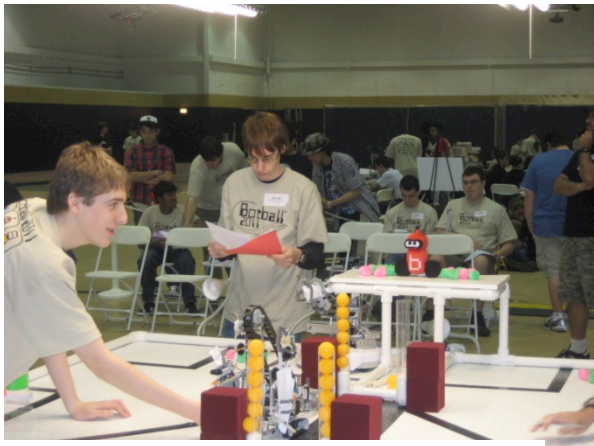


## Robotics Team Takes Fifth in New Jersey

Trumbull High School's Robotics Club traveled to Hightstown, New Jersey on Sunday, May 22, to compete in the annual Botball® robotics tournament. Developed through hundreds of design, construction and testing hours, the team's robots were challenged during the initial seeding rounds by inconsistencies between the THS team's practice board and the tournament board. This resulted in a seeding round seventh placement in a field of 20 regional teams. The team made the necessary adaptations to the robots' programming and proceeded through the double elimination rounds, driving out several of the teams that had scored better in the seeding rounds. This elevated THS to fifth place in the double elimination round. Guided by advisor Hans Drenkard, the THS tournament contestants included Kate Craddock, Kunal Jhaveri, Aleksey Klimshenko, Alex Mark, Eric Pacelli, Dan Regan, Matt Rescsanski, Greg St. Germain, Mike Schriefer and Sarah Tropp. All are grateful to the Trumbull ACE Foundation and Trumbull BEI for their combined support to enable the team to participate in this competition.



Alex Mark and Eric Pacelli make final adjustments before running the robots



Dan Regan and Alex Mark assess the "carnage" after the THS robot invades the opponent's territory.



THS Robotics Team members Kate Craddock, Greg St. Germain, Matt Rescsanski and Kunal Jhaveri look on in suspense as the robots duel it out on the competition board