The 1978 North-South Classic

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The members of the North all-star squad had a couple of very good reasons for wanting to win the 37th North-South Lacrosse All-Star Game, held at Cornell's Schoellkopf Field on June 10. The reasons were Southern powers Johns Hopkins and Roanoke, who had swept the NCAA Divisions I and II-III title games.

The way Cornell's honorable mention all-America defenseman Frank Muehleman put it, "We didn't want the South to make it a triple crown sweep this year. And this was our one chance to get even."

And get even they did. The North stars got off to a quick start and trounced the South stars, 19-6. It was the most lopsided score in the series since 1958, when the South breezed to a 26-6 triumph, and the biggest win ever for the North.

Steve Krempa of Pennsylvania started things off for the North with the game's first goal at 3:13 of the opening period. Before the quarter was over, the Northmen, coached by Army's Dick Edell, held a commanding 6-0 lead. By half time the North was on top by 12-1; it took a 15-3 lead into the last stanza.

NORTH'S WIN WAS ITS FOURTH straight in the series, which dates back to 1940. But the South holds the series lead, winning 19, dropping 16 and tying one.

Despite the disparity in the score, one thing the game didn't lack was all-America players. Twenty-two players who competed in the game attained either first-, second- or third-team all-America status during the season. And it was a third-team all-America who gave the fans their biggest treat. Attackman Scott Finlay of Army, the Cadets' all-time leading scorer, blasted home four goals, assisted on three and was named the game's most outstanding player.

The North was expected to have the offensive firepower in this game, while the South, coached by Carl Runk of Towson State, appeared to have the edge defensively. But once the North really got rolling, well....

Seconds after Krempa's goal gave the North a 1-0 lead, Finlay's man-up goal made it 2-0. Terry Corcoran, who tallied 48 goals and 51 assists during the season for Hobart, made it 3-0 on his first of three goals.

Scores by Montclair State's Roger Stehlin, Finlay and Hofstra's Kevin Huff gave the North its comfortable 6-0 edge in the first period. The onslaught continued in the second period, as six straight goals boosted the North into a 12-0 lead. The South's first goal finally came with 1:48 in the opening half by Roanoke's Joe Dishaw on a feed from Virginia's Kris Snider.

THE SOUTH then mounted a brief comeback, cutting the deficit to 12-3 less than two minutes into the third period on scores by

Mark Dorney of Virginia and George Parks of Roanoke. But then the Northmen got rolling again, using goals by Cortland State's Mike Hoppey, Corcoran and Stehlin to increase their lead to 15-3. And so it continued.

About the only aspect of the game the South controlled on this day was faceoffs, winning 16 to the North's 12. The North held the edge on ground balls, 94 to 77, and fired 50 shots on goal to the South's 41.

Jose Olivero of Army and Rick Blick of Hobart performed very well in the goal for the North with 11 and nine saves, respectively. Virginia's Cam MacLachlan and Charlie Brown of Washington and Lee were busy in the South goal with nine and six saves, respectively.

South   0   1   2   3–6
North   6   6   3   4–19

Goals—*South*—Parks 2, Gaines, Dishaw, Mullinix, Dorney; *North*—Finlay 4, Corcoran 3, Martin 2, Huff 2, Marino 2, Stehlin 2. Abbott, Krempa, Hoppey, Leyden.

Assists—*South*—Gaines 2, Ferguson, Snider, Picinich; *North*—Finlay 3, Abbott 3, Martin, Huff, Marino, Lettera, Palumbo, Fagan.

Series Record—North 16, South 19, one tie.

NORTH ALL-STAR ROSTER: *Attack*—Mike Hoppey (Cortland St.), Tom Marino (Cornell), Scott Finlay (Army), Terry Corcoran (Hobart), Dennis Fink (Drexel), Steve Martin (Harvard); *Midfield*—Tom Abbott (Syracuse), Tom Leyden (Princeton), Jim Pappafotis (Army), Dale Biegel (Syracuse), Marc Palumbo (Massachusetts Maritime), Duane Ford (Middlebury), Mike Lettera (Massachusetts), Kevin Huff (Hofstra), Steve Krempa (Penn), Bill Ohlsen (Brown), Bob Fagan (Adelphi), Roger Stehlin (Montclair St.); *Defense*—Chris Coyle (St. Lawrence), Bob Katz (Cornell), Don DelGiorno (Penn), Tom Schardt (Hobart), James Burke (Cortland St.), Frank Muehleman (Cornell), Richard Prakopcyk (Rutgers); *Goal*—Rick Blick (Hobart), Jose Olivero (Army); *Head Coach*—Dick Edell (Army); *assistants*—Don Leet (St. Lawrence), Dennis Daly (Middlebury).

SOUTH ALL-STAR ROSTER: *Attack*—Kris Snider (Virginia), Paul Wingate (North Carolina), Myrt Gaines (Washington), George Parks (Roanoke), Mike McDonald (Air Force); *Midfield*—Jim Ferguson (Duke), Dan Gleason (Ohio Wesleyan), Gildo Picinich (Baltimore), Tony Morgan (Maryland), Paul Mullen (Towson St.), Charlie Stieff (Washington and Lee), Joe Fowlkes (Morgan St.), Joe Dishaw (Roanoke), Jeff Neese (Delaware), Mark Dorney (Virginia), Dennis Feeley (Towson St.), George Mullinix (Washington), Rick Wey (Md.-Baltimore Co.); *Defense*—Scott Lathroum (Salisbury St.), Bob Rotanz (Roanoke), Doug Fierro (North Carolina), John Conti (Franklin and Marshall), James Duffy (Md.-Baltimore Co.), Rich Shakespeare (Maryland), Brian McCormack (Navy); *Goal*—Charlie Brown (Washington and Lee), Cam MacLachlan (Virginia); *Head Coach*—Carl Runk (Towson St.); *assistants*—Bruce Allison (Colorado Mines), Jim Grube (Delaware).

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Year	Winner	Final Score	Year	Winner	Final Score	Year	Winner	Final Score	Year	Winner	Final Score
1940	North	6-5	1951	North	12-11	1961	South	12-9	1971	North	9-6
1941	South	7-6	1952	South	15-7	1962	South	14-4	1972	South	18-14
1942	North	6-3	1953	South	12-9	1963	South	14-11	1973	South	14-12
1943	South	9-5	1954	North	13-11	1964	American	12-10	1974	South	13-10
1944-45	Not Held		1955	South	12-11	1965	North	15-10	1975	North	25-24
1946	Tie	14-14	1956	South	20-10	1966	South	13-5	1976	North	22-17
1947	North	15-3	1957	North	14-10	1967	North	7-5	1977	North	20-15
1948	North	11-6	1958	South	26-6	1968	North	9-6	1978	North	19-6
1949	South	11-6	1959	South	12-9	1969	South	12-11			
1950	North	12-8	1960	South	13-12	1970	South	11-10			

Called the All-American Classic in 1964