

MathFest 2008 Jeopardy Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI July 30, 2008

The four teams that competed in MathFest 2008 Jeopardy were Hope College (Holland, MI), Lafayette College (Easton, PA), Mount Union College (Alliance, OH), and Texas A&M (College Station, TX). The team memberships were:

- **Hope College:** Blair Williams, Dan Lithio, Forrest Gordon, and Zach Mitchell
- **Lafayette College:** Eric Gilson, Corey Staten, Jamie Long, and Chelsey Cooley
- **Mount Union:** Kevin Kreighbaum, Andrew Johnson, and Rory Tiedemann
- **Texas A&M:** Ryan Johnson, Annchen Knodt, Tony Neumann, and Julio Araiza Jr.

The round saw Hope College build an early lead with Lafayette challenging them midway through the round. Texas A&M made a late run with correct answers for several high-valued problems and managed to be in second place going into Final Jeopardy. The scores prior to Final Jeopardy were Hope (2800), Lafayette (2100), Mount Union (-100), and Texas A&M (2300). All three top scoring schools correctly answered the Final Jeopardy question (Category: "I Prefer Pi") and with these wagers Hope(2301), Lafayette (1800), and Texas A&M (1298), the final scores and placements were: 1st Place: Hope College (5101 points), 2nd Place: Lafayette College (3900 points), 3rd Place: Texas A&M (3598 points), and 4th Place: Mount Union (-100 points).

Faculty volunteers for the round were: scorekeeper - Linda Braddy (East Central University, OK); timekeeper - John Hamman (Montgomery College, MD); judges - Steve Kennedy and Deanna Hansperger (Carleton College).

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