SWOSU Advances Both Academic Teams to Mind Games Quarterfinals

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford has both of its academic teams in the quarterfinals of the inaugural Mind Games on KSBI-TV in Oklahoma City.

The new academic challenge quiz show brings together teams of students from Oklahoma's colleges and universities in a weekly battle of the brains. The TV show started airing at the end of September and now has reached the quarterfinal rounds.

SWOSU Blue team will play its quarterfinal match this Wednesday, October 26, at 8:30 p.m. against Northeastern A & M on KSBI-TV, and the SWOSU White team will play on Wednesday, November 2, at 8:30 p.m. against the University of Central Bronze team. The SWOSU Blue team won its first-round match over Southwestern Christian University, 200-40, while the SWOSU White team defeated East Central University, 310-40.

SWOSU and Rogers State University are the only two universities to advance both of its teams to the quarterfinals. Coach of both SWOSU teams is Kevin Collins, associate professor in the SWOSU Department of Language & Literature.

The students compete for scholarship money. By winning first-round matches, both the SWOSU Blue and SWOSU White teams each won \$2,250. Scholarship money is provided by The Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma Energy Resources, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and Stafford Air & Space Museum.

The SWOSU White team members are: Gaston Hart, Edmond (Santa Fe); Erika Christner, Drummond; Jim Ferguson, Elk City; and alternate Dillon Gunter, Binger-Oney.

Members of the SWOSU Blue team are: Zeke Mills, Springfield MO; Tanner Fisher, Calumet; and Kayla Argo, Plains KS. Alternate is Trent Boesen, Ninnekah.