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Thomas Jefferson Wins Third Championship

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (Alexandria, VA) became the first high school to win three NAQT National Championship Tournaments with a stunning comeback from a 175-point deficit to defeat Lakeside School (Seattle, WA) 415-325. State College (PA) Area High School, the 2000 champions, rebounded from an early playoff loss to finish third while Solon (OH) High School, paced by the tournament's leading scorer, Noah Rahman, came in fourth. Mission San Jose High School (Fremont, CA) and Richard Montgomery High School (Rockville, MD) grabbed the final trophy slots.

Until the final game, Thomas Jefferson had been making NAQT's toughest high school questions look easy with an average score of 630 points and an average margin of victory of 527 points. The championship's power-matched structure ensured that this performance came against the top teams in the strongest field ever assembled for a national championship.

Runner-up Lakeside, the alma mater of Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, lost only three matches the entire tournament, all of which were to the eventual champions. Their performance was made all the more impressive by the fact that this was only their second NAQT quiz bowl tournament.

In the Small School division, Danville (KY) High School finished 20th overall and surged early in the second half of the final to defeat White Cloud (MI) High School 290-190. Brindlee Mountain High School (Guntersville, AL) was tied with White Cloud after Saturday, but lost, 250-130, in the playoff for the right to face Danville and finished third.

Complete team and individual statistics and scores of every playoff game are available on our web site at <http://www.naqt.com/hsnct/2005>

The HS NCT was held at the Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare on June 4-5 and featured 96 teams from 24 states and one foreign country (China). NAQT thanks the more than 100 dedicated volunteers who made the tournament such a success.

Congratulations to the tournament All-Stars:

1. Noah Rahman, Solon (OH), 76.58 ppg
2. Joel Knight, Catholic Central (MI), 66.67
3. Kevin Koai, Mission San Jose A (CA), 61.67
4. Abhinav Kapur, duPont Manual A (KY), 60.99
5. Malcolm Neave, Paul M. Dorman (SC), 59.38
6. Mark Guerci, Maggie Walker Governor's School (VA), 58.57
7. Sara Garnett, Okemos (MI), 57.08
8. Kareem Seinfeldin, Troy (MI), 56.10
9. Kyle Haddad-Fonda, Lakeside School (WA), 53.91
10. Alexander Rankin, Santa Monica (CA), 52.97

Get Involved With Quiz Bowl

Quiz bowl is a fast-paced, exciting game that emphasizes knowledge, rapid thinking, and teamwork. Teams of four students compete to show who knows the most about history, science, literature, art, geography, current events, and even popular culture.

The questions come in two varieties: "tossups," in which players must use a lockout device to signal when they know the answer, and "bonuses" on which team members collaborate to answer longer, more difficult questions.

If you are a student, parent, or teacher who would like to see your school fielding a team in the competition, NAQT would love to help you get started. Please start with the article on our website

<http://www.naqt.com/starting>

and send us an e-mail at naqt@naqt.com so that we can put you in touch with nearby teams and tournament organizers.

Listen On-line

Recordings of matches from the 2005 High School National Championship Tournament are available online for free download. The recordings were produced by NAQT's Executive Director, Dwight Kidder, and cover the finals, consolation games, small school final, and several other games from the tournament (including ones moderated by 74-day *Jeopardy!* champion Ken Jennings and *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* champion Kevin Olmstead).

The recordings are available at <http://www.naqt.com/9minutes> which also has study material on recent events, audio guides on writing questions, and even oral diagnostic tests.

The recordings were intended to allow parents, teachers, and friends who couldn't make it to Chicago share the experience of competing to be the best in the nation with those they had helped.

Dwight was inspired by the recent growth of audio "podcasts," a phenomenon named after Apple's iPod device: "What makes quiz bowl well positioned to capitalize on the technology is that we are primarily an audio medium." In addition, "Anyone with a microphone can create a podcast. Anyone with a browser can listen in."

And anyone did: Thousands of people interested in game shows, education, and trivia from across the country have downloaded the files to see what national-caliber quiz bowl competition is like and just how much it's possible for four people to know.

