

# Despers on top in North

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REIGNING National Panorama champions Amoco Renegades failed to make it to the North Zonal finals on Friday night at the Queen's Park Savannah.

But as defending champions, they have their place in the national finals on February 12 at the Savannah.

Renegades, playing Kitchener's "Fifty years of Steel" failed to impress the five judges and did not get into the first eight bands on Sunday at the Savannah.

Four-time national champions WITCO Desperadoes topped the North preliminaries with 474 points — scoring the overall highest in the North, East and South preliminaries over the weekend.

All stars, playing Blue Boy's "Rebecca" and ISCOTT Casablanca with "Ash Wednesday Jail" by Chalkdust tied for second position with 464 points.

Phase II Pan Groove of St. James placed fourth with 457 points. The band played its own tune "Pan Rebels" composed by Len "Boogsie" Sharpe as has been the case for several years.

Fifth went to Carib Tokyo with Blue Boy's "Pan in the Air." They gained 454 points while Fertrin Pandemonium of Jermingham Avenue, Belmont, was sixth with 447 points.

Trintoc Invaders and T&TEC Power Stars tied for seventh place with 445 points. As a result, Despers, All Stars, Casablanca, Phase II, Tokyo, Pandemonium, Invaders and Power Stars have gone through to the North Finals on Friday.

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