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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

APPLEJACK stands beneath an apple tree staring at a painted target in the distance. She glances up into the branches of the tree and spots a single apple. Looking out toward the target again, she holds up a hoof to test the wind.

Satisfied, she gives the tree just enough of a buck to dislodge the apple. In SLO-MO the apple falls and Applejack winds up to kick it toward the basket when...

BACK TO NORMAL SPEED - RAINBOW DASH pops up next to her.

1b 1 2 3  
RAINBOW DASH  
Hey, Applejack. Whatchya doin'?

Distracted by Dash's sudden appearance, Applejack misses the apple completely and kicks empty air, extending her back legs and landing onto the ground with a <THUD>.

2 APPLEJACK  
WHAOOOO--OOOF!

The apple rolls past her head as Applejack tilts her hat up and stares at Dash.

3 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
Well, I was practicin' my distance buckin'.

4 RAINBOW DASH  
Distance bucking? What for?

Applejack gets up and dusts herself off.

5 4 APPLEJACK 5  
Because Braeburn and the rest of the Apple Family in Appleoosa seem to think that their team can beat Ponyville at Buckball.

Applejack bucks down another apple and with one swift kick, knocks it across the field and it smacks into the center of the target.

6 RAINBOW DASH  
(taking great umbrage)  
WHAT!? That's ridiculous! No pony beats Ponyville!  
(MORE)

2 (5b) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
 I mean, I could beat the whole town  
 of Appleoosa at Buckball with one  
 wing tied behind my back.

Applejack bucks down another apple and kicks it high. Dash  
 zooms skyward, flipping over the apple's trajectory and bats  
 it back down to Applejack with her wing.

Applejack kicks the falling fruit midair and again, hits the  
 target. Dash lands back down beside her.

6 7 APPLEJACK  
 So I can count on you to join the  
 Ponyville Buckball team?

8 (6) RAINBOW DASH  
 Oh, yeah. I am so there. I've just  
 got one question.

Dash looks from the tree to the target, then back to  
 Applejack.

9 (7) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
 What's Buckball?

Off Applejack's eye roll..

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - ROAD - DAY

Applejack, Dash, PINKIE PIE, and FLUTTERSHY head down the  
 road toward Sweet Apple Acres.

8 10 (10b) RAINBOW DASH  
 Basically, Buckball is the coolest  
 game ever.

She does a flip in the air.

11 (6) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
 Offence! Defence! Teamwork. Non-  
 stop action. It's got it all!

12 FLUTTERSHY  
 Wow, Rainbow Dash. You sure seem to  
 know a lot about this game. I've  
 never even heard of Buckball.

8 13 10 RAINBOW DASH (14)  
Yeah, I'm kind of an expert.

6 14 10 APPLEJACK  
(scoffs)  
An expert who hadn't heard of the game either until I told you.

15 11 RAINBOW DASH  
Well, it's a new game. I probably know more than most ponies so that makes me an expert.

16 12 PINKIE PIE  
I don't know anything about it at all. But it sounds like there's a ball and bucking, so I'm betting it's super-duper fun.

17 13 APPLEJACK  
The point is my cousin Braeburn somehow convinced a pegasus and a unicorn to come play with him on the Appleloosa team and he can't stop bragging about how his team is gonna beat ours.

18 12 FLUTTERSHY  
But we don't have a team.

19 RAINBOW DASH  
Well, between Applejack and me we've got two thirds of a team. All we need is a unicorn. That's where you two come in.

Pinkie leans over to Fluttershy with a loud whisper.

20 PINKIE PIE  
(loud aside)  
They know we're not unicorns, right?

21 15 RAINBOW DASH  
Obviously. You gonna be on my team and Fluttershy is gonna be on Applejack's team.

22 APPLEJACK  
We'll play against each other, along with whatever unicorns wanna try out until we find the best one.

8B 23 <sup>126</sup> PINKIE PIE/FLUTTERSHY  
Oooohhhhhh.

24 PINKIE PIE <sup>27AB</sup> <sup>28</sup> Alt  
That's a relief because I left my  
unicorn costume at home.

Applejack and Dash give Pinkie on odd look.

SC. 3 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - FIELD - DAY

[PRODUCTION NOTE: The field is three concentric circles with a line dividing them in half. The smallest circle is in the center, like center ice. The playing field takes up the majority of the rest of the area with the Keepers (goalies) confined to their half of a strip that rings the outside, like the warning track around a baseball field.]

Applejack, wearing a green practice jersey, stands in front of a group of unicorns who are also wearing practice jerseys - half are green like Applejack's and the other half are red.

16 25 <sup>17</sup> <sup>18</sup> APPLEJACK  
I know a lot of you are here  
because I told you what an amazing  
game Buckball is...

