



Maine Roller Derby

Roller derby is a full-contact sport with attitude and style. The athleticism and power of the skaters will blow you away.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Please include the following information in your publication under calendars or wherever applicable.

Dates: September 22nd, & October 6th, 2007, doors at 5 pm, bout at 6 pm

Where: Portland Exposition Building, 239 Park Ave, Portland, ME

Advance tickets: www.mainerollerderby.com or Bull Moose Music, \$10 adults, \$5 ages 6 – 12, kids free 5 & under. Tickets also available at door, \$12 adults, \$7 ages 6- 12.



Maine Roller Derby Packs in 700 Fans at the Expo

**They're Ready for More When
MRD Takes on Pioneer Valley's
Western Mass Destruction team on
Saturday, September 22nd**

Portland, Maine: Maine Roller Derby's (MRD) first bout of the season at the Portland Expo last Saturday brought in 700 cheering, enthusiastic fans. Bodies were flying and wheels were whirring as the women of Maine Roller Derby traded

massive hits with the skaters from Hudson Valley Roller Derby. It was a long and grueling fight while the crowd roared and cheered their home team to a victory of 115 – 90.

“This was my first time seeing live roller derby and I didn’t know what to expect” said Mark Richards, a fan who attended the bout. “It was a lot of fun. I loved the funny skater and referee names, and I was very impressed with the athleticism and the seriousness of the bout. I’ll definitely be back!”

Unlike the over-dramatized and choreographed roller derby of the past, the nearly 200 roller derby leagues around the nation play a fully-organized, aggressive contact sport where nothing is faked. Spectators are encouraged to come down to the trackside floor seating and get the best views of the action.

Roller derby bouts offer more than your average sporting event, and appeal to fans of all ages. In addition to the action on the track on September 22nd, there will be live music by local band Moss Mountain Project in between skating periods. An after-party where fans can meet and mingle with the skaters will be held at Amigo’s, 9 Dana Street in Portland.

There will also be one more MRD bout for this short first season at the Portland Expo:

- **October 6th, Maine Roller Derby vs. Albany All Stars Roller Derby (from Albany, NY). After-party at Amigo’s, 9 Dana St., Portland.**

Doors open at 5:00 pm for both bouts, and the action starts at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available at www.mainerollerderby.com, local Bull Moose Music stores, and at the door.

For additional information about Maine Roller Derby in general, or the league’s season at the Expo, please contact Killer Quick at KillerQuick@mainerollerderby.com.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS – If you are a press member and would like to attend any of our bouts, please send Killer Quick your full name and the date or dates you would like to attend and you will be added to our guest list. Please note that MRD skaters will be available for interview the day of each bout from 4:45 – 5:00 pm at the Expo.

ABOUT MAINE ROLLER DERBY – Maine Roller Derby is Maine’s first and only women’s flat track roller derby league. The league began its formation in March 2006, and began practicing on skates in early

“Maine Roller Derby bouts are not only about the sport, they are pure entertainment. We have local bands, witty announcers, and very vocal fans. Our bouts are the parties you wish you’d been invited to, but actually did get invited to,” says Punchy O’Guts, the head of Bout Production for MRD.

June of the same year. The league is skater-owned and skater-operated, and currently houses approximately 36 members who practice three times a week. MRD follows the rules of the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (www.wftda.org), and is one of nearly 200 leagues across the nation to embrace the growing sport of roller derby as it is skated on a flat track, as opposed to the old days of banked-track competition.

MRD is actively recruiting new skaters, referees, and general volunteer staff. Skaters must be female and at least 21 years of age. Other volunteer staff, including referees and support staff for events, may be male or female, 18 years and up.

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