



July 8, 2003

Dear Bart,

I wanted to send you a note to thank you for all you have done to make my son, Bryan, the athlete he is.

As you know, when Bryan first asked to go out for rugby, I said "absolutely not". Like most people, I looked at rugby as being a dangerous sport that I didn't understand. Little did I know that you would run the Penn Rugby Program as discipline as any "big time" football program. I also did not realize how an athlete playing rugby would become more physical; improve his fitness, discipline, and team skills. As far as being dangerous, in my opinion the rules of rugby make it safer than most other sports.

I believe wholeheartedly that if Bryan had not played rugby; he would not have had the success he has had on the football field. I would recommend playing Penn Rugby to any parent who wants their son to become a better athlete and be part of a great team.

Bart, thanks again for all you and your coaches have done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Mattison".

Greg Mattison
Defensive Line Coach
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