

GOOD TRUMPS EVIL IN H.A.R.D.'S SEASON OPENER

On Sunday March 30th, Harrisburg Area Roller Derby presented H.A.R.D. vs. H.A.R.D., their 2008 intraleague season opener and fan appreciation night at Olympic Skating Center in Enola, PA. The event was a Spy vs. Spy theme, with the league splitting into two teams, Good vs. Evil. The spy theme was taken quite seriously by Team Good, who were all names SPY 00 with a picture representing who they were. The team intros proved to be much fun. Team Good was hiding amongst the audience, and seemed to pop out of nowhere when their names were called, and Spy Whistle Pig a.k.a. Eve Ternal Jamnation pulled off a flawless cartwheel on skates. After a fun and energized bout, Team Good claimed the victory, scoring 190 to 124 over Team Evil, because, as we all know, good always wins in the end.

The bout kicked off with league heavyweight jammers, Spy Truck and NV battling for an 8 to 8 tie in the first jam. The second jam saw Team Good's Spy Whiskey Bottle slam a 15-0 jam over Evil's Detra Mental. This was followed by a 6-0 jam with Team Good's Spy Rainbow shutting out Evil's Plenty O'Toole. Team Good's Spy Angel Wing was able to put up a nice 7-3 jam over Evil's Holden Grudges, despite a very dirty jam by Team Evil, resulting in three majors being called on Team Evil, with jammer Grudges being pulled for a nasty back block, which caused her team to skate short a jammer in the fifth jam, allowing Good's jammer, Spy Raven to gain 5 unanswered points for her team. The penalties were really flying for Team Evil as they picked up another three majors in one jam, with Grudges again being pulled for a back block after a wicked pileup that took out jammer Spy Raven. NV was able to achieve lead jammer status for the first time for Team Evil in jam six and also squeezed out a 3-2 jam over Spy Rainbow being the first jam that Team Evil won. Unfortunately, their dirty playing continued to put them at a disadvantage as Anida Blade was pulled for her second elbows major in a row. Cybil Disobedience stepped up as jammer for Team Evil, but was sent to the box after picking up her 4th minor. This allowed for Spy Rocks to gain another five unanswered points for Team Good. A nasty pileup of sprawling skaters ended the jam as Rocks called it off. Spy Whiskey Bottle was able to land a 3-1 jam over Evil's Cybil Disobedience, despite Cybil achieving lead jammer, establishing quite a nice lead for Team Good at 51 to 15. In the ninth jam, Spy Raven still ended up victorious in a close 6-5 jam, but Evil's Detra Mental was finally able to bring some substantial points to her team. With NV having been thrown out early after picking up her 4th minor, Spy Rainbow nailed a 15-0 jam over Team Evil with lots of action going on in the pack as Anida Blade landed an exceptionally heavy block on Spy Angel Wing. Evil's NV retaliated in the eleventh jam with a 15-0 jam over Spy Angel Wing. Nice comeback! This was followed by an 8-8 tie between Spy Whiskey Bottle and Cybil Disobedience. Spy Truck put out an 11-8 jam in a heated battle with NastyNiss. In the final jam of the period, Team Evil's Queen Of Pain laid a 4-0 jam over Spy Raven, with Spy Rainbow being sent to the box for her 4th minor. The score was 91-55 in Team Good's favor.

The second period started out in Team Evil's favor with NV putting a 10-0 jam over Spy Angel Wing, but Spy Raven came back hard in the next jam, scoring 12-6 over NastyNiss with Team Good skating two blockers short and Evil's Detra Mental got a major for back blocking. In the third jam, Spy Rainbow rocked the house with a 17-1 jam over NastyNiss, being the highest scoring jam of the bout. Spy Whistle Pig laid an extremely heavy jab to Nasty, which got her a major for elbows. NV again earned lead jammer and came back with a 10-4 jam over Spy Rocks. A dreadful tangle between American Badazz and Spy Boobs, resulted in a major high block being called on Badazz, and Boobs joined her in the box having picked up her 4th minor in the incident. Spy Vixxen followed with a 5-0 jam over Queen Of Pain, with Spy Whiskey Bottle receiving a major for tripping. Spy Truck scored 4-2 over NV in the sixth jam with NV picking up her 4th minor and being sent to the box. Truck had a tough time, with Grudges taking her down with a crushing block, and yet another sent her to the floor soon after. Spy Vixxen followed with a 5-3 jam over NastyNiss. Spy Gingerbread Man picked up a major for a brutal forearms block. Team Good maintained with Spy Rainbow delivering an 11-4

jam over Queen Of Pain with Team Evil short two blockers and Good short one. Spy Whiskey Bottle took much abuse after she got nailed into the infield and was taken down hard another two times shortly after that. NV came back and slammed a 13-8 jam over Spy Raven, despite Raven achieving lead jammer. A hard block by Team Evil sent her flying into the audience, thus keeping her behind NV. In jam 10, Spy Angel Wing took a close 7-6 lead over NastyNiss, but Jonnie Lawless put an end to that with a sidesplitting block which catapulted her into the audience. Team Evil's Queen Of Pain came back with a 3-0 jam against Spy Gingerbread Man. With a thin pack due to many penalties, Spy Vixxen and NV tied it up 4-4 with the pack crashing to the floor around them. Spy Truck pulled it back in Good's direction in the next jam, with an 8-3 slam on Holden Grudges. In jam 14, Spy Rocks continued the assault with a 5-4 jam over Detra Mental, but called off the jam after a devastating hit by Team Evil. It was Spy Whiskey Bottle that sealed the win for Team Good in the brutally dirty final jam with a 9-0 crunch on NV. Each team started a blocker short, with NV being pulled for a cutting track major and Spy Raibow and Cybil Disobedience also being slapped with majors. The final score ended up being Team Good at 190 and Team Evil at 124.

Both teams tied for penalties with 89 being awarded to each. The Penalty Princess was Team Evil's Cybil Disobedience with a total of 18 minors and two majors for a total of 20. Team Good's was Spy Vixxen with a total of 17 minors. The highest scoring jam was achieved by Spy Rainbow with 17 points. For Team Evil, it was NV with 15 points. Spy Rainbow also led the bout scoring 51 points in 5 jams averaging 10.2 points per jam. For Team Evil, it was NV with 65 points in 10 jams averaging 6.5 points per jam. Both girls brought the most points in for their teams. Team Good averaged 6.6 points per jam and Team Evil averaged 4.3 points per jam throughout the game. It was Spy Raven who led with lead jammer status, achieving it in all 5 of her jams. Excellent. For Team Evil, it was again NV, achieving it in 4 out of 10 jams. Team Good earned lead jammer in 21 of the 29 jams being 72.4% of the bout. Team Evil only earned it in 5 of the jams putting them at 17.2%. Amazingly, Team Good earned lead jammer status in all but 2 jams in the second period, and every jam in period 2 had a lead jammer. Also playing were SPY 00 British Flag and SPY 00 Fishnets for Team Good and Disco Bloodbath, Lady Of Blocksley and Brickhaus for Team Evil. The Drag Addicts provided live rock and roll music before the bout and between periods and quite a large crowd turned out. It was definitely worth the wait through the long, empty off-season.



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