

# Washington Show Called 'No Contest'

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For the first time in Washington history, a Senior Competition has been called a "No Contest" two days after the competition was held.

The contest was held July 4th at Everett, Washington, before 5,000 eager fans. The Hurricanes were announced as the winners and the Blue Knights as runnersup. The perpetual award, a flag, was presented to the Hurricanes, and the show was over.

A day later the Blue Knights found tabulation errors on their score sheets, a six-point error in their favor, which would place them ahead of the Hurricanes. The Hurricanes were notified and asked to audit their score sheets. They also found many errors that increased their score, but erasures and over prints on both copies of the score sheets made it impossible to determine what the scores should be.

The managers finally agreed that it was an impossible situation and voted the Senior show a "No Contest." The Flag instead will be presented at the American Legion Convention on August 9th to the corps with the highest score, the Hurricanes or Blue Knights. In the future we should lease an IBM 1401 high speed tape orientated Computer to calculate the score sheets before announcing the winners.

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The Juniors put on a great show and placed as follows:

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| 1. Thunderbirds | 89.4 |
| 2. Shamrocks    | 85.9 |
| 3. Blue Angels  | 79.9 |
| 4. El Toreadors | 66.2 |

The Thunderbirds "El Cid" off the line is good; concert of "Diana" is very good. However, their horns were off a little. SHAMROCKS show improvement, their dance step to "Sweet Georgia" was much better, and solo horns were coming through more. BLUE ANGELS showed up with a small corps, many horns missing, but they had a good sound. EL TORDADORS are improving with each competition.

BIG NEWS: Seattle will have its first Fleetwood Record outlet - The Academy of Music of Seattle, who will carry a full line.

On July 20th, Washington will have two field competitions, (someone goofed) there is not enough "A" Corps to support two Competitions in one day, especially when there is a distance of 250 miles between them, so most Corps will go to Pasco, Washington, for the interstate Competition (Wash.-Oregon).

Duane Andrews of the SHAMROCKS hires drill instructors from California to teach a field show to his Corps! Miss Kathy Ford, drill instructor for the famed Senioritas, flew to Seattle for two weeks to teach her drill to the Shamrocks and they will forever be in debt to this young lady with her great talent.

Latest news about the VFW National: At a committee meeting on July 7, it was announced that the Competition stadium will be the Memorial Stadium at the World's Fair site.

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