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Message From The Editor

This newsletter has been mailed to 246 IHSSBCA members; 26 vendors; and 71 coaches and tournament directors from 48 states and 4 U.S. territories.

Another 30 IHSSBCA members will be printing their own copy of the newsletter after downloading it from our Web site.

Starting in September 2000, *Scholastic Visions* is being mailed "Presorted Standard" from the Skokie Illinois post office. We save money by not mailing first class; the down side is that delivery can take up to two weeks.

If you receive this issue by mail, but would prefer to print your own copy off the Web site, e-mail the Editor. We hope to offer a lower membership fee next year for those who download and print their own newsletters.

Team Illinois Selected

Congratulations to the following six students, who have been selected to represent Illinois at the 14th Annual Panasonnic Academic Challenge in Florida in June:

- Eric Bellm, Senior, Carlinville HS
- Jim Davis, Junior, Latin School of Chicago
- Gary Leuty, Senior, Salem Community HS
- Stephen Moore, Senior, Decatur MacArthur HS
- Yogesh Raut, Senior, Illinois Math & Science Academy
- David Werner, Senior, Lake Zurich HS

Gary, Stephen, Yogesh, and David were members of last year's Illinois team, which placed 4th out of 46 teams.

Chintan Desai of Downers Grove North HS, Matt Marjan of Marist HS (Chicago), and Nick Poulos of New Trier HS (Winnetka), all Seniors, were named as alternates.

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Regionals on Pulaski Day

IHSA Regionals are scheduled for Monday, March 5th, which is Pulaski Day – a school holiday for many schools. Be sure to plan ahead for transportation and/or building access.

4th Annual Scholastic Bowl Week February 26th - March 5th, 2001

Help promote Scholastic Bowl and the State Series!
See the article on Page 2 for more information.

Play in Peoria March 17th

Bring your team to Peoria to watch the State Finals, and each member of your group will receive free tickets to the March Madness Basketball Experience! See the article on Page 5 for more information.

Lake Zurich, Latin Ranked #1

See the Coaches Poll on Page 12

2001-2002 Tournament Schedule

As in the past, a tentative schedule of tournaments for next year (2001-2002) will be published in the May issue. Send your info to David Riley at Loyola <driley@loy.org>.

Mentor Program

If you are a first-year coach wanting support or advice, or if you are a veteran coach willing to offer same, contact John Rathbun at <genrebun@aol.com> or 309-745-8375.

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Birth of a Tournament

by Shawn P. Trotter, Marquette HS, Ottawa IL

As a new Scholastic Bowl sponsor, I knew there would be many challenges in my first year with the team. Where do I go for tournaments? How do I schedule tournaments? Do I bring buzzers? Do I bring questions? Where do I start?

I ran into crisis number one in late September. A kind office worker posed a perplexing question to me: "Shawn, how many teams do we have coming to the tournament in October?"

"Tournament?" I asked. "What tournament?"

I received a sort of blank didn't-you-read-the-school-calendar-you-idiot response. She then began telling me about the annual Scholastic Bowl tournament held at Marquette. My guess was it was time to get to work ... right there and right then.

Mission 1: Invite teams. Sure, a tournament consisting of only my varsity and JV teams would ensure that I would go home with hardware on that day. But the administration and the IHSA would probably question the tournament's validity. I began a mass mailing the likes of which Ed McMahon and Publisher's Clearing House would be envious.

Mission 2: To quote rocker Tom Petty: "The waiting is the hardest part." He was right. I was hoping someone ... anyone ... would respond. And they did. I received nineteen positive responses. I then realized that I may, in fact, not ruin a tradition after all. I was more relieved than Richard Hatch walking off an island with \$1 million.

The pools were then created, the format was set, the questions were written (in three days), and the volunteers were gathered. It's amazing what certain high school students will do for extra bonus points and/or Christian Service Hours.

With everything ready to go, Murphy's Law became as real as Newton's Law. With one week to go, teams were dropping out at a pace resembling Arkansans leaving the White House. The reasons were all valid: Emergencies; students wanted to go to their school's playoff football games; lack of transportation; accidental double booking; and so on. I understood and empathized with everyone, but I had some major rescheduling to do.

Luckily, I ended up with twelve schools, so I made three divisions of four teams. The scheduling was actually rather easy when working like that. For advice, I turned to Nick Pitz at Moline, Cheryl Christianson at Sterling, and Paula Freepartner at Seneca.

I have to say that without these three scholastic "angels", my tournament would have died a slow and painful death.

The tournament went very well and was on schedule. There were two questionable endings of matches (a buzzer problem in the third-place game and a questionable answer in the championship match), but I believe everyone enjoyed themselves and their experience at Marquette.

I'm truly excited and looking forward to next year. I learned so much about what to do and what not to do. Experience (and a few good coaches who become good friends in "the biz") can be valuable assets when beginning a new team at a new school.

Expect information regarding next year's tournament to appear in the newsletter and in your mailboxes later this spring.

I've heard stories of tournaments that were more tragic than my own ... and I hope that I never have one to tell. :)

Thank you to all who helped and attended.

Shawn is in his third year of teaching. It is his first year at Ottawa-Marquette; he taught at Mount Carmel last year. He is in his first year of coaching the Marquette Scholastic Bowl and Speech teams. Shawn was the JV Captain of the Scholastic Bowl team at West Frankfort High School in 1998-99.

Illinois Scholastic Bowl Week February 26th - March 5th, 2001

In a mailing to every Scholastic Bowl Coach in Illinois in early February, the IHSSBCA urged all coaches and teams to celebrate the fourth annual Scholastic Bowl Week in Illinois.

During the week prior to the March 5th Regionals, you and your team should consider implementing some of these ideas:

Write daily announcements. Have a team dress-up day. Hold a team vs. faculty match. Make posters with catchy slogans. Ask team members to bring two friends to Regionals. Put trophies on display. Decorate a bulletin board. Send home a letter to parents. Mail out a press release. Talk to the Principal, Academic Dean, Board of Education, and/or Parent Association.

The purpose of Scholastic Bowl Week is to increase awareness and support of the public, school leaders, students, and parents for the IHSA state series in Scholastic Bowl. Your efforts count!

IHSSBCA Seeks Role At Fall 2001 League Meetings

For the past three years, the IHSSBCA has sponsored District Meetings for Scholastic Bowl coaches. Attendance has been poor.

Next year, instead of District Meetings, the IHSSBCA would like to "piggyback" on League Meetings around the state. We are asking that an IHSSBCA member be given a slot on the agenda for announcements and dissemination of information.

Please contact Rob Grierson <grierson@mcs.net> if you would like to serve as the IHSSBCA liaison to your League. We will provide you with necessary information prior to your meeting.

