



Running for your life



NOT many will have a better reason to run this Sunday than former Olympic hockey player Michael Brennan.

"Having recently finished nine months of treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma I was only too happy to support HBF in their drive to raise funds for the numerous organisations involved in the HBF Run for a Reason," Brennan says.

"I have been fortunate to be very much in the home straight in regards to my battle with cancer, and the Cancer Council of WA has played a very large role in that."

Six WA charities

Entrants will choose from one of six WA charities leading the charge against chronic disease, specifically the Arthritis Foundation WA, Asthma Foundation WA, Cancer Council WA, Diabetes WA, Heart Foundation WA and Lifeline.

Collectively the chronic diseases that these charities represent contribute to over 80 per cent of all deaths in the community.

Brennan is going for the 4.5km rather than the 14km because he is taking his three-year old girl along too.

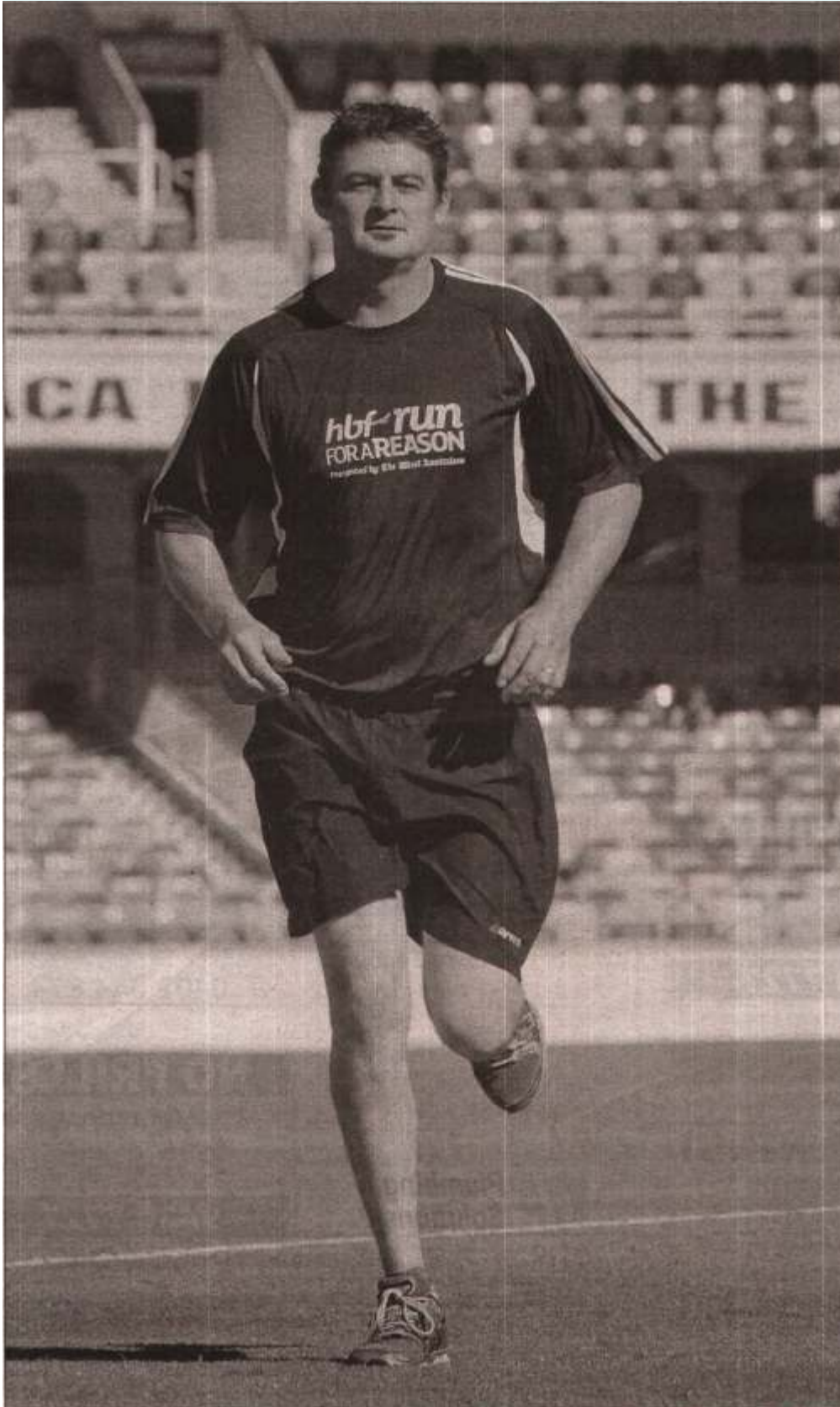
The day kicks off at 8.30am on May 23, starting and finishing at the WACA where punters will have the rare opportunity to run out on the grounds without being tackled by security.

Everyone welcome

The event, targeted at the whole community rather than just elite athletes, is expected to draw about 7500 participants with a plan to build numbers to 20,000 within five years.

The course will start and finish in the Perth CBD and will cover a scenic flat course around the river, while the long haul will take runners over sections of the Kwinana, Mitchell and Graham Farmer Freeways, including a notable passage through the Northbridge Tunnel.

Register online at hbfrun.com.au, at any HBF Branch, via post or in person at any HBF Branch.



• Former Olympic hockey player Michael Brennan has a reason to run. *Photo by Roel Loopers*