

Benham Coal Company's mine rescue team was chosen fifth best in the nation and fourth best in Kentucky in the National Mine Rescue and First Aid Contest held over the weekend in Louisville.

Team Trainer Jerry Williams said yesterday the honor "speaks highly of Kentucky and the caliber of teams working in this area. Four of the top five teams in the nation were from Kentucky and the fifth was from near the Kentucky-Tennessee border."

There were a total of 107 teams from 10 states competing in Louisville for the chance to prove they were the best in the nation.

The top place team was from Eastern Coal Co., Stone, Ky.; second place, Leeco Corp, London; third, Consolidation Coal Co., Tackett Creek, Tenn.; fourth, National Mines Co., Wayland; fifth, Benham Coal Co.