

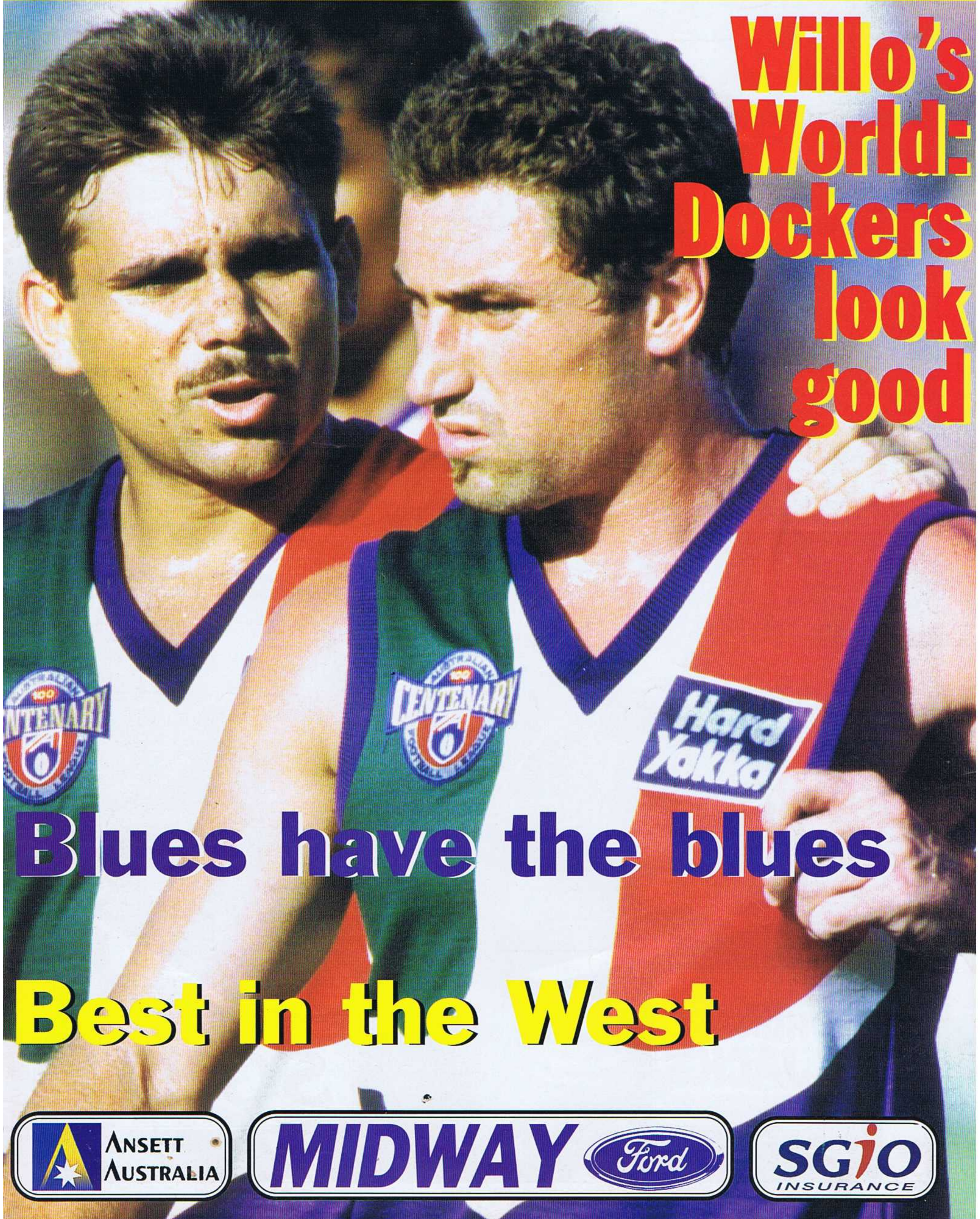
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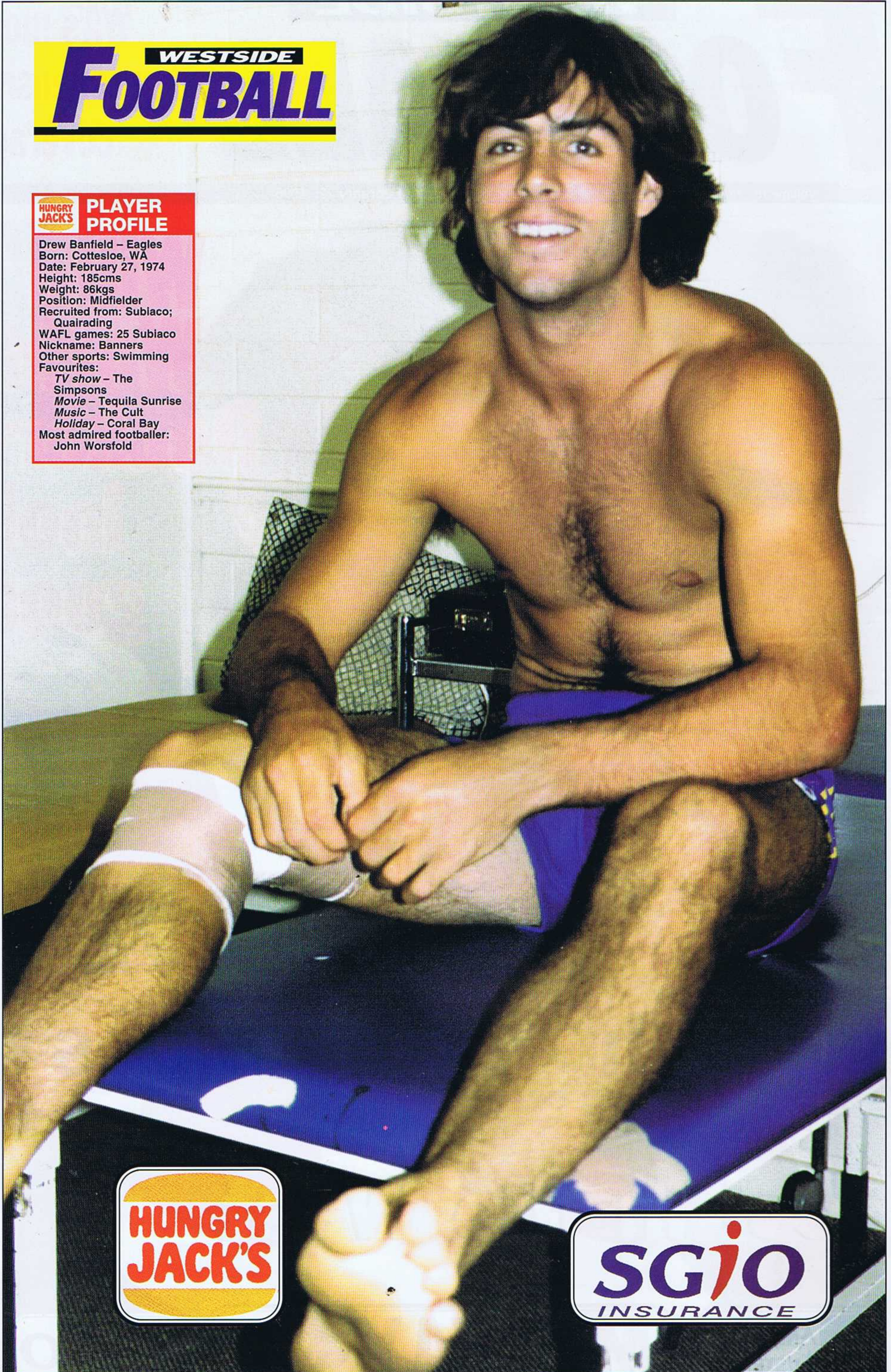


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## PLAYER PROFILE

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Favourites:  
TV show - The  
Simpsons  
Movie - Tequila Sunrise  
Music - The Cult  
Holiday - Coral Bay  
Most admired footballer:  
John Worsfold



# Eagles give away limelight

BY BRAD ELBOROUGH

**WEST Coast and Fremantle do battle for the first time this season when they fly to Darwin at the weekend with vastly-contrasting preparations.**

Their opening Ansett Cup clash in the Top End sees all the focus on the second-year Dockers, in stark contrast to the normally high-profile Eagles.

WA's two AFL sides will play each other twice in the next five weeks, as they also launch the season proper at Subiaco Oval on Sunday, March 31.

In this Sunday's Ansett Cup the combatants go into battle with much different lead-ups as the Eagles opt for a low-profile.

Their pre-season has been restricted to intra-club practice matches, apart from the AFL lightning premierships.

Even in that knock-out series, many senior players were rested, giving young squad members a chance.

The Eagles were beaten by Richmond in Round 1, but then downed Adelaide in the losers consolation draw.

"The match committee decided to go with a lighter pre-season format this year," said Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett.

"We've been playing games among ourselves, rather than against other clubs and we'll work out on Sunday if it was the right decision, or not."

Nisbett said that the Eagles would only field fit players and there was no problem finding enough to fill the 24-man team.

"We'll be solid early in the year," he said.

"We're probably in as good standing now as we've been this time in the past few years.

"We're expecting to have 34 or

35 players to chose from this week.

"We'll only be playing a side of fit players who have done the pre-season work."

By contrast, Fremantle have shown good early form, recording wins over Port Adelaide and Essendon and making the semi-finals of the lightning premierships.

"We are expecting Fremantle to have improved considerably from last year, with all the young talent they have," Nisbett said.

"But we won't be taking any risks with players who aren't fit."

Of those injured, Chris Lewis will miss the clash anyway through suspension and Don Pyke is coming along well after a shoulder operation.

West Coast have produced several young players who could get another chance this week.

They include Ben Cousins, Phil Matera and Ashley Blurton and there is a fair chance that with 24 players allowed, rival full-forwards Peter Sumich and Jason Heatley will both play.

"Heatley has done well all summer and Sumich was going along all right until he hurt his ankle," said Nisbett.

The Dockers camp would be just as happy with the form of their players.

The fact that they have only played half-strength sides in practice matches would not have dampened their spirits.

"We've progressed as well as we could have expected," said football manager Gerard McNeill.

"The result in any game is important. No player goes out there and plays at half-pace.

"There is great competition for places in our side, so they will all be hoping to play well this week."

Fremantle also have problems up forward, but with several play-

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**Kodak**  
Pic of the Week

Dashing Docker ... that's Scott Chisholm who is looking forward to playing in his home town of Darwin this weekend. Fremantle will have plenty of support with Chisholm, Gary Dhurrkay and Steven Koops all coming from Darwin.  
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### OUR COVER:

These two new faces with contrasting backgrounds are likely to play key roles at the Dockers this season.

Claremont rookie Gavin Mitchell (left) is set to step up into AFL ranks and join the likes of Brad Rowe, the former East Fremantle rover who has returned home after stints with Brisbane and Collingwood. Rowe is an exciting goalkicker who has been dogged by bad luck with injuries, while Mitchell can play anywhere around the midfield and showed outstanding form in an interstate game in 1994 before being restricted by injury last season.

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Matera mark III ... that's young Eagles rookie Phil, who is set for more trials in the West Coast side.

ers performing well, the competition for the key attacking spot is intriguing.

Kingsley Hunter and Scott Gooch are the main contenders for full-forward with the retirement of John Hutton.

"Hunter and Gooch are probably on even par with each other," McNeill said.

"Gerard (Neesham) likes playing two tall up forward, so they could both get a run this week."

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# Bombers give WAFL players a taste of AFL

**FOUR WAFL players were given an unexpected opportunity by Essendon last weekend.**

In the last term against the Dockers, Bombers coach Kevin Sheedy brought East Perth's Dean Grainger, Claremont pair Dean Trovarello and Gavin Milentis and West Perth's Brendon Logan on to the ground for their first taste at AFL level.

None of those players is aligned to an AFL club and Sheedy believed it was a good chance for them to show what they could do.

In the same game last season, Sheedy played East Perth's Dean Talbot, who was later drafted by Geelong.

## Chief Bulldog:

RECENTLY-RESIGNED South Fremantle president Ric Gloede has been appointed State franchise manager for Roy Weston Real Estate.

Gloede, who has had 24 years experience in real estate, has been president of the Bulldogs for four years after first linking up with the club as league team manager in 1979.

His primary responsibility will be to provide professional real estate advice and administrative assistance to Roy Weston's network.

The Bulldogs directors have confirmed vice-president Terry Dean as the man to take over the presidency.

## Punting time:

THERE are some interesting odds being offered for this year's AFL premiership.

Last year's flag-holders Carlton start favourites with National Sportsbook, at 4/1, with Essendon and West Coast next best at 11/2.

### ■ The market:

4/1 Carlton; 11/2 Essendon, West Coast; 6/1 North Melbourne, 7/1 Geelong; 10/1 Richmond; 15/1 Adelaide; 16/1 Brisbane, Collingwood; 20/1 Footscray; 25/1 Melbourne, Sydney; 40/1 Hawthorn; 50/1 Fremantle, St Kilda; 500/1 Fitzroy.

If you're looking for a good-value bet, the Dockers at 4/1 to make the final eight is attractive, or maybe St Kilda at 3/1.

■ The final eight market is:

## The Hood's Gossip



1/8 Carlton; 1/7 Essendon, 1/6 North Melbourne, West Coast; 1/5 Geelong; 2/7 Richmond, 1/2 Footscray; 4/7 Adelaide; 4/6 Brisbane; 11/8 Collingwood; 6/4 Melbourne, Sydney; 11/4 Hawthorn; 3/1 St Kilda; 4/1 Fremantle; 16/1 Fitzroy.

## Handy funds:

THE 1995 season, certainly wasn't too bad a year for the AFL, who recently announced an operating surplus \$36.4 million before payments to the 16 clubs.

The AFL's revenue for 1995 was \$68,058,000 - a rise of \$6.5 million on 1994.

Distributions and payments to the clubs totalled \$27,345,000 in '95, compared to \$25,176,000 the year before.

Clubs can look forward to a little extra in the centenary season, as the AFL has budgeted to pay \$29 million in dividends this year.

## Drinks battle:

FOOTBALL is set for a few confrontations this season between soft drink giants Pepsi and Coca-Cola.

Pepsi still hold the rights to the WAFL competition, but the WA Football Commission recently announced a five-year sponsorship with Coca-Cola.

The agreement involves West Coast, Fremantle and drinks rights at Subiaco Oval.

Coke, who sponsor the AFL season, will use their WA involvement to promote Powerade, the official drink of the Olympic Games.

## Revenge replay:

THERE has already been a replay

of last season's AFL grand final, with an interesting result.

The people of Hobart were given a rare opportunity to see two quality AFL sides play, with Geelong taking revenge over Carlton by 59 points - 21.10 (136) to 12.5 (77).

Shayne Breuer and Paul Lynch kicked five goals each for the Cats, while Ben Sexton kicked four for the Blues and Dean Rice two.

## Big deal:

IT HAS been a good period for the WA Football Commission with sponsorships.

Burley-Sekem are the latest big company to join the list, announcing a three-year \$100,000 deal.

This is a renewal of their existing contract that has been going for six years. For the next three seasons they will provide cash incentives to WAFL clubs, jumpers for WA's junior teams, club champion awards to metropolitan junior football regions and support for FDT promotions.

In conjunction with the International Wool Secretariat, they will also provide the WAFL clubs with a set of jumpers made from the new sportswool fabric, that will be used by at least 10 of the AFL clubs in 1996.

## Bomber boy:

THERE has been plenty of media speculation about the prospects of American gridiron player Dwayne Armstrong.

However, Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy dispelled rumours that the Bombers were about to list him, given that the Bombers already have a full 42-man list.

Sheedy did say they wanted to have another look at him and would probably include him on their supplementary list and play him in the VSFL.