NAQT hopes to expand its use of podcasting at future tournaments.

Qualifying Tournaments

These high school tournaments are qualifiers for the 2006 NAQT High School National Championship. **No prior affiliation with NAQT or quiz bowl experience is required to attend.** To register, e-mail or phone the listed contact. Most tournaments allow out-of-state schools to attend and allow schools to bring more than team.

Each school may attend only a single tournament using each packet set. If you have any questions about how the tournaments work, how to prepare for them, how to register for them, or how to make sure that the events you've chosen are using different packet sets, please contact NAQT at naqt@naqt.com or 888.411.6278. A continuously updated schedule is available online at:

<http://www.naqt.com/schedule>

Tournament Name	Location	Set	Date	Director	Contact Information
TWAIN VI	UCLA, Los Angeles, CA	52	10/15/2005	Dwight Wynne	dpwynne@ucla.edu
OQBA Fall Challenge IV	Santa Fe H.S., Edmond, OK	52	10/15/2005	OQBA	ok_quizbowl@yahoo.com
Mellon Bowl III	Carnegie Mellon Univ., Pittsburgh, PA	53A	10/15/2005	Jim Puls	jpuls@andrew.cmu.edu
Vergilian Invit.	MLK Jr. Magnet H.S., Nashville, TN	53A	10/15/2005	Evan Broder	ebroder@ebroder.net
Yale Fall Acad. Tourn.	Yale Univ., New Haven, CT	53A	10/15/2005	Brett Lazer	brett.lazer@yale.edu
UGA Habitat for Humanity	The Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA	53A	10/15/2005	Michael Levensgood	mikey912@uga.edu
Rickards Invit.	James S. Rickards H.S., Tallahassee, FL	52	10/22/2005	Martha Ray	RayM@mail.leon.k12.fl.us
Scarlet Knight Invit.	Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ	52	10/22/2005	Rutgers	rutgersacademic@yahoo.com
Richard Nixon Mem.	To be announced	53A	10/23/2005	Ross Ritterman	sdrboss@yahoo.com
17th Dalton State Invit.	Dalton State Coll., Dalton, GA	53A	10/29/2005	Tom Deaton	tdeaton@em.daltonstate.edu
Wildcat Invit. Tourn.	Northwestern Univ., Evanston, IL	54	10/29/2005	Vishal Saxena	v-saxena@northwestern.edu
TQBA Fall Tourn.	To be announced	52	10/29/2005	Chris Romero	romero@texasquizbowl.org
Crusader Quiz Bowl VI	Archbish. Riordan H.S., San Francisco	52	10/29/2005	John Ahlbach	JTAHLBACH@aol.com / 415-586-8200x301
Long Island Fall Tourn. V	Kellenberg Mem. H.S., Uniondale, NY	53A	10/29/2005	Brother Nigel Pratt	BroNigel@kellenberg.org
St. Olaf Coll. Learnament	St. Olaf Coll., Northfield, MN	53A	10/29/2005	Brian McCormick	mccormic@stolaf.edu
Bobcat Acad. Tourn. 3	WV Wesleyan Coll., Buckhannon, WV	52	October	Fred Morlan	fredmorlan@gmail.com
Tippecanoe Acad. Chall.	Tippecanoe H.S., Tipp City, OH	53A	11/5/2005	Joseph Bellas	JRBellas@TippCity.k12.oh.us
2005 UGA Jr. Varsity	Cedar Shoals H.S., Athens, GA	55A	11/5/2005	Robin Richards	RichardsR@clarke.k12.ga.us
Tal Atkins Mem. Tourn.	Caddo Parish H.S., Shreveport, LA	53A	11/12/2005	Cathy Sledge	csledge@sport.rr.com
Parkersburg Catholic Invit.	Parkersburg Cath. H.S., Parkersburg, WV	SSA	11/12/2005	Stephanie Frank	stephaniefrank@hotmail.com / 304-485-6341
Caltech H.S. Tourn.	Caltech, Pasadena, CA	54	11/12/2005	Caltech Quiz Bowl	quizbowl@caltech.edu
Minnetonka Tourn.	Minnetonka H.S., Minnetonka, MN	55A	11/12/2005	Joan Truettner	joan.truettner@minnetonka.k12.mn.us
4th UL Lafayette Tourn.	Univ. of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA	55A	11/12/2005	Matt Hayes	meh1666@louisiana.edu
