

Band not satisfied with the judging

A STEELBAND from the East is not satisfied with the judging it received at the National Panorama Preliminaries on Saturday.

And the band intends to make an effort to join with other bands from the zone in East Zonal Panorama next year.

Orange Grove National Symphony, stationed at 1 Lamie Street, Tunapuna, was unplaced with 324 points at the show. Beating at 40th position it played Kitchener's "Sugar Bum Bum," arranged by Aldwyn Jordan.

Secretary Kenneth Charles complained that he and his band were not satisfied with the judging handed down to them by the five judges appointed.

He said "every year after Panorama we are always in some kind of conflict with these panorama people and it does not make sense going back year after year and the same thing happening."

The steelband received scores of 69, 78, 57, 57, and 63 from the five judges on the basis of interpretation 30, arrangement 30, balance 15, tonal quality 20 and spirit of Carnival 5.

Mr. Charles pointed out that one of the judges, in his comments said the arrangement "led nowhere."

PLANS FOR EAST PANORAMA IN '79

"I would like the judge to point out how an arrangement can lead to nowhere," Mr. Charles said.

Another judge stated the introduction was too long, the secretary said.

Mr. Charles explained: "A judge can not state whether an introduction is too long. It is up to the arranger."

EFFECTIVE CLIMAX

Concerning a third judge's comments, which he claimed, said his band did not build up to an effective climax, Mr. Charles explained that the band played right off the stage, so there was no climax.

He said it was previously agreed for bands to keep on beating even when their allotted time was over. "The judges just stopped judging," he related.

He also pointed out that two judges contradicted each other. One said the melody was not good and the other made "highly favourable" remarks about it, the secretary argued.

ZONAL WINNERS — POINTS, PRIZES

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NORTH ZONE

Witco Gay Desperados — 448 points \$4,000

Tesoro Starlift — 443 points \$3,500

Catelli All Stars — 433 points \$3,000

EAST ZONE

Lever Bros, Gay Flamingoes

Nutones — 429 points

Curepe Sforzata — 408 points

SOUTH ZONE

Ross & Sons Antillean — 421 points.

Laughlin & De Gannes South Stars — 404 points

T&TEC Mowtown — 371 points

The following bands were winners of the Bank of Nova Scotia prize for unsponsored bands in the respective zones with \$700 going to each band:

NORTH ZONE — Phase II Pan Groove — 420 points

EAST ZONE — Nutones — 429 points

SOUTH ZONE — Hillside Symphony — 361 points.

8 in Brassorama finals

ONLY one band was knocked out of the Brassorama preliminaries Sunday. Reason: only nine of the 15 bands scheduled to take part turned up.

This evening the finals will be held at the Queen's Park Savannah, Port of Spain. Starting time will be 7.30 p.m.

The eight finalists Gemini Brass; Jackie and Sharkie Wheels Brass; Las Estrellas Brass; Popularities Brass Succession Brass; Taurus of Scorpio, Trinidad Troubadours and McEneaney's Mano Marcellin, winners of last year's competition.

Universo Brass was the band knocked out.