## Wide readership:

There's no doubt Westside Football is a widely read newspaper and caters for all ages. Dowerin fan Tyler Morrell might be only two-and-a-half and can't read too much about the game but he loves the photos so we're told.

We hope he's not expressing an opinion about the State's leading football newspaper in this photograph; but his parents John and Corinne confirm that he is a dedicated footy fan.

## WA performers:

SEVERAL West Australians put in good performances for Essendon at Fremantle Oval last Saturday.

Scott Cummings looked good up forward, but the usually-reliable shot at goal would be keen to forget his two kicks from close range that went out of bounds on the full.

Former East Perth player Michael Prior looks likely to grab a spot in the Bombers starting team this year.

Sheedy is happy Prior is finally "starting to learn the caper" and is impressed that he can play in several positions.

The Bombers had plenty of big names missing last week - Gavin Wanganeen, Dustin Fletcher, Mark Harvey, Mark Thompson, James Hird and Michael Long.

Che Cockatoo-Collins was in unfamiliar waters in defence, playing a similar role to that take normally filled by Wanganeen.

It's tough at Essendon considering Che was arguably the best player in the recent lightning carnival, playing as a forward.

## Sexual barriers:

THE era of sexual equality has cer-

tainly arrived in the AFL.

Despite rugby league's Andrew Ettingshausen getting all embarrassed about being photographed in his birthday suit, Aussie Rules men don't flinch about their nudity.

Take the North Melbourne rooms after their opening lightning carnival game, with female trainers running everywhere.

To confirm that the sexual barriers have been broken down across all generations, Norths had a veteran female supporter handing out salad rolls amidst rosy cheeks as players paraded in and out of the showers.

## Luckless Lions:

THERE was no shortage of good-humoured "sledging" in the recent lightning carnival, what with players switching clubs, coaches in new roles and a set of different rules.

Poor old Fitzroy came under fire as usual, especially from stand-in George Burns comedian Peter Kay.

Talking about his feat of celebrating his 100th birthday, he suggested that his eyes were gone and he couldn't walk too much these days - but he could still play for Fitzroy!



## Westside winners:

O'Connor's Tavern, in West Perth, was the meeting place

for AFL rivals Glen Jakovich and Ben Allan over summer. They are pictured with mine host Grant Smith as they celebrated the end of last season, when Jakovich won the O'Connor's Tavern Eagles ratings award, collecting a \$500 cheque.

Allan took out a similar award for the Fremantle Dockers, picking up a \$500 cheque from radio station PM-FM.

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# Freo fans grab 5/1 for eight

**THERE'S** no shortage of talent in the Fremantle camp ... so stand by for a couple more excitement machines to wear the purple gear.

The Dockers have had a pretty tough build-up to the season, what with full-time training (ugh!) and some full-on practice hit-outs, so we've had the chance to see some potential emerging.

The most impressive guy down at the Dockers right now is South Fremantle's James Clement.

He's really caught my eye. He moves extremely well, has a good presence and looks cool at half-back.

He's not as direct as the Eagles Guy McKenna, he does a lot of dodging and weaving, but that's good.

He'll play a few games this season.

Throw in a couple more new names like Clive Waterhouse, Brad Rowe, Luke Toia, Scott Gooch and Daniel Parker and you can see why Dockers fans are snapping up the 5/1 about them making the final eight.

## Nice try:

HAVE you heard the joke about the Irishman, the Australian and the American all playing football?

It's absolutely terrible!

The Irishman was okay, he won a Brownlow Medal as the game's best player; there's plenty of good Australians who have done the same.

But the American? No way!

Our friend Dwayne Armstrong, straight from gridiron country, might be an athlete, but he's got a long way to go ... back home.

Essendon's attempt to discover some Aussie Rules talent in the American gridiron system was



Dwayne Armstrong... nice try Sheeds!

## Willo's World

Flamboyant retired footballer

**Peter Wilson** talks about the game



probably worth a punt, but our friend Dwayne isn't the answer.

But I must say he was the highlight of Saturday's hit-out at Fremantle Oval. The crowd made an enormous amount of noise when he got the ball and his kicking style brought more than a few bursts of laughter.

I thought I was at the Olympic trials as I watched him come in off the mark with a hop, step and jump - and his shot on goal just made the 22 metres needed to get two white flags waved in surrender.

Nice try Sheeds, but try again!

## Farewell BM:

I'M not often going to say something nice about a tribunal; any tribunal, especially its chairman.

And especially when the chairman has been known to rub me out, even though it was only once in five tries.

I'm talking about WAFL tribunal chairman Bernie O'Sullivan, who died last week, aged 75.

He was known as BM to those who made frequent trips to the room where errant footballers pay the price for their misdemeanours.

I'll certainly miss those beaming eyes, looking out under bushy eyebrows and over the bifocals.

Naturally I was generally there as a witness and, of course, I was never guilty. I think I visited Bernie every year in five years of WAFL footy.

But I think he actually liked me! The results say so anyway.

I know I liked him. He was a football character and personality and we need those in the game.

It's a sad day in football ... the sport's the poorer for his departure and condolences to the family.

Well played Bernie.

## Golf shot:

THE Eagles practice match last Friday was a friendly affair between mates, so there wasn't much to report.

Except that those painful withdrawal symptoms I mentioned last week were well and truly evident as I watched young kids running around the park, bashing their bodies to death.

It frightened me so much that I retired to the social club for a cleansing ale, but I must have had one too many because I looked out to check on training and thought I was at The Vines for the pro golf.

There were four players teeing up in the middle of lush Subiaco Oval firing golf balls down the corridor, trying to score goals, would you believe.

No names, but it looked like Glen Jakovich, Peter Matera, Don Pyke and Peter Sumich limbering up for the Eagles golf day next week.

Pykie's shoulder can't be too bad; he slotted one through the big sticks ... and collected the scoreboard for good measure!

However, they did get sprung. Ground manager Wayne Bradshaw nabbed them in fierce style ... and then out strutted Eagles footy manager Trevor Nisbett to give them a bake.

It might not have been the Subiaco Open, but it sure looked like it. Hope their form stays with them next week.

## One to watch:

THE practice match did provide a good look at a few recruits and I like the style of young Neil Marshall, from Claremont.

He needs to learn how to play the wing position, to stay put and read the play, rather than wander around the park.

But watch him, he's got it.

## Old tricks:

ESSENDON mentor Kevin Sheedy was up to his old tricks again in last week's friendly against the Dockers.

Sitting up in the 6PR commentary box with my bifocaled mate Percy Johnson, complete with walking stick, we were having more than our share of trouble identifying players, especially the Bombers guys who had all sorts of numbers on their backs.

I dispatched Percy out to ask Sheedy who was who and the laconic coach's response was: "I don't know half of them myself, Perc."

And that was partly true because he pulled in four WAFL players to make up the numbers after most of his smart and sensible mates opted out of the game that no-one wanted ... except Northamites.



James Clement ... a Bulldogs recruit with potential in defence. He's very quick and has good skills.

# New boys ready for step up

**IT** has certainly been an interesting summer with a whole host of new faces in the Dockers camp.

The full-time training programme introduced by Gerard Neesham sorted a few people out and the new boys seemed to enjoy the challenge of working hard twice a day and thriving on a new level of intensity.

There are some huge challenges ahead for the young guys, but they definitely put the pressure on the more established players and we'll see a couple of them put their hands up for a senior game.

There's no doubt that the WAFL ranks continue to produce talent and I think the Dockers have drafted quite well.

Here's how I see some of the new faces, based on our summer training and a few practice matches.

**James Clement** - he comes to us after a few games with South Fremantle. He's very quick and has good skills. Gerard's style of getting the boys to run the ball out of the backline will suit him and he could slot into a spot back there.

**Luke Toia** - he's hard at the ball and has good skills. He's very young, but he is a pretty determined sort of fellow who could hold down a place on the ball or in a forward pocket.

**Michael Brown** - the madman from Swan Districts! He's going really well and while he looks older and pretty fierce, he's only 19 and has tremendous potential. He seems to be really enjoying the atmosphere.

## Freo Feelings

Dockers captain **Ben Allan** writes exclusively for Westside Football



**Scott Gooch** - he's showing a lot of promise and looks to be our early choice for full-forward. He has done well in a couple of hit-outs and his three goals against Essendon were handy ones. He also did well against Port Adelaide.

**Steven Koops** - he's very quick, as are all our Aboriginal players. He's a nephew of West Perth great Bill Dempsey and has good skills on both sides of his body. It will be interesting to see him develop.

**Greg Harding** - he looks pretty solid in the backline. He's played a couple of impressive games across half-back and has a good head on his shoulders. Maybe he can develop into a Guy McKenna type ... he comes from Claremont, so that should help.

**Michael Clark** - he's young but he seems to be a gifted athlete and is a good kick with either foot.

**Daniel Parker** - he's done well in a couple of hit-outs and looks more an attacking half-forward type than his brother Shane, who is coming along nicely as a half-back in his second year.

**Martin Whitelaw** - we haven't seen much of him, but he's a developing prospect.

# Turley's 7 goes to Gehrig

THE retirement of some senior West Coast players has given several youngsters the chance to move up the ladder in terms of guernsey numbers.

Outstanding big man Fraser Gehrig has made the biggest climb by stepping up into the No.7 worn by Craig Turley, who has moved to Melbourne.

Gehrig's No.25 from last season has been taken over by Brett Spinks, who is seeking a change in fortune after some injury troubles in No.29 - which remains vacant.

Brayden Lyle, one of the big improvers in the latter half of last season, will wear the No.9 left vacant with the retirement of Peter Wilson.

Lyle's No.37 has been adopted by West Perth rookie Craig Smoker.

Victorian recruit Andy Lovell, who wore No.16 in his Melbourne years, has taken over the No.5 left vacant by Dwayne Lamb's retirement at the end of 1994.

Other movements see Ashley Blurton go from 35 to 32 (replacing the retired Paul Peos); Ian Downsborough from 40 to the No.22 of David Hynes; newcomer Brendon Fewster takes Paul Harding's No.23 and recently-arrived Victorian youngster Chad Morrison goes up one from the 43 he was designated last year before heading west.

Guernseys allocated to newcomers this year are Phillip Matera (Tony Godden's No.33), Ben Cousins (35), Luke Trew (38), Paul Whitelaw (40), Jonson Clifton (41) and Neil Marshall (43).

Ruckman Ryan Turnbull continues to sit at the bottom of the list with No.50.

Karl Langdon's No.19 is still vacant, but there are a couple of

## Eagles Nest

Alan East

looks at news in the West Coast camp

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youngsters keen for a late change.

The No.14 worn so proudly by club games record holder Michael Brennan has been left vacant.

### Hitting out:

THE annual Eagles golf day will be held at Burswood next Tuesday.

Many of the club's sponsors are expected to tee off with a host of players, some of whom fancy themselves on the golf course.

Hitting off with aces in mind will be Glen Jakovich, Peter Sumich, Don Pyke and Peter Matera, while among the State's leading professionals to play will be Roger Mackay, Wayne Smith, Lyndsay Stephen and Ross Metherell.

### In the Nest:

WEST Coast's marketing department has introduced another sponsors' group this season - to be known as the Eagles Nest.

The group will have a private function room at Subiaco Oval, with undercover seating for their members.

A limit of 200 has been imposed and the spots have been quickly taken by Eagles fans at \$800 per person for the year. There are just a couple of vacancies remaining.



Eagles rookies Neil Marshall (left) and Jonson Clifton in their new guernseys.

# Problems in the big-man brigade

**THERE is fierce competition for running positions in the Dockers team but they still have a few problems filling some key positions.**

Stephen O'Reilly (full-back), Peter Mann (centre-half-forward) and Greg Madigan (centre-half-back) look set in their positions, but injuries have taken a toll pre-season.

Ruckman Matthew Burton and utility Craig Burrows haven't been seen as yet, while emerging ruck star Jeff White is side-lined with a broken cheek-bone.

This causes a problem in the big-man brigade, with Fremantle's first three ruck choices out of action.

Former Eagle David Hynes has capably handled ruck duties in the past and took on that role against Essendon. He showed good form opposed to Bombers pair Ryan O'Connor and Peter Somerville.

Hynes is also an option for the troublesome full-forward position, although other possibilities are starting to emerge.

Kingsley Hunter has shown enough to indicate he can step up, with the ability to take strong marks in front of goals.

He looked to have the position locked up before Scott Gooch popped up with three goals against the Bombers in an impressive display.

Daniel Bandy is another with a chance of playing up forward, having been used there with success last year.

### Young stars:

SEVERAL Fremantle recruits have surprised with their ability to step up to the next level.

Already showing promise are Luke Toia, Greg Harding and James Clement, with a couple more adding their names to the list last week.

Michael Clark and Steven Koops showed plenty of spirit on their respective wings in the second half.

Koops, from West Perth, displayed an awkward, yet effective,

## Dockers Den

Trevor Sprigg

looks at

Fremantle's

efforts against

Essendon

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Gary Dhurrkay has been a little inconsistent, but returned to his best in the first half, kicking two goals and showing that familiar burst of pace.

David Muir played well in his first hit-out for the season, being used as a ruck-rover opposed to Gary O'Donnell.

Still missing through injury are Scott Watters, Shaun McManus and Quenton Leach.

kicking style and a dazzling show of pace.

Clark, from Swan Districts, is a rangy left-footer in the latest mould of tall wingmen, standing 190cm.

### Shining out:

MOST of the young squad members have been given their chances over the pre-season and several of them continue to shine out.

Harding is one who could get a surprisingly quick call-up to the AFL, while Clement seems set to claim a spot in the side for Fremantle's opening fixture against West Coast, at Subiaco Oval.

He did particularly well against Essendon, playing on Bombers sensation Matthew Lloyd.

The Dockers could enjoy having Quenton Leach up the ground this year, maybe on a wing, if Clement holds down a half-back role.

### Oldies in form:

THE form of several senior players against Essendon was a good sign for the Dockers.



Scott Gooch... impressive display

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**THERE** are high expectations around the Fremantle camp in their second year, especially after some promising pre-season performances.

The rookie Dockers finished 13th on the AFL premiership ladder last year, but did spend several weeks mid-season in the top eight.

They have some talented players on their list and have added a few new names over summer, such as experienced pair Brad Rowe and David Hynes, plus Eagles 13-gamer Tony Godden.

Innovative coach Gerard Neesham scheduled five weeks of full-time training over summer and now he's almost ready for his second onslaught on the AFL ladder.

# Dockers reap the hard work

**THE** first-year nerves are gone and the many teething problems of the new AFL club have been solved - which means Fremantle can now concentrate on improved on-field performances.

The Dockers surprised most pundits last season, recording eight wins - but those same people could easily become harsh critics.

In their inaugural season, the Dockers beat one of the grand finalists (Geelong), spent several weeks in the top eight and with a bit more luck in close finishes could have taken Brisbane's spot in the finals.

So many of their supporters and football followers will expect a lot more of them in 1996.

Fremantle coach Gerard Neesham agrees that the expectations will be a lot higher in their second year.

"We don't necessarily expect to finish higher on the ladder, but we do expect a more consistent performance from our young group," Neesham said.

"We want to be seen to be improving as a squad.

"That's what we are - a young squad - and we don't want to be making our first finals appearance in eight or nine years, like Brisbane have done."

The main reason for the Dockers many solid performances last season was the ability of several young players to make the transition from WAFL ranks to the AFL.

Several players became instant successes and household names after just a couple of games.

No-one caught the imagination more than Scott Chisholm and Winston Abraham, who continu-

## Face to Face

### Brad Elborough

talks to Gerard Neesham on how the Dockers have improved over summer



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ally showed their potential to become AFL stars.

It was a remarkable performance from Chisholm to lead the Brownlow Medal counting after the first few rounds.

Others to successfully take that next step included Anthony Jones, Craig Callaghan, Matthew Burton and Craig Burrows.

