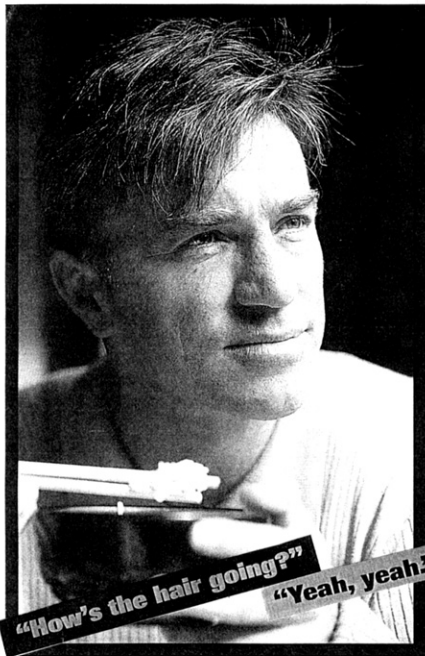


# JACKO'S LUNCH

GREG  
MATTHEWS



**He's been called eccentric and outrageous. His hair comes from Russia and his heart is pure**

**New South Wales. Greg Matthews, once considered a bit of a wild boy, is now the Blues captain and his passion for the game has grown even stronger, if that's possible. "Mo" Matthews selected the Restaurant Suntory in Sydney's CBD to sit down and play a straight bat over lunch to questions bowled up by Peter "Jacko" Jackson.**

comfortable with where I'm at, where I'm going, what I'm doing.

**Jacko:** Do you think your personality has worked in your favor with selection at different times in your career, or has it worked against you?

**Matthews:** It would be a sad day if my personality was such a burden at the selection table.

**Jacko:** Do you think it has been, though?

**Matthews:** I think many things, I don't always think the right things. There have been times when I could have bitten my lip saying something to a captain.

**Jacko:** Can you recall any of those times?

**Matthews:** Not as such because I've always said it to their face. If it has cost me I don't feel let down by it as such. I only feel I perhaps should have shown more discipline and not been as opinionated.

**Jacko:** So have you been opinionated over the years?

**Matthews:** Jacko, I've been opinionated all my life, without doubt.

**Jacko:** So has this worked against you?

**Matthews:** Certainly. I think it was Geoff Lawson who said that not everyone enjoys honesty, not everyone copes with it well. But you've got to give a bit of yourself, you've got to be prepared to back yourself. ▶

**Jacko:** First of all, Mo, congratulations on the captaincy.

**Matthews:** Thank you.

**Jacko:** What's it mean to you?

**Matthews:** A great deal. It's an opportunity to influence the fabric of the development of NSW cricket.

**Jacko:** A lot of people describe you as different, some might even say eccentric. How would you describe yourself?

**Matthews:** I think we're all a bit different in our own way. Jacko. But as far as describing myself, I think that's for others to do. I'm pretty