Applejack trots over to a cart full of RED BALLS. BIG MAC stands next to it in an equipment manager outfit. He gives her a ball.

26 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
...and even though it's already an  
Apple Family favorite, most of you  
probably don't know anything about  
it, so I thought we'd give you a  
quick demonstration.

Applejack leads Pinkie (wearing a red jersey) out onto the field where they meet GRANNY SMITH wearing a referee outfit. Applejack hands the ball to Granny then turns to the group.

27 <sup>19AB</sup> APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
The two earth ponies are on  
offense. They meet in the middle of  
the field for the buck off.

Granny blows a whistle and throws the ball down onto the ground. It bounces high in the air.

28 <sup>20</sup> APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
They both try to be the first one  
to kick it.

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Applejack rears back and give it a buck, sending the ball toward a basket set on a stick at the edge of the field. Dash (wearing the a red jersey of Pinkie's team) swoops in and blocks the ball with her wing before it goes in the basket.

16 29 20B RAINBOW DASH (25)  
And the pegasus is on defense. She tries to keep the ball from going in the goal and passes it back to the earth pony on her team.

Dash bounces the ball wing to wing, then bats it over to Pinkie.

20  
30 PINKIE PIE  
Cooh! I get it!

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Pinkie winds up and kicks it - hard. The ball sails into another make-shift goal on the other side of the field, past Fluttershy who hovers nearby (in a green jersey).

Applejack and Dash exchange a quick look, impressed by Pinkie's kick. Applejack turns to the unicorns.

31 APPLEJACK  
And all the unicorns have to do is float these here baskets around the outside of the field and catch as many balls as possible for their team.

Applejack turns to Pinkie and Fluttershy.

32 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
You two get the idea?

33 PINKIE PIE  
Absolutely!

21  
34 FLUTTERSHY  
I don't know. That ball moves pretty fast.

Dash zips over to the group of unicorns.

35 RAINBOW DASH (22)  
All right. Let's see which of you has what it takes.

Dash nudges two unicorns, one in red and one in green, toward opposite edges of the field where Granny and Big Mac take down the make shift goals and pull out official BUCK BASKETS (think: a cross between a regular apple basket and a basketball hoop).

The Green Shirted Unicorn levitates her basket up, then looks to Dash.

16 36 21 GREEN SHIRT  
Um... What do I do?  
37 4 RAINBOW DASH  
When the ball comes toward you...  
catch it.

Green Shirt takes up her position on Applejack's and Fluttershy's side of the field, while Dash flies back to join Pinkie and The Red Shirt Unicorn on theirs.

Pinkie lines up opposite Applejack while, Fluttershy tentatively flies up across from Rainbow Dash.

Granny holds up another ball, blows her whistle, and bounces the ball on the ground.

Applejack winds up, but Pinkie's doesn't even wait for the ball to fly up. Kicking it off the bounce, Pinkie sends the ball flying.

Surprised, Applejack stares as the ball rockets upwards towards...

FLUTTERSHY - who looks wide-eyed at the oncoming ball. Terrified, she shies away, but as SHE SPINS, her tail flows around the ball, whipping it to...

APPLEJACK - who takes the perfect pass and bucks the ball straight toward..

RED SHIRT UNICORN - who shakily levitates her basket up, but freaks out at the speed of the oncoming ball. She ducks and covers, dropping her basket to the ground just as...

DASH - zooms in, just in time to block Applejack's shot. Dash manages to pass the ball over to...

PINKIE - who bounces toward it and flips over, hitting the ball with all four hooves, and sending it rocketing toward..

GREEN SHIRT UNICORN - who tries to get her basket up, but flips it entirely over her head. The ball sails past as the basket goes flying. Green Shirt blushes.

Back on the field, Pinkie continues to bounce, excitedly. Fluttershy spins nearby whipping her tail around.

16 38 21 PINKIE PIE  
Hey, this game is easy!

16 39 (21) FLUTTERSHY  
(Brightly)  
It actually is kind of fun.

Applejack and Dash stare at their friends, surprised.  
Applejack turns back to the group of unicorns.

40 6 APPLEJACK 23 AB (24)  
Um... Okay, let's see what the rest  
of you can do.

Two more unicorns switch out as we...

### START MONTAGE

PINKIE AND AJ - line up on either side of Granny again--  
PINKIE NOW BOUNCING BACK AND FORTH LIKE A POGO-STICK.

The WHISTLE blows and Applejack rears back, but again, Pinkie easily bucks the ball first. Applejack grits her teeth in frustration.

ON THE BALL - sailing toward Rainbow Dash who bats it with her wing back to Pinkie. But as PINKIE BOUNCES over, FLUTTERSHY SPINS IN, using her same shying away technique to intercept the ball.

