

Long Island Roller Rebels vs H.A.R.D.'s Nuclear Knockouts

On Saturday, September 20th 2008, at Skate Safe America in Old Bethpage, NY, the Long Island Roller Rebels took on Harrisburg, PA's Nuclear Knockouts in a thrilling bout of women's flat track roller derby. The Nuclear Knockouts won, in a 188 point landslide victory, giving the Knockouts their second WFTDA-sanctioned win.

The first period started out with a 4-4 tie between Harrisburg's Nash Villain and Long Island's C-Roll. It looked as if this was going to be a close battle between the two teams, but in the second jam, with Rainbow's Revenge belting out a 16-3 crush over Amaretto Sourpuss, that launched the Knockouts on an all out assault on the Roller Rebels. Mother Trucker followed up, dropping a 15-0 bomb on MadDonna. The Knockout's jamming team of Nash Villain, Rainbow's Revenge, Mother Trucker, Holden Grudges and Queen Of Pain, were unstoppable. The Long Island girls were able to get a substantial amount of points on the board in the sixth frame, when Long Island's C-Roll was able to put up 8 points to Nash Villain's 11. A series of five consecutive 0 point jams for Long Island had the Knockouts breaking 100 points by the eleventh jam, with the score at 101-18.

In the tenth jam, Long Island's jammer D-Ball was taken off the track with an injury after a nasty spill. By the twelfth frame, the play had begun to get sloppy, with skaters starting to fill the box, and many jams saw both teams skating short players. This saw the Knockouts scoring lower per jam, and Long Island was able to pull two wins over the Knockouts. In the twelfth jam, Regine Bull scored 1-0 over Rainbow's Revenge, and in the 14th jam, C-Roll again had a nice 8-4 jam over Detra Mental. In the final jam of the period, Rainbow's Revenge answered back, with a powerful 15-0 slam on Regine Bull, leaving the final score of the period at 130-27, with the Knockouts leading by over 100 points.

The assault continued into the second period, with Nash Villain scoring 14-0 over Amaretto Sourpuss in the first and second jams. The third jam saw a 4-4 tie between Mother Trucker and C-Roll. The Knockouts were clearly dominating the game. In the tenth jam, Mother Trucker landed a beautiful 14-4 jam over C-Roll, putting the Knockouts at 200 points. In the twelfth jam, C-Roll again put up 8 points for Long Island, in an action packed jam, but was still outscored by opponent Rainbow's Revenge, who earned 12. With Long Island having many 0 point jams, and only earning lead jammer status twice in the second period, the Nuclear Knockouts blazed on to victory with a final score of 244 to 56.

Also skating for the Knockouts were: Whiskey Business, Anida Blade, Eve Ternal Jamnation, Jane Wrastle, Cruel Britannia, Dosa Badazz, NastyNiss and Renegade Raven. For the Long Island Roller Rebels were: Chest Blockwell, Mega Watts, Brawlette, Captain Morgan, Eve L. Taco and Cyanide Kisses.

The highest scoring jam belonged to Harrisburg's Rainbow's Revenge, who scored 16 points in one jam. For Long Island, it was C-Roll with 8 points in one jam - on three separate occasions. The highest scoring jammer was Harrisburg's Mother Trucker, who scored 52 points in 5 jams, giving her an average of 10.4 points per jam. Great job! C-Roll was also the highest scoring jammer for the Rebels, scoring 45 points in 10 jams, giving her an average of 4.5 points per jam.

The Nuclear Knockouts averaged 8.13 points per jam, and the Long Island Roller Rebels averaged 1.86 points per jam. The highest jammer point differential went to Harrisburg's Mother Trucker with +44 points. For Long Island, it was MadDonna with -35 points. Mother Trucker also led the Knockouts with lead jammer status, earning lead in 4 of her 5 jams, being 80% of her jams. For Long Island, it was again C-Roll, earning lead in 6 of her 10 jams, which was 60% of her jams. The Knockouts earned lead jammer in 19 of the bout's

30 jams, being 63% of the game. The Roller Rebels earned lead jammer in 7 jams, being 23% of the game. The referees called a total of 162 penalties in the game. Long Island was awarded the most, with 74 minors and 19 majors, for a total of 93 penalties. The Knockouts were awarded 51 minors and 18 majors, for a total of 69 penalties.

Cutting the track was the most commonly called penalty for both teams, being 28.7% of the penalties called on Long Island, and 29.3% of the penalties called on Harrisburg. The penalty princess was Long Island's Amaretto Sourpuss, who picked up 13 minors and 3 majors for a total of 16 penalties. For Harrisburg, it was Whiskey Business, who was awarded 7 minors and 4 majors, for a total of 11 penalties.

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