

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – December 5 – 9, 2011  
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WSD boys and girls basketball teams opened their seasons in play against the Oregon School for the Deaf last Thursday. Congratulations to our Lady Terriers who handily beat the OSD Lady Panthers. Our boys team played well in their opening game on the OSD court but didn't bring home a victory. We'll get em next time!

In honor of basketball season starting a basketball-related DCQW.

The legendary team that brought home the championship title from the Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament in 1943 was called:

- 1) The Five Iron Men
- 2) The Five Horse Men
- 3) The Fabulous Five
- 4) The Fantastic Bisons

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Answer: "a" – The Five Iron Men. It was 1943. Gallaudet College was seated in last place in the Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament. No one expected the team to get through the first round of play. Five young men took to the court and changed everyone's views of what deaf people could do. Using no substitutions through three rounds of play (thus the "iron men" moniker) Gallaudet brought home the

championship. The five players were: Captain Paul Baldrige, Don Padden, Earl Roberts, Roy Holcomb, and Hal Weingold. You can read a complete rundown on this historic sports victory for Gallaudet University here:

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