

## O-o-o-o-h Shane!

ENGLISH cricket fans always have had a soft spot for **Shane Warne**. But when the opportunity arises, not only do they like giving it to him but he proved at the weekend he is just of capable of giving it back. Captaining Hampshire against Yorkshire at Headingly, the champion Australian leg spinner was dismissed second ball, meaning that in five county innings at the famous ground, he is still yet to score a run. With the word "duck" flashing up on the scoreboard, Warne walked from the ground, only to be hounded by some of the fans, one of whom loudly inquired how many runs he had made. Responded Warne: "Can't you f—ing read?"

## That's our girl



MEMORIES of half a century ago were rekindled on Saturday when 10-year-old **Samantha Kerr** led the Western Bulldogs onto the ground for their match against Hawthorn. Samantha is the granddaughter of two famous Bulldogs — **Jack Kerr**, who was best on ground for the Doggies in their only premiership team of 1954, and his former teammate and good buddy **John Westacott**. Alas, Westacott is unwell in Cabrini Hospital and couldn't make it to Telstra Dome to share the big moment with his granddaughter, who, it turns out, was chosen for the mascot honour not because of her family ties but by being successful in a competition.

## Dick, Dick and Dick

OLD Scotch coach **Serge D'Angelo** is pretty serious about his footy but even he saw the humour in the reserves side he chose to play Old Xavs at the weekend, in particular the centre line. He said it was one that was "difficult to read out without having a bit of a gig-



gle" because it consisted of **Simon Dick**, **Hamish Dick** and **George Dick**.

## Twin cheers

**ERIC Bedser**, the English cricketer who died last week aged 87, and his twin brother **Alec** were identical not only in looks but in almost everything they did. The Age's **Greg Baum** tells the story that when he was covering Australia's 1993 tour of England, he was at the Oval sharing a beer after stumps with English cricketer writer **Martin Johnson** when they spotted the twins who, of course, were identically dressed right down to the same



## Boy, look at him now

WITH his own little hockey stick cut to size, tiny **Russell Ford** poses proudly in uniform with the boys from Brunswick Hockey Club on the occasion of their 1986 State League premiership victory. Young Russ developed a taste for the game very early, and hockey fans can court themselves lucky he stuck at it... 22-year-old "Fondy" has just been named as a new member of the Australian Kookaburras squad.

coloured and same shaped handkerchief in their jacket pockets. That's nothing, said Johnson, predicting that even though the Bedders were chatting in different bar groups, they would finish their beers and place their glasses on the tables in front of them at precisely the same time. To Baum's astonishment, they did.

## A win at last

COLLINGWOOD may have settled some old scores by downing its 2002-03 grand final nemesis, the Brisbane Lions, on Saturday night but not all of the old Lions were hurting. Out in the Mornington Peninsula League, triple premiership star **Martin Pike** finally got a win on the board in his new role as coach of Hastings — its 12-point defeat of Bonbeach was its first win in seven matches.

## Coaches everywhere

INTERESTING observation by **Chris Tarrant**, who watched Collingwood's win over Brisbane from the sidelines on Saturday because of suspension. It would appear the star full-forward appears bemused by the number of people that **Mick Malthouse** has at his disposal — he jokingly told a club gathering last Thursday night that there are more assistant coaches than players.

## Who said that?

This is what I love. I have a passion for it. I love this sport. Nobody is chasing me away.

**MARION JONES** puts doping allegations behind her as she wins the 100-metre showdown at the New York Grand Prix.