Dash stares with growing frustration as Fluttershy uses her tail to whip the ball back to...

APPLEJACK - who runs backward and rears up to buck the ball, but even as she does, PINKIE BOUNCES high into frame and AJ's shot ricochets off of Pinkie's hooves and goes careening toward...

UNICORN 1 - who's horn GLOWS as he tries to levitate the basket into position to catch the speeding ball, but he completely misses it and the ball goes sailing past. He drops his head, dejected, while...

DASH & APPLEJACK - share a look of mutual frustration as we CUT TO...

### A QUICK SERIES OF SHOTS:

- Applejack bucks ball after ball toward a different Unicorn Keeper every time-- and every time, FLUTTERSHY SPINS in from a different side of the screen, whipping the ball away at the last moment while Applejack stares in shock.

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- Dash blocks ball after ball, each coming faster than the next, her frustration and effort mounting, sweat pouring off her brow as we CUT TO the reverse to reveal -- PINKIE BOUNCING in the air, effortlessly bucking ball after ball and having a grand old time.

- Dash and AJ stare in wonder at Pinkie and Fluttershy, who continue to SPIN and BOUNCE as a series of Unicorns struggle to get a single ball in their baskets. Off Dash and Applejack's consternation we...

END MONTAGE

SC. 4 - EXT. FIELD - LATER

40I  
Applejack and Rainbow Dash stand on the sidelines looking over all the Unicorns lying on the ground, exhausted.

26 41 29 RAINBOW DASH  
This didn't go how I thought it would.

Applejack looks out at Pinkie and Fluttershy continuing to play in the background.

B 42 A B PINKIE PIE/FLUTTERSHY  
WHEEEEEEE!/Oooohhhh!

30b 43 APPLEJACK  
It sure didn't.

ON FLUTTERSHY - who uses her tail to whip a ball around her body.

44 FLUTTERSHY  
(to Pinkie)  
This game is a lot more fun than I thought it would be.

Pinkie bounces on one hoof and uses her other three legs to juggle several balls in the air.

45 PINKIE PIE  
It's exactly as much fun as I thought it would be-- A WHOLE BUNCH!

Pinkie gets so excited she bucks all three balls at where a goal would be, but there's no unicorn there.

The balls go rocketing toward the road where...

SNAILS trudges along carrying two water buckets from a shoulder pole.

26 46 (30) SNAILS  
(singing to himself)  
Carrying my water, my water, my  
water. Carrying my water on my  
shoulder pole...

ON PINKIE AND FLUTTERSHY - who watch as the balls careen toward the unsuspecting Snails.

47 PINKIE PIE  
(yelling)  
SNAILS LOOK OUT!!!

AJ AND DASH - look up at Pinkie's shout to see...

SNAILS - who turns to see the balls speeding toward him. By reflex, his horn glows and both buckets spin up, levitating around the pole, like a pinwheel, catching all three balls without spilling a drop of water.

Snails sets the pole back on his shoulders and ambles over to Pinkie and Fluttershy as Dash and Applejack run up.

Snails sets the buckets down and floats the balls out of them and over to Pinkie.

48 (31) SNAILS  
You should be more careful with  
these. You could lose them.

AJ and Dash share a look.

49 32 1/2 (33) RAINBOW DASH  
Hey, Snails can you float one of  
those baskets over here?

Applejack points to one of the Buck Baskets on the side of the field.

50 (34) SNAILS  
Sure.

Snail's horn glows and he levitates a basket over.

51 (35) SNAILS (CONT'D)  
What do you want me to do with it?

Applejack walks over to the cart of balls.

52 APPLEJACK  
CATCH!

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With that, Applejack bucks several balls right at Snails.

Without much effort, Snails whips the Buck Basket around, catching every one. He looks to Dash.

30 53 (31) SNAILS  
Anything else?

Dash and Applejack share a smile.

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# SC. 5 - EXT. ROAD - MOMENTS LATER

Pinkie and Fluttershy walks alongside Snails as he continues hauling his water down the road. Dash and AJ follow a few steps behind talking (inaudibly) among themselves.

35 54 (37) FLUTTERSHY  
Wow, Snails, you're a natural at Buckball.

36 55 PINKIE PIE  
It's a good thing too. We were running out of unicorns.

56 FLUTTERSHY  
Do you think you'll be ready to play with Applejack and Rainbow Dash against the Appleoosa team?

57 38 39 SNAILS 40 41  
I guess I'll find out. Plus, after I deliver this water, I don't really have anything else to do.

Dash and AJ catch up to them.