Siouxper Bowl II	Univ. of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD	53A	11/12/2005	R. Robert Hentzel	topquark@silicon-age.com / 952-888-2277
Cardinal Junior Classic	Stanford Univ., Stanford, CA	55A	November	Eric Smith	ewsmith@stanford.edu
BGSU Falcon Bowl 2005	Bowling Green State Univ., OH	55A	11/19/2005	Tim Cieplowski	bgquizteam@yahoo.com
Ottawa Invit.	Univ. of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON	53A	11/19/2005	Ben Smith	uotrivia@yahoo.ca
Grinnell H.S. Tourn.	Grinnell Coll., Grinnell, IA	55A	11/19/2005	Avram Lyon	quizbowl@grinnell.edu
Pittsburgh Invit.	Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	52	11/19/2005	Zach Pozun	zdp1@pitt.edu
Boren Cup XIX	Univ. of Oklahoma, Norman, OK	55A	11/19/2005	Matthew King	mking3472@ou.edu
TQBA Aggie Bowl VIII	Texas A&M Univ., College Station, TX	55A	11/19/2005	Frank Thomas, Jr.	frankthomas@gmail.com
Princeton Tourn.	Princeton Univ., Princeton, NJ	54	11/19/2005	Philip Levitz	plevitz@Princeton.EDU
CBCT VI	Univ. of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA	56	11/19/2005	Jason Luna	jluna@uci.edu
Mobile/Baldwin Cty. Winter	Faulkner State Comm. Coll., AL	55A	11/22/2005	Jim Sims	jsims@faulknerstate.edu / 251-580-2132
John P. Mullen Mem.	Valley H.S., Santa Ana, CA	53A	11/22/2005	John Kirchberg	jkirchberg@hotmail.com / 714-222-1025
Spartan Bowl	USC, Los Angeles, CA	56	December	USC Quiz Bowl	quizbowl@usc.edu
Gopher Invit.	Univ. of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN	57A	12/3/2005	R. Robert Hentzel	topquark@silicon-age.com / 952-888-2277
Brindlee Mountain	Brindlee Mntn. H.S., Guntersville, AL	54	12/3/2005	Lee Henry	henrytl@marshallk12.org
Westminster Christian	Westminster Christian, St. Louis, MO	55A	12/3/2005	Paul Nelson	pen502@hotmail.com
Univ. of Mich. Autumn	Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	54	12/10/2005	David Rappaport	dgrap@umich.edu
Delaware Fall Open	Charter School of Wilmington, DE	55A	12/10/2005	Bill Tressler	stat74@earthlink.net
Wisconsin Pre-Winter	Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI	53A	December	Brian Ulrich	st_aidan@hotmail.com
16th Annual Hornet Invit.	Savannah Country Day School, GA	58	1/14/2006	Byron Boyd	ByronABoyd@aol.com
Bulldog Brawl	The Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA	56	1/21/2006	Robin Richards	RichardsR@clarke.k12.ga.us
Fourth Annual Rube Invit.	Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI	56	1/21/2006	Gary Sharon	MishraAugustus@aol.com
TQBA Baylor Invit.	Baylor Univ., Waco, TX	57A	1/21/2006	Chris Romero	romero@texasquizbowl.org
Cent. Hardin Acad. Chall.	Central Hardin H.S., Cecilia, KY	54	January	Allan Poikonen	poikonen01@comcast.net
Bridgeport Invit. Tourn.	Bridgeport H.S., Bridgeport, WV	57A	1/21/2006	Barb Judy	bmjudy@access.k12.wv.us
OQBA Spring Challenge IV	The Univ. of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK	56	1/28/2006	OQBA	ok_quizbowl@yahoo.com
2006 DE State Tourn.	To be announced	57A	January	Bill Tressler	stat74@earthlink.net
2006 Snow CAT	Carleton Coll., Northfield, MN	56	1/28/2006	R. Robert Hentzel	topquark@silicon-age.com / 952-888-2277
Harding Invit.	Harding Univ., Searcy, AR	55A	1/28/2006	Mike James	james@harding.edu
Waynesburg Invit. Tourn.	Waynesburg Coll., Waynesburg, PA	55A	1/28/2006	Dwight Kidder	kidder@naqt.com

