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Samantha Kane's Birmingham Rebels series—perfect for fans of Shayla Black and Lexi Blake—proves that three's never a crowd . . . at least not for the hard-bodied football all-stars who give teamwork a sexy twist.

Quarterback Tyler Oakes plays hard and parties even harder. That reckless lifestyle nearly derailed his career, and now the Birmingham Rebels are Ty's last shot at football immortality. But staying out of trouble can take its toll—especially for a man with a taste for girls and guys. Because curvy, gorgeous Randi McInish is just the kind of trouble he'd like to get into.

A tough-as-nails undercover cop, Randi meets her match in Ty. After they get wrapped up together in a drug bust and a high-speed car chase, Randi's eager to take the notorious bad boy for another wild ride. Turns out Ty already has something in mind. When he introduces her to the Rebels' sexy new quarterback coach, things start heating up a little too fast for Randi.

Brian Mason coached Ty in college, and boy do they have history together. With Brian taking control on the field and in the bedroom, they were an unstoppable team. But Brian, blindsided by love, ran from his feelings for Ty. He won't let Randi make the same mistake. Both men agree they need more than each other. They want a woman they can share. And when they make a pleasure play for Randi, all three are sure to score.

***Calling the Play* is intended for mature audiences. This ebook includes a special message from the editor, as well as an excerpt from another Loveswept title.**

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Erica Chilson says

I received a copy of this title to read and review for Wicked Reads

3 Stars

In the second installment in the Birmingham Rebels series, the reader finally gets to sink their teeth into Tyler, the out and proud bisexual on the team. Two newcomers are added to the cast of characters, both in interesting circumstances- Randi & Brian.

Brian and Ty go way back eight years ago, as the intern was Ty's personal coach, bringing the best out of him while sharing Brian's ex-wife. Their relationship is complex, tension filled, and intriguing. Now Brian is back to coach Tyler for the Rebels, and the past is drawn into the present.

While this is a menage series, I need to state I felt none of these characters really meshed as a threesome. After reading 3 books in this series, this is the first time I felt the girl in the story didn't fit. If Randi had been removed from the story altogether, Calling the Play had the makings of an irresistible MM Football Romance I would have gobbled right up and 5-starred upon completion.

Brian and Ty were good, but not with Randi. Randi was too sexual with Ty and too emotional and connected to Brian, so there was no equality to the story, as if Randi would settle if she only was able to be with Brian, feeding into Ty's insecurities that he's only good to be a party boy, whereas Brian and Ty would be perfectly fine without Randi.

Within three days, they were saying ILYs, and prior to that inner-monologue-ing about how they needed the others to survive life. It was too soon, not knowing anything about the other, while two of them had a strong history filled with actually being in-love with one another.

Even if I felt Randi too immature for this novel and Brian and Ty, I wanted the best for her. The best for Randi would have been a different novel with different partners, all starting from scratch. I would have enjoyed her characterization then, with a different profession.

Randi is a police detective, and to be honest, the characterization didn't work for me. She's a curvy spitfire, with a family backstory that was intriguing and endearing. She was too immature for my tastes, and I didn't enjoy reading her narration whatsoever. Insecure with commitment issues, it fit the characterization of her family background. However, she was too immature to be a police detective.

At one point, Randi called herself an uneducated cop. This confused me, as she had to have trained for her job. Of course she wouldn't need a med degree, just the same as a doctor wouldn't need to go to the police academy. To become a detective, you earn it. With her age and gender, she would've had to work even harder than her fellow male cops. She would've had to prove herself every day on the job because she's a woman. As a cop and the only sister of a lot of brothers, her brash attitude and foul mouth, the keeping up with 'the boys' made sense, but the immaturity and off-the-rails attitude did not. No one would want a loose cannon at their back, especially with the rampant misogyny on most police forces- alpha males in the extreme. The facets of Randi's personality contradicted her profession. her over-the-top, no filter, sexuality in a male-dominated field would have had her fired or thought to have earned her way to detective on her

knees.

To be able to be in a relationship, you have to be mature, added to the fact it's a polyamorous relationship. No one this immature would last in any relationship, let alone one where you had to deal with two others in your life.

If Randi hadn't been a police detective, but a bartender or something equally sassy and foul-mouthed and sexual, I could have overlooked my issues. But every time Randi was called a detective, it became more difficult to fall into the story. I would be enjoying Brian & Ty's scenes they shared together, then Randi's narration/dialogue would dampen it.

