

The Milk Can Story

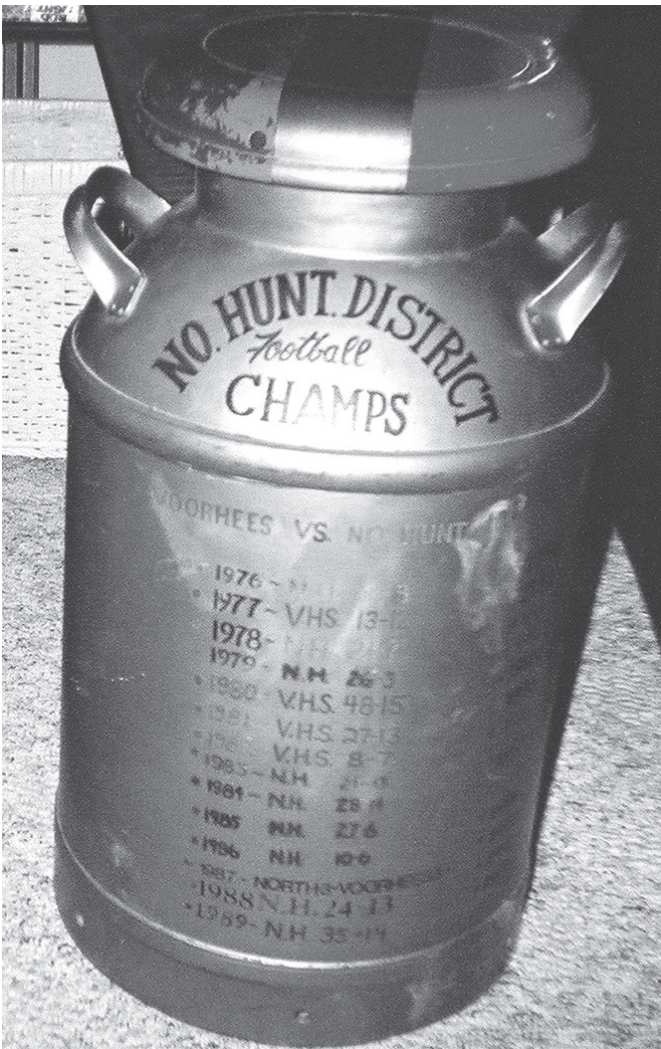
Here's The Real Story About The Milk Can!

How did the tradition start?

This unique trophy was the brainchild of Hunterdon Democrat sports columnist Lowell M. Snare. His enthusiasm served as the catalyst in 1975, the year that Voorhees opened its doors and moved students from 6 of the 12 sending districts out of North Hunterdon into the Voorhees building. He conferred with then-North Hunterdon superintendent Clifford Singley, after whom Singley Field is named. After considering many options, the two landed on the concept of a gold Milk Can to honor the farming heritage of Hunterdon County. The Milk Can is a trophy given to the winner of each annual North Hunterdon vs. Voorhees game. It is analogous to the Old Oaken Bucket of Big 10 fame, or the Commander In Chief Trophy for the winner of the service academy championship. And its similar to Paul Bunion's Ax that goes each year to the winner of the Wisconsin vs. Minnesota game.

Then What?

Snare, along with fellow Hunterdon Democrat writer Gene Robbins and long-time Clinton barber Tony DiPietro (who was then a member of the North/



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Voorhees Board of Education), worked together to get it done. They painted the can with three coats of primer, then three coats of 18 carat gold paint donated by the U.S. Bronze in Flemington. They painted the can right in Tony's Barber Shop on Leigh Street in Clinton, and for years afterwards, his barber shop served as the display case when North Hunterdon won the trophy. Tony has since left the area, and we now use our own school display cases. The Can lettering was painted by a professional sign painter, Tom Rosinski of High Bridge, with the colors of both schools (green and cardinal, along with gold) on the lid. The words "North Hunterdon District Champs" were painted below the lid. Early on, it was decided that the score of each year would be painted on the side of the Milk Can so that the results would live on for all to know. It was further decided that the winning school would receive the Milk Can to display as they so chose for the year following their victory. The Milk Can is symbolic of the North Hunterdon/Voorhees

