



March 5, 2005 (Semifinal Information)

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STRATH HAVEN TOP SCORER IN DELCO Hi-Q: WILL HOST CHAMPIONSHIP:

SEMIFINALISTS: GARNET VALLEY, DELAWARE COUNTY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, MARPLE NEWTOWN, PENNCREST, CHICHESTER AND RADNOR.

It's the Semifinal competition in the 57th season of Delco Hi-Q. Hi-Q, the "granddaddy" of all academic quiz competitions, began here in Delaware County in 1948. These unique scholastic contests begin with a three-round competition in which over 200 Delaware County high school students test their academic "survivor skills": their knowledge and their ability to use that knowledge, their courage, dedication, swiftness, timing, teamwork, and their sportsmanship.

Unique to the Hi-Q competition is that you don't have to win to earn a playoff position. Teams can advance to the playoff series without ever winning a contest. This year, for example, five of the six playoff entrants did not win all of their matches. It's the three-game cumulative score that makes a team a "contender." The top-scoring team at the end of the regular season goes directly to the championship contest and wins the home team advantage.

In Round One, each of the 21 Delaware County high schools competes against two other schools, hosting a home contest and competing twice at other schools. The total cumulative points each team earns in this first round determines the season standings and a school's entry into the Semifinal Series and Championship Match.

The second, or Semifinal Round, is a six-team, one-contest elimination competition. The winner of each semifinal advances to the championship. Based on total points at the end of Round One, the second highest-scoring team competes against the sixth and seventh-place teams. The third place team is matched against students in fourth and fifth place.

The third and Final Round is the Trophy Competition. In this single-contest championship match, the two semifinal winners compete against the Number One team from Round One. In all of the playoff contests, no points are carried forward; all teams begin each match at zero.

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ROUND ONE CHAMPION: Strath Haven’s scholars won the regular season’s Round One with 180 points. Their number one position earned them a pass directly to the Championship, which they will host on Tuesday, March 15, at 9:30 a.m.

SEMIFINALIST SCHOOLS: The six semifinalist schools have all been playoff contestants in past years. Garnet Valley – 174, Delaware County Christian School – 155, Marple Newtown and Penncrest at 153 each, Chichester – 152, and Radnor – 139 (Radnor and Haverford tied at 139 but Radnor won a tiebreaking contest to gain the last slot).

COACHES AND STUDENTS:

GARNET VALLEY: Coaches Carol Law and Carol Rockefeller, 10 years of service. Jeff Conway, Neal Gupta, Ravi Gupta, Paul Kim, Brendan McGeehan, Zein Nakhoda, Chris Sukhu, Sohumi Trivedi, Corky Wharton.

DELCO CHRISTIAN: Coach Thom Houghton, 6 years. Robert Homan, Anna Matejova, Luke McDermott, Julia McLaughlin, David Miller, Aaron Mingle, Jay Money maker, Zach Powers, Julia Schaible, Emily Sprik.

MARPLE NEWTOWN: Coach Deborah Bonder, 7 years. Marisa Felsher, Jessica Henderson, Mike Hess, Robert Humphreys, Doug Kenney, Joey Mansky, Erica Selig, Hallie Treadway.

PENNCREST: Coach Michael Ludwig, 25 years. Rob Clain, Aimee Davis, Mary Flannery, Robby Graham, Tim Graham, Sarah Lu, Emily Moberg, Erik Virbitsky, Jeffrey Walker, Joe Walker.

CHICHESTER: Coach John Cole, 26 years. Edward Anderson, Ryan Chominski, Laura DeShullo, David Darmon, Brett Godoy, Kenny Pratt, Suwathna Reel, Holly Schneider, Brian Sheridan, Sean Seibert.

RADNOR: Coach Maryanne Caporaletti, 3 years. Brittany Rose Dreibelbis, Ashwin Nathan, Jay Ni, Danielle Pooler, Daniel Schwartz, Daniel Sieburth, Sunil Tripathi, Melanie Townsend, Huaou Yan, Helen Zhu.

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

The community is invited to attend any Hi-Q contests. Please contact the host school beforehand: advance notice is required for reserved seating and because of security requirements.

* **SEMIFINAL 1:** At DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, Tues., Mar. 8, 11:00 a.m. with Marple Newtown and Penncrest

* **SEMIFINAL 2:** At GARNET VALLEY, Wed., Mar.9, 1:20 p.m. with Chichester and Radnor

* **CHAMPIONSHIP:** At STRATH HAVEN, Tues., Mar. 15, 9:30 a.m. with the winner of each semifinal.

The Delaware County Intermediate Unit (program management and production administrator) partners with the Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber (fund-raising and fund administrator) to help ensure the continuation of the Hi-Q program. Donna Zerby is Hi-Q Director, Tom McCarthy is quizmaster, and production engineer is Dave Bramble.

In addition to the participating schools' support, 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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