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Quake gets second shutout in as many games, blanking the Menace 64-0

Downey, CA – With temperature in the low 90's you would have thought this game was played in New Mexico. Unfortunately both teams would battle each other and the heat until it finally cooled off later in the evening. The Quake offense, defense and special teams never cooled off, scoring 64 unanswered points in a dismantling of an overmatched New Mexico team. The Menace had the size advantage however the speed and athleticism of the Quake players would be their undoing. Time and time again the Menace QB, #27 Amber Waugh, found herself running from Quake defenders trying to get the ball downfield to an open receiver. She did manage to connect on three separate occasions but was intercepted four times, all of them by #88 Alex Kirby. Two of which were subsequently ran back for TD's. On top of that the Quake defense registered 7 sacks, numerous QB hurries, and several plays resulting in negative yardage.

The Quake offense started off quick when #5 Monique Zaky took a pitch on the first play of the game for a 51 yard TD. The Quake offense found themselves in great field position most of the game and scored with ease. Not to be out done, the Quake special teams put points on the board as well. #33 Julie Blied returned a punt for a 33-yard TD and with the game well in hand, #81 Sarah Oliver attempted a 45-yard FG on a first down early in the 4th quarter. The ball bounced off the cross-bar as the crowd oohhh'd and aaahhh'd. As the game wound down, the Quake looked for an opportunity, not to run up the score; but to give Oliver another chance at setting the record for the longest FG in women's football. The Menace put together a drive at the end of the game, but Kirby grabbed her 4th INT and after two quick runs by Zaky, the Quake and Oliver lined up to try a 44 yarder with 2 seconds remaining. The ball sailed through the uprights and would have been good from 50+ as the ball landed on the track well beyond the playing field. After



the game, Oliver thanked each of the players on the FG unit for giving her the opportunity to make the kick. The snap was by #7 Ki Fujikawa, and held by Blied. The old record was from a distance of 42 yard and was from 2003.

Offense

- #5 Monique Zaky – 15 rushes – 165 yards – 4 TD's
- #3 Deb Kuntz – 3 of 5 passing – 81 yards – TD
- #9 Kara Williams – 1 reception – 63 yards – 2 rushes – 49 yards – TD
- #81 Sarah Oliver – 2 receptions – 5 yards – TD

Defense

- #80 Esther Mcgee – 5 tackles, 2 sacks
- #88 Alex Kirby – 5 tackles, 4 INT, 168 yards, 2 TD's
- #64 Reagan Manning – 4 tackles, sack
- #44 Angela Mims – 5 tackles, 2 sacks

Special Teams

- #81 Sarah Oliver – 44-yd FG, 7/8 EP
- #33 Julie Blied – 2 punt returns, 50 yards, TD

The Quake will be traveling to Las Vegas next weekend for a divisional showdown between unbeaten. If you have nothing better to do, come on up to Vegas, you know all you need is a small excuse, so use us as yours! Cheer on your 3-0 California Quake!

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