

# Seattle Thunderbirds Continue Win Streak At Drums Cavalcade

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PASCO, WASH., July 20 - The THUNDERBIRDS of Seattle continued their winning streak this season by scoring another victory at the Tri-Cities Water Follies "Cavalcade of Drums" here tonight, nudging the home town Corps by .7. For the third consecutive year, the Big "T" has retained this title.

Scores for the contest were as follows:

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| 1. Thunderbirds | 80.9 |
| 2. Columbians   | 80.2 |
| 3. Shamrocks    | 68.1 |
| 4. Blue Angels  | 59.0 |

First off the line were the SHAMROCKS. This Corps has changed much of its drill and melodies since V.F.W. State last month.... a great improvement over the former routine, but still ragged in spots. It is a pleasure to see the much-needed changes being brought about by former Californian, Mr. Duane Andrews. Twin girl Drum Majors, Leona Bergine and Mary Jane Zoeger, give a beautiful performance in unison.

The BLUE ANGELS took the field next under the flashy leadership of a cute redhead by the name of Carolyn Dean Strickland. When she and soloist, Bill Boyd, break into a twist during concert, it has the stands' roaring approval. Although their finish was rated fourth, it is evident that these youngsters work hard from contest to contest.

Champion Drum Major Jerry Logan commanded the THUNDERBIRDS next off the line, resplendent in the debut of new cadet-style uniforms in green, white and red. The execution of the drill was cleanly done, and especially appealing is the utilization of the full 100 yards in four huge crosses to "I'll Walk Alone."

Last in competition were the

COLUMBIANS, host for this contest, and a unit comprised solely of boys.....exclusive in this State, and led by another master of commands, Vic Mahan. There are a lot of new, young faces in this small Corps, but their precision is a dream to watch and their power makes them SOUND twice as large. This Corps was the darling of the show last Fall in Las Vegas, when they placed fifth in the Legion Nationals. Their Guard features three twirling rifles, and when two of them pair off to toss these arms back and forth during concert, it brings gasps of amazement.

A first time happenstance was recorded this evening in Washington Drum Corps history, when a THUNDERBIRDS Flag Bearer, Nancy Hedeon, managed to get completely off the field before crumpling into a dead faint. The Northwest has arrived? This young lady had gone through a major portion of the drill with her shako shielding her eyes, but her 'blindness' was not evident to the crowd and she didn't miss a step. What a trooper! It's a wonder more of the kids did not succumb to the pressures in this overwhelming heat. Only during the afternoon eclipse was the temperature bearable.

During the morning parade, a blue ribbon first was awarded the THUNDERBIRDS; second place to the BLUE ANGELS; and the COLUMBIANS took third.