"We'd like to get another Scott Chisholm in 1996," Neesham said.

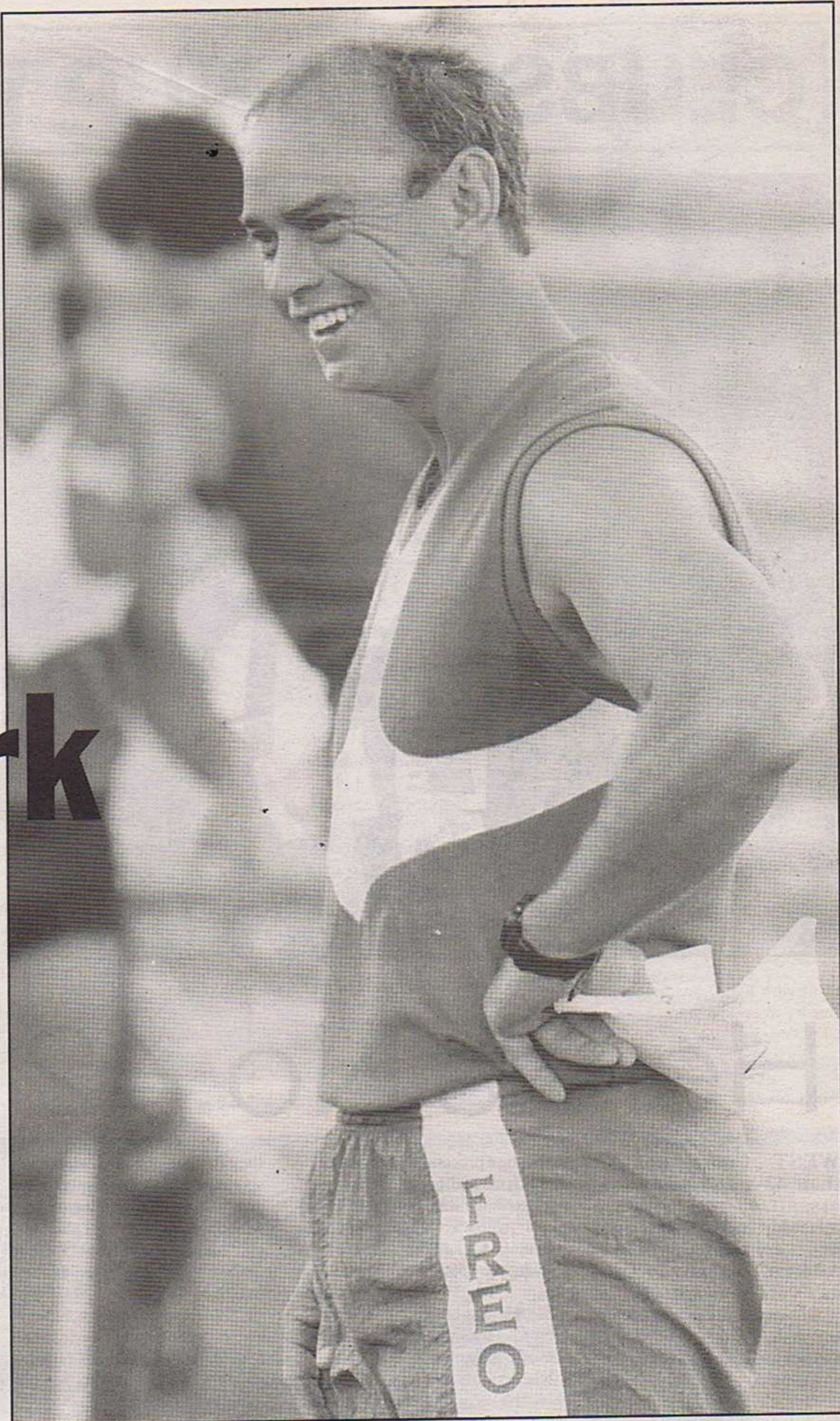
"We think Clive Waterhouse has come along pretty well. He's only 21, but he's reasonably mature.

"We've also got Tony Godden and David Hynes from the Eagles. It's fantastic to have them in our squad.

"Besides those few, the majority of the people we have brought in are very young, except for Rowey (Brad Rowe).

"There's Michael Clark, Greg Harding, James Clement and the likes, who we don't expect to do great things for a couple of years."

The attitude of senior players towards the youngsters could have a big impact on how they develop.



Gerard Neesham ... he's got plenty of reasons to smile about the year ahead.

It's also important that the club's leaders set the right example, which includes performing on the field.

Captain Ben Allan certainly showed his courageous leadership style last season, while one of Neesham's best moves was switching Peter Mann from centre-half-back to centre-half-forward.

Mann kicked 33.21 and took 159 marks (behind only Wayne Carey 187, James Hird and John Barnes) in 22 games.

He won the Dockers inaugural club champion award and as a reward for his consistent year he will be vice-captain in 1996.

"The performance last season

of Peter Mann was akin to what everyone expected of him when he left Perth," Neesham said.

"His career at North Melbourne was unfortunate, marred by injury.

"At the end of the day, and it's nobody's fault, they did have the best centre-half-forward in the country (Carey), so he couldn't get a spot there.

"That's probably the role that suits him best. It has worked out well for him and for us that he's ended up back here and he's very much leadership material."

As well as being a tough first year for the players, Neesham was also under a lot of pressure.

He believes that his years in the WAFL ranks of coaching helped him through.

"Coaching in the WAFL was a wonderful experience," said Neesham.

"Any of the better State leagues are a fantastic grounding for anyone going into AFL coaching."

"I don't think it's a good career move to go straight into AFL coaching, but that doesn't say you can't.

"There's so much to learn before you take on the big job.

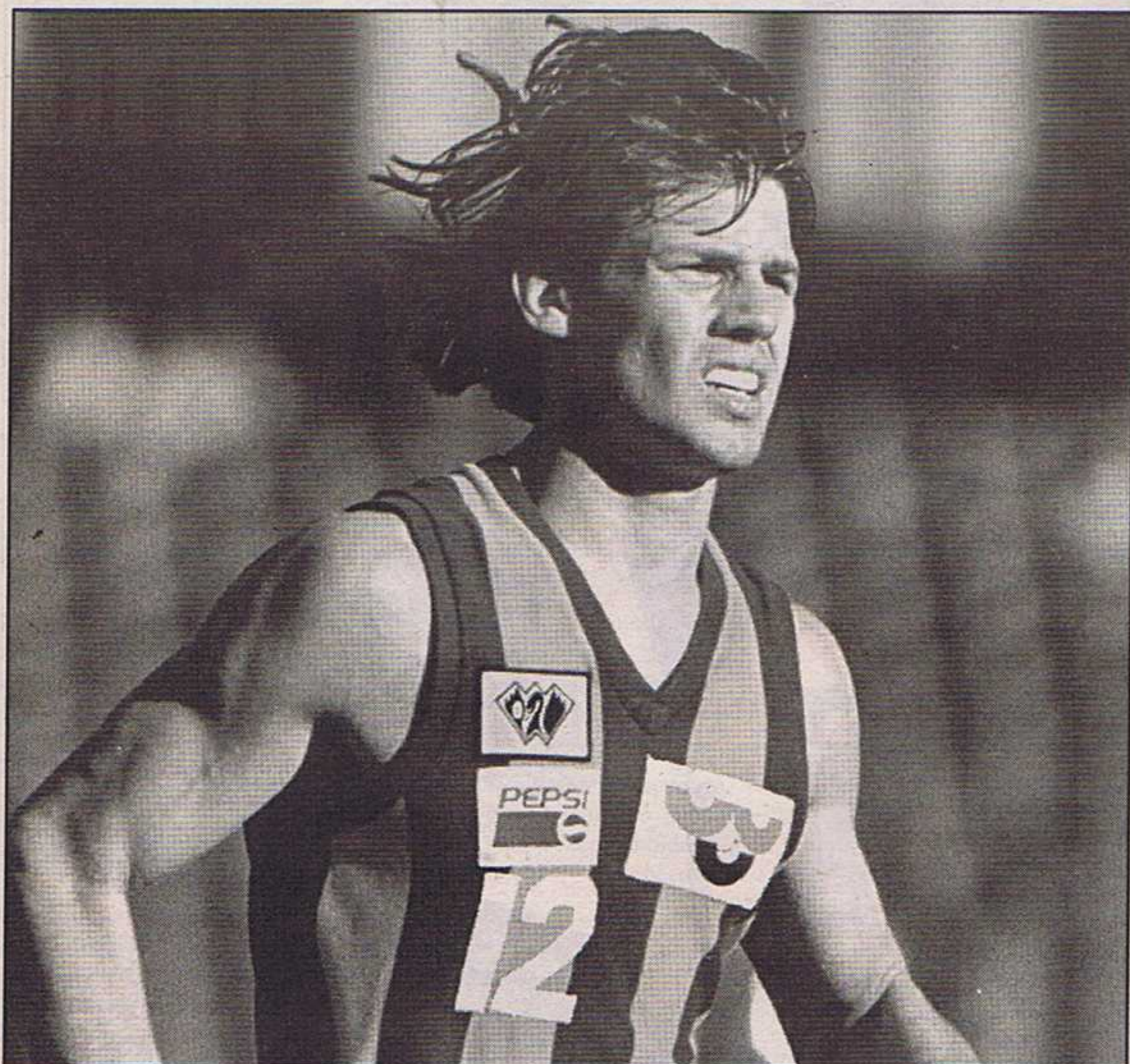
"I'm not blowing my bags and saying I'm better than anyone else, but it's a really good learning curve."



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# CLUBS SNAP UP WA PLAYERS



Andrew Donnelly... officially now an Eagle.

## Here's No. 42

**WEST Coast finalised their 42-man squad for an assault on the 1996 premiership by selecting Subiaco centre-half-forward Andrew Donnelly in Tuesday's pre-season draft.**

But according to Eagles football manager Trevor Nisbett, he was not picked just to make up the numbers.

"Initially, he will come in as our 42nd player, but he isn't necessarily going to be there for long," Nisbett said.

"He has done enough to suggest he will play some AFL football this year."

Donnelly could make his debut in Sunday night's Ansett Cup match against Fremantle in Darwin.

"He is a chance, he will be in the

selection process," Nisbett said.

"It may fall his way, it may not." Nisbett was delighted Donnelly, who was delisted after failing to make a league appearance with Sydney in 1994, was still available at pick No. 13.

"He has been with us for two months and has learnt a lot about us - our players and our system," Nisbett said.

"He is another forward-line option who can play in a variety of positions.

"I think he deserved another chance with his performances at WAFL level last year."

The Eagles other addition is 16-year-old David Wirrpunda, from the Eastern Ranges in country Victoria, regarded as the hottest teenage prospect in the nation.

But Nisbett was unsure whether

the gifted half-forward, who kicked six goals in a dazzling display in last year's VSFL 18s second semi-final, would move west in '96.

"We have to do a lot of work to get him to WA this year," Nisbett conceded.

"He is reasonably keen, but at 16 a lot depends on what we do for his schooling. He is a very talented young player, but young is the operative word.

"We are not going to rush him." The Eagles received the pick of any 16-year-old as compensation for losing midfielder Tony Godden to Fremantle.

They had narrowed a list of 12 down to five, which included exciting Claremont teenager Michael Gardiner, before opting for Wirrpunda.

- CRAIG NITSCHKE

## Judge's Hawthorn pool nets another Shark

**FORMER East Fremantle premiership coach Ken Judge has lured another Shark to Glenferrie Oval.**

Hawthorn snared Sandover Medallist Craig Treleven in Tuesday's pre-season draft after recruiting his team-mates Daniel Chick and Brendan Krummel last December.

But Judge said there was no favouritism in the selections.

"They didn't get any favours. I know their strengths and their weaknesses," the rookie Hawks coach said.

"I don't think there is any ques-

tion about the ability of Chick and Krummel. Chick had a lot of clubs chasing him and Krummel has had a few injury problems, but he can play."

Judge conceded that the choice of Treleven, who turns 26 this year, could raise a few eyebrows.

But he defended it.

"It was a pretty poor draft and there were a lot of blokes who are bigger risks than he is," Judge said.

"He has been here for a few weeks and has done all right in practice games.

"He can play in the midfield or at half-back. He is a pretty smart

player and doesn't waste the ball.

"We hope he is going to play senior football."

Treleven returned to WA last Sunday after a three-week trial with the Hawks.

But he will be back in the air this week as he wings his way to Melbourne to play in a reserves match against St Kilda.

Treleven is excited about the coming season.

"I just want to get over there and play well in the pre-season matches and get into the side as soon as I can," he said.

- CRAIG NITSCHKE

# Melbourne now home

By CRAIG NITSCHKE

**CRAIG Nettelbeck has seen a fair bit of Australia thanks to his football.**

The talented utility player is set to tackle the sport in his fourth State.

He was born in South Australia, moved to New South Wales as a nine-year-old, was drafted by Sydney in 1988 and then came to WA last year as a member of the inaugural Fremantle squad.

Now the 23-year-old is in Victoria after being selected by Melbourne in Tuesday's pre-season draft.

And he hopes it will be his last move.

"It's time to settle down," Nettelbeck said this week.

"I want to play good footy for Melbourne and hopefully play out my career here. That's my long-term aim."

Nettelbeck played 45 matches in five seasons with Sydney, but failed to add to his tally at Fremantle and was delisted.

"I was a bit disappointed to be cut, especially after I didn't get the chance to show my colours," he said.

"But that's all behind me now."

Nettelbeck was knocked to the canvas by his delisting, but refused to throw in the towel. He sacrificed his job and trained full-time in a last-ditch bid to resurrect his career.

"There's not too many chances and I didn't want to be left out of the system because I think I've still got something to offer," he said.

Nettelbeck asked West Coast for permission to train with them pre-season - a move which paid handsome dividends on Tuesday.

"I was training with the Eagles with the intention of getting picked up by them," he said.

But rival clubs became aware of Nettelbeck's impressive form on the track.

"Our recruiting guy in Perth has been monitoring Craig's pre-season training with the Eagles and we were getting favourable reports," Melbourne football manager Richard Griffiths said.

And Nettelbeck's versatility appealed to his new club.

"He fits the bill in terms of our player requirements," Griffiths said.

"With Sean Wight retiring and David Schwarz not playing again, Craig can take a key position at either end of the ground."

Despite the security of being back on an AFL list, Nettelbeck is not resting on his laurels.

"Being picked up was fantastic, but it's really just the start," he said.

"The rest is up to me. I've got to get out there and make the most of this opportunity."