58 RAINBOW DASH 42  
Well, Snails, with you on the team, Ponyville is one step closer to crushing Appleoosa.

59 APPLEJACK 41  
And after today it's pretty clear who the other two players should be.

60 FLUTTERSHY  
What do you mean? I thought you and Dash were going to play.

61 PINKIE PIE  
Yeah. If you're not crushing Appleoosa, who is?

35 62 41 RAINBOW DASH (43) (46)  
(laughs)  
You two, obviously.

Pinkie and Fluttershy stop short and stare at each other. Off their surprise we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 6 - EXT. ROAD - RESUME

Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie stare at AJ and Dash in shock.

63 44 45 FLUTTERSHY (49)  
You want us to play Buckball  
against Appleoosa instead of you?

Applejack and Dash nod.

64 PINKIE PIE (46)  
That's un-credible.  
(indignant off the other's  
looks) (47) (48)  
Unbelievable and incredible? Come  
on.

65 APPLEJACK (52)  
I can't explain it, but you two are  
really good at this game and if it  
means beating Appleoosa, I'll give  
either one of you my spot on the  
team quicker than Granny Smith can  
core an apple.

66 RAINBOW DASH (50)  
Me too.  
(to Fluttershy)  
I'd normally be so pumped all of  
Ponyville was counting on me to  
win, I'd run right over the  
competition, but you still flew  
rings around me.

67 FLUTTERSHY  
Oh, I'm sorry. I was just having  
fun.

44<sup>th</sup> 68 (506) APPLEJACK  
 You can have all the fun you want  
 as long as it's while you're  
 beating the hide off of Braeburn's  
 team.

69 (6) PINKIE PIE  
 I do like fun...

70 FLUTTERSHY  
 Honestly, the game was a little  
 scary at first, but once I got the  
 hang of it I had a pretty good  
 time.

Pinkie and Fluttershy share a quick nod. Pinkie turns back to  
 Applejack and Dash.

44 71 PINKIE PIE  
 Let's get this party started!

72 APPLEJACK (51)  
 All right, but if we really wanna  
 beat Appleosa, we're gonna have to  
 get serious.

73 (50) FLUTTERSHY  
 Serious?

Pinkie's eyes narrow.

74 PINKIE PIE  
 Serious how?

CUT TO:

#### SC. 7 - EXT. FIELD - DAY

Applejack and Dash stand in front of a series of drill  
 stations: painted lines extending across the field, like  
 racing lanes; a slalom course of cones; and a series of Buck  
 Baskets lined up on sticks, one after the other.

53 75 (54) APPLEJACK  
 With serious practice!

Pinkie and Fluttershy look out at everything warily.

76 FLUTTERSHY  
 Wow. This looks pretty intense.

53 77 <sup>54</sup> RAINBOW DASH  
Well, duh. You two are gonna be  
representing all of Ponyville, and  
more importantly...

(indicating herself and  
AJ)

Us!

78 <sup>55</sup> APPLEJACK  
That's why before we leave for  
Appleloosa tomorrow, you two are  
gonna practice just as hard as we  
would.

79 <sup>56</sup> RAINBOW DASH  
So, let's hop to it. Snails already  
has a head start on you!

Dash points off screen as we WHIP PAN to Snails standing in front of three Buck Baskets. His horn GLOWS as he lifts them one at a time, moving a Buckball between them with military precision.

WHIP PAN back to Fluttershy and Pinkie sharing an uncertain look.

CUT TO:

#### DASH WITH FLUTTERSHY

Dash and Fluttershy hover at the start of the slalom course of cones. Dash juggles the ball between her wings.

80 <sup>57</sup> RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
Okay. If you wanna win, you've  
totally gotta get this drill down.

81 FLUTTERSHY  
I do?

With that, Dash takes off through the course. She zooms around the cones, "dribbling" the ball (passing the ball from wing to wing) the whole time, then finishes, zipping back to Fluttershy.

82 RAINBOW DASH  
It's all about ball control.

Dash tosses the ball to Fluttershy, who isn't ready and bobbles it. Dash looks on as Fluttershy regains control, then meekly hovers over to the start of the course.

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56 83 (576) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
 Ready?  
 (Off FS's nod)  
 GO!

Startled at Dash's shout, Fluttershy gets off to a jerky start, but quickly recovers, spinning around the cones as she whips the ball with her tail.

Dash shouts as Fluttershy maneuvers through the course.

84 (58) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
 Come on! Faster! You don't want  
 Ponyville to lose because you can't  
 get into high gear, do you?

Startled at Dash's yell, worry washes over Fluttershy's face and she accidentally whips the ball way off course.

The ball sails over to Snails, who's now juggling his baskets. He sees the oncoming ball and tosses one of his baskets high to catch it.

Back at the slalom, Fluttershy casts a nervous glance at Dash who looks at her, puzzled.

