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## CHARLOTTE ROLLER GIRLS EDGED OUT BY RIVER CITY

Charlotte, N.C. (April 19, 2009) - In front of a full house at the Grady Cole Center, the Charlotte Roller Girls, the Queen City's only all-female, flat track roller derby league, fell short of a win in a physical match against the River City Rollergirls. Charlotte was in control for much of the bout, but the Richmond-based team rallied in the closing seconds to pull off a come from behind 85-84 victory.

Rosie Cheeks led off as jammer for Charlotte. She outscored her opponent 4-0 and grabbed the early lead. In the fourth jam, River City moved ahead, but it was short lived. Charlotte pulled ahead in the seventh jam and never looked back. They maintained the lead for the remainder of the first period and headed into the locker room at the half with the score 45-37.

"We were ready for them going into this bout," said captain Court'her Pound'her. "We knew their strengths and we were able to play smart and stop them. We had the lead going into halftime but we knew we were still in for a good fight."

In the second half, River City came out swinging. By the fifth jam, they had regained the lead but Charlotte rallied back. It outscored River City in nine out of the next 16 jams including a double grand slam by Court'her Pound'her in the 14<sup>th</sup> jam.

Heading into the final jam, Charlotte led by a narrow margin. River City's jammer quickly earned lead jammer status while Court'her Pound'her, Charlotte's jammer, was sent to the penalty box. In control, River City outscored Charlotte to take the victory by one point.

"I'm proud of how our team played," said Court'her Pound'her. "We played with hearts and never gave up. River City is very experienced and to lose by only one point proves the depth of our league."

The next home bout for the Charlotte Roller Girls is on May 17 when they take on the Columbia (SC) Quad Squad. Tickets are on sale now at [www.charlotterollergirls.com](http://www.charlotterollergirls.com).

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For further information on the Charlotte Roller Girls, including the 2009 media guide, visit [sportsmediaandevents.com/mediacenter](http://sportsmediaandevents.com/mediacenter). Photos available upon request.

