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Scholars' Bowl Season Ended on High Note for Hiawatha High School

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The Hawk-Eye

Hiawatha High School Scholars' Bowl JV and Varsity teams closed out their 2025-2026 season on Feb. 5 with winning records and a wealth of acquired knowledge. Under the guidance of varsity coach Nolan Sump and junior varsity coach Linda Miller, both teams posted impressive numbers, demonstrating the depth of academic talent at HHS.

The varsity squad finished with a 50-25 record, securing two first-place finishes, two third-place finishes and a third-place standing in their league. The JV team was equally dominant, posting a 34-16 record with two first-place and two second-place wins.

program's success is built on a three-part philosophy: a strong knowledge base, a competitive desire to win and good team chemistry.

"There's what one knows, but there's also employing a strategy to answer more questions correctly than their opponents," Sump said. He also emphasized the importance of the process, explaining that success comes from combining knowledge with the strategy of working together and buzzing in without hesitation.

The value of that teamwork was evident in the players' reflections of the season.

Senior captain Gus Smith pointed to sophomore Aaron Yang as the team's standout.

"Arron Yang has the best mind out of anyone on the team," Smith said.

Dakota Thompson emphasizes the sentiment of collective strength.

"Each player had their own strengths in different subjects," Thompson said.

Coach Sump highlighted a memorable previous season match that continues to be a relevant lesson for the team. At a meet in January 2022 against Perry-Lecompton, a PLHS student's phone rang during a round. When the moderator failed to act, Sump challenged the infraction. Despite a dismissive response from the opposing coach, the rule was upheld and Hiawatha won the round.

"From that point on, our team was coached to pay better attention to potential rules infractions that could make the difference between victory

to make sure their own phones were always turned off."

While Sump focused on strategy with his varsity team, JV coach Miller found the season's most rewarding moment in a display of team spirit. At the Oskaloosa meet, the JV team remained undefeated until the final round, ultimately taking second place. Instead of dwelling on the loss, Miller said the team celebrated with a spontaneous dinner.

"It was obvious they all were in the moment and that felt even more important than winning," Miller said. "Even a few snowballs got tossed before jumping back into the team van."

The players themselves had varied perspectives on the season's end.

Smith expressed disappoint-

meet.

"Very disappointed, we could have gone farther if the pools were better balanced," Smith said.

In contrast, Thompson found joy in the final JV meet, where the team secured a second-place victory.

"It was a bit sad considering it was the very last JV meet, but I am so happy it is finally over," Thompson said.

Looking ahead, both coaches see the program as a vital part of student development.

"Life is more than just sports," Sump said. "It's great that we are known as a basketball school but wouldn't it be just as exciting to walk into meets with other schools thinking to themselves, 'Man, they've got some smart kids at Hiawatha!'"

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VS.
GREGORY B. HUMPHREY A/K/A,
GREG B. HUMPHREY JR., ET AL
DEFENDANTS

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