

Tournament IX Results

January 22, 1994

Congratulations to all who entered the Ninth International RoboWar Tournament. There were 37 individual entries and 12 teams from a total of 24 participants. There were no entry fees or prizes in this round.

Category	Winner	Robot(s)
Individual 1st	Jean-Francis Lechat	Jade
Individual 2nd	Jeff Lewis	Horta Jr.
Individual 3rd	Jean-Francis Lechat	Arachnée
Youth	John Abbott	.Superzot Jr.
Team	John Abbott	.Team Superzot III .Team Superzot Jr
Icon Contest	Mark Ramirez	Brave Sir Robin

The Eighth RoboWar tournament was dominated by the triumvirate of Jean-Francis Lechat, Jeff Lewis, and John Abbott. Each of these three RoboWarriors placed all of their individual entries in the top six spots. Jean-Francis again claims first place with a robot unmodified from the Eighth Tournament. John Abbott, age 12, claims prizes both for the best team and for the best individual entry written by a hacker under the age of 18.

All six Winner's Circle contestants had pacifist algorithms that don't attack unless provoked in the individual rounds. This is boring to watch, but also surprising; I would have expected that a good pacifist killer would have been developed by this point. I plan to leave the scoring system unchanged in the Tenth Tournament, allowing one more chance for intrepid hackers to write a good pacifist killer; if nobody succeeds by that point, I will change the scoring system to reward more aggressive robot strategies.

The special Golden BozoBot award goes to Thong Nguyen for the buggiest entries in the Ninth Tournament. Merlin constantly crashes, slowing down the tournament. Leonidicus crashes less often, but in a very embarrassing way: he tries to fire hellbores even though he isn't equipped with any. Please test your robots before you enter them to avoid the humiliation of having your buggy robot distributed all around the world with your name on it.

The Eighth Tournament was run on my new PowerMac 8100 using a beta version of RoboWar 4.1 running in native mode with a new automated tournament utility. All rounds were run four times as much as specified to reduce the randomness factor. All in all, over 5.7 million chronons were simulated at an average rate of about 500 chronons per second. RoboWar 4.1 will not be available until later this year.

Congratulations again to everyone who entered; the quality of entries was the best ever. Interrupts are being used in their full glory and the doppler command has become essential to most good robots. The complete results of the tournament appear below: Authors under the age of 18 are italicized to give special credit to the rising generation of RoboWarriors.

Individual Competition (note: top six robots advance to the Winners' Circle)

<u>Robot Name</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Solo Score</u>	<u>Group Score</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>WC Solo</u>	<u>WC Group</u>	<u>Final</u>
Jade	J. Lechat	357	344	701	202	146	1049
Horta Jr.	Jeff Lewis	338	386	724	194	116	1034
Arachnée	J. Lechat	352	347	699	201	131	1031
Discovery	Jeff Lewis	304	360	664	198	135	997
.Superzot Jr.	John Abbott	353	290	643	191	86	920
.Superzot III	John Abbott	337	272	609	197	46	852
Coyote 2	Will Toleman	252	291	543			
Orb of Doom IV	Eric Foley	309	230	539			
IQ	Will Toleman	319	219	538			
HappyBot XV	Greg Parker	276	246	522			
Krulockh	Eric Foley	326	194	520			
Fung Ku	Robert Steeley	283	231	514			
Borris	Theo Howell	255	244	499			
CONSTITUTION	NCC James Beach	234	234	468			
Spots	Theo Howell	294	171	465			
BlackHole	Chris Crebolder	249	211	460			
Immortal	Chris Funston	215	233	448			
BitBot	Steve West	179	258	437			
PineTree	Adam Sanderson	175	260	435			
SuperNova	Chris Crebolder	190	236	426			
Spud	Mark Nichols	221	200	421			
SpudBot	Chris Funston	180	230	410			
Mushroom	Mark Nichols	248	153	401			
Lothair	Andrew Seidman	175	223	398			
Merlin	Thong Nguyen	259	127	386			
Atomic	Adam Sanderson	163	208	371			
Shy Stealth \$	Michael Ferguson	169	194	363			
Leonidicus Shklovsk	Thong Nguyen	219	140	359			
SideMiner	Joe Strout	202	126	328			
Groundhog	Steve West	158	152	310			
Dopy v5.1	Edgar Ellis	147	150	297			
Jeff	Brad Naas	97	184	281			
Mutt	Brad Naas	109	172	281			
SimpleBot	Andrew Goldstone	133	108	241			
mi shelly	Michael Ferguson	80	149	229			
The Dread Judge	Lucas Dixon	96	118	214			
SchizophrenicBot	Andrew Goldstone	149	32	181			

Tournament Completed 12:23 PM 1/22/95
 Elapsed Time: 00:15:09
 Total Chronons Simulated: 347771
 Average Chronons / Sec: 382

Author	Robot 1	Robot 2	Score
Doug Harris	Chlorinated Benzen	Chlorinated Benzen	173
Ian Sudick	HEAD #1	HEAD #2	172
Tim Seufert	Goon Team	Goon Team	161
G & B Parker	HappyBot VII Team	HappyBot VII Team 2	147
Jeff Lewis	LB2 Team #1	LB2 Team #2	147
Chris Bloomfield	No Frills twin	No Frills twin	146
John Abbott	Superzot II-left	Superzot II-right	136
Josh Goldfoot	Skittish^3 Team I	Skittish^3 Team II	133
Jeff Lewis	9-Ball Team	Seven Ball	132
Jeff Lewis	Panzer Team	SwampThing	127
Paul Schmidt	Team - Mr. Kool Aid	Team - Mr. Kool Aid	127
Jeff Lewis	Outlandish	Outlandish	113
G & B Parker	PIG	GUINEA	66
David Shaw	Billiards #1 r3	Billiards #2 r3	55
Alexander Hieke	Zappenfatz 6.1	Zappenfatz 6.2	47
David Shaw	Killer 9	Hunter 10	35
G & B Parker	superchicken	toiletbot	35

Team Competition

Author	Robot 1	Robot 2	Score
John Abbott	.Team Superzot III	.Team Superzot Jr.	167
Eric Foley	Death Bunny #1	Death Bunny #2	159
Chris Funston	Immortal-1	Immortal-2	138
Greg Parker	HappyBot XVIA	HappyBot XVIIb	131
Brian Parker	The Brain	Pinky	131
Jeff Lewis	Toon Bot	Toon Bot	116
Chris Crebolder	SuperNova	BlackHole	116
John Beach	CONSTITUTION NCC	Clockwise	98
Brad Naas	Mutt	Jeff	77
Andrew Goldstone	PsychoBot1	PsychoBot2	73
Thong Nguyen	Merlin team	Merlin team	71
Adam Sanderson	Atomic Bomb Team!	Atomic Team!	50