

The 1964 All-American Classic

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The game was the same, but the names were different. Known since its origin in 1940 as the North-South Senior All-Star Game, it became in 1964 the All-American Lacrosse Classic. And the two teams, instead of North and South, became National and American.

Yet the traditional excitement remained. Eight times the score was tied, until the American team scored two goals in the final 75 seconds and won, 12-10. The game was played June 6 at C. W. Post College, Brookville, L. I.

The American coaches were Gene Corrigan, Virginia; Bill Hess, Kenyon; and William Stiles, Hobart. The National coaches were Harvey Potter, Colgate; Lou Phipps, Navy; and Art Robinson, Williams. They all did an outstanding job of organizing the squads in only three days of practice.

The players were selected by draft instead of geographical location. The draft meeting, held at Newark Airport, N. J., May 10, was supervised by George L. Shiebler, president of the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, and Albert W. Twitchell, permanent chairman of the All-American Lacrosse Classic.

National opened the game's scoring when John Valestra of Rutgers connected after a pass from Jim Petri of Colgate. Just before the half ended, Navy's John Taylor scored and gave National a 6-5 lead.

American fought back, took a 9-7 lead at the end of the third period and then tried to withstand National's blistering attack. Despite the dogged defensive efforts of American goalie Dave Johnson of Washington College and teammate Jack Salerno of Syracuse, National tied the score at 10-all.

With only one minute 15 seconds remaining in the game, Howard Jones of Amherst assisted to Lauren Scheffenacker of Johns Hopkins, who scored the tie-breaking goal. Soon after, Maryland's Fred Betz controlled the face-off at center, quickly carried the ball into offensive territory and passed to Jones. Jones swiftly scored his fourth — and the game's final — goal.

Outstanding players for the winners were Jones, the game's high scorer, Betz, Salerno and Hopkins' Homer Schwartz. Valestra scored three goals and one assist for the losers.

Hall of Fame certificates were presented at half-time to Jason Stranahan, Union 1930; Robert Poole, St. John's 1931; and the widow of Carl Hartdegen, Lehigh 1914. USILA division winners were also announced.

The summaries:

Goals: National—Valestra (3), Taylor (2), Osborne (2), D'Antonio, Price, Glimm; American—Jones (4), Messing (2), Betz, Schwartz, Scheffenacker, Pettit, McDaniel, Davis. *Assists:* National—Osborn, Petri, Valestra, Annan; American—Jones (2), McDaniel, Stewart, Scheffenacker, Betz. *Shots:* National 44; American 42. *Saves:* National—Webb (Army) 13; American—Shreeve (Virginia) 4, Johnson (Washington) 9. *Penalties:* National 8, American 7.

Scores by periods: Americans 1 4 4 3 - 12
Nationals 2 4 1 3 - 10

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1940—North 6, South 5	1949—South 11, North 6	1957—North 14, South 10
1941—South 7, North 6	1950—North 12, South 8	1958—South 26, North 6
1942—North 6, South 3	1951—North 12, South 11	1959—South 10, North 9
1943—South 9, North 5	1952—South 15, North 7	1960—South 13, North 12
1944-45—Game not held.	1952—South 12, North 9	1961—South 12, North 9
1946—North 14, South 14	1964—North 13, South 11	1962—South 14, North 4
1947—North 15, South 3	1955—South 12, North 11	1963—South 14, North 11
1948—North 11, South 6	1956—South 20, North 10	1964—American 12, National 10

* Up to 1964 known as the North-South Game.