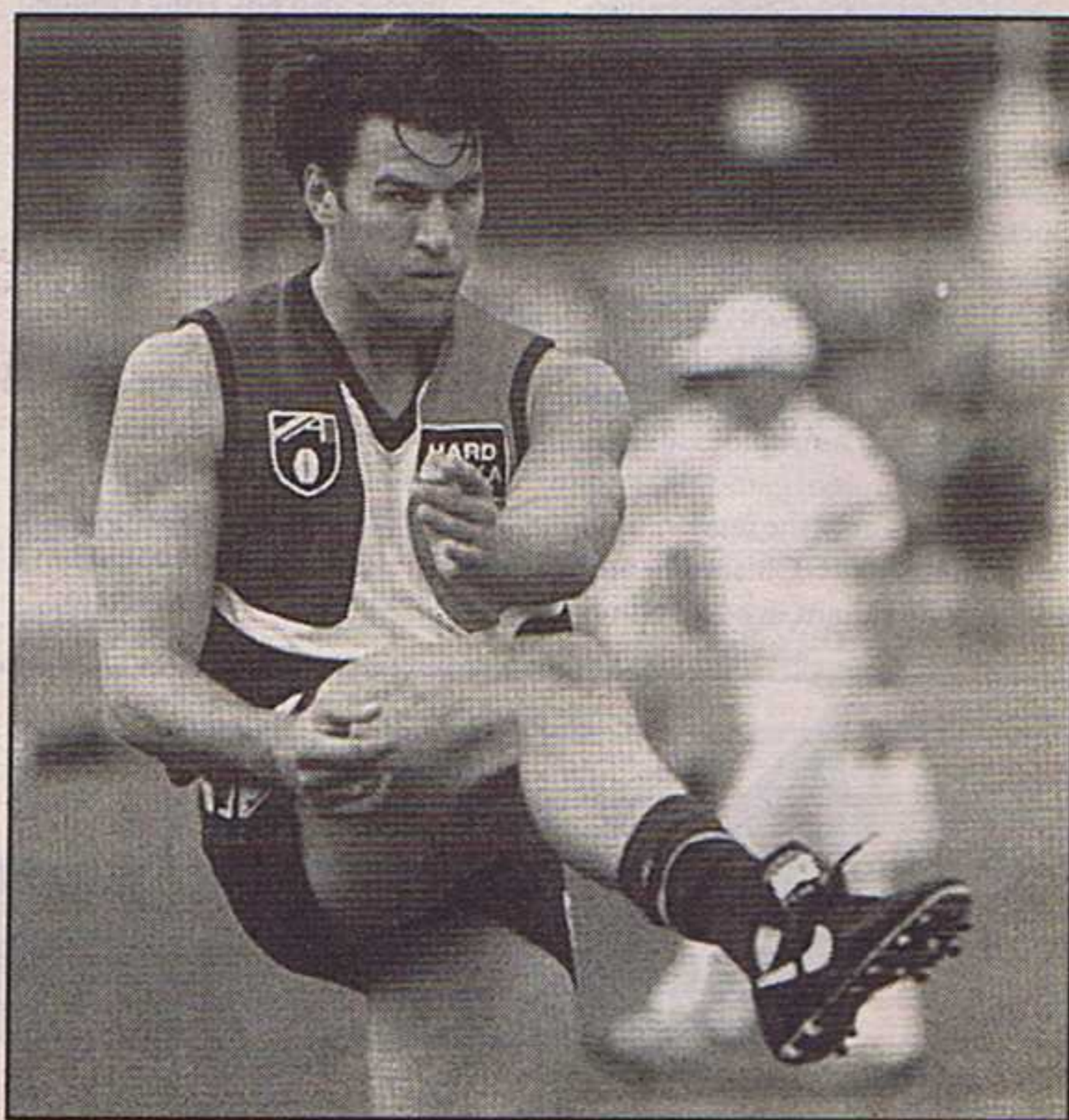
**MELBOURNE** had first pick on Tuesday after Fitzroy priority-listed Brian McInnes from Cairns as the No. 1 choice. But they ignored the stand-out player available, Sydney defender Darren Gaspar.

"We had an interest in Gaspar, but we were not quite sure how good he was," Griffiths said.

"And we were concerned about his financial requirements."

Gaspar, recruited by the Swans from South Fremantle, asked for \$275,000 for the next two seasons, which his new club Richmond have agreed to pay.

Fremantle had already finalised their squad and did not take part in the draft.



Craig Nettelbeck... another crack at AFL ranks.



# Bombers take punt on Peck

By BRAD ELBOROUGH

**THE Essendon recruiting staff have once again delved into the unknown picking up Claremont's Richard Peck in the AFL draft.**

Peck (20) has played just one league game with the Tigers, against Subiaco in Round 16 last season but he was more effective in the reserves competition.

The 175cm, 70kg forward-pocket was the leading goalkicker in the seconds competition. He kicked nine majors for the Tigers in their first semi-final win over West Perth.

Peck came from the Gascoyne League team East Carnarvon.

Claremont football manager Rowan Malcolm believes he has what it takes to make the grade.

Peck has raw talent that needs refining, something Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy has done with other star Aboriginal players in the past.

"Peck has good pace and skills, a big leap and is well balanced," Malcolm said.

"He has done some good work over summer and has filled out.

He was set for a good season with Claremont in the league side.

"He should go well because he's very coachable. He's one of those guys who are early for training and always have a football in their hands."

## Second chance:

NORTH Melbourne have given one of Fremantle's first recruits in rover Peter Bell another chance at the top level.

Bell was in Melbourne for a recent practice match with the Roos and was a hot tip to be picked up by them.

The talented South Fremantle player won the Bulldogs fairest and best in his debut season of 1994, but never quite settled into the Dockers line-up.

## Surprise call:

WEST Perth's Brendan Logan was surprised to get a 7am telephone call on Tuesday telling him that he had been drafted by Adelaide.

The Crows had shown some interest in him last December, but

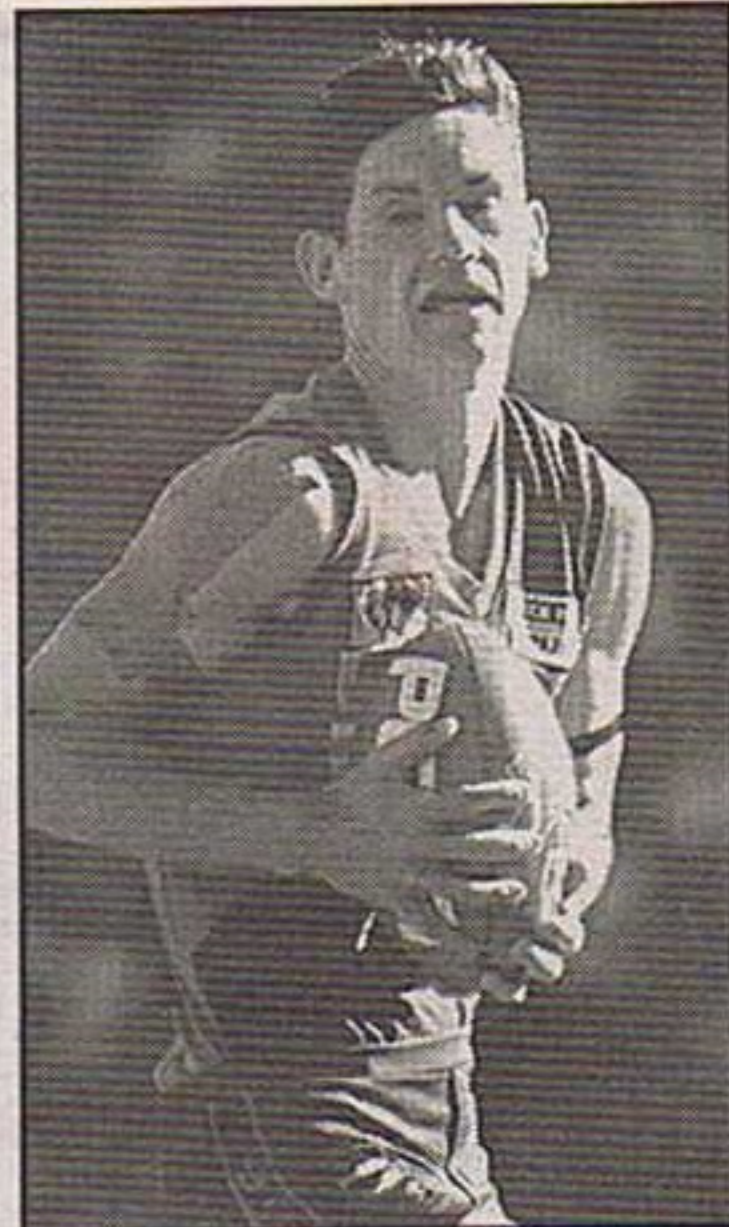
the nippy winger had to wait until the third round to be selected.

The 20-year-old made his debut with the Falcons last season and had a good finals series.

"Adelaide were pretty good in

December because they sent guys out to see me; I didn't have to go to them," Logan said.

"But I'm looking forward to going over there now and meeting Robert Shaw."



Brendan Logan ... off to Adelaide.



## Tales of Sheedy

HE'S one of the game's innovators; a man who thinks a little differently to his colleagues.

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We're talking about Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy, whose past, present and future has been put into a fascinating book written by veteran Melbourne journalist Tom Prior.

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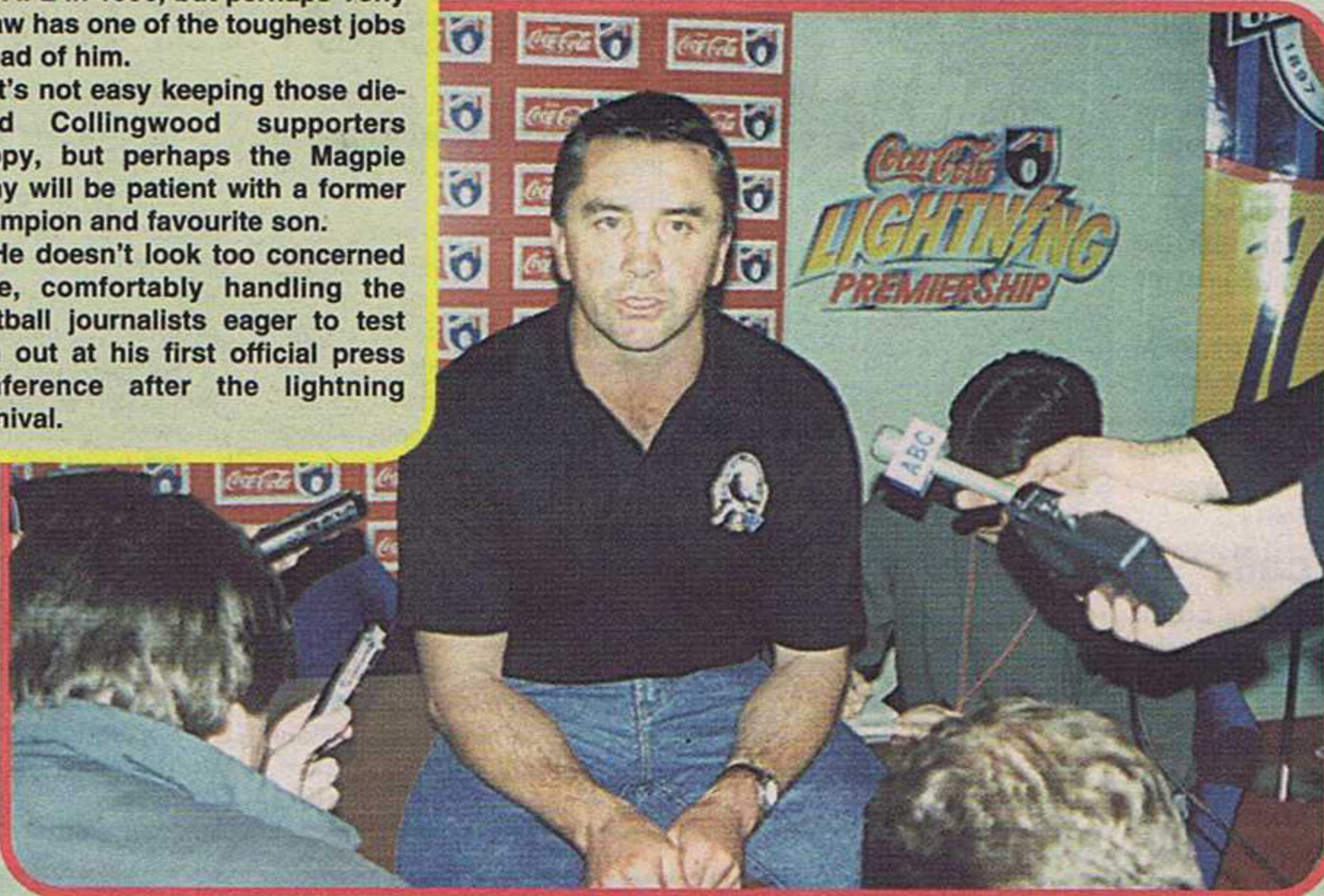
# Summer's over says AFL

SWELTERING temperatures are still putting footballers at boiling point, but according to the AFL, summer is over. The footy season officially kicked off with the AFL Coca-Cola lightning premiership at Melbourne's Waverley Park as the launch to the league's centenary year. All 16 teams competed, making the most of their opportunity to look at new recruits and test the fitness of some of their seniors. It may still be only February, but there was plenty of action over the weekend to indicate that we are in for a hot winter of football action.

**COACHES** come and coaches go. There are several new coaches in the AFL in 1996, but perhaps Tony Shaw has one of the toughest jobs ahead of him.

It's not easy keeping those die-hard Collingwood supporters happy, but perhaps the Magpie army will be patient with a former champion and favourite son.

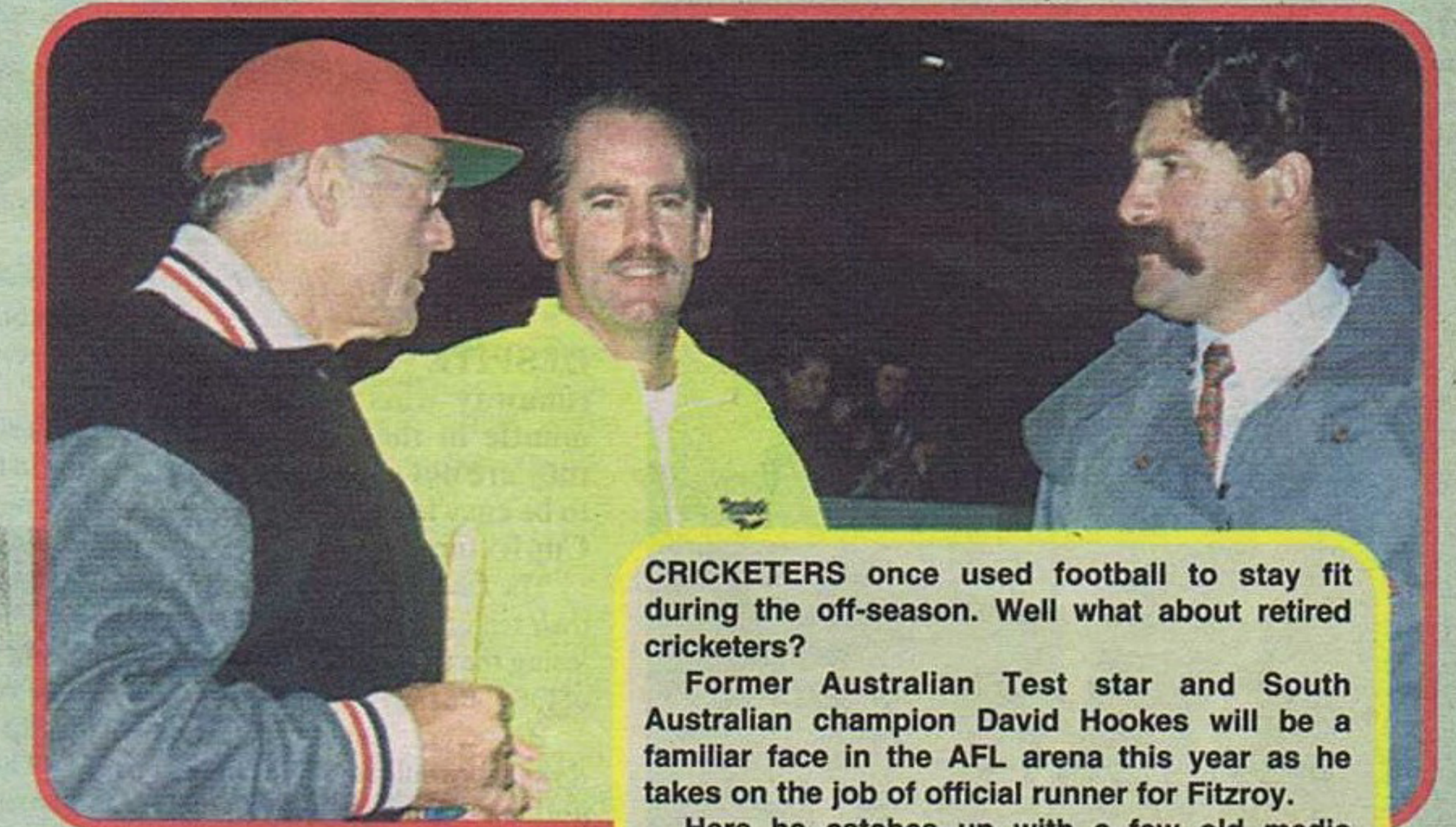
He doesn't look too concerned here, comfortably handling the football journalists eager to test him out at his first official press conference after the lightning carnival.



