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WE'RE THERE ... All-Australian team-mates David Hart and Glen Jakovich share their moment of victory as the Eagles clinch a grand final berth by beating Melbourne at the WACA Ground on Saturday. The two star defenders played leading roles in the preliminary final win and are now set for another big day at the MCG this Saturday — with the AFL's Holy Grail firmly in their sights — Photograph by GREG WOOD



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6PR invades Melbourne

RADIO 6PR will have a big countdown to Saturday's AFL grand final between West Coast and Geelong, starting with Peter Newman's breakfast programme live from Melbourne this Friday, from 5.30am to 8.30am.

Special guests will include Eagles coach Mick Malthouse and Geelong coach Malcolm Blight, West Coast's John Worsfold and Guy McKenna and Channel Nine's Footy Show ace Sam Newman.

Gary Carvolth will broadcast his Saturday Sports Connection programme from Melbourne, from 9am to noon, live from the MCG. He will be joined by regular guests Mal Brown, Brad Hardie, Trevor Sprigg and Percy Johnson.

At noon, the station's commentary team of Johnson, Sprigg, Hardie, Rob Gaylard, Don Lonergan and Michael Christian will broadcast a final preview of before calling the game from 12.30pm Perth time.

After the game Bob Maumill will host a grand final review in 6PR's Perth studios, with listeners able to telephone in with their comments on the big match and 6PR's commentators at the MCG stay on line.

Big build-up

THE boys from radio 6NR certainly gave the Pepsi Cup grand final a huge build-up with nearly three hours of pre-match coverage.

Among their many staff were roving reporters Allan (Chubby) Stiles and Peter Poat who found guests in all parts of the ground.

People they interviewed included WAFC football director Grant Dorrington, West Perth president Tom James and his Claremont counterpart John O'Connell, Eagles recruiting manager Mick Moylan, umpires director David Johnson, Perth rookie Fraser Gehrig, former Tigers star Kevin Clune and Eagles selector Tim Gepp.

Moylan made an interesting comment on the role of a recruiting manager, saying that his weekend trip to Melbourne had been the sixth week in a row he had flown to Victoria to look at possible recruits.

TV viewers to pay

ARMCHAIR football fans may have to pay to watch an extra six AFL games next season.

Six home-and-away AFL matches will be made available by Channel Seven to Pay-TV operators which will screen the games live on Saturday nights.

The agreement was reached 20 months ago when Seven negotiated its \$90 million deal with the AFL which gives it the football rights until the end of the 1997 season.

The games likely to be screened on Pay TV will probably be played later in the season.

Ablett to kick on

ENIGMATIC Geelong superstar Gary Ablett may be haunting full backs well into this decade.

The Cats have revealed plans to extend Ablett's contract for another three or four years.

"With interchange benches of three, four and five, which is coming, I wonder if Gary can play for a while longer than first thought," said Geelong chief executive Greg Durham.

Ablett (32) has two years of a three-year contract to go.

Footy flavour for charity

FOOTBALL is never far away as a topic of conversation in any group and the Variety Club of WA is no exception.

The charity fund-raisers have a lot of fun with their year-long activities — including big events like the annual car bash through the country — and the club's celebrity auction certainly has a footy flavour.

Variety Club chairman Barrey Williams has revealed just a few of the fabulous items up for auction at the Sheraton Hotel on Friday, October 28 — and he's pictured here with some autographed AFL guernseys.

That's football's funny-man John K. Watts trying to kid everyone that he could fit into an Eagles guernsey, while Swan Brewery chief Russell Paine is holding a Melbourne guernsey, while Williams is contemplating life in an Adelaide Crows jumper.



Tigers revival

WHILE East Fremantle fans were obviously happy about the way things were going out in the middle on Sunday afternoon, most critics — and Tigers supporters — were looking for a Claremont revival to make a game of it.

Radio 6WF commentator George Grljusich summed up the feelings when he suggested that Claremont needed one of those rare seven-second goals half-way through the last term if they were to revive their hopes after Garry Edwards had kicked their sixth goal.

Rookie Leigh Wardell-Johnson responded by kicking their seventh almost immediately — but it was 12-seconds, not seven.

Boost for Martyn

NORTH Melbourne coach Denis Pagan has absolved full-back Mick Martyn from any blame after the Kangaroos six-point loss to Geelong in Saturday's preliminary final.

Martyn was the unlucky victim of a Gary Ablett mark in the goalsquare with two seconds remaining. Ablett kicked the goal and the Cats progressed to the grand final.

"The last kick didn't have anything to do with Mick Martyn," Pagan said.

"Mick was great all day and I thought he did a superb job on Gary Ablett. I thought our players were great.

"I thought the way they persevered and fought after Geelong got away in the second quarter and to push back; I'm proud of every one of our blokes who represented the club today and throughout the year.

"I thought they were special. The fact of the matter was we didn't win it on the scoreboard."

Bulldogs thrive

FOOTSCRAY supporters certainly love their club.

A few years back they dug deep to keep the rugged western suburbs team alive when all looked lost.

Now they have raised the \$10,000 to pay for the fine imposed on rookie defender Danny Southern, who was reported and found guilty for his part in the Subiaco Oval brawl against the Eagles.

The money was raised by tins being taken around the crowd at finals training sessions.

Big Swans show

SWAN Districts don't intend to miss out on any of the grand final hype even if the WAFL campaign is well and truly over.

The big screen will come alive at Bassendean Oval this Saturday, from 11am when Swans fans flock to the club to enjoy the AFL grand final contest between the Eagles and Geelong.

Admission is just \$5 and the function is open to all footy fans.

Sharks double up

EAST Fremantle pair Darren Capewell and Craig Treleven had special reasons to be smiling on Sunday night.

The pair were part of the Sharks 1992 senior premiership team, but dropped back to last year's reserves side after battling form and injury — and now they have again tasted the spoils in the league side.

At the other end of the scale, Claremont's Kelvin Holmes has now played in three successive grand final losses — the 1992 and 1993 reserves and this year's league match.

Capewell and Treleven should continue their association when the Fremantle Dockers select their 50-man squad for 1995.

Tigers want Mondays

RICHMOND are pushing for the introduction of Monday night football next season and the Tigers have volunteered to try the innovation at the MCG.

"North Melbourne has done well out of Friday nights and we've told chief commissioner Ross Oakley that we're willing to try the Monday," Richmond general manager Jim Malone said.

Hawks chase Swan

HAWTHORN have reportedly entered the race for Sydney full-forward Simon Minton-Connell.

The Hawks, Essendon and Footscray are the early contenders to sign Minton-Connell, who has said he will not be re-signing with the Swans.

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THE EAGLES are on their way to Melbourne for their third grand final in four years, which means I'll have to stop throwing bricks at Mick Malthouse and hand him some bouquets instead.

Whichever way you look at it, he's done one heck of a job.

Now here's a couple of predictions.

Firstly, the Eagles will win on Saturday because they are good enough to win, but also because Geelong have had to do it tough on their way to the grand final.

The second prediction concerns Peter Sumich.

I've probably been his greatest critic, but he showed last week that his fitness is nearly there and with that increased sharpness, his concentration will lift. We won't see easy chest marks dropped, his timing will return to his kicking and he will be a key player.

That's enough of the Eagles.

The greatest concern at the end of the WAFL season, going on what has happened in the finals, is where does the competition go from here?

We looked at it several times during the year, but now the facts are there — people are rapidly losing interest in the local league.

Crowd attendances in the finals have been down dramatically on previous years and Sunday's attendance of 17,106 was the lowest since 1945, when 19,507 people turned up to see East Fremantle beat South Fremantle by six goals.

Season attendances have also shown a 12-percent drop and, realistically, it's only the old die-hards who are hanging in for the WAFL and even they are starting to drop off.

Bouquets for Mick

So what's the answer?

Do we turn it into an under-25 competition with five over-25s to allow for the flow back from the Eagles and Dockers?

If so, what does that do to the image of the competition and people will see it for what it is — simply a developing league for the next level and they will lose further interest.

If this happens, cash flow through licensed clubs and turnstiles will drop dramatically and clubs, as we know them, simply won't be able to support themselves.

My other answer is to make it a stronger competition by increasing the salary cap to keep the experienced players in the WAFL, rather than have them filter to higher-paying Sunday or country clubs.

This would be very good if it could work, but again realistically, it can't.

Well, it can work for the financially viable like East Fremantle, Subiaco, West Perth and South Fremantle.

But what about East Perth and Perth?

They cannot meet the salary cap at the moment and they would be totally disadvantaged in recruiting and would remain at the foot of the ladder.



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The other alternative, of course, is to amalgamate the poorer clubs like East Perth and Perth.

Maybe we should bring the competition back to six sides, which would increase its playing strength. But we would destroy the traditional fabric as the die-hards know it and if they lose interest, it's totally dead.

The other problem with a salary cap increase is that clubs would go like Carlton and try to buy a premiership by bringing in players who are physically mature and experienced and capable of performing without the need for development.

That would destroy the very thing we are looking for in the WAFL — producing players for the next level.

So, every time I think of an answer to the problem, I trump the answer with another question.

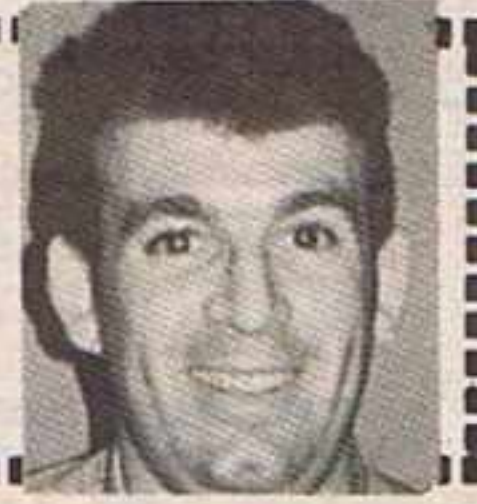
All I can tell you is this — I don't know the answers myself, but they do have to be worked out and I hope there is someone wiser than me to keep this competition alive and well, because it has to be maintained as the lifeblood of Australian football in this state.



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Eagles set for cat fight

WEST Coast will be expecting a mentally tougher Geelong than they are used to in the AFL grand final.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse has declared this Cats model better equipped than the side West Coast beat by 28 points in the 1992 premiership decider.

Malthouse pointed to two of the Cats three finals wins, over Footscray and North Melbourne, achieved with last-gasp lunges against the odds and secured with kicks after the final siren.

"Their lead-up has been one of extraordinary mental toughness," Malthouse said.

"Geelong is a high-scoring side with a backline that over the course of the year was under-estimated."

The Cats have not beaten West Coast in Melbourne since Malthouse took the helm in 1990.

The Eagles match committee will agonise over many selection dilemmas.

Defender Ashley McIntosh is certain to be recalled after recovering from knee, groin and hamstring complaints.

But the Eagles must drop a player to fit in McIntosh and the candidates appear to be ruckman Ryan Turnbull and defender Mitchell White.

The Eagles played only one ruckman, David Hynes, against Collingwood's Damien Monkhorst three weeks ago with devastating effect, but opted for back-up with Turnbull last weekend against Melbourne pair Jim Stynes and Dean Irving.

"We played two ruckmen against Melbourne because they had two ruckmen," Malthouse said.

STRUCTURE

"Unless they change their structure, the Cats have only one ruckman, so we'll have a look at that.

"There's always a hard luck story. There's going to be a terribly hard decision made by the match committee.

"As a coach you have to drag yourself beyond that and look at it professionally with cold hard facts."

West Coast captain John Worsfold awoke last Sunday morning — on his

birthday — with a liberal dose of nervous energy and knew instantly it was grand final week.

"Grand finals are different. They get all your nerves fired right up," he said.

"It is the last game of the year for both of us and we know that we have to go flat out until we drop.

"We should come off the ground totally spent.

"It really is a big buzz to know you are playing in a grand final.

"The preparation, which started on November 1, culminates in what you are all about and that is playing in grand finals and winning premierships.

"Hopefully, we are in there with a chance."

Worsfold said there was no doubting the Eagles hunger had returned after their exit in the second week of the finals last September.

"We have a few guys in the side who will be playing in their first grand final and a few who have played in only a losing grand final... there is a drive there to win it," he said.

"We started this season with a grand final and hopefully a premiership in mind. We have achieved part of that, hopefully we have the big part to go."

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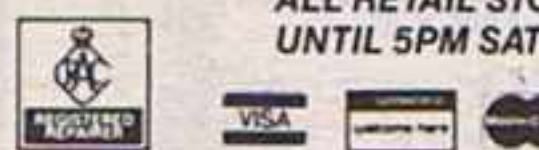
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97 Peter Wilson (East Frem)
97 Peter Matera (Eagles)
96 Karl Langdon (Eagles)
96 Brett Heady (Eagles)

* 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)
147 Guy McKenna (Eagles)
144 Laurie Keene (Subiaco)
144 Steve Lally (East Fremantle)*

* 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; Steven Lally 25 East Fremantle, 116 Perth.

200 GAMES

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

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than one club as follows: Wally Matera 143 South Fremantle, 24 Eagles, 32 Fitzroy; Guy McKenna 147 Eagles, 50 Claremont.

300 GAMES

298 Steve Malaxos (East Frem)*

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TWO POINTS OF VIEW

AUSTRALIAN football is often criticised for not having a long-term development plan.

But how can it when no-one knows who is in control?

If clubs can veto AFL Commission decisions with a 75 percent majority, parochial interests will always come to the fore.

For example, the clubs knocked back the recent AFL suggestion to delete the reserves competition, but did not come up with an innovative idea to promote the development of the elite national league.

Too often, the traditional methods are deemed to be the best and not enough lateral thinking on the issues takes place.

There is a "closed ranks" mentality, implying that Australian football is the king of the codes and can learn nothing from other sports.

Recently, the WA Football Commission held an all-day seminar on the future of the local competition.

But they involved only presidents and general managers from the clubs, with the Eagles, Dockers and WAFC staff.

No doubt some excellent ideas will emanate from this group, but the rank-and-file supporters have not been consulted.

No-one talks to the fans huddled on the banks at Perth Oval or out at Arena Joondalup.

OPINION

These supporters are the heart and soul of the sport and their opinion is paramount.

The "whiz-kid" employees of corporate sponsors should not be allowed to impose their will on the people who run the game.

In most cases, they are not familiar with the ethos and traditions around which the sport is built.

The powerbrokers should talk to club members to gauge what vision they have for their club and the game.

Sure, club presidents are elected by the members, but it does not take long for hard-working officials to lose touch.

Clubs lose plot with average footy fan

The football media should also be researched because they are supposed to know what the public want.

The knowledge in common interest groups like the Past Players' Association and junior councils should also be used.

Even umpires are entitled to a say, as are the country leagues.

Armed with this knowledge, it is time the WAFL acts on the re-location of clubs and expands the Pepsi Cup.

As an experiment, it should invite the Peel and South-West leagues to enter teams in next year's Emu Export Cup pre-season competition.

To the average football supporter, it appears that much talking has been done, with not too much action.

The Football 2000 document is three years old and little has changed.

In addition, there have been the Hatt, Atwell and Alexander reports addressing the second AFL team issue with national league studies.

Surely, it is time to act or at least test market the new concepts by way of scientific research directed at the average supporter.

Over the years, football has become self-indulgent in its quest for credibility.

The grandiose pre-game luncheons by all clubs have become social events in their own right and often provide a forum for AFL presidents to grab media attention, justifying the expense at least in the eyes of club management.

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

Another rationalisation is that they must cater for club sponsors.

But it must be questioned whether even the highest-profile club sponsor would demand lunch at every home game.

Sure, give them a good seat, but in the case of the WAFL, one or two lunches each season should be adequate.

On other occasions, the club presidents could venture to the outer to buy a hot dog and chips to familiarise themselves with what rank-and-file supporters eat at the football.

Umps catch only spectacular action

PETER Matera's amazing haul of votes in the Brownlow Medal is an indication of just what, or who, catches an umpire's attention.

There is no more spectacular player in the AFL than the Eagles wingman. His uncanny ball-handling skills in wet and dry weather, amazing foot speed and regular 50-metre-plus goals all contributed to his 28 votes, which in most other years would have netted him the medal.

It would have been interesting to see how the guarded Eagles camp would have handled a Brownlow win in the lead-up to the grand final.

We won't find out this year and Matera will have to learn to cope with the tag of Brownlow Medal runner-up, just as teammate Craig Turley did after the 1991 count.

We will see what kind of pressure that places Matera under on Saturday at the MCG.

While many people were shocked with Glen Jakovich's low vote tally of 12 — earned mainly in the second half of the season — what about those of outstanding Eagles half-back Guy McKenna and on-baller Don Pyke? McKenna polled four votes and Pyke five.

CLUB CHAMPION

Matera, Jakovich, McKenna, Pyke, Chris Lewis and David Hart will probably fight it out for the Eagles club champion award next month.

But the umpires who cast Brownlow votes continue to overlook McKenna and Pyke. Both have had outstanding

Kicking around...



seasons and McKenna was again rewarded with all-Australian selection.

But it was not only stars in the Eagles camp who missed out. Geelong's Paul Couch and Mark Bairstow were also surprisingly overlooked for votes.

Bairstow and St Kilda star Robert Harvey did not register a vote until round 22.

The policy of field umpires casting votes probably will not change because of tradition, but with the pressure of umpiring a hectic game, it is little wonder they sometimes fail to see matches the way onlookers do.

One idea put forward is for AFL coaches to give 3-2-1 votes for the opposition.

There is little doubt that McKenna and Pyke, who so often shut down key playmakers, would get more than a handful of votes with that formula. Jakovich would also get his just rewards.

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Cats prepare to ignore

GEELONG will create history by becoming the first club to win four finals in a row if they can win Saturday's grand final.

While the Cats are considered rank outsiders, some judges believe the side has the momentum to win their first flag since 1963.

Several finals teams have been able to win three games in a row and claw their way up from low qualifying positions, but the effort has been too much and they have been well beaten come grand final day.

The Cats will try and outpace the Eagles and hope that forward line magic men Gary Ablett and Billy Brownless can return to top form after being well-held on Saturday.

Ablett kicked only three goals on Saturday after successive bags of six in the opening two finals.

However, his third and final goal could not have come in more dramatic circumstances.

With the time clock showing just two seconds to play, Ablett marked a squaring kick from team-mate Leigh Tudor and goaled after the siren to the delight of his teammates and many of the 80,000 fans.

"I was glad I wasn't any further out than I was," the modest superstar said.

"I knew I just had to do the basics and not do something silly and kick into the man on the mark."

SCORES LEVEL

With the board showing 103 points apiece, any score would win and making sure he didn't kick into man on the mark, Mick Martyn, Ablett lofted it straight through the goals into the first tier of the Ponsford Stand.

Martyn slumped to the ground on one knee, covering his face with his hands, hardly believe his team's fate.

He had outplayed Ablett all day and had been in front of his opponent when Tudor's hurried kick just cleared him in the goal square, landing in Ablett's hands.

With five of Geelong's 16 goals scored after free kicks, Norths were aghast and later slammed the umpires.

They were convinced that the better side had lost.

At quarter-time of Saturday's game,

Geelong's deputy vice-captain Garry Hocking knew he had to lift or the Cats faced humiliation.

His opponent, Anthony Stevens, had been in stunning early form, having more than a dozen possessions as Norths had 14 scoring shots to six to open an 18-point quarter-time lead.

Coach Malcolm Blight singled him out at the quarter-time address, saying he had to be a bigger contributor.

GOAL AVALANCHE

Hocking responded like the champion he is, having 15 possessions in the second term to lead a goal avalanche, which lifted Geelong back into the game.

In one of the finest 25-minute performances of the season, Hocking was devastating as Geelong kicked 7.4 to 0.4.

"Malcolm said I needed to work harder and I was able to turn it around," Hocking said.

"In the first quarter they kept on getting the run of the ball. I was one of the blokes in the engine room and I have to give the blokes first use. A few things went my way from then on."

While Stevens finished as one of Norths best two players, Hocking's second quarter contribution made him one of Geelong's most effective, along with first-year teammate Shayne Breuer, ruckmen John Barnes and rover Leigh Tudor.

finals trend

On the East Coast from **KEN PIESSE**



Breuer will now be part of his second Grand Final in a row, having triumphed last year in Adelaide with Woodville-West Torrens.

The former Horsham utility could be joined in Geelong's grand final team by Grant Tanner, who missed Saturday's preliminary final with an ankle injury.

Tanner appears the only addition to Geelong's side. Vice-captain Barry Stoneham will again miss because of his ankle break.

Mark Bairstow was only winded in a collision with Norths Glen Archer and seems certain to lead the team.

It had initially been feared that he had suffered rib damage.

ONE of the happiest men in Geelong's rooms on Saturday night was veteran head trainer George Clarke, who joined the Cats in 1964, the year after they won their last premiership.

"Maybe it could be this year," said Clarke, who has officiated in more than 600 games, including three losing grand finals ('67, '89 and '92).

Clarke believes the Cats are playing as well as at any other time in the season and are primed to win the most important game of all.

MELBOURNE'S club cricket season starts on Sunday, a day later than usual, in deference to the grand final.

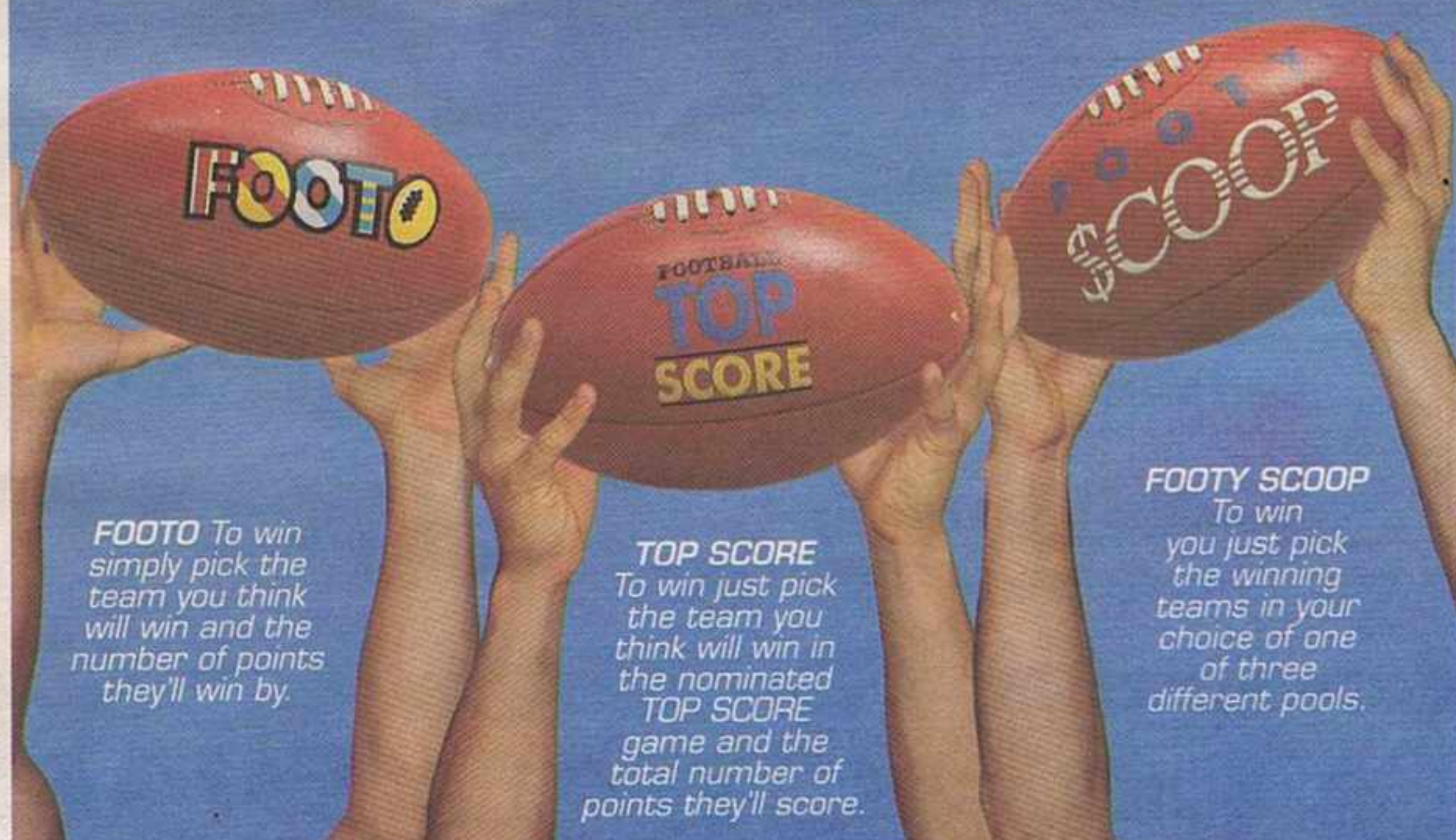
Geelong's Liam Pickering, who captains the North Melbourne Cricket Club, says he will be bypassing the first round — win, lose or draw on Saturday.

