

1) Name: Mick Parks

2) New Trier sport(s): Lacrosse, Football

3) Suburb you lived in (when you went to New Trier): Kenilworth

4) What year did you graduate New Trier: 2011

5) Where do you live now: Chicago- River West

6) Who was your coach: Thomas Herrala

7) HS sport accomplishments/awards/honors:

- All-American in 2010 and 2011
- All-Illinois in 2010 and 2011
- Team MVP in 2010 and 2011
- Own school record for career (356) and season (146) ground balls
- No. 2 All-Time at New Trier with 121 career goals and 57 goals in a season
- Own the school record for points in a season (98)
- Rank No. 2 All-Time with 190 career points
- No. 3 All-Time in career assists (69) and No. 4 All-Time with assists in a season (41)
- Member of state title teams in 2008, '09, '10 and '11
- On the honor roll while at New Trier
- Team captain in 2011

8) Favorite high school *individual sports* memory:

Game winning goal against Loyola during the regular season my Junior year

9) Favorite high school *team* memory: Beating Loyola in the State Finals 3 times in a row

10) Who was your biggest team rival in HS? Loyola High School

11) Favorite class at New Trier: Integrated History and Science

12) Where did you attend college? University of Virginia

13) Compare your HS sports experience to your college experience:

High School was more fun, college felt more like a job. I enjoyed my college experience tremendously but in High School I was eager every day to get out there and have fun with my friends, something that I didn't always feel in college.

14) College sport accomplishments:

- Appeared in 45 of 47 games from Freshman to Junior Year (Injured Senior Year)
- Led UVa with 70 ground balls in 2013
- Won a career-high 24 faceoffs against No. 8 Syracuse (March 1) In 2014 which rans No. 3 all-time at UVa for wins in a game

- Ranked #5 all time in face off wins with 395 in a career
- Ranked #7 and #9 for face off wins in a season with 167 and 157 respectively

15) Favorite college sports moment:

Winning a face off that led to a goal to force overtime against Loyola, a play that was featured on SportsCenter as the #1 play of the night

16) Area of study: Economics

17) What do you do now?

Business Development Representative- Messina Group Consulting and Search

18) If you could go back in time and give yourself advice/wisdom as you are starting Freshman year at New Trier, what would that advice be?

It's not always important what everyone else is doing, stay focused on yourself.

19) What would you do differently if you could do it again?

I would've played golf instead of football

