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COOKIE BAKE OFF

Three teams of students were given a basic recipe for chocolate chip cookies with the instruction to make it



their own. The groups were given some extra ingredients to choose from in order to embellish their cookies. This was a competition from the get go since the bakers knew their peers would be judging which batch of cookies came out the best.

Although they began with the same base recipe, the three batters looked very different from one another right from the beginning. One group added cocoa powder and marshmallows to their batter creating a s'mores type of cookie. While another group added lots of extra chocolate chips, butter, and milk, making a gooey cookie. The final group wanted to make a classic chocolate chip cookie, and closely followed the recipe they were given. The group that followed the recipe won for flavor, and the s'mores cookie won for appearance.

THE BLACK SHEEP KNITTING CO.

You may or may not know that Rochelle is quite the knitter, and every year she teaches a new batch of students how to knit. This year's group consists of a few beginners and a couple of students with some prior experience. They began their lesson by taking a trip to

the Black Sheep Knitting Co. on Highland Ave in Needham. When asked about the store, Mark said "it was yarntastic!". Kai commented that the entire store was very organized, "it was sorted by every variable: color, type, thickness, etc.". A couple of students,

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- Registration for the 2017-18 school year will begin in March!
- Sign up for early release for Thursday, March 9th begins the week of Feb 27th
- Federal Tax ID: 04-2707265
- Please plan ahead if you need a payment record for tax purposes, it will take the bookkeeper up to a week to process it.

including Devan, mentioned how pretty the store was which made it tough to choose just one kind of yarn.

Once the group arrived back at the Brigham House, they settled in around a table with Rochelle to pick out needles and patterns. Both Devan and Maya decided to knit scarves, Kai chose a pattern for a shawl, and Mark set his sights on making a blanket. The experienced knitters jumped right into their projects while Rochelle taught the others how to roll their skeins into balls and how to cast on to their knitting needles.

With the projects underway, the knitters are encouraged to knit while at HASP and at home.



However, if they run into any problems they can bring their work to Rochelle for help.

SUPER SMASH BROS.

What you are about to read is an interview between Francis, a staff member at HASP, and Theo, our current reigning champion from the Super Smash Bros. tournament.

Francis: Alright I'm sitting here with Theo, the first ever HASP smash bros champion. Theo, thank you first off for agreeing to take this interview.

Theo: Thank you too Francis.

Francis: Let me start by asking you, what was your thought process behind character selection in terms of choosing Pit over other characters.

Theo: Well I don't really play this game that often but the times I play I realize it's very helpful to be able to fly and it's very helpful to be able to shoot stuff because shooting stuff is helpful.

Francis: I see, so looking back on your matches throughout the tournament and more importantly

round two where you went up against a fellow Pit player, tell me what your strategy was going into that match.

Theo: Well we both had the same moves but the key was to use them in a different way. Many people as Pit would just choose to use the combo move that traps the player but when I happened to play Pit I used the fly to try to get behind them and then hit them with a few melee attacks just to get some more damage in before they can do more damage to me and then I run away. It's more of a hit and run strategy.

Francis: I see, I see, from a commentator's standpoint I definitely thought that match was gonna go to time limit you guys seemed to be trading lives back and forth as well as trading damage. Also I want to go back to your finals match against Lucario, tell me what your thoughts were on that match and how you counter a heavier damage dealer such as Lucario.

Theo: Well Lucario might deal a lot of damage but it's not exactly the most agile character, it's most damage dealing move is where it just makes a ball of energy and shoots it really far, but the easy way to counter that is to jump over it and since I have a five jump it was not that hard to counter that move. The other way I beat them was my ranged attack was faster and it was very easy to shoot multiple times so I just tried to strike where I could and run when I couldn't.



Francis: I see, and I guess my final question for this interview is what advice would you give to other Smash bros competitors for the tournaments moving forward.

Theo: Pick a character that you know you can play well against other people, don't just pick the character that you love the best. For multi-player pick the character you know can deal damage like single handedly hurt something and not just strike off of others' attacks. Pick the character that you know is really *your* character.

Francis: Alright well you guys heard it here first, stay true to yourself and the characters you are strong with. Once again Theo thank you very much for sitting down with us for this interview.

Theo: No Problem.

Francis: We hope to see you around the tournament circuit in the future.

Theo: I'll try to see you there Francis.