He has been devoting all his time to football and hoped to be celebrating with his footy teammates most of Sunday.

He will then re-focus his sporting attentions on the second Saturday of October.

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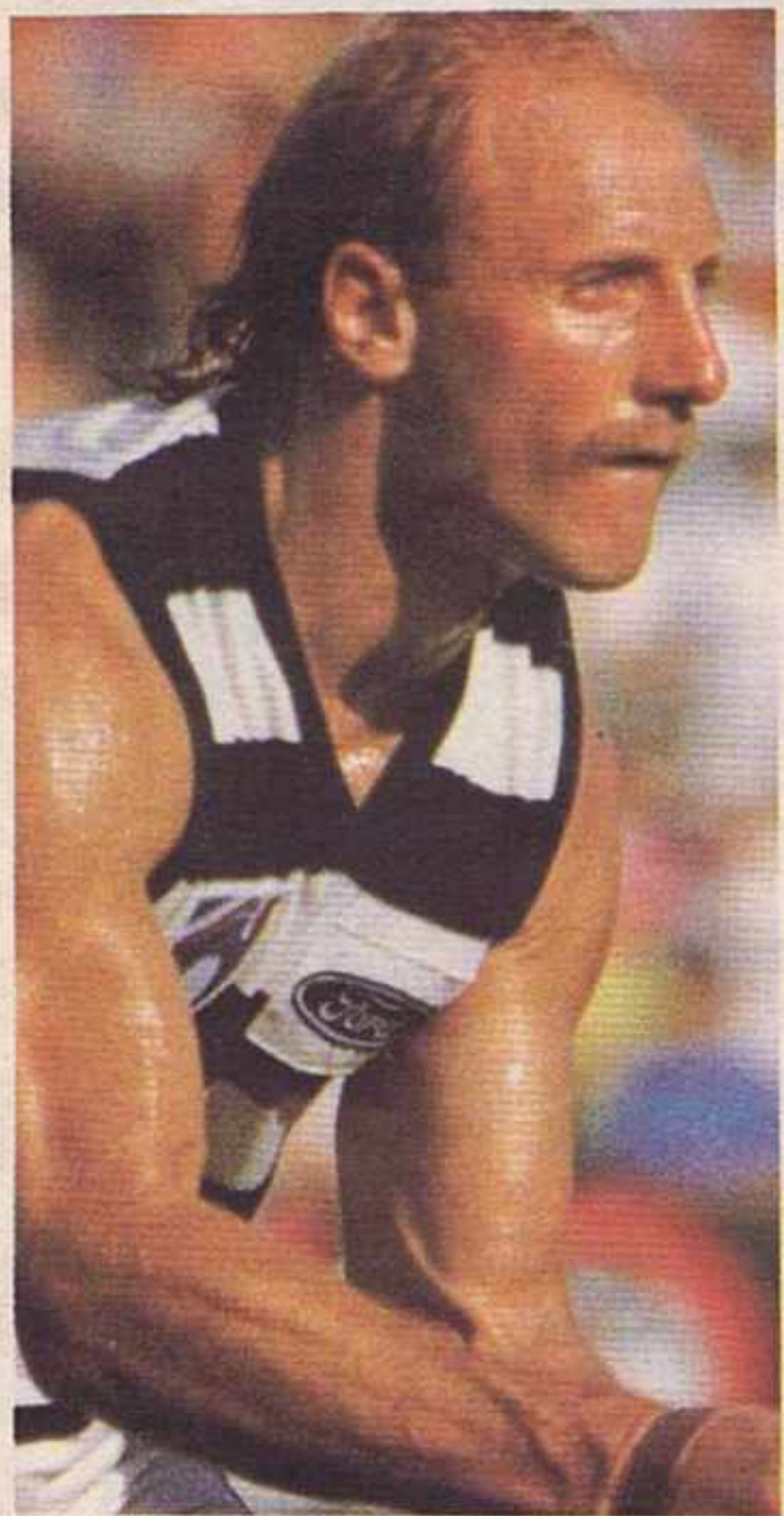
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KEY FIGURE ... Geelong will be hoping for some typical magic from Gary Ablett

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BALL, Jason	15	17	120	59	72	24	13	8.6	58	13	8	LEWIS, Chris	24	152	295	89	76	14	31	37.36	3	41	21
BANFIELD, Drew	23	30	187	38	113	22	23	6.4	2	43	18	MAINWARING, Chris	22	160	348	97	124	37	34	7.8	0	43	12
BOND, Shane	20	20	126	44	111	16	25	13.11	0	32	4	MATERA, Peter	23	97	292	73	106	42	33	21.19	3	63	12
BRENNAN, Michael	22	162	136	62	59	21	17	2.1	7	20	10	McINTOSH, Ashley	23	76	200	105	93	21	23	22.17	13	25	13
CLAPE, Matt	6	29	24	7	11	1	1	2.1	0	3	2	McKENNA, Guy	24	147	216	98	190	22	17	5.4	1	45	17
EVANS, Tony	13	50	90	31	67	12	10	9.7	0	21	7	PYKE, Don	24	102	370	91	110	26	29	13.10	1	44	15
GODDEN, Tony	6	11	24	4	12	2	4	3.1	0	4	0	SCHOFIELD, Jarrod	4	5	13	7	12	1	1	1.2	0	3	1
HAMPSON, Damian	2	6	5	0	4	0	0	0.0	0	3	1	SPINKS, Brett	15	15	83	56	36	8	15	10.8	27	2	5
HARDING, Paul	6	116	29	13	17	9	11	0.0	66	2	1	SUMICH, Peter	17	124	109	60	7	10	20	47.38	1	12	3
HART, David	24	136	289	68	113	26	13	9.8	0	24	13	SYMMONS, Paul	4	4	20	4	7	1	0	0.0	1	2	1
HEADY, Brett	20	96	157	64	66	23	12	42.25	0	13	8	TURLEY, Craig	15	98	106	39	78	11	18	10.6	0	18	6
HYNES, David	12	59	87	45	61	7	10	12.10	85	10	11	TURNBULL, Ryan	22	33	140	43	52	23	18	6.4	264	20	11
JAKOVICH, Glen	24	86	344	125	132	30	23	2.4	38	16	16	WATERMAN, Chris	17	110	114	46	51	11	11	1.0	2	16	8
KEMP, Dean	21	109	286	75	158	27	22	17.14	2	41	12	WHITE, Mitchell	6	50	48	21	14	5	7	3.0	2	9	3
KRUMMEL, Brendan	1	9	5	2	6	0	2	0.0	0	1	0	WILSON, Peter	23	154	267	84	105	29	42	12.19	12	47	16
LAMB, Dwayne	5	151	28	17	40	4	2	0.3	0	11	3	WORSFOLD, John	18	155	125	41	109	11	15	2.3	3	40	26
LANGDON, Karl	3	96	19	7	4	2	7	1.2	1	3	0												

WA PLAYERS IN AFL CLUBS

1994 SUMMARY

Player	Games	Total	Kicks	Mrks	H/balls	Score	Houts
GEE LONG							
Bairdow, Mark	18	145	9	1	9	—	—
Handley, Steven	14	49	9	3	5	—	2
O'Reilly, Stephen	23	35	7	4	2	—	—
MELBOURNE							
Irving, Dean	6	49	4	1	—	—	10
Norrish, Jason	15	20	10	3	12	—	—
NORTH MELBOURNE							
Ishchenko, Alex	24	134	3	2	2	—	10
Laidley, Dean	24	93	14	4	8	—	1
Mann, Peter	17	39	9	6	5	—	2

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How the Eagles rated

STAR centre-half-back Glen Jakovich has all but won the prestigious \$500 O'Connors Tavern Eagles ratings award.

Jakovich was again among the Eagles best players last Saturday, polling eight votes for his job on David Schwarz to move to 160, five ahead of classy half-back Guy McKenna.

McKenna trailed Jakovich by the same amount going into the game against the Demons and was outstanding also, collecting eight votes.



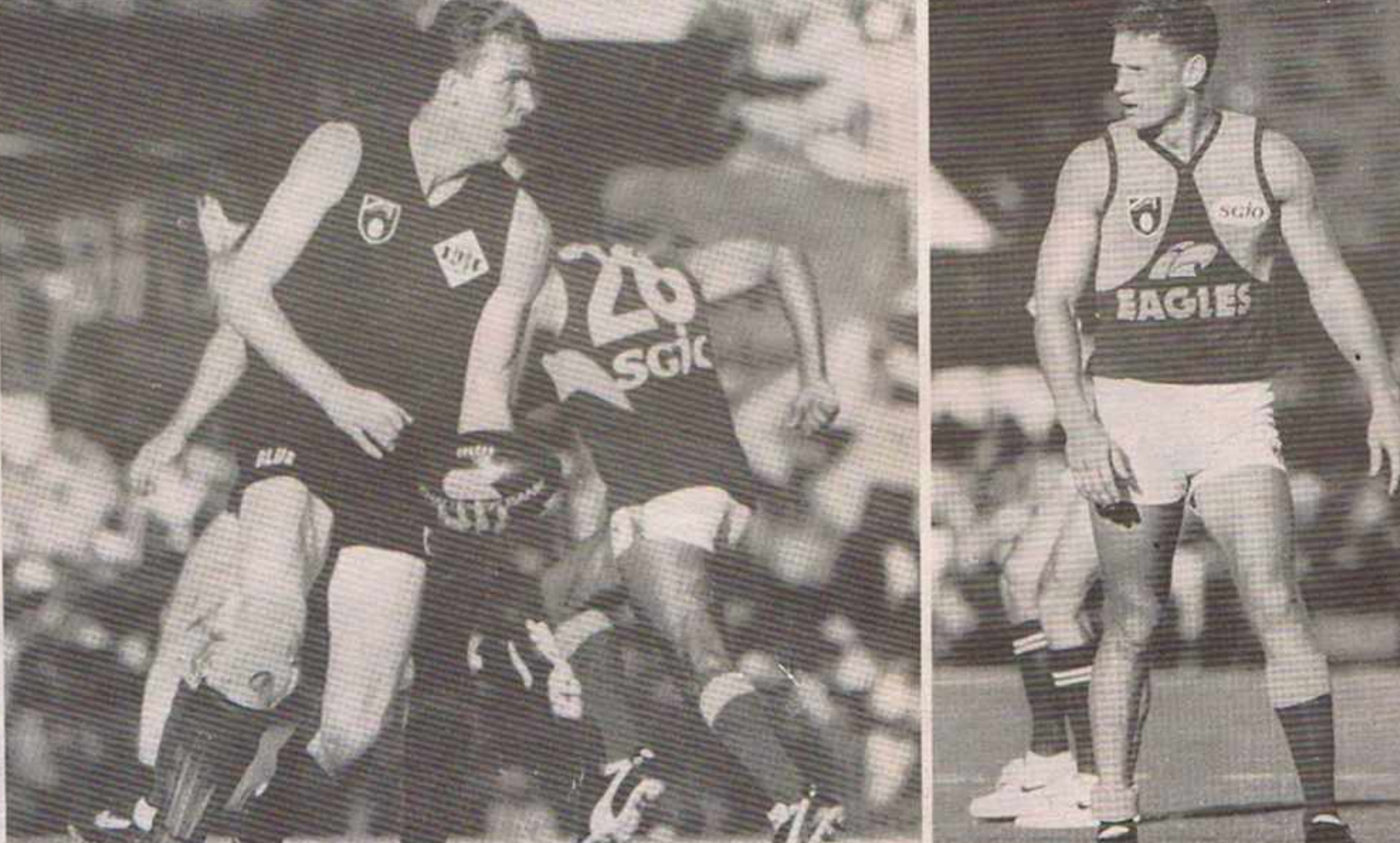
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Player	Es	Ad	Ri	Fi	Ha	NM	Ca	Fe	SS	Mel	BB	Col	Ge	SNK	Ess	Ade	Ri	Fi	Ha	NM	Ca	Fe	Col	Mel	Tot
BALL, Jason																									84
BANFIELD, Drew	4	4	5	5	3	8	6	6	5	7	7	8	5	4	5	4	6	4	6	4	3	—	—	—	117
BOND, Shane	4	3	7	7	3	6	3	6	7	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95
BRENNAN, Michael	5	4	5	—	5	6	8	6	4	6	7	5	6	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	123
CLAPE, Matt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
EVANS, Tony	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66
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	7	6	6	8	4	7	7	7	7	7	7	150
HEADY, Brett	4	6	7	6	3	7	8	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	102
HYNES, David	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64
JAKOVICH, Glen	6	7	9	8	7	4	6	6	7	7	7	5	9	6	8	5	5	7	6	8	5	7	7	8	160
KEMP, Dean	7	6	7	7	6	8	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	132
KRUMMEL, Brendan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
LAMB, Dwayne	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
LANGDON, Karl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
LEWIS, Chris	6	5	6	5	7	7	8	5	5	7	6	6	6	7	6	4	7	8	5	3	5	7	7	7	145
MAINWARING, Chris	4	5	7	5	8	8	6	6	7	3	6	5	7	3	5	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	133
MATERA, Peter	6	6	8	8	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	133
McINTOSH, Ashley	7	8	8	7	5	8	6	6	7	6	5	4	7	6	6	6	4	6	5	4	3	6	7	—	137
McKENNA, Guy	6	5	7	7	6	8	7	6	8	7	5	7	7	6	7	7	8	7	7	8	5	6	5	8	155
PYKE, Don	6	5	7	6	4	8	7	7	7	7	5	6	7	5	6	7	6	8	7	7	5	6	6	7	152
SCHOFIELD, Jarrod	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
SPINKS, Brett	5	5	7	3	7	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61
SUMICH, Peter	7	4	6	4	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76
SYMMONS, Paul	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
TURNBULL, Ryan	3	5	4	4	6	5	4	5	7	5	5	6	8	7	7	5	2	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	109
TURLEY, Craig	6	4	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76
WATERMAN, Chris	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84
WHITE, Mitchell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
WILSON, Peter	6	5	7	5	5	7	6	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	135
WORSFOLD, John	5	6	6	5	5	6	6	7	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94

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Player	TALLY	EAGLES V GEELONG
RON ALEXANDER	184	Eagles
TANIA ARMSTRONG	177	Eagles
DIGBY BEACHAM	180	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	182	Eagles
WILL BUTUN	169	Geelong
RICHARD CAMM	163	Eagles
ALAN EAST	174	Eagles
BRAD ELBOROUGH	181	Eagles
THE HOOD	167	Eagles
PERCY JOHNSON	181	Eagles
KEN PIESSE	179	Geelong
GLEN QUARTERMAIN	184	Eagles
TREVOR SPRIGG	176	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	177	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	178	Eagles



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Four Eagles

DAVID Hart, the man who seriously considered retirement less than two years ago, had his magnificent season recognised when the Foster's All-Australian team was announced.

The 30-year-old back pocket specialist played every qualifying game this season and fully deserved his selection in the prestigious side.

Fellow West Coast players joining him in the team are half-back Guy McKenna, centre-half-back Glen Jakovich and wingman Peter Matera.

For Hart and Jakovich, it was their first selection, while Matera and McKenna were members of the 1993 unit.

The selection panel consisted of Russell Ebert, Mal Brown, Ricky Quade, Ted Whitten, Gerard Healy, Ian Collins and Ross Oakley.

Hart nearly cut his ties with the game only a week after playing an important role in the Eagles 1992 second semi-final win over Geelong.

Coach Mick Malthouse wanted him to have one more run, in the WAFL grand final for South Fremantle against East Fremantle, before selecting him the next week.

GROIN INJURY

However, Hart never played in the AFL grand final after tearing the groin muscle from his bone while playing with the Bulldogs.

His untimely injury was followed by a serious bout of glandular fever and German measles and Hart thought it was all too much.

Hart then sat down with Malthouse and football manager Trevor Nisbett who persuaded him to continue — a decision that has been beneficial for both parties.

This year, the former outstanding youngster from Bruce Rock has shut down opposition side's dangerous little forwards with regularity, as well as providing plenty of dash out of defence.

His combination with McKenna and Jakovich has been excellent and all three being in the All-Australian side was no surprise.

McKenna is arguably the best half-back in the AFL, standing well above his rivals through quick thinking, great disposal and fine leadership ability.

Standing alongside him nearly all season has been Jakovich, who was desperately unlucky to miss being rewarded in 1993.

in all stars

By DIGBY BEACHAM

His strength, aerial ability and attacking nature are three key factors in the Eagles dominance.

Matera has electrified crowds once again this year with his blistering pace and keen goalsense and ability to kick over long distances.

A Norm Smith Medallist in 1992, Matera's input on Saturday will have a large bearing on whether the Eagles can win their second premiership.

Carlton centreman Greg Williams was appointed captain of the team, with Collingwood champion Gavin Brown his assistant.

Melbourne coach Neil Balme, who has taken his side from 10th position last year to seventh at the end of the home-and-away games and a place in the final four.

The All Australians

The All Australian team from the backline is:

BACKS: Chris Langford (Hawthorn), Stephen Silvagni (Carlton), David Hart (West Coast)

HALF-BACKS: Guy McKenna (West Coast), Glen Jakovich (West Coast), Michael Mansfield (Geelong)

CENTRES: Stephen Tingay (Melbourne), Greg Williams (Carlton), Peter Matera (West Coast)

HALF-FORWARDS: Gavin Brown (Collingwood), Wayne Carey (North Melbourne), Garry Lyon (Melbourne)

FORWARDS: Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn), Gary Ablett (Geelong), Ben Allan (Hawthorn)

FOLLOWERS: Shaun Rehn (Adelaide), Robert Harvey (St Kilda), Garry Hocking (Geelong)

INTERCHANGE: Stephen Kernahan (Carlton), Mark Ricciuto (Adelaide), Craig Bradley (Carlton)

Umpire of the year: David Howlett.

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PRESENTS ...

WEST Australian football, on the verge of an exciting 1995, has received a boost courtesy of Town and Country Bank Limited.

They will be contributing \$1 million towards the full resurfacing of Subiaco Oval and the construction of spectator terracing at the eastern end of the ground.

Work on the terracing, which will provide standing room accommodation for 12,000 spectators, will also start straight away.

Both projects will be completed by May next year, the date set for the opening of the \$14 million Southern Stand currently under construction.

This will coincide with the first AFL game scheduled for Subiaco Oval next season.

In return for its sponsorship of the project, Town and Country will have naming rights to the new Southern Stand and the terracing area for a period of 10 years.

Subiaco Oval's surface has come under fire this year from both local and interstate coaches, but finding the funds to restore the ground properly has been a problem.

Town and Country's generous sponsorship is in line with the WA-based bank's long-term commitment to supporting WA community in areas of sport and recreation.

The pleasing aspect is that this project can now be done in conjunction with the new stand, which means by next May, we will have an outstanding football facility.

Commission Comment

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Dr Peter Tannock

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ANSETT AUSTRALIA



Eagles to start

IF THE bookmakers are correct — and they usually are — die-hard Victorian football followers are going to be mighty downcast at about 5pm on Saturday.

After thrashing Melbourne last weekend, West Coast go into the grand final against Geelong as raging favourites.

The Eagles have had the ideal preparation and, after toppling Geelong in the 1992 grand final and beating them at Kardinia Park in their only meeting this season, should be confident about their chances.

favourites

By DIGBY BEACHAM

Coach Mick Malthouse has said nothing less than a premiership will suffice and with a 1991 appearance against Hawthorn yielding a thumping, the Eagles will not want to go down that road again.

THE BIG MEN

THE hard-luck story of David Hynes missing out on the 1992 premiership after the Eagles hierarchy opted to recall Michael Brennan, has been well documented.

It looked as though he would be absent at the business end of the season

again in 1994 when he was struggling to win selection.

However, a knee injury to Ryan Turnbull late in the year opened the door and Hynes has starred ever since, booking his place in the team which has the chance to bring the coveted premiership cup back to WA.

Turnbull was recalled to the side against Melbourne, but didn't dominate and though he will be better for the hit-out, faces an anxious wait to see if he is selected for Saturday.

THE DEFENDERS

MISERLY, stingy, watertight and extremely effective.

That is how the Eagles defence is judged and after a quick glance at the half-back line, it's not hard to see why.

Flankers Guy McKenna and John Worsfold are former club champions and boast a perfect mix of skill, poise and aggression.

At centre-half-back Glen Jakovich has no peers and is already regarded as a big-game player at the tender age of 21.

If Ashley McIntosh passes a fitness test, he will be included, possibly at full-back against Gary Ablett.

THE ATTACKERS

A THREE goal haul in a total of 16 from a full-forward is nothing to write home about, but there were plenty of encouraging signs for Eagles ace Peter Sumich.

He attracted a lot of attention against the Demons, releasing the pressure on Brett Heady, who responded superbly to kick six goals.

Jason Ball was well held, but still snared two goals, while Chris Lewis's great finishing ability is a real bonus.

THE MIDFIELDERS

WEST Coast boast the finest midfield in the competition and their input on Saturday will be crucial.

Wingmen Peter Matera, fresh from an outstanding Brownlow Medal count on Monday night and Chris Mainwaring, are quick, good ball handlers

In the centre, Dean Kemp consistently shows his class, very rarely loses his balance and has the uncanny ability to win the ball from broken play.

Former Claremont players Don Pyke and Tony Evans played important roles in the Eagles 1992 win over the Cats and along with Drew Banfield, have a good blend of offensive and defensive skills.

