

THE RESULTS

Conventional bands

NLCB Fonclaire - 257, Pan Elders - 248.5, TCL Skiffle Bunch - 246, Southern Marines - 226, San City Steel Orchestra - 220.5, Trinidad Valley Harps - 219, Tornados - 212.5, Couva Joylanders - 209, Petrotrin Hatters - 207, Mt Moriah Pan Movement - 202, Panasonic Connection - 200.5, La Brea Nightingales - 200,

Antillean All Stars - 186.5, Southern All Stars - 165, Longdenville Claytones - 160, Dow Village Music Makers - 153, Kalomo Kings - 150.5.

Single pan

Fyzabad 4th Dimension - 231, Self Help Marines - 218, New Age Trendsetters - 203.5, Highlighters - 195.5, Pan Revival - 186, Shades in Steel - 179.5, Rio Claro Kokeros - 163, Jah Roots - 148.

Fonclaire South pan champs

Skiffle Bunch in third place

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NOT YET recovered from being denied an opportunity to play in the National Panorama finals, TCL Group Skiffle Bunch was dealt another blow at the weekend.

The Southern band went into the South/Central Regional Panorama competition titled You be the Judge at Skinner Park on Sunday night hoping to vindicate its omission from Saturday night's lineup in the Panorama finals.

Instead, the band was relegated into third place.

NLCB Fonclaire vindicated itself with a rendition of a Darren Sheppard arrangement of De Fosto's Pan Lamentation to take the top spot with 257 points in the conventional category.

While Skiffle Bunch energised the small audience, which surged forward as the band took



A pan player of NLCB Fonclaire during the band's performance on Sunday at Skinner Park, San Fernando.

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centre stage, the Ken "Professor" Philmore arrangement of Crazy's Sharing Licks was only good enough to earn them third place with 246 points.

The unassuming Pan Elders Steel Orchestra of Carib Street managed to wedge itself between the two big contenders, in second place, also with De Fosto's Pan Lamentation, arranged by Richard Alvin Gittens. They were awarded 248.5 points.

In the single pan category Fyzabad 4th Dimension, with an aggregate of 231 points, finished ahead of its seven other competitors in position one.

"It is not a case of Pan Elders being better than us, but the system really beat us," said Skiffle Bunch manager Junia Regrello. "This is just not our season."

He said: "The people were satisfied with our performance so we are not worried. We won the people."

The show was organised by the region's chairman Whitfield Weekes and his executive within ten days.

It was a response for the two top south bands being left out of the premier pan contest being held at Skinner Park for the first time in 41 years.

The event saw a total of 25 bands—17 conventional and eight single pan—competing before a small audience for cash prizes of \$20,000 and \$30,000 respectively. Single pan bands received \$10,000.

Tropical Angel Harps, the only band in the region to secure a spot in the national finals, opted to perform as a guest artiste.