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62 Teams Attend Turnabout Tournaments Across The State



@ Richmond-Burton Belvidere
 Front: Meghan Magill, Adam Larsen, Mike Wrenn.
 Back: Coach Jim Schoepski, Andy Hodge, Alex Pompe.



@ Evergreen Park Wheaton-Warrenville South
 Front: Ann Cocconi, Captain Lindsay Wells, Sara Rusk.
 Back: Matt Slater, Rich Page, Craig Schwartz, Brian Bolton.
 Not Pictured: Chris Hopkins, Jon Lin.



@ Springfield Southeast Carlinville
 Front: Dawn Emory, Christine House, Amy Rahe, Jeff Armstrong, Ruthie Houseright. Back: John Link, Eric Bellm, Andy Leonatti, Steve Link, Nate Halteman



@ Effingham Edwards County HS, Albion
 Front: Austin Rodgers, Damien Stoneberger, Julia Woods, Joey Great-house. Back: Coach Melissa Felling, Melanie Branum, John McDowell, Jae Michels, Emily Bare, Erin Berger, Heather Gill. Not pictured: Dustin Smith. *Photo courtesy Navigator & Journal-Register.*

On a Personal Note ...

• **Nick Pitz's mother**, Roseann Fogarty Pitz, 83, died in Indianapolis on January 31st; his **father-in-law**, Leo F. Waters, 84, died in Bettendorf on February 8th. Notes can be sent to Nick and his family c/o Moline HS, 3600 23rd Avenue, Moline IL, 61265.

• Coaching changes reported since November, 2000:

City/School	New Coach	Former Coach
Alton Marquette	Cathy McGarrahan	Jerry Montague
Antioch	Tom Kessell	Tom Blasius
Beardstown	Melanie Schroll	Bertha Tracy
Benton	John Sweazy	Chris Short
Bethany	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Janet Kracht
Carrollton	Barbara Wilson	Jo Thatcher
Effingham St. A	Janet Kennedy	James Eder
Granville Putnam	Jane Lenkaitis	David Ivy
Hampshire	Jeff Doles	Jackie Eberly
Huntley	Laurie Norris	Carol LeChien
Milledgeville	LeAnn Bingham	Bob Yontz
Nauvoo-Colusa	Rosie McKoon	Deborah Moffitt
Tremont	Sheila Simmons	Jason Leahy

Statement of Income and Expenses July 1, 2000 through February 7, 2001

Submitted by Rob Grierson, IHSSBCA Treasurer

Income	
Membership Dues	\$6,875.00
Advertising	1,020.00
Handbooks & Updates	<u>1,535.00</u>
Total Income	\$9,430.00
Expenses	
PAC Team IL, 2000	\$ 661.50
Newsletter	1,322.13
Tournaments	1,319.88
Handbooks & Updates	994.83
Membership	561.96
Web Site	116.15
Scholastic Bowl Week	<u>209.30</u>
Total Expenses	\$5,185.75
Net Income	<u>\$4,244.25</u>
From Last Year (99-00)	\$ 294.14
Bank Balance 2/7/01	\$4,538.39

Hosting Your First Tournament? Well, it's like this ...

by Robert Brown, Lake Zurich HS

Wow. It's over – just like that. After weeks of preparation and planning, I have survived hosting a 15-team tournament at my school. The teams came, the teams played, the teams left, and now I've been reminded that I promised *Scholastic Visions* I'd write about it. Well, here goes ...

I'll start at the beginning.

Why did I choose to host a tournament? Good question! In the days counting down before Lake Zurich's first "big" weekend tournament on January 13, I found myself asking the same question. When I first set the date back in May of 2000, I had some very definite ideas as to what those reasons were.

First, having been to many tournaments in my eight years of coaching, I have to admit that I felt a bit guilty for not doing my part to contribute to the success of Scholastic Bowl in Illinois. Our teams attend near the maximum number of tournaments every year, and I have grown to appreciate the work that is done year in and year out by people who put on quality tournaments.

Another reason for hosting derived from the overall goals of our program – there's a whole lot more to Scholastic Bowl than playing matches. Scholastic Bowl helps build sportsmanship in the venue of spirited competition. Add to that the aspect of consideration and graciousness in hosting other schools – making sure they have a good experience in your building and will want to return.

A final consideration was fundraising. Our district had a referendum that did not pass in November, so lower operating costs may bring about cuts. In order to keep my program in the black, I felt this might be a good preemptive measure for preserving my assistant coach's position and, in a worst-case scenario, my own! All things considered, I set my dates and began the preparations ...

Choosing the dates ... In choosing my dates (January 13 for Freshman/Sophomore, February 17 for Varsity/JV), I felt I'd made some good choices. There were no other Freshman/Sophomore meets in the Chicago area on the 13th, and it was two weeks before the big Wheaton North tournament. What I did not factor in was that many schools are in the middle of final exams that week; thus, coaches and competitors (and tournament organizers!) might find themselves under the gun. I was shooting for 40 or more teams; I ended up with 15. Lesson #1 – learned.

For the Varsity/JV date, I had hoped to establish a tournament that would be a Chicago-area "primer" for conference tournaments, the IHSA series, and Masonic. After I set my date, Masonic moved their regionals to the 24th. In turn, many conferences moved their league tournaments to the 17th – the same day as our invitational. Lesson #2 – learned.

Who to invite? Everyone possible! I sent out roughly 120 invitations to schools around the state in November (Thank you Kevin Palmer for your list!). I had students in study halls stuff the envelopes, which I was able to get out in a day. Many coaches said they were looking forward to the tournament having seen it listed in the newsletter and on the IHSSBCA Web site.

Preparations and Organization – an endless list ...

There were so many things that I had to prepare for the first time – invitations, registration forms, score sheets, rules, maps for lunchtime, and schedules. All these took time and thought, and still there were things I left out. Other things were a snap. The school bookstore gave me a nice deal on school pencils and folders for teams. Also, one of our math teachers does trophies as a side business, so it was easy to go through him for the awards.

Who's going to help? I was overwhelmed at the task of trying to get personnel to help run the entire tournament. Then I found myself overwhelmed with the number of people that showed up to help! I had great support from parents – they were putting together question packets in the morning and helping to distribute them and tally results throughout the day. National Honor Society students volunteered to help score and time and proved to be quick studies in both areas. Members of my JV team also helped. Two first-year teachers in my English Department offered to moderate. Some of the best help came from two of my former team members, Heeren Patel and Adam Poteracki, both freshmen in college now. Having had so much experience on the playing end, they exceeded my expectations as moderators and did a fantastic job.

The most difficult task – writing the questions! Okay, I'm a glutton for punishment, and I wrote my own questions. Well, most of them – I had a lot of help from my assistant coach, Robert Moore. This was at least a 25-30 hour task for me. Maybe I'm slow, or maybe I just struggle with getting things to be "just so," but I had in mind a very specific kind of question set that would be both challenging and fun. I wanted the types of questions that would truly test academic skill and knowledge, not just "buzzer beaters" which I have seen at many contests. For humanities questions I tried to use a "pyramid" format going from general to specific, which I felt added to the learning aspect of the day. I hope the teams that attended our tournament learned something that they can take to other competitions. Still, I can't describe how good it felt to type up that last question!