The Eagles nest

1. BRETT HEADY

24yrs 180cm 85kg
Games played 96WCE, 36Subi, 2WA
Regained confidence and form with six goals

Finals rating: 8

2. DEAN KEMP

25yrs 180cm 74kg
Games played 109WCE, 24Subi, 2WA
Classy centreman; continually won the ball out of the square

Finals rating: 8

3. CHRIS MAINWARING

28yrs 179cm 83kg
Games played 160WCE, 51EF, 10WA
Star wingman in exciting touch

Finals rating: 8

4. PETER SUMICH

26yrs 190cm 91kg
Games played 124WCE, 59SF, 5WA
Also regained some form; could be a key

Finals rating: 7

6. DREW BANFIELD

20yrs 182cm 84kg
Games played 30WCE, 24Subi, 1WA
Was recalled last week and fared well

Finals rating: 5

9. PETER WILSON

30yrs 183cm 90kg
Games played 100WCE, 54Rich, 97EF, 7WA
Down on form against Melbourne

Finals rating: 7

10. DON PYKE

25yrs 180cm 76kg
Games played 102WCE, 83Clare, 4WA
Attacking minder with good disposal

Finals rating: 8

11. ASHLEY McINTOSH

21yrs 194cm 90kg
Games played 76WCE, 7Clare, 2WA
Missed last week, but should play on Saturday

Finals rating: 7

12. MITCHELL WHITE

21yrs 190cm 82kg
Games played 50WCE, 44Subi, 1WA
Reliable backman; was recalled last week

Finals rating: 6

14. MICHAEL BRENNAN

29yrs 185cm 90kg
Games played 162WCE, 78EF, 3WA
Efficient defender; should get Ablett

Finals rating: 7

17. GUY McKENNA

25yrs 185cm 85kg
Games played 147WCE, 51Cl, 3WA
Star half-back; marshalls the defence

Finals rating: 8

18. TONY EVANS

25yrs 178cm 75kg
Games played 50WCE, 61Cl, 2WA
Courageous rover who loves a goal

Finals rating: 7

20. SHANE BOND

19yrs 183cm 74kg
Games played 20WCE, 1EP
Quick-thinking rookie forward

Finals rating: 5

22. DAVID HYNES

27yrs 194cm 90kg
Games played 59WCE, 28SF, 119PA, 1WA, 5SA
Enjoying great form in the ruck

Finals rating: 7

24. JOHN WORSFOLD

25yrs 182cm 85kg
Games played 155WCE, 25SF, 7WA
Fearless half-back; always shows the way

Finals rating: 7

26. JASON BALL

21yrs 196cm 93kg
Games played 15WCE, 56SD
Was quieter last week; a real talent

Finals rating: 6

27. GLEN JAKOVICH

21yrs 192cm 97kg
Games played 86WCE, 51SF, 5WA
Sensational; should oppose Brownless

Finals rating: 8

28. CHRIS LEWIS

25yrs 184cm 84kg
Games played 152WCE, 9Clare, 4WA
Continued his good form against Melbourne

Finals rating: 7

29. BRETT SPINKS

20yrs 195cm 94kg
Games played 15WCE, 26SF
Missed last week; could struggle to get back in

Finals rating: 4

30. PETER MATERA

25yrs 180cm 81kg
Games played 97WCE, 59SF, 4WA
Champion wingman trying to beat off injury

Finals rating: 9

33. TONY GODDEN

21yrs 183cm 75kg
Games played 11WCE, 47Subi
Overlooked last week and could miss out

Finals rating: 4

36. DAVID HART

30yrs 177cm 79kg
Games played 136WCE, 73SF, 3WA
Has been brilliant out of a back pocket

Finals rating: 7

39. CHRIS WATERMAN

25yrs 180cm 83kg
Games played 110WCE, 57EF, 3WA
Only saw limited action last week

Finals rating: 6

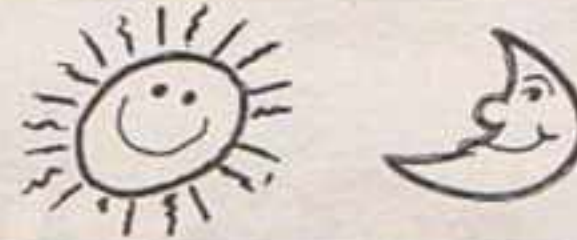
50. RYAN TURNBULL

22yrs 196cm 92kg
Games played 33WCE, 55EP, 1WA
Fine tap ruckman with good skills

Finals rating: 6



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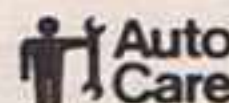
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Third time lucky for Blight?



Geelong to draw on emotion

REVENGE is an over-estimated motivator, according to Geelong coach Malcolm Blight.

He says the 1992 grand final loss to West Coast is no longer relevant and backs up his claim with numbers — only 11 of the Cats who suffered the grand final let-down two years ago wore the blue-and-white hoops in last Saturday's six-point preliminary final win over North Melbourne.

But there is underlying current of emotion at Kardinia Park, a feeling that the Cats are due, after losing in 1989 and '92 under Blight's guidance.

If Lady Luck has a heart, she will surely look after the Cats.

By GLEN QUARTERMAIN

THE BIG MEN

GEELONG ruckman John Barnes is the form player of the finals series.

He has been nothing short of inspirational in wins over Footscray, Carlton and North Melbourne.

His mark on the North Melbourne goal-line with less than a minute remaining and scores tied in last Saturday's preliminary final was largely responsible for the Cats winning their way through to the grand final.

Barnes athleticism will trouble the Eagles who will agonise over whether to play two ruckmen — David Hynes and Ryan Turnbull — to counter his fitness.

Barnes has two back-ups, Steven Handley and David Mensch, who can ruck in defence and attack when he requires a breather.

THE DEFENDERS

GEELONG'S backline has been under-estimated this season, a fact acknowledged by West Coast coach Mick Malthouse.

The improvement is due in no small part to the arrival of former Hawthorn premiership backman Gary Ayres at Kardinia Park.

Full-back Stephen O'Reilly and pocket Paul Brown provide aerial mastery in the last line and should tackle Peter Sumich and Chris Lewis.

Half-backs Michael Mansfield, an All-Australian this season, will be asked to curb Brett Heady, a six goal hero of the preliminary final.

Attacking defender Ken Hinkley, who burst back into best form against the Kangaroos, is most likely to tackle Peter Wilson, with in-form centre-half-back Tim McGrath a chance to play on Ashley McIntosh.

THE ATTACKERS

ASHES to ashes, dust to dust, if Ablett doesn't get you, Brownless must.

Gary Ablett is clearly the key to the clash.

He has been minded by John Worsfold in the past, but a groin injury has restricted the movement of the Eagles captain, so the job should fall to Michael Brennan.

Ablett has kicked 128 goals at an average of more than five this season.

Billy Brownless has burst back into prominence in the second half of the season, but will be haunted by the memory of the 1992 grand final when he was well beaten by Ashley McIntosh.

Geelong boasts a band of explosive forward line opportunists in the form of Leigh Colbert, Andrew Wills, Leigh Tudor and the strong-marking Adrian Hickmott.

THE MIDFIELDERS

THE Cats match-up with the Eagles better than any other team in the midfield.

Centreman Paul Couch, ruck-rover Mark Bairstow and rover Garry Hocking have been in career-best form in the lead-up to the grand final and their ability to break free of taggers will largely influence the result.

They are surrounded by in-form wingers Peter Riccardi and Liam Pickering and talented runners Andrew Wills and Leigh Tudor.

Riccardi has beaten West Coast's Brownlow Medal runner-up and Norm Smith medallist Peter Matera in the past and could be the man to match the pacy matchwinner.

The Cats camp

1. STEVEN HOCKING

29yrs 184cms 84kgs
Games played 198

Had a limited influence last week

Finals rating: 6

2. LEIGH COLBERT

19yrs 191cms 83kgs
Games played 28

Talented youngster; can play at both ends

Finals rating: 6

3. MARK BAIRSTOW

31yrs 180cms 87kgs
Games played 145

Veteran midfielder; a real key

Finals rating: 7

4. ANDREW WILLS

22yrs 184cms 84kgs
Games played 58

Spent time on the bench last week

Finals rating: 4

5. GARY ABLETT

32yrs 185cms 97kgs
Games played 208

Champion forward; due for a big one

Finals rating: 9

6. JOHN BARNES

25yrs 193cms 95kgs
Games played 66

Outstanding ruckman; a great finals series

Finals rating: 9

7. PAUL COUCH

30yrs 180cms 82kgs
Games played 207

Experienced campaigner with good disposal

Finals rating: 7

9. SHAYNE BREUER

22yrs 184cms 84kgs
Games played 24

Exciting rookie with blistering pace

Finals rating: 8

10. GRANT TANNER

24yrs 184cms 80kgs
Games played 16

Missed last week with injury; should play

Finals rating: 7

11. LEIGH TUDOR

25yrs 176cms 74kgs
Games played 35

Nippy forward; off target last week

Finals rating: 7

14. STEVEN HANDLEY

24yrs 194cms 93kgs
Games played 49

Much-improved key position player

Finals rating: 7

15. PETER RICCARDI

21yrs 182cms 85kgs
Games played 59

Star wingman with pace to burn

Finals rating: 8

16. BILL BROWNLESS

27yrs 192cms 98kgs
Games played 154

Dangerous centre-half-forward; a huge kick

Finals rating: 7

17. TIM McGRATH

23yrs 190cms 96kgs
Games played 76

Rugged defender; very good in '92 play-off

Finals rating: 7

20. STEPHEN O'REILLY

21yrs 195cms 97kgs
Games played 35

Quality full-back in great touch

Finals rating: 8

21. MICHAEL MANSFIELD

23yrs 184cms 83kgs
Games played 73

Star half-back; should pick up Heady

Finals rating: 7

23. LIAM PICKERING

26yrs 187cms 97kgs
Games played 49

Exciting midfielder; should play on Matera

Finals rating: 8

29. KEN HINKLEY

28yrs 185cms 80kgs
Games played 117

Quality defender with loads of courage

Finals rating: 7

31. DAVID MENSCH

22yrs 190cms 93kgs
Games played 32

Talented forward; real dangerman

Finals rating: 6

32. GARRY HOCKING

25yrs 181cms 82kgs
Games played 142

Champion on-baller with magnificent skills

Finals rating: 9

40. PAUL BROWN

25yrs 187cms 87kgs
Games played 56

Only played in the last term against North

Finals rating: 4

42. ADRIAN HICKMOTT

22yrs 185cms 83kgs
Games played 30

Has ability, but does make costly mistakes

Finals rating: 5

Billy keen to avenge losses

BILLY Brownless remembers Geelong's last two grand final appearances in 1989 and 1992 as if they were played only yesterday.

The Cats finished second in both matches and were forced to sit disconsolately on the hallowed MCG turf late in the afternoon as first Hawthorn and then West Coast basked in premiership glory.

On Saturday, Geelong get their chance to avenge the 1992 defeat when they again do battle with the Eagles.

And this time, Brownless feels Geelong are ready for the challenge.

"There is a lot more spirit, morale and camaraderie at Geelong now than there was back in 1992," Brownless said.

"We are mentally and physically ready for the game and I honestly feel we are better equipped this time to play the Eagles."

The easy-going forward has been much maligned in many circles and copped a lot of the blame for Geelong's loss to the Eagles when, despite kicking three goals, was beaten by Ashley McIntosh.

However, those fickle Cats fans now want a piece of Brownless — but for different reasons.

PANDEMONIUM

His 35 metre goal after the siren against Footscray on the first weekend of finals action sent the whole city of Geelong into pandemonium.

Since then, he has been effective at centre-half-forward without starring and looms as a key to the Cats chances of pulling off an upset win on Saturday.

He said the hype in 'Sleepy Hollow' after the Cats thrilling win over North

Melbourne last weekend was pretty intense.

"Certainly being a one-team town like over there in Perth, it is pretty hard to escape," he said.

"It's hard to get away from it all and you only have to go down to the shops at lunchtime to get a sandwich and the windows are all decorated.

Geelong will go into the match as sentimental favourites, with many hoping their 31-year premiership drought will come to an end.

EXPECTATIONS

They will also carry the expectations of the majority of Victorians, who will be eager to see the premiership cup stay in Melbourne rather than being on the plane bound for WA with the Eagles on Sunday morning.

At 27, Brownless is the first to admit he isn't getting any younger, while champion full-forward Gary Ablett, who turns 33 on Saturday and midfielders Mark Bairstow (31) and Paul Couch (30) are in the twilight of their careers.

"There is no doubt there are some guys who are getting on a bit, like Gazza (Ablett), Toby (Bairstow) and Couchy (Couch)," Brownless said.

"Grand finals don't come around that often and as you get older, they come around even less so you've got to make the most of them."

An All-Australian representative in 1991, Brownless watched the Eagles demoralise Melbourne in the second half of last Saturday's preliminary final at the WACA Ground and was impressed with the form of his likely opponent, Glen Jakovich.

Heady drills a Pele special

CREATIVE forward Brett Heady was in one of his dangerous moods on Saturday against Melbourne as he found goals from near-impossible situations.

Heady was travelling on a high in the third quarter when he ran on to a bouncing ball heading goalwards and opted to soccer it home in preference to picking it up.

For Heady, it was a calculated gamble, because he was about 12 metres out from the posts.

But he measured the soccer kick in true Pele style and drove it home accurately as the advancing Demons defenders failed to pick up their target.

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IN THE
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with DIGBY BEACHAM

Jako burst just off

THE chance of kicking the goal of the year never entered Glen Jakovich's head as he charged downfield in the third quarter.

"I was always looking for options," he said in reflection of the tremendous run.

"I got into a bit of space and kept motoring. I found an opening where none of the Melbourne players were. If they had come at me, I could have overlapped and set up a chain reaction type of thing towards the goals because we had a two-on-one situation.

"But I just kept going towards the goals, I didn't really think I'd get that far, I just wanted to get it into the forward line."

Jakovich went into the match with one of the toughest assignments, marking dangerous centre-half-forward David Schwarz, and he handled it superbly.

His opponent had six kicks and four handballs, taking just two marks as he found the ever-reliable fist of Jakovich coming over his shoulder continually.

"I had a job to do that was very important and I was focused on that," says Jakovich. "Schwarz was outstanding last week, he took an enormous number of marks and I just made up my mind to close him down."

Hart out to fly the flag

IT HAS been a big couple of weeks for David Hart, the recycled defender who has enjoyed a new lease of life after almost turning his back on the game a second time.

The tough little back pocket has earned selection in the AFL's all-Australian side and is set for a grand final appearance, determined to make up for missing the 1992 premiership when he was ruled out with injury.

"I'm stoked," he said after Saturday's win. "It's a great honour to be part of that side."

Hart was totally disillusioned after missing the grand final victory of '92 and even though he was part of the team celebrations, it just was not the same.

CHANCE TO ATONE

"I felt happy for all the guys and it was great to be part of the club, but the hurt was there and I'm pleased to get the chance to make up for that," he said.

"I have only a couple of years left and I knew we had a chance to make the finals this year, so I set my sights on that.

"Grand finals just don't come around that often, so I aimed at trying to be more consistent.

"I guess I've probably been a bit more relaxed and maybe more mature, which has helped. I've become one of the older guys."

RESPONSIBLE

Hart (30) has played a senior role at the Eagles this year and his responsibility in defence, where he teams with the club's two deputy leaders Michael Brennan and Guy McKenna gives him the chance to help a few of the younger players.

This week he will be taking things easy as he prepares for his day of atonement.

"I'll have a quiet week, get a few rubs and try not to think too much about it," he said. "You're in trouble if you do, that I reckon."

Hart had to have his thoughts refocused on football after that '92 disappointment, with Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett and coach Mick Malthouse helping him revive his desire.

That same scenario happened back in 1983 after he had played just seven games for West Perth, but opted out of the city life and headed back to Bruce Rock.

Over summer, South Fremantle coach Malcolm Brown convinced Hart that he was worthy of having another crack at WAFL ranks and he enticed him back to the Port in 1984 to revive his career.

Decider berth a gift for Woosha

WEST Coast skipper John Worsfold celebrated his 26th birthday by waking up on Sunday knowing that he was set to lead the Eagles into a third grand final in his four years in the job.

The nation at large was also told of his birthday via the Channel Seven footy show when Woosha was interviewed live by Kevin Bartlett on Sunday.

The tough captain admitted that the hype of a grand final appearance in Perth was much less noticeable than it had been the first year.

"The fans seem happy to leave their celebrations until after the game," said Worsfold, who told viewers that the Eagles would definitely take part in Friday's grand final parade, flying to Melbourne on the Thursday in preparation for the big game.

"The worst thing about going over too early is that you could spend a whole day sitting around getting bored," he said. "But the parade would give us something to do."

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Cats keen to grab glory

TICK ... Tick. Two seconds; not a long time in the evolution of life.

But that's all it took for Geelong to earn a second crack at West Coast in three seasons in Saturday's AFL grand final at the MCG.

The Cats will have to clear overwhelming odds if they are to capture their seventh flag — and their first in 31 years.

Not only must they break the defensive manacles certain to be clamped on by the miserly Eagles, but they also have to create their own piece of history.

No side has won four finals to claim a premiership, the pressure of September has ensured that.

The last team to win three finals to progress to the premiership decider were Melbourne in 1988. The result was a 96-point humbling by Hawthorn.

The Cats can take the premiership if one man rises to the occasion on his 33rd birthday — Gary Ablett.

Ablett kicked the Cats into the grand final when he marked in the goalsquare with two seconds to play and the scores level in last Saturday's six-point preliminary final win over North Melbourne.

But the Eagles will undoubtedly be prepared for the 1989 Norm Smith Medallist.

They played John Worsfold on the Cats match-winner when they won their first flag in 1992, but the Eagles captain has been hampered by a groin injury and is unlikely to assume that role this time.

CONFRONTATION

The task could fall to Ashley McIntosh or Michael Brennan, although the Eagles will undoubtedly look to defender Glen Jakovich to block supply at centre-half-back.

Jakovich filled that role and took 10 marks in the Eagles 18-point win over Geelong in round 14 at Kardinia Park, their only confrontation this season.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse will surely be tempted to play McIntosh on Brownless in memory of the superb stopping job the versatile West Coaster did on the big Cat in the 1992 play-off.

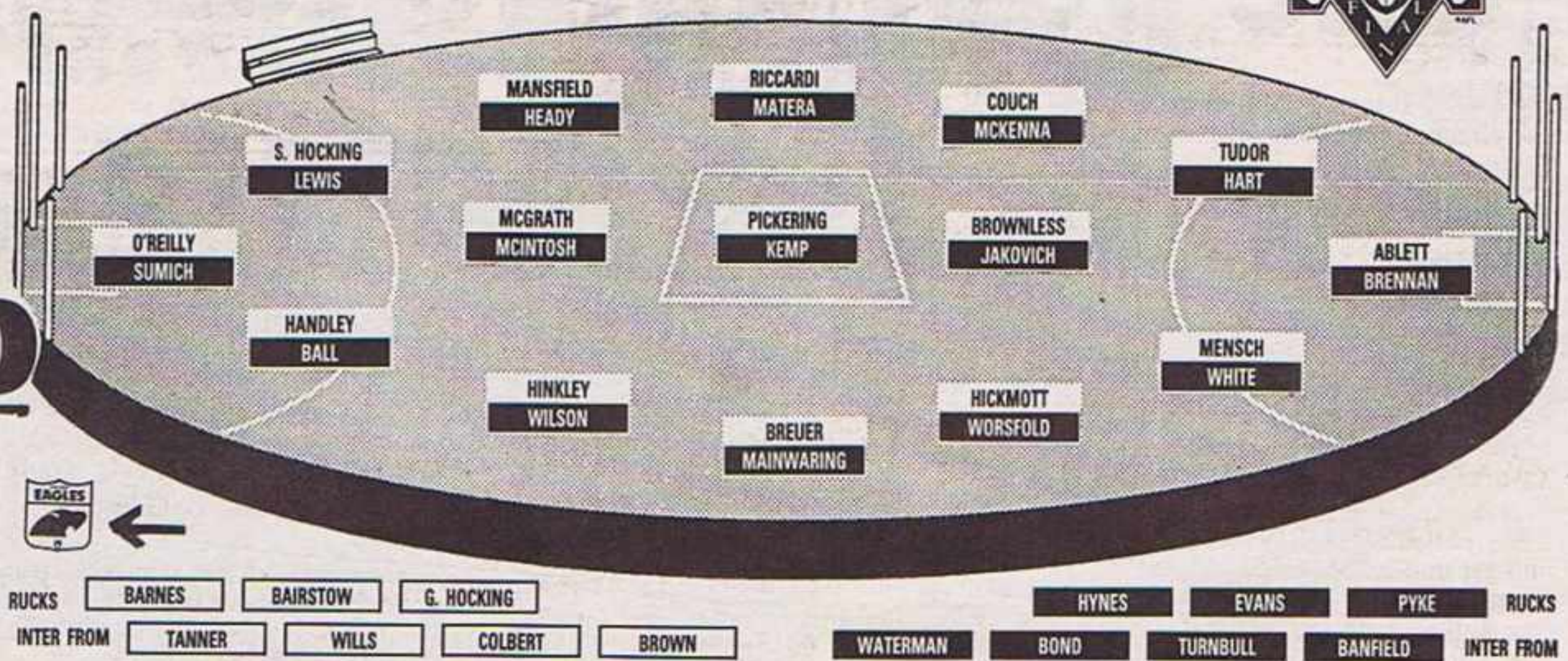
The midfielders hold the key to the clash with Paul Couch, Mark Bairstow, Garry Hocking, Shane Breuer and Liam Pickering against Dean Kemp, Don Pyke, Chris Mainwaring, Peter Matera and Tony Evans.

Matera won the '92 Norm Smith Medal on Bairstow, but he could confront Peter Riccardi.

Geelong ruckman John Barnes has been the player of the finals series and enters the grand final with an experience and talent edge over West Coast's David Hynes and possibly Ryan Turnbull.

West Coast coach Mick Malthouse regards this Geelong model as "better than 1992".

POSSIBLE LINE-UP



IN THE SPOTLIGHT ... defender Glen Jakovich will have a crucial role to play in the grand final

By GLEN QUARTERMAIN

"Their lead-up has been one of extraordinary mental toughness," he said.

Opposite number Malcolm Blight, who has raised a metaphorical finger at those critics who called for his head to be put on the coaches' chopping block mid-season, has ruled out revenge.

"I don't know if revenge is a factor. Revenge is an over-estimated motivator," he said.

"You play the game to improve and win. The players realise they have earned another opportunity to win a premiership. That is their motivation."

If the game goes down to the wire, the Cats will fancy their chances.

They have won five games by 12 points or less this season and two finals with kicks after the siren.

"When you have results like we have had, when you just get over the line, sometimes belief creeps into the players' minds," Blight said.

"Then they start believing that if they do the extra work then the luck will fall their way."

"It's a bit of a mixture of belief and luck. It's a two-edged sword because you need a bit of both."

Lady Luck must be feeling sorry for the Cats and Blight, who have shared in the agony of two grand final losses.

Then again, Lady Lucky can be a downright bitch.

Losing no option for finals veteran

GLEN Jakovich hates losing.

The 21-year-old dynamo has experienced both the pain of a grand final loss and the euphoria that comes with a premiership.

Naturally, he prefers the winning. So, after playing a significant role in the 1992 grand final win over Geelong, Jakovich was eagerly awaiting the start of 1993.

The Eagles were expected to win consecutive flags and the star centre-half-back desperately wanted to be part of it.

Unfortunately, someone lost the script and a first semi-final loss to Essendon ended their season.

Few took the defeat as hard as Jakovich, who last Friday won selection in the prestigious All-Australian team.

Sharing the Eagles 1993 club champion award with Don Pyke was some consolation for the South Fremantle junior.

"I think we've learned some valuable lessons," Jakovich said in the lead-up to Saturday's grand final with Geelong.

"Last year was a big learning curve for us because we went from the hunters to the hunted."

"A lot of pressure was put on us and I think we were really disappointing last year."

But a rigorous pre-season schedule mapped out by coach Mick Malthouse was the start of a campaign that will come to a head on Saturday.

"Over summer, we looked at ways and avenues on how to get back on track and

here we are going into our third grand final," Jakovich said.

While Jakovich will be trying to restrict one of the Geelong forwards from kicking goals, his team-mate, Brett Heady, will be doing his best to weave some of his magic.

The 24-year-old showed why he is regarded as one of the competition's elite forwards when he kicked six goals in three quarters against Melbourne.

