



Competitors Their drums and bright marching uniforms are reflected from wet sidewalk as members of Royal Lancers Drum & Bugle corps arrive for competition at Salem Armory Auditorium Saturday. Approximately

1,200 members of drum and bugle corps from three states and Canada competed in the 10th annual Optirama sponsored by the Salem Flamingos. (Statesman photo)

Spokane Nets Team Honors In Drum and Bugle Events

The Patriots, of Spokane, Wash., won the team drum and bugle corps award for Junior A Division Saturday at the 10th Annual Optirama held at the Salem Armory. The Flamingos, of Salem, took third in the same category and also won the high drum major trophy.

Other first place corps awards went to the Cascades, of Seattle, Junior B Division; the Flamingo Escadrille, of Salem, Junior C Division.

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competition, Salem's Flamingo Cadets took first place in Junior B Division and Mary Thompson, a team member, won the Color Guard Commander's award. The Cascades of Seattle were named Junior A Division first place team.

Spokane, Wash., drum and bugle corps members dominated daytime individual competition Saturday, taking nine first places.

Winners in bugle contests included Rick White, Spokane, soprano; Greg Babbitt, Spokane, mellophone;

Bob New, Pasco, Wash., baritone; Shannon Landis, Portland, contra; Blue Devils, Concord, Calif., quartet; Cascades, Seattle, Wash., ensemble.

Shelly Hutchinson, Spokane, won French horn competition.

DRUM CONTEST winners were Tom Wahely, Spokane, bass; Ron Whitney, Portland, tim tom; Brad Banton, Salem, timbals; Mark Hayes, Pasco, tympani; Mark Hannibal, Spokane, tenor; Eric Brown, Spokane, snare; Patriots, Spokane, quartet; Cascades, only entry, ensembles.

Mark Brown, Salem, was cymbals winner.

In color guard competition, Shirley Bowley, Astoria, was first in saber solo; La Senoritas, Seattle, saber duet; Sunsetters, Astoria, only entry, saber quartet; Barbara Peek, Salem, rifle solo; Shamrocks, Seattle, rifle duet; Blue Devils, rifle quartet; Bobbi Quigley, Spokane, flag solo; Patriots, flag duet; Hawks, Portland, flag quartet.

The competition, hosted by Salem's Flamingo Drum and Bugle Corps and sponsored by Breakfast Optimist Club, Salem Elks Lodge and American Legion Post 136, attracted some 15 corps from Oregon, Washington, California and Canada. An estimated 1,200 to 1,500 youngsters participated.