CUT TO:

#### APPLEJACK AND PINKIE

Applejack wheels a cart of balls in front of Pinkie as the two of them face the row of baskets on sticks.

59 85 (146) APPLEJACK  
 Being able to buck a ball into a goal  
 from any direction is the most  
 important thing in the game.

85A AJ tosses a ball behind her and bucks it at an odd angle into one of the baskets.

86 PINKIE PIE  
 If you say so.

86A Pinkie starts bouncing as Applejack tosses her a ball and she bucks it in. AJ nods, satisfied.

As the two of them move down the line, Pinkie spins and flips around as Applejack tosses more balls which Pinkie continues to send into the goals.

87 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
 WHEEE! WOOO!

596- 61 APPLEJACK 64  
 Keep it up! Just one miss'll ruin  
 the Apple Family's Buckball  
 reputation forever.

89 61 PINKIE PIE  
 WHOA--Wha?

148 89A Pinkie's expression drops as she only gets one hoof on the  
 next ball, sending it ricocheting off of AJ's head.

The ball flies through the air toward Snails, who's now  
 levitating his basket in a circle around himself, first over  
 his head, then hopping over it like a jump rope. He spots the  
 wayward ball and jump rope hops over to catch it.

Back with Pinkie as she shoots AJ and embarrassed look.

90 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
 Whoops.

AJ looks at her, confused.

ON DASH AND FLUTTERSHY

Dash flies alongside Fluttershy as she continues to work the  
 slalom course, heading toward the end.

59 91 RAINBOW DASH  
 Come on! Push. Push! PUSH!

149AB 91A As Fluttershy casts a worried glance at the end of the  
 course, she trips over a cone and tumbles forward, sending  
 the ball flying once more. Dash looks on with a frown.

ON APPLEJACK AND PINKIE

Pinkie moves along the line of baskets, barely bouncing as  
 she listens to AJ talk while tossing balls at her.

92 APPLEJACK 65  
 Come on now! Every shot is for  
 Sweet Apple Acres. And me! And  
 Dash! And ALL OF PONYVILLE!

150 92A Pinkie's expression drops as she takes her eyes off the next  
 ball and lands on it, rolling off and landing on her back  
 with a THUD.

6 93 61 62 PINKIE PIE 63  
 Ow.

Applejack frowns as we...

CUT TO:

APPLEJACK AND DASH

Watching as Pinkie and Fluttershy gallop down the painted lines passing the ball back and forth between them-- missing each other every time.

66 94 67 68 APPLEJACK  
What in the apple happened to those two?

95 RAINBOW DASH  
I don't know! They wiped the field with us before.

They look on as Fluttershy tries her spin move but just gets hit in the head with an errant buck from Pinkie.

Applejack looks to the field and calls out to Pinkie and FS.

96 APPLEJACK  
All right! That's it for today, y'all!

Fluttershy and Pinkie slump with relief as they head over to the side of the field. Snails looks up from working with his baskets and ambles over.

97 PINKIE PIE  
I thought practice was supposed to make us better.

98 FLUTTERSHY  
Maybe we just need a little rest.

99 RAINBOW DASH  
Or a whole lot of it.

100 APPLEJACK 73 74  
Just be sure to get your heads in the game before tomorrow. All of Ponyville is counting on a win.

With that, Dash and Applejack turn and head off. Snails follows. Fluttershy and Pinkie share a worried look.

SC. 8 - EXT. ROAD - DAY

Fluttershy and Pinkie walk along exhausted and dejected.

67 101 (68) FLUTTERSHY  
 I really don't want to let  
 Applejack and Rainbow Dash down, or  
 anypony else, but after that  
 practice, I'm not feeling very  
 confident.

102 69 PINKIE PIE 70  
 (brightly)  
 Maybe we weren't that bad.

Fluttershy shoots Pinkie a look. Pinkie drops her head.

103 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
 I guess I was hoping you saw  
 something I didn't.

104 FLUTTERSHY 6  
 I know our friends want us to win,  
 but how can the whole town be  
 counting on us if most ponies have  
 never even heard of Buckball?

105 PINKIE PIE  
 I know! How can we disappoint a  
 pony who doesn't even know we have  
 a team?

106 FLUTTERSHY  
 Or that we're going to play  
 Appleoosa.

107 PINKIE PIE 71 72  
 Yeah, I don't think we need to  
 worry. I'd be surprised if anypony  
 in town cares about this game at  
 all.

Fluttershy looks to Pinkie, hopeful.

# SC. 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TRAIN PLATFORM - THE NEXT MORNING

107A Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie stand on the train platform,  
 staring out like ponies caught in the headlights. PULL WIDE  
 to reveal they are surrounded by CHEERING Ponvillians.

