#### 1965

## **SOUTH 68, NORTH 61**

The first girls All-Star game was a real thriller. The South won but had to score 25 points in the fourth quarter to overcome the North lead for the first time. The South's Helen Ragan of Pelahatchie scored 14 points in the last period for a total of 19. Cathy Davis of Alcorn Central was the game's leading scorer with 31 points.

# 1966 SOUTH 40, NORTH 38

Repeating the come-from-behind formula, the Rebelettes outscored the Yankettes, 13-10 in the fourth quarter for their second straight victory. The South hit nine of twelve free throws in the final period for the conquest. Sandy Puckett of Scott Central with 14 points and Cheryl Brumfield of Bogue Chitto, with 12 led the South scoring, while Wanda Elliott of Neshoba Central had 13 to top the North.

# 1967 NORTH 61, SOUTH 58

Scoring brilliance, particularly from the free throw line, of Brenda Miles from South Panola lifted the North to its first All-Star victory. Miles had 30 points (16 on free throws) and Beth Allen Tate of Shannon had 21, but the three points in overtime by Cathy Childers of Ashland proved decisive. Martha Little of Crystal Springs with 17 and Wilda Kelly of Florence with 16 paced the South.

## 1968

### **SOUTH 54, NORTH 42**

Free throw marksmanship by Gwen Lee of Northeast Lauderdale, making 15 of 16 tries, put the Rebelettes back in the winners' circle. Each side had 15 goals, the Yankettes in 49 tries, the Rebelettes in 31, but the third South win came from the line, 24 points to 12. The North was outscored, 13-2, in the last quarter.

## 1969

## **SOUTH 75, NORTH 42**

A 19-4 fourth-quarter carnage buried the coldshooting Yankettes (17 of 47 field goal attempts) by the biggest margin yet. Cassandra Covington of Florence, hitting 14 of 27 shots, led the South with a record 33 points, ably aided by 18 from Janet Gray of Pelahatchie, a one-two punch alone enough to win. Jean Ann Hawkins of Houston had 19 to lead the North.

#### 1970

## NORTH 63, SOUTH 41

Dot Easterwood of Starkville, a doubtful participant throughout the practice week because of an ankle injury, teamed with Martha O'Briant of Vaiden to pace the Yankettes, popping 18 and 14 points, respectively, and clearing 9 rebounds apiece. Nancy Easterling of Petal had 10 as the South leader. The Rebelettes hit free throws, 19 to 11 but the North drilled field goals, 21 to 11.

## 1971 NORTH 58, SOUTH 53

Rita Gibbon of Hickory had a game-high 22 points but her support wasn't nearly enough to prevent the North from pulling safely away in the final period. The Yankettes had a four-way punch going as Patti Walls of Ingomar had 21. Miriam Russell of Hurricane 14, Sandra Wren of Hatley 13 and Annie Davis of Horn Lake 10. The win was the second in a row for the North, which still trailed in the series, 4-3.

# 1972 NORTH 72, SOUTH 71

Winning a third straight time drew the Yankettes even in their series at 4-4. Free throws told it all, for the Rebelettes led on field goals, 29-23, but with 24 fouls to the North's 15, victory came from the line - 26 of 38 Yankettes, 13 of 20 Rebelettes. But don't forget the North's surge in the final period from a 56-49 deficit, led by Ora Lee Duren of Vaiden, hitting 10 of her team-high 18 points. Charlotte Wells of Northeast Jones topped all scorers with 23, 14 in the first period, but only nine thereafter.

#### 1973

### **SOUTH 103, NORTH 81**

Playing 10-minute quarters for the first time, nearly all scoring records fell. Lana Marie Ball of South Pike at Magnolia cut loose with 36 points, hitting 13 or 18 shots and 10 of 14 free throws, as the South Rebelettes romped. Interestingly, when the South broke out with 36 second-quarter points for 54-41 halftime lead, Ball was on the bench. Alfreda Craft of Hazlehurst added 23 for the South. Jo Hellen Pitts of Leflore County at Itta Bena with 22 and Sheila Sullivan of Louisville with 21 paced the North.

## 1974

## **SOUTH 57, NORTH 45**

Closing a decade, the South ruled supreme for the sixth time off a superb team effort. Brenda Cooley of South Jones at Ellisville with 12 points was the only Rebelette in double figures, but the South girls made 21 of 44 shots to the North's 16 of 41. That was the great difference, cancelling out the Yankette individual showings of Mimi Williams of Lafayette County at Oxford with 17 and Comelia Ward of Hatley with 13.

### 1975

## **SOUTH 104, NORTH 81**

A blistering second half scoring surge pulled the South from a tenuous 24-22 lead at midpoint to win comfortably by 13. Janie Evans of Northeast Jones with 14, Clara Helms of Enterprise with 11 and Bertha Hardy of Mendenhall with 20 were the Rebelette point leaders. For the North, Jeanie Loyd of Shannon 16 and Lisa Hooker of North Pontotoc 13 were tops.

#### 1976

### NORTH 59, SOUTH 54

After falling behind by 14-7 in the first quarter, the North Yankettes went on a 22 point rampage the second period to lead by 29-24 at halftime. The South Rebelettes kept chasing, but could never quite catch up. Melissa Ward of Hatley with 15 points and Peggy Gillom of Lafayette County at Oxford with 14 topped the North scor-

ing. Melvyn Simpson of South Jones at Ellisville with 16 salvaged scoring honors for the Rebelettes.

#### 1977

### NORTH 68, SOUTH 60

Superior free throw shooting made the difference in a comfortable North win, the Yankettes hitting 22 of 32 from the line to the Rebelettes ragged 12 of 25. The North girls moved ahead, 18-12, in the first period and stayed there behind the lead of Pam McDonald of South Leake at Walnut Grove with 18 and Wilma Duke of South Pontotoc with 13. Debra Stancil of West Lauderdale at Collinsville had 14 for the South, just ahead of Patricia Fuller of Hazlehurst and Nancy Faulk of Harrison Central at Lyman with 13 each.

#### 1978

## NORTH 57, SOUTH 55

Mildred Pulliam of South Pontotoc's layup at the buzzer lifted the Yankettes to their third straight win, evening the series at 7 victories apiece. The North trailed at halftime, 36-28, but with Angela Bello of Hatley and Pulliam as scoring leaders with 15 and 13 points respectively, eventually triumphed. Kim McKay of Warren Central at Vicksburg had 15 and Terry Johnson of Long Beach 11 for the South.

## 1979

### **NORTH 62, SOUTH 43**

Wire to wire, the Yankettes ran their winning string to four in a row, moving in front, 14-5, by first quarter's end and never letting up. Darlene Jones of Greenwood Elzy and Linda McKinney of Duck Hill with 12 points apiece led the balanced North scoring. Lori Scott of Jackson Hill headed the South, which suffered from 32 turnovers and 26.9 free throwing (7 of 26).

