

# Band has the opposition on the run again

THE Edinburgh Concert Band has struck gold in the Scottish heat of the National Concert Band Festival 2008.

It is the third time in as many years the community group of 80 amateur brass, woodwind and percussion players have won gold at the festival.

A delighted Allan Cumming, chairman of ECB, said: "Winning a gold award for the third time, in what is regarded as the most prestigious festival for wind instrument musicians who play big bands throughout the UK, is a stunning achievement for the band.

"Next year is our 21st birthday and it would be very fitting if we could bring home gold from the National Festival, being held in Wales next April, having won silver at the national awards twice before."