

Once upon a time in Baltimore High School teams played each other. It didn't matter if the school was public or private. It was all one league. It was all baseball.

By the 1990's the public schools were in one league and the privates in another. The Gilman Poly and Southern Mount St. Joes rivalries long forgotten. The gaps between the haves and have not's widened and for the last twenty years everyone went on their way. That bothered Ben Highman, a city kid who played ball at Park School. Ben grew up, went to college, and came back home. He went to work for the city and decided to change things. You see, Bens boss is Baltimore City Council President, Jack Young. He pitched the idea of an all-city tournament, Young loved it. And now public verse private ball is back in town, The Presidents Cup.