The Big Day!!!! The two hours before the competition started were a blur. Checking in volunteers, setting up rooms, photocopying question sets, assigning duties, and getting refreshments ready for coaches (sorry about the coffee!). I thought I would go nuts with all the details. (Note to self: Assign duties to the helpers *before* the day of the tournament!) The coaches meeting had ended, teams went to their first match, doors closed, players introduced themselves, matches began, and then ... nothing! The strangest and least-expected thing was the unusual quietness once the first match started. I kept thinking to myself, "What should I be doing now?" but there was *nothing* to do. Things were in motion and it was time to *enjoy* the day – something I hadn't considered before!

I checked in every room during the first match – pleased that some of my questions were being answered with enthusiasm (although the 1980s album art bonuses didn't go over as well as I had thought!). The morning went by without a hitch – only a few errors in the questions, but no more than in any other tournament and thankfully none that decided a match. As an added bonus, the local newspaper showed up to take some shots of competitors – great publicity for our school, our program, the winning teams, and for Scholastic Bowl in Illinois. *Always* invite the media.

And now it's over ... final thoughts. The bottom line: Hosting a tournament is a lot of work. I could have planned better and managed my time better in the weeks before the tournament, but it was a great learning experience. A tournament's success hinges on many different factors, and it really is a satisfying feeling when those things come together.

Incidentally, our "Lake Zurich Blue" team had two very close matches in the afternoon and finished third. It was enjoyable to watch these final competitive matches, not because our team had a chance to win, but because the moment was one that I had somehow contrived. In the role of organizer, the perspective on the competition changes – enjoying the intensity and enthusiasm of the competitors was much more satisfying than places and awards.

So, as for hosting a tournament, will I do it again? *You Bet!* Robert has taught English and coached Scholastic Bowl at Lake Zurich HS since 1993. His teams have won one conference title and two IHSA regional titles. Robert is on the IHSSBCA Steering Committee, and serves as the IHSSBCA Webmaster.

Handbook Roster Changes

Please make the following corrections and/or changes to the Roster in your IHSSBCA Coach's Handbook. If you don't want to make all the changes, at least look through and make the changes for the coaches in your area or league.

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Alton, Marquette: Cathy McGarrahan replaces Jerry Montague. Her home phone is 618-288-5216.

Antioch, Antioch HS: Tom Kessell replaces Tom Blasius. His fax number is 847-395-2435 and his e-mail is <tkessell@achs.lake.k12.il.us>.

Beardstown, Beardstown HS: Melanie J. Schroll replaces Bertha Tracy. Change home phone to 217-323-5267.

Benton, Benton HS: John Sweazy replaces Chris Short.

Bethany, Bethany HS: Jennifer Fritzgerald replaces Janey Kracht. Her e-mail is <jfritzgerald@bsd.k12.il.us>.

Carrollton, Carrollton HS: Barbara Wilson replaces Jo Thatcher. Barbara's e-mail is <wils@irtc.net>.

Colchester, Colchester HS: Add Craig Rigg's home phone 309-776-4541 and e-mail <riggc@colchester.k12.il.us>.

Effingham, St. Anthony HS: Janet L. Kennedy replaces James J. Eder. Change the school phone to 217-342-6969, the home phone to 217-868-2396, and the e-mail to <jken@stanthony.com>.

Geneseo, Darnall HS: Change Mary Dyke's fax to 309-945-0374.

Gibson City, GCMS HS: Add Marsha Marlow's e-mail <mmarlow@gcms.k12.il.us>.

Granville, Putnam County HS: Jane Lenkaitis replaces David Ivy. Her home phone is 815-339-6669 and her e-mail is <lenkaitij@putnam.k12.il.us>.

Grayslake, Grayslake HS: Add Patrick Crowns' fax number (847-223-8690), home phone (262-862-2824), and e-mail <pcrowns@gchs.lake.k12.il.us>.

Hampshire, Hampshire HS: Jeff Doles replaces Jackie Eberly. Scratch the home phone and e-mail.

Huntley, Huntley HS: Laurie Norris replaces Carol LeChien. Add Laurie's work phone extension (x 6570), home phone (815-923-4509), and e-mail <artqueen51@yahoo.com>.

Milledgeville, Milledgeville HS: LeeAnn Bingham replaces Bob Yontz. Add LeeAnn's fax number (815-225-7847), home phone (815-626-3507), and e-mail <lbingham@dist399.net>.

Nauvoo, Nauvoo-Colusa HS: Rosie McKoon replaces Deborah Moffitt. Rosie teaches at Nauvoo-Colusa Grade School, so her mailing address is 745 E County Rd 2360 in Nauvoo. Change the work phone to 217-453-2311, the home phone to 217-453-2433, and the e-mail to <rmckoon@roe26.k12.il.us>.

Normal, Normal Community West HS: Add Megan Ingold's fax number (309-888-9098), home phone (309-827-3696) and e-mail <ingoldme@unit5.org>.

Riverton, Riverton HS: Change address to PO Box 116, Alexander IL 62601.

Rochester, Rochester HS: Add Ellen Kumle's e-mail <ekumle@roe51.k12.il.us>.

St. Charles, St. Charles North HS: Change Mike Kuper's school phone to 630-443-2736 and add the fax number 630-443-2769. Mike's home number is 630-968-4294, and his e-mail is <mkuper@st-charles.k12.il.us>.

Tremont, Tremont HS: Sheila Simmons replaces Jason Leahy.

Play in Peoria on March 17th

Scholastic Bowl Coaches are urged to arrange to travel to Peoria with their team to watch the State Scholastic Bowl Finals, which are held at the Civic Center on Saturday, March 17th.

A trip to Peoria is a wonderful way to get your players excited about your team's possible future participation in the State Tournament. Each attendee receives a free ticket to the March Madness Basketball Experience, a fantastic display of games and basketball activities in which students can participate.

Because the State Finals are so exciting, die-hard teams and fans make their plans a year in advance, so by now most area hotels are already filled. Thus, we recommend that you drive to Peoria on Saturday morning. We hope you can join in the fun! Questions? Contact Chuck Fabish (309-672-6906 or cfabish@roe48.k12.il.us)

Schedule for Class A and Class AA State Finals

11:00 am	Opening Ceremonies
11:30 - 12:15	Round 1 of Pool Play
12:15 - 1:00	Round 2 of Pool Play
1:00 - 1:15	Break
1:15 - 2:00	Round 3 of Pool Play
2:15 - 3:00	Championship/Consolation Rounds
3:15 - 3:45	Awards Ceremony

All-State players, including those from non-participating teams, will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony, and are therefore encouraged to make the trip to Peoria with their family or team.

