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SPRINGFIELD, MONSIGNOR BONNER, AND INTERBORO SCORE WINS IN THE THIRD ROUND OF THE SEASON

It was a rainy Monday morning in Lansdowne when **Penn Wood** hosted Springfield and Sun Valley to start the third round of Delco Hi-Q competition on January 25th. Teams play three times during the season and their cumulative scores determine playoff positions. The top seven teams earn a place in the playoffs. The pressure was on for the Springfield team who came into their final regular season contest in eighth place.

Jennifer Straszinski, District Manager of FMFCU's Penn Wood Student Operated Branch, introduced the contest and reminded students to nominate a teacher for the Delaware County Excellence in Teaching awards. After the formalities, all three teams worked their way from category to category using up a majority of their chances and vying for bonus points where they could get them. Visiting Sun Valley correctly answered four of their first eight questions. Springfield correctly answered five of their respective questions and gained an edge by picking up four bonus points. Penn Wood could only come up with one correct answer in the first half.

Sun Valley surged ahead of Springfield in the second half. They managed to turn a nine-point deficit into a one-point lead. The lead was short lived as Springfield moved ahead in the American Government category by correctly answering the question and scoring two bonus points on the other team's missed questions. Springfield's first year principal, Frank McKnight, was on hand to see his team score a win and stay in playoff contention. Final Scores: Springfield – 34; Sun Valley – 29; Penn Wood – 6.

Ridley High School hosted Monsignor Bonner and Academy Park on January 26th. Ruth Kauffman, Vice President of Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union spoke briefly on the history of the contest before turning the assembly over to veteran quizmaster Tom McCarthy.

The boys from Bonner came out strong in the first half of the contest, jumping out to an early lead by nailing three of their first four questions and earned an additional two pick up points in Current Events and Biology. Ridley was able to recover some ground by correctly answering three of the final four questions in the first half of the contest. It was still a close contest at the half. Bonner lead with 19 points, Academy Park had 14 points, and Ridley was close behind with 13.

In the second half, Bonner answered another four questions correctly, including the team choice toss up. Ridley answered three and gained a single bonus point but Bonner managed to hold off the home team for the contest win. Final Scores: Bonner – 33; Ridley - 26; Academy Park – 23.

Cardinal O'Hara President, Dr. William McCusker, gave a warm welcome to Quizmaster Tom McCarthy, Hi-Q Director Rick Durante, and the visiting teams from Interboro and The Christian Academy on January 27th. Barbara Guido, Vice President of Human Resources at sponsor Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union addressed the large audience and recognized the hard work of the Hi-Q students to start the contest.

The blistering winter cold resulted in a slow start for all three teams as they worked through the first half of the contest. Home team O'Hara and visiting Christian Academy correctly answered two questions, while Interboro correctly answered three, giving Interboro a slight lead at the intermission.

The beginning of the second half was tough for all three teams. The Christian Academy was the first to score on a bonus point in Art History and came within a point of Interboro going into the final four questions. Cardinal O'Hara only scored once in the second half. TCA and Interboro answered their respective questions in Physics, American Government, and World History correctly. Interboro was able to buzz in to answer O'Hara's missed question in World History. That one point was enough to give them the lead and the win. Final Scores: Interboro – 26; The Christian Academy – 25; O'Hara – 14.

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, Michelle Skrobak and Wes Crane are Hi-Q Coordinators.

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 and the Delaware County Daily Times is a supporter of the 62nd Season.

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The third round of competition concludes next week with contests at Academy of Notre Dame, Strath Haven, Garnet Valley, and Upper Darby High Schools. The results of those competitions will determine who goes on to the semi final rounds.

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