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MARPLE NEWTOWN TOP SCORER IN DELCO HI-Q: WILL HOST CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMIFINALISTS: RADNOR, PENNCREST, HAVERFORD, GARNET VALLEY, DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, AND STRATH HAVEN.

The regular season has ended and playoff positions have been determined in the 60th season of Delco Hi-Q. The final three contests determined the team rankings. On February 4, Delaware County Christian School hosted Haverford and Penncrest. Final Scores were: Penncrest, 54; Delco Christian, 44; Haverford, 37. Academy of Notre Dame hosted Upper Darby and Strath Haven in a close contest on February 5. The results were: Strath Haven, 39; Notre Dame, 38; Upper Darby 35. The regular season ended at Garnet Valley on February 6. Final scores were: Marple Newtown, 58; Garnet Valley, 35; Sun Valley, 20.

Unique to the Hi-Q competition is that teams don't have to win a contest to earn a playoff position. 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 earns home school advantage.

In Round One, each of the twenty-one 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. The winner of that contest earns the right to display the Donna Zerby Trophy for one year. All Delco Hi-Q teams will be honored at the annual Partners in Education Celebration presented by Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and Delaware County Intermediate Unit on April 3, 2008.

ROUND ONE CHAMPION: Marple Newtown, two-time defending champions, won the regular season round with an impressive 183 points. Their number one position earned them a pass directly to the championship, which they will host on March 5. This is Marple Newtown's seventh consecutive trip to the championship contest.

SEMIFINALIST SCHOOLS: With the exception of Radnor High School, the semifinalist schools were playoff contestants last year. The teams and their total points are: Radnor, 157; Penncrest, 155; Haverford, 133; Garnet Valley, 128; Delaware County Christian School, 116, and Strath Haven, 113.

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

The community is invited to attend any Delco Hi-Q contests. Please contact the host school for arrangements. Advance notice is required for reserved seating and security requirements.

SEMIFINAL 1: At RADNOR HIGH SCHOOL, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 10:55 a.m. with Delco Christian and Strath Haven.

SEMIFINAL 2: At PENNCREST, Wednesday, Feb. 20, 9:30 a.m. with Haverford and Garnet Valley.

CHAMPIONSHIP: At MARPLE NEWTOWN, Wednesday, March 5, 9:40 a.m. with the winner of each semifinal.

Nominations are being accepted for distinguished past participants to join the Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor. Information and nomination forms are available at www.delcohiq.org.

For information on becoming a sponsor of this premier education program or the Partners in Education Celebration, call Rick Durante at (610) 325-5000.

Delco Hi-Q is the oldest continuous academic quiz competition in the United States. Delaware County Intermediate Unit partners with The Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber to help ensure the continuation of Delco Hi-Q. Rick Durante serves as Director, professional actor Tom McCarthy is quizmaster, Michelle Skrobak and Maria Rolston serve as Hi-Q Assistant, and production engineer is David Bramble from Delaware County Intermediate Unit.

In addition to the 21 participating schools' support, primary corporate sponsor is Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Kimberly-Clark Corporation's Chester Operations is Valedictorian sponsor. Supporters include the Delaware County Daily Times and Hilbush Foundation.

Photo Caption:

Marple Newtown High School Team

Standing (l to r): Amy Guo, Jenny Wang, Tom McCauley, Kira White, Faculty Advisor Deb Bonder
Seated (l to r): Jason Pan, Danny Albert, Joey Mansky, Roashan Ayene, John VanZelst

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