

5<sup>th</sup>

Rosa-Maria  
Romero



ON THE QUEST  
TO QUALIFY FOR  
THE OLYMPIA.



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**Top 10**  
of the California Pro

- 1<sup>ST</sup> HEATHER MAE FRENCH
- 2<sup>ND</sup> SONIA GONZALES
- 3<sup>RD</sup> KRISTI TAUTI
- 4<sup>TH</sup> MERIZA DEGUZMAN
- 5<sup>TH</sup> ROSA-MARIA ROMERO
- 6<sup>TH</sup> ALICIA HARRIS
- 7<sup>TH</sup> JENNIFER DEJOYA
- 8<sup>TH</sup> CARIN HAWKINS
- 9<sup>TH</sup> KRISSEY CHIN
- 10<sup>TH</sup> JANE AWAD

\*Top three qualify for the 2009 Fitness Olympia

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Kristi Tauti finished a close third, ahead of Meriza DeGuzman with what appeared to be better conditioning as well as muscle maturing. She still had plenty of her trademark curves but there seemed to be more quality, not quantity, underneath it all.

Fourth place went to DeGuzman who went back to the drawing board during the off-season and packed on a noticeable amount of thick muscle to her tiny frame. While everything is where it should be, there is simply too much of it on a girl that tiny. There is still plenty of season ahead so her unquenchable desire to compete on the Olympia stage will most certainly have her busy refining that physique until she hits the perfect balance of streamlined muscle for her body.

Rosa-Maria Romero was thrilled about her fifth-place finish – it's been a long time coming. Perhaps the most underrated figure pro last season, Romero didn't leave anything undone this past off-season to give anyone a reason to keep her out of the top five. She has found the formula to shaping and conditioning her body so it looks its very best and we will assuredly see a lot more of her this season as she continues on her quest for an Olympia qualification. ☺



CURVES MIXED WITH MUSCLE WAS HER FORMULA.

**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Kristi Tauti



ADDING MUSCLE MADE DEGUZMAN A STANDOUT.

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
Meriza DeGuzman