This installment just didn't work with me. Brian and Ty heated up the pages, but the addition of Randi in the scenes made it feel forced and awkward, too instantaneous. There wasn't any romance, no intimacy, just sex, and it felt forced the entire time. Inner monologue and dialogue about loving one another is not the same as showing it unfold for the readers. To be honest, I thought Randi's insecurities were spot-on. With her attitude, her immaturity, she was incapable of anything but being a one-night-stand. She needed to grow up, and be demoted at work, because I feared for the safety of her fellow detectives, the crimes she was solving, and the citizens on the street.

I still recommend Samantha Kane for all your menage reads, and look forward to more in this series. I just couldn't connect with the heroine, or rapid speed of the forced 'emotional' connection- it just didn't work for me.

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

3.5 stars

I surprisingly really like book one in this series, so I was looking forward to this one a lot.

I didn't love this one as much as book one, mainly because of the h, she was just a little to much, a little to "in your face", I much prefer that my h be a little less on the aggressive side. Both H's were great though, it isn't seldom you read about a 5'7 hero, so that was a nice change of pace.

Still a decent read, and I can't wait for a book three, I assume there will be one...hopefully!

Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

RATING 4.5 STARS

Calling the Play is book two in the Birmingham Rebels series by Samantha Kane. This book was generously provided to me in exchange for an honest review by NetGalley, Random House and by Samantha Kane.

If you are interested in this book, you obviously are expecting to get plenty of sexy times, plenty of just plain

hotness! And you won't be disappointed! But...I found the three main characters in this book, Ty, Randi and Brian, all easy to love, easy to relate to and just plain fun to read about. The characters are flawed, sexy, real and I loved them all.

Tyler Oakes is a football quarterback. He has made some not so great decisions in his life, had some scrapes with the law, and has a reputation for being wild. This is his last chance. He is now playing for the Birmingham Rebels. Ty has tried to turn things around and be a better example for his team. But on the night he met Randi, he was feeling lonely. He just wanted to pick up someone for a one night stand. So he went into a cheap dive bar and walked right into an undercover sting operation.

"Most of the players were here because nobody else wanted them. Sex, drugs, behavior issues, bad attitudes - the Rebels had it all on the roster."

Randi McInish has never worked undercover before but she was asked to help out with this operation. Things are just about to go down when about the hottest guy she has ever seen comes into the bar and tries to hit on her thinking she was just someone out for a good time. Instead, he found himself right in the middle of everything. One high speed car chase later and she knew he would be hers that night. But Randi doesn't do relationships. She leaves before someone else can do it first. She is one tough cop and has a potty mouth that will curl your toes. I actually don't usually like female characters that are like this, all rough and tough. But it was obvious from the start that this was only what Randi showed on the outside. That inside, she was secretly a girly girl, soft and wanting things that any woman would, to be cared for and safe. But she has convinced herself that this will never be an option for her.

Brian Mason first met Ty back in college. Brian was an intern coach and worked with Ty and was responsible for Ty's success. They began to experiment with sex with the both of them and a woman with various partners. But when Ty expressed his feelings for Brian, he ran, and hurt Ty badly. Now, eight years later, the Birmingham Rebels has recruited him to again work with Ty. Brian has always regretted what he did to Ty. He thought he did what was best for him at the time. What will Ty's reaction be to having him back in his life again? As soon as Brian saw Randi with Ty, he knew they were perfect for each other. Could there ever be a place for Brian in their lives? Of the three, Brian is the one with the cool head. The rational one of the group. He is a take charge type of guy and when he speaks, others listen.

These are three people, all with abandonment issues, all commitment shy. You can't help but to care about them and want them all to get their HEA's. Ty is tired of other people deciding what is best for him. He knows what he wants.

"Ty could fight it all he wanted, but when he stepped up and followed Brian's lead it was smooth and effortless, as if they'd written the playbook and knew each other's moves before they made them."

So if you are looking for a hot, sexy read, this is for you. But you are going to get a lot more than that. These are wonderful, loveable characters that I hope you will fall in love with just as I did. This is the second in the

series but I have not read the first book, Broken Play. So I am immediately planning to go back and read it now. This was also my first book by Samantha Kane and I definitely hope to read more of her books, both future books in this series and some of her others.

“Hey, we’re Rebels. Live up to it. Embrace it. Live it.”

Lacey (Booklovers For Life) says

Originally posted at Booklovers For Life

The Birmingham Rebels series is one hot, kinky series! Football and threesomes apparently makes for a great combo. I really enjoyed the first book, Broken Play, so I was looking forward to Ty’s story ever since he was first introduced. I didn’t quite like Calling the Play as much as Broken Play, but it was still a seriously hot and fun read. If you were a fan of the first book, you should definitely give Calling the Play a try!

