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Crash Test Dolls Ready for Their First Test A Des Moines Derby Dames Team, the Crash Test Dolls, Built with New and Experienced Players

Des Moines, IA (Feb. 19, 2011) – Just four and a half months after the announcement of the team name, the Crash Test Dolls are busy preparing to take the track for the first time against the Farm Fresh Roller Girls of Peoria, Illinois.

The Dolls will be a mixture of seasoned D3 vets and skaters that joined the league in the fall of 2010. Jammers Smallsbury Steak and Autopsy Turvey both got their first bout experience in D3's abbreviated Fall 2010 season. They're two of the three "new" jammers that make up the Crash Test Dolls squad. Three other jammers, Ella Diablo, Vegelanty Justice and Neuro Sis, all saw action in 2010 as members of the Des Moines Derby Dames A Team. They will also skate for the Dolls this season to provide experience and added strength.

The Crash Test Dolls went 1-1 in scrimmages leading up to their first official bout. The Eastern Iowa Outlaws made short work of the Dolls in December, while the Cedar Valley Push Up Brawlers were pushed around by the Dolls in early January. With their "practice bouts" out of the way, Dolls skaters are anxious to "officially" take the track in just six weeks.

In addition to new skaters, the Crash Test Dolls also feature two new coaches to the Des Moines Derby Dames league. Ozone started with the D3 league in late 2010 and brings a wealth of coaching experience as well as strength and endurance knowledge to the young team. ExploSean is one of the few male charter members of the D3 league, serving as an emcee for the A Team throughout 2010. He'll continue his emcee duties for the Dames in 2011 as well as coaching the Dolls.

"We may be fresh faces, but we are ready to kick butt" said Crash Test Dolls' Team Captain, Vegelanty Justice.

You can see the Crash Test Dolls in their season debut, March 5 at the 7 Flags Event Center.

The Des Moines Derby Dames is an organization of women and men who share a passion for roller derby and what it represents – athleticism, integrity, sportsmanship and community. The Des Moines Derby Dames organization is made up of two teams: the Dames travel squad and the Crash Test Dolls. Our spunky skaters collect bruises and sore muscles on the track. Off the track, we're working hard to bring the nation's fastest-growing sport to Des Moines on an unprecedented level.

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