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The Other Love

Joe Cooper

In honor of last month's holiday, Valentine's Day, let's examine that phenomenon call love. What is love? The dictionary defines it many different ways. The term love encompasses everything from maternal feelings to the love of a spouse/significant other, to the term used to describe zero in the game of tennis.

One definition of the word love is the object of attachment, devotion, or admiration. This definition is the one I am focusing on. In the definition of the word love can describe the feelings that we as Fan-Atics share for the Atlanta Falcons.

Yes, say it with me, we LOVE the Atlanta Falcons. Now don't go in denial. If you didn't love the Falcons, you would not be reading this right now. Why else would you join a fan club of the Atlanta Falcons? Unless you are a wacko (may not be politically correct but don't try to sue, ya won't get anything), you are reading this because you do in fact love the Dirty Birds.

But what does that love mean? Does it mean that it should be the most important thing in your life? Should you put football above all those around you?

I bet you would answer no. Does this mean that you can't say that you love the Falcons, again I say no. The definition of the word love says attachment, devotion or admiration of a thing. Well, I



know as a Fan-Atic most of you are devoted to the team. You have stood by the team during many disappointing seasons. It is fans like the Falcon Fan-Atics that remain in the stands when there is but a scant few people left in the dome during a blow-out.

The love you show the team lets them know that they can count on you. Add the Fan-Atic tag to your name and it let's the Falcons know for sure they can count on you.

How can they count on us? Well the Falcons can count on us to be their loyal fans, they can count on us to go to home games, they can count on us to go on several road games, but it goes much beyond this.

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The Award Goes To...

This is the season for awards. The Grammys, the Oscars, The CMAs etc. etc. As if there wasn't enough awards already....

It's that time again. Time for the Annual Fan-atic awards. Please take a moment to vote on which you think was the pivotal player on the Falcon's offense, defense and special teams. Every vote counts so be sure to turn yours in.

Last year, Alge Crumpler took Offensive Player of the Year, Patrick Kerney took Defensive Player of the Year and Artie Ulmer took Special Teams Player of the Year. Along with the reward, the Fan-atics made a \$250 donation to the charity of the winner's choice. We received a video with the players accepting the awards and an autographed practice jersey from each winner.

So once again show your appreciation of how hard the players work and vote on the 2005 Player of the Year awards. If you have a player you wish to vote for and do not see the name on the ballot, please write the players name below the category you are voting for.

Remember to return ballots by April 30th or bring them to the April meeting. Winners will be announced at the annual Fan-atic banquet. The July newsletter will recap the winners along with coverage of the banquet.

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Offensive Player
of the Year.

Michael Vick _____
Alge Crumpler _____
Warrick Dunn _____
TJ Duckette _____

Defensive Player
of the Year.

Rod Coleman _____
Keith Brooking _____
Bryon Scott _____
Patrick Kerney _____

Special Teams Player
of the Year.

Jay Feely _____
Brian Finneran _____
Chris Mohr _____
Allen Rossum _____

Georgia Force Ticket Drawing

One of our long distance Fanatics members, Kevin McNally from Reno, NV has donated two Georgia Force Season Tickets to our club and Joe Cooper has donated a season parking pass to give to our members on a drawing basis.

We have decided to give the tickets and the parking pass away a week ahead of each game and also each game before a club meeting it will be a door prize drawing. All that is interested, send their email to cruffino@charter.net requesting to be on the drawing list and those that do not have email, please phone Chuck Ruffino at 678.472.2616. Club members only please.

The tickets and parking pass will be mailed to members address listed on membership list. So make sure, if you did move since you renewed or join the club."

March's Fan-atic's Meeting

We will have a meeting in March and it will be at Corky's near Gwinnett Place Mall on March 8th at 7:00 p.m. No guest speaker has been announced.

Directions to Corky's:

Phone Number: 770-564-8666

From I-85N

- I-85N to Exit 104 (Pleasant Hill Road).
- Take a right and proceed approx. 6/10th of a mile.
- Turn right onto Sweetwater Road.

- Corky's will be on the right

From I-85S

- I-85S to Exit 104 (Pleasant Hill Road).
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Let's Get Digital

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Ever received your newsletter late? Was it ever damaged by the Post Office? Did you ever not receive your copy of the Fan-Atic Flyer?

Well, worry no more about receiving your copy. Sign up today and start receiving your newsletter through e-mail. All you need is an e-mail address and Microsoft Word on your PC. You will receive your newsletter the same day it is released to the printers. No more annoying staples to remove. No damage pages. Better quality photos. And you can print out as many copies as you want for your own use and to give to friends and co-workers. Additionally, receiving your newsletter via e-mail will help reduce the clubs administration expenses and the more money we save running the club translates into more money will can put into the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation and other selected charities.

Delay no longer. Sign up today and receive your next issue electronically. Send an e-mail with the subject "Sign Me Up" to falcon_fanatics@yahoo.com. That's all you have to do. The newsletter will be sent to the e-mail address on your sign up notice.

Moving/Change of Address or E-mail

If any member has a change of address or e-mail or is planning to have a change of address, please let Joe Cooper know so he can update the records so that he can make sure you continue to get your newsletter. Thank you.

Did You Know...

On March 22, 1994, the NFL moved kickoffs from the 35-yard line to the 30-yard line and limited kickers to a tee not exceed one inch.

On March 17, 1999, the owners adopted an instant replay system as an official aid for the 1999 season by a 28-3 vote.

On April 10, 1995, the NFL became the first major sports league to establish a site on the Internet.

Its Trivial

1 - Who are the three players in Falcons history to produce consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons?

2 - Who held the most consecutive starts in Falcons history until Bob Whitfield surpassed it in 2000?

3 - Who did receiver Terrance Mathis surpass in 1999 to become the Falcon's all-time leader for career receptions?

4 - When ex-Falcon Chuck Smith recorded his 13th career fumble recovery in 1999, which ex-Falcon did he match for the team record?

Answers will be in next Month's newsletter

The Falcons can count on us if they need volunteers for a function they are hosting, they can count on us to do good community work like pizza parties at local children hospitals, they can count on us to work diligently at raising money to donate to various charities.

Isn't that what love is about? Being able to count on someone? Being able to count on someone is akin to trust. And how can you love anything that you don't trust. So let's continue to work hard to show the Atlanta Falcons and Mr. Blank, that we love the Falcons and that he and the organization can trust us and count on us to do what they need.

How can you do this? Simply stated, volunteer. Help out in any way you can. If you cannot attend our charity work or volunteer to help out at Falcon sponsor events, help the club out in any way you can. This club is already one of the best in the NFL but we need to do what we can to be the epitome of NFL fan clubs.

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