

Dear Robbie,

My daughters and I are so happy to be invited by Coach Scott to write to you. I am Peg Tunstall and my late husband, W. Brooke Tunstall, received the Turnbull award in 1947 and 1948 while playing for Johns Hopkins University. That was quite some time ago, but all of our memories of Brooke are vivid and filled with joy and pride.

I must begin by telling you that next to Jack Turnbull, Brooke loved and respected no person more than Coach Scott, who was kind enough to come to Brooke's gravesite and offer his eulogy, a tribute that would have made Brooke smile with happiness and pride. After Coach Scott's remarks, two Marines folded the American flag that had been draped over his casket, and presented it to my daughters and me. To have Brooke's life end with Bob Scott's remarks and Marines presenting our family that flag summarized the cherished values that inspired Brooke's life and will follow him forever. We will never forget Bob Scott's kindness to us all these years and in that particular case.

Brooke was a wonderful, wonderful husband, father and grandfather, as well as an extraordinary athlete, successful corporate executive and respected writer.

He excelled in many sports, but his passion was Lacrosse and, though he didn't talk much about it, from what we heard and read, Brooke was one of the all-time great players in lacrosse history. And we think that if he were here, he would tell you that what he cherished the most in his experience was the influence that older players had on his development as a player and as a person.

Brooke had the great good fortune to grow up in a small suburb of Baltimore (Mount Washington), where the Turnbull family lived. Mount Washington had a club Lacrosse team and their field was just a quick bicycle ride from Brooke's house. It was there Brooke headed every day after school and watched Jack Turnbull and some top lacrosse being played and coached by top coach "Kid" Norris. Brooke became water boy and ball boy for the Mt. Washington teams on which Jack played in the 1930's. Jack became Brooke's role model.

The classic, impressive playing skills, and the character values and standards of conduct that he observed in the Mount Washington players and teams became a part of Brooke throughout his life.

I think if Brooke had been alive to receive this request from Coach Scott, he very likely would have sent you, in addition to a nice letter, something by which to remember Jack. He did things like that all the time! So we send to you a cherished penny that Jack gave Brooke around 1937 or so. Jack apparently had found it on the field at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, and carried with him for years for good luck. He passed it along to Brooke, who did the same. We are certain that he would want you to have this penny and to keep it as a reminder of Jack. We hope it brings you the same amount of luck it did to Jack and Brooke!

I think Brooke, who was an eternal optimist, would tell you, Robbie, to take the game seriously, but not so much yourself. It is a TEAM GAME and it is fun to play!

Brooke loved all history books and the *Great Books* series. He especially liked Ralph Waldo Emerson's *Essays*, especially the one on "Self Reliance."

Brooke wrote an editorial piece for US Lacrosse magazine a few years ago sharing his experience in the game and a vision for its future. My daughter Tricia has edited it down to Brooke's "Code of Conduct" recommendation for you. Please see the enclosed copy. We hope that you will be able to extract just a few items to incorporate into your thinking.

We wish you all the very best, Robbie,

Peg Tunstall,
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for W. Brooke Tunstall

Turnbull Award 1947, 1948
Turnbull-Reynolds Trophy 1947, 1948
National Lacrosse Hall of Fame, Class of 1977

LACROSSE PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code is based on the premise that:

The long, rich history of sportsmanship and fair play unique to the game of lacrosse throughout its history and the love and commitment both current and past players have felt for the game deserve to be nurtured and preserved.

It is hoped that this Code, represented as a list of shared values, can be useful to lacrosse programs including grade schools, high and private prep schools, colleges, professional leagues, club teams and by players themselves as guidelines for lacrosse players on and off the field.

#1 BE TRUSTWORTHY

Act at all times with integrity, honesty, loyalty and commitment.

#2 HONOR THE GAME OF LACROSSE

Know and honor its history, its uniqueness and its rules—both in letter and in spirit.

#3 RESPECT LACROSSE AUTHORITIES

Behave respectfully towards coaches, referees, school administrators and staffs.

#4 PRACTICE UNSELFISHNESS

Place the interest of the team above one's own personal interest.

#5 BE A WORTHY ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNGER PLAYERS

Set an example for younger players to imitate and emulate.

#6 STRIVE TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE GAME

Cultivate self-discipline in pursuing mastery of the skills and knowledge demanded by the game.

#7 CONTROL YOUR LANGUAGE AND BEHAVIOIR ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Remember that profanity, obscene gestures and demeaning behavior diminish not only the player's own image but the team's character and the reputation of the game of lacrosse.

#8 MAKE YOUR ACADEMIC PURSUITS YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY

Consider yourself a student-athlete—in that order. It is a priority that will serve you well for many years after college.

#9 OBSERVE STRICT TRAINING RULES

Lacrosse offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the experience of being in top physical condition. Combined with a balanced diet, good sleep regimens, the strict avoidance of alcohol or substance abuse, this results in top performance on the field.

#10 BE A GOOD CITIZEN IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY

Support of and participation in local community redounds to the advantage of the team's reputation and the community's support of the lacrosse program.