

## 1968

Perth: 1.2 9.8 11.11 16.14 (110)

Def. East Perth: 2.3 4.4 10.6 13.8 (86)

Sat 28-Sep-1968 2:20 PM Att: 40 315 Venue: Subiaco Oval

Captain: Mal Atwell

Coach: Mal Atwell

Simpson Medal: Barry Cable (Perth)

Goals:

Perth: 3-Bennett, Astone, Miller, Iseger, 1-Cable, Dalton, Jenzen, King

East Perth: 4-Tierney, 3-Bygraves, 2-Haughan, McCarthy, 1-Gillespie, Pitter

<b>Backs</b>	Richie Rigg	Graham Ramshaw	Graham Edwards
<b>Half Backs</b>	Ray Lawrence	Bob Shields	Ian Rothnie
<b>Centres</b>	Ray Mills	Pat Dalton	Ross Millson
<b>Half Forwards</b>	John King	Ian Miller	Graham Jenzen
<b>Full forwards</b>	Pat Astone	Gerry Iseger	Greg Bennett
<b>Followers</b>	Barry Chittleborough	Mal Atwell	Barry Cable
<b>Reserves</b>	Greg Brehaut	Noel Wilson	

Match report adapted from reports by Geoff Christian and Ken Casellas  
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Perth completed a clean sweep of the major football honours for 1968 when it characteristically blended skill and strength to beat East Perth by 24 points in the grand final at Subiaco Oval on Saturday. Perth's players earned a pay-out of more than \$20,000 as a reward for winning 21 out of 23 games this season and again giving proof that they for W. A's champion team.

Perth is also W. A's champion club as the list of successes shared by the club and individuals is striking evidence of a vintage year at Lathlain Park. During the year the club and its players won: The reserve premierships with a 20-point margin over East Perth. The Rodriguez Shield awarded to the club with the best overall performance in the league, reserves, colts and fourths. The Prendergast medal-the reserves fairest and best by Alan Stiles. The Sandover Medal and the Simpson Medal, both deservedly won by champion rover Barry Cable.

Cable's Simpson Medal success-his third in succession in grand finals came after an impressive display of his football skill. Cable made a special effort in the first quarter against the wind and his dynamic attacking play in this term was the biggest single factor in denying East Perth the offensive. Along with captain-coach Mal Atwell, who was called upon for extra duties to offset the loss of ruck-rover Bob Page, set the pattern in steadying the side in the opening term.

For the remainder of the game Perth held the lead and was in firm control. Perth won because it was more skilful and received good service from all its players. Perth met and resisted East Perth's desperate challenges in the third and last quarter and quickly resumed its methodical attacking play to reassert its authority.

East Perth matched Perth in determination but failed because it made more mistakes under pressure, lacked the overall experience of Perth and was forced to make numerous changes that prevented the side from settling down. Hopes for an East Perth victory were raised momentarily in the last quarter when it trailed by only six points with 9min of play remaining but the drain on its energy left the team without an answer to Perth's powerful finish.

East Perth's performance will be remembered mainly for excellent performances by: Mal Brown, who played the best game I have seen from him in league football, and Ken McAullay whose brilliance at centre-half-back enabled him to hold Perth out on numerous occasions. His effort helped keep East Perth in the game.

For Perth an overwhelming centreline superiority enabled them to attack consistently. Centreman Pat Dalton had 26 kicks and wingers Ray Mills and Ross Millson had 20 and 18 kicks respectively – a total of 64 Kicks. Perth also held a commanding advantage in roving duels. Barry Cable had 26 kicks, Greg Bennett had 18 and Graham Jenzen had half of his 24 kicks when roving.

Perth ruck combination of Barry Chittleborough, Graham Edwards and Pat Astone also shaded East Perth's Eddie Pittler, Terry Freemantle, Phil Haughan and Jim Haines.