

The 1950 North-South Game

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Complete form reversal from the preceding contest in the North-South lacrosse all-star series marked the victory of the Yankees over the Dixie clan on Friday, June 9, at College Park, Md. The score was 12 to 8.

The North stickmen played a hustling, inspired brand of the old Indian game that generated whoops of appreciation from most of the crowd of approximately 3,000 that watched from Byrd Stadium's seats under the lights.

Tom Dent's Yankees swept into a decisive lead in the first period, widened the gap to 9 to 2 by half time, and could have won without even scoring in the last two quarters. The rout of the proud Dixie players was that complete.

It is a testimony to the kind of game that lacrosse is that in spite of the insurmountable rival lead, the South boys fought on and on through the second half, trying desperately to overhaul their fast-starting opponents. It is a tribute, too, to their determination, such as a team of all-stars should possess, that they managed to cut down the lead to the final four-goal margin.

Ferris Thomsen, coach of the South, tried every possible remedial maneuver, but it was North's night. Juggling his two goalies, and even putting Jim Adams on the crease instead of at midfield, helped at times, but not enough.

The Northern players proved on the field that their stickwork was superior, that they had managed to develop superior team play in the brief practice sessions leading up to the game and had definitely better offensive stamina. The obvious termination of the battle was evident early in the game, even to some of the Washingtonians who did not quite know what the game was all about.

Milton Roberts, coach of the University of Delaware and one of the coaches of the South team, was unstinting in his praise of the rival squad. He said: "It was a great lesson. Our boys had nothing but praise for the North. You had to admire each of their player's supreme confidence in his own particular ability.

"It was a magnificent all-out drive—they initiated the action, pressed the opponent, and forced him to come through, or fail, in one final defensive effort. It certainly was beautiful."

North was led in its victorious foray by players from the Upper New York State area—RPI, Syracuse and Hobart. They alone scored nine goals, enough to win the game.

Dick Powell and Dick Coons, of RPI, and Bill Fuller, of Syracuse, had two apiece. Dean Armstrong, RPI, George Cody, Syracuse, and Gordon Satterley, Hobart, contributed one each. In addition, Powell had an assist. Other goals were made by Harry Gates, Dartmouth, Ellsworth Timberman, Yale, and Robert Louis, Penn State.

The goal-keeping of both Gilbert Merritt of Syracuse and Maurice O'Connell of Williams was appreciated by the crowd. Especially did Mickey O'Connell draw the fans' plaudits.

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The pattern of the game in its decisive stages was largely that of Northern dodgers running past or pivoting away from Rebel defenders for wide-open shots. Clements did well in stopping as many of these point-blank, unchecked efforts as he did.

Tommy Tongue, Washington and Lee, who suffered a leg injury in the second quarter, and Hank Lowry, Maryland, on the attack, Phil Ryan, Navy, and Lloyd Bunting, Johns Hopkins, on the defense, and Charles Herbert, Maryland, and Bob Sandell, Johns Hopkins, midfielders, contributed bits of sparkling play that kept the game from being a very drab affair for the South. North now leads in the series with 5 victories to 3 for the South, and one a tie.

NORTH			SOUTH				
	G	S	A		G	S	A
Hill (Princeton), A.....	0	2	1	Fewster (Hopkins), A.....	1	2	1
Gates (Dartmouth), A.....	1	4	1	Tongue (W&L), A.....	2	3	0
Powell (RPI), A.....	2	3	1	Lowry (Maryland), A.....	1	4	2
Satterley (Hobart), A.....	1	3	0	Bierman (Delaware), A.....	0	2	0
Epler (Cornell), A.....	0	0	0	Whelan (Loyola), A.....	0	0	0
Gladwin (Rutgers), A.....	0	0	0	Hoffman (Washington Col), A..	0	0	0
Timberman (Yale), M.....	1	5	0	Adams (Hopkins), M.....	0	7	1
Armstrong (RPI), M.....	1	4	0	Sandell (Hopkins), M.....	1	4	1
Coons (RPI), M.....	2	8	0	Herbert (Maryland), M.....	2	9	0
Fuller (Syracuse), M.....	2	5	0	Heiss (Duke), M.....	1	2	0
Cody (Syracuse), M.....	1	6	0	Stier (Drexel), M.....	0	3	0
Louis (Penn State), M.....	1	2	0	Moulden (Maryland), M.....	0	0	0
Weinberger (CCNY), M.....	0	0	0	Jackson (Washington Col), M...	0	0	0
Fredericks (Stevens), M.....	0	2	0	Hill (W&L), M.....	0	3	0
Yellott (Yale), D.....	0	0	0	Bunting (Hopkins), D.....	0	0	0
Balderston (Dartmouth), D.....	0	0	0	Proutt (Virginia), D.....	0	0	0
Erdman (Princeton), D.....	0	0	0	Ryan (Navy), D.....	0	0	0
Hubbard (Army), D.....	0	0	0	Pacy (W&L), D.....	0	0	0
Hayward (Tufts), D.....	0	0	0	Heller (Duke), D.....	0	0	0
Merritt (Syracuse), G.....	0	0	0	Lynch (North Carolina), D.....	0	0	0
O'Connell (Williams), G.....	0	0	0	Clements (W&L), G.....	0	0	0
				Barry (Loyola), G.....	0	0	0

Score by periods:

North	3	6	2	1-12
South	1	1	2	4-8

Team statistics:

	North	South
13	Draw	11
17	Cleared	12
5	Failed to Clear	2
18	Interceptions	15
5	Throw-ins	9

Saves: Merritt 8, O'Connell 5, Clements 14, Barry 2.

Penalties: North—Balderston, clipping; Hayward, cross-checking; Erdman, clipping; Gates, slashing; Hubbard, holding; Gates, clipping; Hill, offside (30 sec.); Hill, slashing. South—Bunting, slashing; Proutt, clipping; Tongue, offside (2) (30 sec.).

Referees: Charles Ellinger (South), Henry Ford (North).

North-South Series		
1940—North 6, South 5	1943—South 9, North 5	1948—North 11, South 6
1941—South 7, North 6	1946—North 14, South 14	1949—South 11, North 6
1942—North 6, South 3	1947—North 15, South 3	1950—North 12, South 8