

The 1968 North-South Game

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The North, sparked by brilliant goaltending, staved off a late Southern drive to register a 9-8 upset in the 27th annual All-Star Classic, June 15, 1968, before 4,270 at Hofstra Stadium on the Hofstra University campus.

The closely contested win gave the North, coached by Lou Flego of Adelphi University, and assisted by George Baron of CCNY, and Robert Naso of Rutgers, its second straight win in this series for the first time since 1951. The North trails, 12-14-1, in the classic.

The event, tri-hosted this year by Adelphi, Hofstra and C. W. Post College, saw the South break on top when Johns Hopkins' All-American, Downman McCarty, scored two close-in goals early in the first period.

Tom Preston of Yale and John Mayer of Army evened the count for the North as the first quarter came to a close.

McCarty sent the South to a 4-2 lead early in the second quarter when he rifled home his third goal of the game, and assisted on the next tally scored by Pat Monaghan of Loyola.

The North fought back when Harvard's Martin Cain scored on a pass from C. W. Post's Bob Calabretta and Adelphi's Ken Reese knotted the score at 4-4 midway through the stanza. The North took the lead with two goals in the final minute, Preston registering the go-ahead goal and Syracuse's John Pappas getting the other to give his team a 6-4 halftime advantage.

The third quarter saw the South move to within a goal on two occasions. Denison's Richard Reig made it 6-5, but moments later Yale's Fred McCarthy gave the North a 7-5 advantage. Carl Tamulevitch, Navy's All-American defenseman, brought the crowd to its feet when he took a clear from netminder Geoffrey Berling, Hopkins' goalie, and showed his great speed as he raced into the attack zone and rifled a shot past North goalie Butch Hilliard of Cornell to make the score 7-6.

A good North defensive unit led by Cornell's Henry Gompf, John Widness of Amherst, Hofstra's Fran Marcinowski and Walter Alessi of Massachusetts, held the South attack in check and permitted the North time to increase its margin to 9-6 on goals by Cain and Cornell's Bob Smith as the third period ended.

Flego's Northerners saw their lead cut to a goal with less than five minutes remaining as McCarty drilled in his fourth and fifth tallies of the game.

The South, holding an extra man advantage because of a North penalty in the final minute, failed as it did throughout the contest to capitalize on the break, but it took outstanding goaltending to clinch the North victory.

The South outshot the North by the enormous margin of 41-19. Only the brilliant work of Hilliard and Rutgers' All-American netminder, Ed Shaivitz, saved the game for the North. Hilliard had 12 saves and Shaivitz 10.

McCarty was voted the game's Most Valuable Player and winner of the Long Island Athletic Club's "Stranny Award" in honor of Jason A. Stranahan, a lacrosse Hall-of-Famer. Baltimore's Homewood Field will host the 1969 game.

NORTH-SOUTH CLASSIC

| Year | Winner | Final Score | Year | Winner | Final Score | Year | Winner | Final Score | Year | Winner | Final Score |
|---------|-----------|-------------|------|--------|-------------|------|--------|-------------|------|----------|-------------|
| 1940 | North | 6-5 | 1948 | North | 11-6 | 1955 | South | 12-11 | 1962 | South | 14-4 |
| 1941 | South | 7-6 | 1949 | South | 11-6 | 1956 | South | 20-10 | 1963 | South | 14-11 |
| 1942 | North | 6-3 | 1950 | North | 12-8 | 1957 | North | 14-10 | 1964 | American | 12-10 |
| 1943 | South | 9-5 | 1951 | North | 12-11 | 1958 | South | 26-6 | 1965 | North | 15-10 |
| 1944-45 | Not Held. | | 1952 | South | 15-7 | 1959 | South | 10-9 | 1966 | South | 13-5 |
| 1946 | Tie | 14-14 | 1953 | South | 12-9 | 1960 | South | 13-12 | 1967 | North | 7-5 |
| 1947 | North | 15-3 | 1954 | North | 13-11 | 1961 | South | 12-9 | 1968 | North | 9-8 |

Called the All-American Classic in 1964.