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HAVERFORD, DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, GARNET VALLEY, SPRINGFIELD AND  
PENNCREST WIN THEIR LAST CONTESTS IN DELCO HI-Q'S FIRST SERIES;  
RADNOR WON A TIEBREAKER

AT HAVERFORD HIGH SCHOOL, MAR. 1: Waiting is tough. And waiting when you may be involved in a tiebreaking contest is even harder! Haverford's Hi-Q team was one of seven teams fighting for six positions in the semifinal playoffs. After missing their first question, the Fords ended the period with a substantial lead over competitors Springfield and Penn Wood: 29 - 19 - 12.

Second period was not as strong for all three teams. Springfield won this period with 17 to Haverford's 16 and Penn Wood's 10. Result: Haverford totalled 45 points for the win and put them in a tie with Radnor for a three-game cumulative of 139. Springfield, with one contest remaining, was also a semifinal potential, but made it's chances more difficult with a final score of 36. With one game to play, Springfield still has the potential, but needs a big win in its last game. Penn Wood had its best showing this season, with a final of 22 points.

Haverford Principal Dr. Nicholas Rotoli introduced the program. Among the guests were long-time Hi-Q supporter and retired Springfield Principal Earl Knorr, and from corporate sponsor Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, Assistant Vice President Rick Durante.

Haverford - 45 ● Springfield - 36 ● Penn Wood - 22

AT THE ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME, MAR. 2: This audience was pumped - they were enthusiastic, loud and long with their applause for all three teams, and respectfully quiet during each team's question period...in short, a perfect audience! And all of this despite the fact that visiting team Delaware County Christian School took the lead from the first category and just kept rolling...right on to a victory with 59 points and enough to place its team securely in the semifinals and currently in second place overall. Meanwhile, host team ND and Academy Park had their own battle going, with just one point separating them at the end of the first period. ND almost closed the gap with a straight finish of 16 points, including the capture of the final Mathematics Toss-Up, finishing with 35 points to Academy Park's 37 (and its high score for this season).

ND Principal Maria Marino welcomed visitors, including Delaware County Christian School Principal Joseph Austin and Diane Lastowka, who represented one of Hi-Q's two primary sponsors this year, the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, and who gave the introductory remarks.

Delaware County Christian School - 59 ● Academy Park - 37 ● Academy of Notre Dame - 35

AT ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL, March 3: The audience was primed to cheer, and took every opportunity to clearly show strong support for their home team. Garnet Valley, a finalist for the past four years, was determined to make its best showing of the season and clinch either first place or a high semifinal position. It did, with a perfect first half, the capture of 13 points from its opponents, a total of 60 points for the game win, a 3-game total of 174 for second place overall and the right to host a semifinal contest. Upper Darby, with a two-contest total of 95, was also shooting for a playoff berth, but an onstage finish with 35 points and a loss of 6 through three invalid appeals makes them a long-shot at a cumulative 124. Archbishop Carroll's team, which had previously scored 33 and 27, ran into the wall (as well as Garnet Valley's juggernaut), finishing with a contest total of 16.

Monsignor Michael Matz, president of Archbishop Carroll, welcomed the students and guests. Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Assistant Vice President Rick Durante opened the contest.

Archbishop Carroll's vice principal Linda Heffernan closed the competition with the presentation of official Carroll sweatshirts to Director Donna Zerby and Hi-Q technician David Bramble.

Garnet Valley - 60 ● Upper Darby - 29 ● Archbishop Carroll - 16

AT INTERBORO HIGH SCHOOL, MAR. 4: Springfield was focused on capturing one of the last playoff slots ...and a first period perfect score of 34 was a terrific start. Meanwhile, host team Interboro and the Academy of Notre Dame's students ignored Springfield's scoring spree and made war on each other, ending the period 15 to 14 in favor of Interboro. Second period was Springfield's nightmare, with both Interboro (16) and Notre Dame (19) outscoring the former leader (14). Springfield's outstanding first period effort gave them the win with 48 points to Notre Dame's 29 and Interboro's 31. ND's team later earned an additional four points through the appeal process, for a total of 33. Interboro Principal Paul Gibson welcomed the program and its contestants and introduced Rick Durante from the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, who gave the opening remarks. Among those rooting for the home team was Interboro vice principal Kate Clair, a former Hi-Q student. Interboro broadcast the contest live throughout the school and made it available to the community through the local cable channel.

Springfield - 48 ● Academy of Notre Dame - 33 ● Interboro-31

AT CHICHESTER HIGH SCHOOL, MAR. 4: In the last regular season contest, The Christian Academy's team tried valiantly, but found themselves between a rock (Chichester) and a hard place (Penncrest), with both teams fighting for playoff positions. Penncrest won the first period, 32 to Chi's 25 and TCA's 12. The home audience was both supportive and tense, as Chichester scored in every category and led throughout the second half ... UNTIL...the final question, in Mathematics, a Toss-Up, captured by Penncrest, gave the Lions 29 for the period and a 61 point win to Chichester's 53 and The Christian Academy's 24. BUT...both high scores were good enough to cinch playoff berths for Penncrest and Chichester in the Semifinals.

Mr. James Donnelly, Chichester principal, introduced the competition and opening speaker Rick Durante, from FMFCU, to the student audience and family members representing all three schools. Providing additional remarks at halftime was Joseph Mack from Sun East Federal Credit Union, also one of Hi-Q's sponsors. Penncrest - 61 ● Chichester -53 ● The Christian Academy-24

THAT WASN'T THE END. After the final tally, previous arrangements came into play as Director Donna Zerby left immediately for Radnor High School to conduct a tiebreaking competition between Haverford and Radnor students, who tied with a total of 139 points for the final playoff position. In the tiebreaking contest, both teams went head to head - they had the same questions and wrote their answers. The questions were designed to be much more difficult and to produce one winner - they were and they did. Radnor became the last entrant into the semifinals by just one question, a correct answer in Shakespeare. After good-natured congratulations and recognition of everyone's efforts by the students on both teams, Haverford's scholars returned home...already looking forward to a successful 2006 season.

Delco Hi-Q is a partnership between the Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber (fund-raising and fund administrator) and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (program management and production administrator). Tom McCarthy is quizmaster. Hi-Q production engineer is Dave Bramble, and Hi-Q Director is Donna Zerby.

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