

# drum corps digest

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## North West Corps-ner Will Schillen

**W**hile the corps in the northwest are laboring at a feverishly high pitch to attain a highly competitive horn and drum line for the coming season, I would like to stick my neck out and do a little speculating on how the corps will place at the season's end.

Judging from last years performances I would have to agree it will be a battle among three corps, the Shamrocks and Imperials from the Seattle area and the Royal Lancers of Portland. Individually scrutinizing the three corps I come up with these facts. The Shamrocks, I believe, will have the cleanest horn line, with the Imperials having the edge on M&M. The Royal Lancers again will have the largest and most experienced drum line.

The Shamrocks, again this year will be fielding a powerful hornline. Most of their last years players will be back along with

a few experienced new people. The corps recently purchased a new set of Olds G-F bugles and what a difference it has made. The instantaneous response and precise intonation of this fine bugle has given the corps a new sound. Mike Duffy, Music Director and Arranger of the Shamrocks is very impressed by the hornline and believes they will place high in most contests. With any sort of progress in the drum section which has many new members, the Shamrocks could end up with a winning season.

There is every indication that 1969 will be the year of the Imperials. They are a very good M&M corps and could come up with their finest drum line to date. I understand they have added some new drummers to their already talented group. Their horns at the end of last season were coming on strong. I look for them to really put it to the Shamrocks this year.

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The Royal Lancers could make life miserable for all the "A" corps in the Northwest Association. They have been getting progressively better each year. All the info coming out of Portland has the Royal Lancers really coming on strong. As I mentioned before they have a large clean drum line and I hear their horns are sounding great. Look for the Royal Lancers to be right on top this year.

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