## 1980

### **SOUTH 84, NORTH 50**

After a slow-paced first quarter, the South broke from a 13-12 deficit to lead by 35-26 at the halftime and won easily, a 32-point flurry in the

final period insuring an end to the Rebelettes' four-game losing string. Carla Hoder of Lumberton with 14, Sandra Hodge of Clinton with 13, Sandra Helms of Enterprise and Deborah Mitchell of Jackson Provine with 10 each led South scorers. Kimberly White of Greenwood Elzy and Denise Taylor of Cleveland East Side with 9 each topped the North.

#### 1981

### **SOUTH 84, NORTH 59**

Devastating defensive pressure was the South's key to victory in the 17th Annual All-Star Girls' Basketball Game. The South's man-to-man, jump-and-switch press took its toll on the North, which turned the ball over an incredible 40 times to the winners' 22. The South squad led by as many as 26 points at one stage of the game. The North was able to slice the deficit to nine points entering the fourth quarter, but the damage was done.

### 1982

### **NORTH 59, SOUTH 52**

The 27 points and 11 rebounds contributed by Lafayette's Jennifer Gillom along with the South's early foul trouble aided the North squad to a victory over the South. The North fashioned a 35-28 halftime advantage; however the Rebs slashed the Yanks lead to 46-42 entering the fourth quarter. The North held on in the final quarter to triumph, evening the series at 9-9. Gillom led the North scorers, while Rhonda Hawthorne of Harrison Central and Phyllis Johnson of Callaway paced the South with 12 each.

#### 1983

### **SOUTH 60, NORTH 58**

Warren Central's Alisa Scott sank a pair of free throws with four seconds left, capping a strong fourth-quarter comeback that gave the South a 10-9 edge in the series. The North took a 48-40 lead into the last stanza and led 52-44 with five minutes left to play before a tenacious full court defense and eight unanswered points knotted the score with 1:45 left. Morton's Carol Smith with 15 points, Scott with 14, and Madison-

Ridgeland's Burnadette McDonald with 10 paced the South, while Teresa Hooker of Humphreys County had a game high 24 and Melissa Harvell of Baldwyn 10 for the North.

#### 1984

### **SOUTH 51. NORTH 48**

A 13-2 outburst in the final three minutes enabled the favored South squad to pull out a down to-the-wire win over the North and go up 11-9 in the series. Harrison Central's little five-foot guard Pee Wee Morgan hit a pair of free throws with 40 seconds left for a 49-48 South advantage. Morgan with 16 points and Chana Perry of Brookhaven with 10 paced the South, while the North got 19 from Kunshinge Sorrell of Booneville and 10 from Valerie Rushing of New Hope.

#### 1985

## NORTH 67, SOUTH 66

Cynthia Autrey of Houston was in the right place at the right time as she hit a shot with two seconds to play to lift the North to their one-point victory. Autrey, named the Best Offensive Player in the game, scored a team-high 16 points, led in rebounds with 7, and dished out three assists. Patricia Hoskins of Greenville O'Bannon had 11 points. South Jones' Jocelyn McGilberry was named the Best Defensive Player although she was hot on offense, scoring 17 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Patricia Woods of North Natchez had 15 points for the South.

### 1986

## **SOUTH 63, NORTH 44**

The South girls were nervous and shot poorly all during practice sessions leading up to the 22nd annual All-Star game, but when the moment of truth rolled around they put on a real demonstration of sharp-shooting basketball. The South shot 54.2 percent from the field, including a blazing 63.6 percent in the first half. Sarah Chatman of North Natchez and Michelle Hartzog of Jim Hill led the South in scoring with 10 points each. For the North,

Moor's Regina Jackson led the scoring with nine points, while Louisville's Melissa Jimmerson had a game-high eight rebounds. Taylorville's La-Teasha Johnson was named the game's Best Defensive Player.

# 1987 SOUTH 62, NORTH 59

Jackie Martin of Warren Central and Debra Barnes of Bogue Chitto teamed up to lead the South to victory in the 23rd annual game. Martin scored a game-high 19 points and was named the Best Offensive Player. Barnes grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds against the taller North squad. The North's first half lead came largely from the free throw line as they made 18 of 24, compared to the South's 7 of 14. DeTeena Bender of Baldwyn scored a team high 18 points for the North. North Pontotoc's Denise Traylor, who was assigned to defend Martin, was named the Best Defensive Player for her efforts.

# 1988 NORTH 61, SOUTH 48

The North got a sweep of All-Star basketball, as the girls downed the South 61-48 after trailing 30-19 at intermission. After going scoreless in the first half, the North's Karman Paul of Greenwood and LaTanya Patty of Shaw combined for 23 second-half points. The North out-rebounded the South 22-5 in the fourth quarter and outscored the opposition 14-0 to start the final period. Southeast Lauderdale's Gale Ruffin was the South's leading scorer with 10 points. Patty was named the top Defensive player, while Paul was picked as the top Offensive player.

# 1989

## **SOUTH 76, NORTH 69**

The South won 76-69, despite trailing 31-17 early in the 25th annual All-Star game. The North committed 27 turnovers. Linda Bourne of South Jones was named the defensive player of the game and scored 10 points. Oxford's Tiffany Archie scored 15 points to earn offensive player honors. All-American Stacy Truitt of Port Gibson was held to just five points. The North pulled within 72-69 with 1:08 left, but committed three

turnovers and missed three shots the rest of the way.

#### 1990

### **SOUTH 73, NORTH 71**

South Pike's Janice Felder scored the winning basket at the buzzer in the South's win. Felder was named the Best Defensive Player, while Houlka's Tangie Hollin was the Best Offensive Player. Felder's shot was a follow-up of her own miss. Shaw, Teresa Perry hit a short jumper for the North with 1:15 to go to tie the game 74-74. Tylertown's Clara Jackson and Shell Joseph of Gulfport finished with 14 points each for the South. Hollin and Perry scored 12 points each, while Louisville's Gloria Clay added 11.

# 1991 NORTH 67, SOUTH 55

A shorter North Team played tough defense and erased a 2-point halftime deficit to beat the South 67-55 for its first win since 1988. The North pulled ahead 44-35 as the South went scoreless the first six minutes of the third quarter. The South never recovered and got only as close as 47-44 early in the fourth quarter. Neshoba Central's Patricia Nash scored 14 points and earned Best Defensive Player honors. Clinton's Niesa Johnson had a team-high 14 points and was chosen Best Offensive Player.