**IN EVERY** competition there must be a winner and the lightning premiers for 1996 are Essendon.

They beat Brisbane by 17 points in the final, impressively winning their four carnival contests.

Among the many young players trying to make a name for themselves were Blake Caracella (left) and Andrew Ukovic, who played in the winning side and impressed Kevin Sheedy enough to be a real chance to make their debuts this season.



**CRICKETERS** once used football to stay fit during the off-season. Well what about retired cricketers?

Former Australian Test star and South Australian champion David Hookes will be a familiar face in the AFL arena this year as he takes on the job of official runner for Fitzroy.

Here he catches up with a few old media friends in Neil Kerley and Robert DiPierdomenico, having moved to Melbourne to further his radio career.

His link with Fitzroy comes through a friendship with the Lions new coach, Croweater Mick Nunan, who hopes to try and turn the ailing club around.

**THERE** were a lot of new faces on the ground during the lightning carnival.

That – and the fact the rules made for a quicker-paced game – would have been a nightmare for statistical teams.

The extra pressure seemed to have little effect on this band of hard workers, as the Dockers off-field team performed as well as those on the ground.



**THERE** hasn't been much rest for Fremantle's No.1 pick in the national draft, Clive Waterhouse.

The Port Adelaide recruit obviously doesn't want to spend season '96 playing in the WAFL and has produced some impressive performances in pre-season hit-outs.

Waterhouse certainly looks capable of joining his fellow-Dockers as they run on to Subiaco Oval on Sunday, March 31, for his first AFL game – the Western Derby.

Waterhouse was named in the best for the Dockers in each of their three lightning carnival fixtures.



**THE** brains trust of West Coast have been working overtime during summer, devising their attack on the '96 premiership.

The Eagles have started a pattern, winning the 1992 and 1994 flags, meaning 1996 should be theirs.

Even here, in the basement of the MCG after the AFL Centenary parade, Eagles coach Mick Malthouse and captain John Worsfold look deep in thought.

The Eagles were put out of the lightning premiership early, but they were far from disgraced, showing off yet another group of classy youngsters.



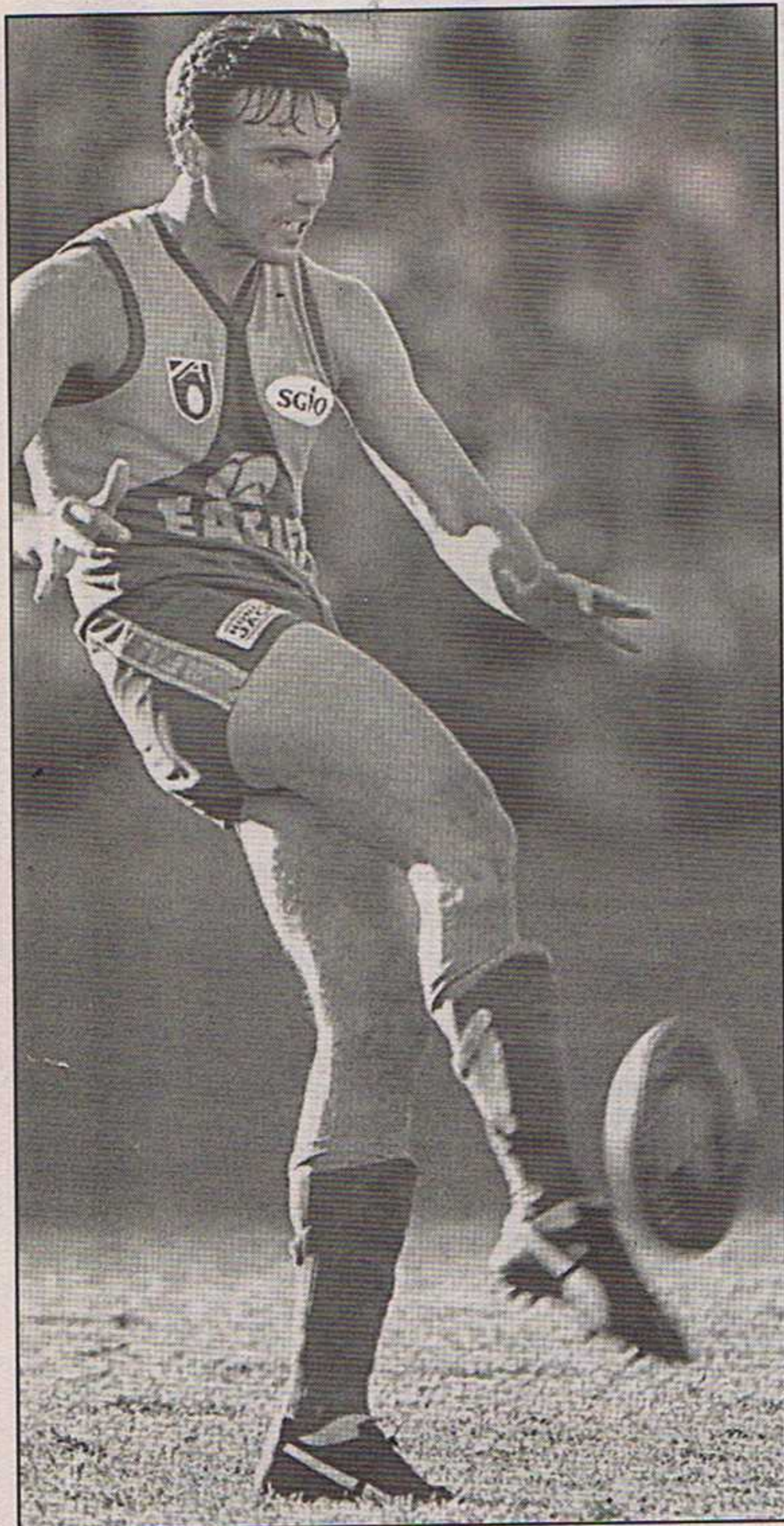
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Nothing changes between old friends



Ryan Turnbull ... he's expecting it tough in Darwin.

# Eagles know Dockers will not be easy

BY BRAD ELBOROUGH

**DESPITE** West Coast's two runaway wins against Fremantle in the 1995 season, they are not expecting things to be easy in Sunday's Ansett Cup fixture.

The Dockers struggled against their senior colleagues last season, losing the two contests by a total of 138 points.

However, Eagles ruckman Ryan Turnbull says his side will not be taking this game lightly.

"The Dockers have shown they are an improved side, already causing a few ripples," Turnbull said.

"They had a good win over Essendon and a bold showing in the lighting premiership suggests they won't be easy-beats.

"Even the second game last

season wasn't an easy win - the scoreboard may have shown otherwise, but they gave it their best shot."

Turnbull says there is still pressure in the Eagles camp for places, with not only the younger players needing good performances in this week's Ansett Cup clash.

"The attitude around the club during pre-season has been great - we're pretty focused on our jobs for the coming year," he said.

"There has been an increase in intensity with 10 new faces eager to force their way into the side.

"For someone to get in, someone has to go out. Although we've lost players from last year, there were a few hopefuls pushing for those spots as well.

"We have heaps of youth and enthusiasm around the club at the moment. You can't ask for more

than that and it keeps people on their toes and brings out the best in everyone."

Both Fremantle and West Coast have played in Darwin before, but under totally different conditions.

The last time the Eagles and Turnbull played in the Top End was against Collingwood in 1992.

The Dockers played a pre-season game there last season against a combined Northern Territory side.

"When we played against Collingwood it was very hot," Turnbull recalled.

"We played during the day, so we don't know what to expect at night.

"When the Dockers played there last year they were practically flooded out."

## Lyle looking for more in second year

**ONE** of West Coast's best first-year performers last season is set to build on that introduction to AFL ranks and forget about second-year blues.

The versatile Brayden Lyle, who looked like a forward but handled on-ball duties with aplomb, will be under the microscope as the season unfolds.

"I've worked hard at my skills over summer and also concentrated on my speed off the mark; I've been doing lots of sprint work," says Lyle of his summer campaign.

"There will be plenty of challenges chasing on-ball spots in the team, so I have to keep ahead of them.

"I've tried to develop more power and basically aimed at improving my fitness and stamina."

Lyle has had to be patient with his AFL aspirations and when he

did get the call-up, it took him a while to adjust to the pace of AFL footy.

He made his debut with the Eagles in Round 6 last season, against Carlton at Optus Oval, and that was a long time coming after being drafted at the end of 1992.

Lyle waited out a season with Port Adelaide and then spent the 1994 year with East Perth.

Lyle's debut resulted in a loss to the eventual premiers, but he certainly came under notice in his first 10 minutes on the field, bringing the crowd to their feet with a brilliant mark as he launched himself over a pack in the final term.

The play had started with a long kick out of defence by Glen Jakovich and ended with Jason Ball taking a strong mark and goaling from the Lyle kick.

Lyle produced several excel-



Brayden Lyle ... keen about his second year.

lent games after that debut, even though he missed the next two matches before a recall in for the clash against Richmond.

While he often came off the interchange bench, he generally received tagging jobs against dangerous opposition ball-getters.



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# Bandy sets sights high

BY CRAIG NITSCHKE

**PRE-SEASON training can be torturous; a stern test of a player's character.**

But the scorching summer hasn't dulled the enthusiasm of Dockers ruckman-forward Daniel Bandy.

The athletic giant, one of the stars on the Fremantle track pre-season, is just glad to be able to take part after the frustrations of last year.

"I had a shoulder operation before Christmas and then copped stress fractures in my left ankle and had to have some bone removed," said Bandy, recalling his eight-week lay-off.

But the former basketballer, who played juniors for State

League club Burswood Redbacks rebounded strongly.

After three games with Perth he was promoted to the Dockers and showed his enormous potential.

"I enjoyed every minute," enthused Bandy, who admits it was a stroke of luck that laid his football foundations when he was at Mazenod College in 1992.

"I had never played the game before," he revealed. "The team needed a ruckman, so I played 10 games for them without any training.

"The next year I played colts for Kelmscott and won the association's best and fairest, then Perth invited me down in '94."

The talented sportsman continued his meteoric rise by making

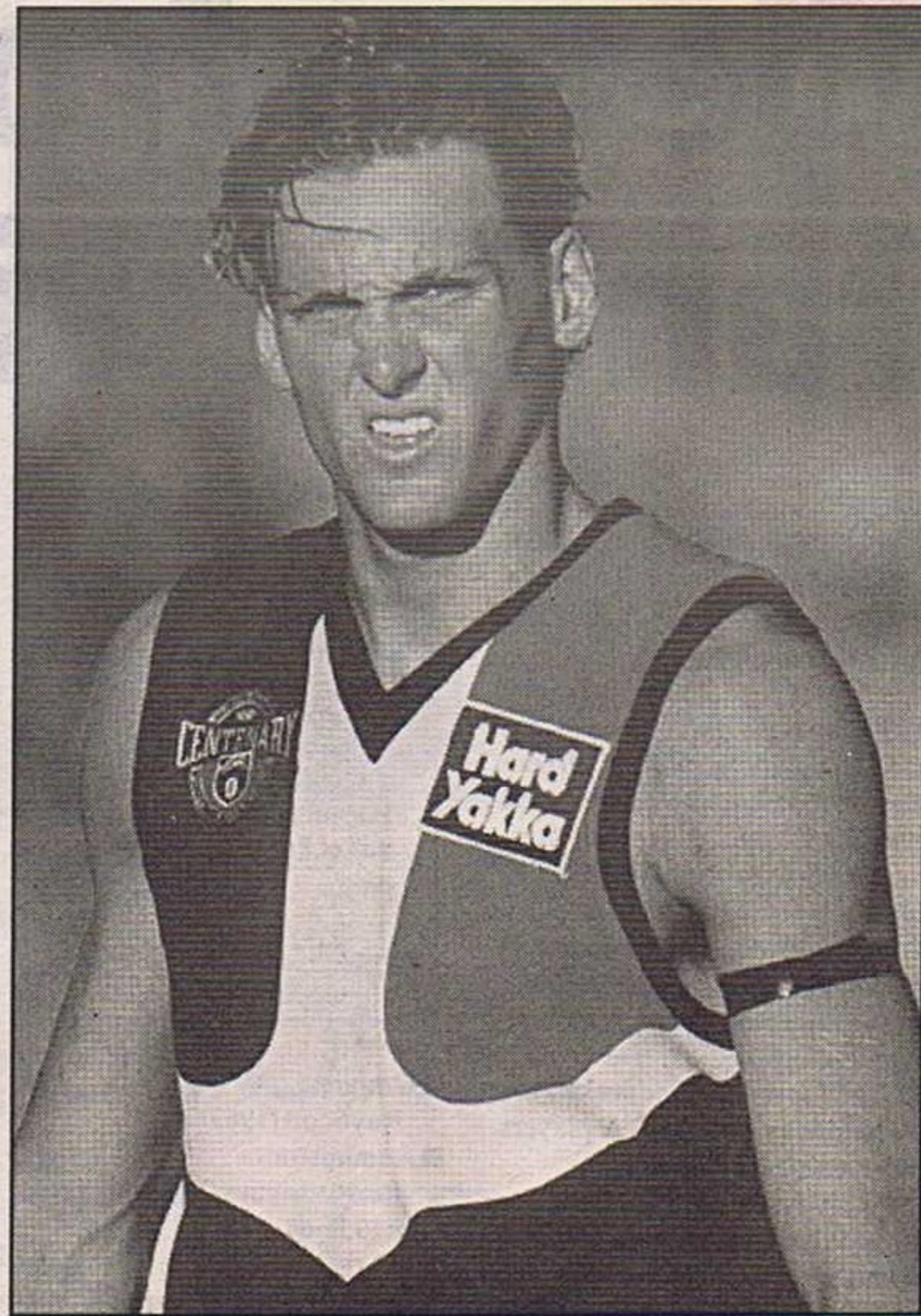
15 league appearances and caught the attention of the Dockers recruiting staff.

While his debut season in the AFL was ravaged by injury, Bandy gave a sample of his raw talent by kicking four first-half goals from a forward pocket against Footscray in Round 20.

And opposition defenders will have even bigger problems countering him this year. Bandy has grown 2cm to top the 200cm mark and has bulked up 4kg to tip the scales at 92kg.

"My main goal is to play at least half the season with the Dockers," he says.

"I've only played just over 50, games of footy in my life, so I'm learning every minute, every second," Bandy said.



Daniel Bandy ... setting himself some high goals in 1996.

# No free ride for star recruit

**HE'S built like Adonis, has blistering pace and can kick the ball out of sight.**

These are some of the descriptions of Fremantle's No.1 draft choice Clive Waterhouse.

The 21-year-old Port Adelaide recruit has already excited Fremantle fans with his fantastic skills, but is under no illusions about the job ahead.

"My aim is to play as many games as I can in the next two seasons," Waterhouse said.

"It won't be easy to establish myself, because there are plenty of half-forwards at the club."

The quietly-spoken blond dasher is obviously referring to Gary Dhurrkay, Andrew Wills, Winston Abraham, Ben Allan, Quenton Leach and Brad Rowe - all of whom can be used across half-forward.