Heady's courage and fine marking skills were on display against the Demons and must be curtailed by Geelong if the Cats want to win their first premiership since 1963.

Geelong coach Malcolm Blight pitted All-Australian half-back Michael Mansfield against Heady this year and is likely to adopt the same tactic again.

Geelong's backline has been criticised over the years, but it has tightened up considerably — a fact that has been noticed by the star Eagle.

"I think they have some terrific players down there," Heady said.

"Mansfield will go close to winning their fairest and best this year, Ken Hinkley's been a great player for several years and Tim McGrath at centre-half-back is a good player as well."

Heady is hoping West Coast's depth will come to the fore against Geelong and give them their second premiership in three seasons.

"I think we're more consistent and our biggest strength is that we're even all over the ground," he said.

Burswood's Best The AFL's leading performers

The following tables show who is doing best in the AFL in the kicks, marks and handballs department

Kicks	Marks	Handballs
Ben Allan (Hawthorn)..... 390	David Schwarz (Melbourne)..... 173	Greg Williams (Carlton)..... 364
Nathan Buckley (Collingwood)..... 376	Wayne Carey (Nth Melbourne)..... 164	Chris McDermott (Adelaide)..... 314
Don Pyke (Eagles)..... 370	Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)..... 160	Paul Broderick (Richmond)..... 293
Mark Hunter (Footscray)..... 365	Chris Grant (Footscray)..... 155	Todd Viney (Melbourne)..... 288
Wayne Schwass (North Melbourne)..... 363	Garry Lyon (Melbourne)..... 151	Craig Lambert (Brisbane)..... 279
Tony McGuinness (Adelaide)..... 352	Shaun Rehn (Adelaide)..... 149	Barry Mitchell (Carlton)..... 268
Chris Mainwaring (Eagles)..... 348	Brendan Gale (Richmond)..... 144	Garry Hocking (Geelong)..... 266
Glen Jakovich (Eagles)..... 344	Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)..... 144	Brett Lovett (Melbourne)..... 241
Anthony Stevens (North Melbourne)..... 343	James Hird (Essendon)..... 143	Shaun Rehn (Adelaide)..... 236
Scott West (Footscray)..... 338	Jason Taylor (Hawthorn)..... 142	Paul Couch (Geelong)..... 221

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One poor game costly for Matera

Any other year, 28 would win

PETER Matera gave himself a genuine chance of winning Monday night's Brownlow Medal when he trailed Carlton centreman Greg Williams by just two votes with three rounds remaining.

Then his thoughts swung to the Eagles insipid round-22 64-point loss to the Blues at Princes Park.

Matera's opponent Craig Bradley kicked two goals from 29 possessions, but Williams, the engine room, gathered 45 touches, including 28 handpasses.

A downcast Matera looked on as Williams polled three votes to forge to 30 and an unbeatable lead.

"Bradley played on me that day and I was hoping he'd get three votes, but it didn't happen," Matera said, just minutes after the count.

"Williams is a great player. He's there in the action. Thirty votes is just amazing."

ATTRACTIVE ODDS

Surprisingly, odds of 80-1 were on offer for Matera a week before the count.

"I should have had an each-way bet," he said. "But if you had a look at the year, I wouldn't have put anything on myself."

Matera polled in 10 of 22 games for eight best-afields and two seconds.

He felt his 1991 season, when he finished fourth, was better than this year.

"I thought my chances were very slim," he said. "I thought Glen Jakovich would have polled best for us."

By GLEN QUARTERMAIN

"This year was more or less just a consistent year — not as well as I thought I could have done."

"The umpires, the way they voted was just amazing."

Matera will adopt a "no pain, no gain" philosophy in the grand final.

The gifted winger will carry a mystery leg injury into the premierships decider, but does not believe it will greatly hinder his performance.

"You always have injuries. There is a pain barrier that you have to go through," Matera said.

"If you know in your mind that you can give 100 percent, you try to get out there and do your best."

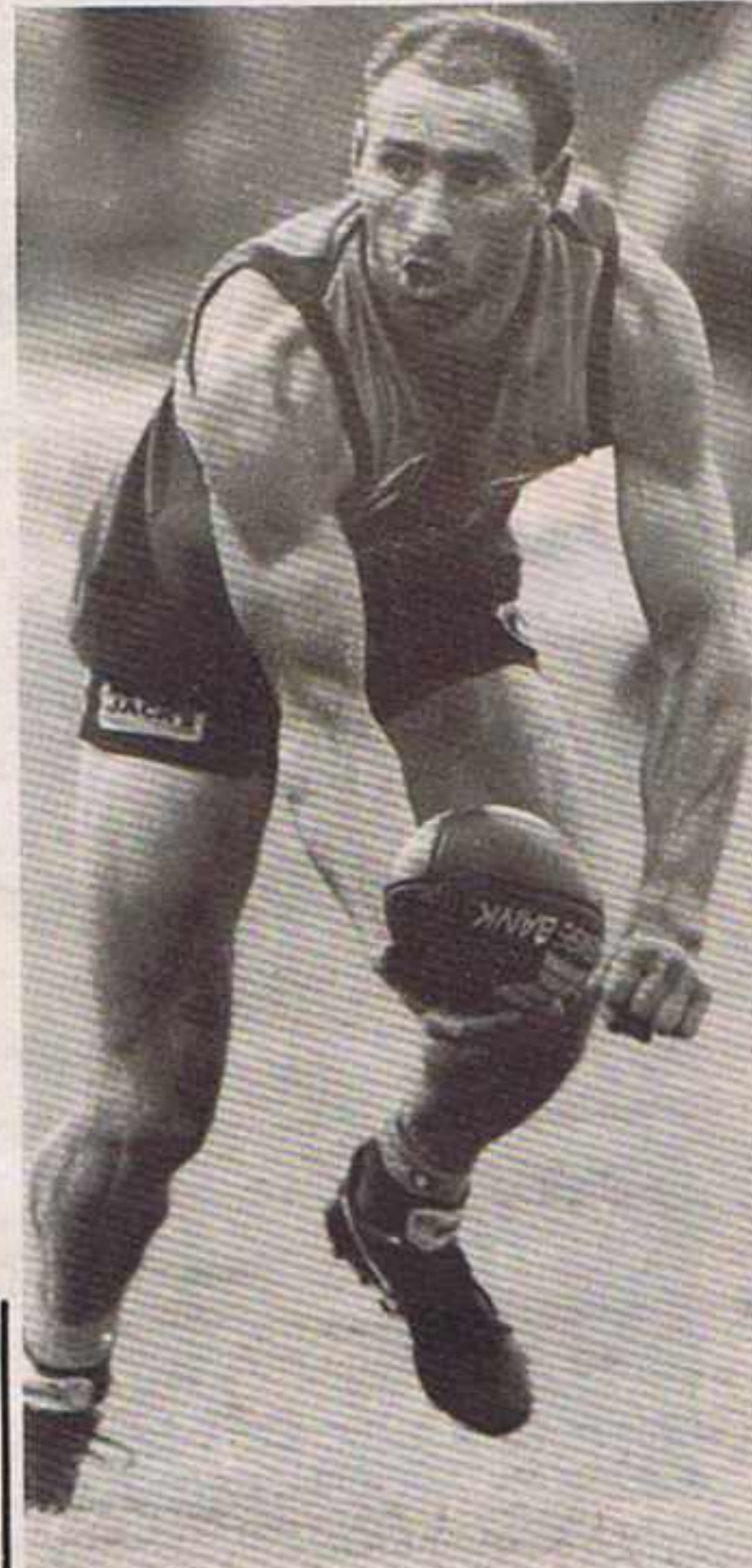
"The injury is pretty good."

Matera was the richest football property in Australia in 1992 after capturing the Norm Smith Medal.

He admits to having thought about a second Norm Smith Medal since the Eagles won through to the grand final.

"If the ball comes your way, you have a big chance," he said.

"It has passed through my mind once or twice. You never know, it might happen."



CLOSE CALL ... Peter Matera edged close to Brownlow Medallist Greg Williams during the count, but a poor game against Carlton in round 22 meant he would get no closer than two votes

PETER Matera's 28 votes in Monday night's Brownlow Medal would have won him the AFL's highest individual award in almost any other year.

He became the highest-scoring runner-up in the 70 years of the medal.

Disregarding the counts of 1976-77 when umpires cast six votes, not since Richmond follower Roy Wright's 29 in 1954 had more than 28 votes been needed to win the Brownlow.

And only in 1940, when Collingwood's Des Fothergill and South Melbourne's Herbie Matthews each polled 32 votes, was Matera's tally bettered.

Williams won his first medal in a tie with Hawthorn's Robert DiPierdomenico, while playing with Sydney in 1986.

MULTIPLE

No other multiple winner has medals as far apart as Williams' eight-year gap. He is the third oldest medallist — only Fitzroy's Kevin Murray and the Swans Barry Round were older.

Williams' win also ended a 30-year drought for Carlton, whose last winner was half-back Gordon Collis in 1964.

The midfield dynamo originally joined Carlton in the early '80s, but was told he was too slow and returned to his country club Golden Square.

But he was keen to have another crack at the big time, so joined Geelong in 1984. He played 34 games for the Cats before switching to Sydney. Two years later, he won his first Brownlow.

Carlton's interest turned to the player that they once rated — as many pundits still do — "too slow".

He rejoined the Blues in 1992 in a deal which made him the highest paid player in Australian football.

He was a hot tip to win last year's Brownlow, but was runner-up to Gavin Wanganeen.

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PRESENTS ...

Eagles Men of the Match



Brett Heady

A SLICE of Brett Heady inspiration triggered a West Coast assault that pushed the Eagles into their third AFL grand final in four seasons.

Heady kicked three goals in the third term, but his second quarter was more effective.

Heady kicked the opening goal of the match and had a direct assist in a Chris Lewis major nine minutes into the second term.

A courageous mark at the 18-minute mark of the second term, wedged between Melbourne pair Sean Wight and Andy Lovell, resulted in a goal and three minutes later he steered a left footer towards goals and saw it bounce and turn sharply to register six points.



Glen Jakovich

GLEN Jakovich ticks like clockwork in big games.

The strong defender has no about qualms picking up a high-calibre opponent and spends hours preparing for the assignment.

His task against the Demons was to curb the athletic brilliance of match-winner David Schwarz and he succeeded with devastating effect as Schwarz had only 10 possessions and two marks.

Jakovich repeatedly ran off Schwarz and claimed play-of-the-day in the third term, gathering the ball inside Melbourne's 50-metre zone, had six bounces and kicked for goal on the run.

Sadly, his shot grazed the inside of the post.



Chris Mainwaring

TO BEAT Melbourne, the West Coast on-ball division was always going to have play to its potential.

Mainwaring ensured that it did.

He was the pick of the Eagles runners, marginally ahead of Dean Kemp and Don Pyke.

The runners not only supplied their own attack, but deprived the Demons of scoring opportunities.

The Demons, who had kicked scores of 27, 18 and 21 goals in previous weeks, managed only eight. Mainwaring had 29 possessions and eight marks against Melbourne's Matthew Febey.

He seized the mark of the day high over Febey in the third quarter.

West whiz upsets plot

IT HAD the hallmarks of a well-rehearsed, carefully-scripted Academy Awards presentation.

There was the glitter, the glamour and the pomp that goes with such momentous occasions.

The Brownlow Medal count had gone up-market.

Moving from the once-prestigious Southern Cross Hotel, in central Melbourne, this year's count was relocated at the plush Grand Waldorf Ballroom in the Raddison President Hotel in leafy Albert Park.

It was an occasion that seemed destined for the home town hero to provide the climactic ending.

Players — with the exception of the rebellious Dermott Brereton — were in black tie for the first time at a Brownlow count. While they looked out of sorts their women were loving every moment ... and so they should have.

Most appeared to have spent the weekend at a beauty parlour before being shrink wrapped by Toorak Road dressmakers with big budgets. How so much well-shaped flesh could be contained in so little cloth remains one of the mysteries of the night.

But all this very "Melbourne establishment" glitz came close to disaster.

The master planners of the extravaganza had not seriously thought that a bolter from the west could upset the party.

PETER POAT reports from football's glamour night

Greg Williams, at almost unbackable odds, was going to be the winner and that seemed etched in stone.

Enter Peter Matera. Like one of those classical bursts along the wing, the Eagles speedster exploded into contention and for several nervous minutes it looked as if the script had been mislaid.

The 700-odd guests — 350 of them paying \$300 a head — were on the edges of their seats — as they are when the West Coast whiz heads for goal.

EMOTION

You got the feeling it would have been like a grand final without a football, a hot dog without a frankfurter or a wedding without a bride. Could the Oscars go ahead without the presence of a winner?

Then as quickly as silence had calmed the emotions, AFL chairman Ross Oakley opened the round 22 votes to reveal, "Carlton. G Williams" had polled three votes, taking his tally to an unassailable 30.

With two rounds to go, Matera was sitting on 25 votes, but the Eagles had a bye, so there was no chance that the Carlton hero could be beaten.

But it wasn't until the round 24 votes were opened and Matera made his final lunge, finishing two votes short, that calm officially resumed.

Mitre 10 AND THE WEST COAST EAGLES LEADING THE COMPETITION

We're gearing up for '95

IT'S footy finals time and all the hype and excitement centres around who will win the premierships on both sides of the nation.

We've already seen East Fremantle take out the 1994 Pepsi Cup in the WAFL competition and now we've got just a few days to wait before we know who will be the AFL champions for 1994 — the Eagles or the Cats.

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Footy fans in the West have two serves of grand finals this year, with the Pepsi Cup battle at Subiaco Oval on Sunday giving East Fremantle their 28th premiership, while across the nation this Saturday the West Coasters will attempt to win their second.

INGREDIENTS

The Pepsi Cup battle had plenty of the required ingredients, starting with the traditional pre-match dust-up.

No sooner had Town and Country Bank chief Ray Turner tossed the coin and the players headed to their various posts, did the action hot up.

When big Shark Damien Condon ran straight up to Tigers forward Paul Morgan and substituted a heavy chest for the



Presents



Thinking aloud

A column of news and views by ALAN EAST



once-customary handshake, along with a few friendly words, the Claremont forward line was really put to the test.

Darren Klemm came in to help Morgan, but Mark Amaranti — who was fired up sufficiently to go on and win the Simpson Medal — was there to equalise the issue.

The four-goal burst in three minutes in the middle of the second term was one of those periods that coaches dream about having in a grand final; a sustained effort that equals the launch of an Apollo rocket and puts a team on a real roll.

Amaranti kicked it off, followed immediately out of the centre by Stephen Bilcich; Gary Dhurrkay produced some of his magic and before the three minutes were up, Amaranti posted another one.

NO SUBSTITUTE

There's no substitute for being on the ground at final siren, to taste that exact moment of glory. Many a critic has said that the sound of victory is a famous sporting memory.

As legendary coach and now administrator John Kennedy says: "Be at ground level to see the sweat, hear the effort."

ABC commentator George Grljusich captured the feeling in the fierce opening, describing it as a biting, snarling contest.

Eagles coach Mick Malthouse put his perception of grand finals to the media after Saturday's comfortable cruise over Melbourne.

"It's not good enough to just get there," he said, inviting further questions. "It's just not good enough, you have to go on and win it; that's the aim."

No-one remembers the runner's-up in a grand final; the losers earn their place in history as the records always show the goalkickers, the best players and so forth. But history applauds only the winners, the records preserve the line-up for posterity and clubs of the future will forever be holding premiership reunions.

There's very little compensation for being second, as was evidenced by the

vanquished on Sunday, with the Tigers sitting disconsolate watching the winners receive their medals — and then trudging quickly off to share their sorrow.

As some famous mentors have said: "Winners are grinders and losers can please themselves."

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Third time lucky is the prayer for

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THE PLAN ... Malcolm Blight preaches the gospel according to the Geelong Cats

JUST four months ago, a growing band of critics were calling for the head of Geelong coach Malcolm Blight.

The inconsistent Cats had the wobbles and their precarious status was compounded by three losses in the opening four rounds.

It seemed that two grand final appearances in five seasons at the helm wasn't good enough.

But it has been a misnomer that Blight has failed to capitalise on a side laden with promise.

The Cats are sprinkled with class, but are founded on the work ethic.

Blight has tapped that intangible resource — enthusiasm — and the Cats have responded by winning nine of their last 10 games — but not without a handful of nerve-jangling results.

They beat Footscray in the elimination final only when Billy Brownless kicked a goal after the final siren.

A sound win over Carlton was followed by last Saturday's preliminary final thriller in which Gary Ablett kicked the winning goal, marking with two seconds remaining.

In this interview with Westside Football, Blight describes the emotion of those last-gasp wins and the Cats



UNDER FIRE ... the media tackle the Cats coach after a pleasant day on the park

GEELONG coach Malcolm Blight was a champion player in two states — a Magarey Medal in South Australia and a Brownlow Medal in Victoria. Now he's on the doorstep once again of further football fame ... coaching the Cats into their third grand final since he took on the job in 1989. **GLEN QUARTERMAIN** has a pre-grand final chat with the Cats mentor

hopes of reversing their 1992 grand final loss to West Coast.

Q: How strong is the current of emotion sweeping through the club?

A: The ultimate exhilaration in finals is the one or two minutes after a close win. You can't beat it. I think that is where the emotion has come from and it does filter through the whole club. I also believe it filters through to the next week.

Q: Geelong once had a poor record in close finishes, do you feel you have buried that hoodoo in the finals?

A: We have had a lot of close finishes in the second half of the year. It hasn't just started happening in the finals. We've had five wins by 12 points or less.

Q: You must be delighted with the players persistence throughout the finals?

A: When you have results like we have had when you just get over the line, sometimes belief creeps into the players minds. They start believing if they do the extra work then the luck will fall their way. It's a bit of a mixture of belief and luck. It's a two-edged sword because you need a bit of both.

Q: Have you learnt from the two grand final losses?

A: I don't think so. We have 11 different players to when we played West Coast in '92.

Q: Do the players still carry mental scars from 1989?

A: I don't know if revenge is a factor. Revenge is an over-estimated motivator. You play the game to improve and win. The players realise they have earned another opportunity to win a premiership. That is their motivation.

Q: Can you create history and become the first VFL-AFL club to win four finals?

A: Of course we can win. We have won three finals to get there and in past years that could have won you a flag.

Q: Is John Barnes the most improved player in the competition?

A: He is a unique player. He has tremendous ability and the older he gets, the wiser he gets and hopefully that will continue. He still suffers occasional lapses, but he has been terrific in the finals.

Q: The great man, Gary Ablett, celebrates his 33rd birthday on grand final day. Can we expect another Norm Smith Medal winning performance or perhaps some divine intervention?

A: Anything will do.

Q: West Coast are regarded as the fiercest one-on-one side in the competition. Can you break the shackles certain to be imposed by their defenders and midfielders?

A: Their midfield has achieved a lot more than people give it credit for. They just don't give you much space. That is what we will be striving to achieve, to get space in that area and use the footy well.

Q: Is the Malcolm Blight approach more relaxed this season?

A: People have short memories. Halfway through the year my position was supposedly under threat.

Q: What is your future? Will you be staying at Geelong or returning to Channel Seven?

A: It's not an issue at this stage.

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Eagles no certainties for decider

WEST Coast are not the certainties everyone tips for the grand final.

The season decider will go down to the wire, which must favour the Cats, given their stirring finals campaign, including two wins with kicks after the siren.

It is incorrect to suggest the Cats lack experience.

Only 11 players from the losing 1992 grand final side took part in last Saturday's preliminary final win over North Melbourne, but there is a big gulf between the Cats of two years ago and now.

Captain Mark Bairstow made a pertinent comment this week. In 1992, the bulk of the Cats had played 30-40 games, whereas they have more than 50.

DIFFERENCE

It may not seem like much, but in AFL terms it makes a big difference.

West Coast rely heavily on 1992 Norm Smith Medallist, wingman Peter Matera.

The man the Cats should choose to mind the Eagles matchwinner is the speedy Peter Riccardi, who was impressive in the second-half of the preliminary final with quick runs down the wings and flanks.

The Cats could opt for Mark Bairstow, who may have held a slight edge at half-time when he took the brilliant winger in the 1992 play-off, but had his colours well-and-truly lowered after that.

MELBOURNE CALLING

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



The Cats may even surprise and go for centreman Paul Couch on Matera.

Couch is in brilliant touch and the Cats will hope that Matera has to think about his opponent rather than his own game.

The likely return of Ashley McIntosh to the West Coast side will be of immeasurable benefit to the Eagles.

He could play on Billy Brownless, because he cut the big Cat out of the 1992 game.

Geelong ruckman John Barnes is a key player. If he wins his share of the tap-outs to get the ball down to Bairstow, Couch and Garry Hocking, the Cats will have a big chance.

Hocking will undoubtedly be picked up by classy tagger Don Pyke.

When someone hits the ball as hard as Hocking, it matters little that a side is tagging.

The Eagles backline will have a major say in the outcome because they have proved their ability to restrict the Cats forwards to a losing score.

Michael Brennan should get the job on match-winner Gary Ablett, who will be in his element on his 33rd birthday and his favourite hunting ground, the MCG.

Selectors get coach wrong

THE All-Australian selectors erred when naming this season's star-studded line-up.

Although they probably were directed to release the team before the grand final, they were put in a vulnerable position, particularly as far as the coach was concerned.

It just did not make sense for that honour to go to Neil Balme.

Full credit to him for doing a fine job with Melbourne, although the Demons finished the home-and-away season in seventh position.

If the cut-off point was the end of the qualifying rounds, it's difficult to fathom that Balme should earn that distinction. Surely a couple of other coaches had strong claims to the honour.

Alan Joyce took over a dishevelled Footscray outfit early in the season and catapulted them into the finals. It took a Billy Brownless goal after the bell to put them on the back foot and then they were hammered by Melbourne.

If the criteria is team success, then surely the distinction belongs to Mick Malthouse.

After all, what more can a man do than get his team to the top of the table at the end of the preliminary matches?

TAKING STOCK with GARY STOCKS of The West Australian



In a season where the level of competition was intense and the gap between first and eighth minute, Malthouse's performance deserves recognition.

He has guided the Eagles to a third grand final and has clearly etched a place in the history of the club.

He has suffered from the Eagles reputation of having greater depth than Melbourne-based clubs and a misconception that he has been in the right place at the right time and that anyone associated with the team could have found success.

Malthouse has done a marvellous job, changed the thought processes of a talented bunch of players and, together, they have moulded a club which is the envy of all others.

He will do his reputation wonders if he can carry the Eagles to another premiership this Saturday.

As he said after the flogging of Melbourne last week, making grand finals is not good enough — they must be won.

The players have set high standards under his direction and their work should have been rewarded.

That is not so much a crack at the selectors as it is the timing of the announcement.

IN recent years, few players have received more attention for their aggressive attitude than Geelong champion Garry Hocking and West Coast star Chris Lewis.

Both enjoy the physical clashes and do a great deal of the bullocking work which helps the causes of their respective teams.

On Saturday, it was particularly noticeable that both men relished the cauldron-like atmosphere of AFL finals and neither shirked the issue.

One of the most pleasing aspects of watching two champions go about their work was the respect they showed for opponents.

At times, both men knocked the stuffing out of opponents who came between them and the ball.

But after the inevitable collisions, Hocking and Lewis offered a helping hand or a respectful pat on the backside for their marksman.

Who said sportsmanship was dead and buried?

Lopsided final best for Eagles

WEST Coast recorded their biggest win in a final in Saturday's second preliminary final against Melbourne at the WACA Ground.

The Eagles 65-point win surpassed their 51-point margin over North Melbourne in last year's elimination final at Waverley.