# 1992 NORTH 74, SOUTH 70

Louisville's Jackie Jackson blocked two shots in the final 30 seconds to preserve the North's 74-70 thrilling win over the South. With six seconds left, Jackson stuffed Rena Reed of Forest as the South failed to tie the game 4 times in the last minute. The North scored the final points with 4.2 seconds left to play as Angie Holley of Tremont converted a one-and-one. For her efforts, Jackson was named Best Defensive Player of the game and added 11 points plus 10 rebounds to her two game-saving blocks. The South's Katrecia Craig of Magee was named the Best Offensive Player as she scored 22 points, 6 rebounds, and two assists in 27 minutes of play.

#### 1993

## NORTH 56, SOUTH 50

Led by Trina Davis of Hollandale Simmons, the North edged the South 56-50 in a close contest for the North's third consecutive win in the series, which is led by the South by a slim 15-14 margin. Davis powered her way to 15 points and 10 rebounds in 19 minutes of play and shook the North out of its early game doldrums. Amazingly, the South had led 11-2 to begin the second quarter. Davis was chosen as the Best Defensive Player while the South's Nedra Hosey of Bay Springs was named as Best Offensive Player with 18 points and 3 rebounds. Hosey brought the South within 5 points twice in the fourth quarter but the South ran out of gas down the stretch.

# 1994 NORTH 57, SOUTH 53

The North pinned the fourth consecutive loss on the South thanks to a blazing fourth quarter 16-**O** run led by Rosalyn Spann of Noxubee County and Tracey McGee of Rolling Fork. The South led the game through 3 quarters of play and Tasha Martin of Murrah, who led the South in scoring with 14 points, put in the opening basket of the final stanza to put her team up 47-41. In the next five minutes of play, however, the 16 unanswered points made it 57-47 and the North notched the win. Spann, who was named the Best Offensive Player of the game, led the North with 18 points - 12 of which came in the first half. McGee, who scored 15 points, snared 7 rebounds, blocked 4 shots and had 3 steals, was selected as Best Defensive Player. With the victory, the North tied the overall series at 15 wins apiece.

#### 1995

## NORTH 62, SOUTH 61

The North won its fifth straight game against the South in a thriller that gave the North a slim 16-15 overall series lead. Sherry Surney of Ruleville Central completed a dramatic 3-point play with a mere 2.3 seconds left in the game to seal the win. Surney's basket and free throw

capped off a furious North rally after the South had slowly built up a 10 point lead early in the fourth quarter. Surney, a 5-6 point guard, scored 14 points, but a left-handed lay-up off the glass that drew a foul from behind put her at the line to swish in the game-winning free throw. The South's Melodie Jones of Bogue Chitto scored a game high 17 points and was named Best Offensive player while her teammate LaTonya Blanton of Natchez put in 10 points and had five steals to capture Best Defensive Player honors.

# 1996 SOUTH 62, NORTH 54

The South snapped the North's five game winning streak with hot shooting to knot the overall series at 16-16. Laurel's SheKeita Williamson, who scored 11 points with 3 of 4 from 3-point range, hit the game's opening 3 baskets as the South roared out to a 9-1 lead. Sonya McLaurin of West Jones then took over the game as she knocked down 4 more 3-pointers as the South opened up a 37-21 lead in the third quarter. Full court pressure by the North cut the lead to 44-42, but McLaurin, who paced the South with 19 points and was named Best Offensive Player, hit her 5th 3-pointer with 5 minutes to play to hold off any late charge. South guard Kathy Stapleton of Murrah was chosen as the Best Defensive Player. Tiffany Porter of Warren Central led the North in scoring with 11 points and Starkville's Ryakko Macon had 10 points.

# 1997 NORTH 54, SOUTH 43

The underdog North team used a smothering defensive press to upset the South in the 33rd annual classic. The North's full-court, gamelong press withered the South team and gave the North a 16-point lead they maintained in the last 16 minutes of the game. Starkville's Clarrisa Clark was named the Best Offensive player of the game as she led the North with the press that produced 20 turnovers and 13 steals. Nettleton's Portia Jones was the leading scorer for

the North with 8 points. The South's Regina Rhodes of Jim Hill in Jackson paced all scorers in the game with 11 points. Florence's La-Shondra Farmer for the South was named the Best Defensive Player as she added 6 points and 3 assists. The North broke the series tie with the win and now edges the South 17-16.

# 1998 SOUTH 67, NORTH 64

The South outlasted the North to tie the series in an overtime thriller in the 34th annual game. McComb's Jessica Woods scored 30 points, snared 15 rebounds, and played a relentless 35 of the 44 minutes in the game to lead the South past the North. Woods whipped a court length pass to teammate Keairra Levy of Velma Jackson, whose 2 free throws iced the game for the South with a mere 5.6 seconds left in OT. A 3 point try by Senatobia's Betsy Burkhead, the Best Defensive Player of the game, was deflected at the buzzer to preserve the South win. Levy scored 13 points for the South, 11 in the second half and 4 in overtime, which occurred when the North's Allison Shaw of Oxford drilled a 3 pointer for a 58-58 tie. For her extraordinary efforts, including 11 of 22 shooting and a 7 of 8 performance at the free throw line, **Woods was named Best Offensive Player of the** contest. The South win tied the series at 17-17.

# 1999 NORTH 60, SOUTH 57

Paced by Tommie Walden of Williams-Sullivan, the North took a slim 18-17 series lead over the South. Walden, named the game's Best Offensive Player, took control in the third quarter as she hit 7 of her team high 13 points in the first six minutes. The intense game featured 10 lead changes with a 27-27 tie score at the half. Lake's Nicole Cox, selected as Best Defensive Player and the only player on the South squad in double figures, missed a three point shot at the buzzer that would have tied the contest and forced overtime.

## 2000

## **SOUTH 72, NORTH 42**

The South's Janna Lyons of Amite County poured in a game-high 19 points with 5 assists and 3 steals to even the series at 18-18 in the 36th annual game played at the coliseum on the campus of Holmes CC in Goodman. Lyons, named the game's Best Offensive Player, opened up the second half with a three point play on a driving layup and free throw, a leaning 6 foot shot, and two free throws in a two and a half minute span to give the South a 41-28 cushion. The North's Shambrica Jones of Yazoo City was selected as the Best Defensive Player. Bernadette Sayles of Water Valley and Jennifer Pace of Thrasher led the North in scoring with 9 points each.

