

BA Pride wins state title - again

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The Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band won its seventh-straight state marching band championship at the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association 6A competition Saturday.

The Pride's ninth OBA state championship in the last 11 years may have been its most dominating performance in this event as it outdistanced second-place Union by more than eight points in a competition that is sometimes decided by less than one point.



In addition to the runaway victory in the finals, the Pride's performance of its 2008 program, "RUNaWAY" also earned the OBA competition awards for "Outstanding Music Performance," "Outstanding Visual Performance," and "Outstanding General Effect."

BA posted a final score of 94.10. Union had 85.65, Edmond Memorial was third at 85.15 and Jenks fourth at 82.30.

The Pride is now three-for three this marching band season. The state title follows the Bands of America Super Regional championship, won in St. Louis, against 55 bands from nine states, and the Owasso Invitational in its first competition of the season.

Next up is the Bands of America Grand Nationals in Indianapolis Nov. 12-15. The Pride won the national championship at this event in 2006.