2000-01 Tournament Results

Cumulative results are on the IHSSBCA Web site.

12/2 11th Annual HL Richards Invite (32 & 32 teams)

Academic Division:

1. Lake Zurich A; 2. Lincolnshire Stevenson;
3. Downers Grove North; 4. Wheaton North

Scholastic Division:

1. Chicago Latin; 2. Chicago St. Ignatius;
3. Richards; 4. Burbank St. Laurence

12/2 U High Normal F/S Pioneer Classic (25 teams)

1. Sullivan; 2. U High Normal; 3. Carlinville; 4. Mahomet-Seymour

12/2 Charleston Holiday Tournament (8 teams)

1. Paris; 2. Newton A; 3. Decatur Eisenhower

12/2 Central State 8 JV Results (8 teams)

1. Springfield Southeast (14-0); 2. Springfield HS;
3. Chatham Glenwood

12/9 8th Annual Wm Fremd F/S Tourny (42 teams)

1. New Trier; 2. Loyola; 3. Wheaton North; 4. Stevenson

12/9 River City Scholastic VJV Classic (32 & 32 teams)

Varsity: 1. Springfield Southeast; 2. U High Normal;
3. Peoria Notre Dame; 4. Peoria Heights; Cons: Limestone

JV: 1. Bloomington Central Catholic; 2. Springfield Southeast;
3. U High Normal; 4. Limestone; Consolation: Dunlap

12/9 Rockford Boylan F/S Tournament (30 teams)

1. Stillman Valley; 2. Chicago Latin;
3. Park Ridge Maine East; 4. Carol Stream Glenbard North

12/16 Von Steuben Varsity Tournament (38 teams)

1. New Lenox Lincoln-Way; 2. Rufus King (Milwaukee);
3. Lake Zurich; 4. Downers Grove North

1/6 Rockford Auburn F/S Knight's Challenge (25 teams)

1. Loyola; 2. Rockford Auburn A;
 3. Sterling; 4. Rockford Guilford;
- Consolation 1: Rockford Auburn B; Consolation 2: Cary-Grove

1/6 Big 12 Conference Tournament (6 teams)

1. Normal Community (5-0); 2. Normal West (4-1);
3. Decatur MacArthur (3-2)

1/6 Kaneland Varsity Tournament (32 teams)

1. Chicago Marist; 2. Elgin HS; 3. Fenwick; 4. Wheaton North

1/13 Sterling Varsity Tournament (24 teams)

1. Loyola; 2. Lake Zurich; 3. Rockford Auburn; 4. Sterling
- Consolation: Rockford Boylan

1/13 IHSSBCA Turnabout, Evergreen Park (16 teams)

1. Wheaton-Warrenville South; 2. Bishop McNamara;
3. Glenbard North; 4. Morton (Berwyn)

1/13 IHSSBCA Turnabout, Richmond-Burton (16 teams)

1. Belvidere; 2. Crystal Lake South;
3. Marengo; 4. Niles Notre Dame

1/13 IHSSBCA Turnabout, Effingham (10 teams)

1. Albion Edwards County; 2. Effingham;
3. Robinson; 4. Granite City

1/13 IHSSBCA Beta, Lincoln-Way (12 teams)

1. New Trier; 2. New Lenox Lincoln-Way
- Semifinalists: Chicago Latin and Joliet Township

1/13 IHSSBCA Beta, Petersburg PORTA (16 teams)

1. Normal Community; 2. Springfield Southeast;
3. Carlinville; 4. Bloomington HS

1/13 Lake Zurich F/S Tournament (15 teams)

1. Loyola B; 2. Loyola A;
3. Lake Zurich A; 4. Rockford Auburn

1/13 Peru St. Bede F/S Tournament (16 teams)

1. Normal U High; 2. Peru St. Bede; 3. Orion; 4. Princeton

1/13 Okaw Valley Conference Results (10 teams)

1. Warrensburg-Latham; 2. Sullivan;
3. Decatur St. Teresa; 4. Monticello

1/20 6th Annual Fremd Varsity Tournament (42 teams)

1. Lake Zurich; 2. Wheaton North;
3. Chicago Latin; 4. Richards (Oak Lawn)

1/20 IHSSBCA Turnabout, Springfield (20 teams)

1. Carlinville; 2. Rochester;
3. Normal Community West; 4. Springfield HS

1/20 Macomb HS Rotary Tournament (16 teams)

1. Quincy A; 2. Knoxville A; 3. Macomb A; 4. Colchester
- Consolation:
1. Orion; 2. Galesburg; 3. Farmington; 4. Quincy B

1/20 10th Annual Winnebago Invitational (25 teams)

1. Moline; 2. Rockford Boylan; 3. Cary-Grove;
4. Rockford Auburn; 5. Stillman Valley;
6. Rockford Guilford; 7. Byron; 8. Sterling

1/20 John A Logan Tournament

No Results Reported

1/27 Wheaton North F/S Falcon Classic (45 teams)

1. Loyola A; 2. Wheaton North A; 3. Stevenson; 4. Evanston

1/27 Rockford Boylan Varsity Tournament (38 teams)

1. Illinois Math & Science Academy; 2. Chicago Latin A;
3. Lake Zurich; 4. Normal Community

1/27 Galesburg Varsity Rotary Tournament (8 teams)

1. Decatur MacArthur; 2. Moline; 3. Pekin; 4. Galesburg

1/27 Central State 8 Varsity Results (8 teams)

1. Springfield Southeast (14-0); 2. Springfield HS;
3. Chatham Glenwood

2/3 Varsity Rotary Classic @ Streator Twp (35 teams)

1. Sterling; 2. Decatur MacArthur;
 3. Normal Community; 4. Springfield Southeast
- Consolation: 1. Streator; 2. Quincy; 3. Maine East; 4. Moline

2/3 6th Annual Loyola Rambler F/S Classic (40 teams)

1. Wheaton North A; 2. Evanston; 3. Loyola A; 4. Lake Zurich A
Consolation: Stevenson

2/3 EIU Honors Program Tournament (24 teams)

1. Salem; 2. Effingham St. Anthony

2/10 Ultimate Scholar/Bloomington (173 entrants)

1. Yogesh Raut, Illinois Math & Science Academy
2. Gary Leuty, Salem Community HS
3. Stephen Moore, Decatur MacArthur HS
4. Nick Poulos, New Trier HS, Winnetka
5. Geoff Whitlock, Pleasant Plains HS
6. Matt Marjan, Marist HS, Chicago
7. Eapen Mathew, Sterling HS
8. David Werner, Lake Zurich HS

2/10 Sterling Frosh/Soph Tournament (24 Teams)

1. Loyola; 2. Rockford Guilford; 3. Rockford Boylan; 4. Sterling
Consolation:
1. Rockford Auburn; 2. Lake Zurich; 3. Moline; 4. Chicago Latin

Tournament hosts, please report your results! E-mail the Editor. We will also list results for league tournaments.