Tyler Oakes is the quarterback for the Birmingham Rebels and is openly bisexual. He’s quite the player, both on and off the field, but he’s been trying to change his ways since joining the Rebels. But one night, he’s caught at the wrong place and the wrong time and ends up in a car chase with an undercover cop named Randi... who he can’t get out of his mind. The two of them jump straight into bed, the chemistry on fire between them, but neither of them expect more, until night after night, they keep coming back for each other.

Randi is one awesome, badass cop. She’s fierce, brutally honest, and has zero filter. I loved her character! She’s definitely my favorite in this book. She’s hilarious and dirty, but she’s also got a good heart. So when Brian Mason (‘the one who got away’) comes back into Ty’s life to try to win him back, Randi bows out of the game, despite her growing feelings for Ty. But both Brian and Ty realize how much they both want Randi, and now they have to prove to her that they’re there to stay.

I liked Ty, but Brian I had a hard time connecting with. I believed in the love between them, but the love between Randi and Brian was too rushed and didn’t feel real. The whole book takes place over the course of a week or so, so the romance grew super fast and was pretty unbelievable. But as individual characters, I liked that each of them had flaws and vulnerabilities, despite how they appeared to everyone else on the outside.

If you’re a fan of menages and kinky books, you should definitely check out this series. It is HOT and dirty, and so much fun to read. The romance might be a little unbelievable, but you’ll still have a fantastic time with the smuttiness.

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Julie (*Happily Ever Chapter*) says

Professional quarterback Ty has a bit of a wild past that has landed him on the "last chance" team, the Rebels. He has been in the public eye because he is openly bisexual so lately he's tried to keep a low key lifestyle. He had his heart broken by his coach, Brian, in college so he only opens himself up to casual flings until he meets Randi. Randi and Ty hit it off right away and then Brian comes back to town and he starts to get confused. He has feelings for both Brian and Randi, and Brian suggests that all three of them be in a relationship together. Between Randi's aversion to steady relationships and Ty worrying about facing heartbreak again, they try to make it work.

After reading the first one in this series, I was really looking forward to Ty's story. I thought the emotional connection between him and Brian was great and I really loved them together but unfortunately I just didn't feel like it worked with Randi added too. Randi and Brian were too "inst-love" for me. It seemed like once they added Brian, she didn't really care about Ty anymore. She seemed to get more of an emotional connection with him right off the bat, even though she was supposedly falling for Ty. It just seemed off to me.

And also, this REALLY bothered me... (view spoiler)

Claudia says

This is the second book in this series and I have to say I love the setting (hot football player mixed up in a menage ... who could resist)

but I have some troubles with Mrs. Kane way of going through a story - true, this one was done much better than the first book in my eyes. Nevertheless I got the feeling I missed something.

the first half of the story was kind of a set-up for the relationship. which is ok for me as it was done really well. I liked the characters and honestly I can't decide whom I like more: Ty or Brian - both are interesting and hot.

but the second half, which should have been the part were the relationships develops, disappointed me again. it felt a bit like: oh ... there are only 100 pages left to finish this story ... ok lets do it.

and the ending was rushed. yes, they worked through some of their troubles (but in my eyes this was a bit too easy ... but ok, I can live with that) but the ending was like "puff and now everything is happily ever after". sorry, but that is not what I am looking for.

although this might sound bad, I liked the book and I am sure to read the next book in this series as well.

so all in all, if you like menage stories, take a chance on this book.

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Amy ~ Love At 1st Read says

Samantha Kane scores again with her newest hot, sexy story in the Birmingham Rebel series.

Tyler Oakes is a party animal whose reckless past has led him to a quarterback position with the Birmingham Rebels- his last chance in the NFL. His continued lifestyle of random hookups is taking a toll on him on and off the field.

Randi McInish is a tough cop also with a wild past. She's a love em' and leave em' kind of girl and sees Ty as a fun for now hookup.

Brian Mason helped coach Ty in college and the two developed a relationship but Brian broke it off when he realized how strong his feelings were for Ty. Now Brian has been hired by the Rebels to help Ty get his mojo back.

Fate has brought these three together- three people notorious for leaving others behind before they get left and what follows is pure H.O.T.N.E.S.S. You won't be able to put it down.

