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# Deciding what's the world's best

**A** LOT of press lately has debated who is the best sportsman of all time, the result of another win to Tiger Woods, who I think plays golf and won another home and way round, or something.

But how hard can it be to whack a little ball into a cup three times the ball's size? He ought to try Russian Billiards some day.

Which brings to mind Walter Lindrum. Not many sports have changed their rules because one player was so much better than everyone else. It's not as if Tiges wins every tournament.

Unlike forgotten squash champion Heather McKay, who came pretty close, beaten only twice in 20 years, and thus also has a fair claim to 'The' all-time great.

**Okay, Sir Don hit a lot of fences with a leather covered ball, but didn't we all as kids? And a few windows. Anyway, bodyline sorted him out.**

Pele was pretty flash at soccer, especially for a bloke with only one name, but even he didn't win every game. So maybe not winning is a better measure of best in the world and if so no one comes within coo-ee of Aussie Rules aficionado, my cousin, Tezza.

He's probably won a few best and fairest trophies,



**Fox Gordon Hannah's Swing Shiraz 2006 \$45.** Best in the world at the recent Concours de Mondial Bruxelles, which we all know well. And it really is like a swing, in a roundabout sort of way, ie great fun in the right hands. **9/10**

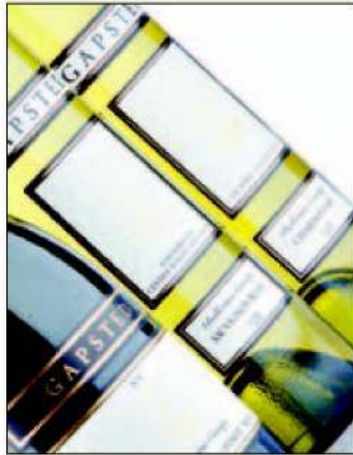
but that's not what makes Tezza the best. Nuh, he deserves the title because he has played in 14 grand finals, itself a pretty mean feat, and the same number Tiger has won, but Tezza

hasn't won a single flag.

Yet he still gets up every Saturday and pulls on the boots, and has done so for longer than Tiger has had teeth. That's gotta be tougher than 72 holes at the coun-

try club.

There's been a flurry of best-in-the-world wines, and there's a few Aussies among them, although none from Deniliquin, as far as I know.



**Gapsted  
Ballerina  
Canopy  
Marlborough  
Central Ranges  
King Valley  
Sauvignon  
Blanc, 2007,**  
\$19. A little bit  
of Marlborough  
goes a long  
way, except  
when you're in  
the mood, and  
then it's all  
gone too soon.  
Yummy. 8.9/10.



**Houghton  
Sauvignon  
Blanc  
Semillon  
2007, \$14.**  
Serious drinkers will  
deride and  
ignore this as  
the marque tries to shirk  
its 'common'  
reputation. Little do they  
know how  
good we  
commoners  
drink. 8.5/10



**Xabregas (WA) Cabernet Merlot 2004,** \$15. Very  
medieval, specially the 2004 bit. How old is that? Old  
enough to have a cork. Interesting gear with a Tudor  
flourish and gold, silver and bronze medals on the  
label too. 8.3/10



**Henry Holmes Barossa Valley 2006 Shiraz,** \$25.  
Some very attractive and stylised sheep on the label  
with golden fleece, which should interest New  
Zealanders, especially in winter. Encouragingly low  
alcohol for a Barossa red too. 8.4/10



**Montrose Omaggio Barbera 2006,** \$26. Big, fat  
barbecue red without being too big and fat. No  
excess baggage and a welcome diversion for shiraz  
lovers over Italian sausage. 8.6/10