

Perkins County High School's mock trial season came to an end last Tuesday when the Black team lost a very close split decision to Dundy County #1.

The Red team had lost the week before, ending their season.

The Black team finished with three wins and one loss while the Red team had two wins and one loss.

"Our competition with Dundy County was as close as I have ever seen, and as competitive," said Don Harris, assistant mock trial coach. "It was spirited with outstanding performances on both sides from attorneys and witnesses."

"Both teams performed opening and closing statements without the benefit of notes and were flawless in their handling of exhibits. The performances of the witnesses were realistic and knowledgeable," he added.

The scoring resulted in a split decision that eventually went in Dundy County's favor. However, Perkins County did not disappoint.

"In competition of this type, judging is necessarily subjective, and someone has to win," said Harris. "Still we were very proud of all of our participants on both teams. They did everything we could have asked, performed at a high level, and were a joy to be around."

Providing leadership and outstanding performances were seniors Trevor Lee, Ashley Kemling, Tori Osler, Tanya Metcalf and Christian Miyamoto.

Looking ahead to next year, Harris and Head Coach Diana Tate anticipate returnees Colton White, Michael Dreiling, Callie Meyer, Michi Prante, Kim Cook, Brady Mailand, Rachel Patrick, Lacey Jensen, Tayler Walter, Rachel Carrig and Kaleb Gaar as well as newcomers to be as competitive as this year.