Ms. Kane did an excellent job with these characters. They had real emotional depth. Anyone can identify with their insecurities and fear of not being good enough. As in *Broken Play*, the secondary characters play great roles in the story too. I can't wait to see whose story is next. Although *Calling the Play* is part of a series, it can be read as a stand alone. But why stop with two hunky football players when you can have the whole team? I was gifted with an ARC of this book by the author through Net Galley in exchange for an honest review. You can't go wrong with a Samantha Kane book. The woman is brilliant!

Ivy Deluca says

The Good : I like menage stories and I like football. Win-win for me. There's good sexual chemistry between the characters and Ms. Kane never disappoints me with the actual sex scenes.

The Bad : Plot, or rather, lack of one. The last book was similar and well, I think it's ok, but it's not setting the world on fire.

Everything in Between : The romance wasn't the strongest bit. If you want a one-handed read, it's fine. Emotionally, well...If I wished one thing were different, it's that the characters were as compatible emotionally as they are sexually.

For better or worse, this is exactly what I expected. I think I prefer Ms. Kane's historical series a bit more than the football series, but she certainly knows her way around MMF erotica. If you like football with your menage, you may enjoy this.

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Victoria says

3.25-3.50 This was a decent MMF menage read. I did enjoy it and it was sexy but I was left wanting more from the story and the characters. This doesn't surprise me because I can be picky when it comes to menage stories. I would have liked to have seen the characters more fleshed out, written with more layers. They all seemed a bit one dimensional to me. Also, I struggled with my feelings for the heroine. On one hand, I respected her for being very self assured, in charge and comfortable with her sexuality. On the other hand,

she was a bit brash for me. I was left feeling like she was a bit on the trashy side. Then I felt guilty for feeling like that.

Overall, I may read more in the series, but it probably wouldn't be at the top of my TBR list.

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

Holy Hotness!!!

If you are open minded about love and mature situations, plus love a smoking hot read, then this is a book and series that you will want to pick up. My first book by Samantha Kane, this read was a wild ride!

To begin, I fell for the tough female lead, Randi. Many of her attributes remind me of myself. A tough gal living in a mans world with not a lot of female friends, she hates to admit she might need a guy around that knows what she needs more than she knows herself.

Ty is a sweetheart that can deal with Randi in ways she can appreciate. He is a bit of a bad boy that needs a woman like Randi. Now he just has to convince her. Then enter Brian. A long time friend and past colleague of Ty's, he adds a whole new experience and heat factor to this struggling love triangle.

Loaded with emotion and feelings, this book really was a surprise to me on many levels. The author brings in the flame in the romance arena. Holy hotness! But she also left a lot of vulnerability in all of the characters there too. Deep emotion and depth to these characters made this much more than a typical romance read. You get to know them on many levels and actually like them too.

This is a full length book with plenty of characters that will lead into more books in this series for certain. I missed the first in the series, but after reading this book, I know I am going back after the it! This author has the talent and imagination in her writing to leave you wanting more. Calling the Play is not a book you will soon forget! This girl isn't and will definitely be reading this story again soon!

ButtonsMom2003 says

This is one HOT and DIRTY book; I loved it!!

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Warning – this book contains lots of f-bombs and other strong language as well as hot, sexy m/m and m/m/f encounters. If any of this offends you don't read this book and then leave a negative review.

OK, the above warning was for people who may not have read any of Samantha Kane's books before and also because I hate it when readers pick up a book and then leave a negative review because it contains things they find objectionable.

Personally, I love ALL of Samantha Kane's books. I'm most familiar with her Brothers in Arms series set in the Regency period but I'm so glad that she's started this new contemporary series; I might even learn to like

football as a result. lol

Tyler Oakes (Ty) identifies himself as bi-sexual but he hasn't been with anyone in a long time. He goes looking for some action at the Kitty Licks bar and gets more than he bargained for when he walks into the middle of a drug bust. Captivated by the smart-alecky, dirty talking, undercover cop, Randi McInish, he wants to see more of her.

Randi doesn't do relationships and when Brian, a man from Ty's past, shows up she decides she needs to bow out and let those two figure things out. What Randi doesn't realize is that Brian and Ty don't feel complete without her.

While this book is the second in the Birmingham Rebels series it can be enjoyed without reading the first book (but it's great, too, so you should read it). This story probably has the coarsest language, or maybe just a bit more of it, than Ms. Kane's other books but it totally fits the characters in the story. I love the way she connects the first book to this one and yet also tells a story that completely stands alone; I doubt that this is an easy thing to do. There is a whole football team of interesting characters and I hope a book is written for each one of them!

