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**CORRECTED- Penncrest finishes in first (not second place)**  
**PENN WOOD, PENNCREST, STRATH HAVEN, AND GARNET VALLEY WIN THE**  
**FINAL REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS**

**Chester High School, February 2, 2009:** After some words of encouragement from Tom Brooks of Kimberly Clark Chester Operations, the home team took on Penn Wood and Springfield High Schools in the eighteenth match of the season. The chance for a playoff spot had Penn Wood fired up from the beginning. They correctly answered 7 of the first 8 questions and picked up 3 bonus points in the first half to take the lead over Springfield and Chester. Springfield correctly answered 6 of the 8 first half questions and picked up a single bonus point to trail Penn Wood by 7 at intermission.

Knowing their potential playoff spot depended on a matter of a few points, Springfield battled back in the second half to close the gap with Penn Wood. Chester played the role of spoiler and stole 4 points in the Team Choice Toss-up, making the battle between Penn Wood and Springfield even tighter. Four bonus points and 8 points from questions in American Government and World History gave Penn Wood enough of an edge to hold off Springfield. In the end Penn Wood won by a slim margin of only two points, giving them two contest wins for the season. **Final Scores: Penn Wood – 43; Springfield – 41; Chester- 10.**

**Radnor High School, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009:** From beginning to end this was one of the tightest matches of the seasons. All three teams were battling for key playoff positions so every point counted. All three teams were neck and neck in the first half of the competition. Radnor and Penncrest both picked up a single bonus point, however Penncrest was the only team to correctly answer the Sports toss-up question, giving them a slight advantage over Radnor and Delco Christian. At the break it was Penncrest in the lead with 29, Radnor in second with 25 and Delco on the coattails with 24 points.

The second half of the competition began with Radnor taking over the lead with correct answers in Chemistry, Art history, and Team Choice as well as 3 bonus points. Delco Christian nailed their Team Choice and picked up the ever-important Team Choice Toss-Up to keep them in contention. Penncrest rallied and answered their last three regular category questions correctly to regain a slim lead over Radnor to remain in first place in season standings. **Final Scores: Penncrest – 50; Radnor – 47; Delco Christian – 40.**

**Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, February 5, 2009:** All three teams started off strong by correctly answering the first eight questions within two attempts. The only difference came from two bonus points picked up by Strath Haven in Shakespeare and Geography. At the half Strath Haven held a two-point lead over Sun Valley and a three-point lead of Notre Dame. It was still anyone match.

Strath Haven dominated the second half and came out on fire by answering seven of the eight questions correctly including the Math and Team Choice Toss-ups. They also picked up 4 bonus

points to take a commanding lead, the win and a playoff spot. **Final Scores: Strath Haven – 54; Notre Dame – 31; Sun Valley – 24.**

**Haverford High School, February 6, 2009:** This was a competitive match between Haverford, Garnet Valley, and Marple Newtown as all three teams were playing for playoff positions. From the start, teams appeared to be on their “A” games. Both Marple Newtown and Haverford answered seven of their first eight questions correctly while Garnet Valley swept a perfect eight and gained a single bonus point to give them a slight edge. At intermission it was Garnet Valley in the lead with 33 points, Haverford in the number two spot with 27 and Marple-Newton in third with 25.

Seeing the last playoff spot within their grasps Marple turned it on in the second half, answering six questions correctly including the game changing Team Choice Toss-up. They also picked up two bonus points while Garnet Valley correctly answered 4 questions and picked up 2 bonus points, which allowed them to hang on to a slim lead and win the match overall. At the conclusion of the match, both Marple and Haverford gained the needed points to continue in the post season. **Final Scores: Garnet Valley – 51; Marple-Newtown – 50; Haverford – 35.**

All three teams earned enough points to compete in the semi-finals and will face each other again in the second Semi-Final #2 on Friday, February 20. Garnet Valley finished the season in second place and will play host to sixth place Haverford, and to seventh place and three time defending champions Marple Newtown.

Radnor High School finished the season in third place and will host fourth place Strath Haven, and fifth place Delaware County Christian School on Tuesday, February 17.

Penncrest High School finished in first place and will host the winner from each of the semi-final matches on March 3 at Penncrest High School.

Delco-Hi-Q is a partnership between Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Veteran Actor Tom McCarthy is Quizmaster, Rick Durante from FMFCU serves as Director, Dave Bramble from Delaware County Intermediate Unit is the production engineer and Wes Crane is Hi-Q Coordinator.

In addition to the participating schools’ support, primary corporate sponsor is Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation. Long-time Valedictorian sponsor is Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Delaware County Daily Times and the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce are supporters of the 61<sup>st</sup> Season.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor. More information is available at [www.delcohiq.org](http://www.delcohiq.org).

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Photo Captions

**Penn Wood**

Back row (l to r): Aaron Gravely, Shawna Simms, Audie Oranie, Faculty Advisor Dr. Marilyn Smith  
Seated (l to r): Chinelo Onuoha, Sana Abdul-Malik, Faustina Kande, Tanisha Williams (not shown Dominique Grasty, Emmanuel Tyler)

**Penncrest**

Back row (l to r): Faculty Advisor Michael Ludwig, Jackson Buttery, Joseph Hooker, Katie Ferguson, Elizabeth Freeburg, Alex Senko

Seated (l to r): Katie Davis, Isabel Janmey, Jennifer Walker, Celia Castellan, Elizabeth Madara

#### Strath Haven

Back row (l to r): Faculty Advisor Bill Rothenbach, Yuxi Lin, Max Shaw, Jesse Bruner

Seated (l to r): Eda Kouch, Chris Zheng, Meng Zhang, Tasnim Aziz (not shown Xin Xiong, Julia Hazel, Alison Isaacs)

#### Garnet Valley

Back row (l to r): Faculty Advisor Lesley Arensburg, Steve Ciarrocchi, Wasiq Sheikh, Matt Glanfield, Brandom Glackin, Kevin Wharton, Faculty Advisor Carol Rockafellow

Seated (l to r): Amora Elsaify, Chloe Glynn, Hetty Nie, Paul Becker, Mory Elsaify