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RIDLEY CAPTURES DELCO HI-Q WIN

Delco Hi-Q is a showcase for academic achievement. The contestants research and study in specialized areas, such as art history, geography, sports and Shakespeare, in addition to their regular school curricula. Each of the participating 21 Delaware County high school teams competes three times during the regular season. Their three contest scores are then totaled to determine which schools will advance to the semifinals and the championship match. Twelve schools have completed the third round...the nine remaining schools will be competing later this month.

At Penn Wood High School, Feb. 6: Quizmaster Tom McCarthy, directed the first question of the match to the home team, as the 18th contest of this season's Delco Hi-Q academic competition with visiting high schools teams from Ridley and Chester got underway. Penn Wood and Chester were tied after the first three categories were completed, but Chester's miss in the Sports category dropped them behind. Ridley got off to a slower start but picked up momentum by the time the first half ended and only trailed the leader by 3 points. The second half looked like a repeat performance as Penn Wood picked up the only points in the first category, Chemistry. Ridley contestants, however, were quick on the buzzer and scored 5 bonus points when their opponents failed to answer and nailed their own World History question for the win. All three teams answered correctly in the Physics category.

The visitors received a warm welcome from Penn Wood's principal, John Leary. Rick Durante, representing the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, commented on the credit union's commitment to sponsoring the Hi-Q program and the Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor.

RIDLEY - 31

PENN WOOD - 29

CHESTER - 19

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An unanswered question in the Shakespeare Category: *In Henry V, give the name and title of the English nobleman who disguises himself and wanders through camp talking with the common soldiers.* ANSWER: KING HENRY (Henry V)

The community is encouraged to attend any Hi-Q contest and should contact the host school in advance for reserved seating.

UPCOMING CONTESTS

At Marple Newtown High School, Thursday, Feb 23 at 9:45 a.m., with Penncrest and Strath Haven

At Garnet Valley High School, Monday, Feb. 27 at 1:20 p.m., with Chichester and Delaware County Christian

At Cardinal O'Hara High School, Tuesday, Feb 28, at 9:45 a.m. with Upper Darby and Radnor

Delco-Hi-Q is a partnership between the Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. Tom McCarthy is quizmaster, Dave Bramble is the production engineer and Ginger Beaumont is the Hi-Q Director.

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