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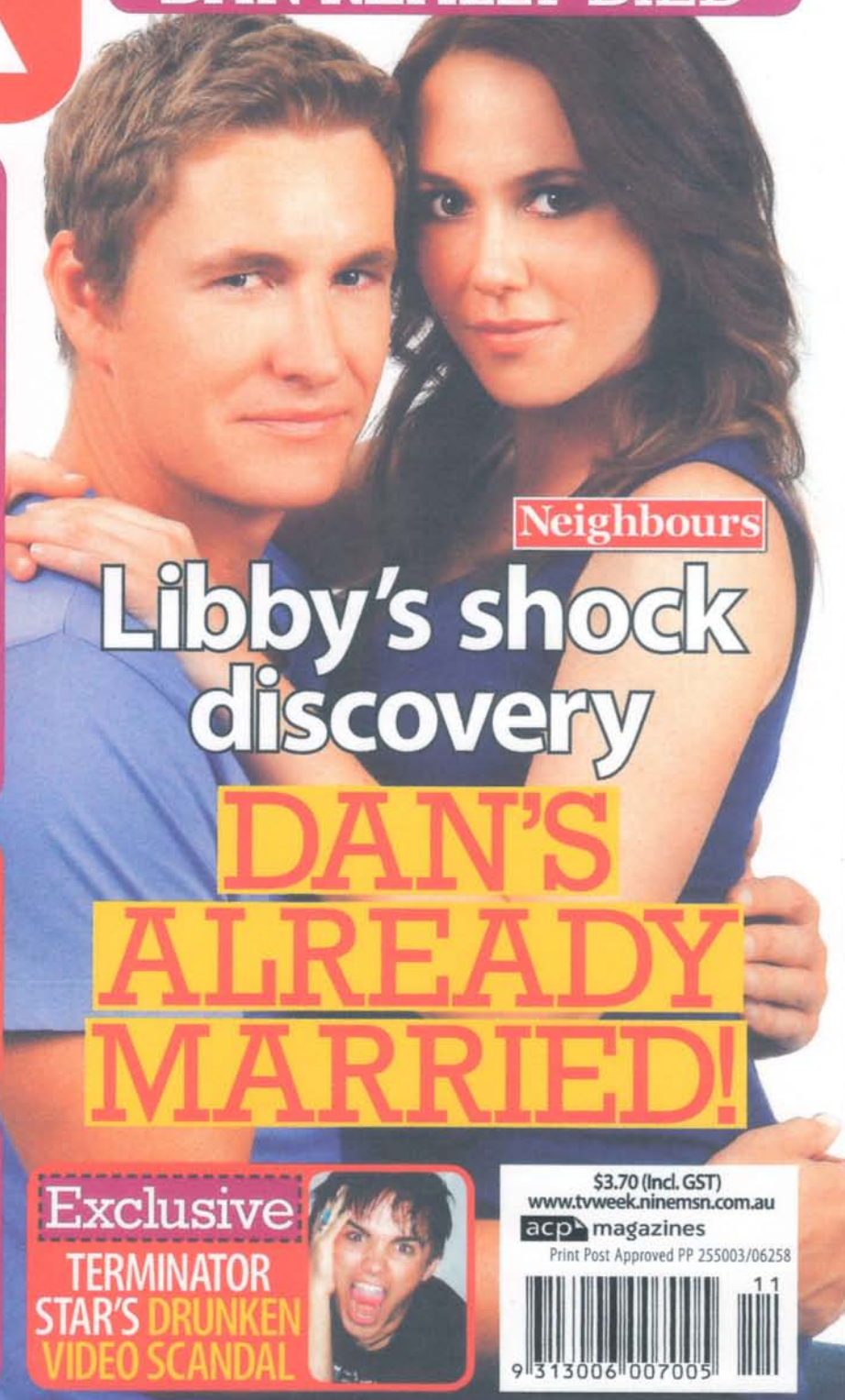
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GLADIATORS ARE THEY

The Gladiators

NAME: Bev Carter

GLADIATOR NAME: Blade

★ Bev was an elite British gymnast and an aerobics champion before she scored a gig on *Gladiators* and settled in Australia. She now has a business called Performance Life And Wellness Coaching and has just written a book called *Be Your Own Personal Trainer*

– but she still gets recognised from her time on the show.

"It does happen occasionally, which is quite funny," Bev says. "But I wasn't one of the most recognised Gladiators because I was the one doing cartwheels, so you just used to see me flying through the air!"

Bev keeps in touch with two other former Gladiators: Storm (Charlene Machin) and Cheeta (Nicky Davico).

"Cheeta's got three kids, and Storm is a superb triathlete," Bev says. "She's a great girl."

So do they all call each other by their old Gladiator names?

"It's like a nickname now more than anything, but we do try to use our normal names in public!" Bev laughs. And her advice for the new Gladiators?

"Just keep your feet on the floor and enjoy the moment," she says. "It's a fantastic ride."



NAME: Barbara Kendall

GLADIATOR NAME: Rebel

★ Not only does Barbara have every fan letter from her *Gladiator* days, she also has her old costume – and still wears it.

"I prefer to use [the costume] than weight or body-fat scales. I figure if I can still fit into it, I must be doing something right!" she says.

The former body-building champ runs her own outdoor fitness business, and also auditioned to host the new series with Vulcan (John Seru).

"Vulcan and I were being considered [for the hosting roles], but Tom Williams and Zoe Naylor got the jobs."

Does Barbara plan to watch the new series?

"Absolutely," she says. "And I wish [the new Gladiators] the best of luck... not to dislocate a knee, tear a pec, cork a thigh or get whacked in the head by a giant cotton bud!"



