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	Games Played	Wins	Losses	Points	Goals For	Goals Against
North Vancouver	17	15	2	30	295	155
Burnaby	17	14	3	28	292	162
White Rock	16	11	5	22	188	159
Abbotsford	17	5	12	10	147	213
Vancouver	17	3	14	6	154	236
New Westminster	18	3	15	6	148	288

TOP SCORERS

	Goals	Assists	Points	
Burnaby	Tim Kelly	51	55	106
North Vancouver	Vern Baker	47	48	95
North Vancouver	Wayne Baker	41	34	75
Burnaby	Gord Jung	31	29	60
New Westminster	Osmo Halme	26	34	60
North Vancouver	Harry Powles	31	27	58
Burnaby	Mike Burns	32	24	56
Abbotsford	Don Kehler	19	34	53
Burnaby	Davinder Deol	28	24	52
New Westminster	Gerry Romaniuk	23	29	52
North Vancouver	Jim Yelton	18	34	52

The North Shore And P.N.E. Indian Lacrosse Clubs

It seems only fitting that with the introduction of box lacrosse to B.C., in the early 1930's that the North Shore Indians were the most exciting team during this decade. Many of the old timers stated that when the North Shore Indians were at their best, they were practically unbeatable.

The leader of the North Shore team was their colorful coach Andy Paull, who among other things was a lacrosse reporter for the Vancouver Sun. Surprisingly, Andy was fairly impartial in his lacrosse stories of games his team was involved in. But each year it seemed that the flamboyant Paull would be embroiled in some type of controversy. As controversial as he was, there is no doubt that he was an excellent coach and a great promoter of box lacrosse when the sport was just getting its start on the West Coast.

Promotion of the North Shore Indian team was made easy by the style of game that the Indians played, which was a sharp passing, running game. The Indians were to lacrosse what the Montreal Canadians have been to hockey. Cyclone Taylor, described the type of response that the Indians would get when they played. He stated, "whenever the North Shore Indians played, you were assured of a full house. They used to fill the old Denman Arena with over ten thousand people." When the Indians went back east one year, more than twelve thousand people watched them play in Maple Leaf Gardens. The Indian team received requests from many cities in North America to play exhibition games. In 1939, the North Shore team played a series of exhibition games at the San Francisco World Fair against the New Westminster Adanacs.

The backbone of the teams in the 1930's were the Baker boys. In some games, radio lacrosse broadcaster Leo Nicholson would have to be at his loquacious best with five Baker boys being in the line up. Henry "Hawkeye" Baker and Ray Baker are members of the Hall of Fame. Henry was an outstanding goaltender who like many of his contemporaries did not wear goalie pads. Simon, Bill and Dominic were the other Bakers who starred for the North Shore Indians. Other outstanding Indian athletes who wore the North Shore lacrosse shirt were; Moses Joseph, Stu and Oscar Bromberry, Harry and Earle Newman, Louis Lewis and Eastern imports such as Joe Johnston, Jack Squires and the great Ross Powless, who is the father of present day star Gaylord Powless.

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Indians were dropping their franchise, he was quoted as saying, "those boys (of recent years) made mightily poor Indians anyway. I sure would like to see another real Indian team in there before I go to the Happy Hunting Grounds."

There are several explanations as to why the Native Indians were not able to maintain a successful lacrosse franchise after 1950. The most obvious reason was that most of the Indian players were getting old and with the club executive being in dire financial straights, there was no money to import eastern stars. Jim Cox, the fine football and hockey sports broadcaster for radio station C.K.N.W. states that "one of the main reasons the Indians could not keep a team together was that the majority of the Indian players worked for the North Vancouver Shipyards, and they therefore could not play on a regular basis as many players worked afternoon shifts." It was Cox who during the 1940's and 1950's brought the torrid play by play of the lacrosse battles into the living rooms of lacrosse fans over radio station C.K.N.W. Another factor in the decline of the Native Indian team was the way the administration slipped in the late 1940's, further weakening the organization.

Today there are still some Indian leagues on the North Shore, but none of these leagues are very competitive. A few of the young Indian players have played for the junior "A" Coquitlam Jay Hawks. Ross and Harry Powless, sons of the great Ross Powless have starred for the Coquitlam Adanacs in the last few seasons. At one time, when he was a junior, Gaylord Powless was considered to be the best lacrosse player in Canada. Gaylord was the leader of those great Oshawa Green-Gael junior teams of the 1960's.

Hopefully lacrosse fans of British Columbia will once again in the near future be able to see a competitive senior lacrosse team. For a generation has grown up without having the opportunity of seeing at the senior A level, the race of people who invented Canada's National Game.

A FEW OF THE ORIGINAL NORTH SHORE INDIANS



TOP ROW: L-R: HENRY BAKER, CHIEF MOSES JOSEPH, LOUIE LEWIS, FRANK BAKER, ROBERT BAKER, BOTTOM ROW: L-R. GUS BAND, BILL BAKER, RAY BAKER.

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One native player that I found most lacrosse historians were extremely fond of was Stan Joseph Senior. Dick Beddoes, who once wrote a column in the Vancouver Sun sports page and is now a political pundit for the Toronto Globe and Mail perhaps best sums up this feeling of admiration that Joseph had with the public in a column he wrote for the Vancouver Sun on January 9, 1954. Beddoes states in the column, "there was nothing, they say, that Stan Joseph couldn't do well. Score, run, pass, compete and think, he did everything for 10 years. Antiques who saw him play field lacrosse in his youth dwell lovingly on fastbreaking plays when Joseph would bust loose from a defensive position, careem down the pitch in full flight and come barelling in to score while opposition defenders were trying to recover the intimate garments he'd faked them out of."

