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## Quake clinch playoff berth with 27-0 win over Breakers

Mission Viejo, CA - Having no time off to heal from the battle the previous week, the California Quake faced their local rival, the SoCal Breakers. The last time the two teams met was in the second week and the Breakers held California without a touchdown. This would not be another defensive struggle.

The first quarter and much of the first half was very sluggish for both teams. The Breakers consistently had better field position but were unable to score against a determined Quake defense once deep into Quake territory. At the end of the 1st Quarter, both teams had yet to score. California managed to score midway through the 2nd as their offense awakened. #5 Monique Zaky scored on quick 30-yard run around the left side. With time running out before the half, the Quake had another shot to score from the Breakers 25-yard line. #3 Deb Kuntz put a little too much on the ball nevertheless #83 Melissa Strother made a superb diving catch at the 12-yard line but was unable to get up and run it in for the score before being touched down by a Breakers defender. At the half, the Quake only had a 7-point lead.

The second half would be a much different game. The Quake consistently moved the ball downfield, while their defense dominated and allowed only one first down the entire second half. Zaky scored her 2nd TD on the evening from 3 yards out. On 3rd & 10 from their own 45-yard line, Kuntz hit #33 Julie Blied for a short pass across the middle, she made one person miss and out ran everyone to the endzone for a 55-yard TD. The last TD of the night was scored by #9 Kara Williams, when on 4th & 5; the Quake went for it and pulled out the ole reverse, which



worked to perfection. Williams followed the stellar blocks by Strother and Kuntz all the way to pay dirt.

Final score 27-0, the 4th shutout of the season.

Here are some of the statistical highlights from the game:

### Offense

- #5 Monique Zaky – 20 rushes, 227 yards, 2 TD's
- #88 Alex Kirby – 5 rushes, 34 yards
- #9 Kara Williams – 1 rush, 28 yards, TD
- #33 Julie Blied – 1 reception, 55 yards, TD
- #83 Melissa Strother – 2 receptions, 35 yards

### Defense

- #81 Sarah Oliver – Sack, Tackle
- #64 Reagan Manning – 6 tackles
- #28 Anna Deleon – 2 tackles, Sack
- #74 Erica Morgan – 6 tackles, TFL
- #52 Nancy MacLeod – 7 tackles, Sack, TFL

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