

South Stars tops list with 448 pts

LAUGHLIN and De Gannes South Stars seemed poised to retain its steelband supremacy in the south again this year when it topped the list of finalists with 448 points when the South Panorama preliminaries ended late Saturday night at Skinner Park, San Fernando.

The other finalists were: Siparia Deltones (430), Trintoc Sun Valley (429), Pilpdeco Hillside Symphony (425), Silver Harps (424), Trinidad Tesoro Third World

(423), West Stars (415), and Dansteel Hatters (413). These conventional steelbands will vie for south supremacy at the final, scheduled for Sunday night at the same venue in San Fernando.

In the pan-around-the-neck category, Gay Hoytians emerged with 403 points while Roots 300 and Shades in Steel each got 295 points. No reason was given for the non-appearance of Skiffle Bunch.

A total of 22 conventional steelbands passed before the judges and a near capacity crowd at Skinner Park on Saturday. The preliminaries got off to a late start but by 6 p.m. the tempo had built up to a point where pan lovers felt they could have jumped all night.

The final band passed before the judges shortly after 10 p.m. but the sweet pan music echoed until past midnight. The police reported no incidents.

