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KINGDOM OF 109 DEFEATS 111 ZOO IN CHALLENGE 24

by Don Haskins

In one of the most anticipated match-ups in Longfellow history, the Kingdom of 109 defeated 111 Zoo in a single elimination Challenge 24 tournament on December 12.

What started out as a friendly challenge between Mr. Johnson of 111 and Mr. Huang of 109 turned into an extremely hostile duel between two nations who continuously berated each other for weeks leading up to the match. Verbal abuse flew back and forth, and 109 accused 111 of vandalism.

"I'm glad we finally had the tournament because who knows what might have happened next," said Mr. Huang.

In the library, both nations gathered. 111 brought energy to the room, and 109 brought silent confidence as well as their famous flag. Tieland also sent several

representatives to support both sides.

109 made a statement by winning the first three first round matches. Then 111 broke through, winning the 4th match. After the 8 first round matches were done, 109 had won 5 of them.

Meanwhile, the raucous crowd began to throw accusations of cheating back and forth. 109 was accused of using illegal players and passing information to teams ahead of time. 111 was accused of shifting their roster after the tournament began. Tempers got hot, and several times, Mr. Huang threatened to halt the tournament.

After the next round, four teams remained, and three of them were from 109. Madelyn Paquette and Brian Swett, both from 5th period, were particularly impressive.

In the semifinals, the last 111 team nearly beat 109's #1 team including Paquette, but 109 prevailed in that match 3-2. 111 was now gone. Since the last two remaining teams were

both from 109, it was decided to hold the final match on 109 soil in the near future. Paquette's team later defeated Swett's team.

No one can deny the excitement generated by Challenge 24 could bring much needed publicity to the Longfellow math community, but is it worth the risk of all out war between two neighboring friendly nations. We have a year to think about it.

109ERS ESTABLISH COLONY AT MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

by John Cabot

WILL 3RD PERIOD BE RELEGATED?

by Andrey Shevchenko

For the 16th time this year, 3rd period failed to win top average on a quiz. After having already set a record last month for most times finishing in last place in

a quiz competition, one wonders if 3rd period will ever regain their pride.

There is talk of relegating 3rd period to 2nd division to boost their ego. Since there are no other periods in 2nd division, relegation would ensure that 3rd period would finish first in their division for the rest of the year. How would they feel about it?

“First place for the rest of the year? Oh yeah!” said one citizen.

“You idiot! We would be last place for the rest of the year too!” said another more intelligent citizen.

Would 3rd be replaced? Perhaps they would be replaced by 2nd period, a period with no students at all.

KINGDOM CHARGED WITH DISCRIMINATION

by Gloria Steinem

The OSS, Interpol and the FBI are currently investigating possible discrimination on the part of 109 against 3rd and 7th period.

The charges stem from a day in which Mr. Huang promised Starbucks's coffees to 5th period students who could correctly solve a

difficult math problem. He apparently made no such promise to other periods.

“Mr. Huang does not recall if he made the same promise to the other periods,” said one of his lawyers. “Even if he didn't, Mr. Huang was fully expecting no one to answer the problem correctly in one night. Therefore, there was no intended discrimination involved.”

However, the activists at People for the Ethical Treatment of Scholars (PETS) have a different opinion.

“It doesn't matter if there was intent or not. The only issue is if 3rd and 7th period sustained psychological and emotional damage. We believe it can be shown that they did,” said a spokesperson for the group.

ASK ARVID

Dear Arvid,

If I can prove that negative numbers don't exist, will I ever have to use them again?

Dear Sneaky,

I should really call you inept because it sounds like you just don't know how to deal with negative numbers.

However, your question is a fair one. If you can prove they don't exist, you may not have to use them anymore.

(The following text was a phone call Arvid received)

Dear Arvid,

I have heard that poor math performance will adversely affect the rest of my life. Is that true?

Arvid: Scaredy Cat, it is.

SC: But it can't.

Arvid: It is.

SC: No!

Arvid: Yes.

SC: No!

Arvid: Yes!

SC: No!

Arvid: No!

SC: Yes!

Arvid: No, it isn't!

SC: Yes, it is!

Arvid: Poor math will not adversely affect your life.

SC: Yes, it will! Wow, you convinced me! How did you do that?

Arvid: The answer lies somewhere in your brain.

109 CITIZENS LEAD THE WAY IN NVCTM

by Margaret Dashwood

With only two NVCTM Math League competitions to go, Longfellow finds itself leading comfortably in both GTC and non-GTC divisions, but the big surprise is how big the lead is in the non-GTC division.

With more than a 20 point lead, Longfellow

could be headed for a record for widest margin of victory.

One of the secrets of success this year is the participation of non-GTC 109 citizens who have accounted for 40% of the sixes.

“I knew that we could win non-GTC handily if we had enough turnout,” said Mr. Huang. “We’re not all about the GT Center. We’re good all around.”

SKILL DRILLS

7th grade

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