

VRDL v LRG {Champs 2015}



You should be analyzing more derby.

The questions (and comments) below are to help you home in on specific parts of the game and get you thinking like a derby analyst. These questions are by no means ALL OF THE THINGS that you could glean from this bout, but it's a good place to start.

FIRST HALF

JAM #	THINKS TO THINK
1	Why did VRDL move closer to the jammer line before the whistle? What is the benefit of starting closer to the jam line?
2	How could LRG have created a more successful reform in turn 1? Yes, they pulled the cut, but...
3	When the LRG jammer gets sent to the box, how does VRDL free up their jammer? What do you think is an integral part of executing this strategy?
4	Look at how fast VRDL reforms after they get swarmed by LRG. Manage to suck the jammer right back in. *swoon* On their bridge back, VRDL also makes holes for their jammer instead of just passively skating through.
COMMERCIAL	How do I break it to Scald Eagle that bald eagles don't actually make that noise ?
BETWEEN 8 & 9	Listen to the announcers share stats. What do you think accounts for LRG's 20 point lead right now?
9	Watch VRDL's power jam strategy. What are they doing? Why is it smart derby? Why are both teams skating in the non-derby direction? Does the pack HAVE to move in the non-derby direction? Why did the above strategy end up being largely unsuccessful for VRDL?
10	LRG is wrapping around VRDL's wall to start and using the VRDL 4-wall as an additional blocker. Amazing defense!! Watch those jammers <i>GRIND IT OUT!</i>
11	VRDL jammer puts on a clinic on how to roll with the contact and use it to your advantage. Can work for both jammers and blockers!!



12	The star is dropped. What are the rules for how to retrieve it?
13	The star is dropped again! Watch your panties! The announcer's explain the lead jammer situation later on. Pay attention!
14	Both jammers are out and VRDL starts to speed up the pack. Why?
15	LRG pivot shows great pack awareness here: takes immediate advantage of the opportunity to make a hole. More importantly, the LRG jammer is paying attention and makes a break for it.
16	Sneak star pass! Great awareness by LRG pivot and jammer to make that happen.
HALF TIME	VRDL 66 V LRG 47

SECOND HALF

JAM #	THINKS TO THINK
1	The "star stash" has become a common strategy in WFTDA play and VRDL's jammer does it here. What are the pros & cons of using a "star stash" strategy?
2	VRDL blocker with amazing face-to-face blocking against the LRG jammer. Watch her body positioning and the way she moves her shoulders finish those hits.
3	Full team offense from LRG to get their jammer out once VRDL's jammer breaks free. VRDL turns it around and manages to get their jammer through to call it off quickly.
4	YAAAAS! Apex jump.
5	How does LRG use their front positioning to open up space for their jammer?
6	VRDL wall breaks apart and LRG jammer <i>almost</i> gets through. That's why awareness and quick feet through the pack are so important.
11	LRG jammer smartly takes a knee rather than incurring a cut. Almost a full jam without a lead jammer! Ooo, skating out of bounds penalty. Watch the replay!
12	VRDL executes a star pass as their jammer comes out of the box. Do you think it was worth it?



PRE-13	Before the whistle blows, the LRG pivot attempts to position herself on the outside. Why? What is the response of VRDL? Do you think that was a good move?
16	How does VRDL react to LRG's attempts to play offense in the power jam situation? What skills are VRDL skaters able to execute that is making this relatively effective?
17	These walls reform so quickly! AHHHHH!
TEAM TIMEOUT	What are you talking about during your team timeout if you're on LRG? What situation are you hoping for in these last jams if you're on LRG? What about for VRDL?
18	<i>Did I have a stroke? Or did the time just skip?</i> Why is it so important that the LRG jammer has the star on before she hits the pack?
19	What's the benefit of the VRDL jammer drawing the LRG jammer all the way back?
FINAL SCORE	VRDL 122 v LRG 97

