

Dear Robbie,

I write to you on behalf of my late teammate, Oliver “Corky” Shepard, who received the Turnbull Award in 1950 at Johns Hopkins University. Corky and I were senior co-captains in 1950, and we had the honor of placing the flags on the nets of the goals, a ceremony, I understand, with which you are familiar.

Corky was a very important player for our Hopkins team. Our coach, Howdy Myers, had always considered Billy Hooper the outstanding assist man on his St. Paul's teams (Billy left to go to UVA) and it meant so much to our Hopkins team that Corky grew into that role of being an outstanding feeder. He was a key to our many victories. Corky brought a contagious enthusiasm and very positive attitude to our team. He always did his best and set high standards for all of us. Corky and I were teammates at Mt. Washington after graduating from Hopkins, playing for our great coach, Kid Norris. It was certainly an honor for me to play with him and remains friends for sixty-some years!

In regard to your special stick and Jack and Doug Turnbull, I grew up in Mt. Washington (as did Corky—but he played at Poly, where Jack and Doug played), close to where they grew up. I never knew Jack Turnbull, but knew Doug and various other members of the family. The entire Turnbull family were inspiring and generous people and excellent examples by how they lived, providing lessons for all of us in how to live. They were respected and admired by everyone in our community.

Robbie, all of us who attended St. Paul's school back then experienced the spirit of our great game as it lurked in every room and hallway. We carried our stick with us wherever we went—even to bed. When we went to class, we lined our sticks up on the wall outside of the classroom. Coach Myers was the stimulus for this, and the entire faculty backed it up. I think it instilled a sense of pride in us and, much more importantly, served as a tangible and visible

reminder that being able to play lacrosse every day was a privilege—not a right—and that we had better get the job done in school in order to get to play that day!

I understand that you are also connected to Captain Jim Lewis through your stick—wow! I was the head coach at West Point for twelve years including the time when Jim was at Navy. The ArmyNavy games were always memorable. Jimmy Lewis was the best player we ever came up against anywhere. Even after our "civil wars," their coach, Willis "Bildy" Bilderback and I were good friends and always got together in the summer at Ocean City, Maryland and often went fishing together.

I am so glad to have connected with you on behalf of Corky—we were truly fortunate to play at Hopkins with so many great players—one of whom, Wilson Fewster, passed away just recently.

I recently read a book about the Navy SEALs that I would recommend—it's called *Lone Survivor* by Marcus Luttrell with Patrick Robinson...and eyewitness account of Operation Red Wings. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did.

All the best, young man. If you are a fraction as fortunate in the game of lacrosse as Corky and I were—you are in for quite a treat!

Jim Adams

Johns Hopkins University 1950

[Bob Scott Note: Robbie, Jim was one of my teammates at Hopkins! The US Lacrosse Men's Collegiate Officials Committee presents the James "Ace" Adams Sportsmanship Award to deserving teams every season. From a press release: "Initiated in 2006, the awards are presented annually to the college or university in each of the 11 officiating districts whose coaches, players, and fans exhibit the best sportsmanship throughout the season. The award exemplifies the

tradition of sportsmanship in lacrosse displayed by Ace Adams, who amassed 284 collegiate victories during a coaching career that spanned across five decades and included stints at the United States Military Academy (Army), University of Pennsylvania, and University of Virginia. At the time of his retirement in 1992, Adams had the most wins of any active NCAA Division I coach. He was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1975.”]