Waterhouse has settled in well at his new club and is living a drop-kick from East Fremantle Oval, while he pursues a trainee-

## Sprigg Marks

**Trevor Sprigg** talks to Clive Waterhouse, Fremantle's No.1 draft pick



ship with the Dockers.

"I'm keen to concentrate on my football development and the traineeship allows me to do that," says Waterhouse.

In the recent practice match against his old club Port Adelaide, Waterhouse struggled early and seemed to be chasing the ball everywhere, frequently losing his balance and falling over.

However, he showed his class with four goals in the last quarter,

demonstrating his ability to kick with either foot and to convert from set shots or on the run.

During his career with Port Adelaide, which included a premiership last season, Waterhouse played mainly at half-forward, with occasional stints at full-forward, or as a ruck-roller.

Dockers coach Gerard Neesham sees his star recruit becoming more versatile as he learns the AFL game, with a wing, or on-ball role in the offing.

Waterhouse admits to feeling some pressure as the No.1 draft pick, but he's keen to put that behind him and perform consistently.

"The 10 or 11 training sessions a week were a bit of a culture shock," he says. "But I enjoyed the intensity, as I needed to become familiar with Gerard's style."

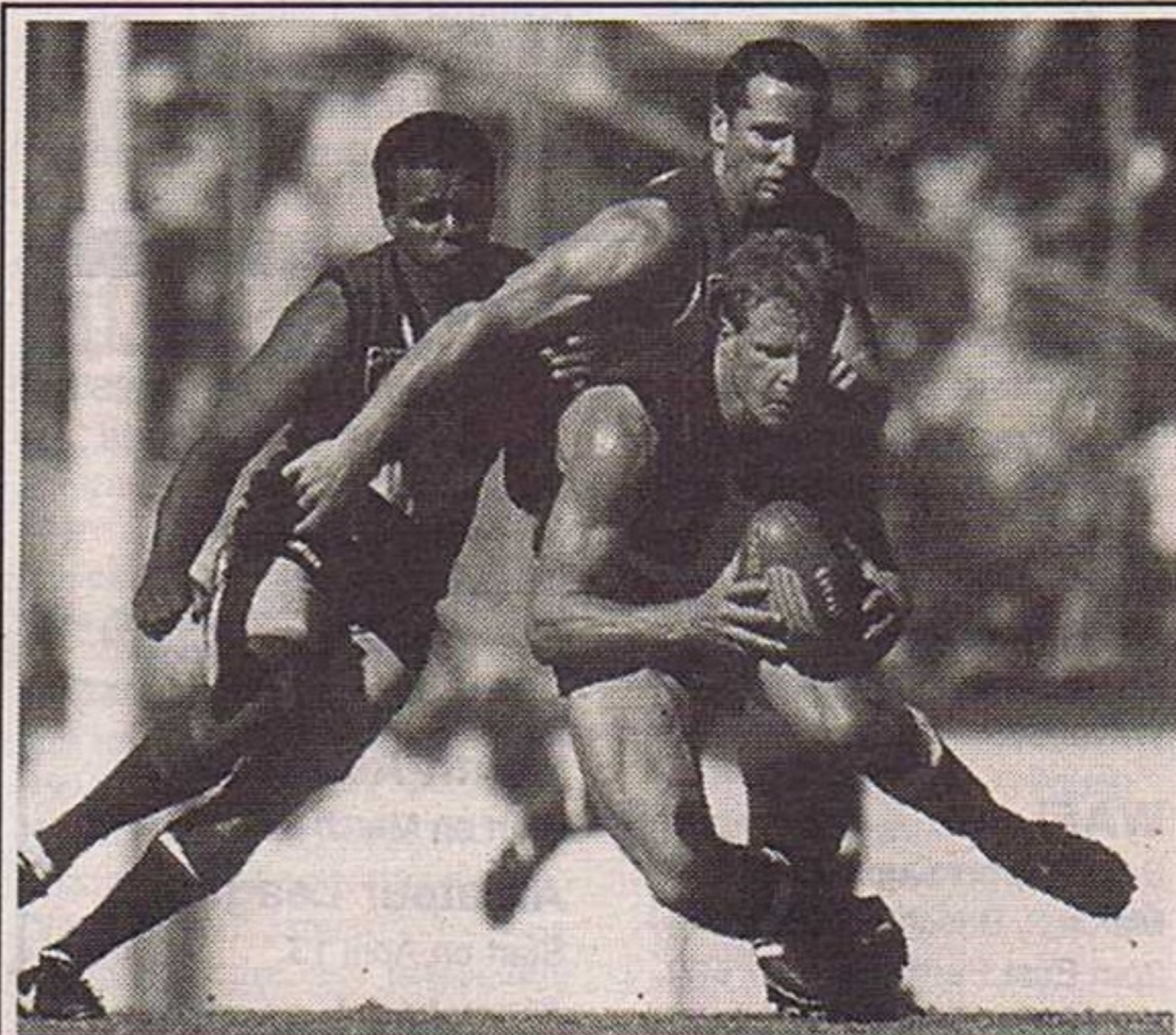
Neesham is impressed with the potential of his recruit, but suggests he isn't a walk-up start for an early entry into AFL ranks.

The easy-going Waterhouse, with the attitude of "just go and

have a crack at it" and "try to get a kick", has a distinct resemblance to Adelaide Crows toughman Wayne Weidemann.

He's sure to develop a cult fol-

lowing among the Fremantle faithfuls and looks destined for an influential career, with his ability to turn a game in a short burst of brilliance.



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# Eleven from West ranked with best



WEST Australians featured prominently when football unveiled its inaugural Hall of Fame to mark 100 years of the VFL-AFL.

As part of the launch for the 1996 Coca-Cola Centenary year, the AFL inducted 136 football people, from champion players and legendary coaches, to umpires, media personalities and administrators.

Eleven West Australian nominations were included, with WA earning a representative in all categories except media.

The footballers inducted were from four eras, with WA players included in each group.

West Australians to be honoured in the Hall of Fame were:

■ **Players:**

David (Dolly) Christie (East Fremantle 1889-1913).

William (Nipper) Truscott (East Fremantle 1913-27).

Merv McIntosh (Perth 1939-55).

George Moloney (Geelong, Claremont 1931-41).

Barry Cable (Perth, North Melbourne, East Perth 1962-79).

Graham (Polly) Farmer (East Perth, Geelong, West Perth 1953-71).

Graham Moss (Claremont, Essendon 1968-83).

Bill Walker (Swan Districts, 1961-76).

■ **Coach:**

Johnny Leonard (West Perth, Claremont 1934-41).

## Thinking Aloud

Westside Football editor Alan East looks at the WA champions inducted to the Hall of Fame



■ **Umpire:**

Ray Scott (1963-70).

■ **Administrator:**

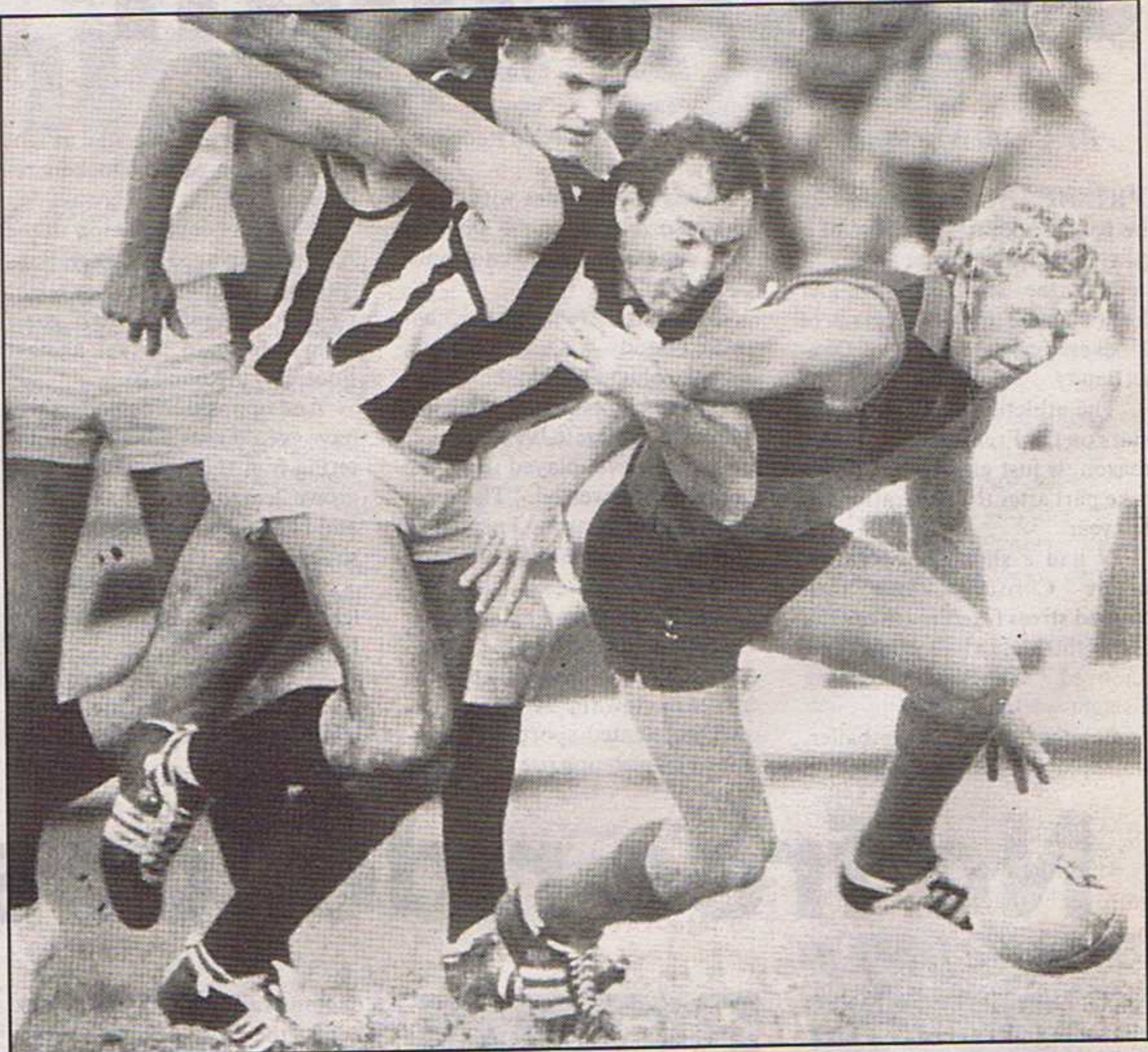
Pat Rodriguez (WANFL president 1951-64).

Christie was a name that caught many West Australians by surprise. He forged an incredible career at the turn of the century.

He started with 30 games at Imperials and then Fremantle before playing an estimated 180 matches for East Fremantle, captaining them for three years and featuring in nine premierships sides and 20 interstate games.

Following Christie to East Fremantle was the legendary Goldfields champion Truscott, who played 312 games with Old Easts, including three premierships. He represented WA at five carnivals.

The 1931-60 era featured some great Australian footballers with the giant Perth ruckman McIntosh



Two of WA's all-time great rovers in Bill Walker and Barry Cable have been included in the AFL's Hall of Fame

among them.

He played 215 games for the Demons, led them brilliantly in their 1955 premiership victory, won three Sandover Medals, and represented WA 23 times. His dominance in the interstate arena was confirmed with a Tassie Medal at the 1953 Australian carnival.

Moloney, a champion forward from Claremont, played 278 games and kicked 950 goals for the Tigers and Geelong, winning premierships with both clubs. He later confirmed his versatility by winning a Sandover Medal playing in the centre for Claremont.

Cable, Farmer, Moss and Walker all featured in the 1961-95 era, with the first three proving great players in the old VFL competition, while Walker was a stay-at-home champion, but with equally-impressive credentials.

### Duels:

HE won three Sandover Medals in his 305 games for Swan Districts, and played 20 outstanding games for WA. His roving duels with Cable, also a triple Sandover Medallist, were legendary.

Cable played 226 games with Perth and 41 as captain-coach of East Perth (winning the 1978 flag), plus 116 at North Melbourne, which included premierships in 1975 and '77.

Farmer and Moss came from different eras, but did clash in some great ruck duels in the late 1960s.

Farmer started at East Perth (176 games and three premierships), conquered the VFL with Geelong (101 games and one flag) and finished in a blaze of glory as captain-coach of West Perth,

clinching two premierships in his 79 games.

Moss forged his reputation as a Brownlow Medal ruckman in 88 games at Essendon - the first WA player to win the VFL's highest award - and then capped his career by returning to coach Claremont, taking his games tally to 254 and snaring the 1981 premiership.

The legendary Leonard, who died last year, was a champion player and winner of the 1926 Sandover Medal, but earned his inclusion for coaching feats at West Perth (two flags) and Claremont (a hat-trick of premierships).

Scott ranks as one of WA's greatest all-round contributors, with a distinguished umpiring career (141 games) after playing 190 games and kicking 901 goals for West Perth. He continued his service as an umpires' administrator for 10 years after his retirement.

Rodriguez played a major role in the establishment of football in Perth.

After playing 160 games for Subiaco, including topping the league goalkicking table in 1920 and being in their 1924 premiership side, he served as a league delegate, vice-president and president from 1927 until his death in 1964.

Several other familiar names earned inclusion with some West Australian help.

Albert Thurgood, who forged his playing reputation at Essendon at the turn of the century before coming West to play with Fremantle, and Haydn Bunton sen., who won three Brownlow Medals at Fitzroy and three Sandovers with Subiaco, both had strong WA connections.

Haydn Bunton jun. was includ-

ed in the coaches' category, with three premierships at Swan Districts and two at Subiaco adding to his distinguished career in WA and South Australia.

Kevin Murray, one of the toughest men to ever play the game, was a Fitzroy legend with 333 games and a Brownlow Medal win - an award he won three years after a stint as captain-coach of East Perth.

Next week's Westside Football will carry a special feature on the Hall of Fame and the 12 legends of the game, including WA's Graham Farmer.

### AFL

**Ansett Cup** - Friday: Adelaide v Melbourne, Football Park; Saturday: Hawthorn v St Kilda, Waverley; Sunday: West Coast v Fremantle, Darwin; Monday: Fitzroy v Footscray, Waverley; Wednesday: Collingwood v Richmond, Waverley.

### WAFL:

**Emu Export Cup** - Saturday, March 2, Bassendean Oval: 2pm East Perth v West Perth, 4pm Swan Districts v Claremont. Fremantle Oval: 2pm East Fremantle v Subiaco, South Fremantle v West Perth.

## What's on

A round-up of fixtures from all the leagues

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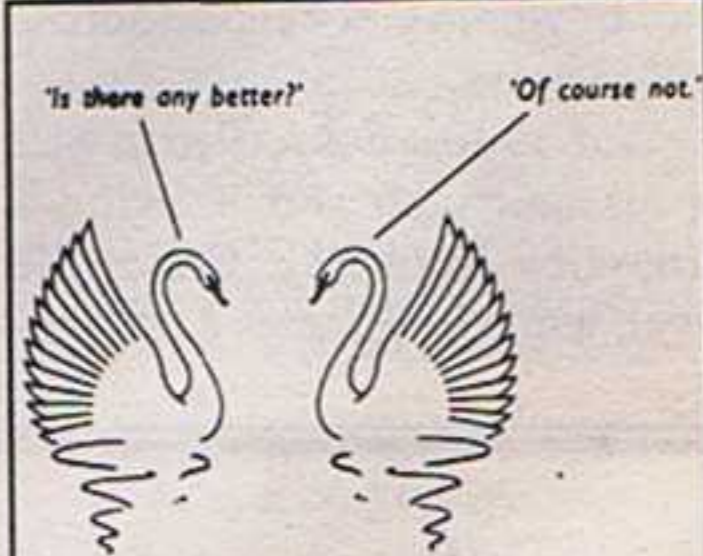
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# Injury woes have Blues struggling

CARLTON fans will be hanging over the edge of their seats during the next few weeks as they await injury reports on key players.

