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Today is the national finals of the NPCEC! Many cats are super excited, as Harvey will be competing in these finals! The finals consist of three rounds with 150 participants, and fifty cats will be eliminated in each of the first two rounds. The prizes ceremony will come after, and all of the cats who participated will win their potato chip statue.

Image above - Lunch and her kittens, who will definitely be cheering Harvey on during these national finals.

The NPCEC does not allow cats to film the competition, and they have managed to get rid of all members of the press, except for the special filming crew who will be the only ones able to broadcast this competition. However, we at Cats Illustrated are a little more sneaky. We bribed one of

the contestants who would represent Utah, and now one of our reporters is going to the national finals in their place. We won't be covering the first two rounds, as our reporter needs to advance to the final round.

Back in Pawsville, kittens are enjoying the snow and ice while adult cats watch the live broadcast of the NPCEC national finals. Though the snow has stopped, most hills are wonderful for sledding. The lake has frozen over completely now, and cats are also doing a bit of ice skating. There was a jump constructed on the sledding hill, and kittens have really been taking advantage of the snow. However, most adult cats are glued to the TV watching the live broadcast of the national round of the NPCEC, and kittens might also join their parents if Harvey does make it to the final round.

In the first two rounds, Harvey did not have any trouble. He finished fifty-second in the first round, and thirtieth in the second. However, there were definitely some strong competitors, and one cat had gotten two top-three finishes in a row. But now it is time for the round that counts. The final round. Cats are getting ready to eat, and just now, the starting whistle has blown. Harvey has dumped his water on his potato chips, and he is taking off. Some other cats are getting slower starts, because this is where having a big stomach is an advantage. Harvey is still going strong, along with a few other cats.

“I would've enjoyed Harvey's win more if I'd won some money on it.”

- NAYA

still going, eating at a crazy rate, and, incredibly, against all odds, he has won the NPCEC!

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Image above - Rudy, who can't bear to watch.

Harvey is eating incredibly fast, pulling slightly ahead of the three cats behind him. Harvey is eighty percent done, and rapidly increasing that percentage. Already, a couple cats haven't been able to take in so many potato chips, and there is a bit of throw-up staining the ground in some places. Harvey is