

Marauders place first

The Marauders drum and bugle corps placed first in all categories in the B division at a competition in Longview recently.

Some nine drum and bugle corp groups participated in the June 30 "Music in Motion" invitational competition sponsored by the Marauders, the local drum and bugle corps.

The local group placed first in the B division with 41.65 points out of 100 possible. In second place was Pacific Blue from Surrey, B.C., with 32.6 points and in third place were the Golden Skyliners of Great Falls, Mont., with 27.8 points.

In the A division first-place winners were the Seattle Imperials with 50.8 points. In second place was the Black Watch from Auburn and in third place were the Continentals from Seattle.

Division placement is determined by experience and ability.

The local Marauder group consists of 68 members between the ages of 11 and 21. The average age is 14.

The drum and bugle corps competition was judged in four categories, marching and maneuvering, brass, drums and general effect. National judges for the event were flown in from all over the country.

The Marauders came back from a 10-day Canadian tour Saturday morning before competing in the show Saturday night.

Upcoming tours include the Pasco Water Follies on Saturday and an eight-competition tour in California (including a trip to Disneyland), which starts July 28.

The entire corps plans to appear at the first few Mark Morris football games in the fall.

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