

# Regiment fights SCV, comes up short at semis

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August 18, 1989—Kansas City, Missouri . . . The Santa Clara Vanguard pulled out to a clear lead over the Phantom Regiment in DCI's 17-corps semifinals, while the Crossmen edged out Dutch Boy for the 12th finals position.

The contest, which determined 1989's top-12 elite from the quarterfinals' top 17, produced a number of shuffled placements that alternately raised spirits and furrowed brows among 16,000 knowledgeable fans. Most of the changes were between corps that were close both in quarterfinals and semifinals; except near the top, the relevant point spreads did not change much.

Santa Clara, who narrowly won quarterfinals, pulled to its 1.3 lead on the strength of a total general effect score of 54.10, 1.3 above its closest rival. Also leading in brass, the Vanguard soared to a 98.20, convincing almost everyone that the DCI title was theirs for the taking.

The corps' performance had definitely reached championship levels, putting to rest speculation about the effect of the corps' loss of two members due to apparently fraudulent documentation. With such poise and depth, plus the newly-added disappearing-baritone trick at the end and the promise of more stops to pull out at finals, the corps was ready to win it all.

The Phantom Regiment remained among the unconverted, however, having come close to winning quarterfinals. Taking the high visual performance score with a near-perfect 14.9 and tying Santa Clara for high percussion, Phantom's lag seemed to come in GE visual, fourth place and 0.7 behind Santa Clara. The corps did seem to perform a bit less intensely than usual; a step-off error during the corps' set-up routine made observers wonder if the corps was looking ahead to finals. But this was not a soft show. With all of its trademark precision and majesty, plus grace and range of expression in both content and technique, Phantom scored 96.90, a solid second place with a shot at the top.

Three corps scored in the 94 range, giving rise to anticipation of shuffled finals placings and a possible dark horse championship. The Cavaliers, Blue Devils and Cadets of Bergen County each ended up two tenths apart.

Second in GE visual and GE percussion,

the Rosemont Cavaliers took a solid third place and caused many observers to speculate about their chances at the title. The Cavaliers worked very hard to bring such a weighty show up to this level, and tonight they were aware of the possibilities. The Cavaliers scored 94.80, passing the Blue Devils to pull into third place.

The Blue Devils, improving over quarterfinals in visual performance but losing a little ground in drums, gave their visually wonderful show, seeming to perform just for the joy of it. The guard's use of color had been wonderful all season, and they danced like professionals. The corps scored 94.60 for a close fourth place.

