

Flamingos 5th in drum meet

The Royal Commodores Drum and Bugle Corps from Stockton, Calif., took home top honors from the 1974 **Drum Corps West** Association championship contest held Sunday and Monday at the Oregon State Fair.

The Commodores, who are the 1974 DCW champions, also won the trophy for high general effect in their overall show. A medley of Glenn Miller songs, played in the Miller style, brought the group a standing ovation.

The Best Drum Major award went to Steve Montague of the Shamrocks Drum and Bugle Corps of Seattle, Wash.

Second and third place trophies went, respectively, to the Percussion-Naut Patriots of Spokane, Wash., and the Black Watch Highlanders of Auburn, Wash.



Salem's Flamingo Drum and Bugle Corps placed fifth in the final competition at Monday night's show.

Eighteen corps competed in the **Drum Corps West** contest, the largest drum and bugle corps show on the West Coast. Ten of the 18 who competed in Sunday and Monday preliminary contests were finalists in the championship show which was held Monday night.

Other finalists in the Monday evening show were the Capitol Freelancers, Sacramento, Calif.; the Imperials, Seattle, Wash.; the Shamrocks, Seattle, Wash.; the Columbians, Pasco, Wash.; the Hawks, Portland, and the Imperial Dragons, Los Angeles, Calif.

Drum Corps West, a new association in the drum corps world, formed about a year ago in an effort to upgrade the drum corps youth program on the West Coast.

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