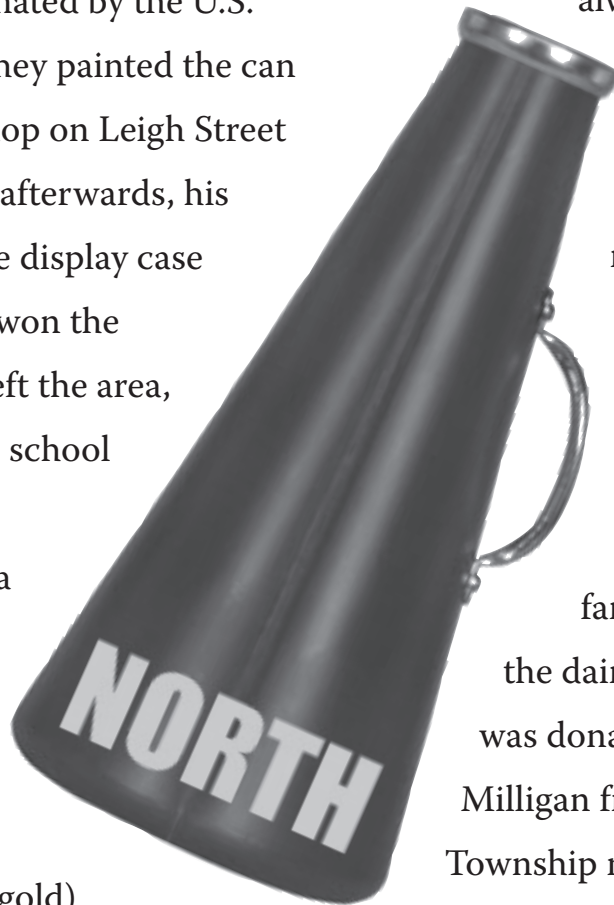
District Football Champions. So every year, regardless of the each team's respective records going into the game, there is always a championship on the line with the Milk Can game. After all, this game delivers the bragging rights of the district.

Milk Can Facts

The can is a 44-quart stainless steel milk can that was used by Hunterdon farmers to take their milk to the dairy to be processed. The can was donated by Bert and Emma Milligan from their farm in Union Township next to the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Bert and Emma's son, Joseph, was then a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. He was a captain and US Air Force pilot shot down over North Vietnam and was a POW for nearly seven years. He was also a wrestler at North Hunterdon in his high school days. He presented the Milk Can at the third game after his release.

How old is the tradition?

This will be the 39th annual Milk Can Game,



Beat Voorhees

and has been played every year since the second year of Voorhees football. The first season of Voorhees football, 1975, was played as a JV season with no seniors. That is the year that North Hunterdon won a state championship. The first Milk Can game was played in 1976.

What is the series record?



The record stands at 25-12-1 in favor of North Hunterdon. We beat the Vikings ~~right here on Singley Field~~ last year and kept the Milk Can where it belongs! We won convincingly with a score of 7-6. **A victory this year will make it 3 in a**

row and we'd like that! We have proudly displayed the Milk Can for the past four years and we'd like it to stay. **This year's game takes place at North on November 7, 2014. Don't miss it!**

Who won the first Milk Can game?

North Hunterdon won the initial can game, 31-8, back in 1976 when Dave Smigelsky earned the first MVP award in the game's

history. Smigelsky went on to be an All-American punter at Virginia Tech and went on to punt in the NFL for the Baltimore Colts, Atlanta Falcons and Washington Redskins. Dr. Clifford Singley, for whom Singley Field is named, presented the Milk Can trophy to Lion captains Dave Smigelsky and Bob Bartnett after that initial game.

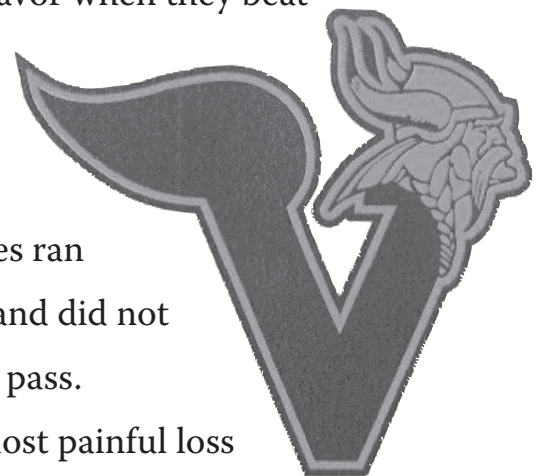
What was the most points scored in the game?

North pounded Voorhees 45-0 in 1993 for a resounding victory, but Voorhees returned the favor when they beat us 62-14 in 1995. In that lopsided game, the Vikes ran for 350 yards and did not throw a single pass.

Perhaps the most painful loss that North suffered was a 48-15 loss in 1980 to a Halfacre-coached Voorhees team, because Halfacre was a beloved North coach who had led North to a state championship just 3 years earlier.

How many one point games?

Voorhees won the second game in the series, 13-12, in 1977 when Jim Cregar booted a



Let's Get it Back in 2014!

conversion kick with no time left in the game.

It was the only win of the year for the Vikes

who upset the 5-2-1

Lions in their second

varsity season. The Vikes

also won by a point, 8-7,

as Kevin Spiedel ran in

for two points with 19

seconds left in the game

on a "Water-Bucket extra

point play". North edged

the Vikings by one point,

41-40, in 1997 as Lion

standout Chris Loftus scored his fifth TD

of the game with 1:09 left in the game on a

59-yard TD run. Loftus ran for a school

record 304 yards in that win on 30 carries.

