



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

This team was to lacrosse what the Montreal Canadiens were to hockey. Whenever the team played at the old Denman Arena in Vancouver, it would be filled with over ten thousand people. The leader of the team was their coach Andy Paull, who was also a lacrosse reporter for the Vancouver Sun. His goal was to create the best all Native lacrosse team to ever play the game.

The Baker boys were the backbone of the team during this time. Two of the relatives, Henry "Hawkeye" Baker and Ray Baker are members of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Other outstanding athletes who wore the North Shore lacrosse shirt were; Harry and Earle Newman, Louis Lewis, and eastern, imports such as Joe Johnston and the great Ross Powless, who is the father of 1960's lacrosse star Gaylord Powless.

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Another North Shore player would become a household name in North America, when he traded his lacrosse stick for an acting career in Hollywood. His job in Hollywood was to help his partner, "The Lone Ranger" stop the devious plots of hardened outlaws. His name was "Jay Silverheels", alias Tonto. When he played for the North Shore Indians in the 1930s he was known by his real name, Harry Smith.

The best North Shore team was the 1936 edition, which crushed New Westminster in three straight games to win the B.C. championship.

The strength of Andy Paull's 1936 team began in goal. Henry Baker was only 168 lbs (76 kilos), but he was a miracle worker when it came to blocking shots. He had several brothers on the team. Most notable was Ray Baker, the 37 year old; who had been with New Westminster during their Mann Cup loss in 1933. Stan Joseph also had national final experience. The hard hitting defenseman had come east in 1934 with the Salmonbellies. The other Joseph was Chief Moses, a furious checker who played rover. The club also had two Smiths. Heavyweight Russell 'Beef' Smith was well over 200 lbs (91kilos). Brother Hubie was a 155 lb (70.5 kilos) speedster. For full team statistics please see Appendix 2.3.

The team roster was split between Squamish and Six Nations. Ontario was represented by several stars. Stan Bomberry was in his second year with the team. He was rated one of the best defensemen in the game and had one of the hardest shots. He played alongside Cec Van Every, a six foot giant and former professional. Stan's brother Oscar Bomberry was one of the highest scorers in the western league. Another from the Mohawk tribe was Jack Squire. Not only was he the fastest man in the game but he was also a great stickhandler and he was considered the cleanest player in the Intercity League.

In these years of box lacrosse, the Mann Cup was a challenge trophy. The North Shore Indians hopped on a train bound for Ontario and made the required "challenge" stops in Calgary and Winnipeg. They won easily in both cities. The North Shore Indians arrived in Toronto at the famous Maple Leaf Gardens for the national championship.

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The Orillia Terriers, the two-time defending champions, captured the series with three games to one, with over 30,000 spectators watching the four-game series. North Shore had lost the Mann Cup, but had gained countless fans.

The North Shore Indians Lacrosse team was inducted to the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 1999

1936 INDIVIDUAL PAYER STATISTICS

	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
	(games played)	(goals)	(assists)	(total points)	
Russell Smith	22	60	13	73	53
Oscar Bomberry	24	43	18	61	50
Jack Squires	23	45	13	58	16
Cece VanEvery	24	26	28	54	70
Stu Bomberry	23	31	18	49	32
Hubie Smith	22	33	15	48	83
Ray Baker	20	24	11	35	45
Louis Lewis	20	25	9	34	42
Dom Baker	22	20	12	32	31
Harry Newman	20	14	10	24	8
Joe Johnston	21	17	4	21	6
Moses Joseph	19	16	3	19	24
Stan Joseph	21	5	4	9	38
Gilbert Thomas	15	4	2	6	0
Henry Baker	18	0	0	0	0
Simon Baker	1	0	0	0	0
Ralph Band	1	0	0	0	2
Gord James	2	0	0	0	4
Fred Johnston	1	0	0	0	0

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