The reigning premiers are a week away from their first Ansett Cup match and the injury list is causing major problems.

At least 10 of their premiership line-up are sidelined with injuries which could keep them out of the opening AFL rounds.

Coach David Parkin was not joking entirely when he suggested that though the season was almost two months away "they might all roll over by that time; we mightn't have anybody left".

The coach of three Carlton premiership sides is not spreading panic among Blues supporters, but he's being realistic when he surveys the long list of injuries.

"We have to be very careful over the next few weeks," says

## Ansett Cup

Alan East

looks at the Blues injury problems

presented by



Parkin. "We need to be getting some players back.

"Most of our injuries are quite difficult ones, with players recovering from operations.

"But we've had four good years, so I guess sooner or later the wheel has to turn against us."

The latest Blues blow came on the eve of the AFL centenary

lightning premiership when utility player Ron De Iulio suffered a serious injury at work and was rushed to hospital for surgery.

He badly cut a hand, damaging the nerves and tendons and will be struggling to be fit for the opening game on March 31.

That injury left Carlton with just 21 players in the lightning carnival - where there was a maximum of 24 allowed, with six on the interchange bench.

The exciting forward joined a host of talented players on the sidelines, including star defender Stephen Silvagni, high-priced rover Barry Mitchell, injury-plagued little man Brent Heaver, midfielder Adrian Gleeson and veteran defender Peter Dean.

In addition, captain Stephen Kernahan still has a couple of weeks to go before he's back in full training after a shoulder injury and rover Brett Ratten is getting over a knee injury.

Big man Justin Madden has recovered well from a leg injury, while star wingman Craig Bradley is getting over a virus.

Brownlow Medallist Greg Williams is still troubled with a hamstring strain, as is Fraser Brown.

"Williams hasn't trained for a while, but he'll be okay and we're pretty sure Justin, Sticks (Kernahan) and Craig will be back soon," said Parkin.

The injury list comes on top of the shock decision by star defender Andrew McKay to quit football and pursue a university degree in Queensland, where he wants to study veterinary science.

The Blues were stunned by McKay's decision, but they haven't given up hope of having his services at some stage in the future.



Sam McFarlane ... proud to have a guernsey that puts him alongside superstar Wayne Carey.

## Subi's Sam 'stunned'

**STARRY-EYED** North Melbourne recruit Sam McFarlane couldn't believe his luck when the guernseys were handed out for the recent pre-season lightning carnival.

The 20-year-old from Subiaco, with just 27 WAFL games to his credit, was handed guernsey No.19 for North Melbourne's first game.

"I was really stunned with that number; I could have a locker next to the great man himself," he said referring to Roos superstar and captain Wayne Carey, who wears No.18.

"The senior guys have been great since I moved over from Perth and they really helped me settle in.

"It's footy crazy in Melbourne, they love the game and there's always articles on footy in the papers and that helps you acclimatise."

McFarlane, who joined the Lions from local juniors Kingsley in 1994, spent a week at Arden Street before Christmas and then returned to full-scale training with Norths in early January.

"Norths are very professional," he said.

"Training isn't as long as it was at Subiaco, but it's intense,

everyone's so switched on, exercises jump from one thing to another and it's so quick; everything keeps moving.

"The big names around the club are great - they come up after training and ask how you're going.

"I don't think it was a gamble to come over; I had a lot of chats with people like Gary Buckenara and he told me I was about the right age to have a crack at it."

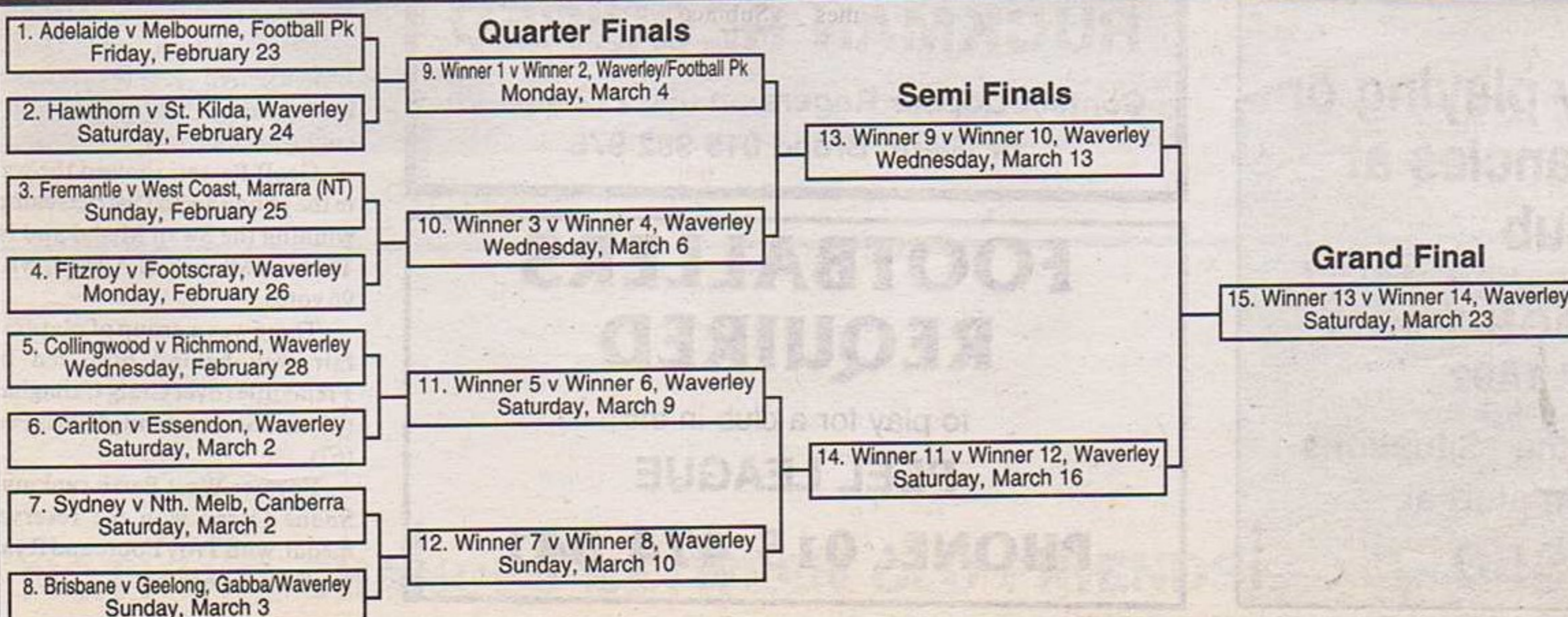


Sad Blues ... two Carlton men who will be missing when the season kicks off, Andrew McKay (left) and Peter Dean.

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1979	Collingwood	second
1980	North Melb	fifth
1981	Essendon	fifth
1982	Sydney	seventh
1983	Carlton	fifth
1984	Essendon	first
1985	Hawthorn	second
1986	Hawthorn	first
1987	Melbourne	fourth
1988	Hawthorn	first
1989	Melbourne	fourth
1990	Essendon	second
1991	Hawthorn	first
1992	Hawthorn	fifth
1993	Essendon	first
1994	Essendon	first
1995	North Melb.	sixth

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Teaming up ... the Ditchburn brothers, Ross (left) and John will combine for this year's Australian country carnival in Cairns.



# Cairns target for country stars

WA'S leading country footballers have a mid-season target that will make them the envy of many players.

The bi-annual Australian Country Championships will be held in Cairns, Queensland, and the WA squad has already started preparing for the trip.

Former South Fremantle play-

er and now Kukerin coach John Ditchburn will guide WA. The team will play the State amateurs side in May and one other practice game before heading to Cairns.

There is provision for alterations and deletions to the squad as the season progresses, with the final team being announced after the Wesfarmers carnival.

The squad leave for Cairns on July 30.

Ditchburn will be assisted on the selection committee by his brother Ross, a former Claremont and Carlton star, Terry House (Bunbury), Mick Thompson (Geraldton), Barry Hutcheson (Wongan Hills) and Gerald McGuire (Albany).

The WA campaign is being backed by major sponsor, the Australian Wheat Board, with support from Forward Engineers.

"The WA Country Football League is launching a committed effort to win the title," said manager Terry Waldron.

"A professional approach has been taken to ensure that the best possible team represents the WA country leagues. We have even included players from the North-West in the squad."

The initial squad, selected after last year's Wesfarmers carnival is:

Great Southern League: Craig Doney, Jim Cornish, Graham Borchett, Brendon Mead, Bevan Doney, Nathan Kelly, Paul Morgan, Peter Ball.

South-West: Mick Hick, Blair Carter, Jeremy Wasley, Chris Kinnonment, Steve Cummins, Sebastian Donovan, Rick Toovey.

Great Northern: Darren Ryan, Josh Gallop, Rob Gulberti, Jason Graham.

South-East: Carl Newman.

Avon: Richard Wheeldon, Paul Edwards, David Thompson, Shane Darmody, Corey Moylan, Jermaine Davis.

Great Southern: Chris Penny, Alec Williams, Gavin Morgan, Darryl Byatt, Bill Krakouer.

Eastern Districts: Grant Mills, Anthony Dowling.

West Kimberley: Revel Oakley, Don Campbell.

Mortlock: Dale Warren, Dayle Donegan.

Lower South-West: Mark Armstrong, Heath East, Mark Maxwell.

Central Midlands Coastal: Lucio Baroni, Mark McQueen, John Hunter.

Goldfields: Wayne Cope, Peter McDonald, Darren Ding.

North Pilbara: Tye Grabenhover.

Ongerup: Chris White.

# Falcons skipper tops the winners

By BRAD ELBOROUGH

**WEST Perth captain Darren Harris achieved the ultimate double last season with a premierships medal and a fairest and best award.**

Harris may well regard holding the premierships cup aloft as his football highlight, but his individual achievements were certainly meritorious.

Harris took the honours in the Breckler Medal, with 80 votes, 20 more than his nearest rival, defender Todd Curley.

The pair were a long way ahead of the next best, State centre-half-back Brendan Barrows on 47 votes.

West Perth's reserves honours went to ruckman Ben Sykes, who has since moved to Swan Districts. Bryce Steele was runner-up.

Subiaco centre-half-forward Andrew Donnelly had an immediate impact on the Lions after returning home from the Sydney Swans.

His great early-season form saw them become premierships favourites and he capped the year by winning the Outridge Medal and the Tom Dadour Patron's Award.

His 45 votes put him in front of full-back Bill Monaghan (38) with Jason Heatley (37) a close third.

Prendergast Medal winner Jon Langer also took the honours in the Lions reserves grade award, with Jason Featherby runner-up.

The W.J. Hughes Medal for South Fremantle's fairest and best went to ruckman Stephen Pears.

The former Perth player polled 128 votes, in front of another big man, Martin Atkins (89) and Darryn Ballard (85).

There was a tie for their reserves medal, with Joshua Grosse (12 league games) and Cam Allen (eight games) topping the list.

It was a fine effort for East Fremantle veteran Steve Malaxos to tie with Sandover Medallist Craig Treleven for the Lynn Medal.

Stephen Bilcich, third in Sandover voting, was also third in the club award.

Mark Cummins won the reserves and ruckman Paul Lindsay did enough before graduating to league ranks to finish second.

Claremont big man Rhys Croxford was a stand out in the Tigers count for the E.B. Cook Medal and the P.R. Kyle Memorial Trophy.

His 123 votes put him well clear of the next four players.

Brad Wira's 105 votes took him to second spot and caught the eye of the Footscray recruiters, with Darren Klemm (102), Laine Spencer (100) and Brendan Green (100) next best.

Kelvin Holmes was a close winner in the reserves, with Peter Constantino close up.

It was close at the top of the East Perth vote counting, but former West Perth and WA defender Greg Jones won the F.D. Book Shield and the Centre Ford award with 85 votes.

The Royals lone 1995 State representative Shawn Colbung was second, with 82 votes.

Running away with their reserves best was Jamie Burgess, with Peter Hannett runner-up.

Joint Medallists Medal winner Kevin Humphries finished fourth.

The Butcher Medal at Perth went to State player Shane Cable, with 90 votes, 10 clear of Victorian recruit Troy Shannon.

Fraser Quick and Daniel Murray tied for the reserves medal, with Quick winning on a count-back.

Geoff Passeri showed the way in the young Swan Districts camp, winning the Swan Medal and N. Thomas Memorial Award, with 96 votes.

There was a group of players a fair way behind him, led by Fremantle rover Craig Callaghan (71) and State defender Chris Peel (67).

Former West Perth ruckman Shane Green won the reserves medal, with Troy Foote and Ryan Neill not far behind.

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# Footy loses two stalwarts

TWO outstanding contributors to West Australian football died recently leaving behind some indelible marks on the game.

Legendary West Perth goalkicker Ted Tyson and long-serving WAFL tribunal chairman Bernie O'Sullivan have stamped their marks on different facets of the sport.

Tyson was the first player to kick 1000 goals in senior WA football. His career tally of 1203 from 227 games between 1930 and 1945 was unchallenged until topped in 1973 by Subiaco's Austin Robertson.

Tyson once kicked 17 of West Perth's 18 goals in a 1938 clash with Swan Districts - and his team still lost.

Three times he kicked 10 or more goals and all were in losing

teams, but he was a member of West Perth's premiership sides of 1932, '34, '35 and '41.

Tyson died a day after his 86th birthday leaving wife Betty and three children.

O'Sullivan died aged 75, leaving wife Val and two sons.

A former Mines Department and Crown Law Department official, magistrate and industrial commissioner, he served as chairman of the tribunal for almost 30 years.

He was a respected life-long servant to athletics, a life member and past president of the athletics association and once held the 100 yards record in WA.

## KICKING AROUND

SWAN Districts and Perth supporters can combine a leisurely train trip to the country with some early-season football on Saturday, March 16.

The Demons play Swans at Gingin at 3pm in the third round of Emu Export Cup and the two clubs have joined together to charter the Hotham Valley express to make it a day out for their supporters.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children under 15 and include ground admission, with food and drink available on the train.

The express leaves Fremantle at 10am, Perth station at 10.30am and calls at Midland about 11 o'clock to collect passengers.

Fans should confirm their tickets with Swans on 279 1432.

## Falcons stars missing:

REIGNING premiers West Perth have lost a fair slice of talent from their midfield.

From their Pepsi Cup grand final side take out Neil Miltenhall, who has returned to Victoria and draftees Todd Curley, Brendan Logan and Darren O'Brien.

But the replacements are looking good with newly-decorated Swan Districts life member Steve Bazzo moving to Joondalup as part of a swap with Falcons big man Ben Sykes.

## New trend:

SUBIACO and East Fremantle have appointed senior players to their coaching staff.

Both players have had AFL experience, with Dwayne Lamb getting the job at Subiaco and Steve Malaxos with the Sharks.

The veterans are planning to pull on the boots again, giving the sides something of an assistant playing-coach on the field.

## New face:

FORMER Swan Districts player Gavin Outridge becomes a Tiger this season as coach of Claremont's reserves side.

After coaching stints at Northam and with Maddington in the Sunday League, Outridge steps into the WAFL arena to replace John Holt who has resigned.

Peter Thorne continues as coach of the colts side after winning last year's premiership.

# New rules for cup

THE WAFL has adopted the AFL's methods of encouraging non-stop action in pre-season competitions.

The Emu Export Cup pre-season series will introduce several rules from the AFL lightning premiership.

One of the more controversial rules is the penalty against the player last touching the ball before it goes out of bounds.

A point in favour of the rule is that it keeps play in the central corridor and encourages attacking football.

When the ball goes out of bounds within the 50-metre zone, the player is not allowed to score directly from the free kick.

