

The Perkins County mock trial teams remained unbeaten with wins on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

In the first trial of the day the Black team, representing the respondent in the case, Kev Inruser, defeated Southern Valley #1 in a very close competition. This was the Black team's first chance to do this side of the case.

Witnesses for the Black team were Jenni Sis, playing the part of Kev Inruser, a student from Freedonia who is seeking asylum Kalyn Hanson as Chicolina Xram, another native of Freedonia, and Jeannie Kuskie as Harriet Wanderlust, and American college student who has spent time in Freedonia.

"While we felt that they all did well, it was a competition which showed that we still must improve in order to compete at the level we hope to achieve," said Coach Don Harris. "Southern Valley #1 was also a very good team."

In the second trial, the less experienced Red team represented the government side of the case, and defeated Eustis/Farnman #2.

Witnesses for the government are Darrell Patten as Jackie Chiles, an examiner for the Citizenship and Immigration Services Center; Michael York as I.M. Amour-Propre, a scholar and expert on the political situation in Freedonia; and Ashley Kemling as Smithston Winn, a Freedonian citizen and Kev's primary accuser who spent seven months in prison. This was the first time that the Red team had performed the government side of the case.

"Considering how little experience this team has, we were very comfortable with their performance," said Harris. "Certainly they have room to improve but we saw definite progress with our witnesses in the acting side. They are learning that mock trial requires them to perform in addition to knowing the material in their affidavits."

"We believe that our teams have excellent potential, but also have areas they must strengthen," Harris added.

The next round of competition will be held in McCook on Friday, Nov. 6. The Black team, doing the government side, will face Maywood #1 and the Red team, representing Kev Inruser, will face Eustis/Farnam #1.