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# We are Headed to Provincials!!!



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## Getting Ready for Provincials!

Now that we have completed both of our district events we are excited to announce that we have qualified for the provincial championship @ the Hershey center in Mississauga! A great accomplishment for a rookie team, we are excited to have the opportunity to compete with and against some of the best robots that this country has to offer in FIRST!

With strong finishes at both Ryerson and North Bay competition our robot has proven to be one of the more reliable in two aspects of the game. We are getting very good at controlling and protecting our switch along with feeding power cubes into the exchange, allowing us to be one of the most consistent robots in both competitions.

As a rookie team we are excited to see how we will be able to complement teams that are good at other aspects of the game as we all fight to become the winners of First Power Up 2018!

## Our Second Event Recap: *Nipissing University Districts*



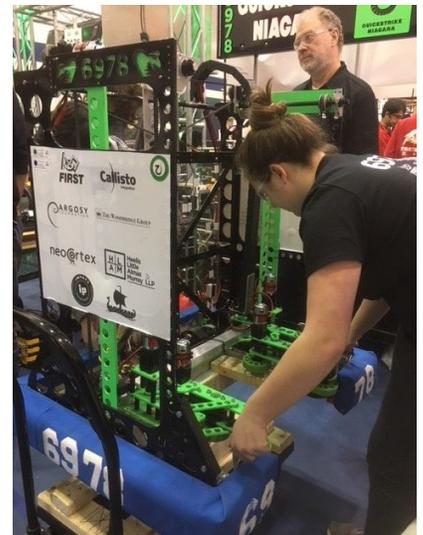
The ride may have been long (4.5 hours each way) but it was definitely worth it! Team Quick Strike was able to take North Bay by storm with our amazing robot.

With one competition under our belts, our team was able to start strong and battle with some of the top robots that were at this FIRST competition. Our drive team was excellent through out with Charles, Ben, and Claire working together to have some dominating performances throughout qualifying.

Our pit received some amazing compliments from other teams and spectators as the weekend progressed, most teams were very surprised to see that we are a rookie squad. Following the

completion of qualifiers we were not ranked like a rookie team finishing in an amazing 7th spot, earning us our first Top Seeded Rookie Award!

Thanks to all of our sponsors, students and parents for making this a memorable event!



## **Community Demo! Nigara Riverlions Playoff Game @ the Meridian Center**

As a part of our community outreach program we have partnered with a local professional sports team to help promote STEM in our Niagara community.

Through our partnership with the Riverlions we have agreed to sell tickets to their first 2018 home playoff game vs. the London Lightning on April 10th 2018. At the game we will be holding a live halftime demo that will help to promote lego league and of course the FIRST QuickStrike program. Our halftime demo will allow students attending the game to faceoff in a short 5 minute competition to win a branded prize.



Please visit our website for information on how to buy tickets !!!!

We are really looking forward to showing off our robot in front of thousands of fans!

***GO LIONS GO!***

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### **Standing Out: Alex McCollough**

Meet Alex McCollough, Alex loves robots! A grade 9 students at Beamsville District Secondary School, Alex is our only students that hails from the west Niagara area of the region. After attending our open house with his mother, they both knew immediately that this was a program that Alex wanted to be a part of. Since joining the team Alex has been a part of the entire program helping it in many different aspects of the team.



Alex's biggest contributions have come of the promotional and marketing side of the team. He has been huge in the development of our website and our outreach on social media. Alex is always looking for creative ways to help us market our program. He is interested in making Niagara Robotics into a power house for years to come. As we move towards our provincial competition Alex's role will become even more important as we try and impress the judges at the competition!

***Thanks again to all of the parents that attended the event along with all of our sponsors that help to keep our program running. Our students are forever grateful***