2000-01 Tournament Schedule

IHSA WEEK NUMBERS ARE GIVEN IN PARENTHESES

- (33) Feb 17 Decatur MacArthur Winter Classic
(33) Feb 17 Lake Zurich Varsity Tournament
(33) Feb 17 Orion Frosh/Soph Tournament
(33) Feb 17 Lincoln Trail Jr. College Invitational @ Robinson
(This is not the Lincoln Trail League Tournament)
(33) Feb 17 Speech Individual Events State Final
(34) Feb 24 Masonic Regional Tournaments
(34) Feb 24 ICTM Math Contest Regionals
(35) Mar 2 18th Annual Masonic State Tournament
(35) Mar 3 Music Solo & Ensemble State Contest
(36) Mar 5 IHSA Regional Tournaments
(36) Mar 10 IHSA Sectional Tournaments
(36) Mar 10 Speech Debate State Final
(37) Mar 17 IHSA State Tournaments in Peoria

"Nationals" (Illinois Scholastic Bowl Teams Not Eligible)

- May 25-29 ASCN QBToC (Lake Forest, IL)
May 31-Jun 3 NAA NAC Phase 1 (Loyola U, New Orleans, LA)
Jun 7-10 NAA NAC Phase 2 (Marymount U, Wash, DC)
Jun 8 NAQT HSNCT (U Michigan, Ann Arbor)
Jun 14-17 NAA NAC Phase 3 (Pepperdine U, Malibu, CA)
Jun 15-17 PACE NSC (Bowling Green State University, OH)
Jun 23-26 Panasonic Academic Challenge (WDW Orlando)

Send tournament results to the Editor at <grierson@mcs.net>.

If your tournament isn't listed, or if the information listed is wrong, contact David Riley (847-920-2546) <driley@loy.org>.

Living on the Edge

by Bob Schrempf, Von Steuben HS, Chicago IL

Three years ago if anyone had asked me to write an article about operating a Scholastic Bowl team on a shoestring budget, I wouldn't have been able to do it. At Von Steuben we were riding high. I could order buses for tournaments at roughly \$150 per trip, buy lockout systems and uniforms, send two teams to tournaments, and even take teams overnight to Decatur and Moline. I had a budget of \$2,000 from the school, plus the revenue from two tournaments to play with.

All that changed two years ago. Bus charges (the Chicago Public Schools own no buses) rose to \$225-\$240 per trip. In fact, I sent a team to the Northern Illinois Tournament in DeKalb and when I got the bus bill, I almost died. It was \$420 and that was just for a half-day trip. Furthermore, the CPS (read cheap and greedy) management team cut back on soft money that Von Steuben had been using to finance teams such as Scholastic Bowl. Coca-Cola money dried up and I was faced with a financial crisis.

I could have increased the entry fees for the tournaments I host, and eliminated the discount for a second team, but that would hurt coaches who bring two teams; a bus costs the same whether you transport 20 kids or 10. Instead, I revised my expense budget.

First, we drive to tournaments. The varsity kids and I pool to get students to the tournaments and I only bring enough students to fit in the cars that are available. The Freshman-Sophomore team does the same. Peggy Hall-Heinemann and Mary Brandt, my assistant coaches, have had great success getting parents to drive.

Second, we don't register two teams for tournaments unless there is a discount for the second team.

Finally, we sell donuts (yes, donuts!) once a month at the school. We have been able to double our money every sale. This brings in about \$1000 every year and combined with the two tournaments, constitutes our budget. With this money we can buy study aids for the students, repair our lockout systems and get by.

I firmly believe that a good team can get better only by playing in tournaments. My team gets bored scrimmaging with itself all the time. We try to schedule multiple tournaments on the same day, both varsity and freshman-sophomore, as long as we have enough drivers. Has that strategy worked? Well, the answer is mixed. We haven't been to the Big Dance yet, but my last three teams have been very competitive and we've come close.

Winning the state is a combination of things: experience in playing tournaments (witness Stevenson, Loyola, New Trier, Wheaton North, and others); a solid team; and good fortune or luck. Can you have a successful program on a tight budget? Sure. All it takes is imagination and fortitude, as well as students, parents and faculty willing pitch in. We've done it; you can too.

Bob is in his 18th year of teaching social studies at Von Steuben, and his 25th year with the Chicago Public Schools. For four of the six years he has been coaching Scholastic Bowl, his teams have had winning records. Bob loves playing war games and writing Economics questions for his varsity tournament.

Bloopers, Blunders, & Goof-ups

by Bruce Fitzgerald, Adlai Stevenson HS, Lincolnshire

All of us have been involved in close matches where the tension has been so thick it could be cut with the proverbial “knife.” Sometimes the best tension-cutting weapon turns out to be the unintentional yet hilarious answers, mispronunciations, and verbal miscues coming from contestants and moderators alike. We have all experienced – and maybe occasionally committed – some blunder that has given the audience a laugh. With the help of some of my esteemed coaching colleagues I have collected a few favorite bloopers heard over the years.

Category: “I guess this is what they call revisionist history”

• Loyola Academy coach, David Riley, reports some of his team’s more creative answers from the past:

Q: Which two French explorers . . .

A: Lewis and Clark

Q: Who was the king of France during the American Revolution?

A: George III (*Take heart coach – at least this guy was a king.*)

Q: Who was the first Prime Minister of Israel?

A: Disraeli

Q: Which country is the world’s largest democracy?

A: China (*Wow – I bet their voter turnout is fabulous.*)

• Rob Grierson tells the story of an art history toss-up to which one of his players answered, ‘Rococo’. “I will accept that,” said the moderator, “but we pronounce it ‘Baroque’ around here.”

Category: “I guess the moderator isn’t a science teacher”

• Jeffrey Price from Wirth middle school reports this gaffe from a blushing moderator:

Q: What are the preserved remains of an orgasm called?

A: Fossil (*I know we tell our team to be ready handle moderator miscues, but this player went above and beyond the call to get this answer right.*)

Category: “I sure hope this kid doesn’t plan to major in pre-med”

• Paris HS coach, Doug Happ, had this game-stopping answer from one of his senior boys.

Q: What female organ comes from the same Greek root as the word ‘hysterical’?

A: Penis (*No further comment necessary.*)

Category: “Please be patient with this moderator. It’s his/her first match”

• Hall High English teacher and quiz bowl coach, Sharon Bittner, must have had to bite her tongue when she heard a moderator read a question about the author of the Canterbury Tales, “Geoffrey Chaw-ker”.