You Gotta Know . . . These Asian Rivers

"You Gotta Know" is a monthly feature of the NAQT website that gathers the most important clues about the most frequently asked topics in one place.

Asia is home to seven of the world's twelve longest rivers, but its waterways are also of high cultural, spiritual, and economic importance. Here are the ten Asian rivers that every quiz bowl team should be familiar with.

1. The **Yangtze** (or Chang Jiang or Ch'ang Chiang) is the longest river in China and Asia and the third longest in the world. It rises in the Kunlun Mountains, flows across the Tibetan Plateau, passes the cities of Chongqing, Wuhan, Nanjing, and Shanghai, and empties into the South China Sea. Its basin is China's granary and is home to nearly one in every three Chinese citizens. The river has been in the news for the construction of the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest, which will reduce flooding but displace 1.5 million people and bury more than 1,300 known archaeological sites.
2. The **Brahmaputra** (or Tsangpo or Jamuna) runs 1,800 miles from its source in the Tibetan Himalayas; it starts eastward across the plateau, then turns south into the Indian state of Assam, and then enters Bangladesh where it merges with the Ganges to form the world's largest delta. While serving as a historical route to Tibet, the river is also prone to disastrous flooding.
3. The **Yellow River** (or Huang He or Huang Ho) is, at 3,400 miles, China's second-longest; it is also the most important to the northern half of the country. It rises in Qinghai province and flows into the Bohai Gulf of the Yellow Sea. The river's name comes from the extraordinary amount of loess silt that it carries, an average of 57 pounds for every cubic yard of water. Among its notable features is the Grand Canal, built during the Ming Dynasty, that links it to the Yangtze.
4. The **Ganges** (or Ganga) is the holiest river of Hinduism. It rises in the Himalayas and flows a comparatively short 1,560 miles to the world's largest delta on the Bay of Bengal. Among that delta's distributaries are the Hooghly (on whose banks Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) may be found) and the Padma (which enters Bangladesh). Approximately one in every twelve human beings lives in the Ganges Basin, a population density that is rapidly polluting the river; a significant source of that pollution is cremated remains.
5. The **Mekong** is the chief river of Southeast Asia. It originates in eastern Tibet, forms much of the Laos-Thailand border, flows south through Cambodia, and enters the South China Sea in southern Vietnam just south of Ho Chi Minh City. The capital cities of Vientiane and Phnom Penh are on the Mekong. The building of dams and clearing of rapids are a source of diplomatic conflict between China, Laos, and Cambodia.
6. The **Tigris** is the eastern of the two rivers that define the historic region of Mesopotamia (meaning, "The Land Between Two Rivers") that was home to the ancient civilizations of Sumer and Akkad. It rises in Turkey, then flows southeast by Mosul, Tikrit, and Baghdad before joining the Euphrates to make the Shatt-al-Arab, which subsequently empties into the Persian Gulf.
7. The **Euphrates** defines the western border of Mesopotamia; it also rises in the Zagros Mountains of Turkey and its shores are home to Fallujah and Babylon. It is the longer of the two rivers with a course of 1,740 miles (compared to the Tigris' 1,180). Both the Tigris and the Euphrates have changed courses several times leaving ruins in the desert where cities have been abandoned.
8. The **Irrawaddy** (or Ayeyarwaddy) is the chief river of Myanmar (also known as Burma). It flows 1,350 miles past Yangon (formerly Rangoon) and Mandalay to the Gulf of Martaban, an arm of the Bay of Bengal. Its delta is one of the world's most important rice-growing regions, and its name is thought to come from the Sanskrit word for "elephant."
9. The **Indus** is the chief river of Pakistan as well as being the ultimate source of the name of India. It rises in Tibet and flows 1,800 miles to a delta on the Arabian Sea southeast of Karachi. Other cities on its banks are Jhelum, Islamabad, and Hyderabad. The Indus is the cradle of the Indus Valley Civilization, one of the world's earliest urban areas, whose main cities were Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa.
10. The **Jordan River** rises in Syria from springs near Mount Hermon. It flows south to Lake Merom, through the Sea of Galilee, and into the Dead Sea, which lies 1,300 feet below sea level. The river forms the nation of Jordan's boundary with the West Bank and northern Israel. In the New Testament, the river was the site of the baptism of John the Baptist. In modern times, about 80% of its water is diverted for human use, a figure that has led to the shrinking of the Dead Sea and serious contention among bordering nations.

