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Local team wants derby to be Gainesville's "other" favorite sport

The Gainesville Roller Rebels take on DeLand's Thunder City Derby Sirens this Sunday

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The Gainesville Roller Rebels ("GRR") are winding down their best season yet, have an application in to the national roller derby organization, and have made headlines recently as they spoke out to county officials about the value of their practice space at the Alachua County Fairgrounds. Next on their list? Getting Gainesville residents excited about roller derby.

"As our team improves and makes a name for ourselves in Florida roller derby, we hope Gainesville will come out to see what the sport is about and support the team," GRR President Miriam "Stocky Balboa" Hill said.

GRR will play their second to last home bout against the Thunder City Derby Sirens on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at Skate Station Funworks, 1311 N.W. 76th Blvd. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the bout starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are available before the match for \$8 at Sweet Dreams Ice Cream, Skate Station Funworks, BrownPaperTickets.com, or your friendly neighborhood roller rebel. Tickets are also available at the door for \$12.

In addition to getting to watch skaters with names like Patsy Clothesline, LeBrawn Maimes and Suzie Bonebreaker play some rough and tumble roller derby, fans can help GRR and get a shot at winning prizes from hockey tickets to a Bobby K designer dress. Proceeds from the drawing will go towards GRR's Injured Skater Fund. The fund will help uninsured skaters with medical bills related to injuries on the track.

For information about GRR, visit www.gainesvillerollerrebels.com.



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Gainesville Roller Rebels jammer Kristen "Krispy Kreme-Her" Duffield maneuvers through other skaters to earn points at GRR's last home bout at Skate Station Funworks.

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Kerri "Suzie Bonebreaker" Duffield-Audette and Robin "Patsy Clothesline" Morris take a moment before starting a "jam" at an intra-league bout for the Gainesville Roller Rebels. *Hi-res version available at*:

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