

July 28, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen, Mayor  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

On July 27th we carried twelve Cub Scouts to Atlanta Stadium to see the ball game and to meet the Braves - or so we thought.

We had been up to the Stadium Office on a previous visit and the young lady told us we could bring the boys to an evening game at 6 p.m. and they could be taken into the dugout to meet the players. To confirm this I called Mr. Joe Gershon, President of the Braves 400 Club. He referred me to Mr. Jerry Sachs, Public Relations Director of the Braves. His office told me to bring the boys down to the dugout level seats at 6 p.m. and, even though they could not go into the dugout, the players would come over and sign their autograph books. This we did. We had the Cubs there at 5:45 and they were the only children in the stands at the time.

Felipe Alou and Mack Jones came over and were extremely nice to the boys, signing their books and letting the boys make their pictures and talking to them. However the rest of the team were rude to the point of being nasty to the children.

Twelve small boys were very disappointed; however, they were still pulling for their Braves when they took the field.

How does a parent or leader of children tell a boy that his idol may be a great player on the field but that he is not much as a man?

We hope that something can be done so that other children will not be disappointed as ours were. If necessary, the personnel should instruct anyone who calls that it is not possible to meet the Braves. Although I feel that this would be could for the spirit of the players as well as the fans if there was a closer relationship.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) JoAnne Norton

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Cub Pack 33

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cc: Mr. John McHale

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