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Tyler Oakes is bored. He's used to playing and partying hard—with both men and women. Looking to liven things up, he heads into a bar for a hook-up and gets tangled up in a drug bust and a car chase with one hot and sexy undercover cop, Randi McInish. Boredom resolved...

Randi cannot believe Tyler is threatening her bust! But when she essentially takes him on a wild ride under the guise of a high-speed car chase, Randi decides she needs to let loose—let loose underneath one very sexy quarterback.

But Ty has bigger plans—bigger than just getting busy with Randi. Enter the new team quarterback coach. Brian Mason and Ty have a long history. When Brian was Ty's college coach, they teamed up in the bedroom, but when Brian couldn't admit his feelings for Ty, he ran. Now with a second chance, Brian is trying to convince Ty that together they are better when they share—and to share Randi. Now to get everyone on the same page. Time to call the right play...

Oh. My. God. Ty, Randi and Brian are so damn good together. Their magnetism, personalities, lust and love for each other is combustible. Their internal struggles to push for their own needs, wants and desires for each other comes through so clearly. You can't help but root for them to get their shit together. And, their bedroom antics are so hot that you may need to wear gloves because your kindle will be smoking—just like your panties. Eh, might as well not wear any.... ~ Missy, 5 stars

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I LOVE THE REBELS! Well, really I love hot, hunky, football-playing MEN! I'm almost speechless and don't know what to say! Sigh.

Tyler Oaks is the QB for the Rebels and he's swoonworthy! Randi McInish is a local cop who can hold her

own. She doesn't need another man in her life, one who thinks they need to be the boss. But when she meets the Rebels QB, almost gets him killed and decides a one-night stand is just the way to apologize, her world tilts on its axis in ways she never dreamed.

The Rebels are a team of misfits—they've been arrested, had troubles in the NFL and are like the land of misfit toys. There is really nowhere to go but up. But through this, they are hiring new coaches, the team is learning to work together and amazing things are happening. And then, someone from Tyler's past returns and shakes up his world even more...

Here was the best part for me: Love! In this series, someone always falls in love and that is exactly what I've come to expect! The sex is WHITE hot, the romance is there, there is just a bit of angst and you can't stop turning the pages. Just one more page before I go to sleep turns into finishing the book!

I'm chomping at the bit to see who gets the next *Birmingham Rebels* book and what happens but while I bask in the glow of love, I will return to *Calling the Play* when I need it! If I could give this book 10+ stars I would, no questions asked! ~ Heather, 5 stars

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### **Lisa says**

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3.5 stars. Holy Hotness! This book has two sexy men, a spunky heroine and moments of very steamy encounters! This book kept me engaged and entertained. Good afternoon read.

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### **Tina "IRead2Escape" says**

#### **Hotness Rating 5 out of 5**

*Calling the Play* is the second book of the *Birmingham Rebels* series by Samantha Kane. A quick disclaimer for would-be-readers: this book is heavy on the m/m and m/f/m content, so if that subject isn't your thing move on. However, if this doesn't dissuade you then you will not be disappointed. This series is crazy hot! The story is peppered with humor and fun to read. The secondary characters are just fun and likeable as the main characters. This is actually one of my favorite things about sports romance. I love the camaraderie, teasing and interaction that comes from teammates.

Tyler Oakes, sexy quarterback, is one of the few openly bisexual players in the NFL. He's never shied away from her personal desires or treated them as dirty little secrets. But, even he admits that his life is missing something and he's left struggling to figure out exactly what that is.

Brian Mason, throwing guru and the part of Tyler's history that hurts him to think about is back. Brian is not only ready to clean up Tyler's game and help him get his mojo back, but he's ready to make right everything that happened in the past.

Throw in bad\*ss, no boundaries cop Randi McInish and you are sure to have a trio that not only lights the sheets on fire, but tugs at your heartstrings like you won't believe.

Tyler and Brian has shared many a woman in their college days, but neither touched on the subject of the attraction they had for each other. That all blew up for them in a big way which resulted in years of not speaking and broken hearts. Now that they've got a second chance of things and they have found the one woman that neither man can live without they are jumping in with both feet and holding nothing back.

I loved these guys! One would think that Tyler is the guy in charge because of his larger than life personality and on field persona, but Brian actually fit that role behind closed doors and I loved every second of it. Randi was a great character in that she showed the world one side of her, but when alone and able to let her guard down she did just that and turned into all woman for her men.

This story not only burned up the pages, but it had a softer side that made my heart melt. I would definitely recommend this story to anyone that enjoys a good menage read with a story to hold your attention.

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### **Jessica Alcazar says**

**5 '93-yard touchdown' stars**

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