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DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, GARNET VALLEY, AND UPPER DARBY WIN HI-Q CONTESTS

Halfway through the second of the three rounds in the regular season, the leaders after two contests are: Strath Haven --111, Chichester and Marple Newtown at 99, Upper Darby - 95 and Haverford with 94.

With one contest completed at the end of the first round of regular play, the leaders are: Garnet Valley at 57 points, Delco Christian School and Penncrest - 51 and Springfield - 47.

At STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL, Feb. 7: It was the perfect contest. It doesn't even happen once a season. Perfect in this case means that every question (42 in all) in the contest -- was answered. All three teams, host Strath Haven, Chichester and Garnet Valley, contributed almost equally to this record. And the outcome was decided on the final question. Garnet Valley captured this Mathematics toss-up to win with 57 points. Strath Haven almost repeated its first round score of 57, finishing with 54. Chichester was a consistent high scorer (50 in its first contest), totaling 49.

Strath Haven Principal Albert Bichner introduced the competition and began the assembly by introducing Strath Haven's select choral ensemble, the Silvertones, directed by John Shankweiler. The Silvertones provided the assembly with a beautiful and touching rendition of the school's alma mater and The Star Spangled Banner.

Providing additional support to the home team by their presence were Wallingford-Swarthmore School District's Superintendent Sharon Parker and Director of Secondary Curriculum Elaine Culbertson.

Garnet Valley - 57 Strath Haven - 54 Chichester - 49

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At THE DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, Feb. 8: Encouraged frequently by their enthusiastic and standing-room only audience, the Delaware County Christian School's Hi-Q team won its home contest by aggressively capturing seven missed questions from both Cardinal O'Hara and Haverford. Both the home team and Haverford missed three of their own questions. At the start of the second half, the scoreboard read 20 for Cardinal O'Hara, 28 for Haverford and 30 for Delco Christian. Haverford's missed questions in Chemistry and American Government put them in second place with 43. However, their combined two-contest score (94) is high enough to place them fourth overall. Cardinal O'Hara's team totaled 34 but showed their preparation and knowledge by scoring in diverse categories such as Current Events, American History, Biology, Literature, Geography, Chemistry, Art History, American Government and World History.

Principal Joseph Austin introduced the competition and welcomed the guests, including many family members from Delco Christian. Rick Durante, vice president of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, gave the opening remarks.

Delaware County Christian School – 51 ● Haverford – 43 ● Cardinal O'Hara - 34

At THE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY on Feb. 9: All three schools scored in their first two categories. Then Upper Darby pulled ahead in Biology. TCA fought back with the only correct answer in Sports to tie UD. Monsignor Bonner was only a few points back until Shakespeare, but still in the running. The first period ended with Upper Darby –26, Bonner – 20 and TCA - 13. Second period begins: Chemistry: all three teams give correct answers. Upper Darby put points on the board in every second-half category except Math, ending the period with 24 and a total of 50. Bonner students recovered from a dry spell with points in American Government and World History, and the capture of the final question, in Mathematics, finishing with 34 total. TCA scored in Physics and American Government, ending with 25.

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Mrs. Anita Gray, principal of The Christian Academy, welcomed the students and guests, including the entire high school student body of TCA. Vice President Joseph Mack, representing Sun East Federal Credit Union, one of Hi-Q's sponsors, introduced the competition. Mr. Rick Durante, of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, Hi-Q's major corporate sponsor this year, spoke to the audience during the program's intermission.

Upper Darby – 45 Monsignor Bonner – 34 The Christian Academy - 25

The FINAL TWO CONTESTS IN ROUND TWO ...

At GARNET VALLEY, Wed., Feb. 16, 1:25 p.m. with the Del. Co. Christian School and Penncrest;

At INTERBORO, Tues., Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m. with Springfield and the Academy of Notre Dame.

ROUND THREE BEGINS:

At RADNOR, Wed., Feb. 23, 1:05 p.m. with Monsignor Bonner and Chester;

At ARCHBISHOP CARROLL, Thurs., Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m. with Garnet Valley and Upper Darby.

The community is encouraged to attend any Hi-Q contests. Because of school security requirements, please contact the host school in advance for admittance and reserved seating.

Delco Hi-Q is a joint venture between the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (program management and production administrator) and the Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber (fund-raising and fund administrator). Production engineer Dave Bramble is from the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. Tom McCarthy is quizmaster and Donna Zerby is the program's director.

Primary corporate sponsors are the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and the Kimberly-Clark Corporation's Chester Operations. Contributors and supporters for the 2005 season are: Elko & Associates, Ltd.; Giant Food Stores, Hilbush Foundation; Sign Concepts, Inc.; Southco, Inc.; and Sun East Federal Credit Union.

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