

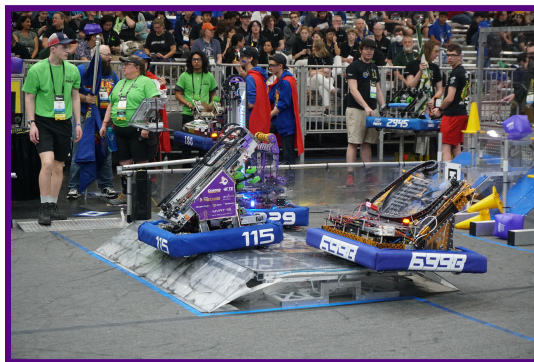
World Championships 2023 Newsletter

Qualifying for World Championships for the second year in a row after winning the Impact Award in the San Francisco Regional, MVRT flew from Cupertino to Houston Tuesday, April 18! From Tuesday to Sunday, MVRT spent the week gaining unforgettable memories meeting innumerable teams, attending conferences to learn more FIRST and robotics, and competing in matches.



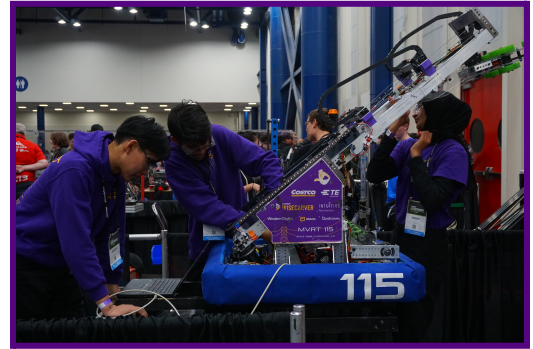
Unlike regional competitions, practice matches started in the afternoon rather than the morning on Wednesday. With this spare time, MVRT members spent time together bonding, ice skating at the Galleria mall and exploring Houston!

These moments truly reflect how MVRT is much more than just a robotics team; it is a family, our Ohana. Carrying this spirit into the competition, MVRT ensured to adhere to the FIRST values of gracious professionalism, collaborating with other teams in the pits and making new friends by trading hoodies and t-shirts.



After successfully finishing the first day of practice matches, MVRT entered into qualification matches on Thursday motivated, prepared to take on the challenges of championship matches in the Curie division. Although the first couple of matches were bumpy, MVRT went back into the game strong, averaging 6-7 cycles per match and easily completing 5 links with alliance partners almost every single match.

The hard work and dedication of our amazing pit crew ensured our success in matches, as they optimally utilized practice fields and collaborated with each other to tackle and solve every problem that we encountered. Also in the pits, our awards team worked hard pit speaking to judges and presenting our outreach programs effectively. We are so proud of our Impact Award speech team for the wonderful speech they presented to judges and their ability to flawlessly communicate all that our team has succeeded!



MVRT continued to perform flawlessly into the second day of qualification matches as well on the second day on Friday. Our drive team was able to amazingly communicate with each other before, during, and after matches, continuously focusing on ways to improve with each successive match and working hard to ensure our robot performs the most optimally on the field!

On the third day of Championships, MVRT was thrilled to be a part of Alliance 8 as the third pick with Pearadox, Vector Robotics, and Space Cookies. We are so proud of our alliance to advance all the way to semi-finals in the Curie division during eliminations!

Watching Einstein's at the end of the third day was truly an unforgettable memory for MVRT members. Being able to watch such amazing robots play in-person and experience these once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunities at Champs is something that all MVRT members are so grateful for!



This season, our team worked endless hours to build such an advanced robot, impact our community through our plentiful demos and outreach programs, and help other teams through field-sharing and debugging other teams' issues in pits in regional competitions. We could not be more grateful for all the hard work our students put into this team, and congratulations to all the seniors who have successfully graduated MVRT to become the next generation of STEM leaders.

Thank you so much to the generous help provided by our mentors, who continuously motivate us to think outside of the box and come up with innovative solutions. Thank you to our alumni who always come back to provide essential support and guidance. Thank you to our parents for always encouraging our students to strive for more. Thank you to our sponsors for giving us the resources necessary to create such a change in our community. Without all of your help, MVRT would not have been able to succeed as we did this season. Thank you FIRST for the amazing Charged Up game, and we look forward to entering next year with a Crescendo!

