

confidential Scene



Devoted fan gets a kick out of Showdown tip

WITH the signed Showdown match ball in his hands, **Graeme Jackson** thinks it is the perfect compliment for a man who wears his heart and football allegiance on his sleeve.

The Crows fanatic is absolutely thrilled to be

taking home the footy - mud and all. "Don't even think about rubbing it off," he said.

Graeme and wife Sally won the signed ball secured for the Tiser by Toyota.

All they had to do was predict the winning

margin of Saturday's historic clash.

Hmm, 83 points - why didn't we think of that!

"When someone told me Cornes was our biggest problem, I knew we would be fine," he smirked, his wife a doting supporter of the

vanquished Power. It would have appeared strange for those around him at AAMI Stadium when, with only a few minutes to go, Graeme switched allegiances. "All they had to do was kick one point and I had it!" he admitted.

MP has keen eye for fashion

WHO knew the federal minister for citizenship was such a fashionista?

The debate about Muslim headscarfs did a 180 degree turn in Canberra yesterday with minister **John Cobb**, below, suggesting all women should adopt the fashion item.

Mr Cobb said women in headscarfs looked "fantastic". He could see it becoming a trend. The former jackaroo was responding to questions about his rumoured attack on MP Sophie Panopoulos for her attack on muslim women wearing headscarfs in Australia.



Whole new ball game as ace 36er goes to the dogs

Clear focus on carnival charity

It is a different sport to the one to which he is accustomed.

By the end of this chasing season, however, we think the star Olympian may just be a trackside expert.

Named the new face of the 2005 Spring Chasing Carnival, 36ers NBL captain **Brett Maher** has turned from the basketball court to the doggie racetrack.

Greyhound Racing SA CEO and former Olympic basketballer **Peter Ali** said Maher had been picked because of his sporting history and to promote the event to an even wider sporting audience.

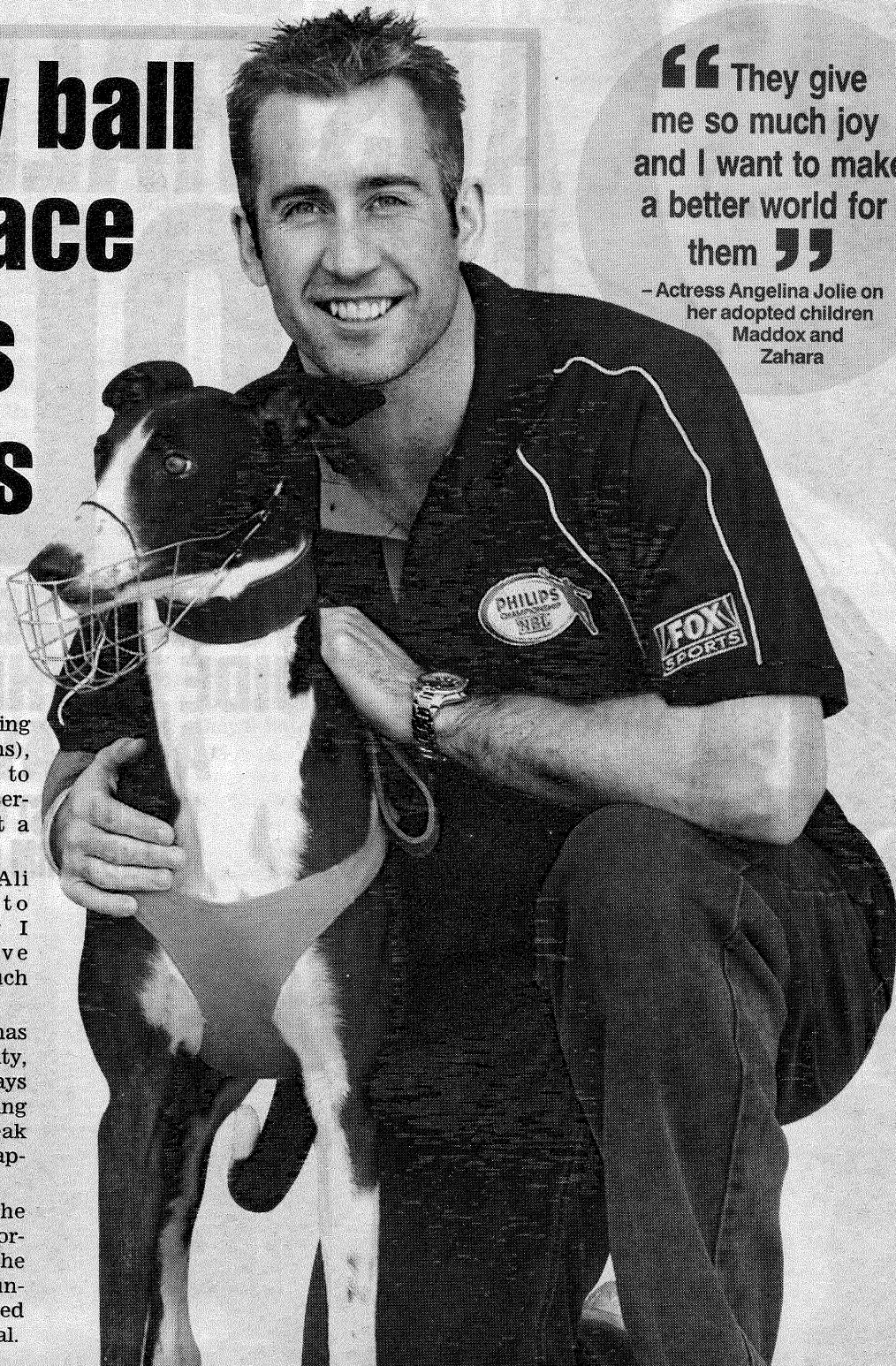
While he may know how to handle a basketball with ease, it seems greyhounds may be a little more difficult.

Pictures of his first time trackside found him face to face with three dogs on leashes (and pulling in different directions), so having just one to cuddle yesterday afternoon seemed almost a breeze.

"Before Peter Ali introduced me to greyhound racing I would never have thought it was so much fun," he said.

Doesn't mean he has lost any of his curiosity, though. "I am always secretly kind of hoping the rabbit will break down to see what happens," Maher said.

With Maher at the helm this season, the organisation has made the Hudson Maher Foundation the nominated charity of the carnival.



“ They give me so much joy and I want to make a better world for them ”

- Actress Angelina Jolie on her adopted children Maddox and Zahara

Bands hit stage for the Big Easy



WHEN Hurricane Katrina battered New Orleans, the music world drew a breath.

One of music's biggest homes, the Big Easy, had taken a huge hit.

Adelaide bands are doing their bit to help New Orleans and affected areas get back on their feet with Adelaide Bands Together 2.

Tomorrow night you will see some of Adelaide's best at the Governor Hindmarsh. All proceeds go the Australia Red Cross U.S. Hurricane 2005 Relief Appeal.