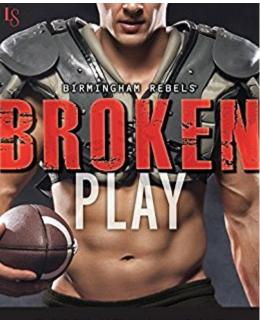
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# **Broken Play (Birmingham Rebels)**



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### Synopsis

The Birmingham Rebels series introduces an unforgettable team of chiseled football godsa "and the daring, provocative games they play behind closed doors.Birmingham Rebels offensive linemen Beau Perez and Cass Zielinski are inseparable, on and off the field. Cass, the captain with the cowboy swagger, is a loose cannon. Beau, the veteran tight end, is cool under pressure. And ever since they were caught on tape in a steamy threesome, their exploits have fueled more than a few tabloid headlinesâ "and naughty fantasies.Marian Treadwell knows all about the video. And now that sheâ <sup>™</sup>s the Rebelsâ <sup>™</sup> new assistant offensive coach, she canâ <sup>™</sup>t look at Beau and Cass without picturing their hard, naked bodiesâ "with her pressed in between. Marian would like nothing more than to indulge those impulses, but she knows better than to get too close to her players, a bunch of adrenaline-fueled alpha males who donâ <sup>™</sup>t always follow the rules.Just the thought of sharing the gorgeous yet guarded Marian drives Cass wild. At first, Beau isnâ <sup>™</sup>t sure sheâ <sup>™</sup>s right for them . . . and lately, all he desires is a little alone time with Cass to explore their new intimacy. But itâ <sup>™</sup>s only a matter of time before Cass breaks through both of their defenses. Because when seduction is the game plan, he always plays to win. Broken Play is intended for mature audiences. Praise for Broken Playâ œSamantha Kane brings her A game to this scorching yet sweet tale. Broken Play will leave you in need of a towel boy!â •â "New York Times bestselling author Jayne Rylonâ œSamantha Kane writes the kind of books that suck you in and wonâ ™t let you put them down until youâ <sup>™</sup>re finished!â •â "USA Today bestselling author Kate Pearceâ œlf youâ <sup>™</sup>re a fan of sports, or romance, or hot men who share very very well, you need to grab Broken Play.â •â "USA Today bestselling author Bianca Sommerlandâ œSamantha Kaneâ ™s Broken Play is both sizzling and sinful, a definite must-read if you like steamy football gods!â •â "Sarah Robinson, bestselling author of Breaking a Legendâ œHot as hell and a must-read ... These characters bring you into their world and donâ <sup>™</sup>t let you go back to reality.... Marian, Cass and Beau make you want to be their fourth in their crazy relationship.â •â "Danielleâ ™s Domain⠜Holy hell, this ménage romance is H.O.T.! Seriously, you will need a fan when you read this book. ... This is definitely not your typical sports romance. ... I highly recommend this book.â •â "Booklovers for Life â œFootball players and MMF ménageâ "like crispy chocolate and chunky peanut butter. Itâ <sup>™</sup>s a party in your mouth . . . nah, too easy.â •â "After Dark Book Lovers â œl loved the romance between our triad.â •â "Once Untold â œFive flames for smexy times.â •â "Cocktails and Books â œl love a good, sexy Samantha Kane romance. I was excited to see that Broken Play was the kickoff to her Birmingham Rebels series. a • a "Travels n Reads A â œKane writes strong alpha males as well as hot scenes.â •â "Pretty Sassy CoolIncludes a special

message from the editor, as well as an excerpt from another Loveswept title.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

The first in Samantha Kane's Birmingham Rebels series about a franchise NFL team, the Rebels team roster includes players with unsavory (addictions, anger management issues etc) pasts. This team represents the players last shot at being in the NFL. Itâ <sup>™</sup>s their second year and theyâ <sup>™</sup>ve just two big hires; they drafted RB, Danny Smith and hired a new assistant offensive coach, Marian Treadwell. Team Captain and center Cass Zielinski and TE Beau Perez are best friends and constant companions. Cassâ <sup>™</sup>s negotiations getting on the team included Beau and a front office position when he retires.Iâ <sup>™</sup>ve enjoyed the majority of Kaneâ <sup>™</sup>s work in the past. Iâ <sup>™</sup>m still a big fan of most of the stories in the â <sup>°</sup>Brothers In Armsâ <sup>™</sup> series but this right here, this story pissed me off more than anything. It was like watching a train wreck; I could see it falling off the rails. This is a contemporary story set in the current atmosphere of the NFL, and itâ <sup>™</sup>s about a franchise team so I expect a lot because I happen to be a fan of the game, I even have season tickets for our local team which is coincidentally a franchise team. So I understand, that sometimes, you can't start out with the best roster while your team builds and proves itself. But goodness gracious - Danny