#### 2001

## NORTH 64, SOUTH 57

The North took over the series lead at 19-18 with a 64-57 victory in the 37th annual contest. The North's Priscilla Berry of Myrtle scored a game high 13 points including a pair of 3 pointers in the last 2:08 to seal the win for her team. Berry was named Offensive MVP of the game after hitting key shots and three treys. The North's Carol Ford of Horn lake received the Most Valuable Defensive player of the game as she added 11 points and halted a late offensive charge by the South in the fourth quarter. Meridian's Kanecia Williams and Bay St. Louis' Shenma Ambrose each had 10 points for the South. The North had jumped out to a 12-2 advantage in the first quarter, but the South rallied to take a close 30-28 lead at halftime. The North then outscored the South 22-11 in the third quarter to take the lead in the game and series.

## 2002

## **SOUTH 78, NORTH 51**

The South led from the opening tipoff to claim a 78-51 win at the A.E. Wood Coliseum in Clinton that tied the overall series at 19-19. The South rumbled to an 18-0 run in the second quarter that created a 41-18 lead and had a 34 point

advantage late in the game to halt the North's two game winning streak. East Side's Shante Stanford led the North with a game-high 23 points and was named the Best Offensive Player of the game. The South's Veronica Lee of East Marion was selected as the Defensive Player of the game. All 11 players scored for the South as the squad with Lacey Palomarez of Enterprise-Lincoln leading the way with 13 points. The North made a comeback in the third quarter as Callaway's Marquetia Thomas poured in eight consecutive points to help cut the deficit to 13 before the South's Stanford scored seven of her team's next nine points.

## 2003 SOUTH 76, NORTH 74

A lay-up from Hancock point guard Devin Necaise with 3.4 seconds left to play gave the South a thrilling 76-74 win at the A.E. Wood Coliseum on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton. With the win, the South took a 20-19 lead in a series filled with exciting finishes. Latoya Carson of Long Beach, named the game's Best Offensive Player, scored a gamehigh 17 points with 11 of those points scored in the second half including two crucial free throws to tie the game with 9.2 seconds remaining. On the inbound play following Carson's free throws, West Lauderdale's Kristina Gardner made a steal and passed to Necaise who made the easy bucket right under the goal for the South's winning points. The North, which led for most of the game until the late comeback by the South, was paced by Jazmin Cain of Mound Bayou and Yazoo City's Ida Edwards who each scored 17 points. Edwards was named the Best Defensive Player of the game as she also pulled down 14 rebounds and had several blocked shots.

# 2004 NORTH 95, SOUTH 8

The North snapped the South's two-game winning streak and tied the series at 20-20 with a 95-84 win at the A.E. Wood Coliseum on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton in front

of a capacity crowd. For the first time in the game's history, the rosters featured junior players entering their senior year. The South's Kristi Martin of Bay Springs scored a game-high 27 points, including 22 in the second half, and was named the game's Best Offensive Player. Martin opened the second half by scoring 13 of her team's first 15 points, including 11 straight. The North, however, led the entire game, and was paced by Ridgeland's Myeshia Johnson, the Defensive Player of the game who notched 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. CaSaundra Anderson of Yazoo County and Dominic Cranford of Callaway had 15 points each while Coldwater's Lomoeshia McAdory added 12 points plus 11 rebounds for the North squad. The South managed to pull within 3 points in the second half, but the North put the game away on the post play of Johnson, Anderson, and McAdory. Warren Central's Cookie Johnson scored 17 points and Chantay Frazier of Choctaw Central finished with 14 for the South. The South's Britta Stephens of North Pike captured the pre-game 3 point shooting contest.

# 2006 NORTH 62. SOUTH 54

The North captured its third straight win at the A.E. Wood Coliseum on the campus at Mississippi College by a score of 62-54 and increased its series lead to 22-20. The North's Sarita Cooper of Gentry, who was named the game's Best Defensive Player, paced her team with 12 points, 7 assists, and 7 steals. Coahoma County's **Tanesha Washington also contributed 12 points** to the winning effort for the North. The South led at halftime, but the North opened up the second half with a 10-0 run to take control of the contest. Meridian's Whitney Hood was named the Best Offensive Player as she scored 9 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the South. The South was hindered by a slow start as the squad didn't score its first field goal until Wayne County's Tamara Reed drilled a threepointer seven minutes into the game. Perry Central's Demara Bolton and Wayne County's Shemeka Russell each scored 10 points to pace the South. Callaway's Jessica Collins of

the North won the 3-point shooting contest prior to tip-off. The North's Katie Hancock of Tupelo was named recipient of the first annual Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award.

# 2007 NORTH 66, SOUTH 49

Behind the scoring punch of East Oktibbeha's April Sykes and Murrah's LaSondra Barrett, the North captured their fourth straight over the South by a margin of 66-49 at the A.E. **Wood Coliseum at Mississippi College. The** North overcame a sluggish start and used defense to increase the squad's series lead to 23-20. Sykes, who had won the girls and the overall 3-point shooting contest the night before the game, scored 12 points and was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player. Barrett poured in a game-high 15 points with 14 rebounds and 4 blocked shots and received the coveted Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award. The South chipped away at the North's 34-27 halftime lead and cut the lead down to six with 15 minutes left in the game on a 3-pointer by Ka'Neshia Smith of Pisgah, who led her team with 14 points. The South's Swavze Black of Brookhaven was chosen as the game's Most Valuable Defensive Player.

# 2008 NORTH 96, SOUTH 76

The North opened up an early lead and won its fifth consecutive game in the series by a 96-76 final tally at the A.E. Wood Coliseum at Mississippi College. The North powered out to a 34-18 lead midway in the first half, led at halftime 47-34, and never trailed in the contest. Laneisha Jennie of Indianola Gentry was the main scoring punch for the North as she had a game-high 18 points and was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player. Murrah's Tanecka Carey, who won the girls and overall All-Star 3-point shooting contest, scored all 10 of her points for the North in the 1st half and she also received the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award for the game. The

South's Alia Frank of Natchez scored 12 points and was selected as the game's Most Valuable Defensive Player. Brandon's Joncyee Sanders paced the South in scoring with 13 points. The North had five players in double figures to add to its series lead at 24-20. In addition to Jennie and Carey's totals, Oxford's Deanna Thompson scored 17, while Provine's Kianna Harris poured in 13 for the North squad.

### 2009

## NORTH 67, SOUTH 65

Clinton's Antonekia "NeNe" Williams, on an assist by Clinton teammate Ericka Robinson, drained a deep three-point shot from the corner with 7 seconds remaining to propel the North to its sixth straight win by a 67-65 score at the A.E. Wood Coliseum Mike Jones Court at Mississippi College. The thrilling victory for the North was sealed when Raymond's Janairrika Bland 3-point attempt rimmed out for the South as time expired. Greenville's Breanna Lewis of the North squad was named the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player as she scored a game-high 18 points and grabbed 4 rebounds. Horn Lake's Jasbriell Swain for the North scored 12 points and was selected as the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the contest. Paced by Jasmine Bradley of Pass Christian with 10 points, the South led at halftime by a 36-29 margin and led 59-52 with 6:53 left on the clock before the North's final charge. The South's Brianna Edwards of Ocean Springs received the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award while South player Keosha Bradley of Natchez captured the girls' threepoint shooting contest in the All-Star Extravaganza.

