

Virginia team wins mine test

A Virginia team was awarded the top prize last night in a national mine-rescue and first-aid competition sponsored by the federal Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration (MESA).

The Jewell Smokeless "B" team of the Pittston coal group, Vansant, Va., was judged the top team among 86 in the two-hour mine-rescue contest. A West Virginia team, from the National Pocahontas Coal Co. team of the National Mines Corp., was the best of 24 teams in a one-hour rescue contest.

Another West Virginia team, from the Shannon Branch Mine of the Allied Chemical Corp., won over 34 other teams in the first-aid contest and over 16 others in a combination first-aid and one-hour mine-rescue contest.

The awards in the two-day competition, at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds, were presented by Robert E. Barrett, MESA administrator.

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