

LaFayette ten earns title again

By STEVE SCHUELEIN
LaFayette's talented Lancers retired their second consecutive Upstate Lacrosse Conference championship trophy by overwhelming Corning East, 11-4, yesterday in biting 88-degree weather at North Syracuse.

About 600 partisan fans cheered Gordy Ohstrom's Lancers to their 37th consecutive victory over a three-year span. LaFayette won the 1967 championship by downing Geneva at Hobart, 10-7.

Midfielder Bob Shaw, the Cornell-bound LaFayette valedictorian, led the Green and White with two goals and three assists.

Dave Miller scored two goals apiece. Goalie Dave Cook also played a starring role with 10 difficult saves.

"It was a great team effort all the way," smiled Ohstrom while accepting the championship trophy after the game. "We were tough on the way down the line. The defense was particularly strong; we held them to one goal during the second half."

LaFayette took a lead it never relinquished with only eight seconds gone in the game. George took a pass from Captain Ron Hill after the opening faceoff and beat surprised Corning goalie Pete Graham.

LaFayette's Eastern Division kingpins upped their lead to 3-0 on unassisted goals by John Thomas and Shaw before the Western Division champions scored on a Paul Murphy goal at 8:22 of the opening period.

Aly Gibson tallied 15 seconds

later to give LaFayette a 4-1 edge after the opening period.

The teams traded two second period goals before the Lancers pulled away in the third stanza. George, Miller and John Thomas netted third-period goals to give the Lancers a comfortable 9-3 cushion. Goalie Cook, meanwhile, turned in four gems on low, bouncing shots that seemed to demoralize the Maroon and White Trojans. "Whoever said he can't stop 'em on the ground is crazy," muttered one piqued Corning East player from the bench.

Miller and Hill added early fourth period insurance goals for LaFayette before Corning's Murphy scored the scoring with his second goal.

The appreciative crowd gave Cook a standing ovation when he was replaced in the Lancer net by Kevin Mallett with 3:11 left in the game.

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LaFayette . . . 4 2 3 2 11

FIRST PERIOD
LaFayette: George (Hill) 1:04, J. Thomas (unassisted) 1:46, B. Shaw (unassisted) 6:11, Gibson (B. Shaw) 8:22
Corning East: Murphy (McHenry) 8:22

SECOND PERIOD
LaFayette: C. Thomas (Shaw) 2:05, B. Shaw (unassisted) 7:33
Corning East: Hayes (unassisted) 2:26, Miller (unassisted) 9:27

THIRD PERIOD
LaFayette: George (unassisted) 6:22, Miller (unassisted) 7:08, J. Thomas (B. Shaw) 8:25

FOURTH PERIOD
LaFayette: Miller (B. Shaw) 0:22, Hill (unassisted) 2:10
Corning East: Murphy (Hayes) 3:29



TWO IN A ROW—LaFayette captain Ron Hill, right, holds Upstate Lacrosse Conference championship trophy following Lancers' 11-4 win over Corning East in title game yesterday at North Syracuse. Hill scored a goal and assisted on another for LaFayette.

victors in 37 straight matches and repeat winners of the crown. Corning East co-captains Jack Poland, left, and Jim Cornish pose with Western Division trophy.