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# ***Patriots, Flamingo Corps Win***

The Patriots, of Spokane, Wash., and The Cascades, of Seattle, Wash., walked away with top honors Saturday in their divisions of the full corps competition, in the Optirama, said to be the West's largest indoor drum corps show.

The Salem Flamingo Drum and Bugle Corps, hosting 17 other corps from Canada and the West Coast in the Optirama, took second place in A Division full corps competition. About 3,000 persons filled the Salem Armory to view the competition, which drew 1,300 entrants.

The Flamingos' Pancho Hernandez won the drum majors' trophy for his club.

In the color guard competition, Salem's Flamingo cadets placed third in the B division. First place in B division went to the Knight Raiders of South San Francisco and the Concord, Calif., Shamrocks took first in A.

The bugles, color guard and drums individual events Saturday morning were dominated by the Patriots, but Salem's Flamingos pulled a first in the bugle ensemble category and Sheryl Belleisle of the Flamingos tied for first in the rifle solo event.

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