The match was also the most one-sided of the Eagles 16 finals. The greatest margin in a final involving the Eagles was Essendon's 63-point win in the 1990 preliminary final.

Melbourne's score of 8.4 was the lowest against the Eagles in a final.

THE Eagles win was their seventh by 10 goals or more in 24 matches this season — and their 28th in 190 matches since entering the competition in 1987.

Melbourne's score was the 10th this year of less than 60 points against the Eagles.

After winning only two of the first eight matches between the two clubs, the

Stats AND Facts with Richard Camm

Eagles have won seven of their next eight against the Demons.

FOR the eighth consecutive year, the premiership team will have started the season with a loss.

The two grand finalists lost their opening games this year — the Eagles by three points to Essendon and Geelong by 65 points to Melbourne, both at the MCG.

For the second year in a row, both grand finalists were round one losers.

TWO weeks after winning the first final decided by a kick after the siren for seven years, Geelong did it again, with Gary Ablett's goal giving the Cats a six-point win.

The last team to win two finals by a goal or less in one season was Fitzroy in 1986. The Lions beat Essendon by one point in the elimination final and Sydney by five in the first semi-final.

Probably the longest run of close finals was by Carlton in 1962.

The Blues beat Melbourne by two points in the first semi-final, drew with Geelong in the preliminary final and won the replay by five points. The Blues lost the grand final to Essendon by 32 points.

MELBOURNE'S Jim Stynes played his 174th consecutive match in last Saturday's game — the third longest run of consecutive matches.

Stynes passed Richmond's Kevin Bartlett's 173 matches for the Tigers from 1975-82.

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Sharks claim the Pepsi Cup



Smart Judge has last laugh



THE 1994 premiership spoils have gone to East Fremantle, winning their second Pepsi Cup in three years with an emphatic win over Claremont on Sunday. Westside Football's team of writers and photographers presents this six page souvenir of the victory

KEN Judge has his share of critics, but he continues to laugh last — and loudest.

He has been described as intense, moody and a stern disciplinarian since he assumed control of the East Fremantle league side early in 1991.

Other descriptions that are often overlooked include innovative, intelligent and effective.

—Maybe it has something to do with his somewhat strained relationship with certain sections of the media.

But last Sunday's win over Claremont was more proof of his coaching ability.

He turned around a 47-point second semi-final loss to the Tigers in sensational fashion, guiding the Sharks to an upset 21-point win.

It was his second premiership medalion as a coach, following the surprise 1992 triumph he master-minded over old foes South Fremantle in 1992.

Judge enjoys adversity and the underdog tag and the fact that many people had written off the Sharks going into the grand final would have brought a rare smile to his face.

Before the grand final he played a videotape of some hard-hitting gridiron action, combined with clips of all 21 East Fremantle players in action.

Riley clears defence of all blame

CLAREMONT'S water-tight defence was absolved of blame in the depressing aftermath of Sunday's 21-point Pepsi Cup grand final loss to East Fremantle.

Tigers coach Mark Riley heaped praise on a resolute backline that restricted the Sharks to 13 goals from a surplus of opportunities.

The chosen six were full-back Darrell Panizza, pockets Brad Wira and Bradley Smith, centre-half-back Anthony Jones and flankers Quenton Leach and Scott Chisholm.

"The boys down the back really stood up," Riley said.

"The Sharks dominated for three quarters and kicked a winning score of 13 goals, so the boys down the back half did a fantastic job.

"It was a credit to the players' character that they didn't hoist the white flag and go down by an enormous score like sides have done on these sorts of days."

ADVERSITY

Tigers centreman Jamie Merillo was another hard worker in the face of adversity.

"I thought he and Panizza were inspirational," Riley said.

The first-year Tigers coach found some solace in the dark afternoon.

"Our colts and league sides were both in the grand final; we've still got that big base to work on," he said.

Riley singled out Claremont's poor ball handling, particularly in the first half, as an underlying feature of the loss.

Amazingly, the Tigers were a silly chance to win midway through the final term after trailing by 54 points at the last change.

Had a Clinton Wolf banana kick from a mark not hit the post at the 16-minute mark, the margin would have been only four goals with time to spare.

"When you're nine goals down at three-quarter time, you need every attack to be converted into a goal," Riley said.

"If you don't do the work in the first three quarters, you don't deserve to win it."

By DIGBY BEACHAM

All the time and effort taken to compile the tape by football manager Rod Lester-Smith was worth it when the Sharks rattled the Tigers with some ferocious tackling.

Match figures have East Fremantle laying 27 effective tackles, but Judge's stats team recorded more than 50.

Small forward Steve Lally, better known for his goalkicking feats than defensive skills, was magnificent, wrapping his arms around Claremont players eight times.

Judge was delighted with the aggressive approach of his charges.

"Our tackling was very good," he said.

"We focused on tackling and we thought if we could tackle them and take their room and keep their forward line open, we could break them down."

Break them down they did, with Claremont's much-vaunted midfield well held after dominating the second semi-final.

The performance of Mark Amaranti pleased Judge no end.

Thrashed by Darren Klemm at their previous meeting, Judge resisted the temptation to assign him a different player and was rewarded by Amaranti, who kicked four goals on the way to winning the Simpson Medal for best afield.

Fans probably would argue that with capable big men Paul Harding and Andrew Lockyer, anything less than a premiership would have been disappointing.

MOTIVATION

But motivation and the mental make-up of footballers are crucial.

That is why Judge's ability to keep Harding motivated when he knew an Eagles recall was unlikely had much empathy.

His effort in drawing 100 percent commitment from club stalwart Lockyer was also crucial.

Judge is professional and demands the same from his players and support staff — a trait that he learned at Hawthorn.

A premiership player with the Hawks in 1983, he retains close links with former coach Allan Jeans.



TOP TEAM . . . East Fremantle captain Steve Malaxos (left) and coach Ken Judge share the joy of last Sunday's Pepsi Cup premiership success over Claremont

It is no secret that he preaches many of the Jeans homilies and has the same amount of respect from East Fremantle players that Hawthorn's star-studded teams in the 1980s gave Jeans.

Even after the loss to Claremont, Judge was planning for a return bout, watching the Tigers train during the week East Fremantle were to play West Perth in the preliminary final.

"In some respects, losing the second semi-final helped us," Judge said.

"I wasn't happy about it, but it gave us a chance to plan a few things and we had a good idea about how they would go, so it gave us a chance to plan our game.

"As the opposition coach, you can make plans for options."

Hawthorn interviewed Judge before they appointed Peter Knights last year and with an Emu Export summer series

title and State game success under his belt, he deserves a chance to coach in the AFL.

His contract is up for renewal at the end of next season and whether he stays in the WAFL system or goes a step higher is yet to be decided.

There is no doubt, however, that Sharks president Len Hitchen wants to keep his services.

"It was a tremendous achievement to win both the reserves and league grand finals and that has to be attributed to the professionalism of the whole club," Hitchen said.

"Since Ken was appointed, there has been a Hawthorn-type commitment instilled in our club.

"We didn't have any sides in the finals in 1991, but since then we've had five teams in grand finals and haven't lost one."

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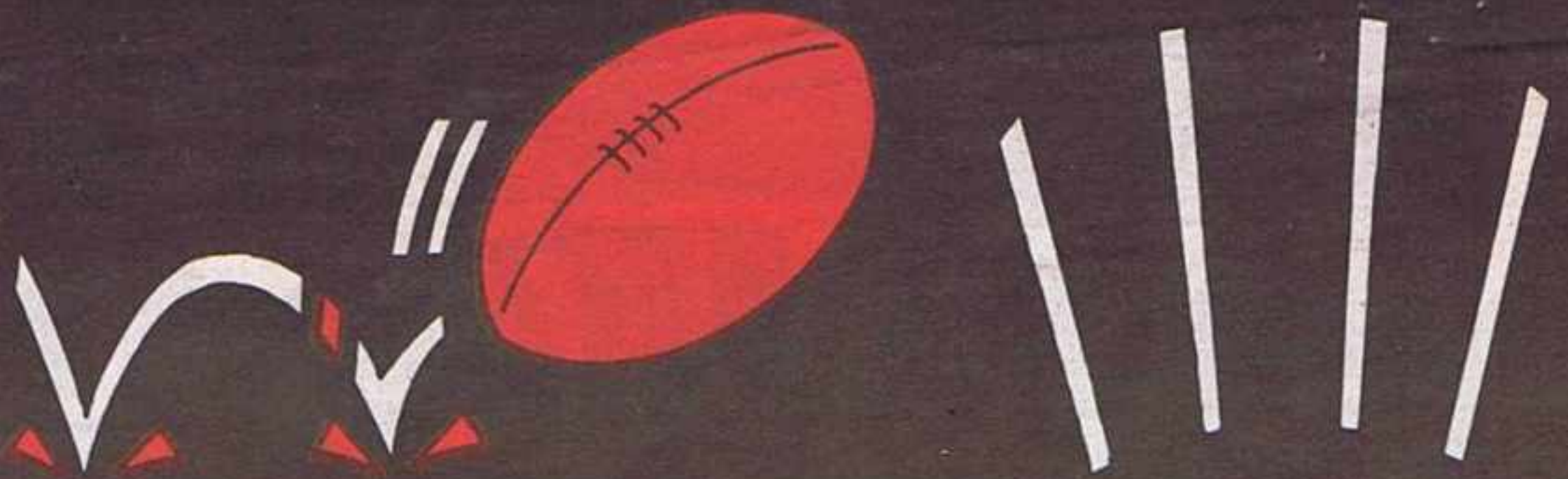
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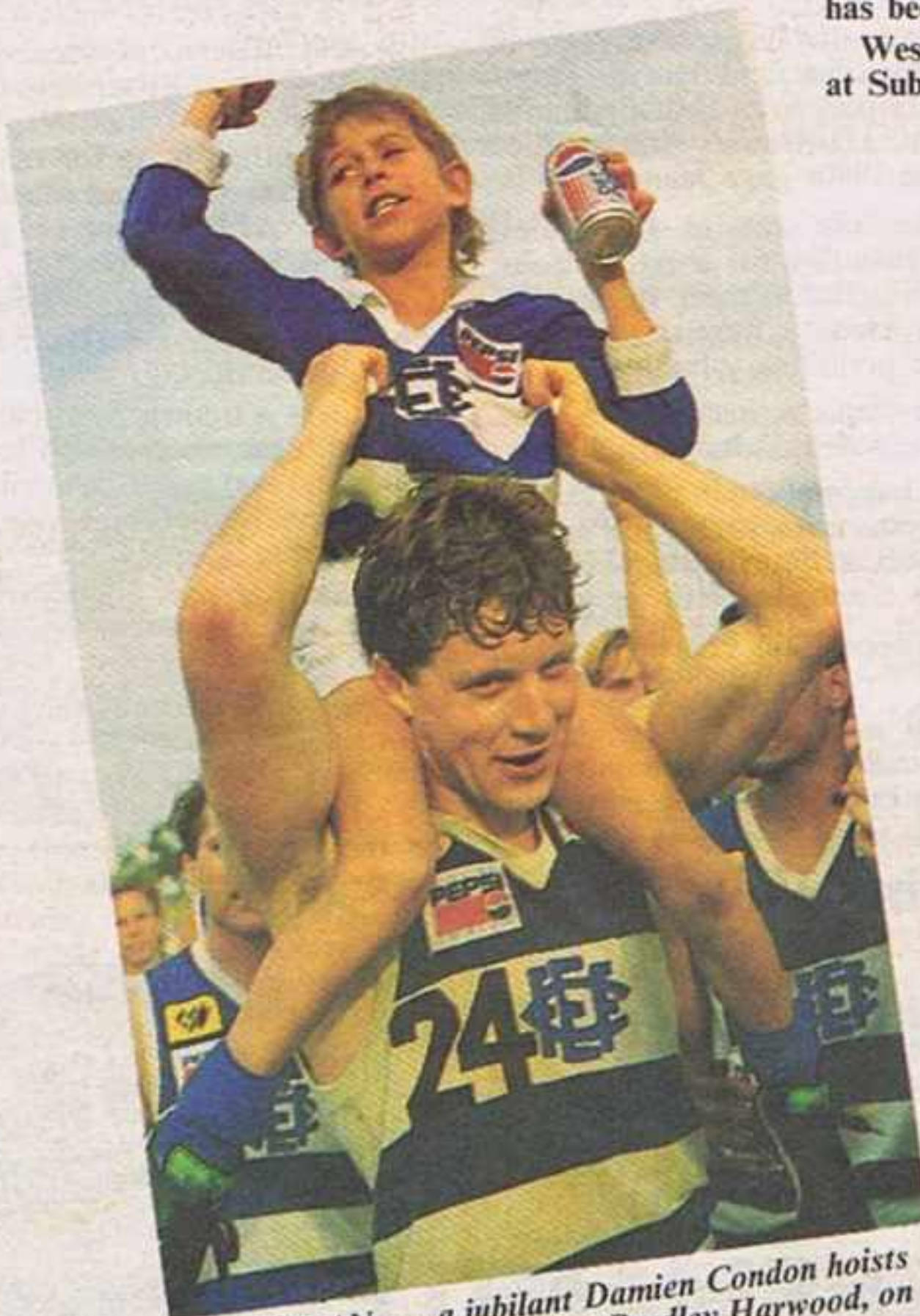
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TOP TRIO ... Sharks skipper Steve Malaxos with his league coach Ken Judge and reserves premiership coach Tony Micale



IT'S been a big year for football in Fremantle. The Pepsi Cup has gone the way of East Fremantle for the second time in three years and with the Fremantle Dockers joining the AFL next year, the 100th year of football in the Port has been a big one for celebrations. Westside photographers GREG and NADINE WOOD were at Subiaco Oval to capture Sunday's emotion.



YOUNG FAN ... a jubilant Damien Condon hoists the Sharks mascot for the day, Bradley Harwood, on his shoulders



SMUG LOOK ... the face of Sharks president Len Hitchen — and the armful of premiership pennant — tells the story

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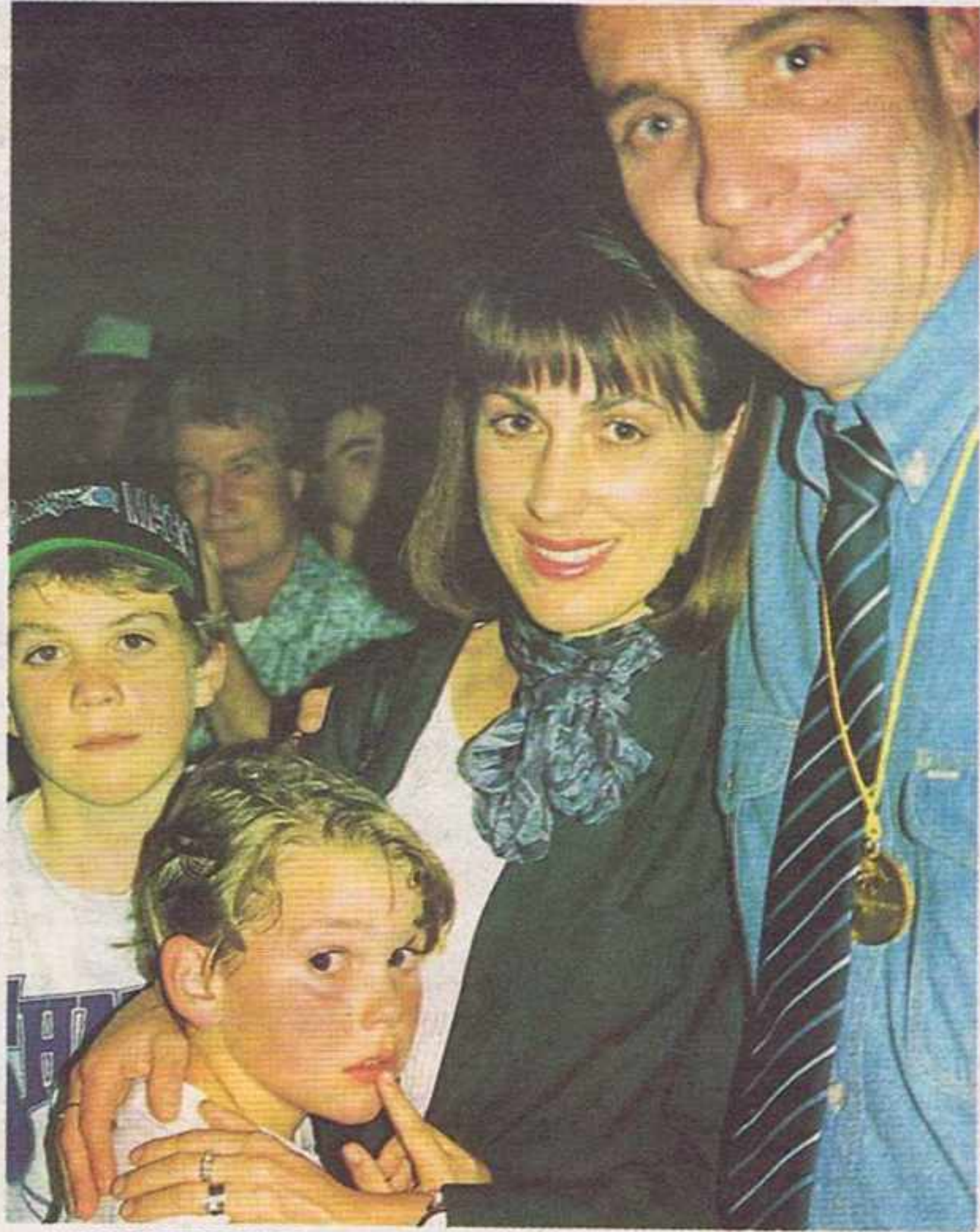
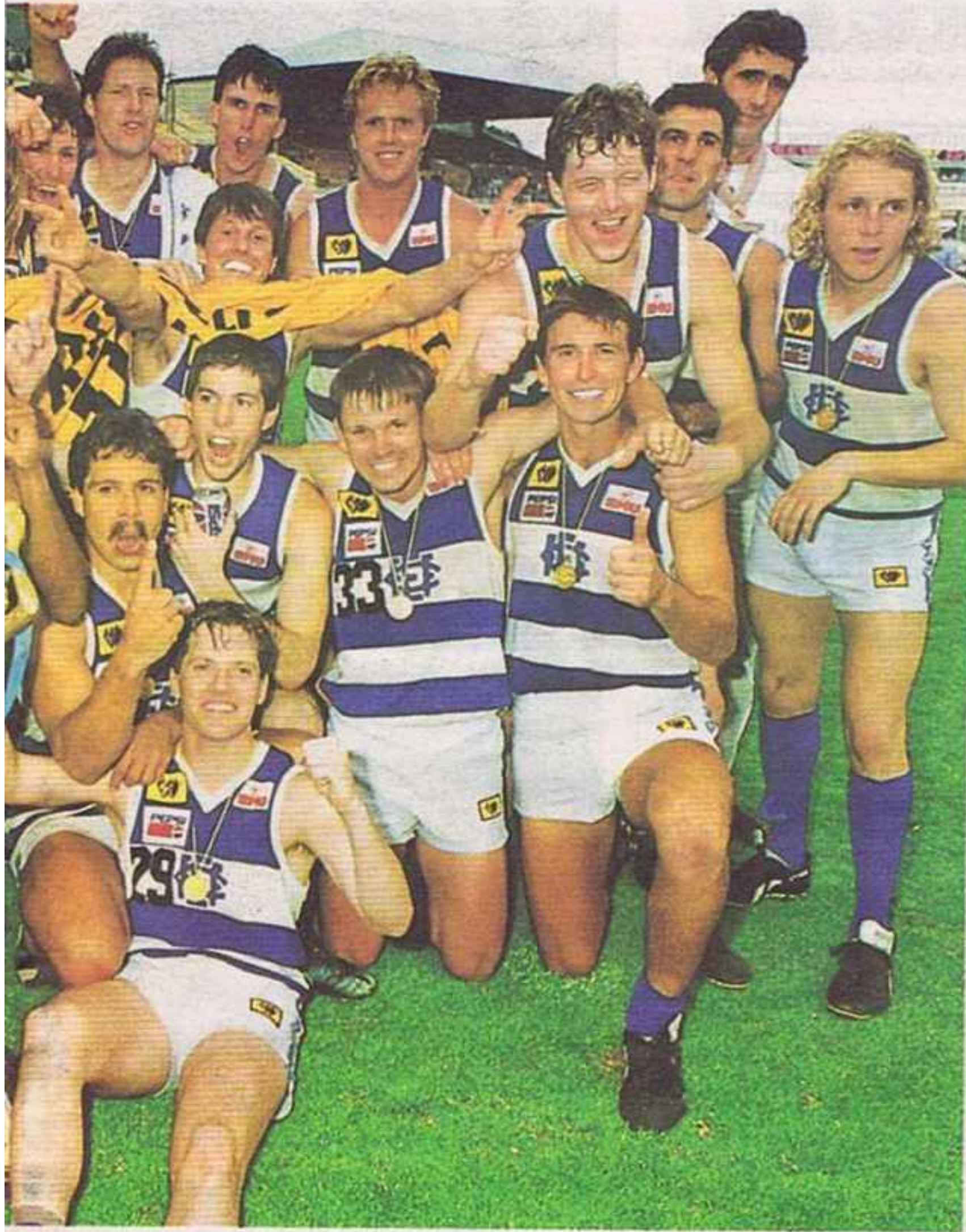
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FAMILY FEELINGS . . . Ken Judge and his family, wife Annette and sons Beau (left) and Ben, show the emotion of victory

ear of the Shark



MEDAL MAN . . . Mark Amaranti receives the Simpson Medal for best-afield from family donor Paul Simpson



THUMBS UP . . . the feel of the Pepsi Cup is almost as good as the drink itself — so says Darren Capewell

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Capewell comeback caps

WHEN Darren Capewell climbed on to the dais to collect his premiership medallion on Sunday, the delirious East Fremantle fans cheered even louder.

One of the most popular players at the club, Capewell deserved his success and place in the history books.

But a grand final berth — his second — looked unlikely when he was carried from Adelaide's Football Park on a stretcher while representing WA in June.

After an encouraging start to the interstate clash with South Australia, Capewell's left leg was sliced open by South Australian player Scott Stevens' sprig.

The seriousness of the injury caused nearly every player to turn from the scene, while trainers had to place a towel

over the wound to stop the bleeding and keep the gash together as best they could.

The wound needed nearly 50 stitches and Capewell was sidelined for two months, but fought back to regain his place in the strong Sharks line-up.

That setback was not an issue against Claremont and his 10 kicks and 11 hand-passes from a half-forward flank were important in the Sharks win.

Capewell, a member of the Sharks 1992 flag-winning combination against South Fremantle, was delighted to have tasted premiership spoils again as underdogs.

"We weren't favourites, but we be-

lieved in ourselves, which is very important," he said.

"We are a close bunch of guys, the club is really good and I can tell you, it's a sense of achievement."

The 25-year-old compared East Fremantle's win to that of a determined boxer.

"We are always getting knocked down, but we keep getting up," he said.

"Everyone has said we are too old and too slow, but we've still won two flags.

"We didn't play flash footy, but it was tough and disciplined and that worked for us."



CRUNCH... the agony of it all shows on the face of Shaun McManus after a bone-crunching thump

Smart win for Tiger cubs

CLAREMONT'S colts side bounced back from a mid-season slump, a change of coach and an unexpected loss in the second semi-final to win the club's seventh premiership in the under-19's competition.

The young Tiger cubs had the same goal as the league side in trying to win back-to-back flags, but they succeeded where the seniors didn't.

Claremont set up their win in the first term when they kicked three goals into a strong breeze, trailing by just three points at the first change.

