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**Delaware County high schools showed off their academic skills and competitive spirit as Delco Hi-Q continued its 62<sup>nd</sup> season with contests at Haverford, Sun Valley and The Christian Academy.**

A New Year and a new set of contests sponsored by Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union (FMFCU) began at Haverford High School on January 5 when the Fords took on the visitors from Archbishop Carroll and Ridley High School. Haverford Principal Jeff Nesbit welcomed a nearly capacity crowd to the auditorium filled with students and parents, while John Powers, Vice President of FMFCU, spoke on behalf of the sponsors.

Veteran quizmaster, Tom McCarthy presented the first question in current events and Haverford and Ridley both picked up four points in the category. From the beginning last season's second place team, Haverford, had the match in their hands, answering seven of eight questions correctly while picking up five bonus points to give them a commanding lead with 31 points at the half. Ridley trailed with 13, while Carroll held the third position with 5.

The second half of competition was a repeat performance from Haverford who would correctly answer six of eight questions as well as pick up another five bonus points, extending their lead over the visiting teams. Ridley would boost first their half score by correctly answering four questions and the last Toss Up Math question. Haverford's impressive performance earned them the season's high score. **Final Scores: Haverford – 59; Ridley - 16; Archbishop Carroll – 8.**

At the ninth contest of the season, Principal Tom Jakubczyk welcomed visiting teams from Delaware County Christian and Academy Park as well as some future students from Sun Valley Middle School to Sun Valley High School on January 6. Liza Mattis, Vice President of Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, introduced the contest and recognized supporters of Delco Hi-Q.

It was an interesting start for all three teams as each missed their first three questions, but managed to pick up bonus points by answering questions posed to their competitors. Home team Sun Valley and visiting Delco Christian answered three of their first half questions correctly, and D.C. picked up one more bonus point to give them a 15-14 lead at the intermission. Academy Park was in third with 4 points.

By the second half, the teams shook off the January cold and their slow starts. Delco Christian took a commanding lead by answering six questions correctly while adding five more bonus points. Academy Park picked up 13 more points and Sun Valley gained 8 in the half. In the end, Delco Christian held on to the lead and the chance to stay in playoff contention. **Final Scores: Delco Christian – 44; Sun Valley – 22; Academy Park – 17.**

On January 8, Principal Kevin Skaer welcomed fans and the visiting schools from Upper Darby and Strath Haven, and Hi-Q Director Rick Durante to The Christian Academy in snow dusted Brookhaven. Before, starting the competition, Mr. Durante thanked the home school for hosting the contest and recognized Hi-Q families for supporting their student competitors.

All three teams easily answered their respective questions posed by Tom McCarthy in Current Events to start the competition. Strath Haven missed their next two, but bounced back by answering the sports toss-up question as well as their next four questions. Upper Darby managed to answer five of eight first half questions and added two bonus points. By intermission, Strath Haven held a five-point lead over Upper Darby. The Christian Academy was in the hunt in third place.

Strath Haven stayed strong in the second half as TCA and Upper Darby fought to catch them. Strath Haven correctly answered five questions including the Team Choice Toss-up and picked-up two bonus points in the category. Upper Darby beat the clock and the other teams to answer the last question of the contest in Math for a four-point pick-up. It was not enough for a win but every point counts when determining playoff positions. **Final Scores (pending an appeal by Upper Darby): Strath Haven – 45; Upper Darby - 34; TCA – 22**

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 and the Delaware County Daily Times is a supporter of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Season.

The second round of competition concludes next week with contests at Monsignor Bonner, Interboro, Marple Newtown, and Springfield High School. Each team competes in three contests during the season. The cumulative points earned from each contest determine playoff positions.

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