



OUR 2019 WRAP-UP EDITION

2019 Purdue Boiler Bot Battle

Having returned for a third year to this special off-season event is Team 2197. This year we did not attend alone, though. With rookie team 9102 Slicer Tech, our team was empowered to share in our excitement and experience. 9102 hopes to begin their first official season with FIRST in the 2021 season.

Sadly, in terms of the competition itself, 2197 realized that our robot, “Big T,” had exited his prime. Performance in the Boiler Bot Battle does not have any effect on true season rankings, though, so this re-run mock match of 2019’s FIRST “Destination: Deep Space” managed not to weigh down our spirits.

Parading Around Town

Apart from his big moment back on the game field, Mr. T also made major appearances alongside his loyal team in three major holiday parades. The crowds celebrating New Carlisle’s Hometown Days, Homecoming football game, and Christmas from the sidelines cheered enthusiastically at the passing of our team and robot. Parading around town has gained great notoriety for our team. We hope that our team’s positive emotion is contagious and effective in inspiring the next generations of FIRST hopefuls.

Also. . . be sure to watch the full recording of 2197’s third annual in-house battlebots competition: “Battle Royale With Cheese 3,” which is the title of our YouTube video on our new channel “LasPumas 2197.” You can also listen to the “UnPACKed with PMMI Podcast,” where members and mentors of our team were featured on “Episode #11 - Support the Future of Packaging & Processing on Giving Tuesday.” There, we wrapped up our experience at the Las Vegas PACK Expo.

FTC Justice League Matches

With the support of New Prairie United School Corporation staff, 2197 members and mentors coordinated, hosted, and staffed the very first experimental run of weekday FTC League matches in the state of Indiana. The series of three matches was a perfect debut of the mighty Justice League (the title we have taken as our league’s own), featuring multiple shows of gracious professionalism.

The Sacred Pledge

After the Catherine Promise met levels which required knowledge beyond our team’s expertise, 2197 moved on to the Aaron Pledge. Aaron is a fellow New Prairie High School student who lives with cerebral palsy. With the Catherine Promise fulfilled, the team came into the project well-prepared, knowing what questions to ask and with experiences of building custom armrests that would benefit Aaron just as well as they had Catherine.

Las Vegas PACK Expo

With the help of generous sponsors, most notably E-PAK and the New Prairie Education Foundation, eight veteran team members were able to attend the continent’s largest trade show of the year. At the event, 2197 was honored to be one of the 2,000 exhibitors. We strengthened our sponsor relations, awareness of the packaging industry, and were featured on a podcast (more info in “Also. . .” section below).

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