How many shut outs?

There have been just six shutouts in 33

years, with Voorhees doing the deed three

years ago in a 21-0 blanking of the Lions.

The Vikes were also winners of back-to-back

shutouts in 1990 and 1991 by scores of 27-0

and 26-0. Cahill set the Voorhees single

game rushing mark in that game, with

280 yards on 31 carries. North owns three

shutouts, in 1992 (28-0), in 1993 (45-0)

and in 2002 (24-0).



How many ties?

There has been just one tie, a 3-3 game back

in 1987 when North standout

tailback Duane Grade was headed

into the end zone for the game-

winner with 24 seconds left in the

game when he was stripped of the

ball by Voorhees Ahsley Stayskal.

Stayskal then recovered the ball in

the end zone to preserve the tie.

There can be no more ties in the

future, as the NJSIAA has an

overtime rule in effect that applies.

How many cans are there?

There is a replica can displayed in the North

trophy case in the lobby of the new North

gym, and the North Hunterdon band has a

replica as well. And there are variations of

the can as well! The frosh game between the

two schools is called the Milk Bottle game,

while the JV game has been called the Milk

Jug Game. There is also a Junior Milk Can

given to the winner of the Junior Lions and

Junior Vikings game in the Junior High

Skyland Conference game. But, there is just

one original Milk Can and the history of the

game will surely continue.

Football Records 1951-2013

NORTH HUNTERDON TEAM GAME RECORDS

Category	Qty.	Opponent	Year
Most TD'S In A Game	7	Watchung Hills	1987
	7	Voorhees	1996
Total Points Scored	49	Wachung Hills	1987
Total Points Allowed	62	Voorhees	1995
Most Yards Rushing	408	Hackettstown	1971
Most Rush Attempts	63	Hackettstown	1971
Most Yards Passing	287	Hunterdon Central	1997
Most Pass Attempts	41	Somerville	1983
Most Pass Completions	19	Bridgewater	1994

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS

Category	Qty.	Opponent	Year
Most Touchdowns	6	Ted Delia	2007
Most Points Scored	37	Parker Snare	1969
Most TD's Rushing	5	Eric Tomczak	1992
		Chris Loftus	1997, 1998
		Ted Delia	2007
		Chris Loftus	1997
Most Carries	48	Jordan Ditzel	2013
Most Yards Passing	368	Marc Monks	2012
Most Completed Passes	19	Mike Leonardi	1994
Most Passes Attempted	41	Mickey Serridge	1981
Most Pass Receptions	11	Kyle Mandelberg	2000
Most Yards Pass Receiving	143	Herb Vickery	1988
Most TD Catches	2	Jim Skripko	1970
		Jeff Greiner	1978
		Tony Grueling	1978
		Jeff Yates	1983
		Matt Hargrove	twice 1994
		Nick Bassimakopolus	twice 1994
		Eric Burgoyne	twice 1997
		Kyle Mandelberg	twice 2000
		Scott Skripko	1979
Pass Interceptions	3	Morgan Miller	1980
		Jim Quick	1985
		Jack Benecke	1989
		Nick Macia	2002, 2003
		Reid DeNyse	1959
Pass Interceptions For TD	2	Matt Hargrove	1993
Most Field Goals	3	Tom Angstadt	1979
Most PAT Kicking	6	Joe Kugelman	1987
		Matt Hargrove	1993
		Marc Monks	2012
Most Punts In A Game	9		
Punt Return Yardage	3 punt returns for 191 yds	Ken Andrews	1976
Most Fumbles Recovered	3	Gene Detweiler	1964
		Hal Burton	1975
Most Defensive Hits	30	Jamie Marsh	2003
Most QB Sacks	5 ½	Kevin Haplea	2007

NORTH HUNTERDON SEASON TEAM RECORDS

Category	Qty.	Year
Most TD's	38	1979
Most Points	278	1979
Most Yards Rushing	2,298	1979 (10 Games)
Most Yards Passing	1,837	1994
Most TD Passes	18	1994
Most TD Rushing	28	1975, 1979
Most Passes Completed	108	2011
Most Passes Attempted	233	1995
TD's Passing	18	1994
Most QB Sacks	42	1993
Most Interception	24	1980
Most Fumbles Recovered	20	1978
Most Wins	10	1975
Best Season Record	10-0	1975

TED DELIA'S CAREER RECORDS

Category	Qty.
Most career TD's	39
Most career rushing yards	4,314
Most yards rushing for a season	1,688
Most carries season	284
Most all-purpose yards season	2,034
TD's in a game	6
Tied TD rushing in a game record	5
Tied mark for TD's in a season	16
Four consecutive 200-plus yard rushing games	
Most career 200 yard rushing games	8

