

North-South Game

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The durability to implement their determination twice rescued the Yankees from a four-goal handicap and swept them to a 12-11 victory over a seemingly superior Rebel team in the tenth annual North-South lacrosse game at Troy, N. Y., on Saturday afternoon, June 9, 1951.

Key to the Yanks' 1951 victory was their second half dominance of ball control, resulting chiefly from the faceoff mastery of RPI's Elwood Phares, and the frequent shorthandedness of their foes, who suffered six of their 11 penalties in the third period.

Climactic counter of the pulsating struggle was John (Yosh) Podbielski's solo dash and short slash to beat Joe Sollers four minutes from the end. The Syracuse attackman had begun the Blue's stirring fourth period siege with a bobbing, twisting unassisted score at 1:25.

An overwhelming Gray assault in the second frame appeared to foredoom the Blue. After a 2-2 first quarter standoff, and a shortlived Yankee lead when RPI attackman Les Eustace levered home the first of his three goals at 2:00 of the second, the Rebels stormed the tottering bastion of Princeton goalie Marty Owen for five uninterrupted tallies.

Eustace struck at 11:15 and 13:35 to check the Yankee slide, but Ray Wood, a Washington College All-America and a polished crease operative, turned a Bill Hooper pass into a Rebel goal at 14:45 to give the Gray an 8-5 halftime advantage.

Hooper, destined to make All-America the second time running for his tremendous attack feats at Virginia, was more than anyone the difference in the first half. His magnificent feeding set up Wood and Rod Boyce, Wood's crease alternate from Duke, once each in the first quarter. And Hooper assisted on the first of Byron Forbush's strikes as well as initiating Wood's third connection. Busy Bill's total of five assists was tops.

Meanwhile, the North's great Don Hahn, Princeton attackman generally recognized as the finest player in the country, was guiding the North's so far forlorn fortunes. The terrific Tiger, 1950 and 1951 All-America, assumed shooting responsibility soon after intermission, demonstrating, while rekindling the Yankee offense, that he was just as talented and versatile as heralded.

Clint Gilbert, Princeton midfielder, contributed at a vital moment, when he coursed almost half the field to deadlock the tremulous issue at 10:40 of the fourth, twenty seconds before Podbielski dealt the fatal thrust to the Southern cause. Gilbert's well-gaited gallop was the outstanding sustained onslaught by an individual.

Blair Hall, Maryland midfielder, who spaced his points at one in each of the last three quarters, ignited a desperate Rebel bid to flee from the pressing Yankees when he relayed home a Hooper pass-out at 2:45 of the fourth while the foe was one man down; and then bullseyed Boyce with an assist at 4:14 to give the Gray breathing room. But that breathing room allowed only a dying gasp.

Hobart's Bob DeMuth, who, with Hahn and Eustace constituted almost exclusively the North's close attack, scooped in a rebound from Williams' Gordie McWilliams to draw the Yanks to 10-11 at 7:20. Gilbert and Podbielski followed the cue to save an almost extinct endeavor.

Dixie in its death throes was still defiant, however, launching a fierce counter assault throughout the final two minutes. Of the many ripping volleys at Martyn Owens' fortress, three well directed shafts were repulsed with brilliant saves.

A general consensus of observers is that both defenses were sub standard. Each coaching staff acknowledged this.

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Particular fault with the South's defense, according to its own board of strategy, was its inability to cope with the Northern dodgers. Yankee teams favor individual play more than the Southern style of integrated picks, screens and complex pass patterns.

Charlie Gilfillan, Duke's fine double All-America, was a notable exception. But even Gilfillan could have used more bulk in combating the rough body work of the Northerners. George (Pappy) Keller of Hopkins approximated Gilfillan's deeds more than any other Gray defender.

Bulwark of the Yankee defense was Army's Bruno (G. O.) Giordano, who attained 1951 All-America.

The Northern coaching staff had Morris Touchtone of Army as pilot, assisted by Al Twitchell of Rutgers and Harvey Potter of Williams.

The Southern coaching panel comprised Avery Blake of Swarthmore, chief; Bob (Pic) Fuller of Virginia and Charlie Clark of Washington.

SOUTH	G	S	A	NORTH	G	S	A
Wood (Washington), A	3	4	0	De Muth (Hobart), A	2	2	0
Forbush (Hopkins), A	3	3	0	Hahn (Princeton), A	2	3	1
Hooper (Virginia), A	0	4	5	Eustace (RPI), A	3	9	1
Boyce (Duke), A	2	3	0	Nuttle (Cornell), A	0	0	0
McDonough (Navy), A	0	0	0	McWilliams (Williams), A	0	4	0
Swan (Delaware), A	0	0	0	Podbielski (Syracuse), A	2	2	0
Kimmel (Loyola), M	0	0	1	Ellis (Army), M	0	2	2
Walker (Maryland), M	0	5	1	Meyer (Army), M	1	2	0
Earl (Navy), M	0	1	0	Gilbert (Princeton), M	2	5	0
Hall (Maryland), M	3	5	1	Phares (RPI), M	0	1	0
Tucker (Hopkins), M	0	6	0	Rockefeller (Yale), M	0	1	0
Clausen (Duke), M	0	0	0	Wilcox (Penn State), M	0	1	0
Schwab (Drexel), M	0	1	0	Hudner (Harvard), M	0	5	0
Leonard (Washington), M	0	0	0	Fiertz (Dartmouth), M	0	0	0
Hemming (Virginia), D	0	0	0	Turci (RPI), D	0	0	0
Kabernagle (Washington), D	0	0	0	Giordano (Army), D	0	0	0
Gilfillan (Duke), D	0	0	0	McGann (Army), D	0	0	0
Levering (Swarthmore), D	0	0	0	Linville (Hobart), D	0	0	0
Keller (Hopkins), D	0	0	0	Carey (Princeton), D	0	0	0
Sollers (Hopkins), G	0	0	0	Owen (Princeton), G	0	0	0
Crawford (Virginia), G	0	0	0	Treadwell (Yale), G	0	0	0

Score by periods:	South	2	6	1	2—11
	North	2	3	3	4—12

Saves: Sollers and Crawford combined 17, Owen and Treadwell combined 14.

Penalties: South—Kabernagle 3, striking on head; Hemming, slashing; Hemming, pushing from rear; Hemming, kneeling; Tucker, pushing; Boyce, checking from rear; Gilfillan, hooking; Hall, clipping. North—Giordano, pushing from rear; Gilbert, slashing; Carey, slashing; Eustace, tripping; Meyer, hitting on head.

North-South Series		
1940—North 6, South 5	1946—North 14, South 14	1949—South 11, North 6
1941—South 7, North 6	1947—North 15, South 3	1950—North 12, South 8
1942—North 6, South 3	1948—North 11, South 6	1951—North 12, South 11
1943—South 9, North 5		

1952 North-South Game in Polo Grounds

The 1952 North-South Game—eleventh in the annual all-star series—will be staged at the Polo Grounds in New York, Friday evening, June 6. Proceeds will be turned over to the Damon Runyon Fund for Cancer Research.