Their hard work was rewarded in the second quarter when they added 8.3, keeping the Sharks scoreless and holding a commanding 48-point lead at the long break.

The game was more even in the second half, but East Fremantle seldom looked

like bridging the big gap as the Tigers ran out 16.11 (107) to 7.13 (55) winners.

Claremont were strengthened by the return of Dean Trovarello and Mark Gale, both regular reserves players this season, while Souths had Daniel Dodd and James Clement returning to the side.

Better players for the Tigers were Trovarello, Gavin Milentis, Ben Edwards, Scott Patterson and Trent Carroll.

South Fremantle's best included Malcolm Bubb, Craig Webster and Geoff Vannus.

For Tigers coach Phil Smart it was a successful end to a busy season.

He started the year as the club's football manager and took over the role of colts coach midway through the season when Mark Riley was elevated to league level.

The side was sitting unbeaten on top of the ladder and, like the seniors, they suffered a mid-season slump.

"I was fortunate enough to take over a good side," said Smart.

"It was an excellent result for the players, who have worked very hard.

"We hit a flat spot midway through the year, but they came through, which is a very good sign, because there is a lot of young talent there.

"There are a few players who should be able to push up next year as Kingsley Hunter and Anthony Jones have done this season."



BIG GRAB... young Tiger Dean Trovarello clutches the match football after his premiership-winning effort for the Claremont colts



Sharks go back-to-back

EAST Fremantle's assistant coach Tony Micale notched a double-double last week.

He guided the Sharks reserves side to back-to-back premierships and then stood alongside coach Ken Judge as they won their second Pepsi Cup league flag in three years.

East Fremantle went into the reserves grand final as underdogs, with South Fremantle boasting league regulars such as Paul Caratti, Bruce McKnight and Nick Bolton.

"We thought it was going to be tough," Micale said.

"Claremont beat us by 13 goals in the qualifying final, so it was a terrific performance to be able to turn things around to even make the grand final."

In a typical derby contest, the scores were close throughout.

"We knew that if we kicked the first couple in the last term we would be hard to beat and that's how it happened.

"Our plan was simply to be in front at every break.

"Souths got a few in front early, but our boys kept clawing away until we were back in it."

There was just one point the difference at half time, with the Bulldogs failing to capitalise on East Fremantle's poor kicking at goal.

Shane Moloney was a danger up forward for East Fremantle, after kicking



MEDAL MAN... Commissioner Brian Atkinson congratulates Scott McDonnell on his reserves flag

six goals in the second semi against Claremont, but Rick Mundy played well on him, although he still grabbed four.

"Michael Crain did a fine job on Nick Bolton," Micale said.

"But Newman's performance in the centre was probably the major factor in our win, though Nathan Williams on McKnight was also very good."

Best on ground was awarded to Scott McDonnell, who picked up 28 possessions for the Sharks.

Caratti was the one clear winner for Souths, playing on a wing.

"Jason Sherriff was a bit upset that he'd missed out on the league game," Micale said.

"He started our game a touch slow, perhaps in awe of the emotion and all, but he soon warmed to the occasion to become one of our more valuable players."

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What the winners had to say

Steve Malaxos

It's always a funny feeling after the game; jubilation, elation, relief ... all those things. It was a hot day and hard game and I'm feeling pretty stuffed. It's very hard these days to control the footy for four quarters and the opposition was always going to come back at us.

Stephen Bilcich:

To miss out last year was disappointing, but to come back this year and win so well was great. It's been a good year for us, that's what we've been all about with Judgey, discipline and this year we've been really focused.

Shaun McManus:

When I copped that bump, I thought I had better get up straight away, but I couldn't breath much. It hurt afterwards, but it was just a case of being winded. I've now played in three divisions for East Fremantle in three years and won flags every year — colts, reserves and now league.

Andrew Lockyer:

The old legs don't feel too good, but it's the third one out of five grand finals and it tastes sweeter every time. I feel sorry for guys who have never been there because it's just a sensational feeling.

Stephen Edgar:

It's absolutely fantastic; magnificent. I had a few ordinary games after coming back from Victoria, but it's all worth while when you get something like this. I always felt confident that we wouldn't lay down; always felt we would get through.

Craig Treleven:

I feel great now and I reckon we'll get fired up tonight; it will be a long night. I was a bit worried when they got within four goals of us with 10 minutes to go, but we kept on going. We were all a bit tired at the end.

Paul Abbott:

We were pretty keyed up to do well after the second semi-final. We certainly enjoyed the season and we achieved what we set out to do at the start of the year, so we can't complain about that. I can still enjoy myself tonight.



PROUD PAIR ... East Fremantle duo Jeff Davidson and Jon Stagg embrace each other after the Sharks win

Justin Sanders:

I just went out as hard as I could; went really hard at the ball, just trying to get it forward all the time. But I was pretty tired at quarter time, I was surprised that I had something left after that.

Paul Harding:

I think this is better than the '85 win because we were underdogs all the way. Claremont beat us in the second semi-final and deserved to be favourites, but I think we were more match-hardened.

Chris Pobjoy:

I'm pretty sore at the moment, but I can tell you it's a sensational feeling. It is what you play footy for — to share all the success with your team-mates. I got a bit nervous when they were coming back, but I was pretty happy when the siren went.

Mark Amaranti:

It's a magnificent feeling; it's the same as '92 — an amazing feeling. To win both medals is something special, but nothing beats sharing all the success with the team-mates. You can win one or you can win 10 — they're all the same.

Gary Dhurrkay:

It's my first season and it's great. I came down here from Darwin in January and I didn't think this would happen; it's just really good. The hype was good, also.

Darren Capewell:

It's just a tremendous feeling and sense of achievement. You work all year to get something like this and when the siren goes, it's magnificent. The guys are so close and it's a great club.

Steve Lally:

It's bloody unbelievable. You always dream about playing in a winning grand final and today was just great. It's my first premiership. To get picked was a great relief, because I wasn't sure.

Wayne Barnden:

It's the best feeling I've ever had; you can't explain how good it is to win a flag. I really believed the boys could win and when they came back at us, we kept at it. When the siren went, it was a great relief.

Jeff Davidson:

Personally, it's great because I hadn't been playing that well. It's an amazing feeling to actually get a premiership medallion and know all the hard work over summer and training and work is rewarded. It was good after being flogged by them in the second semi.

Damien Condon:

It's absolutely sensational. To win one grand final is great, but to win again today when not a lot of people expected it, is magnificent.

Clayton Anderson:

It's really something special. We were always going to have to play well and I thought we really stuck at it all day, even when they came back at us. Kicking those goals late in the second quarter was important.

Glen Davies:

It's hard to describe. I really did get a bit nervous when they were coming back at us, but we were able to kick a goal that stopped it a bit. To win a league premiership is something you dream about.

Craig Burrows:

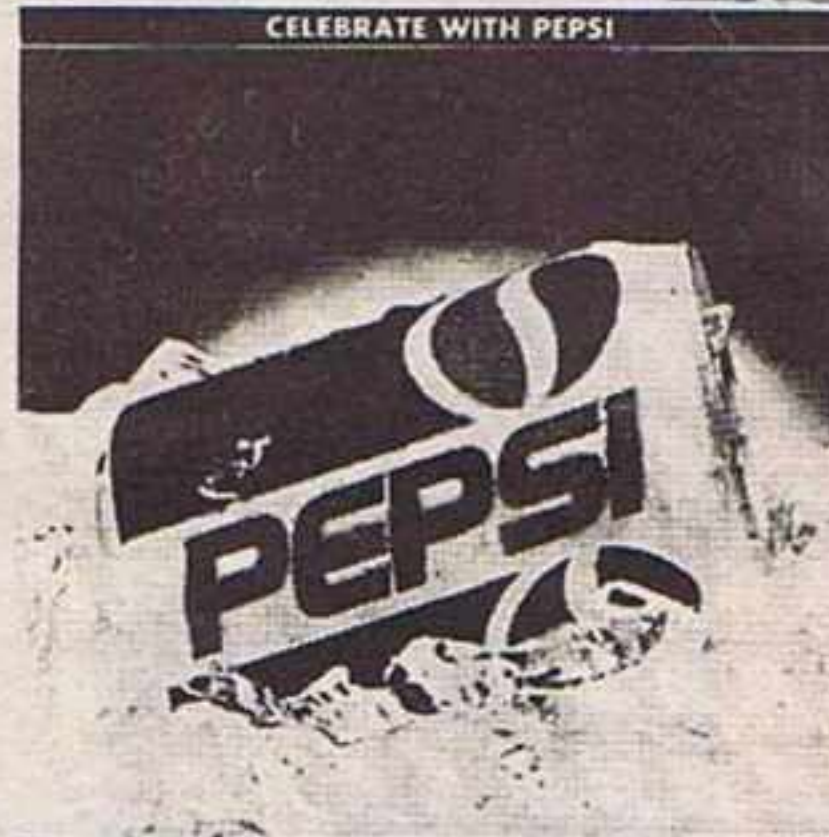
I can tell you it's a real good feeling. We showed today that we can play good footy and we're not too slow. To win both grades as well is excellent.

Jon Stagg:

It's a sensational feeling. To play in a league grand final is what you strive for and this is tremendous. The boys stuck together and it was good to see the reserves win as well. It's a great day for the club.

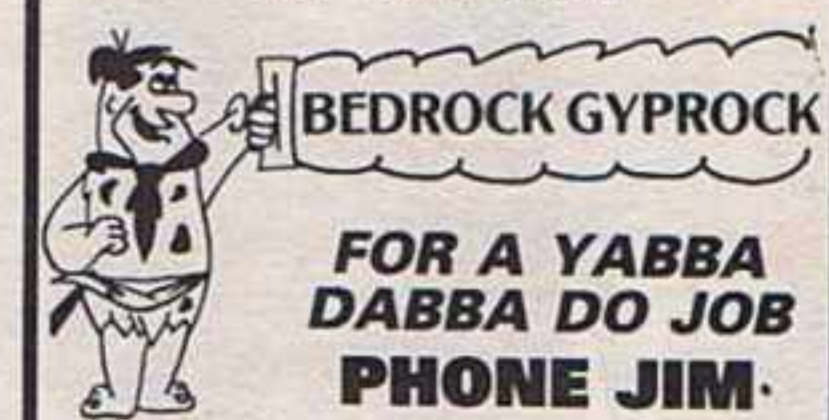


WOUNDED SHARK ... veteran East Fremantle forward Paul Abbott adds another premiership medallion to his collection, despite a broken arm



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Stats from the Pepsi Cup grand final

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East Fremantle

PLAYERS	No.	KICKS					MARKS					HAND BALL					FREES FOR AGT	SCORES GLS BHD	HIT OUTS	TACKLES	SHEP	
		1	2	3	4	G	1	2	3	4	G	1	2	3	4	G						
Stephen Edgar	1	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen Malaxos	2	3	2	4	2	11	2	0	0	0	2	2	3	1	4	10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Amaranti	5	3	4	5	5	17	2	1	4	2	9	2	1	1	3	7	2	0	4	0	0	4
Steven Lally	6	0	2	5	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	5
Craig Treleven	9	0	2	3	5	10	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	3	1	11	0	1	0	0	0	1
Shaun McManus	11	7	3	5	1	16	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	0	11	0	0	0	0
Glen Davies	13	2	4	4	1	11	0	1	0	1	2	5	1	5	11	4	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gary Dhurrkay	16	0	3	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	3	0
Jeff Davidson	17	3	2	1	1	7	0	1	1	0	2	1	4	0	0	5	1	3	1	3	0	1
Paul Harding	21	4	0	2	4	10	3	0	1	1	5	1	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	0	6	2
Paul Abbott	22	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Wayne Barnden	23	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Damien Condon	24	3	1	2	1	7	1	2	0	1	4	1	1	1	2	5	1	4	0	0	2	1
Chris Poljey	25	3	4	0	0	7	2	1	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	4	2	0	1	0	0	2
Craig Barrows	26	2	2	4	3	11	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	5	0	7	1	0	0	1	0	0
Darren Capewell	27	2	2	5	1	10	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	3	2	11	0	1	0	0	0	3
Clayton Anderson	29	3	1	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	5	4	1	0	0	0	1	0
Stephen Bilcich	33	1	2	0	2	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	5	0	1	2	0	0	1
Justin Sanders	43	1	2	1	2	6	2	1	0	0	3	2	3	0	1	4	2	1	0	0	33	1
Joe Stagg	44	4	2	4	3	13	2	0	5	1	8	1	1	5	2	9	1	2	0	4	0	0
Andrew Lockyer	45	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	44	39	52	37	172	20	10	12	9	51	25	33	33	22	113	24	21	13	2	41	27	9

FREES			
BACKS	CENT	FOR	TOTAL
8	12	5	25

PENALTIES	
SOM	TOUCH
0	0

GOALS			
FREE	PLAY	MARK	TOTAL
0	6	5	11

DISTANCE OF GOALS				
0-15	15-30	30-40	40 PLUS	
1	4	4	2	

Claremont

PLAYERS	No.	KICKS					MARKS					HAND BALL					FREES FOR AGT	SCORES GLS BHD	HIT OUTS	TACKLES	SHEP		
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Brad Wira	4	1	3	4	3	11	0	0	2	2	4	0	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Quenton Leach	6	4	3	1	5	13	0	0	1	3	4	0	1	2	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Scott Edwards	8	0	2	2	4	8	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Gavin Mitchell	9	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Andrew McGovern	10	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kevin Holmes	12	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Scott Chisholm	13	3	2	3	1	9	1	1	3	0	5	0	4	1	1	6	2	2	0	0	0	6	1
Joe Smith	14	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Morgan	15	1	0	0	7	8	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1
Darren Klemm	17	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	8	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Clinton Wolf	20	1	2	2	1	6	1	1	1	1	4	6	3	0	9	3	3	0	1	14	2	0	
Jamie Merillo	21	3	2	1	6	12	1	3	0	2	6	4	3	0	2	9	1	1	2	1	3	0	
Rhys Croxford	23	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	6	1	0	
Bradley Smith	25	3	2	3	0	8	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garry Edwards	27	3	1	2	4	10	1	1	4	6	1	1	1	1	4	0	2	3	0	0	2	1	
Jeremy Sheldrick	31	1	0	1	3	5	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gredan Green	35	3	1	1	2	7	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	6	1	2	1	0	0	1	1
Leigh Wardell-Johnson	36	2	1	1	2	6	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Anthony Jones	38	3	3	4	3	13	1	1	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	2	2
Darrell Panizza	40	2	3	4	0	9	1	0	3	0	4	2	4	0	0	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Brayshaw	44	1	0	4	2	7	1	1	0	2	4	0	1	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	1
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FREES			
BACKS	CENT	FOR	TOTAL
10	9	8	27

PENALTIES	
SOM	TOUCH
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GOALS			
FREE	PLAY	MARK	TOTAL
1	5	3	9

DISTANCE OF GOALS				
0-15	15-30	30-40	40 PLUS	
2	3	2	2	

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Stars of the finals



TOUGH TIGER... Claremont's Jamie Merillo showed plenty of courage

Jamie Merillo

A SIGN of a good footballer is one who can play in the face of adversity. Jamie Merillo showed against East Fremantle that he is a good footballer. The former West Perth midfielder began his first senior grand final opposed by Steve Malaxos — a daunting task at the best of times.

But the obstacle didn't appear to worry Merillo, who tried valiantly to lift his team in the first half without a great deal of support from his team-mates.

Then, during the third quarter, he continued to work overtime despite copping two heavy knocks.

The first, courtesy of big Andrew Lockyer, rattled every bone in his body, while he had hardly enough time to recover before Darren Capewell collected him.

Though his possession rate dropped away in the third quarter, it picked up again in the final term as he did his best to inspire Claremont.

Merillo kicked a goal in the last quarter and also laid three tackles to be his side's best performer on a fairly bleak afternoon.

The grand final was watched by Dockers coach Gerard Neesham and Merillo's game would have done his AFL chances little harm.

Mark Amaranti

MARK Amaranti was doing it tough after the second semi-final.

Not only had East Fremantle been thrashed by Claremont, but his opponent for the game, Darren Klemm, was instrumental in the success.

Then, when the Sharks trailed West Perth by 36 points at half-time of the

preliminary final, it appeared Amaranti and his team-mates would have to wait until 1995 to get another crack at the Tigers.

But they staged a remarkable comeback to snatch an unlikely win and book a berth in the grand final.

Amaranti was given the task of playing on Klemm again and more than made amends.

He began the match brilliantly and during the second quarter, was at his attacking best, running the ball out of the centre square and finishing with three goals.

At half-time, Amaranti's troublesome groin problem was causing him some troubles and he had to get an injection to dull the pain.

It obviously worked as he continued on his merry way after the break, scoring another goal in the third quarter.

Amaranti finished with 24 possessions and won the Simpson Medal for his efforts.

"We were written off today by a lot of people and everybody said we were too slow and Claremont would win — but we proved them wrong," Amaranti said.



NICE FEELING... Mark Amaranti reflects on his Simpson Medal effort

HOW THE GOALS WERE KICKED

EAST FREMANTLE				CLAREMONT			
Time	Player	How	From where	Time	Player	How	From where
6min	Poljey	set shot	40m in front				
10min	Bilcich	snap	in square				
18min	Harding	set shot	50m in front	12min	W-Johnson	set shot	25m in front
Quarter-time: East Frem 3.2 (20)				Clare 1.3 (9)			
6min	Lockyer	set shot	50m 45deg angle				
9min	Amaranti	on the run	50m in front	10min	Green	on the run	30m in front
21min	Lally	snap	20m 45deg angle	15min	Morgan	set shot	50m in front
25min	Amaranti	set shot	40m in front				
26min	Bilcich	on the run	30m in front				
27min	Dhurrkay	on the run	20m in front				
28min	Amaranti	on the run	30m in front				
Half-time: East Frem 10.4 (64)				Clare 3.4 (22)			
6min	Davidson	set shot	15m in front				
24min	Amaranti	set shot	35m in front				
Three-quarter time: East Frem 12.9 (81)				Clare 3.7 (25)			
3min	Morgan	soocer	in square				
5min	G. Edwards	set shot	50m 45deg angle				
11min	G. Edwards	set shot	10m in front				
12min	W-Johnson	on the run	35m 45deg angle				
15min	Lally	on the run	in square	6min	Merillo	set shot	35m 45deg angle
				21min	Sheldrick	set shot	35m in front
				24min	G. Edwards	set shot	25m in front
Final: East Frem 13.13 (91)				Clare 10.10 (70)			

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Suma supporter

AFFABLE ABC man George Grljusich is a renowned fan of Peter Sumich — they've picked vegies together from Hamilton Hill soil — and he's always highly critical of Suma's detractors.

GG made several references to a vicious poem that has been finding its way around the fax machines of Perth about the Eagles full-forward.

"He's been subjected to one of the most vicious attacks that has ever been seen in this State," he lamented.

"Vicious people are behind this character assassination."

Forward heat

THE many moves made by the coaches produced speculation on how they were travelling, especially as the heat took its toll on some old legs.

But at one stage in the third quarter it was interesting to see the game's two full-forwards, Claremont's Paul Morgan and his Sharks rival Andrew Lockyer, both cooling their heels on the bench.

With 111 goals between them this season, including 18 in the finals, the absence of the two big men certainly offered goal-kicking options for other players.

But it was puzzling to see Claremont have both Morgan and Joe Smith — their other key forward — off the ground at the same time.



TUNED IN... former Eagle and current Perth skipper Adrian Barich is headed for a media career, so it seems.

The dashing Demon who debuted this year as a writer on AFL match tactics for The West Australian, was used by Channel Seven for their after-match interview last Saturday.

Here he tunes in for a chat with his one-time teammate Glen Jakovich.

Karachi calling

WHO said the WAFL didn't attract a world-wide audience?

In Sunday's Pepsi Cup grand final between Claremont and East Fremantle, the press box was receiving calls from an interested football follower in Karachi.

Yes, Karachi.

Sunday Times writer Kim Hagdorn, who is covering Australia's cricket tour on Pakistan, made several calls wanting to know who was winning, who was playing well and what was going on.

A good friend of both East Fremantle's Ken Judge and Claremont's Mark Riley, it would be easy to understand if he was undecided on who to support.

Shark shirts bite

SHARKS officials believe the so-called media ban imposed by the players — or was it coach Ken Judge? — after the second semi-final loss helped shape the effort for the grand final.

After their 1992 premiership, the players produced a T-shirt which read: "Too old, too slow, too bloody good".

This year's offering, below a cartoon of a shark on a beach, is: "Washed up, no way?"

Mark that wasn't

THE fans were hailing Clinton Wolf for the mark of the grand final when he pulled in a big one on the goal line in the last term.

He posted only a behind as he ran around the mark and missed the shot at goal — but that was just as well.

The television replay showed that he dropped the mark, but because a pack of Sharks fell on top of him, the umpires didn't notice the ball spill out.

Sponsor lament

COLOURFUL ABC caller George Grljusich would never enjoy life as a football sponsor.

He seldom gets through a match at Subiaco Oval without having a crack at the continual movement of people in the sponsors' boxes in front of the commentary position at the back of the Members Stand.

And if it isn't the sponsors getting up and down, it's the scurrying of staff waiting on those fortunate people who have everything from Pepsis and pies to roast dinners and champagne served up at various times of the game.

Last week his co-commentator Glen Mitchell remarked on how off-putting it was to have people walking past your eyes all the time and GG added:

"If you pay enough money to sit in one of those sponsor boxes, you don't care if we're trying to call the footy. It's the call of nature, most times, but maybe they could time their departures to the breaks between quarters."

Nasty video

EAST Fremantle football manager Rod Lester-Smith was a regular face in the corridors at the ABC in the lead-up to the Pepsi Cup final.

Lester-Smith was compiling Channel Two highlights for a motivational video that was shown to the Sharks players before the match.

The video featured highlights of the players tackling their Claremont opponents during the season, as well as footage of American gridiron games.

It worked as the Sharks laid more than 50 tackles on their stunned opponents.

Phantom coach

WHO really coached Claremont to the grand final defeat?

Former coach Gerard Neesham was seen in Mark Riley's box at quarter-time and is believed to have had selection input last week.

THE Eagles might have beaten only seventh and eighth at home to make the grand final, but note:

1. The Eagles don't make the rules;
2. They did finish minor premiers;
3. They could have beaten second and third in Melbourne, if necessary, anyway.

WILL we see Dale Kickett at his fifth AFL club, the Fremantle Dockers?

Rumour has it that he has spent some time at Gerard Neesham's home recently.

WEST Perth coach Jeff Gieschen is being targeted for Gerard McNeill's old position at the Football Development Trust.

The former Victorian would be ideal for the job, but would be a big loss to senior coaching circles.

