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2008 Season Opener Quake Wins, 45-14

Downey, CA – The season opener at the newly anointed home field for the California Quake had an inauspicious start. The visiting Tucson Monsoon, brought the heat with them from Arizona and quickly took the lead thanks to a couple nice completions by #13 Jessica Van Apeldoorn, first to #32 Melissa Overton and the second to #22 Tammie Thomas for the first touchdown of the new season. After the two-point conversion, Tucson led 8-0. After a big return by #5 Monique Zaky, the Quake was in Tucson territory. On the second offensive play of the game, #3 Deb Kuntz found #5 Zaky wide open in the flats and she took the pass the remaining 38 yards for California's first touchdown of the game. The extra point was kicked through the uprights by #9 Kara Williams. But the Monsoon still led 8-7. After another deep kick-off by #33 Julie Blied, the Monsoon went right back to what had worked on the first drive. Van Apeldoorn hit Overton streaking down the sideline for their second touchdown. The defense stopped the two-point conversion but the Monsoon had extended their lead, 14-7. It would be the last time they scored as the Quake defense stiffened and the offense scored 38 unanswered points. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense

- #5 Monique Zaky – 15 rushes – 236 yards – 5 TD's rushing – TD receiving
- #3 Deb Kuntz – 4 of 7 passing – 133 yards – 2 TD's - INT
- #88 Alex Kirby – 1 reception – 69 yards – TD
- #42 Kristin Nicholas – 10 rushes – 41 yards
- Offensive Line – No sacks



Defense

- #80 Esther Mcgee – Tackle, assist, sack, forced fumble
- #74 Erica Morgan – 7 tackles, 3 assists
- #52 Nancy MacLeod – 2 tackles, 5 assists
- #44 Angela Mims – 5 tackles, assist, forced fumble
- #28 Anna DeLeon – Tackle, INT returned for 39 yards

The Quake will be playing nearby in Orange County next weekend April 19th, against the Southern California Breakers, who lost a close game last week in Vegas 22-12. make the short trip and come out to support your 1-0 California Quake!



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