

Shamrocks, Blue Angels Win Washington State V.F.W. Championships

By JOHN J. BRODERICK

The big All Junior V.F.W. Show is over and the new champs are the Shamrocks of Seattle. This show was a great improvement over the Drumkhana Show that was held at Portland, Oregon two weeks ago. The Corps had an opportunity to clean up their shows before the V.F.W. State.

In the "B" Corps Competition, the Blue Angels took first place with a score of 60.60. This Corps has shown tremendous improvement over last year. This Corps will undoubtedly advance to "A" circuit if they continue with their new-found spirit. Second with 58.60 were the Amigos. They surprised everyone. Very small horn line but had good sound, drums were weak. They had high M&M in "B" class. Second place will certainly help their spirit.

DCN July 21, 1965
Show June 18, 1965

Third with 53.10 were the Thunderbird Cadets. This Corps moved many horns to their "A" Corps this year and has many new faces in the horn line. They should advance by the end of the season.

Fifth with 48.25 were the Bellairs. This is a young Corps that should advance with experience. Now the Class "A" Show....

The Shamrocks took first with 84.15. This was the best show they ever put together; they were up for this one. The crowd was with them all the way. They were high in every caption but horns. They picked up a one-point penalty that pulled their score down.

Second with 82.40 were the Thunderbirds. Great dynamics in the horn line, excellent drum-line, M&M off a little, seemed to have trouble in company fronts. They had low score in cadence, which hurt them.

Third with a score of 77.20 were the Columbians. They were hurt by the many holes in drum and horn line. Much cracking in the horn line, which is unusual for this Corps. Having one snare pulled down their drum score.

The display of bad conduct by the Columbians and Thunderbirds at retreat, such as flags upside down and our state flag on the ground, proves but one thing, their management and instructors have failed to build the character into their Corps that each Corps needs to become a championship unit. Any unit displaying such conduct should be disqualified and forfeit their place and prize monies. The association must take action on this immediately.

NOTE: The Blue Knights were asked to lead the V.F.W. Parade. They are the only active Senior Corps in this area and are sponsored by the American Legion. The Shamrocks have twelve Corps signed for their Music In Motion Show, July 31. The Leathernecks from Portland will be the only senior representative from the Northwest at Legion Nationals. Hurricanes from Seattle are having membership problems, and are about ready to give up. Some complaints about judging by those who think they know, but know very little about it.

John J. Broderick
2136 N. 187th
Seattle, Washington