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Dear Mr. Bergheim,

I have to admit that I almost gave up. I, among others, invested a lot of heart and soul into many activities. Our goal was clear: we just wanted our player, Martin Latka, treated with some dignity.

That did not happen. The NFLE-Family, as we perceived it, did not exist. It's just a cooperation who cares about our money.

It was a bitter lesson. Ever since, American Football is not as much fun as it used to be. Actually, I don't even get too excited about a Frankfurt Galaxy gameday anymore. It became stale. I am thinking about cancelling my next year's season ticket.

I thought that it could not get worse.

It did.

I definitely got worse after I read the latest edition of the *Huddle*. There was a long article about Martin Latka and how he was treated. And you, Mr. Bergheim, are quoted: "Martin Latka tries to push himself back into the team by these actions."

Excuse me?

I said it before: The fans invested a lot of heart and soul into many activities. Martin Latka knew nothing about it in the first days. And afterwards, he even tried to ease the actions down and defended the Frankfurt Galaxy and the league. To quite some extend, we carried on not because, but in spite of Martin Latkas standing on the issue.

Saying that Martin Latka uses the fans in such a manner in order to get back into the team is close to libel. And it does not pay proper credit to the competitive heart of this man.

But wait – there is more!

You did not only discredit Martin Latka. You put each and every fan, who did his or her best to preserve the soul of the Frankfurt Galaxy and the “Purple Family”, and therefore promote the Galaxy and American Football in Europe, in a very corrupt limelight.

You degrade us to mere puppets.

The day on which his utterance of you was printed was a dark day. For the fans, for the NFL Europa. If you want to, even for democracy itself. That might be stretching it a little bit, but since we are, in your opinion, mere sheep who can be herded in any direction, it is not too far fetched.

Your offense, your insult of the fans of Martik Latka shows some seriously bad attitude.

If I wouldn't be so enraged, I would probably feel sorry for you. With such an attitude, you won't have much success in the NFL Europa. And since we all know how the NFL treats her employees...

I would like to close this letter with some demand on how you could correct this miserable situation. But I can't. You have utterly destroyed so much faith and sympathy that I can't think of anything. You left burned and salted soil for your successor. I just hope that the NFL Europa is not badly damaged enough to close the whole business down.

But then, again, I do not care anymore.

Yours, sincerely

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