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New career for spin ace

Cricket: Australian spin bowling wizard Shane Warne will begin a new career as a poker professional, according the *Herald Sun* newspaper.

Warne, who retired from test cricket last year with a record 708 wickets, had signed with online poker company 888.com to play the World Series of Poker, won by his Australian poker mentor Joe Hachem in 2005.

Warne said he had been playing poker with friends for five years and more recently had been taking instructions from Hachem, who he saw every week. His first game as a professional would be at this week's Aussie Millions tournament in Melbourne. — Reuters