

Greenidge back with Despers

FOLLOWING the death of arranger Clive Bradley at the end of 2005, earlier this year, WITCO Desperadoes Steel Orchestra was in a mad scramble for an arranger for Carnival 2006.



BACK IN CHARGE: Robbie Greenidge will arrange for WITCO Desperadoes for next year's Panorama competition.

Initially the band's former arranger Robert Greenidge was approached to do the job but his heavy overseas commitments forced him out of the running. Instead, Greenidge suggested a good replacement in the former arranger for Neal & Massy Trinidad All Stars and Pantonics of New York, Eddie Quarless, who Despers eventually settled for.

But Quarless is now back with Birdsong after ten years, as the band's arranger for the 2007 National Panorama competition in an effort to assist that band to a second Panorama title.

When contacted yesterday, Anthony McQuilkin, assistant manager of Despers confirmed that Quarless was interested in moving to Birdsong but stated that the band had already spoken with Greenidge, who has given a verbal commitment to be the main arranger for next year.

Greenidge is expected immediately since he is scheduled to perform in two shows with Shadow in New York next weekend, after which he will be returning to Trinidad to firm up the contract with Despers.