

Friday

On Friday the 25th, 21 Antares team members and 8 mentors packed up the trailer and departed to Sacramento, where we spent our nights in the Quality Inn for the Capital City Classic (CCC) competition. That evening, we convened at Pleasant Grove High School where we enjoyed an Italian dinner, set up our pit, and began preparations for the following day.

Saturday

Saturday morning, our drive team woke up early at 5:30 AM and began the setup for the upcoming day. Despite facing a few challenges—including a broken amp-scoring mechanism in the first round and not hitting our five-note auto until the third round—our team consistently won round after round, ending the day ranked second out of 51 teams. Throughout the day we also focused on pit scouting and strengthened relationships with fellow teams through distributing candy-filled gift bags and personalized note cards.



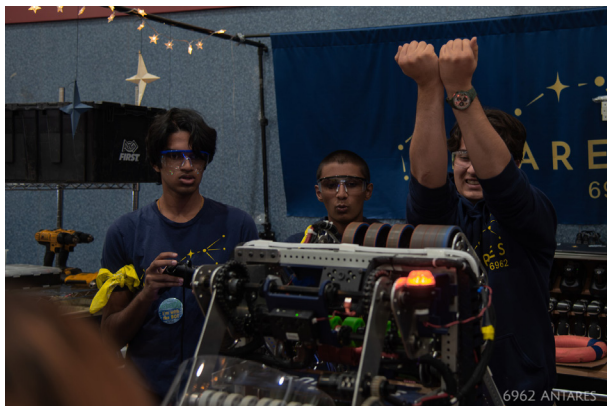
That evening, back at the Quality Inn, our team convened for a 7 PM strategy meeting in the cramped lobby, eagerly examining the game that day and planning the alliance strategy for the next. We analyzed both our pit- and match-scouting data to identify teams that we would be enthusiastic to ally with, if given the opportunity.



Sunday

On Sunday, despite being bumped from second to third place, we continued our winning streak by emerging victorious through all of our qualification rounds. Meanwhile, our strategy team continued to re-examine our alliance plan from watching the rounds and our outreach team continued forming connections—even swapping shirts with another team, 5940 BREAD.

The highlight of the day however, was winning the Innovation in Control award, recognizing our innovative control system to provide unique machine functions for the robot. The day was not without its setbacks: the fire alarm went off twice, forcing everyone to evacuate the gymnasium and delayed the competition by about an hour.



Thanks to our excellent performance, our team was picked first by the second alliance captain, Team 2135 Presentation Invasion. Also in the alliance were 1967 The Janksters and 7419 TECH SUPPORT's B team. Although we didn't make it to the finals, we still won the prestigious Innovation in Control award, played against the best teams in the world, and remained undefeated in all 9 of our qualification rounds.



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