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Dad query kicked about

IS Michael Jackson's Queensland-bound bodyguard the real dad of the late singer's son, Blanket?

That's what British tabloid *News Of The World* is claiming.

Confidential revealed last week that Jackson's former bodyguard, **Matt Fiddes**, was coming to town to talk up his chain of martial arts gyms.

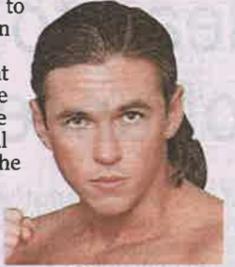
Matt (pictured) spent 10 years protecting the King of Pop and the *NOTW* says that he will this week claim he is the biological father of the dead star's youngest son, Blanket.

The paper says Fiddes will tell how he fathered the eight-year-old by sperm donation for nothing - turning down a £500,000 (\$824,500) offer from the superstar.

He has told pals he will fight for custody if anything happens to Jacko's mum, Katherine.

"There is a strong resemblance and the dates match. He offered me a lot of cash but I turned him down as he was my good friend," Matt is reported to have told friends.

Confidential has a one-on-one interview lined up with Matt this week and we intend to get to the bottom of the mystery.



Clash of the revheads

A REVAMPED version of *Top Gear Australia* hits the airwaves next month but fans of the show will have a one-off *Top Gear: The Ashes Special* airing this week to tide them over until then.

The three Aussie hosts **Steve Pizzati**, **Shane "Kenny" Jacobson** and **Ewen Page** (pictured) travel to the UK to take on the mighty British

Top Gear team of **Jeremy Clarkson**, **James May** and **Richard Hammond**. The boys will be up to their usual antics, and the Aussies will go head-to-head with the Poms in some tougher-than-usual challenges. For example, the Australians will race a classic Aussie ute against a British delivery van driven by the UK lads.

The show had two series on SBS before Nine bought the rights, and new host Jacobson promises the "deeper pockets" at Nine have helped give the show a complete overhaul.

"It's had a revamp, it's been given a larger fuel tank, it's been given better suspension and it's been given a much bigger engine," Jacobson says.

Fashion at the races

STYLISH Queenslanders will be looking to upstage their Victorian counterparts at the Melbourne Cup Day Live Party at Eagle Farm.

Why watch the big race at work in the office when you can throw a sickie and head down to the track for a full live horse-racing program?

Fashions on the Field will be a highlight with a new addition of a live judging component where racegoers will be given the opportunity to vote on a "Viewers Choice" award outside of the judges' pick. A perfect excuse to go shopping.

On the town BMW Ride For Life Challenge, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane



James Conaghan and Natalie Rayment



Trudy Schneider and Kirrily Tutt



Damian Leonard and Lindsey Cook



Warren Foster and Emily Davies



Brett Moulder and Martin Roller



Lisa Taylor and Claire Feer

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