When it is unclear who last touched the ball before it went out of bounds a boundary throw-in results.

To allow a full-back to immediately kick into play after a behind has been scored, a spare ball will be placed behind the goal-line. The full-back will be allowed to kick as soon as the umpire has signalled the behind.

One AFL rule not being used is the three-point score for hitting the goal-post.

As has been the case in previous WAFL pre-season competitions, if the ball hits the goal-post and bounces back into play, the action continues.

Games will have four 25-minute quarters, with no time-on.

Matches in the qualifying rounds can be drawn, but in the grand final the final siren will only sound a side is ahead.

Fixtures:

The opening round on Saturday, March 2,

will feature two double headers - at Bassendean Oval and Fremantle Oval, with both late games played under lights.

There will be a replay of last season's Pepsi Cup grand final between West Perth and Subiaco in Round 3.

The venue is at Joondalup giving the Falcons home ground advantage.

Round 3 will see Perth and Swan Districts do battle at Gingin.

Two other country areas will see action in Round 4, with East Perth and West Perth meeting at Manjimup on Saturday, March 23 and South Fremantle and Perth playing at Pingelly the next day.

The series will wind up with the grand final on Friday, March 29, at the WACA Ground, with a play-off for third as a curtain-raiser.

# Passeri plans year off

By CRAIG NITSCHKE

LAST year's wooden-spooners Swan Districts have failed to entice fairest and best winner Geoff Passeri to play again this season.

"We tried to get him back, but he wants the year off," Swans football manager Todd Menegola says.

"He has been playing footy

since he was 16 or 17 and said he needed a break. And he's just starting a family."

Passeri, a veteran of 166 matches and two State games, enjoyed an outstanding 1995 season to be a runaway Swan Medal winner.

Another blow for Swans is that the experienced Menegola has retired because of crippling knee injuries.

"I had my right knee cleaned

out after last season and the specialist said there was bone on bone. He advised me to give it away," he said.

Two other senior players missing will be utility Steve Bazzo, who has been cleared to West Perth and premiership defender Stephen Eaton, who has also opted to have a year off.

The talented Grant Bradbrook has moved to Jerramungup with

work and Donnybrook recruit Matt Kendle has returned to the country.

But offsetting the departures is an influx of experienced campaigners to provide crucial on-field leadership.

Former Subiaco captain David Snow will add strength on the ball, while Swans will welcome back Simpson Medallist Greg Walker from a stint with SANFL team Woodville-West Torrens. Also back is former West Coaster Troy Ugle who was injured last year.

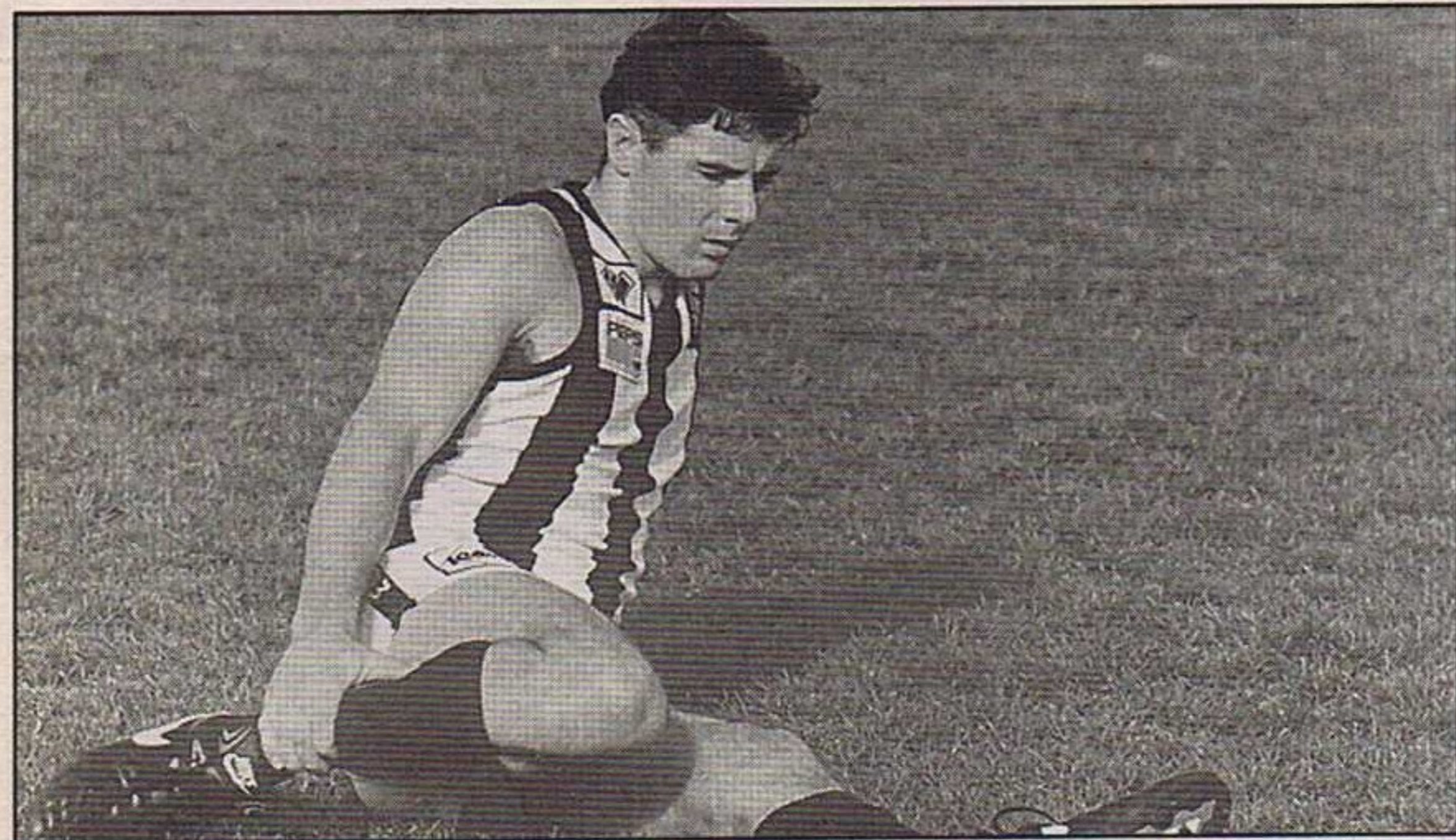
Swans regain Michael Sidebottom from injury and have recruited East Perth half-forward Steve Pendleton in a swap for Bunbury brothers Jamie and Shane Nani.

East Fremantle and Claremont midfielder Jeremy Wasley and big man Ben Sykes (West Perth) are also at Bassendean.

Menegola said the input of senior players like Ugle and Walker, plus delisted Dockers Brendon Retzlaff and Travis Edmonds, would be vital.

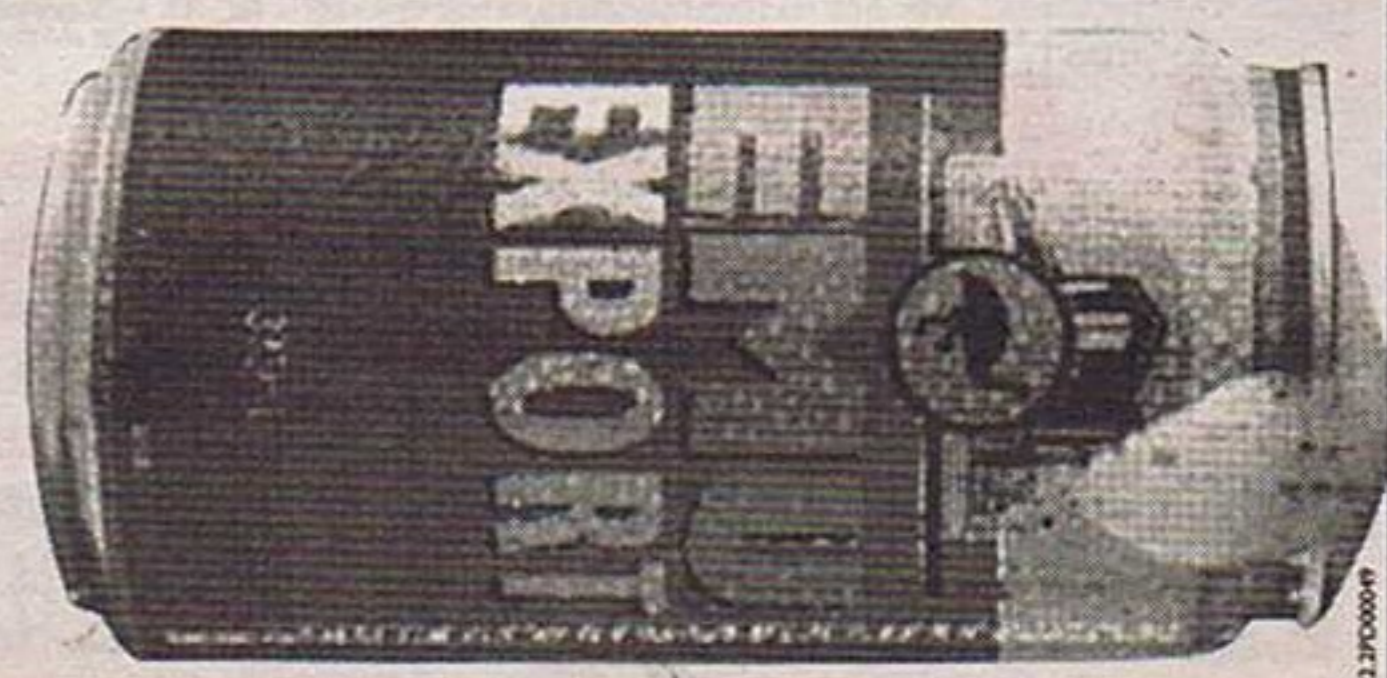
Menegola is confident Swans can improve dramatically on last year's two wins.

"Pre-season has been outstanding and the fitness and morale of the players is good," he said.



Geoff Passeri... he's having a year off.

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14. Just the thing for summer. Power steering, mag alloy wheels, top stereo, power windows, cloth seats, quick top, as new. 8DH 055.

\$16988



\$66.25 WEEKLY

73 TICKETS

1994del FALCON ED GLI SEDAN

15. Top selling Ford with ABS braking, air conditioning, power steering, cool cloth seating, excellent service history. Super automatic. 8OE 907.

\$16988



\$70.94 WEEKLY

79 TICKETS

1994del VR COMMODORE EXEC

16. All you could ask for. Easy park power steering, icy cold air conditioning, super smooth automatic. Drives a dream. 9ER 663.

\$19988



\$50.66 WEEKLY

65 TICKETS

1993 DAIHATSU FEROZA 4X4

17. Top 4x4 on economical LPG gas and petrol. 16 valve fuel injected motor, off road wheels, alloy bull bar, heaps of value. 80A 564.

\$12988



\$58.46 WEEKLY

69 TICKETS

1985 MAZDA 22 SEAT BUS

18. Hi roof diesel motor, power steer, remote door closer, ideal camper conversion or keep as a bus. KU 343.

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79 TICKETS

1990 MITSUBISHI PAJERO 4X4

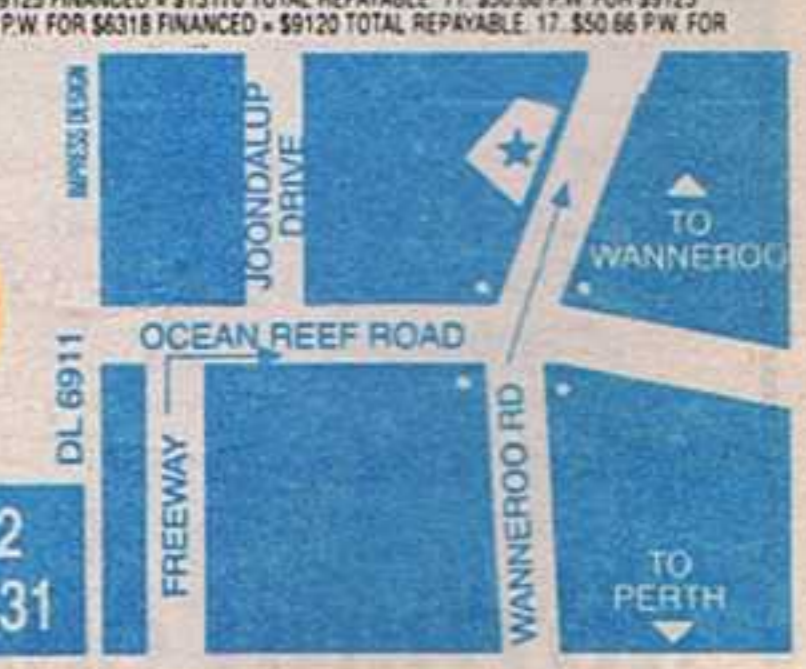
19. Factory diesel turbo, air conditioned, power steering, off road wheels, bull bar, power winch, velour seating, log book history. The best we've seen. 8KA 069.

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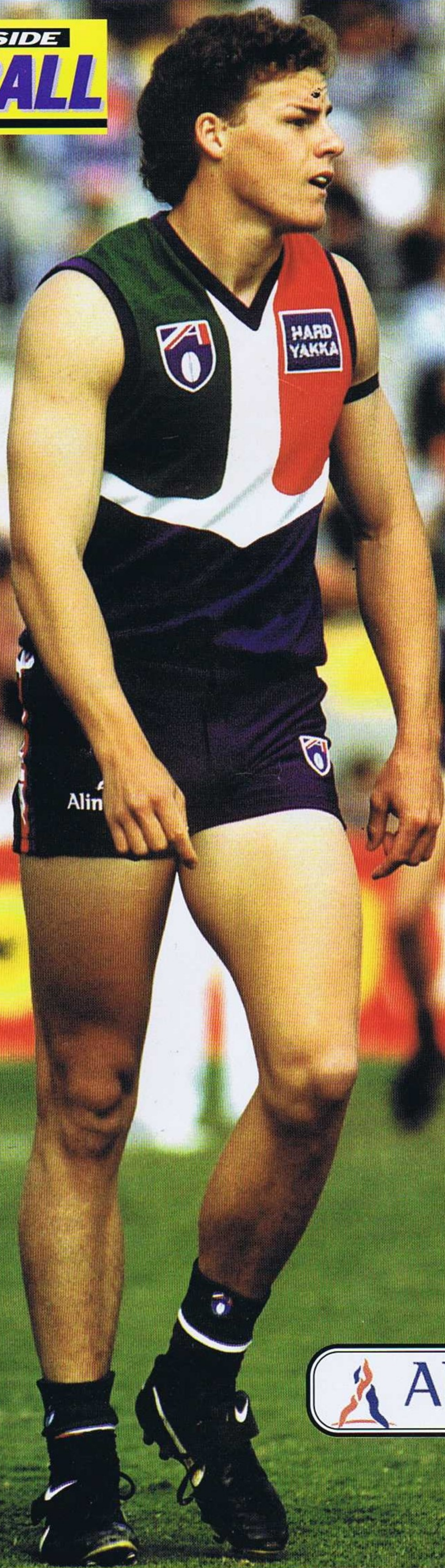
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# WESTSIDE FOOTBALL



 **PLAYER PROFILE**

**Kingsley Hunter** – Dockers  
Born: Southern Cross, WA  
Date: May 27, 1975  
Height: 190cms  
Weight: 93kgs  
Position: Full-forward  
Recruited from: Claremont;  
Osborne Park  
WAFL games: 33  
Claremont  
Nicknames: Kinga  
Car: Kingswood  
Other sports: Volleyball,  
cricket, fishing  
Favourites:  
*Movie* – Silence of the  
Lambs  
*Food* – Seafood  
*Drink* – Milo  
Boyhood Idol: Carl Lewis

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