

Balding Warne not stumped

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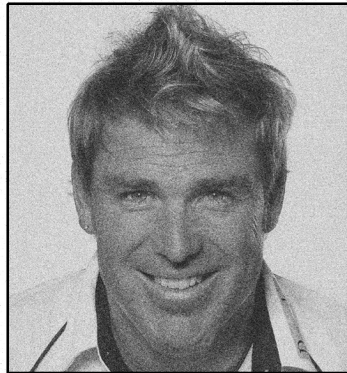
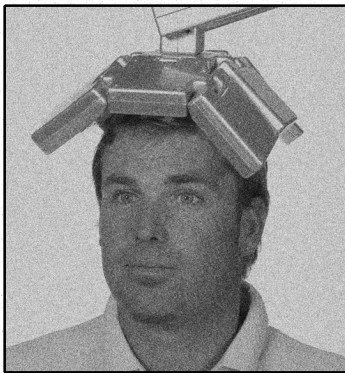
IT WAS last month when Shane Warne and his Hampshire teammate Kevin Pietersen visited a London barber together that the Australian bowler's bald patch was first noted.

"We went and got our hair done with the same dude," Pietersen said at the time. "(Warne) got his colours done, I had a bit of colour tinted in mine. Warnie's getting a bald patch at the minute."

But Warnie did something about it. In pursuit of a "lush new wicket" he approached Advanced Hair Studio, and is now appearing in commercials for the company.

Going by the promo shots, he can shape his mop into a mini-mohawk. "It's great," he said. "My hair is growing back and my hair loss has stopped."

"It's not so much a contract



Warne, right, undergoing laser therapy and, left, with his new look.

as a marriage . . . Greg Matthews has been with us for 12 years, Graham Gooch for 10 years," said Advanced Hair Studio managing director Carl Howell, referring to the former Australian spinner and former England captain. Warne now has laser therapy weekly to regrow his locks. He also rubs a

serum into his scalp daily and takes Serenoa capsules.

It's not the first time Warne has signed up with a company to help fix his flaws. In 1999, in his bid to quit smoking, he had the help of a \$200,000 sponsorship from an anti-smoking company. But he was caught smoking months later.