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Week 3 Recap

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St. Louis Regional

Last Week's Predictions

- #1 Seed: 1985
- Winning Alliance: 1985 1208 1094
- Chairman's: 1208
- Engineering Inspiration: 1985

Results

- #1 Seed: 1501
- Winning Alliance: 1501 4500 3284
- Chairman's: 3284
- Engineering Inspiration: 2978
- Wild Card Recipients: 4256 (4500)

Well, I whiffed on my predictions for this regional, although I did come close a couple times. Clearly the two most successful teams walking away from this regional have to be 3284 who were Regional

Champions and Chairman's Award winners, and 1501, who were the #1 seed after qualifications as well as Regional Champions.

Both of these teams looked pretty strong, and didn't have too much of an issue walking away with the win. It also helped that they had 4500 on their team, who had just come off a regional win with 16 at Arkansas. This of course provides a Wild Card to the finalist alliance captain 4256, who will now be returning to St. Louis later this year.

1501 could be a strong favorite going into their next regional at Pittsburgh as they could still improve their performance. This was 3284's second regional after Central Illinois so they'll be getting ready for their second trip to St. Louis now.

Overall, while I don't think this was the strongest regional showing by far, the talent level of the robots definitely separated more than I expected and we were able to see some offensive carried out a little bit more than I expected, however hard hitting defense and fouls still controlled things quite a bit.