

# Seattle Celebrates Drum Corps Day At T-Birds Northwest Championship

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SEATTLE, Wash., April 18 - The Thunderbirds won both the junior color guard and corps shows here today at their Northwest Championship Contest. The B.C. Regiment of Canada took honors in the senior division.

The day was proclaimed "Junior Drum and Bugle Corps Day" by the Mayor of Seattle. Ed Haymond, publicity manager of the Thunderbirds, sparked the drive for drum corps day and was also chairman of the contest.

The individual and quartet show was from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and included 148 entries, the Jr. and Senior Color Guard Contest, from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and the Standstill from 8:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

I was a little disappointed in the Jr. color guard show. The smaller guards put on a good guard show, but the larger guards looked like drill teams carrying flags. The Thunderbirds took top honors with a score of 92.5, Shamrocks 89.2, T-Bird Cadets 83.3, Blue Angels, 80.1, Rangers 76.0, Bell-Airs 71.3, El Toreadors 59.7, and the Flamingos 67.5.

The Jr. corps show was much improved over last year. This show was a combined drill and standstill competition. The Thunderbirds reduced the corps size for

this show, hoping to eliminate the error factor and evidently it worked. They took first place with a score of 79.60, Second place, Columbians 77.15, third place Shamrocks 74.10, Royal Lancers 67.0, El Toreadors 61.30, T-Bird Cadets 61.0, Portland Hawks, 59.10, and the Flamingos 56.60.

The Senior corps contest was far below par. It was evident that they were not prepared for this show. Timing was off, there were many sour notes and the M&M was terrible. The surprised winner was the B.C. Regiment from Canada, with a score of 67.75, Blue Knights 67.65, Oregon Leather-necks 66.35, and the Hurricanes 58.75.

Ron Folkenberg of the Shamrocks won first place for snare  
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drumming, and was presented with a new perpetual trophy. This trophy was donated by Mike Stephanowicz, current senior VFW National Champion Snare Drummer. The judging was performed by the Washington Chapter of the All-American Judges.

To sum up this show, I would say that the corps were not up to peak performance, but we will definitely see top competition by this summer.