

Subject: 2008 Claremont National Open (BP Format) Results and Motions

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Results – Claremont National Open (BP Format)

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Congratulations to all the participants attending the fifth consecutive national invitational BP tournament at Claremont McKenna College.

It is difficult to qualify for elimination debates at BP events; the overwhelming majority of tournaments restrict elimination round fields to the top 10-20% of competing teams – that was the case at the Claremont tournament. Consequently, there were many highly effective performances that are not recognized in the following lists.

Motions

1. This House opposes international adoption.
2. Governments should require medical personnel to act against their personal ethics in the performance of their medical duties.
3. Free speech should include Holocaust denial.
4. This House supports diversity quotas for legislative assemblies.
5. This House supports substantial increases in fuel taxes.
6. Pakistan is more an enemy than an ally to the West.
- S. This House would use political assassination.
- F. This House supports slave reparations.

Sufficient team rankings but non-advancing on team point tie-breakers (in rank order)

Claremont C (Gerald Davis and Jacinth Sohi)
Portland State A (Kelly Welch and Dana Hawthorne)
Colgate C (Austin Schwartz and Spencer Seconi)
Loyola Marymount C (George Briggs and Ema Tibbets)

Semi-finalists (in alphabetical order)

Claremont D (Jaron Abelsohn and Elizabeth Schmitz-Robinson)
La Verne B (Briana Pride and Alicia McGaughey)
St. John's A (Shreshth Jain and Alia Bellwood)
British Columbia A (Aylon Cohen and Emily Cooley)

Finalists (in rank order)

Loyola Marymount A (James Mollison and Courtney Crooks), First Place
Claremont B (Joseph Clifton and Jesse Katz Blumenthal), Second Place
La Verne A (Thomas Allison and Ryan Mansell), Third Place
California State – San Bernardino (Michaeline Anderson and Krissy Hazelrigg), Fourth Place

Please consider attending the National Open in 2009; it is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, October 3-4.

Best regards,

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