• This chemistry toss-up comes from one of our own matches:

Q: Give the “fffff” of water. (*Do you think she meant “pH”?*)

Category: “It sounds like a personal problem”

• Linda Monge from Fairfield HS reports this slip of the tongue:

Q: What is the personality disorder that is characterized by wide “shits” in the personality of the affected?

A: (*Apparently nobody could answer while rolling on the floor at the same time.*)

• Coach Diane Hoots sent me this miscue:

Q: Find the area of a box that is “circumcised” by a circle that has an area of 36 square inches.

A: (*I bet it took more than 30 seconds to answer this toss-up.*)

Category: “We’ve got to get a new question vendor next year”

• This one happened to my own team:

Q: Say you have \$50.

A: ??? (*Somebody did actually say they had \$50 after 8 seconds*)

Category: “All right, maybe mythology isn’t my best subject”

• Coach Becky Rench reports one student’s knowledge of medieval mythology:

Q: What was the name of King Arthur’s sword?

A. Excelsior (*Or maybe “Excellent,” or “Expletive,” or “Ex Post Facto,” etc.*)

• Libby Letterly from the Williamsville school district sent me this creative answer:

Q: Who are the Furies of Greek mythology?

A: The Spice Girls (*Maybe Shirley MacLaine is right about that reincarnation stuff after all.*)

Category: “I keep telling you we need to start teaching geography at this school”

• My team last year actually adopted a mascot country after this *faux pas* from one of our seniors two years ago:

Q: Ottawa is the capital of what country?

A: Malta (*P.S. This young man was accepted at the University of Chicago for his academic abilities. Scary, isn’t it?*)

I would like to thank all the coaches who sent me some great blunders to share with the IHSSBCA newsletter readers. If any of you hear any good miscues at future matches – and I am sure you will – send them to me. When I get enough good bloopers I will record them for a chuckle in a future edition of the newsletter.

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Mind Games

by Susan Martin, Wheaton North HS

If you are looking for a terrific way to raise money and have fun at the same time – do we have a deal for you. You should give serious thought to sponsoring an adult trivia contest. We have done it for four years to raise money for a scholarship in memory of one of our players who was killed. We are thus able to honor him and help our students at the same time.

We model our meet after Busters' Brain Bowl at Streator. Each round is comprised of 40 questions – all toss-ups. Players may consult before they buzz in, but not after. The questions are less “academic” than in Scholastic Bowl. For example, you might need to know what the dots on a domino are called. Math is not difficult – I can actually do it!

Over the years we have developed a core of diehard competitors who start calling months ahead so they can get “Mind Games” on their calendar. It has been fun to see this develop into a much-anticipated event. Each year we have people who try it and feel they are not good enough, and don't come back. But most turn into devoted fans who continue to embarrass themselves year after year.

We have a crummy-looking traveling trophy in which we have invested almost nothing, but which is as sought after as the lost Ark. The winners get the trophy for a year and have their names' engraved at their own expense. One man had it on the center of his mantle for a year. We also have prizes for the top four teams or so. The number of prizes depends on how much time I have to beg and coerce people into helping us. Usually, these include the universal motivator: food. (Chili's appetizers, and so on.)

This event is tailor-made for Scholastic Bowl coaches. After all, who has more useless information floating around in their heads? It's also a good experience to be on “the other side of the buzzer.” What seems easy and obvious to us as coaches becomes less so when you are in the “hot seat.” Ask me about the Pilgrim's Progress answer next time you see me. I would love to see more teams sponsor this type of event so my own “adult team” could compete more often. (As if we have time!)

Just to get the “little gray cells” working: In what city is the University of Virginia located? What is the official programming language of the Internet? How many edges does a cube have? What did Robert Gallo and Rue Montagneir co-discover in 1984?

If you want information, I'd be happy to send you a set of rules and sample questions. “Mind Games V” is April 21st. If you would like to play, the fee is \$50 for a team of four. Call (630-682-2146) or fax me (630-682-2158). Bribes happily accepted!

Susan is in her 22nd year of coaching (16 at Wheaton North). Her teams have been conference champions for 8 out of the last 11 years, and have won Sectionals at least 5 times. Susan likes to travel with her husband Jim, read, and play golf.

Puzzle Corner

How many ways are there to change a dollar bill into coin(s)?
294 E-mail the Editor for a ClarisWorks spreadsheet!

What is the next number in this series: 6, 28, 496, 8128, ?

All-State Players

The following players have earned All-State honors. They will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony in Peoria on March 17th.

First Team

Eric Bellm, Carlinville
James Davis, Latin School
Chintan Desai, Downers Grove North
Michael Feltes, Warrensburg-Latham
Gary Leuty, Salem
Matt Marjan, Marist
Sean Peters, Streator
Nick Poulos, New Trier
Yogesh Raut, IMSA
David Werner, Lake Zurich

Second Team

Robert Brown, Lake Forest
Colby Burnett, Fenwick
Toby Harris, Niles West
John Keig, Moline
Jason Konik, Lake Zurich
Eapen Mathew, Sterling
Stephen Moore, MacArthur
Matt Plunk, Blue Ridge
David Raines, Richards
Paul Rehder, Orion
Mark Siegel, Stevenson
Robert Weitzel, PORTA

Congratulations!

All Scholastic Bowl coaches in Illinois had the opportunity to nominate one or more of their players for All-State. The above honorees were chosen from among those who were nominated.

Things You Should Know For the IHSA State Series

by Tom Egan, Maine South HS, Park Ridge IL

As you prepare to enter Regionals, with the hope of advancing to Sectionals and State, here are a few things you should know. This is just a **sampling** of the important information that is contained in the Scholastic Bowl Terms & Conditions and the Scholastic Bowl Case Manual, which were both mailed to all coaches in the state by the IHSA. Check with your Principal if you do not have copies of these documents dated 2000-2001.

- Teams must wear matching tops for all State Series contests. They must be “appropriate.” A definition of “appropriate” can be found in the Case Manual. Only the outer tops must match.
- Only the Captain may ask for bonus parts to be repeated. Other players will be ignored by the moderator.
- A player either starting a match or entering as a replacement, must enter the match with blank paper (not including bonus grids, which are acceptable). Once player introductions for both teams are complete, players may begin writing anything they want.
- Moderators must consider the whole answer and not just the first words out of a player's mouth. Words like “Um ...” or “Oops ...” are not to be considered part of an answer. As always, players have three seconds to begin their answer. Also, a player may not start one answer, then go back and change it to something else.
- Looking at another player's paper while bonus parts are being read will not be penalized; talking or gesturing is still illegal.

Tom teaches physics at Maine South, moderates at many tournaments, and is the editor of the Scholastic Bowl Case Manual. Contact Tom <eganphysics@aol.com> with new situations.

