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Tigers game nets boy, 8, special souvenir

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On April 30, Fort Gratiot resident Dr. Matthew Sciotti was sitting along the first baseline with his two sons Colton, 8, and Nolan, 9, as the Detroit Tigers took on the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

Colton wore his Fort Gratiot Angels Little League jersey and hat, while his brother Nolan sported Detroit Tigers gear.

To the surprise of the trio, Colton was spotted by an Angels player. And while Colton was minding his own business, Angels infielder Brandon Wood flipped the Keewahdin Elementary School fourthgrader his batting gloves.

"I was thinking that I wasn't going to get them but I did," Colton said. "I'll always remember it because it's really special."

It was also a memorable moment for Dr. Sciotti, who works at Orthopedic Associates of Port Huron.

"I thought it was just spectacular," he said. "(Colton) was totally elated. He was shocked.

"He looked to the right and the left. He couldn't believe it. He's actually been using them in little league."

Colton plays little league for the Fort Gratiot Angels under-8 team while Nolan is in the under-10 league, playing for the Fort Gratiot Phillies.

The experience became even more exciting for the Sciotti family when they learned it had been caught on camera and played on Fox Sports Network's Final Score later that night.

"I was really shocked he got the gloves," Nolan said.
"At first I didn't know it. When I saw it on Final Score one landed in his mitt and one in his bare hand.

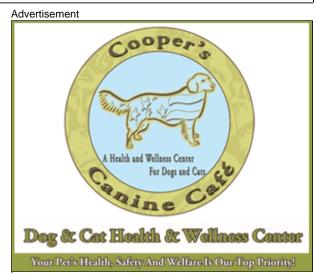
"I love going to Tigers games. I feel like I'm going to

Cedar Point when I go."

Added Matthew Sciotti: "This is what life is all about -- the experiences you enjoy with your kids."



FEEL THE GLOVE: Colton Sciotti, right, and brother Nolan watched the Detroit Tigers play the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim last month at Comerica Park. (Photo courtesy of the Sciotti family)



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