

St Augustine cops Junior Pan

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"GUSTINE GUSTINE GUSTINE!"

After nine hours of pan music at the Queen's Park Savannah in Port of Spain yesterday, this was the sound that resonated throughout the atmosphere, after the St Augustine Secondary Steel Orchestra copped the title in the Under-21 category in the National Junior Panorama final.

St Augustine, who played "Pan By Storm", beat their way to the trophy, \$27,000 and bragging rights for the next 365 days. The group, captained by Stefan Pierre, switched places with last years winner, bp Renegades Youth Steel Orchestra, earning their victory by a 7.5 point margin after amassing 455.5.

One member of the ousted champs bp Renegades cried openly on stage as members of the St Augustine raced past him chanting, "Yuh want some sorrel ah wah ... eh" while lifting their trophy after the results were announced.

Also sharing the first

prize glory were the Woodbrook Secondary School Steelband and St Margaret's Boys' Anglican School Steel Orchestra, who topped the Secondary School and Primary School categories respectively. The two schools took home \$27,000 and \$18,000, respectively.

One of the outstanding performances for the day was that of Goodwill Industries of the West Indies, who played "Ethel" by Austin "SuperBlue" Lyons. The band, which comprised players aging between 25 and 30, but who were developmentally aged between 12 and 15, wowed the crowd with their effort.

With 32 schools competing in three different categories, Primary School, Secondary School and Under 21, supporters seated in the North Stand were serenaded with music emanating from the only percussion instrument invented within this century.

Judges tallied their points looking for four things, arrangement,



SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONS: Members of the Woodbrook Secondary School Steelband during their winning performance at the National Junior Panorama at the Queen's Park Savannah in Port of Spain yesterday. The band ousted nine others in the Secondary School category to take home the \$18,000 first prize. —Photo: ROBERTO CODALLO

general performance, tone and rhythm.

Although the North Stand was mostly filled with parents and guardians of the young pannists, that did not stop the schools from playing their hearts out and having fun in the process.

While the school children pleased the appetites of pan lovers, Sweet Hand Vilma and Sherri's Cafe employees

were on hand to fill the stomachs of those who failed to walk with their Sunday lunch.

"Surrender", which was sung by Destra Garcia, was played thrice throughout the competition, while Road March contender "Palance", sung by JW and Blaze, tied with Machel Montano's "Magic Drum", having been played twice.

Winners in the various Categories

- Primary School**
1. St Margaret's Boys' Anglican School Steel Orchestra - Magic Drum - 423
 2. Central Primary Schools Combined Steel Orchestra - Template - 419
 3. Febeau Government Primary - Stranger - 377
 4. Mafeking Government Primary - Trini to the Bone - 354
 5. Grant Memorial Primary

School - Magic Drum - 350

Secondary School

1. Woodbrook Secondary School Steelband - Surrender - 416.5
2. Bishops Anstey and Trinity East College - Scratch Attack - 407
3. El Dorado East Secondary - Scratch Attack - 406
4. St Francois Girls College - Iron and Steel I - 388.5
5. Mucurapo East - Surrender - 387

Under 21

1. St Augustine Secondary Steel Orchestra - Pan By Storm - 455.5
2. Bp Renegades Youth Steel Orchestra - Smooth Sailing - 449
3. St Margaret's Boys'/Trinidad All Stars - Pan on Fire - 448
4. Success Stars Pan Sounds - Pan on Fire - 414.5
5. Solo Harmonities Youth Steel Orchestra - Toco Band - 412

Corrections...

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Today's Weather



Generally fair despite the chance of one or two early morning showers.

Seas:	Normal
Waves:	2 m to 2.5 m in open waters less than 1 m in sheltered areas.
Rainfall:	Nil
Cumulative:	2.1 mm
Maximum Temp:	32°C
Sunrise:	6.27 a.m.
Sunset:	6.12 p.m.
Port of Spain Tides:	
High:	12.27 a.m. 11.46 p.m.
Low:	5.23 a.m. 6.44 p.m.
Scarborough Tides:	
High:	1.23 a.m. 11.52 p.m.
Low:	6.05 a.m. 3.18 p.m.

Around the world (max. temp.)

Caracas	31°C	Washington	4°C
London	9°C	Miami	26°C
Paris	10°C	Geneva	6°C
Toronto	1°C	Tokyo	7°C
New York	2°C	Mumbai	30°C



New Moon 14th **Last Quarter 5th** **Full Moon 28th** **First Quarter 22nd**

Kamla, PSA executive meet today

UNITED National Congress (UNC) Political Leader Kamla Persad-Bissessar will meet with the executive of the Public Services Association (PSA) at 3 p.m. today.

PSA president Watson Duke will meet with

Persad-Bissessar at this second meeting between the two groups, to discuss potentially becoming a temporary UNC senator in order to discuss the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority Bill that comes before the Lower House on Wednesday.

In a press statement issued yesterday by the party's chairman Jack Warner, he described the legislation as "autocratic" and "an attempt to deflect the public's attention from the major issues of the day". Warner compared the TTRA legislation to

the issues of crime, poverty, inflation and the mismanagement of the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA).

He said the political leader, UNC senators and MPs will ensure that the "voice of the workers on this impor-

tant issue" is heard.

In other UNC news, Warner said the UNC's "Meet the Constituents Tour" campaign begins today in the Couva North district at the Chandernagore Presbyterian School at 6 p.m.

Man succumbs from Friday night shooting

A MAN who was shot on Friday night, during an argument with a man, died yesterday at the Sangre Grande District Hospital.

Police said the victim,

Ishmael Baksh, 19, of Hibiscus Arch Road, Rio Claro, had left the district masjid and went to visit a friend at Edward Street, Peter Hill, Mayaro, when he was confronted by a man he appar-

ently knew. The two argued and the other man pulled out a pistol and shot Baksh several times. The killer then fled.

The police were called and they in turn contacted the am-

balance service. Baksh was taken to hospital but died around 1.30 p.m. yesterday. (See Page 5)

A post mortem will be done today at the Forensic Science Centre in St James.

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