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Yesterday our Massachusetts teams had another great showing. Here are the results from round two.

ADVANCED

Round 2: Massachusetts vs. Texas vs. Ohio

The road to an NJCL championship usually goes through Texas, and this year's group of seasoned vets has worked hard to make sure that remains true. But even the defending champs have their off days. In an inspired performance our team landed all of the first five questions with three different players scoring, putting us ahead 90-0-0. From that point Texas and Ohio were able to stop the run, holding us to just two tossups in the second quarter. After Texas struck first blood in the second half on a question about the motto of Virginia, our team rebounded and never looked back as we rolled to victory.

Final Score: Massachusetts (260), Texas (60), Ohio (40)

Dante led all scorers with 9 tossups. Ethan scored 3 of the four history questions, and Danny picked up 2 of the myth questions. Teddy led Texas with 2 tossups, and Matthew scored 2 myth questions for Ohio.

INTERMEDIATE

Round 2: Massachusetts vs. Florida vs. Ohio

Right out of the gates James landed the first myth question about the seer Teiresias for Massachusetts. This must have poked the belly of the beast because Florida came right back at us in a fury, knocking down the next four tossups in a row, and pulled ahead 75-20-0. As our team settled in, play evened out in the next quarter, but Florida was able to maintain its commanding lead. After a stagnant third quarter for all teams Florida led 135-60-0, and our team needed at least four out of the next five questions to even have a chance. Suddenly our team was sparked by Kyler's buzz on a question about Scipio Africanus. Question after question what once looked impossible seemed possible, and after four straight scores our team found themselves five points ahead with a score of 140-135-25. Ending the game just as it began it, James knocked down tossup twenty about the Titan Atlas, and sealed the comeback victory for our team.

Final Score: Massachusetts (160), Florida (135), Ohio (25)

Kyler led the way for our team with a medley of 4 tossups. James scored 3 myth questions, and Owen added a geography question about the modern name for Eboracum. Fefe led the way for Florida with 4 grammar tossups of his own. Playing as a one person team, Nicholas scored 2 tossups for Ohio.

NOVICE

Round 2: Massachusetts vs. Texas vs. Wild Card Alpha

A well-coached Texas team came out swinging as they scored the first two questions and threatened to run away with the game from the outset. After this wake-up call, Creighton scored on a question about the abbreviation p.r.n. which would spark an incredible run for our team. Riding this momentum our team six questions in a row, and created good separation from the other teams. Our own wild card player, Mark, ended the run by scoring on the passage and showing off some impressive grammar skills for a seventh grader. Texas used this opportunity to regain some momentum of their own, and began to mount a comeback. However at this point Biya got rolling and was able to help keep them at bay as our team completed a smooth landing.

Final Score: Massachusetts (200), Texas (115), Wild Card Alpha (30)

Creighton led the way for our team with 5 tossups, Biya contributed 4, and Alex scored 2 history questions. Noel and Jack each notched a pair of tossups to lead the way for Texas. Mark also scored 2 questions for his Wild Card team.

NEW AROUND THE LEAGUE

In the Advanced division, a locked-in Virginia team with championship aspirations bulldozes its way to a whopping 325 points and leaps into first place in the standings. New Hampshire continues to prove they are a legitimate contender as they finish with 245 points and the third highest score of the day. North Carolina & California put up a good fight, but Florida outlasts them in the end.

In the Intermediate division, Texas scores an impressive 265 points and takes its place at the top of the standings. Wisconsin continues to show off its versatility in all categories with 220 points. Illinois gets hot and takes down strong Virginia and North Carolina teams, with 150 points of their own.

In the Novice division, Illinois Purple plays a lights out game and takes high score honors with 325 points. The only team ahead of them in the standings remains a loaded Virginia team that put up 285 points of their own. New Hampshire remains steady, while both Texas Gold and Wisconsin have monster bounce back games to pull them into the upper tier of teams.

Thanks again for all the support at a distance. Our teams are incredibly excited to close prelims out today and see where we stand. More to come soon!

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