Getting to Carnegie Hall ...

by David Riley, Loyola Academy, Wilmette IL

Many of us have been on either side of a blowout match at some time or another. We always try to be good sports about it. When my team has been on the winning side, the other coach will often ask, "How often do you practice?" The first time I was asked, I thought, "Hmm ... is it a matter of how often? Or perhaps my students' abilities?" While 'natural talent' may help, I found that how often you practice is not as important as how you use your practice time. Here are a few suggestions:

• Mock Matches

This is probably the most traditional way to spend practice time. It is especially helpful for freshman/sophomore teams that are still learning the ropes. By their junior year, however, you need to vary this a bit to avoid getting stale. One way is to use various formats. Our Illinois format is fine for quick recall, but if your competitors have been using questions that require application or synthesis of information, then your team might be ill-prepared. If you find yourself using recall questions too often, try using pyramid-style questions or a different format, such as that used in Florida at the PAC, by NAQT at their tournaments, or the Questions Unlimited four-quarter format. This will broaden your team's ability and prepare them for different types of questions that may be mixed in a single match or at a tournament.

• Study Sessions

All of the strategies in the world won't work if there isn't a knowledge base to support them. Do you find that your students consistently miss the same subject areas? If so, devote a part of practice time to study those areas. Don't try to have a marathon session – break your work into smaller parts. One session might be devoted to American authors, another to trigonometric functions. Others might review "almanac"-type information such as Constitutional amendments, Cabinet posts, Presidents, planets and their moons, and so on. Research shows that many people learn more information by taking it in little bits. Try it and see!

• Improve Strategies

Consider the following question, which has actually appeared in several matches as a bonus question: "Identify five of the nine American authors who have won the Nobel Prize for Literature." On most of these occasions, I have looked on incredulously as *neither team had the slightest idea of what to say!* The strategy here would be to name five well-known American authors as an educated guess, possibly getting two or three of them right.

Other strategies can be learned as well. For example, if a question begins with, "Which Middle English author ... ?", the obvious answer would be Chaucer. How many high school question sets would require a knowledge of Gower or Langland? If anything, train your students to *listen* to the questions. "Diagram" questions for your players so they learn to listen for the key words within each question. They should not wait for the last word, unless it's a pyramid-style question that relies on a "punch line."

Math formulas should be committed to memory. At a recent tournament, the following question was asked: "One angle of an

isosceles triangle measures 40 degrees. What is the sum of the two remaining angles?" Both teams began to scribble furiously. About five seconds before time was to be called, one of the players remembered that *all* triangles by definition have angles that sum to 180 degrees, and gave the correct answer. If you're not a math teacher, ask your colleagues in that department for help.

• The All-Important Reflexes

A question that pops up when coaches get together is, "Are reflexes natural, or can they be taught?" The jury is out on this issue. We've all known students who seem to buzz in at lightning speed after hearing the right piece of information in the question. But is this because of physical coordination? Or is it because they know the subject so well that they beat everyone else to the punch? Or a little of both? I have found that if you are not blessed with such a person, or perhaps even if you are, it is even more imperative that the remaining team members have a solid background of information, so they won't rely on the aforementioned to supply all of the team's answers.

• How Often?

Coming full circle, there is no tried and true formula here. One highly competitive team I know practices every morning before school. Another practices during every lunch period. Many teams practice once a week. One coach I know has practice three nights a week, with team members expected to attend at least one.

• A Final Word

None of these strategies will work, of course, unless your students *want* to improve their performance. Encourage and motivate them at every opportunity. In short, do what works best for your particular students, but use your practice time effectively!

David is in his eighth year as head Scholastic Bowl coach at Loyola. The Ramblers made it to the Sweet Sixteen in 1996, and have amassed an all-time record of 614 wins and 182 losses.

Quizzing Around The USA

News from states outside of Illinois



No news from outside Illinois for this issue. Scholastic Visions is sent to coaches representatives of academic competition in 48 states. Please consider writing an article for us.

IHSSBCA Meeting Minutes

from Rob Grierson IHSSBCA Secretary-for-the-day

The Executive Committee of the IHSSBCA met at the Radisson Hotel in Bloomington on Sunday, February 11, 2001 at 9:30 am. David Riley welcomed those present.

Present: David Riley, Tom Egan, Sister John Baricevic, Debbie Martin, Cheryl Christianson, David Reinstein, Mark Cohen, Rob Grierson, Cathy Groesch, Robert Brown, and Debbie Voorhees.

Absent: Libby Letterly, John Rathbun, Jane Snyder, Mickey Towns, Robert Schrempf, Kevin Palmer, Nick Pitz, David Bibb, Mike Hendricks, and Linda Monge.

Guests: Jim Fenton and Robert Brown, Sr (a Lake Forest parent).

There were no corrections to the November 5 minutes.

Committee Reports:

• **Membership:** We have 276 members, compared to 232 at this time in 1999 and 255 at this time in 2000. There are 36 expired members from last year, and 48 lapsed members from previous years. 230 coaches have never been a member.

An idea for a two-tiered membership fee was discussed. A patron member would pay \$50 instead of \$25. The additional funds could be used for special needs, such as waiving the membership fee for a coach who can't afford it, but who would benefit from joining.

• **Treasurer's Report:** Our bank balance as of February 7th was \$4,538.39; our anticipated expenses will equal or slightly exceed this amount, even after anticipated income is added.

The Coaches Handbook has been a good fund raiser again this year, with income at roughly \$1,500 and costs at roughly \$1,000.

Ideas for the fee structure for next year include offering a discount to those who download and print their own copy of the newsletter; having a lower fee if your assistant coach also joins; and offering a discount for first-year coaches. A proposal for next year will be presented at the May meeting. It was also suggested that some tournament hosts might offer a discounted entry fee to members.

We discussed whether tournament results should be posted on the Web site for all to see, or be kept hidden like the online version of the newsletter. There was general agreement that the benefits of making the information public outweigh the potential cost of "lost memberships" – coaches who see no need to subscribe to the newsletter when they can get results for free on the Web site.

• **Newsletter:** Ideas for articles for May and September were offered.

Election of Officers:

• David Riley proposed eliminating the position of Ombudsman and replacing it with Vice-Chairman. Sister John pointed out that the Constitution requires a 30-day notice to members prior to being amended at the next Annual Meeting.

Tom Egan was elected Ombudsman by unanimous vote.

Rob Grierson was elected Treasurer by unanimous vote.

Deb Voorhees was appointed Secretary to fill out the term of Libby Letterly, who may retire from the Executive Committee because of responsibilities related to her job as school librarian.

New Business:

• **Record Book:** A number of coaches documented and submitted individual records when the call went out for same last year. Tom Egan will chart the records and they will be published in the Coaches Handbook starting next year.

• **All-State:** A first and second "All-State Team" will be chosen later today from among those players nominated by their coach.