### 2010

## **SOUTH 84, NORTH 64**

The South ended the North's six-game winning streak by racing out to an early lead and holding off North rallies at the A.E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, at Mississippi College. The South grabbed a 20-9 advantage with 10:38 left in the first half and had a halftime lead of

40-30. The squad led by as many as 24 points before settling for a 20-point victory to slice the North's series lead to 25-21. Kendra Grant of Richland paced the South with a game-high 17 points along with 8 rebounds, 3 steals, plus 3 assists, and was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player. The North's Kelsei Ewings of West Point was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player and tallied 15 points. The South's Tyisha Amos of Scott Central was presented with the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award. Krystal Jackson of New Site won the girls' three-point shooting contest in the All-Star Extravaganza. The South had double figure performances by Hattiesburg's Gelese Lampton (15 points), Newton's Trameika Walker (12), and Lake's Krista **Donald** (10).

## 2011 NORTH 86, SOUTH 82

Myrtle's Aspriona Gilbert scored a put-back basket in the paint with 20 seconds left to lead the North to a close 86-82 victory at the A.E. Woods Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, at Mississippi College. Gilbert scored 9 of her 14 points for the North in the final 8 minutes of play to clinch the victory and increase the North's series lead to 26-21. The game featured 7 lead changes and 7 ties in the first half with the North holding a slim 45-41 lead at halftime. A duel between a of outstanding guards, Coldwater's Jerontay Clemons and Lawrence County's Tiaria Griffin emerged in the second half. Clemons poured in 19 points with 14 rebounds and 3 steals for the North and was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player. Griffin scored a game-high 30 points with 5 rebounds and 5 assists and was selected at the Most Valuable Offensive Player. Alexis Hardaway of H.W. Byers, named as the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award winner, scored 10 points and had 7 rebounds. A total of 5 players for the North along with Hardaway and Clemons had double figures including Oxford's Erika Sisk (12 points), Okolona's Quinndella Ford (12 points), and Tia Coleman of Horn Lake (10 points). In the skills competition, Kyra Williams of Long Beach won the free throw shooting contest and Derita Luckett of Jim Hill captured the 3-point shooting title. Jerontay Clemons of Coldwater made All-Star history by winning the first ever Girl's slam dunk contest. Clemons then defeated Bryant Magee of West Marion for the overall slam dunk winner in the All-Star weekend festivities held the night before the game.

## 2012

## **NORTH 74, SOUTH 62**

Kierra Jordan of Lanier and Jazmine Spears of New Albany combined for 28 points to help the North overcome a 33-31 halftime deficit and defeat the South by a 74-62 score. With the win at the A.E. Wood Coliseum on Mike Jones Court at Mississippi College, the North expanded their series lead to 27-21. Jordan, who scored a game-high 15 points, was named the game's Most Valuable Defensive Player while Spears added 13 points and was selected the Most Valuable Offensive Player. The scoring duo led the North on a 20-2 run to start the second half and provide their team with the winning margin. Jayla Chills of Ripley also helped the North squad by scoring 13 points including three 3ponters all in the second half. Ariel Wilson of McLaurin paced the South with 10 points. The North's Bryana Davis of Pine Grove received the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award. In the All-Star extravaganza held the night before the contest, the South's Kristen Dixon of Choctaw Central won the free throw competition, the North's Justice Martin of H.W. Byers captured the 3-point shot contest, and East Side's Lashyra Cotton of the North was the girls' slam dunk winner.

## 2013 SOUTH 68, NORTH 55

Led by Victoria Vivians of Scott Central, the South ended the North's two-game winning streak by a 68-55 margin. The South's victory at the A.E. Wood Coliseum on Mike Jones Court at the Mississippi College cut the North's series lead to 27-22. Vivians, the reigning Miss Basketball and an All-State performer, was named

the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player for blistering the North's defense with a game-high 23 points plus 9 rebounds and 3 steals. Vivians' point total was the most scored in the game since Bay Springs' Kristi Martin poured in 27 points in 2004. The South moved out to an early 10-point margin and led at the half by a 35-25 score. Short scoring runs by the North kept the contest close, but Vivians' timely points maintained the lead for the South squad. The South's Kayla Gordon of Meridian was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player. Christa Reed of Bay High, who won the girls' and overall 3-point shooting contest, added 14 points with 3 rebounds, and received the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award. The North was paced by Blair Schaefer of Starkville who scored 17 points and pulled down 7 rebounds. Schaefer also won the girls' free throw shooting contest and defeated Biggersville's Daniel Simmons for the overall 2013 charity stripe title. The North's Shandricka Sessom of Byhalia claimed the girls' slam dunk contest and barely missed out for the overall championship in a "dunk off" with the North's Xavian Stapleton of Madison Central of the boys' squad.

# 2014 NORTH 95, SOUTH 73

The North toppled the South by a 95-73 margin at the Lee E. Williams Athletics & Assembly Center at Jackson State University. The North win increased the North's series lead to 28-22. The North was led by Jaleigha Polk of Tupelo who scored 17 points and was named the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player. Polk was 6-of-7 from the field including 3-of-3 on 3 point shots. Abria Gulledge of H.W. Byers poured in a gamehigh 20 points for the North and helped the team gain a 40-37 halftime advantage. The North put the game away in the early stages of the second half as the squad had 4 players with double figures including Polk, Gulledge, Grace Elliott of New Site (10 points, 6 rebounds), and Marlee Hatcher of Pontotoc (12 points). For the South, Octavia Barnes of Hinds AHS was selected as the Most Valuable Defensive Player as she scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds along with 2

steals. Jazzmun Holmes of Harrison Central led the South with 17 points along with double figure scoring for Kelentra Gandy of Wayne County (10 points) and Alisha Fortenberry of Tylertown (12 points). Grace Elliott of New Site received the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award and also won th girls' slam dunk contest. Horn Lake's Alondrea Rush won the girls' free throw shooting contest and the girls' overall 3-point shooting contest.

