

Salvete Omnes,

Yesterday our teams capped off the preliminary rounds with another great day of Certamen. Here are the results from Round 3.

ADVANCED

Massachusetts vs. Wisconsin vs. California

A pair of heavy weights squared off in the marquee match-up of the day, with an impressive California team joining the mix too. Catching a rhythm early our team scored the first six questions in a row, and seemed poised to run away with the game. Determined not to let that happen California stopped the run, scoring on a question about mythological snakes. They immediately followed it up with a score on a question about the author Tertullian. Not to be outdone, Ali got Wisconsin on the board with a question about the meaning of “apud”. At this point our team lost momentum and never got it back, exactly as Wisconsin started heating up. Led by some magnificent play on grammar they pulled themselves back to a respectable difference by the end of the round.

Final Score: Massachusetts (175) vs. Wisconsin (115) vs. California (70)

Dante led all scorers with 7 tossups, including half the language and half the literature. Ethan added a history question, and Jinwoo add a myth about the warlord Sceiron. Ali led Wisconsin with 5 tossups, which included the other half of the language questions. Isabel led California with 4 tossups which included half of the myth.

INTERMEDIATE

Massachusetts vs. Virginia vs. Arizona

In another big-time matchup our team took on a high-flying Virginia team and an Arizona team looking to bounce back after a difficult round. After the first question went unanswered, Virginia was able to get on the board first with a translation question. Having taken an early blow, our team responded by delivering three of our own to close out the first quarter with a nice streak. The second quarter belonged entirely to Virginia, though Kyler was able to stop the run on question ten, locking the scores at 80-80-0. Feeling refreshed with a clean slate going into the second half, James got rolling and his teammates followed suit. Louisa and Owen also joined the action and scored tossups of their own. Virginia made valiant last-ditch effort to keep them at bay, but in the end our team had too much momentum going and rolled to victory.

Final Score: Massachusetts (200) vs. Virginia (135) vs. Arizona (0)

Kyler led the way for our team with 5 tossups, and James scored 4. Owen added a geography question about Judaea, and Louisa scored on a history question about Tarquinius Priscus.

NOVICE

Massachusetts vs. California Gold vs. Tennessee

Right out of the gates Alex knocked down a question about Julius Caesar to get our team on the board. Both Tennessee and California quickly joined the action, and kept things about even with California taking the slight advantage 30-15-15. After the passage question went unanswered, our team seemed to snap out of a daze and began landing buzz after impressive buzz. Propelled by lights out play on myth, they went on to score eight of the next ten questions. California still kept attacking and chipping away at that lead, and ended their effort by scoring on the last two questions.

Final Score: Massachusetts (185), California Gold (95), Tennessee (15)

Creighton led all scorers with 5 tossups. Alex, Biya, and Joana each add 2 apiece. Audrey led California with 4 grammar tossups. Wyatt scored a myth question about Icarus for Tennessee

NEWS AROUND THE LEAGUE

In the Advanced division, Virginia continued to exert their dominance, scoring 300 points against some solid teams led by 11 tossups from their captain David. They were to be outdone only by DC who notched 315 on the day.

In the Intermediate division, Illinois outlasted California and Georgia in a high-octane thriller. North Carolina hangs tough with a 105-point explosion, but ultimately falls to Florida.

In the Novice division, Mark, Julianna, and Miranda of MA helped propel their team to an impressive 150 points, before falling just short to a well composed Florida team. A pair of Texas teams smothered their opponents, notching 295 and 200 points respectively.

SEMI FINALS

Advanced:

- (1) Virginia vs. (6) Florida vs. (7) New Hampshire
- (2) Massachusetts vs. (5) D.C. vs. (8) Georgia
- (3/4) Wisconsin vs. (3/4) Texas vs. (9) North Carolina

Intermediate:

- (1) Texas vs. (6) Illinois vs. (7) New Hampshire
- (2) Massachusetts vs. (5) Virginia vs. (8) California
- (3) Wisconsin vs. (4) Florida vs. (9) Tennessee

Novice:

- (1) Illinois Purple vs. (6) Wisconsin vs. (7) Tennessee
- (2) Florida vs. (5) New Hampshire vs. (8) Virginia Purple
- (3) Massachusetts vs. (4) Texas Purple vs. (9) California Gold or D.C.

Thank you all for sending positive vibes throughout the tournament and as we head into Semi-Finals today!

More to come soon...

Ex animo,

Michael Howard
Massachusetts Advanced Certamen Co-Coach

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