Woman's Day



RS: WHERE NOW?

We prepare for the return of *Gladiators* by catching up with the stars from the first series



NAME: Geoff Barker
GLADIATOR NAME: Commando

★ This former British Marine commando admits *Gladiators* took so much out of him, he didn't train for nearly 10 years!

"I never wanted to see a gym again," Geoff laughs. "It's only been in the last few months I've started training again."

But Geoff hasn't exactly been idle since the original series ended. He's

currently working on his eighth book, is about to start filming the second season of *Erotic Star* on Arena, which he hosts with his equally high-profile wife, Bessie Bardot, and is about to launch his PR and media business in the US.

Busy as he is, Geoff still sees some of the former *Gladiators*.

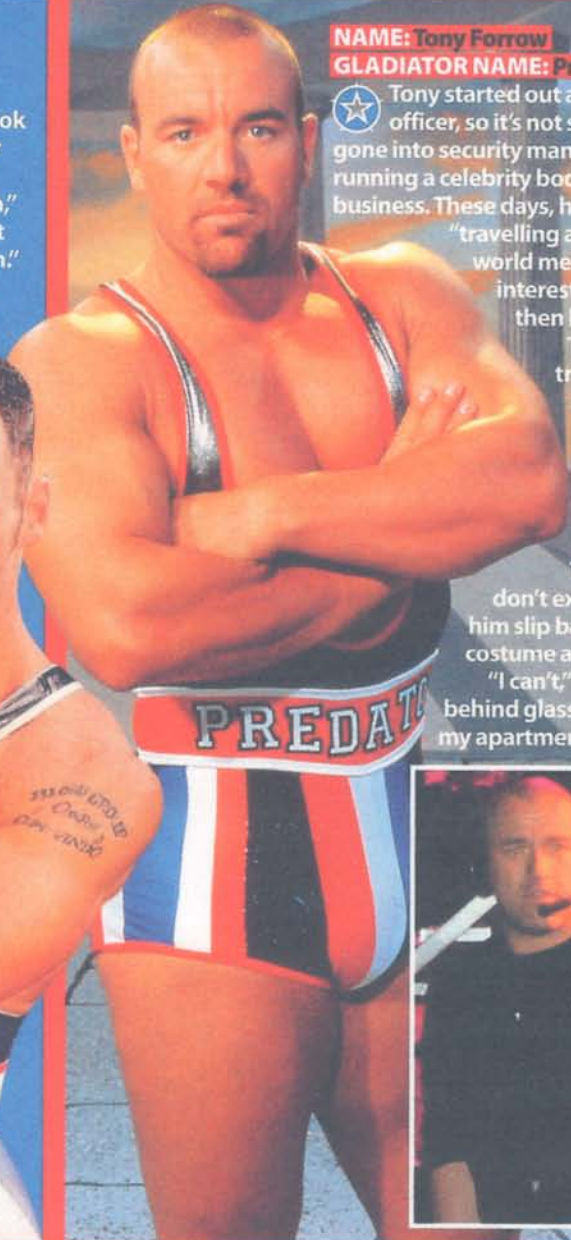
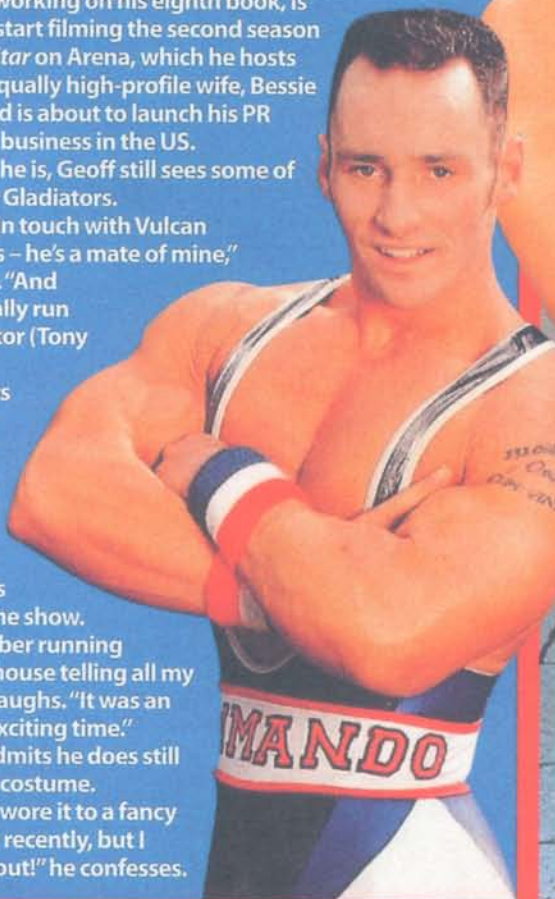
"I keep in touch with Vulcan sometimes - he's a mate of mine," Geoff says. "And I occasionally run into Predator (Tony Farrow)."

Geoff says he's happy for the new *Gladiators*, because he recalls what it was like when he was chosen for the show.

"I remember running around the house telling all my friends," he laughs. "It was an amazingly exciting time."

And he admits he does still have his old costume.

"I nearly wore it to a fancy dress party recently, but I chickened out!" he confesses.



NAME: Tony Farrow
GLADIATOR NAME: Predator

★ Tony started out as a NSW police officer, so it's not surprising he's gone into security management, running a celebrity body-guarding business. These days, he enjoys

"travelling around the world meeting new and interesting people... then hurting them!"

Tony has also tried his hand at acting, appearing in *All Saints*, *Murder Call* and the Heath Ledger movie *Two Hands*. But

don't expect to see him slip back into his old costume anytime soon.

"I can't," Tony says. "It's behind glass on the wall in my apartment!"

