

Defending champions repeat wins in Legion drum, bugle events

The defending champions stood off all challenges and again walked off with state titles in the colorful American Legion drum and bugle corps contest at Civic Field Friday night.

The Hurricanes of University Post No. 11 of Seattle edged Auburn Post No. 78 by two tenths of a point to retain the senior division title.

A snappy group of youngsters from Pasco Post No. 34 retained their championship with a narrow win over the Thunderbirds of University Post No. 11.

WENATCHEE'S UNIT No. 10 drilled and wheeled its way to another 1st place in the women's drill team competition. The blue and white clad marchers worked their way through an intricate routine which drew numerous outbursts of applause from the near capacity crowd watching the colorful event.

Beverly Bailey, captain of the Wenatchee unit, won the trophy awarded the drill captain considered best in the competition.

The 11th District Drill of Seattle team captained by Barbara Engel was second.

PLACING THIRD in the drum and bugle corps competition was the Wenatchee Post No. 10. Fourth and fifth went to the Earl Faulkner Post No. 6 at Everett

and the Albert J. Hamilton Post No. 7 at Bellingham.

In the drum majorette competition, the winners trophy went to Dianne Almquist of Seattle. She edged out Maxine Bagby of Auburn the runnerup.

The University Post No. 11 swept honors in the small unit competition. Quartets from the Thunderbirds took both the bugle and drum contests.

Quartets from the Hurricanes, the post's senior division, also took first place honors.

The new American Legion drum major champ is Ron Stockton of Everett, leader of the Earl Faulkner Post corps.

Charles E. Church of the local committee in charge of the convention estimated 3,000 spectators were on hand for the colorful spectacle.

The fact they enjoyed the precision marching and playing was indicated by the spontaneous applause they gave as one unit after another executed an intricate maneuver.