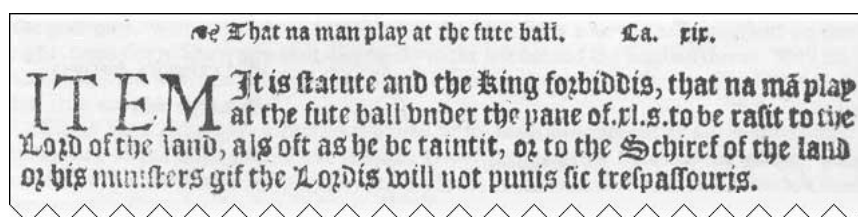


Weekly wrap up

Friday, 1 May 2009						Home	Away
7.40pm		Kangaroos	vs.		Collingwood	Etihad Stadium	\$3.15 \$1.33
Saturday, 2 May 2009							
2.10pm		Hawthorn	vs.		Carlton	M.C.G.	\$1.90 \$1.85
5.10pm		West Coast	vs.		Fremantle	Subiaco Oval	\$1.65 \$2.15
7.10pm		Brisbane Lions	vs.		Essendon	Gabba	\$1.45 \$2.60
6.40pm		Port Adelaide	vs.		Adelaide	AAMI Stadium	\$1.85 \$1.90
Sunday, 3 May 2009							
1.10pm		Sydney	vs.		Richmond	S.C.G.	\$1.36 \$3.00
2.40pm		Melbourne	vs.		Geelong	M.C.G.	\$13.00 \$1.01
4.40pm		Western Bulldogs	vs.		St. Kilda	Etihad Stadium	\$2.60 \$1.45

Last week I quoted a piece of legislation that prevented Australian Rules football being played on ANZAC Day. This week I give you the *Football Act 1424* which was passed by the Parliament of Scotland on 26 May 1424:



For those who don't read Twelve century Older Scottish Tongue, this translates to:

"It is statute, and the King forbids any man to play soccer under penalty of fifty schillings to be raised to the Lord of the land, or if he be convicted to the Sherriff of the land or his Ministers if the Lord will not punish such trespassers"

This is immediately followed by a clause commanding that every man "*fra they be twelfe zeir of age*" (as soon as they are twelve years of age) and holding ten pounds worth of land be made to practice archery. This was because they characterised soccer as an idle activity that weaken the nation's defences by taking time away from traditional combat-training activities like jousting or archery practice.

Although the Act fell into disuse, it remained in force for several centuries until finally being repealed by the *Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Act 1906*. There are also instances of similar English statutes and royal proclamations that, had they continued to be enforced, we may have successfully eradicated soccer from the face of the Earth...pity.

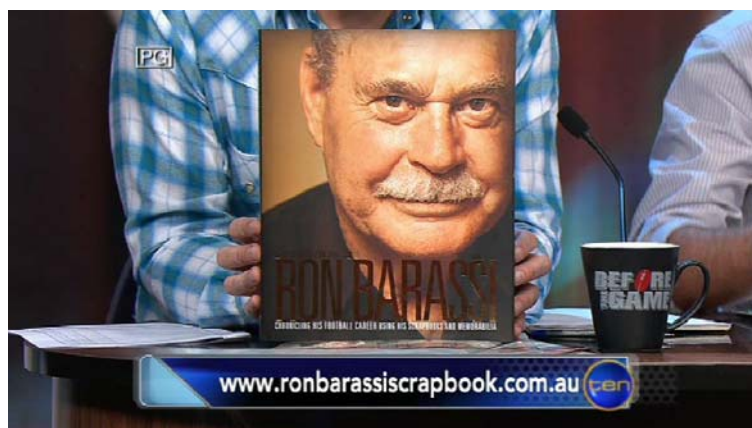


Meanwhile, in the land of real football, Jesse continues his impressive form, missing only Port Adelaide and claiming a weekly prize for the second time (edging out John by 30c). Not quite enough to overtake David in first place, but with a healthy \$7.74 lead on third place, they are beginning to break away from the pack. By comparison, 3rd through 14th are separated by only \$3.76.

Fun & Games

Unfortunate domain name

This is a screenshot of a promo that appeared on Saturday's episode of *Before the Game*:



Now, call me pedantic, but I don't think you should be registering domain names that are intended to read "*Ron Barassi Scrapbook*" but could instead be mistaken to mean that Ron Barassi's book is crap.

Puts them right up there with the URLs for the following web sites:

- Experts Exchange – a community of experts answering technology queries, not for prospective transgender surgery
- Mole Station Nursery – A NSW business that gives unfortunate connotations of being a breeding ground for pedophiles
- Pen Island – A retailer of quality custom-made pens. Why? What else could it possibly mean?

Phooty lookalikes

Jarryd Roughead and Brendan Fevola's 8 goal hauls provided motivation for this week's look-alikes:



Jarryd Roughead and Woody in matching colours



The new look Brendan Fevola and Roosters' Willie Mason



An old look Brendan Fevola and Sideshow Bob