

"Vulgar" . . Theo in Ferrari snubbed by girlfriend

**EXCLUSIVE by ANDY CRICK** 

FOOTBALLER Theo Walcott's girlfriend Melanie Slade has given the red card to the £140,000

Ferrari he bought for her 21st birthday.

Student Mel says the 193mph California, with personalised plates, is "too flash" to drive at university.

She told pals she wished the Arsenal and England winger was less showy with his cash and thinks the blinging motor is "vulgar". Blonde Mel prefers to drive the modest white £20,000 VW Beetle he bought her three years ago.

Theo, 20, who has struggled with injury, now drives the supercar instead.

## Waste

A pal said: "Melanie turned her nose up and said she couldn't believe he spent so much on it. She thought it was a waste of money. "She has driven it but is back to driving her Beetle." Theo, who earns £60,000 a week, is thought to be paying annual insurance of more than £20,000 for the Italian dream car, which he bought in November.

The source said physiotherapy student Mel just wants to fit in at St George's Hospital University in London.

She was thrust into the limelight in 2006 when Theo was picked for England Cup squad

world Cup squad at squad at 17. But the pal added: Gift . . Mel and Theo



Modest . . . Mel with Beetle

'Mel doesn't v the WAG want lifestyle. She was embar-rassed her uni mates knew she had a car worth so much when some students struggle 10

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