

Dear Robbie,

I was fortunate to be part on some of the greatest Hobart College Lacrosse Teams that ever played the game. I accepted the Turnbull Award for the Division II-III Attackman of the Year in 1978 on behalf of my teammates. Lacrosse is a team sport, and your personal success rests on the hard work of all of your teammates, no matter their playing time. Rarely was a game as physical or intense as our daily Hobart practices.

Ironically, I write this to you after losing a close friend and teammate last week. Rick Blick was our All-American goalie. He defined hard work and dedication. He was the best! Rick outworked everyone in the game when he played.

Rick's exceptional work ethic forty years ago is the same work ethic that the "great ones" commit to today. Fads come and go. Things like hairstyles, clothing, technology, and music are always changing. However, the formula for success never changes. Characteristics like commitment, dedication, hard work, sacrifice, unselfishness, and loyalty still produce success for today's great athletes as it has throughout history.

I wish you the best of luck and would encourage you to read the book *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. Gladwell discusses what makes high achievers different.

Robbie, enjoy the game and cherish the friends you will meet and make along the way. They will always live in your heart.

Best wishes,

Terry Corcoran

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