If you and your team find this article helpful, there are many more just like that may be freely accessed at:

<http://www.naqt.com/ylgk>

Among the other topics covered are British monarchs, types of particles, 20th-century paintings, psychologists, and world leaders.

Free Tournament Questions for Expansion States

NAQT was delighted that qualifying tournaments were held in 29 of the 50 states in 2004-2005, but that still means that teams in 21 states did not have an easily accessible tournament at which they could compete for a chance to be recognized as the top players in the country.

To continue the rapid growth of quiz bowl, NAQT is offering **free** tournament questions to any institution interested in running a high school tournament during the 2005-2006 school year in any of those 21 states: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming. This offer also extends to U.S. territories including Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

To take advantage of this offer, contact NAQT at hosting@naqt.com.

Hosts will have their choice from NAQT's A-level invitational series of 12 packets with questions targeted at younger, less experienced teams, or NAQT's regular invitational series of 15 packets aimed at established teams.

Discount Question Package

NAQT offers a deeply discounted package of questions to its newsletter readers. For **only \$99** (including shipping), teams can receive:

- 10 packets of short, easy questions for use with new players at the beginning of the year
- 12 packets of **Introductory Invitational Series** questions like what varsity teams will experience at actual tournaments
- 15 packets of **Regular Invitational Series** questions like what varsity teams will experience at higher-level tournaments
- A complete set (21 packets) of **High School National Championship** questions representing the level of accomplishment and knowledge for which teams should strive.
- Literature, art, and music **study guides** listing the 2,693 works that been mentioned most frequently in NAQT packet sets since 1996. The study guides include their titles, creators, creation dates, and the frequency with which they've occurred.
- Administrative materials including NAQT's **Gameplay Rules**, **NAQT's Eligibility Rules**, a scoresheet, and our article on starting a new high school team.

This package contains 2,800 questions and would cost \$220 if its components were ordered separately. To order this package, please use the "Practice Question Order Form" included with this newsletter or contact NAQT at orders@naqt.com or 888.411.6278.

This package is targeted at schools that are new to quiz bowl or to NAQT tournaments, but may be purchased by anybody. We regret that we cannot allow substitutions for the included packet sets.

Matt Cvijanovich Memorial Fund

The parents of Matt Cvijanovich have created a memorial fund to help schools in the three states he called home participate in the activity he loved most.

Money from the fund will serve to subsidize the purchase of buzzer systems for ten public high schools in Illinois, Iowa, and North Dakota. For more information, or to apply to the fund, please see the family's website at:

<http://myweb.cableone.net/MickCv>

Matt captained the Iowa State quiz bowl team from 2000 through 2004. He had just completed a year of graduate study at the University of Illinois when he passed away from acute pancreatitis.

Also at <http://www.naqt.com>

On NAQT's website you can also find. . .

A list of quiz bowlers who have appeared on game shows <http://www.naqt.com/game-shows>

Recommended reference works <http://www.naqt.com/reference>

Free sample questions <http://www.naqt.com/sample>

Information about hosting your own tournament <http://www.naqt.com/host>

Ten tips for improving as a player <http://www.naqt.com/improve>

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