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The group is dressed “Americana” to represent all walks of life. Half of this group will enter quickly in a march singing “Yankee Doodle” until they are in the playing area. After they are in the playing area, the second half will enter very slowly singing “Dixie” in a Southern drawl. The Southern players will maintain a heavy Southern accent throughout.

The narrator will follow this last group and take position between on a small step ladder. He or she will wear a referee’s uniform.

After a few moments of competition between the two groups, the Narrator will stop everything with:

NARRATOR: All right, everybody knock it off.
(Everyone stops instantly but the Southerners look puzzled)

SOUTHERN: Why, all ya had ta do was ast, sugah.

NARRATOR: America has more walks of life than any other country in history. We told other nations to give us their tired and their poor.

NORTHERN: (Look at Southern) And they did.

NARRATOR: But we were a melting pot. People soon became like their neighbors.

SOLO 1: (Chanted) Programs, get your programs. Can’t tell the players from the fans without a program.

NARRATOR: But even now, we still have two groups at odds with each other.

SOUTHERN: The Yankee.

NORTHERN: Johnny Reb.

NARRATOR: But what really is the difference? Who is a Yankee?

SOUTHERN: Eva’body who dursin’ talk southern.

NARRATOR: Then who is a Southerner?

NORTHERN: Anyone who is from: North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, and Florida, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, West Virginee.

SOUTHERN: A Yankee may become an honorary Southe’nuh, but a Southe’nuh cannot become a Yankee. (Look at Northerners) Even if he wanted to.

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