Smith was a total as\*hat and they should have just fined his non appreciative as\* and moved on.So hereâ <sup>™</sup>s my beef â " Marianâ <sup>™</sup>s the only female coach on her team and within 3 paltry weeks of meeting Cass and Beau sheâ <sup>™</sup>s having sex with them in her office at work. Itâ <sup>™</sup>s not even the quickness that bothered me so much, it was that sheâ <sup>™</sup>s in a coaching position having sex with her players. Thereâ <sup>™</sup>s something about that I donâ <sup>™</sup>t like.

\*\*\*2.5 stars\*\*\*When I read the description of this book I thought a ceSweet! This is totally something lâ ™d totally love.â •We have football, what looks to be a true menage situation, not just one where itâ ™s mfm the entire time, and as I started to read I was even more excited because Marian is an assistant coach, not just some desk jockey in the organization, but unfortunately my excitement fizzled as the story progressed and I found that there were more goal line stands than touchdowns with a couple of field goals happening in this one. Part of the issue stems from the fact that I just couldnâ <sup>™</sup>t connect with the main characters. It wasnâ <sup>™</sup>t that I didnâ <sup>™</sup>t like them, I just never felt like we really got to know them outside of what weâ <sup>™</sup>re told over and over again about them. And even when the big issues were addressed, like the ones dealing with Marianâ <sup>™</sup>s past, they just didnâ <sup>™</sup>t have the emotional gut punch for me. Their relationship, even that of Cass and Beauâ <sup>™</sup>s being taken to the next level, had an â înstaâ <sup>™</sup> feel to it and I felt like I was told that had these strong feeling for each other, rather than being shown them. I have to problem with people going with their gut, but seeing more of the three of them together would have been nice. The other issue is that there wasnâ <sup>™</sup>t much football going on in the book. The story takes place during mini-camp, so there are no games going on, but there isnâ ™t even a scene of drills going on or a scrimmage between the team. We hear about issues going on, but thatâ <sup>™</sup>s about it and anytime there is football talk itâ <sup>™</sup>s in meeting or in the locker room/weight room, which isnâ <sup>™</sup>t a bad thing, but a little field/practice time would have been nice.

Iâ <sup>™</sup>m sure everyone has gotten a book based on the description, then been completely surprised by what was actually in the book. Broken Play was one of those books for me. I was expecting a MFM that could possibly morph into a MMF and that is what I got, until things went off the rails. The story centers around the red-headed stepchild of the NFL, the Birmingham Rebels. Itâ <sup>™</sup>s a new franchise and is turning into a place where NFL misfit players go to end their careers. The team gets no respect in the league and it is struggling.Cass and Beau are a package deal, and what a pretty package they are. They do everything together, including women. Cass is in charge, having pulled Beau out of a cycle of self-destruction. Cass is all business, harsh, demanding, and can be somewhat of a jerk at times. Beau is the opposite. Laid back, caring, almost sweet. I liked Cass and Beau as a team. They knew what they wanted and went after it. They both grew as characters, discussing their next moves and figuring out the best way to acquire their target, Marian. They did not want her as just a one night stand, they wanted a future with her. Possible issues with jealousy were brought up, but the respect, love, and trust they had for each other kept that from turning into an angsty plot point which I greatly appreciated. As their deeper feelings for each other are brought to the forefront, I liked how they navigated the potential land mines associated with the possible change in their relationship.Marian, a female coach with a secret or two, knows she has an uphill battle. She has enough going against her without adding a relationship with not one but two players to the list. She has a history sheâ <sup>™</sup>s keeping secret, but the entire team could tell that something bad had happened.

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