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**RADNOR AND PENNCREST FINISH WITH WINS IN THE FIRST ROUND OF  
DELCO Hi-Q COMPETITION**

**Marple-Newtown High School, December 17<sup>th</sup> 2008:** Assistant Principal Christine White welcomed visiting teams Radnor and Strath Haven to Marple Newtown High School. Ruth Kauffman, representing Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation, gave a few words on behalf of the sponsor as well as a brief evolution of America's longest running high school academic quiz competition. With formalities out of the way, quizmaster and star of the upcoming stage performance "Philly Fan," Mr. Tom McCarthy began this battle of intellects.

Visiting Radnor came out on fire answering seven of the first eight questions correctly as well as picking up two bonus points. The three-time defending champion Marple Newtown team was right behind, nailing six of their first eight questions. Current Events, Geography and Literature showed to be each teams' strong points during the first half. At intermission, Radnor with 29 points held a small lead over Marple, who had 22 and Strath Haven with 12.

In the second half of competition, Marple Newtown narrowed the gap and was within two points of the leading Radnor team. Strath Haven was pulling closer by answering five of their eight second half questions correctly. Radnor won the team choice toss—up question and closed out the contest by correctly answering the final Math Toss-Up question (even before the Quizmaster could finish reading) and held on to the lead. This was a rematch of sorts, as both Marple Newtown and Radnor competed in last year's championship.

**Final Scores: Radnor – 51, Marple Newtown – 41, Strath Haven – 30.**

**Penncrest High School, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008:** In front of a 900+ capacity crowd at Penncrest High School, Principal Rick Gregg along with friends and family helped to welcome Haverford, Chichester and home team Penncrest to the last Hi-Q match of the First Round. After a few words from Maria Rolston from Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation, Mr. Tom McCarthy got things started.

All three teams came out swinging, answering their respective questions in Current Events and American History correctly. Penncrest managed to pull away from Chichester and Haverford with a key pick up on the Sports Toss-up and a solid performance for the remainder of the first half. Haverford and Chichester hung in there; answering a majority of their questions correctly and picking up a bonus point each. At the intermission, it was still anyone's contest. Penncrest was in the lead with 31 points while Haverford trailed closely with 25 points and Chichester held 19 points.

After some personnel changes and talking over some strategy, all three teams made a strong second half performance. In the end, Penncrest and Haverford quickly buzzed in to answer the toss-up Math question but did not come up with the correct answer. Chichester was able to use the remaining 60 seconds to correctly formulate an answer and won second place. Penncrest had a solid lead late in the contest and held on to it to take the win.

**Final Scores: Penncrest – 59, Chichester – 42, Haverford – 40.**

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.

Garnet Valley, Penncrest, and Radnor are the top three point scorers going into the second round. Teams compete three times during the regular season and the top seven teams compete in the playoff rounds. It's the cumulative score of all three contests that determines playoff standings. The second round of competition starts on January 6, 2009 at Delaware County Christian School.

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Photo Captions:

**Radnor**

Back row (l to r): Grace Lee, Huaya Liu, Andrew Lee, Hank Bao, Walter fu, Faculty Advisor Mary Quilan

Seated (l to r): Ana Nourmahnad, Lin Zheng, Jennifer Potter, Jessica Ng, Pearl Somboonsong

**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