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Band members of Moth, a groove-based band from Eugene, will compete in their second Sonic Xplosion competition Saturday night at the WOW Hall.

Local acts to 'Xplode' at WOW Hall

The final round of Sonic Xplosion '98 features two Eugene bands Saturday night at the WOW Hall

By Amy Boytz
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It's like the National Football League playoffs — only for musicians.

Sonic Xplosion '98: Final Round will take place this Saturday night at the WOW Hall. This battle-of-the-bands contest, which is in its third year, will feature the

two finalists of the year-long competition, Drive and Moth.

"It's just like the Super Bowl," said John Boldt, the owner of local label Elemental Records, which co-sponsors the event.

Sonic Xplosion is a showcase, talent search and competition for regional bands, Boldt said.

The selection process takes almost nine months from start to finish. Each year Elemental Records receives more than one hundred submissions by regional bands, Boldt said. The three employees of Elemental then listen to each tape

and narrow them down to 12 finalists and one alternate. From there, the performances start.

Four rounds, held on the first Friday of each month, feature three bands each. The winner of each round advances to the semi-finals, and two winners from the semi-finals square off in the finals.

Elemental employees judge the bands on four categories: originality, musicianship, presentation and audience response.

"One common misconception is that the audience picks every-

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