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# Fox Talk

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## Super Heroes vs. Super Villains

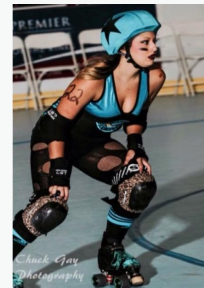
The much anticipated FFF Jr. Foxtails Super Heroes vs. Super Villains scrimmage on April 17th turned out to be everything we hoped it would be and more. The dozen and a half girls who played were cheered on by a very enthusiastic crowd of their biggest fans and supporters, and the Referee and NSO crew were enjoying their work more than usual.

It was a beautiful April day. The winds that had been howling all night and morning died down just before the opening whistle. After warm-ups the players were divided into black and red squads and took the track for the first jam. That first whistle was the start of a fantastic display of just how much these girls have learned and grown in the past few months. For some of these skaters, this was their first real action since beginning their training. For other skaters, whether from FFF or other leagues, they showed tremendous growth since the last time we saw them on the track. It was really a joy to watch.

It seemed as though every skater played both blocker and jammer positions at some point, and all did a great job at both. The walls were very solid, jammers were finding openings when they were there and blockers were creating openings when they could. Probably the most impressive of the skills on display was the ongoing effective communication among the mix of players on the track at any given time. Many times during the three 15 minute periods they played, we saw the scores bounce back and forth between red and black. At one moment the scoreboard showed a 30 point gap and at other times only a point or two separated the leader.

As I watched these young skaters throughout the day I caught myself smiling a lot, something I admittedly don't do nearly enough, and feeling very pleased at the realization that they are the future of roller derby.

## Fox Finder



Our May Fox is our very own Tori "Trauma Queen" Oroz. Trauma Queen is not only an awesome jammer on the Flyer team, she is also a pretty great dancer, everyone's little derby sister, and she plays alongside her biological sister Melissa "Lil Bit Feisty" Oroz. Trauma, as most call her, joined FFF in 2014 and has quickly become a strong effective jammer well known for her bouncy jumps and jukes to get through the pack. When asked how she came up with her derby name, she says her mom came up with it, "my mother said it went perfect with my personality". Her derby number, #22 comes from how old she was when she started playing derby. When she's not jumping her way through derby walls she's a student majoring in business, with a minor in marketing. She was a dancer in high school and college and you will always see her moves at the after parties. Her most memorable experience is playing in her first Flyer bout and her biggest derby hurdle to date is getting through a Flyer wall. Trauma's most memorable experience was receiving the MVP Jammer award after a bout against HCDG. When she's not playing derby or going to school she spends her time with her family, friends and her dog Mollie. She also loves to cook and bake.



# WFTDA Says...

What exactly is the Pack?

The Pack is considered the largest group of Blockers from both teams on the track during the Jam. The Blockers must be no more than ten feet either in front of or behind the nearest Blocker to be considered part of the Pack. How exactly do you measure the distance between the skaters? Distance is measured at the skaters' hips. Each team must have at least one Blocker on the track at all times during the Jam in order to form a Pack. If there are an equal number of Blockers from each team, and they are more than 10 feet away from each other and no "Pack" can be defined, this will create a No Pack/Destruction of Pack situation, which may lead to a penalty being issued. It is the responsibility of both teams to maintain the Pack. It is important to remember that the Jammer is not part of the Pack.

## FFF vs. Wine Town Double-Header

After a disappointing rained out bout earlier this month, Foothill Foxy Flyers were really looking forward to hosting Wine Town Rollers for a double-header on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to all of our bouts, but a double header, at home, against Wine Town was sure to be a good time. The first game would feature the Foxettes against the Grapes of Wrath, then the Flyers and Whine Makers would finish things up.

The evening began with our Junior Foxtails debuting their new uniforms as they carried the flag for the National Anthem. They followed up by providing an excellent demonstration jam for all the new folks in the audience. Not only did they do a great job at both, but they looked fantastic!

From the moment the first jam began the Foxette walls were being put to the test by the Wrath's jammers. The Foxette jammers were challenging the Wine Town walls equally as fierce. For the first several jams it seemed the jammers were on one another's heels, making for a few quick score-and-call-it jams. As the skaters began to settle in and get the feel for the competition the pack began to work against opposing blockers to create opportunities for their approaching jammers. Strong offensive play not only created opportunities for jammers, but also resulted in a few trips to the penalty box for both teams. As halftime approached it was looking like this was going to be a battle right to the last whistle.

The second half started with the Foxettes looking like they had fine-tuned their strategy during halftime. They were earning a lot of lead jammer whistles and the jammers were finding every nook and cranny to get through the pack and put points on the board. The ladies from Grapes of Wrath never let up, but Foothill was able to open up a nice little lead as the clock wound down. Foxettes held strong and took a 185 to 129 win.

The main event was sure to be every bit as exciting as the opening game with Foothill's Flyers taking on the Whine Makers and several skaters they have skated with more than against. With both the camaraderie and competition levels high, this was a fun game to watch. Every jam demonstrated that roller derby is not for the faint of heart. Positioning and teamwork were crucial, every hit with purpose, every point was earned and every second in the penalty box a missed opportunity. Wine Town was able to open up a decent lead a few times but Foothill never allowed them to stretch it out of reach. The Flyers would begin to close the gap and the Whine Makers would have a killer jam and open it right back up. In the final jam of the night the Flyers made a solid push but unfortunately fell short 179 to 191.

It was a long night with a slight delay due to a Referee locker room debacle, but turned out to be a great night with Foothill Foxy Flyers and Wine Town Rollers split-



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ting the prize. MVP awards for the Foxettes went to Warship, Red Rocket and Cat-taztrofy while MoeTroublz, IndisGretchen and WhipHer Kupcake took home the MVP honors for the Flyers. Congratulations to all.

