

The 1959 North-South Game

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A couple of All-Americans named Mickey—attackmen Webster from Johns Hopkins and midfielder DiMaggio, of Washington College—combined their talents to give the South a thrilling 10-9 come-from-behind victory over the North in the 18th annual North-South lacrosse game, June 5, 1959.

A capacity crowd of 6,000, at Hopkins' Homewood Field, cheered as the South fought back in the closing minutes to take its ninth victory in the series and its first lead over the North since the game was inaugurated in 1940. The North has eight wins. The 1946 contest was a tie.

The game, feature of a week-long Lacrosse Week celebration which again marked Baltimore as the lacrosse capital of the world, was held the evening of June 5 in perfect weather.

The North, coached by Ben Martin, of MIT, and heavily laden with standouts from Army and Rutgers, was favored despite the presence of Webster and Billy Morrill, three-time All-Americans from Hopkins, who gave the South a tremendous 1-2 attack punch.

Webster came through as expected with two goals and four assists. Morrill was held scoreless for the first time in 43 college games, including six as a freshman and eight during the Blue Jays' tour of England in the summer of 1958.

DiMaggio tallied three goals and one important assist for the South, performing in every respect like the All-America he was during his four years at Washington College. DiMaggio, the leather-lunged workhorse of a fair Washington College ten, showed his real worth, playing for the first time with other stars.

With the South trailing 8-7 early in the fourth quarter, DiMaggio converted a pass from Webster into the tying goal. John Howland, of Rutgers, put the North in front again, only to have DiMaggio drill in an unassisted goal with a little more than three minutes left to bring on the seventh and last deadlock of the hard-fought contest.

Then, the wiry midfielder came through with the top play of the game to win it for the South. He made a perfect feed on the run, to Al Rosenstein, of Drexel Tech, who whipped in the winning goal from the crease 55 seconds before the final whistle.

DiMaggio and Webster were the standouts for the South, but much credit must go to Emmett Collins, of Hopkins, whose play in the first half in the goal kept the Rebels in contention. Collins made 11 stops, many on the spectacular side, and directed a rugged South defense which during the final period kept enough pressure on the Yankees for the Rebels to get off 18 shots.

Don Tillar, Army's All-America, was responsible for blanking Morrill, the three-time All-America, who tried seven shots without success.

The game was close throughout. The South went ahead 2-0 on markers by Navy's Gene Fitzgerald and DiMaggio. Richie Nicklas and Lloyd Seaman, both of Rutgers, tied the score before close of the quarter while another talented Rutgers pair, Bob Naso and Bill Austin, gave the North a 4-2 lead after 5:40 of the second period.

The teams were even, 5-5, at halftime, while the South, coached by Charles Wenzel, of Baltimore Loyola, held a 7-6 edge entering the decisive fourth quarter.

The outstanding play of Jock Jankey of Williams in the North goal almost turned the tide of battle. Jankey had 19 saves for the evening.

Halftime ceremonies found Al Brisotti, editor of the Lacrosse Guide, and a long-time player and coach, and the late Andrew M. Kirkpatrick, former chief referee and founder of the Maryland State Lacrosse Officials Association, being inducted into the Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

Championship awards were also made at the half by Ross Smith, of Cornell, president of the U. S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

Johns Hopkins, Maryland and Army were named national and Cy Miller (class A) division co-champions; the University of Baltimore took its trophy for a fourth

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consecutive Laurie Cox (class B) championship, and MIT and Lehigh shared the Roy Taylor (class C) crown.

A weeklong period of activities preceded the contest. Heading the North-South committee was Marshall S. Turner, Jr., Hopkins athletic director, who arranged a lively program and was instrumental in the successful undertaking.

The line-ups:

NORTH	Pos.	SOUTH
Jankey, Williams	G	Collins, Hopkins
Tillar, Army	D	Briscoe, Wash. & Lee
Howard, Army	D	Martin, Baltimore
Christie, Hobart	D	Kern, Maryland
Greene, Holy Cross	M	Waesche, Maryland
Naso, Rutgers	M	Tiedemann, Maryland
Austin, Rutgers	M	DiMaggio, Washington
Fertig, Army	A	Rosenstein, Drexel
Nicklas, Rutgers	A	Webster, Hopkins
Howland, Rutgers	A	Morrill, Hopkins

RESERVES: *North*—Beach (Army), Behne (Penn State), Bromante (Cortland), Dahowski (Hobart), Fitzgerald (MIT), Flood (Colgate), Hamilton (Colgate), Christie (Hobart), Mercer (Syracuse), Miller (Williams), Schult (Colgate), Seamon (Rutgers), Traynor (Holy Cross).

South—Fitzpatrick (Navy), Whipps (Navy), Kelly (Loyola), Lea (Wash. & Lee), Moore (Washington), Pacurar (Baltimore), Stearns (Virginia), Stevenson (Swarthmore), Wheatley (Virginia), Brooks (Virginia).

The game summary:

NORTH	Goals	Shots	Assists	SOUTH	Goals	Shots	Assists
Greene, Holy Cross ...	0	2	0	DiMaggio, Wash. Col.	3	12	1
Fitzgerald, MIT	0	1	0	Fitzpatrick, Navy	1	3	0
Naso, Rutgers	1	12	0	Tiedemann, Maryland ..	0	6	1
Dahowski, Hobart	1	1	0	Waesche, Maryland ..	1	12	0
Getz, Army	1	15	1	Stearns, Virginia	1	2	0
Beach, Army	0	5	0	Webster, Hopkins	2	5	4
Fertig, Army	1	5	0	Morrill, Hopkins	0	7	0
Howland, Rutgers ...	2	11	1	Rosenstein, Drexel ...	2	11	0
Nicklas, Rutgers	1	3	1	Brooks, Virginia	0	1	0
Austin, Rutgers	1	6	0	Pacurar, Baltimore, U.	0	5	0
Schult, Colgate	0	1	0	Kelly, Loyola	0	1	0
Behne, Penn State ...	0	0	1				
Seamon, Rutgers	1	1	0				
Totals	9	63	4	Totals	10	65	6

Score by periods: South	2	3	2	3-10
North	2	3	1	3-9

Saves: North—Jankey (Williams) 19; South—Collins (Hopkins) 11, Moore (Wash. Col.) 3.

Penalties: North, 11; South, 7.

North-South Series

1940—North 6, South 5	1948—North 11, South 6	1954—North 13, South 11
1941—South 7, North 6	1949—South 11, North 6	1955—South 12, North 11
1942—North 6, South 3	1950—North 12, South 8	1956—South 20, North 10
1943—South 9, North 5	1951—North 12, South 11	1957—North 14, South 10
1944-45—Game not held.	1952—South 15, North 7	1958—South 26, North 6
1946—North 14, South 14	1953—South 12, North 9	1959—South 10, North 9
1947—North 15, South 3		