## 2015 SOUTH 93, NORTH 84

The South rallied in the second half to defeat the North 93-84 at the A.E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College at Clinton. The South victory reduced the North's series lead to 28-23. Offensive MVP Ameshya Williams of West Harrison led the way for the South with 23 points and 8 rebounds while Defensive MVP Shonte' Hailes of Quitman scored 19 with 2 rebounds and 8 assists to help their team overcome a 10-point deficit. South trailed 37-29 at the half but outscored the North 64-47 in the second frame to claim the win. After 9 lead changes in the second half, the South pulled away for good when Savannah Jones of St. Martin hit a 3-pointer to give the South a 75-72 lead with 5:20 left in the game. The North was led by Brittany Rose of Lanier who scored 19 points and also won the girls free throw shooting contest, Nikkeria Harris of West Tallahatchie, who had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Twila Hill of Callaway, who tallied 12 points with 8 rebounds. Other double figure scorers for the South included Meridian's Zaria Jones, who scored 10 points and Zyaire Ewing of Natchez, who scored 14 points and claimed the girls' slam dunk title. Meridian's Nique Cherry of the South received the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award. The South's Savannah Jones of St. Martin also won the girls' 3-point shooting contest in the pre-game All-Star Extravaganza.

## 2016 NORTH 79, SOUTH 70

The North overcame a halftime deficit to defeat the South 79-70 at the A.E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College at Clinton. With the victory, the North extended its series lead to 29-23. The North outscored the South 17-8 in the final 7 and a half minutes of the game to clinch the win. The South had managed to lead at halftime 42-28, but the North caught the South in the 3rd quarter and led the game entering the final frame by a 57-54 margin. Collins' Zakyia Weathersby of the South tied the game at 62-62, but Lafayette's Shaniyah Buford answered with a basket to start the North's winning points run. The North's Myah Taylor of Olive Branch had a game -high 22 points with 2 rebounds, 7 assists, and 5 steals and was named Offensive MVP. The South's Jalin Cherry of Pascagoula was selected as the game's Most Valuable Defensive Player as she scored 11 points with 5 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals. Weathersby, who was the leading scorer for the South with 12 points, 10 rebounds, and 1 block, and Cherry were the only double-digit scorers for the South. The North's featured scorers included: Adallice Young of Booneville, who knocked down 14 points with 5 rebounds; Alayjah Sherer of Tupelo, who had 10 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal; and Kelsey Jones of Starkville, who tallied 11 points with 6 rebounds. For the North, Booneville's Adallice Young captured the girls' and overall three point contest in the skills competition and was honored with the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award. Lafavette's Shaniyah Buford won the girls' free throw shooting contest. In an upset in the slam dunk contest of the skills competition, the South's Nyah Tate of Terry, who had won the girls' portion of the contest, won the overall competition against Nick Weatherspoon of Velma Jackson in a slim one-point judge's decision.

> 2017 SOUTH 71, NORTH 60

The South used a second half scoring run to beat the North 71-60 at the A.E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton. The South win sliced the North series lead to 29-24. The South led at the half by a 35-30 margin in a game that featured 7 ties and 8 lead changes. The game's Most Valuable Offensive Player, Kayla Simmons of Brandon, paced the South as she scored 6 straight points in a short stretch of the second half to push her team to a solid lead. Simmons finished with 15 points, 13 rebounds, 1 block, and 2 steals. Daphane White of St. Martin was another huge factor for the South as she scored a game-high 16 points with 11 rebounds, 4 blocks, and 2 steals. White had earlier claimed the girls and overall slam dunk contest in the skills competition. The Most Valuable Defensive Player was the North's Tabreea Gandy of Starkville who scored 8 points, pulled down 6 rebounds, and had 2 assists plus 4 steals. The South also had double digit scoring from Chyna Allen of Harrison Central who had 14 points while the North added 12 points from Destiny Haymer of Holmes County Central. The South's Lekera Hughes of Oak Grove captured the girls and the overall 3-point shooting contest in the skills games and was also named the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship award winner. South's Maggie Wooldridge of West Lauderdale won the girls and overall free throw shooting contest.

# 2018 NORTH 85, SOUTH 82

The North rallied from a 22-point second half defecit to overcome the South 85-82 at the A.E. Wood Coliseum, Mlke Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton. The North comeback victory increased the North series lead over the South to 30-24. The South led at the half 43-35, and 68-46 with 10 minutes remaining before Hannah White of Columbus and Lauren Thompson of Ingomar sparked the North squad. White scored 10 points as the North went on a 21-1 run to pull within two at 69-67. After the South pushed back ahead 76-70, Thompson drilled two three-pointers to pull the

deficit to overcome the South 85-82 at the A.E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton. The North comeback victory increased the North series lead over the South to 30-24. The South led at the half 43-35, and 68-46 with 10 minutes remaining before Hannah White of Columbus and Lauren Thompson of Ingomar sparked the North squad. White scored 10 points as the North went on a 21-1 run to pull within two at 69-67. After the South pushed back ahead 76-70, Thompson drilled two three-pointers to pull the North even at 76-76 with three minutes remaining. The North took the lead at 81-79 when Gara Beth Self of Ingomar made a steal and drove for a 3-point play with a 1:56 left. Lafayette's Mariah Holland then added another hoop and harm for a 3-point play 20 seconds later to clinch the win for the North. North's Jalisa Outlaw of Starkville was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player as she scored 15 points with 10 rebounds, 3 assists, and 1 steal. The South's Sania Wells of East **Central was selected as Most Valuable Defensive** Player as she had a game-high 19 points with 6 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 steals. The North also featured scoring from Lauren Thompson of Ingomar who finished with 13 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal and a perfect 4-for-4 from the three-point line. Hannah White of Columbus added 12 points for the North along with 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocked shots, and 2 steals. The South points also came from Kyunna Thomas of Lawrence County who poured in 12 points with 7 rebounds, and 11 points each from Tania Stallings of Brookhaven and Shvlia McGee of Biloxi. The North's Andrea Duran of Germantown was selected for the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award. In the skills competition, the North's Chloe Hammock of New Site won the girls free throw shooting contest, the North's Lauren Thompson of Ingomar claimed the girls and overall three-point shooting trophy, and the South's Ebony Gayden of McComb won the girls slam dunk contest.

2019 1A/2A/3A GAME SOUTH 62, NORTH 61

In the first game of the expanded format since the girls series started in 1965, the South 1A/2A/3A All Stars edged the North 1A/2A/3A All Starts 62 to 61 at the A. E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College at Clinton. The game was tied 8 times and featured 3 lead changes although the South dominated much of the game holding the lead for over 20 minutes of play. The South led 16 to 13 at the end of the first quarter and 33 to 31 at halftime, but the North outscored the South 16 to 12 in the third quarter to take a 47 to 45 lead. The game was tied at 58-all with 38 seconds left before the South pulled away to claim the win. The South was led by Most Valuable Offensive Player Alliyah Gray of Puckett who scored 16 points with 9 rebounds, 2 blocks, and 1 steal. Coahoma County's Nakia Cheatham for the North was selected as the game's Most Valuable Defensive Player as she tallied 6 points with 12 rebounds, 1 assist, and 4 blocks. Other double digit scorers in the game were the North's Jacorriah Bracev of Ruleville Central (11 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal) and the South's Shakira Wilson of Southeast Lauderdale (10 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal). Although the South controlled most of the game, the North outrebounded the South 53-50, and outscored the South in percentage (33.3 % to 29.6%), points off turnovers (16-11), second chance points (26-14), and bench points (39-28). The South now leads in the new series format 1-0.

