

From: Ike Groff <[REDACTED]>

To: "Lesley Groff ([REDACTED])" <[REDACTED]>

Subject: FW: Thank You

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From: James Rump [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:55 PM

To: Ike Groff

Subject: Re: Thank You

Couldn't have said it any better myself. I truly believe he has it in him, and I wish him the best of luck in upcoming tryouts.

On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 4:43 PM, Ike Groff <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Ty did let me know that you were tough on him. Ty has a lot to learn and we agree, sugar coating is a disservice. I often ask him, do you want me to lie to you or tell you the truth, when I work with him. The truth often hurts but it is the only way to improvement.

I did go with the assumptions of what you explained in your reasons for your toughness.. If he decides to work hard he can be very good. Neither you or I can do it for him.

I think Ty was a bit surprised with the evaluations but I said Ty, you are a pretty solid B team player. If you are A team player you are going to get schooled if you do not get better and play hard all the time. Ty did see some teammates at football last night and I think he was happy to hear that their evaluations were equally stringent.

I told him coach Rump's job is to get you guys to the next level. He is letting you know what you need to get there and further not just get there and be the last guy on the bench.

Thanks again

Ike

From: James Rump [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Ike Groff
Subject: Re: Thank You

Hi Ike -

Thanks for the note. Please reach out with any questions/concerns/comments you may have around Ike and his continued development.

As I am sure you noticed and as Ty likely communicated, I have been disproportionately tough on him from a coaching perspective relative to other players. Reason for doing so is 1) he has the natural ability to be a big time player and 2) he is a tough kid and can handle being coached at a high/honest level.

If he plays like he did in the first game yesterday, he is an A team player in my eyes without a doubt. If he plays like he did in the second game, it becomes more questionable.

I certainly pulled no punches in my evaluations of all players, but my view is that sugar-coating the reality does them a huge disservice. My hope is he takes the constructive feedback, dedicates himself to working his ass off to get better, and I can enjoy watching him playing closed defense for New Canaan's high school team in a few years.

He is a good kid, and I had a lot of fun coaching him this summer.

James

On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 2:52 PM, Ike Groff < > wrote:

[James and Jake,](#)

Thank you for taking the time to coach our team.

Thank you for coaching Ty. We very much appreciate your high expectations of him. Ty learned a great deal and I could see him improve with each tournament gaining more confidence as the weeks progressed.

Ty's goal is to move up to the A team next year. I believe your evaluation was constructive and honest.

Thank you again

Ike and Lesley Groff

From: James Rump [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 8:57 AM
To: James Rump
Cc: Jake Kirby
Subject: Thank You

Hi Everyone -

Coach Kirby and I would like to thank you all for providing us with the opportunity to coach your boys. We both had a great experience and really enjoyed the summer season with Eclipse program. The boys were all engaged, respectful, and committed to our goals for the summer, and as the boys are undoubtedly a reflection of their parents, thank you for making our jobs easier with such high character individuals.

While all involved - coaches, players, parents - certainly would have liked to end the summer on a higher note, Coach Kirby and I have been pleased with the improvements each and every player made over the last 1-2 months.

Last evening, I sent all your boys home with a short player review. The intent is to provide a very honest evaluation of where each player is today relative to where they are expected to be at this time. In the event anyone needs a bit more clarity or context around the comments, please let me know. The common theme across all players is certainly the need to work on off-hands. I hope that the evaluation will push many of the boys to spend more time on the wall throughout the summer/fall/winter.

Thank you again, and I would like to wish all of your boys the best of luck in the further pursuit of their successful lacrosse careers.

James Rump

P.S. Thanks to Jen Gentner for being the team's photographer! Below is the most recent team picture from yesterday's tournament.

 Inline image 1

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