

Ron Blomberg Introduction

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege to introduce you to a Jewish baseball icon...

He is ***an example of dignity in the face of anti-Semitism***, who was shunned by many of his teammates and rejected by a segment of the team's fan base, but often used his Georgia-bred southern charm to win over the hearts and minds of those who initially rejected him...

He is ***a stellar athlete***, was Number 1 in the 1967 amateur draft, the Yankees team leader in batting average during the 1973 year, and amassed a life-time .293 batting average, with 52 home runs and 224 RBIs....

And he is ***a trailblazing sports legend***, who came to the plate as Major League Baseball's first-ever designated hitter in 1973, securing his spot in the Hall of Fame...

Ladies and gentlemen please welcome the "great Jewish hope" of the New York Yankees, Ron Blomberg.