# 4A/5A/6A GAME SOUTH 69, NORTH 66

The South used a big fourth quarter scoring spree to defeat the North by a slim 69 to 66 margin at the A. E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton. The South led 16 to 13 at the end of the first quarter, but the North outscored the

South 20 to 11 in the second quarter to take a 31 to 24 lead at halftime. The two squads each tallied 21 points in the third quarter, but the South took over in the fourth frame outpacing the North 24 to 14. The South secured the final lead at the 2:18 mark 61 to 59 and held a 65 to 63 lead with 1:04 left in the game. The Most Valuable Offensive Player was the North's Che'Mya Carouthers of Tupelo who scored 17 points with 3 rebounds and 1 assist. Carouthers was 6-of-11 from the floor and 5-of-8 from 3 -point range. The Most Valuable Defensive Player was the South's Brikayla Gray of West Jones who had 17 points with 9 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 steals. The South's Olivia Knight of Pearl, who had 10 points with 1 assist, received the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award. Other double digit scorers in the game included the North's Azariah Buford of Lafayette (10 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocks, and 1 steal). The North outshot the South 41.3% to 36.7%, but the South outrebounded the North 48 to 46. There were 5 lead changes and the contest was tied 6 times. The win gave the South a 1-0 lead in the new series.

# 2020 1A/2A/3A GAME NORTH 55, SOUTH 41

The North 1A/2A/3A All Stars overcame an uneven start to the game to claim a 55 to 41 win at Wayne County High School in Waynesboro. After taking an 8 to 5 lead at the end of the first quarter, the teams were even going into halftime with the North leading by a slim 28 to 27 margin. The North, however, outscored the South 14 to 8 in the third quarter and built up a 47 to 36 lead at the 6:29 mark. The North matched baskets down the stretch in the fourth quarter and kept their 11 point difference with the final score of 55 to 41. The North was paced by Macie Walker of Belmont who scored 14 points including key 3 pointers and was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player. The Most Valuable Defensive Player was the South's Ja'Leah Hickmon who tallied 8 points and was strong on the boards. The North's Tiara Abron of Senatobia added 11 points and was instrumental in the North taking over the game in the third quarter. The North's Claire Leak of Walnut added 2 critical 3 point shots and finished with 8 points. The South's Dajanea Christmas of Crystal Springs chipped in 6 points and was awarded the game ball for most program ad sales. With the North victory, the new series format is tied at 1-1.

## 4A/5A/6A GAME SOUTH 47, NORTH 46

The South's Arianna Patton of Meridian tied the game at 45-45 on a 3-point play with 2:47 to play and then added the game-winning free throw with 3.8 seconds on the clock to guide the 4A/5A/6A girls South squad to a thrilling 47 to 46 win over the North at Wayne County High in Waynesboro. The North surged ahead 14-9 at the end of the first quarter and led at halftime 31-26 on the strength of Kennedy Ransom of Madison Central who was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player with 11 points, 9 rebounds, and 1 blocked shot. The South's Zykerria Anderson of Raymond helped keep her team in the contest as she concluded with 8 points and 3 rebounds for the game. In the second half, a 3 pointer by Most Valuable Offensive Player Je'Mya Evans of Harrison Central sparked the South comeback and evened the contest as they took a 38-36 lead at the end of the third quarter. Evans finished the game with a team-high 10 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 blocked shot. The North's Meloney Thames added 11 points, 3 boards, and 1 steal to help the North forge a 45-42 lead with 4:02 to play before the Patton hero-For her efforts, Arianna Patton, who scored 9 points with 3 rebounds, 5 assists, and 2 steals, was also named the recipient of the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award. Kennedy Ransom of Madison Central also received the game ball for most player program

ad sales. The North outrebounded the South by a slim 38-36 margin and outshot the South 35.3% to 34.5 %. The score was tied 4 times and the lead changed hands on 7 occasions. The victory pushed the South to a 2-0 series lead.

# 2021 1A/2A/3A GAME NORTH 64, SOUTH 62

Led by Kinsley Gordon of Myrtle who scored 21 points and Orlandria Smith of Smithville who notched 11 points, the North 1A/2A/3A All Stars erased an early South lead to take a close 64 to 62 win at the A. E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, at Mississippi College in Clinton. The South roared out to a 19 to 8 lead and moved ahead 23 to 17 at the end of the first quarter, but the North rallied with good defense plus an 18 to 3 run to take a 35 to 26 halftime margin. The North maintained the lead at 51 to 45 at the end of the third quarter and held on as the South rallied to tie the game at 53-all with 6:42 to go and take the lead at 58 to 56 with just 3:54 to play. A three point shot by Gordon, however, pushed the North ahead at 62 to 60 with just 1:40 left and a free throw with 10.9 seconds remaining gave the North the final winning margin. For her efforts, Gordon was selected as the Most Valuable Offensive Player as she finished with a game-high 21 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals in 22 minutes of playing time. The Most Valuable Defensive Player was the South's Lakirah Alexander of McLaurin who scored 9 points, pulled down a game-high 9 rebounds, had 4 steals, and received the game ball for most program ad sales. The North's Orlandria Smith of Smithville added to Gordon's scoring punch as she tallied 11 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals. The South's leading scorer was Kailyn Wilson of North Forrest who had 10 points with 4 rebounds and 1 assist. The North's win gave them the new format lead at 2-1.

