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TODAY WE SALUTE the National Panorama Champions, Catelli Trinidad All Stars, for what must be one of the most dramatic victories in years, comparable, perhaps only to Starlift's similar come-from-behind victory in 1978.

The truth is that up to the time of the North Zonal finals only the band's die-hard supporters would have envisaged this victory since it was Amoco Renegades, Phase II and WITCO Desperadoes who were making the running.

From the National Semi-Finals, however, it became clear that All Stars were

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FROM LEFT: Catelli Trinidad All Stars' vice-captain Clive Telemaque, Don Tyson, Ancil Massy and Bryan Murray were among the band's players who turned up for practice yesterday — hours after winning the National Panorama finals. Picture: DELLA ANN STEWART.

Phase II second by one point

By PETER BLOOD

CATELLI Trinidad All Stars disproved that 13 is an unlucky number when the band, playing in that position in the National Panorama Final, emerged 1986 champions.

Playing Leon "Smooth" Edwards' infectious arrangement of David Rudder's *The Hammer*, All Stars amassed an aggregate of 293 points, edging out second placed Phase II Pan Groove by a mere point. The final, witnessed by a capacity crowd at the Queen's Park Savannah last Saturday night, had all the ingredients of a good Panorama. Even before the results were announced, wagers were being made with Phase II being posted as an odds-on favourite to cop the title.

However, this was not to be and Phase II or any other unsponsored band will have to wait to make history by winning Panorama for the first time.

To win this year's championship All Stars improved on their preliminary score of 252 points by some 41 points. This victory has given this Duke Street-based band their fourth lien on the title in 13 years.

Appearing before the judges in 11th position, Phase II Pan Groove were led on stage by Denyse Plummer-Bocock, who vocalised the recorded version of their selection, *Pan Rising*. Both the North and Grand Stand audiences were near hysteria at the completion of the piece, shouting "Phase II, Phase II" as the pans were rolled off stage.

After opening the competition on an extremely high note with Ken "Professor" Philmore's calculated and accurate arrangement of Kitchener's *Pan Here To Stay*,

ALL STARS ARE PAN CHAMPS

South Zone champions Vat 19 Fonclaire were given third place. Fonclaire's 285 points was a 10-point improvement on the band's semi-final score last Thursday night.

Joint defending Panorama champions, WITCO Desperadoes and Amoco Renegades, failed to make it among the first three places. Desperadoes, playing *The Hammer* were awarded 280.5 points by the judges, placing the band seventh. Renegades, which played Jit Samaroo's arrangement of *Pan Here to Stay*, with a score of 282 points, placed fifth.

In the Pan-Round-Neck Final, Scrunters Pan Groove emerged the new champions with a beautiful rendition of Crazy's *Fire*. In securing their first victory in this competition, Scrunters scored 276 points.

Second place went to Chord Masters. They played Crazy's *Ah Want It Back* and secured 271 points. San Fernando's Skiffle

Bunch, led by Junior Regrello, also playing *Fire*, filled the third berth with 269 points.

Among the many dignitaries attending the finals were Prime Minister George Chambers; Works, Maintenance and Drainage Minister Hugh Francis; Community Development and Local Government Minister Dr Cuthbert Joseph; Industry, Commerce and Consumer Affairs Minister Wendell Mottley; State Enterprises Minister Ronald Williams; and Attorney General Russell Martineau.

FOLLOWING are the full results of Saturday night's National Panorama Finals:

PAN-ROUND-NECK
(1) Scrunters Pan Groove — 276; (2) Chord Masters — 271; (3) Skiffle Bunch — 269; (4) Trinidad Nostalgic — 268; (5) Pan Jammers — 247; (6) St James Tripolians — 243; (7) Scorpion Pan Reflections — 242.

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(1) Catelli Trinidad All Stars — 293; (2) Phase II Pan Groove — 292; (3)

Vat 19 Fonclaire — 285; (4) Fertrin Pandemonium — 283; (5) Amoco Renegades — 282; (6) Pamperi — 281; (7) WITCO Desperadoes — 280.5; (8) American Stores Exodus — 279; (9) Solo Harmonites — 277; (10) Nu-Tones — 275; T&TEC East Side — 275; (12) Carib Tokyo — 274; (13) Siparia Deltones — 264.

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