

Lessons Learned – Text of Email from 1640 mentor – 15-Nov-2009

I was very impressed that we placed 17th out of 36 robots on Saturday, that's a job well done.

In talking to my sister about not getting chosen about the alliance she asked about our pit scouting. Teams rely on that along with your placement to pick during the day. She said that 1511 has a "brag sheet" that when people come by they give it to them. I didn't see ours, but then I was in and out of the pits.

With comments like "Award winning traction control system, we can push other robots around like rag dolls and when our alliance says Play Defense and keep Team XXX from scoring we can (had have) blocked teams and scoring for the entire match. Our average "scored on rate" is < 5 for the season.

It goes back to advertising, we've seen it work in other areas.

I talked about upping our brand presence. She agreed and said that sab-Bot-age was good, but we needed to do more with signs and other items. She likes the two color shirt, it stands out more than a single color.

The other thing is bonding with other teams. We've done some with 1511 because of her and I, both teams know about the other. But we need to reach out and do more with other teams in the area.

We should talk more about what we can do to improve our alliance selection chances.