

the house far and wide and found them in a bag, still with the grass on them from my last game 3½ years ago, with mouthguard, towel and shorts.

it wouldn't fit.
I couldn't work it out. I mean your mouth doesn't change shape.
I tried again and it still didn't fit and I thought this is bullshit.

as you?
No, they're highly skilled, trained athletes just a little past their prime.
Who won the first Test?
Ireland, but everyone was saying it was an outstanding performance by

who's in your team?
Sean Smith, Tony Modra, Richard Champion, Paul Hudson, John Platten, Michael Mitchell.
What's at stake?
Bragging rights and losers buy the first round. Nobody likes doing that.

Andy cops a Pagan spray

> CARLTON coach Denis Pagan suggested at a press conference this week that SEN jock Andy Maher "must drink his own bathwater".

The consequences of that escape us, but we think Pagan was referring to on-air suggestions by Maher that he didn't get along with former president Ian Collins.

Maher told us he likes lavender oil in his bathwater and hoped Pagan was just having some fun.

"I'm sure he's handed out a few sprays in his time, so I'm probably in salubrious company," Maher said.

This got us wondering about the best sprays from coaches to jourmos. Here are three contenders.

1. **Carl Ditterich**, when coaching Melbourne, chased **Trevor Grant** and **Ron Carter** out of Waverley in only a towel. It's fortunate the towel fell off or he may have caught them.

2. **David Parkin** loudly told former *Sun* footy writer **Peter Simunovich** in the 1980s that "everything you know about football could be written on a postage stamp".

The footy tragic V The Hanoi fruiterer

THE TIP-OFF, ROUND 4:

Geoff Poulter	The Fruit Lady
Hawthorn	Hawthorn
Geelong	Geelong
Brisbane	Brisbane
Fremantle	Adelaide
West Coast	Kangaroos
Sydney	Melbourne
St Kilda	St Kilda
Collingwood	Collingwood

17 **Total** **11**

3. **Robert Shaw**, while coach of Fitzroy, turned on **Gerard Wright**, from *The Sunday Age*, after he'd suggested Shaw was the image of the **Glenn Robbins** character, **Uncle Arthur**.

The tirade lasted 83 seconds unabated.

> **THE Hanoi Swans** jogged to the market as part of their training this week to visit guest tipster **Chan** at her fruit stand. The team consists

of expats living in Vietnam who come together to kick around the footy, drink some beer and play about three games a season against the Jakarta Bintangs, the Kuala Lumpur Warriors and the Bangkok Tigers.

The boys had trouble finding Chan's stand because as soon as the sun goes down, she must move into the street because the market has no lights.

But once they found her, they enthusiastically confused her mind with explanations of how Aussie rules is played and suggestions on who she should tip in her challenge with the *Herald Sun's* **Geoff Poulter**.

We've advised Chan we don't think the Hanoi Swans are the best people to listen to because they've won one game in four years.

That was against the Bintangs last month and the boys celebrated at a local pub in a room named after their patron, **Bobby Skilton**.

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