A couple of ponies unfurl a yellow BANNER across the train  
 with Pinkie, Fluttershy, and Snail's faces on it. A  
 spontaneous chant starts up.

108 TOWNSFOLK 75 ABC 76 77 78 79  
 Go Ponyville! Go Ponyville! WIN!  
 WIN! WIN!

Snails walks up twirling a buck basket, surprised at all the attention.

109 SNAILS <sup>80</sup>ASC  
Wow. The whole town really seems to  
care about this game a lot.

Off Pinkie and Fluttershy's expressions of worry and shock...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 10 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - DAY

<sup>109A</sup> As the train pulls away from the station, Pinkie and Fluttershy look out the window shell-shocked at the rabid fans still cheering and waving banners back on the platform.

Applejack and Dash walk up.

<sup>81</sup> 110 <sup>82</sup> RAINBOW DASH  
We kinda went around town and  
talked up the team a little.

111 APPLEJACK  
Yep. We wanted to make sure you two  
knew that all of Ponyville was  
behind you.

Both Fluttershy and Pinkie stare out at the crowd, eyes wide.

<sup>81</sup> 112 PINKIE PIE  
Greaaaaat...

Applejack leans down, looking past them and out the window.

113 APPLEJACK  
I hear the town's already planning  
a parade for when you get back  
after whoopin' Appleoosa. That  
should feel pretty good.

Fluttershy looks down, trying to contain her nerves.

<sup>82</sup> 114 FLUTTERSHY  
It should?

Pinkie Pie and Fluttershy look at each other, troubled.

81 115 <sup>82</sup> RAINBOW DASH <sup>83</sup>  
Totally! Just spend the whole ride  
to Appleoosa thinking about  
everypony cheering for the  
victorious Ponyville Buckball Team.  
I bet Princess Celestia even comes  
to congratulate you. If that <sup>84</sup>  
doesn't get you in the zone,  
nothing will.

With that, she gives them both a heartening pat, then heads  
to the back of the car with Applejack.

Fluttershy looks to Pinkie.

116 <sup>82</sup> FLUTTERSHY  
I don't know what zone Rainbow Dash  
is talking about, but I'm pretty  
sure I don't want to be in it. Do  
you?

153AB 116A  
Unable to speak, Pinkie just gives Fluttershy a look, her  
lips quivering as she shakes her head.

SC. 11 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - BACK OF THE CAR - MOMENTS  
LATER

Pinkie Pie and Fluttershy walk up to Rainbow Dash and  
Applejack. Rainbow Dash looks them up and down.

85 117 <sup>86</sup> RAINBOW DASH  
Hey, you two are supposed to be in  
the zone.

Pinkie is so beside herself she can only manage the smallest  
whisper.

118 PINKIE PIE  
You see... The thing is... Thinking  
about everpony... thinking about  
us... there's just no way...

Finally, Fluttershy snaps, shouting at the top of her lungs.

119 FLUTTERSHY  
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN GET IN THE  
ZONE BECAUSE THE ZONE SOUNDS LIKE A  
HORRIBLE PLACE SINCE WE ARE  
TERRIBLE AT BUCKBALL AND ARE GOING  
TO LOSE AND LET EVERYPONY DOWN AND  
WE DON'T WANT TO PLAY ANYMORE!!!  
↓ ↓



With that Pinkie breaks out in tears and runs off. Fluttershy runs after her as Applejack and Dash stare in shock.

Suddenly, Snails sticks his head through the middle of their seats.

85 120 <sup>86</sup> SNAILS  
I'm still okay with playing, in case you were worried.

## SC. 12 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - DAY

Applejack and Dash wander through the train looking for Pinkie and Fluttershy.

87 121 <sup>88</sup> RAINBOW DASH <sup>89</sup>  
I don't get it. They're naturals. Why wouldn't they want to play anymore?

They move out of one car and into the next.

122 APPLEJACK  
Maybe us telling them how much we and everypony was counting on them messed them up somehow.

123 RAINBOW DASH  
What? That's crazy talk. Having ponies depend on you is exactly what you need to focus and...

124 APPLEJACK <sup>90</sup>  
Get serious and play hard and...

125 RAINBOW DASH <sup>91</sup>  
Get ready to totally smash the competition and...

Dash and Applejack look at each other, realizing.

126 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
And none of that sounds like Pinkie or Fluttershy, does it?

127 <sup>91</sup> APPLEJACK  
I guess not. We got so wrapped up in what's important to us, we went and ruined what was fun about the game for them.

128 RAINBOW DASH  
What do we do now?

Off Applejack and Dash considering...

SC. 13 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - BAGGAGE CAR - DAY

Applejack and Dash enter.

