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THIRD ROUND OF DELCO HI-Q COMPETITION BEGINS
INTERBORO, HAVERFORD AND ACADEMY PARK WIN

The Delco Hi-Q academic competition began its third and final round to determine which high school teams would advance to the semifinal and championship matches. The top-scoring team at the end of the regular season goes directly to the championship contest scheduled for March 15, and wins the home team advantage. The next six highest-scoring teams compete in a semifinals series to be held on March 8 and 9, to determine the other two championship finalists.

At Monsignor Bonner High School, Jan.31: Father Augustine Espisito, the president of Monsignor Bonner began the program with a prayer in memory of Donna Zerby, the former director of Delco Hi-Q, and welcomed teams from the Academy of Notre Dame and Interboro. Rick Durante, director of education at Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, explained how Hi-Q has evolved over the years and acknowledged the contestants, parents, educators and sponsors who have made the program a Delaware County academic tradition.

As Quizmaster Tom McCarthy kicked-off the contest, the home team gave its audience reason to applaud with their first answer in the Current Events category. Then picked up another point in the second category to move into the lead, as the two visiting teams failed to answer the American History questions directed to them. The spotlight was short-lived, however, when Interboro bounced back with six correct answers in a row to easily move to the top. Notre Dame jumped into second place, as the 60-second break marked the halfway mark of the contest. All three teams continued to hold their positions throughout what proved to be a low scoring second half.

INTERBORO - 38 ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME - 31 MONSIGNOR BONNER - 23

At Springfield High School, Feb. 1: Sun Valley and Haverford answered an equal number of questions correctly, but the Haverford team was quicker on the buzzer and picked up bonus points to lead at the break. It was a lead they maintained throughout the rest of the competition as they continued to add points to the scoreboard to gain the win. Sun Valley came out swinging at the start of the contest, held on to the second spot and did their best to overtake the leader. Springfield got off to a slow start and trailed both teams as the second half got underway, then excited the home crowd as they picked up 14 points in Chemistry, Art History and Shakespeare catch up to Sun Valley. SV took the lead once again, but Springfield buzzed in to correctly answer the last question of the day...a problem in Math that all three teams have an equal opportunity to solve...for the second place tie.

Dr. Bridget Kelly, Springfield's principal, opened the assembly that was attended by two school's retirees, former Principal Earl Knorr and former teacher and Hi-Q faculty advisor, Peg Lamb.

HVERFORD – 48

SPRINGFIELD – 31

SUN VALLEY – 31

At Academy Park High School, Feb. 2: The Hi-Q team from Academy Park took on Christian Academy and Archbishop Carroll and demonstrated their academic abilities before a delighted home audience. AP answered all of the questions delivered to them and had scored twice as many points as both opponents as the first half of the contest ended. Christian Academy was the only team to score in the Sports category...the only category in which all teams can pick up points with the correct written answer. Archbishop Carroll was the first team to buzz in for the Team Choice Toss-Up and gave the correct answer to the Literature question. Neither team, however, could deprive Academy Park of the win and a record breaking score for the school.

After being introduced by Principal Dale Weaver, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union's Director of Education, Mr. Rick Durante, acquainted the audience with FMFCU's participation in the Delco Hi-Q quiz program, as well as, their sponsorship of the Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor and the Delco-Hi-Q web site at delcohiq.org.

ACADEMY PARK – 44

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY – 23

ARCHBISHOP CARROLL – 20

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

UPCOMING CONTESTS

At Penn Wood High School, Monday, Feb. 9, at 9:15 a.m., with Ridley and Chester.

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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