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Jonathan Brown, one of the league's finest, missed a lot of football in 2006 and his return in 2007 was eagerly anticipated.

- In his first game back, Brown is struggling for touch. I think Neil Young said it best, rust never sleeps. •

The 2007 NAB Cup Grand Final produced a surprise winner when 2006 wooden spooners, Carlton, defeated Brisbane. This was played the night before the Australian F1 Grand Prix.

- Remarkably, the Blues will become the only team capable of winning the million dollar premiership bonus. To put it in perspective, it's like a Leyland P76 winning at Albert Park tomorrow. •



The start of 2007 was a public relations disaster for West Coast and, in turn, the AFL. In the space of a week, controversial rule changes such as the in-the-back rule were dwarfed by much larger issues.

- The AFL remains determined to rid the game of pushers. On and off the field. •

St Kilda star Luke Ball remains one of the AFL's most courageous players. He's both a ball winner and a tireless team player.

- How about Ball's work in that pack? If Billy Connolly was watching this replay he might be tempted to say, "Luke what he did". •





The Oklahoma bombing and its perpetrator, Timothy McVeigh, aren't exactly cause for humour, but perhaps the occasional observation is acceptable.

- There's nobody near Mark McVeigh and the aptly named Bomber decides to go for a run.

People say 'bad kicking is bad football'. I guess it is, but it's also contagious. A bout of bad kicking spread through the Saints one Friday night in 2006.

- That time Riewoldt missed an easy one. The Saints are spraying them everywhere. They're like a bunch of cologne salesmen getting paid on commission.

In 2006 the AFL placed a small bag of balls behind each goal to speed up the resumption of play. Well does anybody remember the TV show Fantasy Island and the actor who played the little guy?

James Clement has dashed over and grabbed a ball out of Herve Villechaize's sleeping-bag.

Adelaide's Brett Burton is one of the AFL's most exciting players. Often he alone can be worth the price of admission. And oh, did I mention he loves to kick a goal?

The goals beckoned, and when Burton realised he had so much time his eyes lit up like Paris Hilton spotting a waterbed.



At the end of 2005, Chris Judd, Matthew Pavlich and I bought a share of the Chilean Derby winner, Cefalu. Our express purpose was to win the Melbourne Cup. Unfortunately our purchase was anything but express – he was simply a dour stayer.

- You're right, Garry, Cefalu is definitely a one-pacer. I tell you what, it's a sobering moment when you realise one of the connections is a damn sight quicker. ☺

Week after week, Dermott Brereton took great delight in suggesting my relationship with Cameron Mooney was headed for a fiery end. He said the volatile Cat was 'very angry' about my on-air comments over vision that subsequently led to his suspension.

- And Cam, if you're watching today, never once have I suggested Mooney is the root of all evil. ☺





St Kilda's Steven Baker is just about the tightest tagger in the AFL.

- The best way to describe Steven Baker is that he's like cigarette smoke on your jacket. •

After a couple of unproductive seasons at Fremantle, Trent Croad took his chiselled body back to Melbourne and resurrected his career where it all started, at the Hawks.

- He looks like the guy you'd hire as your bodyguard if you were a bodyguard. •