Tom Egan proposed that we implement a system for choosing All-Section players at the Seeding Meetings, starting next year. This is how it's done for almost all team sports in Illinois. After IHSA business has been conducted, the coaches who attend the Seeding Meeting will choose an "All-Section Team" from among players in their Section. Since a player can only be nominated by his or her own coach, this will be an incentive for coaches to attend the meeting even if they don't believe they will be seeded.

Coaches with All-Section players will be provided with a form they can use to nominate them for All-State if they so desire. The form will need to be completed and submitted by a deadline. A committee will then meet and choose an "All-State Team." There should be separate committees for Class A and Class AA. Coaches will be required to submit stats so players can be compared.

It was suggested that we post All-Tournament teams on the Web site, so coaches who check for tournament results will begin to recognize the names of the better players in their area. Sister John has offered to collect such information, via e-mail, fax, and phone, from Tournament Hosts, and pass it on to the Webmaster and the Newsletter Editor. It was also suggested that the IHSA provide the Sectional assignments sooner so that coaches can begin to watch for the better players on the teams in their Section. Discussion of this proposal was tabled until the May meeting.

Open Forum:

• Deb Voorhees requested clarification of the 18 date rule and how it applies to Varsity A and Varsity B teams. Teams are allowed 18 dates exclusive of the state series, and any day your A or B team plays is counted as a Varsity date, even if only one team plays. However, if you send your A team to one tournament and your B team to another on the same date, it just counts as one date.

• Cheryl Christianson pointed out an anomaly with the rules that govern seeding. Since a coach can't seed his/her own team, a team can end up with a higher seed if the coach misses the meeting! Also, the rules state that you may only speak in favor of your own team. This makes it difficult to seed a strong team whose coach does not attend; there is nobody to speak on their behalf. Some coaches avoided the Seed Meetings because they did not want to be ranked #8 and thus forced to play the #1 seed. Finally, it appears that the IHSA did not implement geography-based hosting in the southern Sections, as we had asked them to.

• Sister John announced her retirement from the Executive Committee, since she no longer works at a high school. She will continue to stay involved as a question writer and as results gatherer.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Grierson, Secretary-for-the-Day

Coaches Poll

by Kevin Palmer, Fremd HS, Palatine

Here are the results of the **mid-season** coaches poll. Ten points were awarded for a #1 ranking, 9 for #2, and so on down to 1 point for #10. There were 8 polls, total, sent in.

Class A (small schools)	total pts	mentions	# of #1
1. Latin (Chicago)	10	1	1
2. Carlinville	9	1	0
3. Warrensburg-Latham	8	1	0
4. U High (Normal)	7	1	0
5. Fairfield	6	1	0
6. Peru St. Bede	5	1	0
7. Robinson	4	1	0
8. Dunlap	3	1	0
9. Herrin	2	1	0
10. Winnebago	1	1	0

Class AA (large schools)	total pts	mentions	# of #1
1. Lake Zurich	64	7	5
2. Stevenson (Lincolnshire)	51	7	0
3. Loyola (Wilmette)	47	7	0
4. Wheaton North	32	6	0
5. New Trier (Winnetka)	26	5	1
6. Streator	25	5	0
7. Marist (Chicago)	24	5	0
8. Downers Grove North	17	5	0
8. St. Ignatius (Chicago)	17	5	0
10. Fremd (Palatine)	16	3	0
11. Lincoln-Way (New Lenox)	14	3	0
12. Fenwick (Oak Park)	12	2	0
13. Niles West	10	3	0
13. Springfield Southeast	10	1	1

To join the panel, e-mail me <kcp1963@yahoo.com> or write me at Fremd HS, 1000 S Quentin, Palatine IL 60067. I'll contact you in late April and ask for your picks. Polls must list exactly ten teams in Class A or AA, or ten teams in each class, in rank order with the top pick as #1. Panel members are expected to attend tournaments and/or follow results on the IHSSBCA Web site.

Kevin teaches World History, American Studies, and A.P. United States History. He is in his 11th year of coaching, and has run a Frosh/Soph Tournament for eight years and a Varsity Tournament for five years. Fremd won Sectionals in 1994, and Regionals in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

A "Top Ten" List for Rookies

by David Reinstein, New Trier HS, Winnetka IL

At the beginning of each school year, we all face the same problem – getting students who have never seen a match ready to play in one. Several years ago, I realized that I was giving the same advice to several students each year. To save my voice and patience, I put together a Top Ten list which I now give to my new players before their first tournament. Students still don't follow every piece of advice I give them, but this list has made my job a little easier. Here it is, with apologies to David Letterman:

- If you can give units, make sure you do.
- If the answer is a person's name, say only the last name unless it is Roosevelt.
- If you're not in the match, you'll know all the answers.
- Do not confer in any way, shape, or form during a toss-up or the reading of a bonus. Same for after time has been called.
- The quickest way to impress your coach is to answer toss-ups in a match.
- The quickest way to decrease your playing time is to show poor sportsmanship or poor teamwork. If you have a serious problem with anything during a match, quietly alert your coach.
- Wait until you are recognized by name before giving an answer.
- If the other team misses a toss-up, wait until the end of the toss-up to buzz in. If the other team misses the last toss-up and we are ahead by less than ten points, give the wrong answer.
- Listening is one of the most important skills in Scholastic Bowl. The Captain should be the member of the team who listens best.
- The score, the moderator, the quality of the questions, other teams, and everything else do not matter during a match. Answering questions is the only thing.

David is in his 7th year of teaching math and coaching Scholastic Bowl at New Trier. His team finished third in Masonic Bowl last year and second the year before that. The Trevians beat Loyola at this year's Von Steuben Frosh/Soph Invitational.

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\$375.00* per camper at Furman

Coaches pay \$200.00 at either camp.

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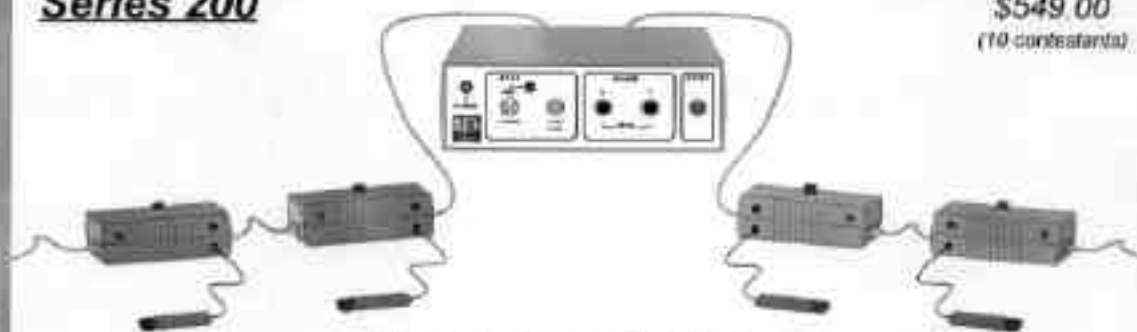
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