

The final marching band in competition will be the Highland High Marching Band & Drill Team from Pocatello, Idaho. This is one of the largest performing bands to appear in competition in Edmonton and will provide an unusual and exciting finale to the marching band competition.

Following the half-time intermission, another type of competition will thrill the many thousands of Edmontonians and visitors in the stands . . . the Gold Rush Drum Corps Championship . . . for the Labatt's Challenge Trophy.

The pageantry of a drum and bugle corps competition combines the military precision of West Point, the musi-

cal blend and excitement of a well-directed band or orchestra, and the showmanship of a Broadway show. To the drum corp "purist" the fine points are well understood and appreciated, to the newcomer or novice the obvious aspects of the program and performance are the highlights.

Again, in the drum corps competition of the second half of Wednesday's program, there will be four competing drum and bugle corps . . . two from Edmonton and two from the U.S.A.

The contest will get under way with the Edmonton Klondike Drum and Bugle Corps. This corps. started in 1974 as an all-boys group, but it has since gone co-ed.

The second competing drum corps, The Hawks, is one of the oldest drum and bugle corps from Portland, Ore-

gon, having been formed in 1949. The Hawks were "A" Division Champions in the Northwest Drum Corps Association in 1971 and took second place in 1973.

The Edmonton Strutters Drum Corps will provide the third competitive challenge to the judges. The Strutters will be making their last performance here in Edmonton before departing on July 19th to compete in the World Music Festival which is held every four years in Europe.

The final competitor in the second half of competition is the Seattle Cascades Drum & Bugle Corps of Seattle, Washington. The Cascades walked off with the top award in the 1973 Vancouver P.N.E. Parade.

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