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321-GO DVD

ATHLETICS — The DVD of last Sunday's B&E 321-GO event is still available. Catch all the action from the six age groups, with cameras at several locations along the course picking up most competitors. Order forms can be picked up from The Advocate, Burnie City Council offices, Sport First and B&E. Inquiries can also be made at the 321-GO email address: info@321go.com.au. Organisers have endeavoured to include as many children as possible on the DVD. It costs \$13 and orders must be made before November 12.

Lion fight

RUGBY LEAGUE — Australian coach Ricky Stuart says he expects England to try to bash the Kangaroos out of Sunday's World Cup clash — with former Sydney Roosters firebrand Adrian Morley leading the fight for the Lions. Talking up the prospect of "a traditional Test match", Stuart said England would offer a greater physical challenge than the timid display from New Zealand's forwards in last week's tournament opener.

Lethal a legend

FOOTBALL — Hawthorn great and four-time AFL premiership-winning coach Leigh Matthews was last night named one of Queensland's seven footballing "legends". The recently-departed Brisbane Lions mentor was included alongside homegrown sons Jason Dunstall and Michael Voss in AFL Queensland's honorary list, along with Arthur Collinson, Harry O'Callaghan, Dick Verdon and umpire Tom McArthur.

Swimmers sink

OLYMPICS — Golden girl Stephanie Rice's Beijing treble topped Australia's favourite Olympic moments but she was not as popular as Ian Thorpe. Swimming was unsurprisingly the country's most watched sport at the Beijing Games but its support dropped significantly from the 2004 Olympics when Thorpe reigned. In Athens, as well as the 2000 Sydney Games, 47 per cent of Australians nominated swimming as their favourite sport to watch. That dropped to 30 per cent in Beijing, followed by gymnastics (15%), the opening ceremony (8%), diving (7%) and athletics (6%).

Port unfit

PORT ADELAIDE — Fitness has emerged as key factor in Port Adelaide's slide down the AFL ladder this year. After a review the club said yesterday a need to improve the fitness program was one of a number of outcomes. It also found issue with the club's ball movement from defence and around clearances.

Hewitt fresh for trip into twilight of career

TENNIS

SYDNEY — Lleyton Hewitt says the layoff following hip surgery has revitalised him for the last phase of his tennis career and he still hopes to claim an Australian Open title.

The former world No 1 has slipped to a distant 69th in the world rankings this week but is more immediately concerned with preparation for his 13th Australian Open campaign in January.

"Probably in a couple of weeks' time I'll actually get on court for the first time," Hewitt said.

"Roche (coach Tony Roche) and I will just start lightly in the first couple of weeks and then I'll just build it up."

Hewitt plans to resume from his post-Beijing Olympics surgery in the Hopman Cup mixed teams event in Perth in early January then play the Sydney International in the lead up to the Australian Open starting on January 19.

The former Wimbledon and US Open champion admitted he may be a little "short" on match preparation going into the grand slam.

But motivation is not an issue as he attempts to improve on his 2005



HIGH HOPES: Now ranked 69th, Lleyton Hewitt still hopes still to win the Australian Open.

runner-up result behind Marat Safin.

"This spell that I have been forced to have because of the hip surgery, the last three or four months has actually given me time

to reflect and freshen up for sort of the last phase of my career as well, the next few years," he said.

"To really go out and really have a crack at trying to get back up the rankings but more importantly put myself in contention for the grand slams."

Hewitt faces a busy time at the end of the year with his wife Bec expecting their second child in late December, shortly before his return to tournaments.

"It's just a matter of trying to prepare as well as possible for the tennis and the baby stuff will take care of itself on the side," he said.



ROCKA ROLLING: Scott Rockliff, of Sassafras, has put the final touches on his self-designed off-road buggy, ready to take to the East Coast this weekend in the Tasmanian Sand Enduro. Picture: Jason Hollister.

Hitting the beach in a high-speed 'Rocka'

MOTORSPORT
By MARTIN AGATYN

DON'T expect to see him on ABC TV show *The New Inventors* anytime soon, but Sassafras farmer Scott Rockliff is every bit as clever as some of the contestants.

Rockliff has been involved in motorsport most of his life, but has turned his skills to designing his own off-road racing buggy.

He will put the "Rocka A Arm" to the test this Saturday and Sunday on the East Coast in the 36th annual Tasmanian Sand Enduro, at St Helens.

Rockliff is a former Tasmanian motocross champion and former top-three nationally rated four-wheel-drive mud-run competitor, but loves the endurance aspect of off-road racing, whether it's in the deserts of the Northern Territory, the mud and bush at Latrobe, or on the sand dunes of the East Coast.

"You get more bang for your buck with off-road racing compared to other forms of motorsport," Rockliff said.

Rockliff is a former state off-road champion and also won the sand enduro in 2000, but is hungry for success again this weekend, especially after an

engine failure robbed him of a likely victory last year when he was leading after the first day.

"It's a tough event to win," he said.

Rockliff's single-seat buggy is powered by a Subaru two-litre turbo motor and during the past year he has invested significant time and money to fit the car with a six-speed racing box.

The Rocka A Arm chassis was designed and built by Rockliff and is modelled on various American designs using superior A Arm suspension.