92 129 93 94 RAINBOW DASH 95 96  
Pinkie? Fluttershy?

130 APPLEJACK  
We know you're in here. We've  
looked in every other car on the  
train.

Fluttershy's and Pinkie's voices come from behind a stack of  
luggage.

131 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)  
Maybe you need to look again.

132 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)  
Yeah. Because we are totally not in  
here.

133 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)  
And we are definitely not in here  
if you're going to try to make us  
play against Appleoosa.

134 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)  
Or anypony else!

Dash and Applejack share a look, then peer around the stack  
of suitcases. Pinkie and Fluttershy sit huddled on the floor.

135 FLUTTERSHY  
We're sorry to let you down, but  
it's better to do it now than  
during the game against Appleoosa.

136 RAINBOW DASH  
You don't have to play against  
Appleoosa.

137 FLUTTERSHY  
We don't?

138 APPLEJACK  
Nope. We're gonna take your place,  
so you don't have to worry about  
that at all.

Pinkie and Fluttershy immediately pop up, the worry and stress flowing off of them instantaneously.

95 139 PINKIE PIE  
Why didn't you say so?

140 RAINBOW DASH  
Buut... We can't take on Braeburn  
and his team without any practice  
so we need you to play just one  
more time...

141 APPLEJACK  
Against us.

Off Pinkie and Fluttershy considering...

SC. 14 - EXT. APPLEOOSA - PRACTICE FIELD - DAY

Applejack and Dash warm up on a much dustier version of a Buckball field on the outskirts of Appleoosa. Pinkie and Fluttershy bounce and spin nearby, visibly relieved now that the pressure is off.

101 142 APPLEJACK  
Now I know we mixed up the teams,  
before, but since Dash and I really  
need the practice, we'll play  
against the two of you.

Dash sets up a Buck Basket on a stick on one end of the field while Snails twirls his basket on the other.

143 FLUTTERSHY  
I don't know how much practice  
you'll get against us, we've been  
playing just awful.

Dash zooms up next to her, bouncing a ball from wing to wing.

144 RAINBOW DASH  
Don't worry about it. Applejack and  
I just need a little work out.

145 APPLEJACK  
Yep. You two just do your best.

Pinkie bounces up across from Applejack at center field.

146 PINKIE PIE  
I can do that.

Applejack looks up at Dash and nods.

[Production Note: Since we don't have a referee here, the players will just toss the ball into play as described...]

Dash takes up her position on the field across from Fluttershy and tosses the ball down toward center field for the buck off as we...

#### START MONTAGE

Pinkie bounces tentatively as the ball lands and Applejack beats her to the kick, passing to...

DASH - who juggles the ball as she whips around Fluttershy, who spins with a smile as Dash passes the ball back to...

APPLEJACK - who gallops toward the falling ball, and rears back to give it a buck but...

FLUTTERSHY - spins into frame, smiling as she intercepts the pass and whips the ball with her tail, flipping it to...

PINKIE - who bounces over to the perfect pass and gives a kick, sending the ball careening into the basket on the stick for a goal.

Dash and Applejack share a smile as Fluttershy retrieves the ball and flies back.

104ABC  
147 FLUTTERSHY 105  
Looks like you two really do need  
practice.

With that, she tosses the ball toward center field as we CUT TO A SERIES OF SHOTS...

- Applejack bucks ball after ball toward Snails, but each time Fluttershy spins into frame from a different direction, blocking every shot.

104AB  
148 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Heee-heee!

Applejack smiles, impressed.

- Pinkie bounces randomly around the field, on two hooves, on one hoof, on her head, on her side, etc., bucking a ball with every bounce while...

- Dash zips around trying to block them, but it's so exhausting she finally gives up and the balls go flying past.

- Applejack and Dash watch, amused, as Pinkie and Fluttershy bounce and spin around the field, passing and bucking as...

- Ball after ball sails into the fixed basket, while across the field, Snails just sits on his basket watching the display as we...

END MONTAGE

SC. 15 - EXT. APPLEOOSA - PRACTICE FIELD - MOMENTS LATER

Applejack and Dash walk up as Fluttershy and Pinkie pass the ball back and forth, giggling.

106 149 107 FLUTTERSHY  
If you need more practice we can keep going.

150 107 PINKIE PIE  
Yeah. I could do this aaaalllll day.

151 RAINBOW DASH 112  
No thanks. Playing against you two is just as humiliating now as it was when we weren't trying to show you how awesome you are.

Pinkie and Fluttershy stop suddenly, letting the ball drop. It rolls over toward Snails who immediately whips his basket over and scoops it up.

152 107 SNAILS  
Finally!

Pinkie and Fluttershy turn to Applejack and Dash.