Stan Joseph Senior was obviously a good teacher of the fundamentals of lacrosse as his son Stan Joseph Junior was an outstanding goal tender during the 1950's and early 1960's. Like his father, Stan Joseph Junior had a long and distinguished career, as he is second only to Paul Parnell in total number of games played in senior lacrosse. Considering the extreme hazards that a goal tender has to face with a lacrosse ball travelling at himself at over one hundred miles an hour, it is unlikely his career total of 522 senior games will ever be broken by another goal tender in senior lacrosse.

There is one North Shore Indian player who I haven't mentioned, but he would become a household name to millions of North Americans, when he traded his lacrosse stick in for an acting career in Hollywood. His job in Hollywood was to each week help his partner, "The Lone Ranger" stop the devious plots of hardened outlaws. His name, of course was "Jay Silverheels", alias Tonto. His real name was Harry Smith, which was the name that he was known by when he played for the North Shore Indians in the 1930's.

The best Indian team was the 1936 team which crushed New Westminster in three straight games for the B.C. Championship. The headline that appeared in the September 10, 1936 Vancouver Sun paper stated. "Braves waste no time in eliminating Salmonbellies in third straight game." The final score of the third game which was played in the jammed packed forum was 14 to 9. However the team did not play up to its potential and did not win the Mann Cup.

In 1932, the North Shore Indians had an excellent lacrosse team which also did not play up to its potential. This opinion was supported by a Canadian Lacrosse Association Booklet, which stated "that in 1932, the North Indians were beaten in a sudden death game in Winnipeg by a much inferior team, when the Indians had an off night." There are a number of theories as to why the North Shore team had an off night, but the one that is accepted by most lacrosse historians, is that the North Shore Indians were talked into drinking a number of glasses of milk, which of course as all lacrosse players will tell their wives is all that they drink on a road trip. The Indians thought that they were drinking with the players from the Winnipeg team which would mean that both teams would be in the same condition, after spending half the night debating the world's problems. The North Shore squad got the shock of its life the following day, when it found out that the Winnipeg team on the lacrosse floor was not the group of people they had been drinking with the previous evening. Their drinking buddies turned out to be a bunch of fans. Thus the Indians had to play a well rested Winnipeg team which was able to beat them. One wonders if the most valuable player award should not have gone to the North Shore Indian's drinking buddies, as they were instrumental in the defeat of the Indians. Fortunately today thanks to the wisdom of the coaches and players, all lacrosse teams have a strict curfew in which all players are in bed by nine p.m., when they are on a road trip.

The 1936 North Shore Indian team was to be the last great Indian club, as the franchise was suspended during the war. In 1945, the franchise was revived by Cece Goodrich and Harry Porter. They brought such former Indian stars as Jack Squires, Stew Bomberry, Henry Baker and Harry Newman out of retirement. They imported some Eastern stars, including the great Ross Powless and entered the league with Stan Joseph Sr. as coach. There was one dramatic change made in that the name of the team was changed to the P.N.E. Indians.

After a few years many of the older Indian players decided to retire for once and for all, and there were no young Indians to fill the gaps. The only true Indian that was left on the team was Stan Joseph Junior, the perennial goal tending star in the league. The teams that played under the name of the P.N.E. Indians were not as good as the 1936 North Shore Indian squads of the 1930's. Although the P.N.E. Indians did not have any Harry Newmans or Buckshot Thomases in their line-up, the team did have several good lacrosse players. Players such as Mel Jones, John McKay, Marino Cervi, Joe Durante, Jack Phillips, Denny Huddleston, Bobby and Alf Bremner, Cy Anderson, Larry Crema and Alec MacKay all wore the uniform of the P.N.E. Indians.

The best P.N.E. Indian team was the 1952 club which knocked off a highly rated Victoria Shamrock squad three games to one in the semi-final series.

In 1957, the Indians asked the annual meeting of the senior league to hold the P.N.E. Indians franchise in abeyance until such time as a team of real Indians can be formed to re-enter. Unfortunately with the transfer to the Vancouver Pils lacrosse club in 1956 and 1957, there has not been a senior lacrosse team with the name "Indians", for over two decades. When Andy Paull learned of the news that the P.N.E.

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"I'm through," I say, when we put away our sticks with the Autumn frost.
But when May comes down on the West wind, tis then that I feel the pang
At the thought of the fun I'd be missing, and you find me back with the gang.
I've done my stunts in the scorching heat, a heat that no one knows
Who has not lived for a Summer, in "Our Lady of the Snows."
I've felt the grass a-frizzle, and I've felt my tongue hang out.
While the sweat on my neck and forehead streamed down like a water-spout:
I've seen the field a-whirling, and never really knew
How I nerved myself for another sprint and stayed till the whistle blew.
There are jolts, and you bet you feel them, when you get the body fair
Some bumps you take and some bumps you give — in the end you call it square;
Maybe you shed a tooth or two; your skin is always whole;
But it's worth it all when you grab the ball, and bang in the winning goal.
You know that the crowd is with you; you can hear the loudmouthed fan,
"Go down on the home, for the love of Mike," or "Everyone cover a man."
And oh, how your blood goes leaping when the boys in the bleachers roar.
"Bore in on the nets and break the tie — just two minutes to score."
You have pulled out a game by a hair's breadth or you've cracked beneath the strain,
But they still have a thrill in after years when you play them all over again —
So measure the creases ready, put the nets in place;
The teams are padded and steady, and the ball is there to face;
"I'll be out to do my darndest, if I'm only an "Also ran."
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