

Australia wants Ashes back

Australian Premier John Howard says that given his country's sustained cricketing supremacy it is time for the Ashes trophy to return to Melbourne. After England's first shock home defeat by Australia in 1882, a mock obituary proclaimed the death of English cricket – with the body's "ashes" going to Australia

England "regained the ashes" following a victory in Australia when one of the bails was burnt, the ashes placed in a small terracotta urn and presented to England captain Ivo Bligh



The "Ashes poem"

*When Ivo goes back with the urn, the urn;
Studds, Steel, Read, and Tylecote
return, return;
The Welkin will ring loud,
The great crowd will feel proud,
Seeing Barlow and Bates with
the urn, the urn;
And the rest coming
home with
the urn*

