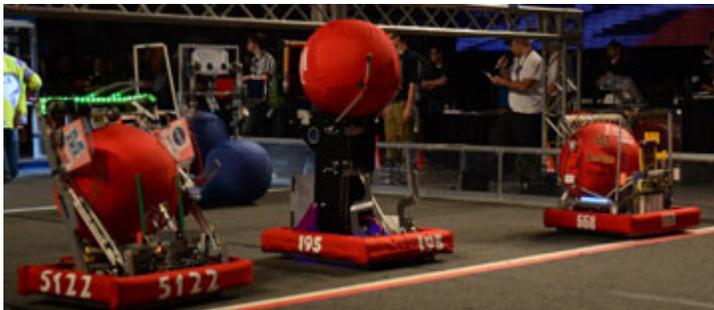


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Cyber Knights News

2014 New England Region Championship



Following the end of the first district season in New England, the district championship event was held at the Agganis Arena in Boston, Massachusetts this past weekend from April 10-12. 54 teams from Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Connecticut competed at the event, and the Cyber Knights were certainly a force to be reckoned with throughout the competition. Finishing their 12 qualification matches with a phenomenal record of 11 wins and 1 loss, as well as getting one of the highest scores in a match in the world at 316 points without fouls, 195 was the #1 seeded team once again during the alliance selections held on Saturday afternoon. The Knights selected their friends on team 558, Robo Squad from New Haven, CT, to join their alliance, as well as rookie team 5122, robOTies from Old Town, Maine. Team 195 and 558 won the Southington District Event together, and 5122 is considered one of the best rookie teams in the world this year, meaning their alliance would be a tough one to beat. The 3 teams fought their way through the quarterfinals and semifinals, beating teams from all over New England with scores ranging from 178 points all the way to 246 points. Unfortunately, the alliance's winning streak came to a halt in the final 2 matches of the competition, where the unbeatable alliance of team 177, Bobcat Robotics, team 230, Gaelhawks, and team 4055, Northwestern Robotic Gearheads, took home the gold. Despite this loss, all three teams on 195's alliance qualified for the FRC World Championship event being held in St. Louis, Missouri on April 23-26. The Cyber Knights didn't go home without any trophies, however. In addition to their finalist medals, the team also won the Industrial Design award, as well as the Woodie Flowers Finalist award given to Sandra Brino. Team 195 congratulates all the teams who qualified for the World Championship, and looks forward to representing New England with pride in the coming weeks.

2014 FRC Southington District Event



Inviting teams onto their home turf, the Cyber Knights competed in the inaugural 2014 Southington District Event this past weekend, held at Southington High School on March 22nd and 23rd. After field and pit setup was completed Friday afternoon, 195 welcomed 33 teams from Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts to their school. Qualification matches began early Saturday morning, during which 195 secured the position of rank 1 once again. After the remaining qual. matches were finished up Sunday morning, the Knights had an astounding record of 10 wins and 2 losses. This kept them in first place, making them the captain of the number one alliance during the elimination rounds. After some tough strategy discussions on who to pick to join them during alliance selection, 195 chose an alliance whose synergy levels were unmatched by any other trio of teams throughout the competition. Consisting of team 558, Robo Squad from New Haven, CT, and team 999, the MechaRams from Cheshire, CT, the number one seeded alliance easily fought their way through the quarterfinals and semifinals, winning every match with scores of over 200 points. Hungry for redemption from their elimination in the quarterfinals of the Groton District Event, the Cyber Knights had to give it their all during an intense three final matches against the killer alliance of team 230, 2836, and 4055. Losing the first match 186-197 meant the Knights had to have a 2-match comeback, and after winning the second match 176-147, the Knights were eager to secure their victory. 195 won the third finals match with a fantastic score of 206-92. Finishing the weekend strong, 195 also won the Quality Award sponsored by Motorola. The Cyber Knights would like to congratulate team 230, the Gaelhawks from Shelton, CT; team 2836, Team Beta from Woodbury, CT; and team 4055, NRG from Winsted, CT, for being extremely talented finalists. 195 would also like to congratulate team 558 for winning the event's prestigious Chairman's Award. The F-195 KnightHawk will take flight again in the New England District Championship competition, held in Boston, Mass. on April 10-13.

2014 FRC Groton District Event



The first ever Groton District Event was held this past weekend, March 7-9, at Fitch High School in Groton, Connecticut. Team 195 competed in this event, and was considered a force to be reckoned with by other teams. Following the qualification matches that took place on Saturday, the Cyber Knights were rank 1 out of the 34 teams that attended the competition, with a record of eleven wins and one loss. Their robot, the F-195 Knight Hawk, whose name originates from the stealth aircraft of similar name in honor of one of 195's sponsors, the United States Air Force, effortlessly assisted and scored its way to the top of the leader-board. During alliance selection, as captain of the number one seeded alliance, 195 selected team 78, Air Strike from Newport County, Rhode Island, and team 3719, the STEM Whalers from New London, Connecticut, to join them in the elimination rounds. Despite this killer alliance, the three teams were eliminated in the quarterfinals. Nonetheless, 195 would like to congratulate the winners of the event, 1699, 1991,

and 230, as well as the winner of the Engineering Inspiration Award, 228, and the winner of the Chairman's Award, 78! Team 195 will also be competing in their own competition, the Southington District Event, being held at Southington High School on March 21-23.

2014 VEX CT State Championship



Starting the year off with a bang, 195's three VEX teams competed at the Connecticut championship tournament held at East Catholic High School, and took home another two trophies. 195A, the all-girls team known as the "Cyber Pirates," who won their first tournament in November, brought home the "Energy" award this past Sunday due to their astounding support for their team. 195B, the "Cyber Squires," winners of the Masuk competition in December, made it to the finals along with their alliance partners 5150F (the Mad Hatters) and 5319A (Woodstock Academy). Finally, 195C, also the "Cyber Squires," proved that they too are capable of bringing home the gold. Teaming up with 5150E (the Mad Hatters) and 4478E (Vexplosion), the alliance narrowly beat out 195B and their partners in the finals. 195 would like to congratulate all the teams that competed, and wishes good luck to those moving on to the world championship.

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