

New Yorker who caught Barry record-breaking home run all yesterday, says he will give cent of anything he makes to te he went to the game with. phy and his unnamed friend n their way to Australia for a y when they bought tickets to ame three weeks ago after ng they would have a layover in anisco.

phy has kept a low profile since ng the ball and it's not known er he's still coming Down Under.

In his sience, memorabilia experts have been valuing the ball at between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

While the 22-year-old was all smiles after surfacing with the ball in his hand, history suggests eternal happiness doesn't naturally follow.

Patrick Hayashi, who in 2001 caught the ball Bonds hit to break the single-season record of 73 home runs, found himself in court after Alex Popov claimed the ball was his.

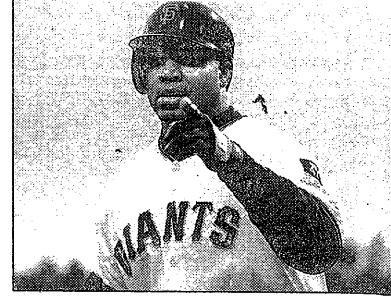
They shared the proceeds, taking \$260,000 each, and used much of what was left to pay legal fees.

Back in 1927, Joe Forner caught a record ball hit by Babe Ruth. Forner sold it for just \$117 to a hat shop owner.

Seventy-eight years later, a photograph of Forner selling the ball sold for \$455.

In 1998, the ball that Mark McGwire smashed to break the then single-season record was caught by Philip Ozerzsky, a medical researcher.

He collected a lazy \$3.1 million, went out and bought three houses and gave \$290,000 to charities.



Valuable milestone: Barry Bonds

CAREER KICK-START



Best foot forward: Simon Anderson practises his kicking at his old school, Melbourne High, yesterday. Anderson has won a scholarship in Canada, where he will punt for the University of British Columbia.
Pictures: IAN CURRIE

YOU probably won't hear much about **Simon Anderson** in the next few months. Not as much as you'll hear about **Ben Graham, Mat McBriar and Sav Rocca**.

Those guys will, or may, be kicking in the big league, America's NFL.

Anderson, 21, will be in Canada, having recently won a six-month scholarship to be the punter for the University of British Columbia.

He leaves next week and immediately goes into training camp, where he hopes to improve on his 4.2sec hang time and 1.2sec get-off time.

And, if all goes well, maybe an NFL club will notice him. That's the plan. The dream.

"I'm just looking forward to getting over there and having somebody return the ball when I punt it," Anderson, an engineering student at Melbourne University, said.

"Right now, I've got 10 balls. I punt them, then I go and collect them myself."

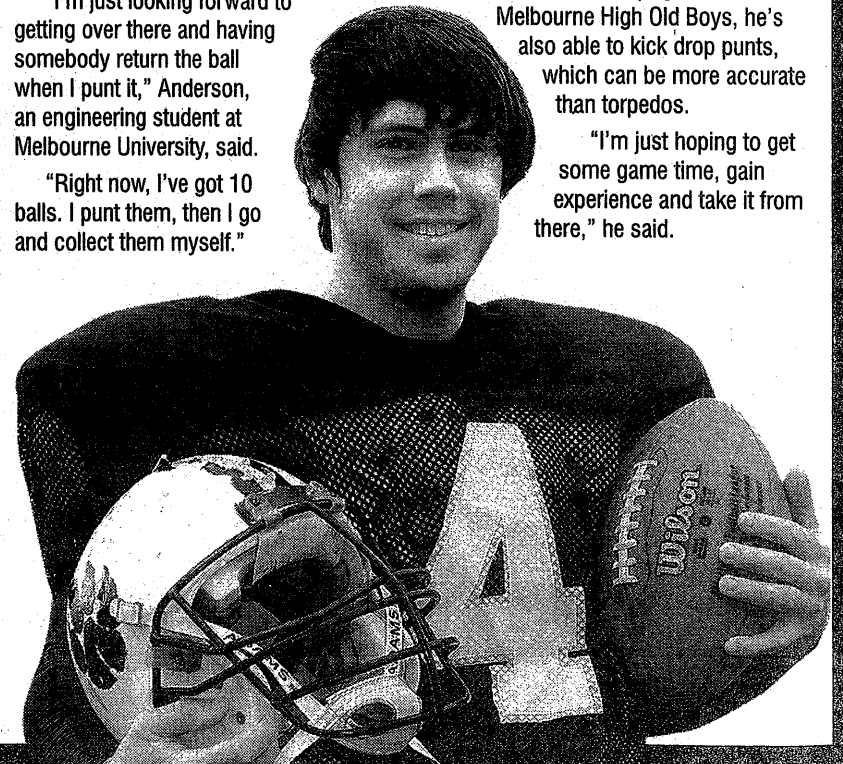
Anderson is a graduate of the Ozpunt Academy, a local outfit that teaches prospective punters and then opens doors for them into the US and Canada.

And we're talking about some serious scholarships. One young Geelong prospect, **Stephen Paulke**, was offered a five-year scholarship with all school fees paid from the University of Houston. It also included a tutor in each subject, accommodation and meals. Everything except airfares. Paulke's problem was that he still had another year of school. He hopes the offer's still around next year.

Anderson, meanwhile, has enormous potential. He's not tall at 182cm but that enables him to move quickly and release the ball quickly.

An Aussie rules player at Melbourne High Old Boys, he's also able to kick drop punts, which can be more accurate than torpedos.

"I'm just hoping to get some game time, gain experience and take it from there," he said.



poll position

poll of the 31 Supercar drivers released this week in *Auto Action* line.

ted Paul Morris the most dan-driver, Garth Tander the best ver and the one most likely to e 2007 title Craig Lowndes the

THE FOOTY TRAGIC v THE COUGAR MAN

ROUND 19 TIPS	
GEOFF POULTER	BARRY DAWSON
Collingwood	Collingwood
Hawthorn	Hawthorn
Port Adelaide	Port Adelaide
Western Bulldogs	Western Bulldogs

Deceiving result

> INTERESTING winner of the A-grade comp at Whittlesea Golf Club on Saturday — F. Bar-stead, off a handicap of six, winning with one-up.

We checked and Whittlesea doesn't have an F. Bar-stead among its members. We also checked and Saturday's A grade was won by Ross