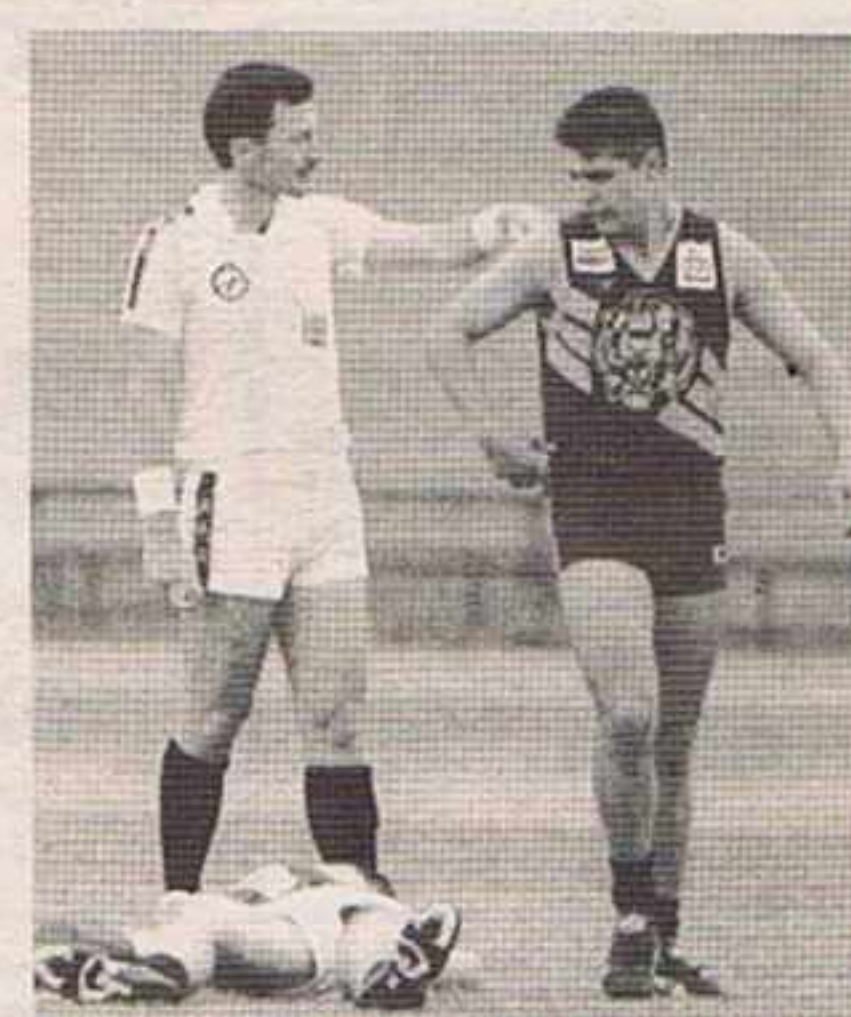
FIRST prize for the best party animal after the Sandover Medal must go to a certain presenter who was seen still in his dinner suit at lunch time the following day.

The problem was, he was checking his monkey suit back into the tailors — but didn't have anything to change into!

And a leading pressman was denied access to the Casino after the count because he had over-imbibed at the dinner.

W AFC director of football Grant Dorrington is believed to be a marketing consultant to the Fremantle Dockers.

Does this mean he gets an extra salary or has his position been changed to incorporate Dockers marketing?



Honest ump, he got sunstroke

THE camera never lies, or does it?

Although it looks as though West Coast's Adam Lamb is having his number taken for an infringement on Scarborough's Paul Dean in the A-grade amateur grand final, that's not the case.

Dean received a free kick after being tackled by another player and umpire Peter Lynch is directing Lamb to the mark.

Honest.

Carey contrite

IT was a relaxed North Melbourne skipper Wayne Carey who appeared on the Channel Seven show last Sunday after his team bowed out of the finals in dramatic style.

Reflecting on a mixed season, which included a couple of suspensions, the champion Roo admitted that he had been undisciplined and his actions were "a little bit silly".

"I deserved what I got," was his quote, which surely must make some umpires happy.

Carey received a lawnmower as a reward for appearing on the show and that will certainly give him the incentive to cut down a few tall poppies over summer.

"It never really struck me that it's all over until I heard the song from Greg Champion," he said, referring to the Coodabeens man singing his special tribute to Carey.

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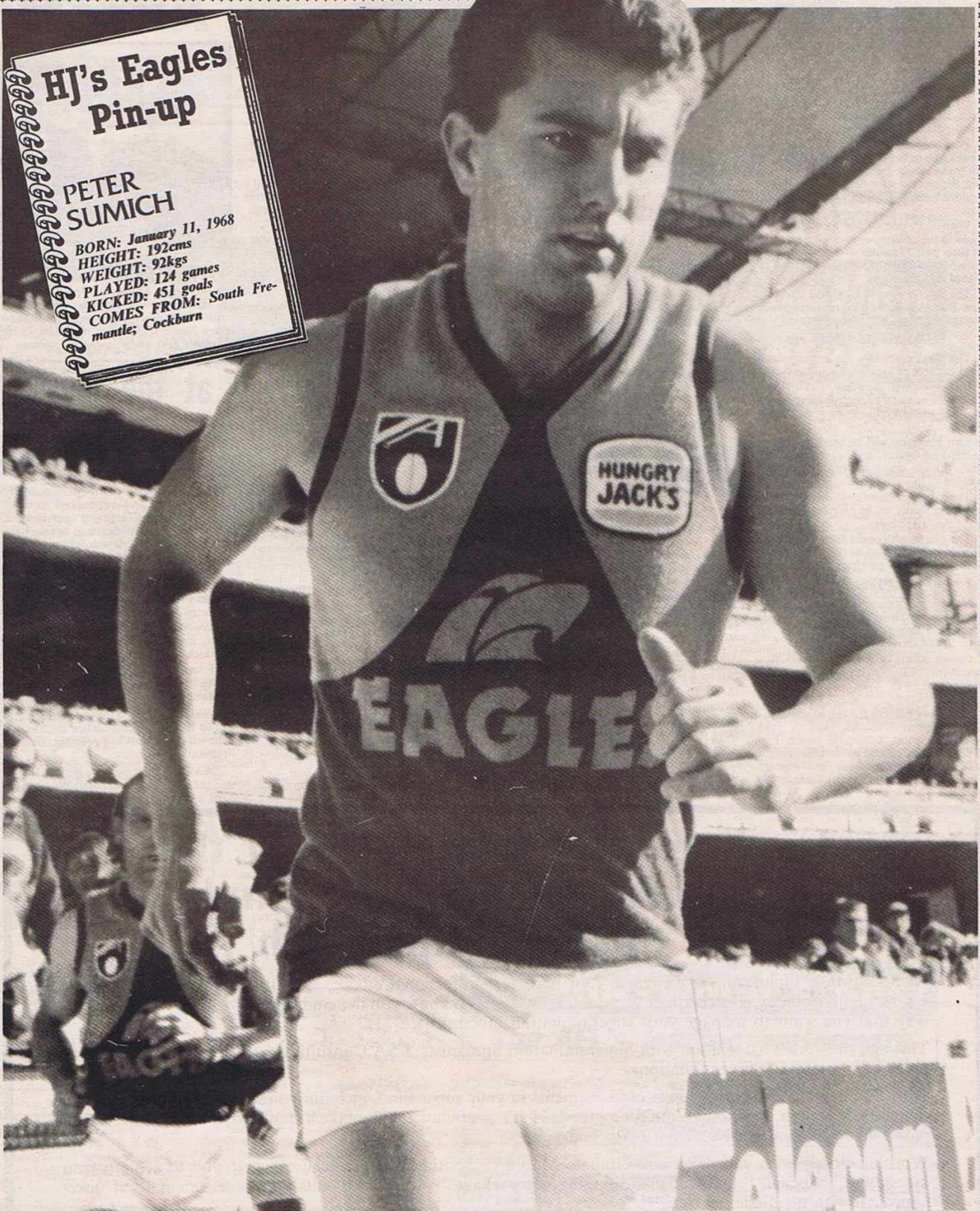
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Eagles, Port set for showdown

TOP South Australian sides Eagles and Port Adelaide are expected to draw a full house at Football Park on Sunday when they clash in the 1994 grand final.

After dominating the SANFL qualifying rounds, the two sides shape up as even contestants with both teams having strong claims to the flag.

Port beat the Eagles by 15 goals four weeks ago in the last game of the season to make them premiership favourites. But the second semi-final saw the Eagles bounce back with an impressive 73-point win.

With Port one of the most followed clubs in the country — and winners of 12 of their past 13 games — a near-capacity crowd of 46,600 fans are expected to attend the game.

The reserves grand final will also feature Port Adelaide, who finished minor premiers and tackle West Adelaide.

EAGLES KEY

The Eagles go into the league grand final capable of kicking a winning score.

Full-forward Andrew Taylor has kicked 58 goals to be their leading scorer and has the potential to be a damaging player.

Sam Phillipou will be hard to hold at centre-half-forward and, along with Taylor, make up a potent forward combination.

Their defence stands out, with custodian Jason Spehr set to play on Port forward Scott Hodges.

Their drive will come from the Sziller brothers, Jason and Steven, the latter best-afield in last year's grand final win.

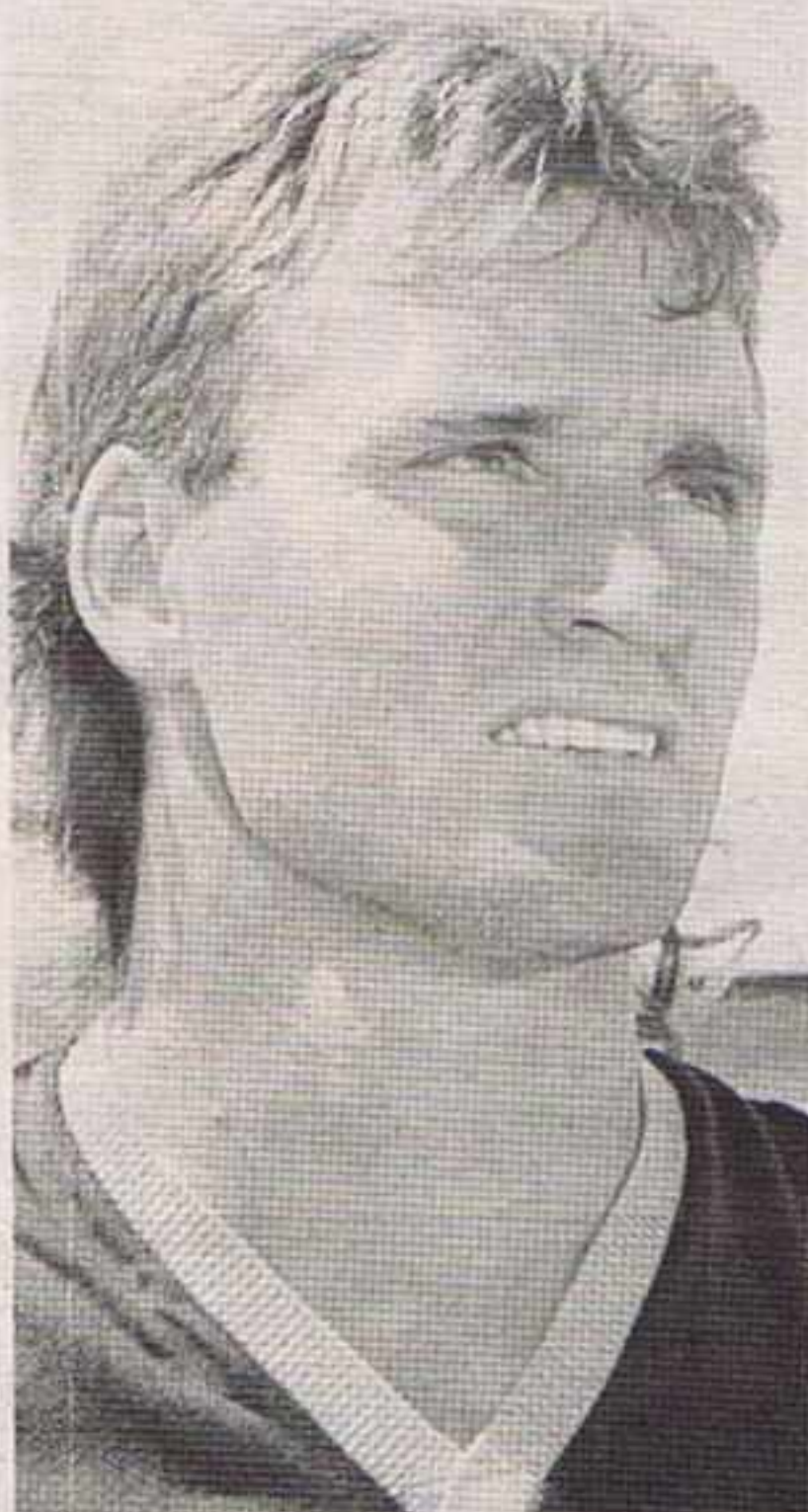
MAGPIES BEST

No forward has been better than Port's Hodges, who has kicked 123 goals going into this game and his match-up with Spehr should be a highlight.

Crows ruckman Brett Chalmers was dominant for Port in last week's preliminary final win over against Central District.

Other key players for the Magpies include Stephen Williams, (son of Port Adelaide's most successful coach Fos Williams) who missed the last two games with hamstring problems and captain Tim Ginever, a main driving force in the middle.

By BRAD ELBOROUGH



TOP SHOT ... Port Adelaide's Scott Hodges will be a focal point in attack

The tactical moves from the rival coaches will certainly determine the outcome.

Bruce Winter is in his second season as the Eagles coach and is going for the perfect record of two flags from two attempts.

Port Adelaide's John Cahill will be coaching in his 500th senior game and will be trying to match Williams record for the most successful coach at the club.

Williams took the Magpies to nine grand final wins, while Cahill has eight flags from eight attempts.

In the under-19s, South Adelaide beat the Eagles by 142-points, while the 17s flag went to Port, who were comfortable 83-points winners over the Eagles.

Dockers fly high with Ansett

ANSETT Australia became one of the first corporate recruits to sign up with the Fremantle Dockers when they recently announced a three-year sponsorship package.

The deal came just days after the Dockers recruited Hawthorn champion Ben Allan and named him captain.

Dockers chairman Ross Kelly said the fledgling club was delighted to have secured the support of a national airline company.

"Travel is one of the key elements in the success of a national team and this doesn't only apply to carrying the team to fixtures in the Eastern States," Kelly said.

"This is a sponsorship arrangement that will not only bring great benefits to our club, but also for our members and supporters.

"It literally gets us away to a flying start and also gives us the potential to greatly increase our early revenue by bringing AFL sides to Perth for practice games early in year."

Ansett Australia is the official carrier to the AFL along with the Australian Cricket Board and New South Wales Rugby League.



FLYING HIGH ... the Fremantle Dockers have announced Ben Allan (left) as their inaugural captain, while Ansett Australia's general commercial manager Gary Smith (right) has signed on as the club's first major corporate sponsor

Condon thrives at the finish

DUAL East Fremantle defender Damien Condon saved his best for last in the Pepsi Cup grand final win over Claremont.

Condon was handed the daunting task of curbing Tigers spearhead Paul Morgan, an eight goal second-semi-final match-winner.

The 27-year-old restricted Morgan to two goals, one in the final term when the game was shot.

Condon set the tone of the afternoon when he was engaged in a wrestling duel with Morgan before a ball was bounced.

"I was told to play him fairly close, which I did," Condon said.

"I have got a lot of respect for the bloke. He's a good player, so I was pretty happy up till half-time, but I thought in the last quarter he played pretty well."

Condon praised the East Fremantle forwards and midfielders who at no stage in the opening three quarters allowed the Tigers band of runners the freedom they need to set their game-plan in motion.

"They weren't getting the ball down well, so I have got to thank the midfielders. They were just fantastic," he said.

Condon hails from Warragul in Victoria's south-east, an football-rich area that has produced champions the calibre of Geelong's Gary Ablett and Hawthorn's Gary Ayres.

The versatile medium-tall repeatedly out-positioned and outmarked Morgan and ran off the Claremont spearhead, a tactic that paid dividends in taxing heat as the Tigers had played only one game in the month leading into the play-off.

At one stage in the opening stanza, he burst out of defence like a uncaged cat and sending a 65 metre torpedo punt into the arms of ruckman Paul Harding.

"We used to practice the torpedos down in Warragul, down in the back paddock," he said.

"I was running down the field a lot, trying to tire him out and get him out of position and it worked in the first half."

Condon compared the the premiership win to the 1992 victory when the Sharks toppled pre-match favorites South Fremantle.

"We knew what we were playing for. It was the same two years ago. We worked hard and did the job."

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Cousins guides Wesley to Cup win

WESLEY College has remained undefeated to win the prestigious Alcock Cup for private schools.

Coached by former WAFL and VFL star Bryan Cousins, the team won all 10 matches, winding up the season with a 48-point victory over Guildford, 16.22 (118) to 11.4 (70).

The competition involves seven of the state's private schools — Aquinas, Wesley, Hale, Scotch, Guildford, Trinity and Christchurch — and the traditional rivalry has existed since 1920.

Wesley's award-winners saw Blair Taylor named fairest and best, with runner-up Ben Cousins, ahead of Clayton Gardner, Aaron Hewitt and Miles Metcalf.

The influence of Cousins as coach was enormous on the Wesley youngsters.

He played 240 league games for Perth, winning their fairest and award in 1972 and 1982, with a stint at Geelong in between. He lost the 1983 Sandover Medal on a countback to East Perth's John Ironmonger.

Wesley's last Alcock Cup win was in



WINNER ... and he's a grinner, that's Wesley's Hal Walton

1991, while their first victory in 1982 saw current Carlton star Earl Spalding as the team's vice-captain.

Aquinas College, the winners of the shield in the previous two years, had a dismal turn-around after being undefeated for most of 1992 and '93.

Coached by dual Sandover Medallist Peter Spencer, Aquinas failed to notch a victory this year.

Finishing second was Hale College, with Todd Bennett as their fairest and best, Matthew Heaseman runner-up and Trenton Brown next best.

The Alcock Cup has been a strong breeding ground for many star West Australian footballers.

Last year's winning Aquinas side was captained by South Fremantle rookie Peter Bell, who played 20 league games in his debut season and has been signed up by the Fremantle Dockers.

This year's Prendergast Medal winner, East Fremantle's Jonathon Stagg, is a recent product of the Alcock Cup, having played for Wesley.

Trinity were coached into third place by East Perth and Geelong champion Gary Malarkey, who has returned to Perth after a long stint in Victoria.

Sixth-placed Guildford also benefitted from the coaching by a former WAFL star in Larry Kickett.

The final table for the 1994 Alcock Cup looked like this:

Team	Wins	Losses
Wesley	10	0
Hale	9	1
Trinity	6	4
Scotch	5	5
Christchurch	3	7
Guildford	2	8
Aquinas	0	10



WELL DONE ... Wesley winners (from left) Nic Griffiths and Jon Ferguson chair coach Bryan Cousins off after their Alcock Cup victory



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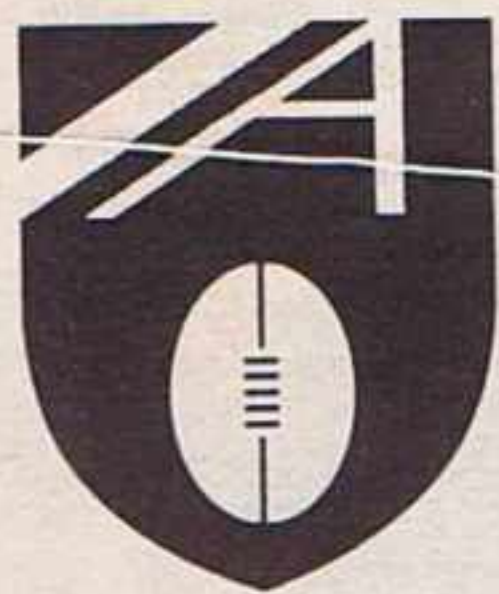
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Peel flag to Pinjarra

TOP STUFF ... the boys from Pinjarra were a pretty happy bunch after winning the Peel League premiership this season. They downed neighbourhood rivals Mandurah 16.9 (105) to 8.6 (54) in the grand final after finishing third on the table



Ongerup rebound to claim flag

ONGERUP'S goal-scoring depth proved too much for Jerramungup as they stormed to a 35-point victory in the Ongerup Football League grand final.

In a re-match of the second semi-final that saw Jerramungup advance directly to the grand final, Ongerup reversed the result with an impressive 15.12 (102) to 10.7 (67) victory.

With seven goal scorers, Ongerup were always going to be hard to stop.

John King and Dave Williams both kicked four goals, with Brendon O'Neill and Willie Farmer added two each, while Athol Farmer, David Curtin and Chris Penny all notched one.

Bevan O'Dwyer provided good support as they cruised to take out the premiership.

Morrie Meola was Jerramungup's main scoring option, kicking seven of the team's 10 goals, with Ashley Baldwin (two) and Wayne Woods (one).

Good players were Scott Ganzer, Warren Carthew and Carl Spinks.

The reserves grand final saw Gnowan-

gerup score a comfortable 21-point win over Jerramungup, 10.7 (67) to 7.4 (46).

Best for the winners were Tassie Haywood, Steve Gollan (two goals) and Dwayne Punch.

For Jerramungup, Frank Peczka, Bruce Trevaskis and Kemply Brooks worked hard.

In the colts, Boxwood Hills scored a five-point victory over Kent, 3.11 (29) to 4.2 (24).

Scheer best

GIBSON'S Murray Scheer has won the Hepburn Medal for the fairest and best player in the South East Football League.

Kim Curnow (Gibson) was runner-up, with the league's leading goalscorer being Wade Montgomery, from Norseman.

The Bishop Medal for the fairest and best in the reserves competition was won by Karl Dousing.

Two medals to Hobson

MARK HOBSON has added the De-Grey Medal for the fairest and best player in the North Pilbara League to his 1994 premiership medal.

Hobson was a member of the South Hedlands Swans team that took out this year's premiership, their third in a row.

The winner of the Colin Matheson Medal for the fairest and best player in the reserves competition was Shane Davy, from Karratha Falcons.

Rod Harrison (Karratha Kats) had a great season finishing as the league's leading goalscorer.

Big season for Gulberti

ROBERT Gulberti has capped off a superb season in the Great Northern League.

He has added a premiership with Rovers to his J.J. Clune Medal for the fairest and best in the league, along with the Sunday Times Medal, the Westfarmers All-Stars side and All Australian selection.

The association's reserves fairest and best was a tie between Brigades Kim Renner and Towns Greg Galvin.

St. Patricks team-mates Ben MacDonald and James Eagan also tied for the fairest and best award in the colts competition.

Shane Kiely (Towns) was consistent throughout to be named best first-year player.

Towns added another award when Andrew Drennan picked up the league's leading goal-kicker prize.

The Rock Media Award was won by Mick Farrell, from Chapman Valley.

There was a special presentation of a life medal to Mullewa's Charlie Comeagain for his 330 games.

Country stars for Bulldogs

THE country football ranks have produced some fine players for WA Football — and nothing looks like changing.

The host of rural rookies to make the big-time in the city has seen many a Sandover Medallist claim the top honours in the WAFL — and now they are setting out to conquer the AFL arena.

And judging by the players in this year's minor grades in the WAFL, South Fremantle are set to reap a rich harvest.

The Bulldogs colts and reserves sides made it into this year's grand finals and though neither side achieved a flag, they boasted some exciting talent ... and many of them were country boys.

In the colts side, nine players came from areas like Mandurah, Wagin, Narrogin, York and Manjimup, with two — Jason Baird and Mark Vigona — from the Northern Territory.

In the reserves side, the contribution was even bigger.

David Batty was the only interstate representative, from New South Wales, while 15 of the other 26 players listed had country origins.

The outer suburb of Rockingham is the main contributor, with Peter Begovich, Josh Grosse, Shane Moloney and Charlie Oxenham from there, while Dumbleyung, Kukerin, Waroona, Cunderdin, Wagin, York and Mandurah were represented.

South Fremantle is the closest club to the South West region and this zoning continues to prove a great asset to the Bulldogs.

Dawson best on 'Fields



GOLDEN YEAR ... former East Perth player Fabian Dawson has claimed the fairest and best medal on the Goldfields

RAILWAYS midfielder Fabian Dawson has won the Goldfields League's premier award, the Don Jones Retravision-NEC Mitchell Medal for the fairest and best player.

A former East Perth league player, Dawson polled 32 votes to win from Boulder ruck-rover Brad Barrett (29) and Mines defender Brett Turner (27).

