

THE OUTER

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No podium moment is complete without sexy girls or a terrible waste of good booze



Take That!

Celebration? This seems more like riot control, as A1 GP's Felipe Albuquerque jets her straight in the eye.



Pick-Up Joint

Gold Coast Indy driver Alex Zanardi clearly uses the old-fashioned method of choosing a new lady friend.



The Passion Of The Herbs

Holding a bunch of nice fresh basil, Tour climbing champ Bernhard Kohl realises they'll have to get a room.



Red, White And Bleurgh

The reward for pushing your body to the limit: girls in cartoon clothes, and a top that makes your eyes bleed. Cool.



Thumbs Up For Golf

Behind those big, happy grins, there's two blokes thinking, "Man, I really have to change my agent."



Living The Dream

German Stefan Bradl is 18, a professional bike rider, standing on a winner's podium, spraying a pretty girl. Maybe life could be better, but, really, honestly, how?



The Bottom Line

Finnish 250cc rider Mika Kallio is obviously an "arse man", although she may be calling him something else.



Animal Print And A Hideous Doorstop

This is how the inside of Karl Lagerfeld's head would look if he watched *Neighbours* on a loop for an entire year. Seriously, though, arrests should be made for this.

"Is This A Medal I See Before Me?"

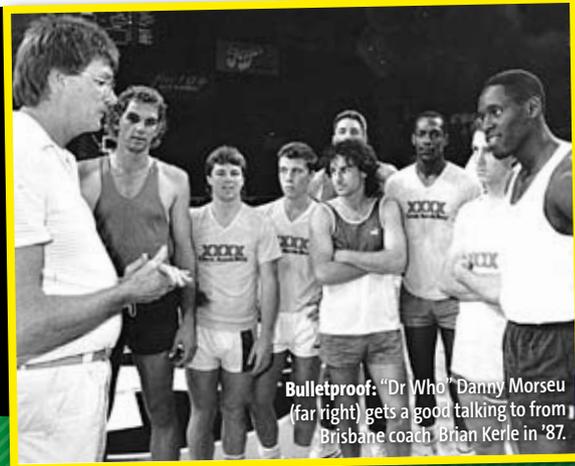
That looks like the cross between a nativity play, some costume drama on the ABC, and the salad bar at Pizza Hut. But, you know, it works.



HOW MUCH DID WE LOVE...

... NBL in the 1980s

The NBL wasn't always an extra on the main stage of Australian sport. In the 1980s, it wasn't just relevant, but cool. In part, its popularity was a direct flow-on from global Michael Jordan-mania, but there's no doubt it had its own distinct appeal. With cool team names like the Nunawading Spectres and Geelong Supercats, the game permeated our sporting consciousness to a level unimaginable now. *Alpha* editor Heath Kelly grew up in Brisbane and thrilled to "Leapin'" Leroy Loggins, Robert "The Baseline Bandit" Sibley, "Dr Who" Danny Morseu, plus a weird crowd motivator dude with a mushroom hat. *Alpha* senior writer Anthony Sharwood grew up in Canberra watching Phil "The General" Smyth and Herb "The Snake" McEachin. The Brisbane Bullets and Canberra Cannons won five titles between them in the '80s. Tragically, both are gone now. In fact, nothing about Australian basketball is like it was in the '80s. Well, except for Andrew Gaze's grey hair.



Bulletproof: "Dr Who" Danny Morseu (far right) gets a good talking to from Brisbane coach Brian Kerle in '87.

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WAGS WATCH

We're watching them, watching him...

EPL



Cassie Sumner

BLOKE: MICHAEL ESSIEN

As detailed on P22, Cassie has been stripped of WAG status after Chelsea's man denied ever, er, dating her.



Charlotte Mears

BLOKE: JERMAIN DEFOE

Defoe goes through babes like Murali does lower-order batsmen. Charlotte was his fiancée for about 28 minutes.



Danielle Bux

BLOKE: GARY LINEKER

Suave England striker-turned-anchorman has just one rule for the wife: strictly no armpit hair.



Nicola McLean

BLOKE: TOM WILLIAMS

QPR's Williams destroyed for good the myth that footballers only marry glamour models with massive... Oh.

THE ALPHA SPORTS QUIZ



1. True or false: Kim Clijsters has never won a grand slam other than the US Open?
2. Who is Pakistan's all-time leading scorer in Tests?
3. The second-fastest hat-trick in EPL history was recently scored by which striker?
4. Who won the 2009 Tour Down Under?
5. In what year was Darren Lockyer named Brisbane Broncos rookie of the year?
6. True or false: the 2004 AFL GF between Port and Brisbane was just the second contested by two non-Victorian clubs?
7. Which NBA club did Boomer David Andersen join this season?
8. In what year did Russell Ingall win his only V8 Supercar championship?
9. With which English side did Melbourne skipper Kevin Muscat make 180 appearances?
10. Who took more Test wickets in their career: Joel Garner or Craig McDermott?
11. In what year did Andre Agassi win his first Australian Open title?
12. Dick Thornett represented Australian league, union and what other sport?
13. Which team did Cristiano Ronaldo play for before joining Manchester United?
14. What is Adam Scott's most recent win on the PGA Tour?
15. What was the name of Roy Jones Jr's debut rap album?

ANSWERS: 1/True 2/Javed Miandad (8832) 3/Jermain Defoe v Wigan (seven minutes) 4/Milan Davis 5/1995 6/False (it was the first) 7/Houston Rockets 8/2005 9/Wolves (1997-2002) 10/McDermott (291 to 259) 11/1995 12/Water polo 13/Sporting 14/2008 Byron Nelson Championship 15/Round One: The Album.

6 YOUTUBE CLIPS YOU HAVE TO SEE



Ponytail Takedown
Search "Elizabeth Lambert"
Who said women's soccer lacked a cutting edge?



Spring In Your Step
Search "Invictus"
Matt Damon as Francois Pienaar? This Springboks 1995 movie actually looks OK.



Henry's Handiwork
Search "Henry handball"
Thierry Henry, and France, cheat their way to South Africa 2010.



Head's Up
Search "Jahvid concussion"
No matter what angle you see it at, you know that's got to hurt.



Doohan's Road Safety
Search "Mick Doohan no place"
If Doohan wouldn't do it, why would you?



Put Your Feet Up
Search "Sepaktakraw Doha Final match"
Hammy-defying volleyball-meets-soccer... Weird, but cool.