

ET TU, BRUTE? From bruiser to Caesar - how hirsute Tony Lockett may look. Photo montage: JOSH DASEY

Hair's some advice, Plugger

IF balding footy star Tony Lockett heeds the advice of Sydney hairdressers, he may well end up looking like a cross between Greg Matthews, Johnny Depp and Julius Caesar.

The Sydney Swans player is the latest sports star to sign up with Advance Hair Studio, with laser treatment underway on his receding hairline.

Many stylists believe he should grow his hair longer at the front to take full advantage of the treatment, which has given new heads of hair to other sportsmen such as cricketers Matthews and Graham Gooch.

According to Peter Michalandos, of Kensington's Trims Hair Studio, the very fashionable inner-city caesar look

might go down well on Lockett.

"A short caesar, with it combed forward, would be very trendy," Mr Michalandos said.

"But he has to be careful they don't make his hairline too far down, otherwise it looks like the caveman. And the hair would preferably go forward — it never works for those balding men who try to sweep it over like Norman Gunston."

At Newtown's Utopia, senior hairdresser Warren Britton suggested going for a 1950s-style military haircut, with short back and sides, but long on top, almost like Johnny Depp. "He may as well get a whole new hairdo and use a headband if it gets in his eyes while he's playing," Mr Britton said.

Over at Bass Hill, Vincenzina Coiro, of Hector Street Hair Design, said Lockett needed to be wary of having too even a hairline.

"Almost a catwalk look, with everything flowing — rather like a tousled Greg Matthews," she said.

But the advice from one of Sydney's top society hairdressers, Joh Bailey, is: "Frankly, I think the idea is horrific. He'd be better off being clipped."

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