The ARB 4x4 Accessories Tasmanian Sand Enduro is also the fourth and final round of the Tasmanian State Off-Road Racing Series.

The 500km event is Australia's longest off-road race and has run every year since 1973.

The enduro will consist of five heats over the two days.

It is unique, with its high-speed beach run for half the lap and a challenging but spectacular course through the dunes for the remainder, where vehicles are known to get some "serious air".

Other strong contenders for the event title include four-time winner Stewart McKenzie, of Ulverstone, and Deloraine's Justin Tatnell, who will drive solo this year after winning last year's enduro when he co-drove with his brother Hayden.

NWTWBA results

Division one
Viewmont d Port Sorell, 79-38: B Loane d M Richardson, 19-18; B Oliver d T Gibson, 33-7; P Zolati d J Marshall, 27-13. Points: Viewmont, 12; Port Sorell, 0.
Spreyton It Latrobe, 29-44: L Baulch d K Lamprey, 15-6; G Compagne It M Beaumont, 8-20; M Norris It L Woolley, 6-18. Points: Spreyton, 2; Latrobe, 10.
Wynyard d Devonport, 58-57: M Moles It S Geeves, 12-21; P Cox d L Scott, 27-15; F Neal It E Reid, 19-21. Points: Wynyard, 8; Devonport, 4.
Sheffield d South Burnie, 56-53: C Daly d J Kerrison, 23-13; J Grandfield d M Feltham, 20-17; J Hope It M Singleton, 13-23. Points: Sheffield, 10; South Burnie, 2.
Ulverstone d Penguin, 69-54: H Maxwell d M Lade, 28-15; K Blair d G Elsworth, 19-18; G Meachem d D Bissett, 22-21. Points: Ulverstone, 12; Penguin, 0.
Division two

Ridgley d Devonport, 98-31: E Turner d B Coates, 40-6; C Agar d V Yaldwyn, 29-15; M George d J Williams, 29-10. Points: Ridgley, 12; Devonport, 0.
Railton d South Burnie, 67-48: D Brown d H Jones, 23-20; B Gleeson d L Good, 29-13; N Hardwicke dw S Wells, 15-15. Points: Railton, 11; South Burnie, 1.
Burnie d Latrobe, 74-40: M Alderson d A Clarke, 21-17; K Bramich d B Williams, 25-14; M Keygan d K Williams, 28-9. Points: Burnie, 12; Latrobe, 0.
Turners Beach It Smithton, 39-68: K Cooper It P Medwin, 12-20; P George It J Oates, 13-26; E Coates It J O'Rourke, 14-22. Points: Turners Beach, 0; Smithton, 12.
Ulverstone d Penguin, 72-57: F Keeley d E Laughton, 23-16; H Gurnhill It J Crawford, 19-25; J Bird d U Smith, 30-16. Points: Ulverstone, 10; Penguin, 2.
Division three
Viewmont It Port Sorell Black, 29-67: B

Collidge It H McNamara, 7-22; H Baldock It Z Arnold, 12-27; M Vowles It D Kernan, 10-18. Points: Viewmont, 0; Port Sorell Black, 12.
Wynyard White d Turners Beach, 76-44: B Ayton It J Last, 18-21; J Gooding d M Appleby, 28-11; L Smart d P Dalrymple, 30-12. Points: Wynyard White, 10; Turners Beach, 2.
Spreyton d Port Sorell Green, 58-23½: G Goold d S Bonner, 17-7; I Jones d J Wheldon, 15-14; J McNab It N Cooper, 13-27. Points: Sheffield, 2; South Burnie, 10.
Sheffield It South Burnie, 44-63: E Skirving It D Backhouse, 16-22; J Smith d N Collins, 15-14; J McNab It N Cooper, 13-27. Points: Sheffield, 2; South Burnie, 10.
Burnie It Wynyard Blue, 57-76: J Davis It E Dean, 16-23; L Button dw G Hammond, 23-23; M Pine It K Clarke, 18-30. Points: Burnie, 1; Wynyard Blue, 11.
Division four
Railton d Wynyard, 73-45: N Jones It Y

Parker, 21-24; H Stolp d H Williams, 28-11; E Connelly d E Westbrook, 24-10. Points: Railton, 10; Wynyard, 2.
Turners Beach It Smithton, 50-58: F Hardy It M O'Halloran, 15-18; M Butler It A Spinks, 12-25; F Prew d S Ennis, 23-15. Points: Turners Beach, 2; Smithton, 10.
Ulverstone d Penguin, 67-41: D Marshall d M Bright, 28-8; M Eaton It M Bird, 16-17; G Crawford d P Scott, 23-16. Points: Ulverstone, 10; Penguin, 2.
Ridgley d Devonport, 64-45: C Butler d F Slater, 31-12; G Kirchebner d C Vander Velde, 19-18; L Richardson It B Sherriff, 14-15. Points: Ridgley, 10; Devonport, 2.
Spreyton d Latrobe, 57-31: J Polden It M McCuillagh, 18-10; K Jowett d L Lamprey, 18-16; P Keygan d M Meagher, 21-5. Points: Spreyton, 12; Latrobe, 0.