153 PINKIE PIE  
Wait. What?

154 6 APPLEJACK  
You must have noticed how you aren't bad anymore.

155 PINKIE PIE  
Oooh yeah. Weird.

156 FLUTTERSHY  
But, why were we so terrible before?

157 RAINBOW DASH  
I guess some ponies thrive on pressure and some ponies don't. And even though we weren't playing, we were treating you like us which totally stressed you out.

106 158 107b APPLEJACK  
And that just sucked the fun right  
out of the game for you.

159 RAINBOW DASH 109  
And having fun is what makes you  
really, really, really good.

160 107 FLUTTERSHY  
But being good doesn't matter if  
we're too afraid of letting ponies  
down to play.

161 PINKIE PIE 106 111  
Yeah. What about all those ponies  
back in Ponyville counting on us to  
win.

162 107 APPLEJACK  
I'm sure folks want you to win, but  
not if worrying about it makes you  
miserable. Winning's never worth  
that.

163 FLUTTERSHY  
But how do we keep from worrying  
about it?

106 164 SNAILS  
You could do what I do and not  
think about it. Seriously, I don't  
think about anything. Ever.

Pinkie and Fluttershy share a look.

165 PINKIE PIE 108  
Works for me!

With that, Pinkie kicks up a ball from the ground and bucks  
it. Follow the ball soaring in SUPPER SLO-MO as we...

MATCH CUT TO:

#### SC. 16 - EXT. APPLEOOSA - RODEO STADIUM - DAY

A ball soaring in REAL TIME through the air off Pinkie Pie's  
hooves and blasting into Snails's basket.

A <CHEER> goes up as we PULL WIDE to see the crowd gathered  
around the fences. The voice of an ANNOUNCER comes over a  
speaker hung from a post.

113 166 114 ANNOUNCER  
And with another bouncing goal from  
Pinkie Pie the score is tied! Four  
to four with twenty seconds left on  
the clock.

Pinkie and Fluttershy gather with Snails at the sidelines.  
Dash and Applejack rush up.

167 RAINBOW DASH  
You guys are amazing!

6 168 PINKIE PIE  
Braeburn is really good!

Fluttershy looks over at the Appleoosa Team's MUSCLE BOUND  
PEGASUS.

169 FLUTTERSHY  
So is that pegasus. I don't know if  
we can win.

170 SNAILS  
You know what I would do...

171 PINKIE PIE 115  
Not think about it?

172 SNAILS  
...not think-- Oh. Yeah. That.

6 173 114 APPLEJACK  
And as long as you're having fun it  
doesn't matter if you win or not.

Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Pinkie and Fluttershy all exchange  
smiles as the players take their positions the field.

A REFEREE PONY walks up with the ball. He blows his whistle,  
but just before he drops the ball, Pinkie flips over onto her  
head. Braeburn looks down at her confused.

174 PINKIE PIE  
I think it's more fun this way.

With that, the Ref drops the ball and Pinkie bucks it before  
it even hits the ground. Braeburn stares aghast as the ball  
goes soaring toward...

Fluttershy - as the Muscle Bound Pegasus zooms in front of  
her to intercept it. Fluttershy easily spins around him and  
whips the ball with her tail to Pinkie. The Pegasus stares in  
shock. Fluttershy looks to him.

113 175 114 FLUTTERSHY  
You might be thinking too much.

Pinkie flips and bounces toward Fluttershy's pass, then bucks it in a high arc to Snails who sends his basket straight up to catch it.

Another <CHEER> erupts from the crowd as the Announcer comes over the speaker again.

176 ANNOUNCER  
And that's game! Ponyville wins!

156AB 157AB  
176A Fluttershy and Pinkie rush toward each other as Snails, Applejack and Dash run toward them and they all high-hoof.

Applejack points toward the fence where a group of excited Appleloosan FOALS cheer.

113 177 FOALS 119B  
(chanting)  
PONY-VILLE! PONY-VILLE! PONY-VILLE!

- keep all.

178 APPLEJACK  
Looks like you three made quite an impression.

Braeburn strides up with an intimidating UNICORN and the Muscle Bound Pegasus in tow. He looks to Applejack.

179 BRAEBURN 116 117 118  
Well, cousin, I have to admit, your Ponyville team played a pretty good game.

180 RAINBOW DASH 117  
Good game!? We bucked the hooves right off you.

181 BRAEBURN  
Yep. You sure as shootin' did. I'm gonna have to get real serious about a strategy for our rematch.

182 114 FLUTTERSHY  
I wouldn't get too serious.

183 PINKIE PIE  
Yeah. Eeeverypony knows the secret to good Buckball is just having fun!

158AB  
183A Applejack, Dash, Pinkie, and Fluttershy all laugh as Braeburn looks around confused and we...

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