## 4A/5A/6A GAME NORTH 63, SOUTH 58

In a back-and-forth seesaw contest, the North 4A/5A/6A girls pulled away from the South at the end of the game to clinch a 63 to 58 win at the A. E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College at Clinton. Tied at 10-10 with 4:23 in the frame, the North managed a surge to lead by one at the end of the first quarter at 16-15. The North outscored the South 21 to 15 in the second to lead 37 to 30 at halftime. The South then managed to outpace the North 16 to 8 in the third and take a one-point 46-45 lead at the end of the quarter. The North then moved ahead at 57 to 51 with 3:24 to play and held on at the end for the win. The North was led by Most Valuable Defensive **Player Carley Keats of Choctaw Central who had** a team-high 12 points with 2 rebounds, a gamehigh 5 assists, and 1 steal. Rhema Pegues of Olive Branch was the other double-digit scorer for the North as she poured in 12 points with 8 rebounds, 2 assists, and 1 blocked shot. Pegues received the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award for the game. The South was led by Meridian's Debreasha Powe who scored a game-high 13 points with 5 rebounds and 1 blocked shot and was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player. Powe received scoring help from her teammate Kynijza Lampley of Wayne County who had 10 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal plus Simaru Fields of Gulfport who netted 10 points with 5 rebounds and 1 blocked shot. The South's Laila Walker of Harrison Central, who received the game ball for most program ad sales, scored 8 points with a game-high 11 rebounds and 3 blocked shots. The South outrebounded the North 59-41, but the North outshot the South 35.9% to 30.8 %. The North's first win in the series sliced the South's lead to 2-1.

# 2022 1A/2A/3A GAME NORTH 59, SOUTH 57

In a highly entertaining game, the North edged the South 59 to 57 thanks to a strong shooting performance by Madilyn "Maddy" Kate Vuncannon of Walnut. Vuncannon scored 20 points including 6 three-pointers and was named the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player. Vuncannon also received the game ball for ad sales. The North jumped out to an early 8-0 lead and then led 10-5 early at the A. E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, at Mississippi College in Clinton. The North led 14 to 10 after the first quarter before the South rallied to cut the North lead to 30-29 at the half. The South scrambled back behind the play of Brooklyn Harris of Lake who was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player. Cayla Myers of Velma Jackson scored a teamhigh 16 points for the South and brought her team to within 5 points as the North lead was cut to 46 to 41 at the end of the third quarter. The South also received scoring help from Laneisha Palm of Lake who tallied 12 points and Aubany Holbert of Puckett who had 9 points. Down the stretch, the game was tied at 49-49 with 3:58 to play, but the North regained their slim lead on key baskets by Lana Rowland of Pine Grove, who finished with 8 points. Another Vuncannon three with 1:36 to play and a Vuncannon basket with 21 seconds left gave the North the final edge. The North's third straight win increased their series lead in the new format to 3 to 1.

## 4A/5A/6A GAME SOUTH 72, NORTH 66

The South 4A/5A/6A girls erased an early North advantage and kept their scoring distance to earn a 72 to 66 win at the A. E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College at Clinton. Tied at 20-20 in the first quarter, the North took the lead at the quarter break 23-20 on a three pointer by Mikalya Riley of Tupelo who finished with a team-high 15 points. The North ran their margin out to 31 to

24, but the South took a 33-31 lead and the momentum at the half on a buzzer beating trey by Brandon's Kynnedi Davis who finished with 8 points. In the second half, the South took control of the game led by the scoring of Dekeria "Moosy" Walls of Harrison Central who had a game-high 16 points, and the defensive efforts of Angel "Cookie" Wilkinson of Brookhaven who had 5 points. Walls was named the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player while Wilkinson was selected as the Most Valuable Defensive Player. The North took a brief 42-40 lead with 4:23 to play in the third quarter on scoring by Indiya Bowen of Horn Lake who tallied 11 points, but the South regrouped to jump back in front 53 to 47 at the end of the stanza. Key free throws including two by Meridian's Sy Walker kept the South in the lead at 68 to 57 with less than three minutes to play. The North's Kaitlyn Walker of Clinton received the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award while the South's Reanna Moody of Greene County received the game ball for ad sales. The South victory gave them a two-game series lead at 3-1.

# 2023 1A/2A/3A GAME NORTH 60, SOUTH 56

Trailing for most of the contest, the North completed a slow rally to defeat the South 60 to 56 at the A. E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College. The South dominated early play and led at the end of the first quarter 10 to 5 and at the half by a 30 to 17 margin. The South was paced by three players who had double figures for the game: Nicole Sandifer of Magee (10 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist); Anna-Patrice Patterson of Bay Springs (game-high 14 points, 11 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocks); and DeMya Porter of Bogue Chitto (13 points, 15 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 blocks) who was named the game's Most Valuable Defensive Player and received the game ball for most program ad sales. Midway through the third quarter, the North stopped the South on defense and outscored their rivals 20 to 9 in the frame and only trailed 39 to 37 entering the final quarter.

The North rally was paced by Nakaiyla Lockett of Noxubee County who hit a three-point shot and two free throws to tie the game at 35 apiece just before the end of the quarter. Lockett was selected as the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player as she added 9 points with 7 rebounds, 2 assists and hit 7-of-8 free throws. The North also had scoring help from Da'Nasia Logan of East Webster who tallied a team-high 10 points with 4 rebounds, 1 assist, and 5-of-6 from the charity stripe. Tied at 50-50 with 3:17 to play, the North got key baskets from Logan including a key free throw and 3 point-play at the 2:38 mark. The North outscored the South 23 to 17 in the fourth quarter to complete the come-from-behind victory even though the South outrebounded (55 to 45) and outshot (33% to 31%) the North for the game. The North claimed their fourth consecutive win and added to their series lead at 4 to 1.

## 4A/5A/6A GAME SOUTH 51, NORTH 49

A furious late rally by the South 4A/5A/6A allstar girls wiped out a dominant performance by the North All-Stars and gave the South a rousing 51 to 49 win at the A. E. Wood Coliseum, Mike Jones Court, on the campus of Mississippi College at Clinton. The North had control of the game jumping to a 10 to 2 start as they led 13 to 7 at the end of the first quarter, 26 to 19 at halftime, and 42 to 34 to start the fourth quarter. The North was led by Harmony Jackson of Lafayette who had 10 points with 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, and one blocked shot and was named the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player. Kamiyah Griffin of South Panola matched her North teammate Jackson with 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 3 steals and received the Michael Crouther Sportsmanship Award. South took the lead for the first time with 1:35 to play as Faith Quick of Florence hit a basket and converted a free throw to push the South ahead 49 to 46. Quick tallied a game-high 11 points with 1 assist and 2 steals and a perfect 5-of-5 from the free throw line and was the catalyst for

the South win late in the game. The South also received solid play from Anaisha Carriere of Harrison Central who scored only 4 points, but had 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, and 3 blocked shots and was named the game's Most Valuable Defensive Player. Carriere's Harrison Central teammate, Larissa Hubbard, added 9 points with 2 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals for the South in the crucial stages of the fourth quarter. The South outscored the North 17 to 7 in the fourth quarter and had tied the game at 46-46 on a bucket by Taleah Anderson of Meridian who added 6 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, and 2 blocked shots. The South's Julia Robinson of Raymond captured the game ball with most program ad sales.

The second straight South win increased the South's lead to 4 to 1 in the series.