Finally, the first competition was upon us! It was quite hectic, but we were excited. However, Crystal was anxious because it was the debut of Lancebotic’s brand new all girls team. Crystal had seen all girls teams get underestimated, made fun of, and she hoped her driving wouldn’t be ridiculed. Her own friends in the crowd had doubted the capabilities of 200G! Thankfully, there was little time to think, everyone was assigned a role the night before and there was a lot of work to do. We had driver practice, strategies, autonomous runs, skills runs, builders ready to fix any broken parts, and the scouting team evaluating our competition.

As the team photographer, I captured the challenging and stressful moments as well as the successful and celebratory times. It was a long 12 hours, but 200G fought hard to be Alliance Captains of seed 11 and to qualify for the quarter finals. We were proud of our accomplishment and headed to the award ceremony. Little did we know that the judges were very impressed with the design of our robot and presented us with the Create Award.