

Dalmellington Band



BRASS IN THE PARK 2005

On Saturday 3rd September the Band competed at “Brass In The Park” in Newtongrange, Midlothian. This was our second appearance at this Contest, the first time coming in 2000 when we came 2nd to Kirkintilloch. This time however we went one better and recorded our first competition win since 1997.

Conducted by Archie Hutchison, we had to perform three items : a March, a Hymn and a piece featuring a soloist. This gave Archie his biggest problem – what can we do that will set us apart from the rest? In the end he settled on Philip Wilby’s arrangement of ‘The Day Thou Gavest’ for our Hymn (which we saw for the first time at the rehearsal two days before the Contest!) whilst Derick Kirkwood was our chosen soloist playing Gordon Langford’s brilliant (and fiendishly difficult) ‘Rhapsody for Trombone’. We closed our performance with Walter Hargreave’s arrangement of Saint Saens ‘French Military March’.

Playing off the draw of 24, the Band took to the stage in a relaxed but determined manner. The Hymn tune was well played and Derick was quite outstanding in his solo – winning the trophy for the Best Senior Soloist – and the spirited playing of the March rounded off a good performance.

When the results were announced, there was as much a feeling of relief as well as celebration, as all too often we have played extremely well but either ended up at the lower end of the frame, or not at all. In the absence of Bert Ritchie, the Band President, David Roxburgh, the Vice-President, collected the trophies and the celebrations began. Adjudicator Allan Ramsay said that he had no doubts about the result, three Bands stood out from the rest and Dalmellington had that little bit of extra quality.

	Band	Conductor	Section	Draw	Pts
1.	Dalmellington	Archie Hutchison	1	24	94
2.	Johnstone Silver	Gavin Lindsay	1	18	93
3.	Barrhead Burgh	Chris Bradley	1	27	92
4.	Broxburn & Livingston	Mark Bell	1	7	90
5.	Jedforest Instrumental	Alan Fernie	2	6	89
6.	St Ronans Silver	David McLeod	2	9	88
7.	Clydebank Burgh	Alan Duguid	2	2	87
8.	MacTaggart Scott Loanhead	Alan Fernie	3	21	86
9.	Campbeltown Brass	Craig Anderson	3	17	85
10.	Lochgelly	Brian Paterson	2	4	84
11.	Abbey Brass (Jedforest)	Cameron Mabon	4	1	83
12.	Shotts St Patricks Brass	Alan Duguid	3	20	82
13.	Queensferry Community Brass	James Anderson	4	23	81
14.	Peebles Burgh Silver	Iain Fleming	3	19	80
15.	Sanquar and District	Jim Love	NC	3	78
16.	CIS Youth Concert Brass	Craig Anderson	NC	11	77

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Sectional Awards

1st Section - Dalmellington

2nd Section - Jedforest Instrumental

3rd Section - MacTaggart Scott Loanhead

4th Section - Abbey Brass (Jedforest)

Non contesting - Sanquar and District

Highest Placed Youth Band - Campbeltown Brass

Soloist Awards

Junior Soloist - Euphonium, Broxburn & Livingston

Senior Soloist - Trombone, Dalmellington