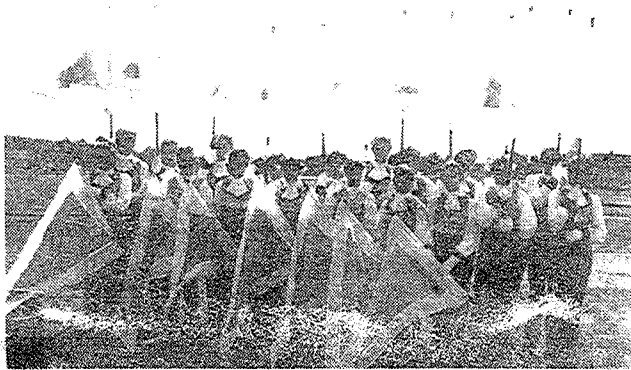


Ryan band keeps up winning ways



We're Number one

Members of the Archbishop Ryan marching unit line up before giving one of their award-winning performances.

By STEPHEN KELLY

The defending state champion Archbishop Ryan Marching Band took first place honors in their first two Yankee conference competition to open the 1984 season.

On Sept. 15 Ryan entered their first competition in this year's "Cavalcade of Bands" competitive season, hosted by Plymouth - Whitmarsh and came away with the top place trophy.

Lead onto the field by Drum Major Hilary Czaplicki, the 156-member marching unit put on a resounding performance

before a packed stadium.

The Ryan Band Front, who were boasting new uniforms of white, black and gold sequins, opened the events with selections from "A Broadway Spectacle."

This year's musical repertoire features Tchaikovsky's "Marche Slave", "Rhapsody in Blue", "42nd Street", Larry Kerschener's "Broadway Meody", "Lullaby of Broadway" and "New York, New York."

Ryan was awarded the first place trophy with a score of 76.25. Upper Moreland finished in second with a 72.20 score.

The Ryan unit took their second first place trophy last weekend by again finishing ahead of Upper Moreland in a competition hosted by North Penn High School in Lansdale.

The unit opened the day's festivities with their rendition of "Marche Slave", thrilling the audience with the dramatic changes of

tempo and dynamics.

Trumpet soloist Steve Graham took center stage as the Band Front turned the field of competition into a maze of blue during their rendition of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

The Ryan Marching Unit then displayed their versatility and flair for choreography with their grand finale of the various "Broadway" production numbers.

Ryan was awarded the first place trophy with their finishing score of 72.4. Upper Moreland placed second with a score of 69.65 and Northern took third scoring with a 69.35 finish.

Harry Neenhold, moderator for the Ryan unit, said

that the band is pleased to be doing so well after only two competitions this year.

"We are rather excited about two victories so early in the season," he said. "It takes a while for the band to gel, to get the show rolling

(Continued on page 5)

Archbishop Ryan band takes first in Yankee Conference

(Continued from page 1)

and the competition in the Yankee Conference is tough. But our expectations are high and the students are excited.

Neenhold said that the Ryan unit is a young one, with most of the band members being underclassmen.

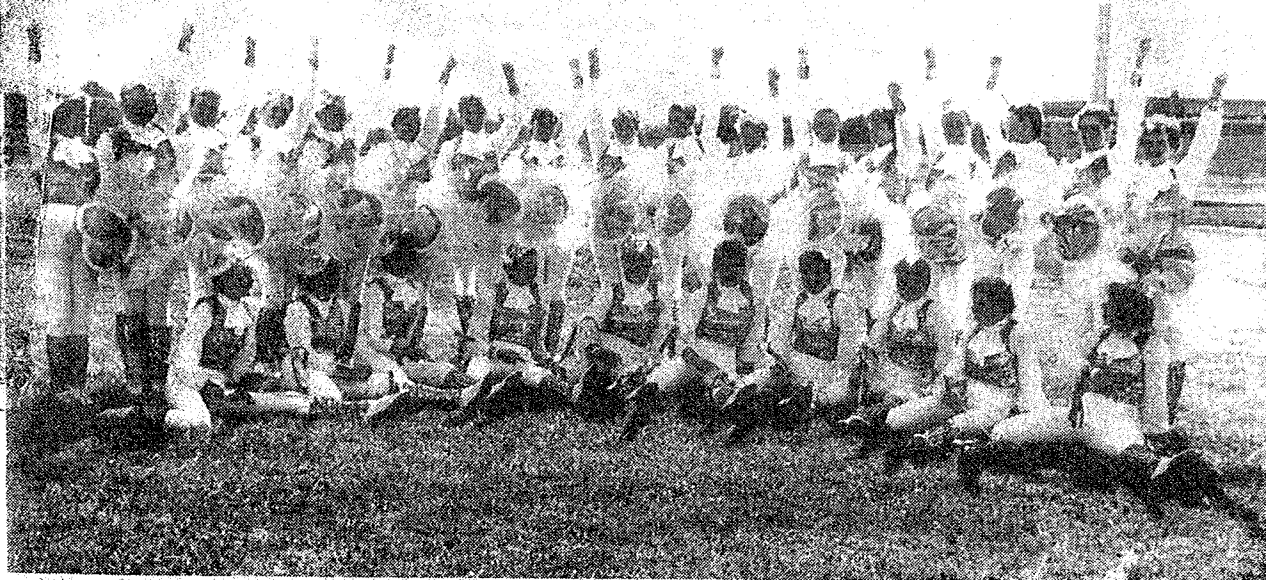
"That's part of the reason we are so excited about the victories," he said. "For many of our students it is their first time with instruments."

Neenhold said that for band members the dedica-

tion is one that is a year round commitment.

"The students practice all summer," he said. "We have a band camp in August and a mini-camp in July. They take June off. Then the season begins in September. After the season band members participate in the school concert band and other musical events."

The Ryan Band, who played before President Reagan during his recent visit to Doylestown, were to face grand national champion North Penn on Saturday at Wissahickon.



The Archbishop Ryan Marching Unit signify their number one status after their recent first place finish in the Yankee

Conference competition hosted by North Penn High School in Lansdale. Ryan finished on top with a score of 72.4.