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Spin king's poker play

HE conquered the world of cricket and now **Shane Warne** is about to embark on a new career – as a professional poker player.

Confidential can reveal that Warne has signed to poker giant 888.com to play poker around the world, including the prestigious World Series of Poker which was famously won by Aussie **Joe Hachem** in 2005.

Warne was excited yesterday at his new challenge, which will see him travel to the U.S., UK, New Zealand and possibly South Africa with 888.com this year with more dates around the world a possibility.

“It’s a game of skill that has a lot of analogies to cricket. You have to be very, very disciplined,” he says.

Warne’s interest in poker developed from just playing with mates the past five years to a legitimate career after becoming good friends with Joe Hachem and his brother **Tony**.