

Philadelphia Wings
National Lacrosse League
President

Robbie,

I grew up in Canada playing hockey and “box” lacrosse in the very rural town of St. David’s in Southern Ontario! I used a wooden stick until I attended Cornell University as a freshman in 1973. The adjustment was difficult at first but I received a tremendous amount of help and support from my coaches and teammates. As a team in 1976, we (Cornell) won the National Championship in an overtime victory over the University of Maryland. We finished the season undefeated.

I am now 61 years of age and many of my closest friends in life shared that tremendous moment with me on the field that glorious day at Brown University. Great memories. My Cornell experience changed my life and I am and will continue to be eternally grateful.

The sport of lacrosse has done so much for me, my family, and so many of my friends and it can do the same for YOU! Enjoy the competition, respect your opponents and most of all cherish you teammates—they will become your lifelong best friends. Robbie, honor this great game and the relationships it will bring to you and I will guarantee you that the game will reward you in kind.

It’s also interesting that you would be at Coach Bob Scott’s home in Baltimore. I wholeheartedly agree with Coach Scott that the “old school” letter writing makes correspondence much more meaningful. I can say from first-hand experience...I received a wonderful note from Coach Scott, which I’ve saved to this day. I received this special note 38 years ago. I have very much cherished its contents so I thought it would be appropriate to share with you (attached).

The world of lacrosse is filled with so many special people...heroes who fought for our country like Lieutenant Colonel Jack Turnbull, and renowned National Championship coaches and role models like Bob Scott and my coach, mentor, and lifelong friend, Richie Moran.

Best wishes Robbie...follow your dreams and I hope our paths cross in the future.

Michael French

Cornell University 1976
Turnbull Award 1976
Team Canada 1974, 1978, and 1982
Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, 2001
National Lacrosse Hall of Fame, Class of 1991
National Lacrosse League Hall of Fame, 2007

Johns Hopkins University
Director of Athletics
June 8, 1976

Dear Mike,

Congratulations for such a tremendous lacrosse season. I saw both Hopkins games and the big one with Maryland and there is no doubt you were the best player in the country in 1976. I know the committee that selected you as the recipient of the Enners Award had the easiest job in many years. You were the obvious winner.

What makes everyone who knows the game so happy is the fact that you represent all of the fine qualities of a truly great athlete. Your ways off the field are as exemplary as your performance on the field. Every coach I have spoken with about you has had nothing but good things to say about you.

I personally appreciated your speaking with me after the game in 1974 and it has been a real pleasure to watch you play from the stands last year and this year. You received help from Eamon and Jon, as well as your midfielders, but you were the key man. I am especially happy for you because you really deserve all of the honors you have received. And the beauty of it is—you will take them in stride.

Best of luck to you in your future endeavors— there's no doubt you will be most successful.

I will look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Bob Scott