

●●● BEYOND KNOWLEDGE

The guts, the glory, and the power of mind

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Go Figure

5

Members on the varsity team

1

Place in the GMC

3

Practices a week

70

Questions in a match

Quick, what is the name of the 1837 collection of Nathaniel Hawthorne's tales that probably comes from a line in Shakespeare's work? The answer, *Twice Told Tales*, this question was part of the rigorous tryouts.

"Tryouts were really difficult because we had to take a test with information ranging from random books to math; plus the competition was fierce," said **Venkat Shanker, 12**.

To most people the Academic Team doesn't seem like anything more than a group of really smart people answering questions. However, this team has to endure just as much sweat dripping, anxious, and pressured-packed sport's environment as does any other sport.

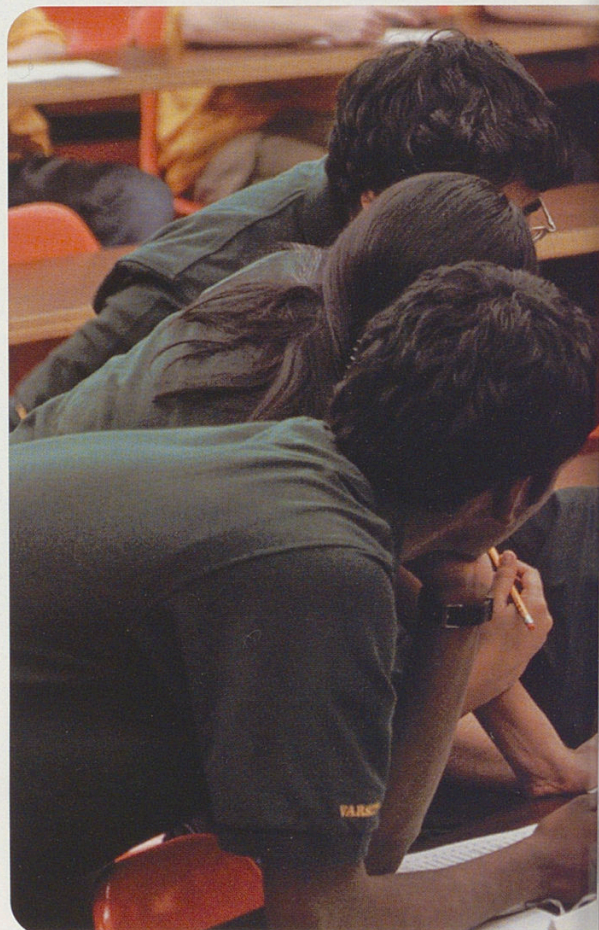
"Several of our matches have been nail-biters, so we normally don't have spectators because it needs to be quiet in order for us to hear the questions," said **Aaron Friedman, 12**.

The team prepared by attending practice every week and having the coaches rattle off questions from topics like Ohio Government.

"We really don't know everything though, we know a lot of general stuff that we can use to help us figure out the questions that we don't know," said **Sanjay Choudhury, 10**.

The team really enjoyed being around each other and the friendships that they have made due to this team. They have learned a lot and not just what the capital of New Guinea is (Papua.)

"I really enjoy being on the team and I enjoy going to practices and being challenged every day," said **Samuel Snow, 10**.



ACADEMIC QUIZ TEAM Overall Record 13-0

Milford	68-53	Oak Hills	77-48
Milford	69-42	Fairfield	62-44
Middletown	73-79	Colerain	88-65
Middletown	63-47	Lakota West	71-62
Hamilton	70-47	Lakota East	67-36
Hamilton	79-77	Princeton	67-33
Oak Hills	63-36		

Vital Statistics

All Conference

Aaron Friedman



Coach Clark, Ruth Thompson, 10, Aaron Friedman, 12, Mark Dapkins, 9, Jason Kao, 9 and Coach Hoffert

Team members not shown: Elia Burkhart, 12, Parth Majmudar, 12, Shriy Raghavan, 12, Ahilan Sivaganesan, 12,

JV: Jeff Andrews, 12, Sanjay Choudhury, 9, Sam Snow, 10, Daniel Zimmer, 10 and Elizabeth Wei, 9

