

**COBRA Magazine Releases Second
All-Preseason Team**

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As COBRA Magazine kicks off its third season of volleyball coverage, it proudly presents its second annual All-Preseason Team, in issue No. 14. Founded by Gezus Zaire, COBRA's goal is to tell inspiring stories of black volleyball players that show young African American players that they too have opportunities to thrive in the sport despite cultural differences and economic disadvantages.

"It seems, this day and age, that the wrong types of black women are on the television screen and on covers of magazines," Zaire said. "COBRA showcases black women who are not only beautiful and athletic but are also pursuing higher education. These are some of the best role models that

young black girls can have and it's COBRA's duty to make sure they are not only noticed but celebrated." With this issue COBRA selects 45 players to its All-Preseason Teams and eight players to its Preseason National Player of the Year Candidates list. When the season concludes COBRA will release its third annual COBRA Magazine All-National Team and the National Player of the Year winner.

Preseason National Player of the Year Candidates

Rachael Adams (Texas), Falyn Fonoimoana (USC), Tyler Henderson (Tulsa), Kayla Jeter (Tennessee), Alex Jupiter (USC), Deja McClendon (Penn State), *Tarah Murrey (Cal), Bianca Rowland (Washington)

**2011 COBRA Magazine National Player of the Year*

All Preseason Selections

First Team

Rachael Adams (Texas), Kanani Danielson (Hawaii), Falyn Fonoimoana (USC), Altrese Hawkins (Memphis), Tyler Henderson (Tulsa), Kayla Jeter (Tennessee), Alex Jupiter (USC), Deja Mclendon (Pen State), Monique Mead (Georgia Tech), Tarah Murrey (Cal), Lena Oliver (Western Michigan), Bianca



Rowland (Washington), Brittany Stewart (Kentucky State), Regina Thomas (Ole Miss), Vineece Verdun (Georgia State)

Second Team

Cassandra Anderson (Florida), Jessica Brown (Western Michigan), Lane Carico (Miami), Stephanie Ferrell (Florida), Isis Gardner (Houston Baptist), Luarie Gonzalez (Albany), Gabby Jolly (Saint Mary's), Ciara Jones (Marquette), Lauren Laquerre (New Hampshire), Cory McGowan (Wingate), Sha'Dare McNeal (Texas), Amber Roberson (Texas), Gwen Rucker (Louisville), Bethany Sanford (Georgia Southern), Jordanne Scott (Cincinnati)

Third Team

Maureen Bamiro (Butler), Lauren Barfield (Washington), Karensa Beckford (Alabama A&M), Brittney Brimmage (Missouri), Desiree Elliot (LSU), Cursty Jackson (Arizona), Haley Jacob (Oregon), Clarissa Moore (Alabama A&M), Stacy Oladinni (Middle Tennessee State), Dana Powell (SMU), Jasmine Rankins (Loyola Marymount), Maline Vaitai (Maryland Eastern Shore), Jalesty Washington (Methodist), Tangerine Wiggs (Florida), Rachel Williams (Stanford)

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