

St Philips College snatches victory in 1995 Mock Trial Competition

St Philips College, Alice Springs has won its first Inter-School Mock Trial Competition after a closely fought final held there this month.

Their opponent in the fictitious murder case was Kormilda College, which was the defendant. St Philips successfully argued that hot-tempered soccer administrator Zeus Zircon had killed Hector Heraklion — the soccer star of a rival club.

Balance also congratulates the coaches of the two final teams — Chris Roberts (Director of Public Prosecutions, Alice Springs) for St Philips College and Elizabeth Morris (NT Legal Aid Commission) for Kormilda College.

Awarding the case to St Philips, Justice Ian Gray said the teams were very evenly matched and was impressed by the standard of their performances.

This year marked Kormilda College's debut in the competition. Previous winners have included St John's College in the inaugural 1989 contest, Darwin High School (1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994) and Sadadeen Secondary College, Alice Springs (1992).

Other entrants in this year's competition included Centralian College (two teams), Darwin High School, Driver High School, Marrara Christian School, Nightcliff High School, Sanderson High School and St John's College (two teams).

Darwin participants engaged in a knockout series, while the Alice Springs contest was run as a round robin.

After the final, Justice Gray presented each of the winners and runners-up with a plaque, book voucher and certificate before all participants attended an informal dinner.

The Law Society appreciates the efforts of all those practitioners who acted as Mock Trial "Magistrates" or coaches during the competition. They were as follows:

Judges were: The Hon. Justice Ian Gray; Duncan Maclean (Cridlands); Karen Christopher (Cridlands); Brian Cassells (William Forster Chambers); Samantha Miles (Cridlands); Murray Preston (Turner & Deane); Peter



Kormilda's Tamara Johansen dressed for the part as witness Euripides Zircon.

Murphy (Director of Public Prosecutions, Alice Springs); Duncan McConnel (Morgan Buckley); Stephen Walsh; Anthony Crane; Bill Priestley (Waters James McCormack); Michael Spargo; Brian Johns; Trevor Riley QC (William Forster Chambers).

Coaches included: Michael Prowse (Dittons) and John Royle for Centralian College; Dennis Norman (Dennis Norman and Associates) for Darwin High School; Sue Porter (De Silva Hebron) for Dripstone High School (withdrew after Preliminary Round) and St John's College; Carmen Hodges (Ward Keller) and Angela Smith (Ward Keller) for Driver High School; Elizabeth Morris (NT Legal Aid Commission) for Kormilda College; Cris Cureton (Philip & Mitaros) and Andrew Farr (Philip & Mitaros) for Marrara Christian School; Nardin Davidson (NT Legal Aid Commission) for Nightcliff High School; Erin Padarin (Philip & Mitaros) and Peter Maley (Department of Law) for Sanderson High School; Duncan McConnel (Morgan Buckley) for St John's College; George Georgiou (NT Legal Aid Commission) and Chris Roberts (Director of Public Prosecutions, Alice Springs) for St Philips College.

The 1995 Inter-School Mock Trial Competition was sponsored by Qantas — The Australian Airline and Angus and Robertson — The Bookshop.