

‘B’ team captures state quiz bowl title for PLD

One of the “B” teams at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School has won the Kentucky state title in the National Academic Quiz Tournament, held at the University of Louisville.

The team – Idrees Kahloon, Matt Hensley, Tamas Nagy and Victor Macrinici – consisted of three JV players and one junior.

“This was an incredible accomplishment (and amazing upset statewide) for these young men, who went into this varsity tournament ranked very low and managed to win the entire thing,” said coach Susan Magedanz.

She was especially proud of this team because the kids essentially coached themselves at the April 18 tournament while she was away with the “A” team at a regional contest in Virginia.

“And yes, this means that both our ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams have qualified to compete for both national titles as Kentucky has two different state titles, and each of our teams won a different one of those for 2009,” Magedanz said. “The students put a lot of trust in one another and voted to send a different team to each of our state championships in hopes that both would be able to qualify for nationals. Fortunately, it paid off and all eight of these students, who have put in a tremendous amount of work, will have an opportunity to test themselves against the strongest players in the nation.”