## August 17, 1989 Open Quarterfinals

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P1 Corps Name	General Effect				Performance				Sub Rules			
	ERS	PRC	VIS	TOT	ERS	PRC	VIS	Total	Error	Total	Pen	Score
1 Santa Clara Va	19.6	14.8	19.4	53.8	14.2	14.5	14.5	97.0	0.0	97.0	0.0	97.0
2 Phantom Regime	19.5	14.7	19.3	53.5	14.4	14.3	14.7	96.9	0.0	96.9	0.0	96.9
3 Blue Devils	19.4	14.3	19.0	52.7	14.3	14.2	14.0	95.2	0.0	95.2	0.0	95.2
4 Cavaliers	19.3	14.2	19.1	52.6	13.6	14.1	14.6	94.9	0.0	94.9	0.0	94.9
5 Cadets of Berg	18.8	14.5	19.2	52.5	13.9	14.0	14.3	94.7	0.0	94.7	0.0	94.7
6 Madison Scouts	19.0	14.0	18.7	51.7	14.1	13.7	14.4	93.9	0.0	93.9	0.0	93.9
7 Star of Indian	18.6	14.1	18.6	51.3	14.0	14.3	14.1	93.7	0.0	93.7	0.0	93.7
8 Velvet Knights	18.4	13.7	18.9	49.0	13.2	13.9	12.2	88.3	0.0	88.3	0.0	88.3
9 Freelancers	18.0	12.9	17.6	48.5	13.0	12.9	13.5	87.9	0.0	87.9	0.0	87.9
10 Suncoast Sound	18.2	13.4	17.7	49.3	13.3	12.2	12.3	87.1	0.0	87.1	0.0	87.1
11 Bluecoats	17.8	13.2	17.5	48.5	13.4	12.4	12.7	87.0	0.0	87.0	0.0	87.0
12 Dutch Boy	17.6	13.1	17.1	47.8	13.1	11.7	12.8	85.4	0.0	85.4	0.0	85.4
13 Crossmen	16.5	13.6	17.0	47.1	12.7	12.6	12.9	85.3	0.0	85.3	0.0	85.3
14 Spirit of Atla	16.0	13.0	15.6	45.6	12.8	13.1	12.5	84.0	0.0	84.0	0.1	83.9
15 Sky Ryders	16.2	12.3	17.2	45.7	12.1	12.3	13.7	83.8	0.0	83.8	0.0	83.8
16 Blue Knights	16.9	11.4	16.8	45.1	11.8	11.9	12.6	81.4	0.0	81.4	0.0	81.4
17 Boston Crusade	16.3	12.5	16.3	45.1	11.9	12.1	12.0	81.1	0.0	81.1	0.0	81.1
18 Florida Wave	16.1	11.1	15.8	43.0	11.9	11.4	11.7	78.0	0.0	78.0	0.0	78.0
19 Troopers	15.9	11.9	15.9	43.7	12.0	10.2	12.1	78.0	0.0	78.0	0.0	78.0
20 L'Inscrite	14.2	10.5	15.4	40.1	10.9	11.0	11.9	73.9	0.0	73.9	0.0	73.9
21 Colts	14.7	10.6	15.1	40.4	11.5	10.5	11.2	73.6	0.0	73.6	0.0	73.6
22 Ventures	14.1	10.8	14.6	39.5	11.1	9.8	11.0	71.4	0.0	71.4	0.0	71.4
23 Glassmen	13.5	10.3	14.9	38.6	10.5	9.0	10.6	68.7	0.0	68.7	0.0	68.7
24 Limited Editio	13.0	9.2	14.7	36.9	9.8	10.7	10.9	68.3	0.1	68.2	0.0	68.2
25 Railmen	12.7	8.3	14.1	35.1	10.2	5.8	10.4	61.5	0.0	61.5	0.0	61.5

## August 18, 1989 Open Semifinals

P1--Corps Name	GE Brass		GE Percussion		GE Visual		PERF. Brass		PERF. Perc		PERF. Visual	
	D. Hill	S. Collier	D. Conventto	D. Doyle	R. Nicola	G. Montanese	TOT	ACC	TOT	ACC	TOT	ACC
1 Santa Clara V	9.8	9.5	19.6	19.6	14.8	14.8	99.9	99.9	14.5	14.5	99.9	99.9
2 Phantom Regim	9.7	9.4	19.4	19.4	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0	14.6	14.6	99.0	99.0
3 Cavaliers	9.3	9.4	18.5	18.5	14.5	14.5	99.4	99.4	14.3	14.3	99.4	99.4
4 Blue Devils	9.5	9.4	18.7	18.7	14.3	14.3	99.1	99.1	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1
5 Cadets of Berg	9.5	9.4	18.8	18.8	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1
6 Star of India	9.4	9.4	18.6	18.6	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1
7 Madison Scout	9.3	9.4	18.3	18.3	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1
8 Bluecoats	9.2	9.4	18.4	18.4	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1
9 Suncoast Sound	9.4	9.4	18.3	18.3	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1	14.4	14.4	99.1	99.1
10 Freelancers	8.8	8.8	17.3	17.3	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0
11 Velvet Knights	8.8	8.8	17.3	17.3	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0
12 Crossmen	8.6	8.6	16.8	16.8	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0
13 Dutch Boy	8.8	8.8	17.3	17.3	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0
14 Sky Ryders	8.4	8.4	16.5	16.5	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0
15 Spirit of Act	8.3	8.3	16.5	16.5	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0
16 Blue Knights	8.0	8.0	16.1	16.1	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0
17 Boston Crusad	7.7	7.7	15.5	15.5	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0	14.4	14.4	99.0	99.0