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This is to introduce you to Garth Stubbs and Jerry Logan, writers from the Pacific Northwest. We'll do our best to let you know what the latest happenings are.

Since this is the first column by anyone from the area, we thought we would give you a recap of the last season, and how the corps finally placed. It was one of the best seasons that the Pacific Northwest has had. The first place spot see-sawed between the THUNDERBIRDS and the SHAMROCKS, of Seattle, with the THUNDERBIRDS finally grabbing first.

The T-BIRDS started out the season with their first win at Salem, Oregon's Optirama. The SHAMROCKS came in 2nd, with the Portland HAWKS in 3rd, ROYAL LANCERS 4th, and the FLAMINGOS 5th, both Oregon corps.

The second show of the season was the 7th annual Pacific Northwest Championship, sponsored by the THUNDERBIRDS. Results were, 1st SHAMROCKS, 2nd T-BIRDS, 3rd COLUMBIANS, 4th BLUE ANGELS. In the B circuit, 1st were the HAWKS, 2nd RANGERS — Ore., 3rd ROYAL LANCERS, 4th EL TOREADORS, 5th FLAMINGOS, and 6th MUSTANGS.

The first field show was held in Portland, Ore. The SHAMROCKS came out on top with the T-BIRDS in 2nd. (The T-Birds were penalized 2 points after they had been awarded first place and had left the field.) The B corps "stacked-up" with the HAWKS 1st, ROYAL LANCERS 2nd, FLAMINGOS 3rd, and the Seattle BLUE ANGELS 4th, this was the Angels' last show, SORRY to see them fold.

At Washington State VFW the T-BIRDS regained the title from the SHAMROCKS who came in 2nd. In 3rd were the COLUMBIANS, 4th were the EL TOREA-



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DORS, and 5th were the MUSTANGS from Longview-Kelso.

The SHAMROCKS were on top at the 4th of July show. The T-BIRDS 2nd, COLUMBIANS 3rd, still put on a good performance tho they had quite a few new horns. In 4th were the IMPERIALS from Seattle, formerly the BUDDHIST SCOUTS. (they are having some problems but they will be worth watching.) In 5th were the EL TOREADORS.

One of the longer trips of the summer was to Pasco, Wash., where there were surprises. This was one of the better shows, especially for the T-BIRDS who won all events: Parade, corps competition, and drum major. Only .295 separated the top two corps. In 2nd place were the SHAMROCKS. 3rd, with a fine show, were the HAWKS, (much improved) and in 4th with the surprises, were the COLUMBIANS, who appeared with an all girl color guard, after 11 years of all boys. This corps is on its way back to the top where it once was, Watch them! In 5th were the RANGERS from Ore.

A. L. State, the following week was no doubt, the best performance by all Washington corps. Emerging victorious for the third straight year were the T-BIRDS. Also, they are the first to hold both state titles in one year. 2nd were the SHAMROCKS, 3rd COLUMBIANS, 4th

the IMPERIALS, 5th EL TOREADORS, and 6th the MUSTANGS.

The SHAMROCKS' Music in Motion was even a better show for the SHAMROCKS who looked superb and took 1st. The T-BIRDS were down after their big state win and took 2nd, in 3rd were the COLUMBIANS, 4th the IMPERIALS. In the B circuit, HAWKS 1st, LANCERS 2nd, EL TOREADORS 3rd, and the FLAMINGOS 4th.

While the SHAMROCKS were winning Seattle Seafair parade trophies, the T-BIRDS flew "high" at Disneyland. After returning from their victorious trip to the A. A. Nationals the T-BIRDS won the first annual Canadian International, held in Vancouver, B. C. This competition determined the Wash. State Association Champions. It was the tie breaker for the season, with the SHAMROCKS 2nd, COLUMBIANS 3rd, IMPERIALS 4th.

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Season score spread: High 100.7 out of 110, Low 13.48 out of 100.

How come ???

Jack Little is the new business manager of the T-BIRDS.

Al Whitman is still successfully managing the SHAMROCKS.

The Northwest Association now covers Washington, Oregon, and western Canada.

In our next column we'll cover A.A. Nationals held at Anaheim, Calif.