

# GETTING AUTOGRAPHS CAN BE EASY!

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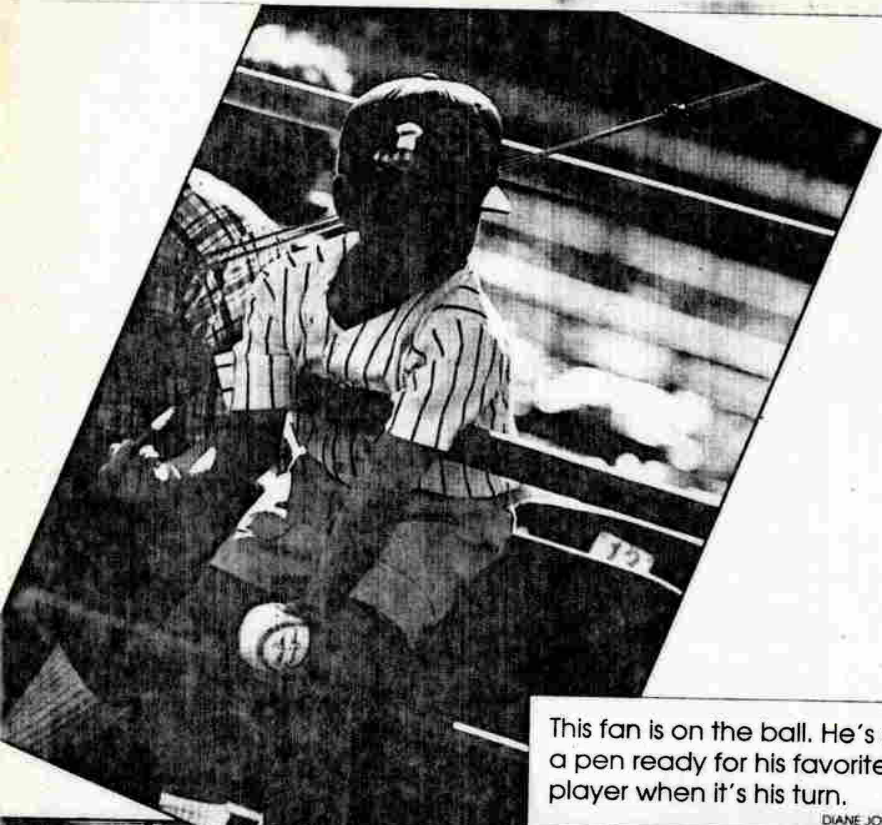
But an autograph from a favorite player can become one of the most treasured items in your collection, especially if you make the effort to get the autograph yourself instead of buying it.

Autographs can be fun and inexpensive to collect. The basic requirements are your time, imagination, a few postage stamps, common courtesy, and patience. The two easiest ways to

Some players don't like to give autographs. But most, like Angels pitcher Jim Abbott, are happy to sign.

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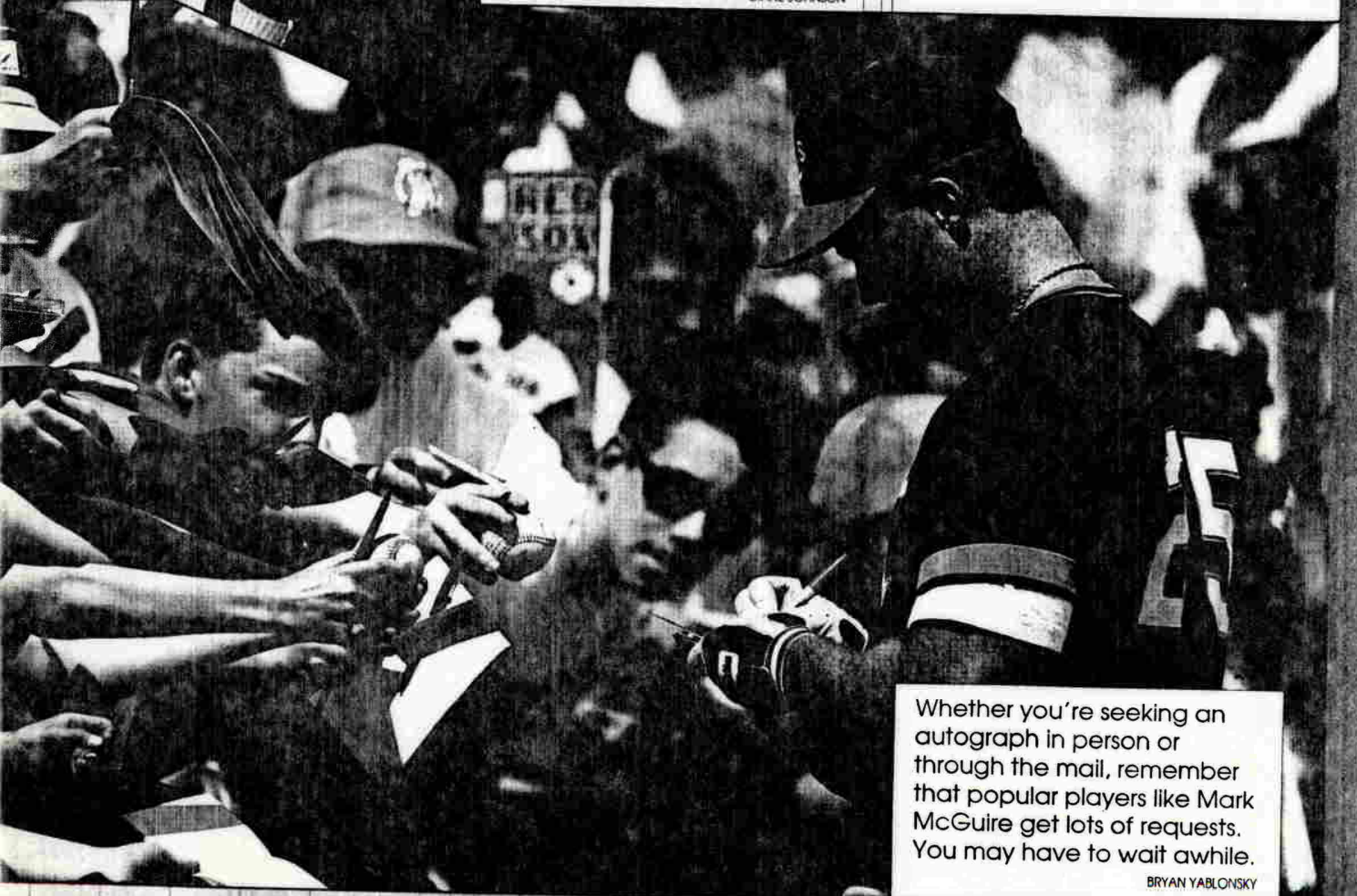


This fan is on the ball. He's got a pen ready for his favorite player when it's his turn.

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partment. They will be able to tell you when autographs will be available at games or at other events in the community. They can also tell you how to address a request through the mail.

At the game, follow the team's rules. If the Public Relations Department says players will be available from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., don't *expect* to get an autograph at other times. Remember, the players have a job to do, and signing autographs is only a small part of it. They must keep their minds on the game first.



Whether you're seeking an autograph in person or through the mail, remember that popular players like Mark McGuire get lots of requests. You may have to wait awhile.

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