Dawson is the first Railways player to take out the competition's top award since Russell Thomas in 1985.

The Kalgoorlie Miner newspaper award was won by Boulder centre-half-back Brett Mayo, while the league Rookie of the Year was Mines' forward Wade Fiegert.

The reserves fairest and best winner was Eddie Betts (Mines) and the colts award went to Matthew Gill.

John Scott was the league's leading goal-kicker with 64, while Scott Johnstone (Kalgoorlie) kicked 32 goals in the reserves competition and Matthew Reilly posted 62 in the colts.

Mines claimed the champion club award for the second successive season.

The Goldfields premiers were Boulder (league), Mines (reserves) and Railways (colts).

Edwards best in Avon

MARK EDWARDS caught the eye of the umpires in the Avon Football League to win the Byfield-Stacey Medal.

Edwards was a member of the Beverley team that went down by 34-points to Quairading in the grand final.

Beverley's Paul Schilling also had an outstanding season to win the Ron Aitkenhead Medal for the fairest and best in the reserves competition.

Arron Stone's efforts in leading Quairading to a league premiership saw him named as the best player in the grand final, winning the Dennis Medal.

The Bernie Barry Medal for the best afield in the reserves grand final was won by A. Hadrill, from Railways.

Alvaro named best

THE Geoffrie's Medal for the Central Wheatbelt's fairest and best player has gone to Mukinbudin's Joseph Alvaro.

The Sid Maddocks Medal for the league's leading goalkicker went to Kalannie's Matthew Giles, with 46 goals.

Beacon's Ross Munns won the Tedd McTaggart trophy for his best-on-ground effort in the 52-point grand final victory over Mukinbudin.

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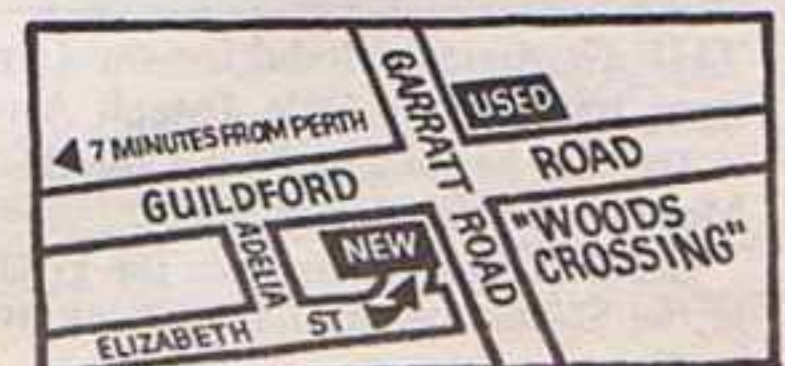
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GOOD REWARD ... John Dimmer capped off a good season by being named coach of the year

Fine honour for amateurs coach

Dimmer's reward for excellence

WEST Coast amateur coach John Dimmer topped off a premierships season in his first year by being named the Australian Football Coaches Association coach-of-the-year.

Dimmer's honour didn't specifically relate to his premierships with West Coast, but it was a reward for general coaching excellence.

"The J.J. Leonard Medal is not necessarily picked on a coach's ability to win premierships," said Coaches Association president and former outstanding coach and player, Ron Alexander.

"The winner must be committed to coaching and developing Australian Football.

"He has to have previous experience as a coach and show some sort of developing role, whether encouraging freeballers to continue to play junior football, or juniors to go on to higher levels."

The Medal is named after John Leonard, a Sandover Medallist and premier-ship player with Subiaco and a premier-

By **BRAD ELBOROUGH**

ship coach at West Perth and Claremont.

Leonard played with the Lions from 1923 to 1931, topping off a great career by winning the 1926 Sandover Medal and playing in the Lions 1924 premier-ship side.

The English-born rover was also runner-up in the Sandover in 1927 and 1929.

He then moved to Melbourne in 1932, where he played with South Melbourne, his last two years as captain-coach.

In 1934 he started an outstanding coaching career in WA, taking West Perth to premierships in that year and again in 1935.

He moved to Claremont in '38, taking them to grand final wins in his first three years, finishing with the Tigers in 1946.

Dimmer has also enjoyed a successful playing career with Subiaco, being a member of their 1973 premierships side before moving to East Perth in 1980, where he served as their captain.

When he retired in 1983, he had played 171 league games and had made four appearances for Western Australia.

Dimmer's coaching career started the next year, in 1984, with Karrinyup's under-17s.

He stayed with them for two years while also coaching the WA schoolboys side.

Two players from that Karrinyup side who have gone on to higher levels are Brian Sutherland, who played with Claremont and West Perth, while also becoming a state representative and Paul Hazell, who played colts and reserves with Claremont before a couple of seasons with West Perth.

In 1986, Dimmer took the season off — his only break in 25 years since he started playing.

From then until the end of last season he coached Claremont's reserves, taking them to four grand finals and winning two of them.

This season he coached West Coast in the A-grade amateurs and took them to their first premierships since being in the top grade.

"It was a good opportunity for me," said Dimmer.

"I could show some of the ideas that I have about coaching a club's senior side."

He also coached a junior team with Whitford this year, where his son Andrew plays in the 13's.

They also made the grand final, with Dimmer concentrating on the development area, each player having three quarters in every game, including the finals.

"It's their first year in playing proper rules" he said.

"It's important in their development that they all get a game."

"I certainly still have a keen interest in coaching league football.

"This year I was able to coach the senior side at the club and be able to bring my own ideas into the side's game-plan.

"I don't think I've given up any chances of a career with a league club,

"I think it has been a good move and I'd like to use this year's experience as a stepping stone to the next level."

COACHES GROUP

The WA branch of the Australian Football Coaches Association was the first to be set up in Australia.

It came about in the early 1980's, with Malcolm Brown as the first president. The group later came under the umbrella of the Football Development Trust when that body was formed in 1987.



Around the clubs

Collegians star

ANTHONY Wiese played consistent football all season to win the Collegians league fairest and best award.

The 21-year-old Wiese played as a rover and was chosen in the state trial games held earlier this year.

Runner-up in the league fairest and best was centreman Jason Keys in his first year with Collegians, after playing some league games at Claremont.

Richard Mann won the coach's award.

For his contributions on and off the field, Matt Edwards won the best club man award, Edwards played a few games, but concentrated his efforts on administration duties and was recognised for his efforts.

Justin Bajada took out the fairest and best award in the colts, while Dave Wallace was the recipient of the F-grade fairest and best award.

Glynn tops poll

KEVIN Glynn has been named Mt Lawley's fairest and best A-grade player, with 79 votes, two clear of Andrew Frontino.

Glynn played the majority of his football in the back-line, but was also used up the ground. He has played 80 games for the club having been there for the past four seasons.

Frontino plays on a wing and has played 48 games for Mt Lawley.

The A-grade coaches award was won by Andrew Brady.

Fairest and best for the colts was Ben Murphy on 57 votes, three ahead of Glen Head. The colts coaches award was won by David Parnham.

The most outstanding colt award was won by Damien Cranwell and head-trainer Norm Delavale was named club person of the year for his efforts around the club.

University tie

UNIVERSITY team-mates Nick Stone and Simon Dennis tied with 28 votes in the club's fairest and best award.

The pair were followed by Mark Foster on 23.

Dennis had an excellent year and after playing only eight A-grade games, he polled enough votes to tie for the major award. He had graduated to A-grade after starting in the A-colts.

Trinity's best

FOMER East Perth player Andrew Maughan led by example to win the fairest and best award for Trinity-Aquinas.

Having taken on the role of captain-coach for the latter half of the year, Maughan won the medal for the second year in a row after joining Trinity-Aquinas in 1991.

He finished clear of Fruity Cain and Tony Walters.

Nick Sanchez-Jurin had a great year to take out the best first year player award.

Ferguson wins

WINGMAN James Ferguson finished ahead of Simon Ham and Adam Clarke to win Wembley's A-grade fairest and best award.

Having played at Wembley for the last four years, the 22-year-old Ferguson was a state representative at the amateur carnival this year.

Ham, playing out of a back pocket, has come through the ranks at Wembley having won the association medal for the colts team as a junior.

Clarke, returning from his stint at Claremont, also played consistently.

Greg Fraser was the winner of the B-grade fairest and best award.

Wilcox best

SCOTT Wilcox has won the fairest and best award for the second year in a row at North Fremantle.

Playing at centre-half-back, Wilcox has played for three seasons at North Fremantle having played previously at South Fremantle and for Armadale in the Sunday League.

Gavin Ferraz was the runner-up in the best and fairest award, followed by Matt Morris and Jamie Connelly.

Connelly had an outstanding year, winning the colts fairest and best award. Playing as ruck-rover, the 20-year-old was selected in the state seniors team this year after joining Norths from East Fremantle colts.

Perkins clear

CHRIS Perkins finished four votes ahead of Brian Taylor to win North Beach's fairest and best award.

Brad Edwards finished third on 55.

Playing at centre-half forward, the 18-year-old Perkins played his first two games for the season in the colts and was quickly promoted to A-grade.

Former Subiaco veteran Brian Taylor has coached North Beach for the last three years and enjoyed this season as a ruck-rover.

Davies best

NOLLAMARA'S Chris Davies has won the club's award for the A-grade fairest and best.

Runner-up was Troy Wilson, ahead of Ricky Smith, Dean Wilson and Jim Davies.

Troy Wilson completed a hat-trick by picking up the coaches trophy and being named as the association's fairest and best player.

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Our photograph shows Town and Country managing director Ray Turner with East Fremantle's Alison Phelps (holding the Alex Panton Cup for the best side in the finals), while the group of young Falcons hold the Town and Country Shield for having used the most number of juniors throughout the year.

Legends mix it with stars of the future

THE stars of the future mixed with champions from the past at last Sunday's Pepsi Cup grand final extravaganza at Subiaco Oval.

Juniors from the eight WAFL clubs paraded at the half-time break in the WAFL grand final between East Fremantle and Claremont, bringing the annual Town and Country Bank's Little League series to a finale.

Representing primary schools from the Scooters competition, boys and girls paraded in front of 17,000 fans and took part in a novelty relay race.

Legends of the game were on hand to lend their support to the Little Leaguers as they raced for \$500 worth of footballs.

Some of today's WAFL players joined in the relay.

BIG NAMES

The former and present greats representing their WAFL clubs were Reg Hampson and Matt Connell (Subiaco), Bill Walker and Craig Callaghan (Swan Districts), Graham Farmer and Craig Nelson (West Perth), Barry Cable and Nathan Mourish (Perth), Graham Moss and Mark Hann (Claremont), Ron Alexander and Steven Green (East Fremantle), Peter Spencer and Steve Pendleton (East Perth) and Noel Carter and Vance Davison (South Fremantle).

The relay saw the WAFL teams represented by the following primary schools — Subiaco (City Beach), Swan Districts (Upper Swan), West Perth (East Greenwood), Perth (Langford), Claremont (North Cottesloe), East Fremantle (Orana Catholic), East Perth (Sutherland and Whiteside) and South Fremantle (South Coogee).

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East Perth were runners-up, winning \$300 worth of footballs, while the Falcons received \$200 in footballs. The remaining five teams were all given encouragement awards of \$100 worth of footballs.

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Australian Football League

Saturday, September 24

FIRST PRELIMINARY FINAL

GEELONG	3.3	10.7	15.9	16.13	109
NORTH MELBOURNE	5.9	5.13	11.15	14.19	103

GOALS — Geelong: Ablett, Couch 3; Breuer, Tudor, Brownless, Pickering, Mensch 2. **North Melbourne:** Carey 6; Allison, Longmire 3; Blakey, McAdam.

BEST — Geelong: G. Hocking, Barnes, Pickering, Hinkley, Breuer, Riccardi. **North Melbourne:** Carey, Stevens, Martyn, Laidley, Allison, Fairley.

Played at MCG. Umpires: Peter Carey, Brett Allen, Chris Mitchell. Attendance: 80,121.

SECOND PRELIMINARY FINAL

WEST COAST	4.7	7.9	13.16	16.21	117
MELBOURNE	1.0	6.3	6.4	8.4	52

GOALS — West Coast: Heady 6; Sumich 3; Ball 2; Kemp, Wilson, Evans, Lewis, Hynes. **Melbourne:** Lyon 3; Charles 2; G. Lovett, Hopgood, B. Lovett.

BEST — West Coast: Kemp, Heady, Jakovich, Mainwaring, McKenna, Lewis. **Melbourne:** Wight, B. Lovett, Neitz, Charles, Lyon, Tingay.

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PEPSI CUP LEAGUE

GRAND FINAL

Saturday, September 25

EAST FREMANTLE	3.2	10.4	12.8	13.13	91
CLAREMONT	1.3	3.4	3.7	10.10	70

GOALS — East Fremantle: Amaranti 4; Lally, Bilcich 2; Dhurrkay, Davidson, Harding, Pobjoy, Lockyer. **Claremont:** G. Edwards 3; Morgan, Wardell-Johnson 2; Merillo, Sheldrick, Green.

BEST — East Fremantle: Amaranti, Sanders, Treleven, Condon, Harding, Davies. **Claremont:** Panizza, Jones, Merillo, Leach, Wira, S. Edwards.

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PEPSI RESERVES

GRAND FINAL

EAST FREMANTLE	4.5	7.9	11.15	17.17	119
SOUTH FREMANTLE	3.1	8.4	10.9	13.14	92

GOALS — East Fremantle: Morris 3; Hoult, Hoycard, Stockden, Smith, Beattie 2; Chick, Nixon, Gallop, McDonnell. **South Fremantle:** Moloney 4; Bartul 3; Grosse, Begovich 2; McKnight, Bolton.

BEST — East Fremantle: Newman, Chick, Smith, Crain, McDonnell, Stockden. **South Fremantle:** Caratti, Ballard, Ercegovich, Moloney, Bartul, Rennick.

PEPSI COLTS

GRAND FINAL

CLAREMONT 16.11 (107) d SOUTH FREMANTLE 7.13 (55)

GOALS — Claremont: Carroll 5; Milentis, Trovarello, Deegan 3; Patterson, Morrison. **South Fremantle:** Donald, Allen, Darroch, Gault, Clement, Dodd, Johnson.

BEST — Claremont: Trovarello, Milentis, Patterson. **South Fremantle:** Bubba, Webster, Vannus.

South Australian NFL

PRELIMINARY FINAL

PORT ADELAIDE	0.2	7.7	11.11	21.17	143
CENTRAL DISTRICT	2.3	3.3	7.3	8.5	53

GOALS — Port Adelaide: Pedler 5; Olsen 4; Spalding, Hodges 3; Malakellis 2; Ginever, McLeod, Tylor, Smith. **Central District:** Luhrs, Ellis 2; Reimers, Cook, Handley, Ingerson. **BEST — Port Adelaide:** Chalmers, Spalding, Smith, Malakellis, Fiacchi, Hutton. **Central District:** Girdham, MacGowan, Schwerdt, Handley. Played at Football Park. Crowd 25,229.

Victorian State League

PRELIMINARY FINAL

FOOTSCRAY 33.12 (210) d FITZROY 12.15 (87)

GOALS — Footscray: Hargraves 11; Del-Re 9; Lane 5; Kellett, Allen 3; Beveridge, Sir. **Fitzroy:** Sartori, Bruce, Dent 2; Palfreyman, Cummings, Sporn, Doyle, Warfe, Morton. **BEST — Footscray:** Hargraves, Kellett, Atkins, Lane, Del-Re, Smith, Allen. **Fitzroy:** Dent, Warfe, Cummings, Palfreyman.

What's on at your club



Claremont

Friday, October 21: Fairest and best count, members lounge, 6.30pm, tickets \$12, includes meal (drinks not included), followed by presentation of all medals. Ring Penny on 384 9200.

Tuesday, November 1: 100 Club Melbourne Cup luncheon, 10am, tickets \$23, includes smorgasboard luncheon and entertainment. Drinks at bar prices, bookings 384 9200.



East Perth

Junior Development Raffle now under way — tickets at the office.



East Fremantle

Saturday, October 8: Dinner Auction, Carvery meals, silent auction, mystery chests, novelty raffles and main auction at 7.30pm, doors open 6pm.

Saturday, October 15: Lynn Medal count. Friday night carvery: \$7.50, with complimentary drink. Financial members jackpot stands at \$340. Club function inquiries on 339 5533.



Subiaco

Saturday, October 8: Presentation dinner.



Perth

Saturday, October 1: AFL grand final, 11am main bar Lathlain Park, tickets \$10. Sunday, October 9: Medal Count, social hall, Lathlain Park, bar opens 3.30pm.

Saturday, October 15: Trophy presentations, social hall, Lathlain Park, tickets \$20, includes dinner, doors open at 6pm, dinner 7pm, bookings essential.



South Fremantle

Friday, October 14: W.J. Hughes Medal award and presentation dinner, 7pm, \$10. Sunday, October 23: Banquet auction and luncheon, Esplanade Hotel, 11am, tickets \$50, available from SFFC.

Tuesday night is Bingo night at the South Fremantle Football Club, eyes down 8pm.



Swan Districts

Saturday, October 1: AFL grand final function, Bassendean Oval, tickets \$5, big screen, refreshments, doors open 11am. Saturday, October 15: Dinner auction, at Radisson's Observation City, inquiries to the club.

The 60th anniversary video tape on sale at the club, \$40. Locker Room Restaurant, lunch on Fridays before a home game, lunch on Saturdays of home games and every Saturday night.



West Perth

Friday, October 21: Breckler Medal count for fairest and best, at Arena Joondalup, tickets \$27.50.

West Coast Eagles

Tuesday, October 11: Club championship presentations.

Sunday, October 2: (If Eagles win Grand final) Welcome home at Subiaco Oval, noon to 2pm, food and drinks on sale, Triple M giant stereo will be there.

Supporters Club bar open every afternoon. The Peter's Junior Eagles Club has vacancies for youngsters aged under 15. Telephone Chris Radice on 381 1111.

Ring the West Coast Hotline on 0055 10065 for Eagles information, or listen to 103FM.



THE ability of East Fremantle's many forwards to kick goals was too much for Claremont to handle in last week's grand final, with eight players sharing in their 13 goals.

The hero of the day though wasn't their usual scorers, but Mark Amaranti, whose Simpson Medal performance saw him bag four goals.

GIO TOP SCORERS

	Season	Finals	Total
Brenton Cooper (P)	90.45	—	90.45
Andrew Lockyer (EF)	78.43	11.10	89.53
Jason Heatley (S)	72.32	9.2	81.34
Jon Dorotich (SF)	72.31	—	72.31
Kingsley Hunter (C)	48.27	—	48.27
Darren Williams (EP)	46.25	—	46.25
David Ogg (SD)	45.24	0.1	46.25
Derek Hall (WP)	39.25	6.3	45.27
Stephen Bilcich (EF)	38.25	6.0	44.25
Paul Morgan (C)	33.14	10.3	43.17
Rod Willet (S)	38.20	3.3	41.23

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What's happening in football



Aust. Football League

Saturday: grand final, — West Coast v Geelong, MCG.
Victorian state league, — Nth Melbourne v Footscray, MCG.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Sunday — grand final: Eagles v Port Adelaide, Football Park.

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WAFL LEAGUE

Grand Final Score

East Fremantle 13.13 (91)

Claremont 10.10 (70)

WAFL RESERVES

Grand Final Score

East Fremantle 17.17(119)

South Fremantle 13.14 (92)

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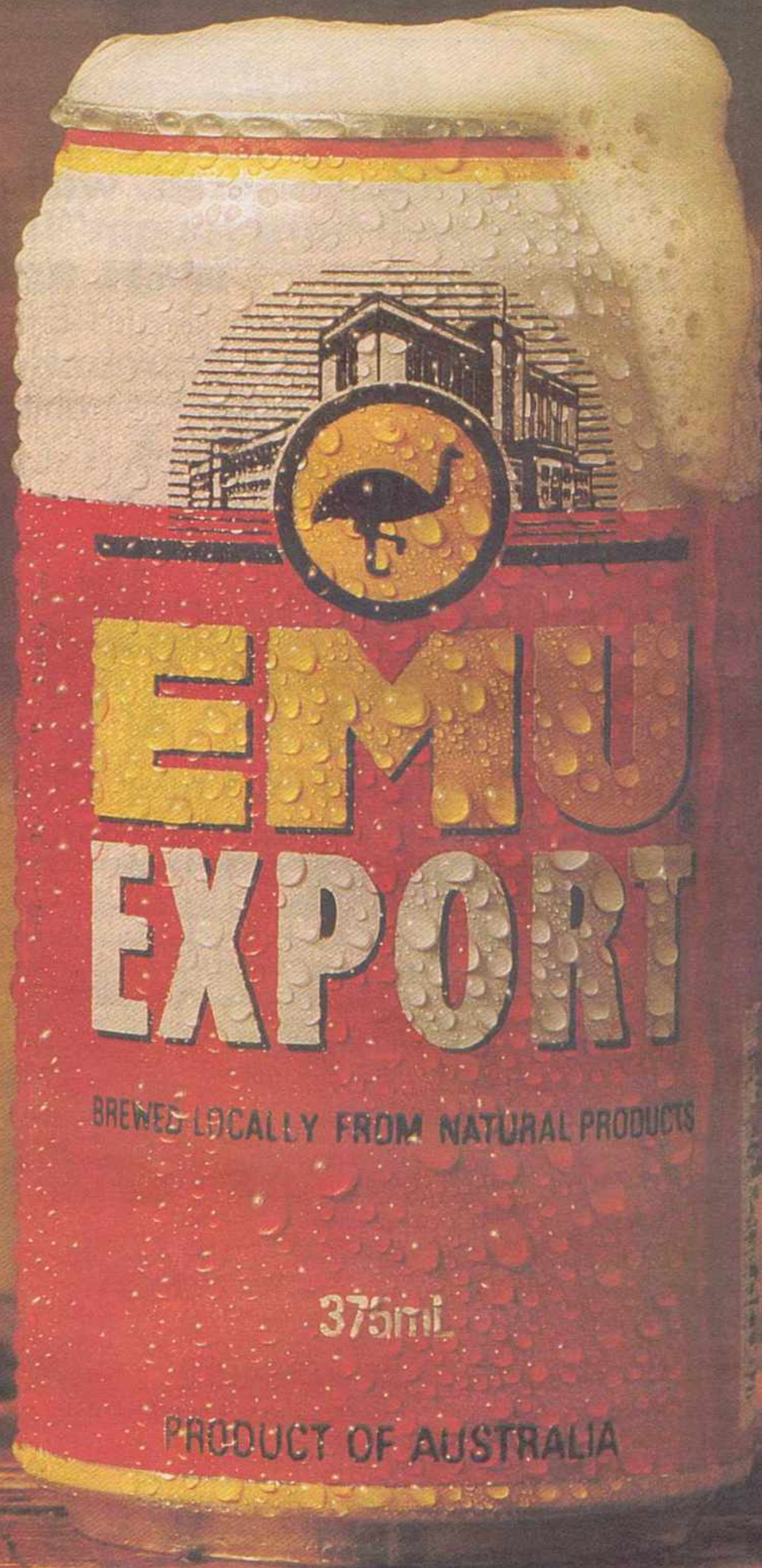
- KERRY COATES** — Under 19's coach
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- KEN JUDGE** — League coach
- ROSS KEEGAN** — 1992 colts coach

Thankyou for a magnificent year to E.F.F.C. support staff, team managers, runners, statisticians, ladies committee, timekeepers, bar staff, past players association, Bob Uittenbroek — General Manager, Len Hitchen — President and the Board of Directors. All sponsors, members and supporters of the mighty Sharks — Double Premiers 1994

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