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WALK LIKE A MAN, 7.30pm, SBS:
As the Australian Rugby Union tries to crank up enthusiasm for the Bledisloe Cup, spare a thought for those who still play the game for the love of it. Including the Bingham Cup – a rugby tournament played in New York. That doesn't sound quite right, does it? ... Drifting back through time on the gossamer wings of memory, we arrive in the Big Apple for the 2006 challenge between the Sydney Convicts team and the event's favourites, the San Francisco Fog. The series began in 2002 with eight teams competing in a tribute to Mark Bingham, a gay rugby player whose intervention aboard the hijacked

flight 93, on September 11, 2001, prevented the aircraft being used as a weapon against a civilian target by the terrorists in the cockpit.

Anyone who clings to the absurdity that gay men are all simpering effeminate stereotypes, should pack down in a scrum and learn the realities about masculinity, brotherhood and homosexuality. Narrated by the former league player Ian Roberts, the program features a cameo by the former Wallaby Peter FitzSimons, who has long been a passionate advocate of equality and identity based on individuality rather than crass stereotypes of race, religion, class and gender.