

## MAGAZINE



## Radars

The moment **Roller derby on a roll**

Netball this isn't. Imagine the punk-feminist lovechild of British bulldog and WWF – on wheels. Originating in Thirties America but first played here in 2006, roller derby is enjoying a surge in popularity across the UK. Twelve of its 25 teams were founded this year alone, while spring 2010 heralds roller derby's Hollywood debut in the Drew Barrymore-directed movie, *Whip It*.

Wearing quad skates, teams of five aim to best the opposition on an oval track, "jammers" scoring points by lapping the opposition while "blockers" try to stop them. Shoulder-barging and hip-shoving are allowed; bruises common.

Rollergirls sport monikers such as Kamikaze Kitten, Missy Elliott and Vigour Mortis, and play for the likes of Ultraviolent Femmes and Suffra Jets. "It's empowering," says Jess Holland, aka Sky Rockit, a London Rollergirls coach, whose next bout is on January 17 at Tattoo Freeze, Telford. "We're filling a vacuum for women's sport that's aggressive, creative and diverse." **LAURA STOTT**

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## Three to watch

WHO, WHAT, WEAR



## Our friends electric

2009 gave us a taste of Delphic's Mancunian electronica, but with debut album *Acolyte* out on January 11 and a UK tour, 2010 looks set to be the year they make their mark.



## Snow cool

Be the envy of every ski bunny with handmade Paul Smith Swing 162 skis, inscribed with your name. Fashioned by ski manufacturer Edelwiser, they are the peak in Alpine chic ([edelwiser.com](http://edelwiser.com)).

## Lego time

JC de Castelbajac has created a pop-culture-inspired must-have that you don't have to be on the cutting edge of fashion to carry off. The classic Casio-style watch in Lego primary colours is available at Selfridges (£135).

