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TELEVISION

HIGHLIGHTS

Wipeout

WIN, 7.30pm

It seems obstacle course shows are cool again. First there was *Big Brother Friday Night Live*, then the return of *Gladiators* and now there's this. It's a knockout-style import from the US. Every week, 24 hopefuls tackle a course featuring challenges such as high-speed treadmills, giant bouncing balls, spinning mechanisms and a wall from which arms pop out and throw punches. As you might have guessed, plenty of crashes and splashes ensue. At the end of the series the last competitor wins \$50,000. Hosted by John Anderson, John Henson and Jill Wagner.

Walk Like A Man

SBS, 7.30pm

As the All Blacks and the Wallabies battle it out for the Bledisloe Cup, this enjoyable doco tells the story of another, lesser known rugby union tournament. The Bingham Cup is a competition between the world's best homosexual rugby teams. It was named after gay rugby player Mark Bingham, who perished aboard United Airlines Flight 93, on September 11, 2001, after bravely trying to thwart the terrorists. Former rugby league star-turned-actor Ian Roberts narrates as the San Francisco Fog and the Sydney Convicts compete for the 2006 trophy.



Walk Like A Man.

MOVIES

Balzac And The Little Chinese Seamstress

SBS, 1.00pm, M (2002)

An oddball love story that takes a satirical look at communist China in the early '70s. Set during China's cultural revolution, two university students (Kan Chen, Ye Lian) are sent to a remote mountain village to be re-educated. It's there that they fall in love with the tailor's granddaughter (Xun Zhou). They end up teaching her to read and write by exposing her to western books - in particular the novels of Honoré de Balzac. A genuinely amusing and interesting comment about how literature can stimulate the mind.



Xun Zhou stars in Balzac And The Little Chinese Seamstress.