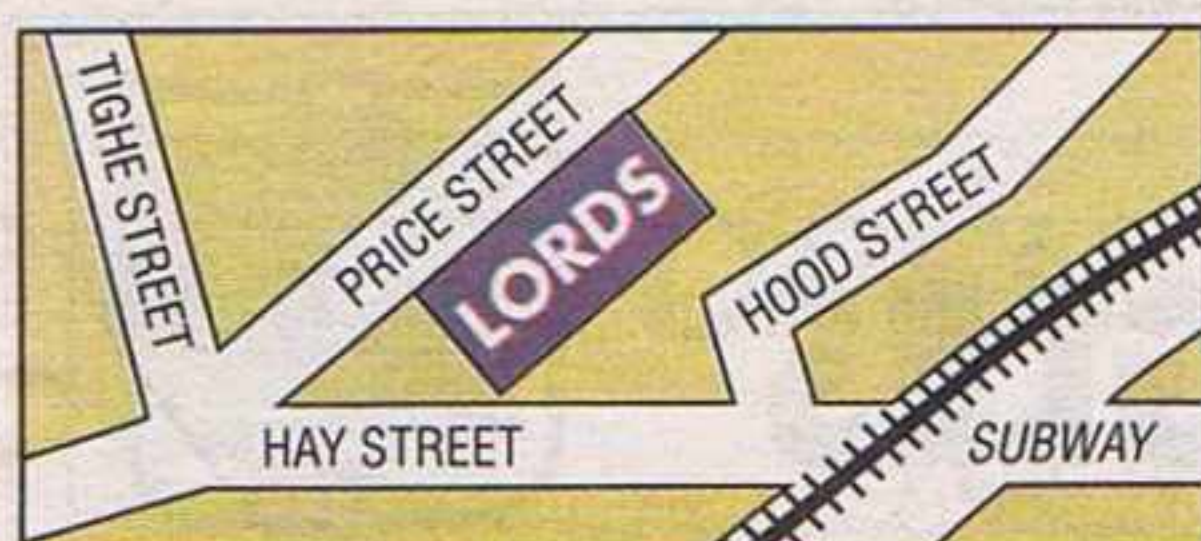
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