

# JIMMY ROBERTS

Jimmy Roberts, Class of 1975, is an Emmy award-winning sports commentator and essayist whose television features and reports have added insight and human dimension to golf, tennis, baseball and the Olympics for more than 25 years.

Mr. Roberts seemed destined for a career in sports broadcasting. At White Plains High School, in addition to captaining the lacrosse team, winning honorable mention All-County honors and serving as vice president of North House, he made the morning announcements and called football games from the press box at Highlands Field.

While a student at the University of Maryland, Mr. Roberts persuaded ABC to let him report on the 1976 Maryland-Cornell collegiate lacrosse championship, thus starting his long association with the network. During the years he was earning a BA degree in radio/television and film at Maryland, Mr. Roberts also was a staff reporter for the Westchester/Rockland newspapers.

In 1984, he earned his first Emmy for sports journalism for his contributions to *ABC Sportsbeat*, where he wrote and produced features for Howard Cosell. After *Sportsbeat*, Mr. Roberts was an assignment editor and producer for ABC News and then served as a producer and writer at ABC Sports.

He joined ESPN in 1988 as a *SportsCenter* correspondent covering the World Series, NBA Finals, heavy weight championships and the Super Bowl. Mr. Roberts moved to NBC in 2000 and has now become a familiar figure on major golf and tennis telecasts as well as Notre Dame football.

Mr. Roberts has been closely identified with Olympic coverage and has won Emmys for his memorable and often poignant "Olympic Moments" from the Games in Torino, Athens, Salt Lake City and Sydney. All together, he has won a total of 13 Emmys for producing, writing and feature reporting.

In 2009 Mr. Roberts first book, *Breaking the Slump*, featuring interviews with famous athletes and politicians about meeting the challenges of golf and life, met with outstanding reviews.

Mr. Roberts and his wife, a TV producer, live in Rye with their three sons.