

Ending the season with a win in triple OT

Irvine, CA - The weather was breezy with the sun coming down and made it a perfectly good day to play some football. This was the last game of the season for the Quake, an unexpected schedule change to play the SoCal Breakers, and was by far the most exciting nail biting game of the season.

The Breakers were able to score on their first offensive series of the game, letting the Quake team know that they'll need to step up their game if they want a chance to win against them. The Quake offense had a slow start but was able to answer back with a touchdown, 6-6. Both teams battled it out, exchanging touchdowns one after the next ending the first half with the score tied at 13-13. Through the entire game both teams were going head to head and after 60 minutes of football, the score remained tied at 20-20; causing the game to go into overtime! The IWFL no longer plays "sudden death" overtime football, but plays according to the NCAA overtime guidelines with each team having an opportunity to score from the 25 yard line. If the first team scores, the other team must match that or do better. Extra periods continue until the one team scores more than the other team.

The Breakers offense was unable to drive the necessary 25 yards to score a touchdown but did attempt 3 field goals, missing one and getting two blocked by #47 Knengi Martin. The Quake defense put extreme pressure and played with all their heart

keeping the Breakers from scoring in OT. The Quake offense turned the ball over on their first possession in OT and missed a FG of their own in the 2nd OT. In the 3rd OT, the Breakers defense forced three successive plays for negative yardage forcing a 4th and 31. Everyone expected to go into a 4th OT, but #3 Deb Küntz connected deep down the Breakers sideline with #2 Stephanie Neroes just shy of a first down, where she was able to make a defender miss, tip toe along the sideline, gaining her balance and finally sprinting the final 15 yards to the end zone for the winning touchdown! Final score 26-20. One of the best nail biting football games in Quake history.

Thank you to the SoCal Breakers for an amazing game. We look forward to playing again next season! Thank you to our fans, especially Super Fan and family for all your support and we hope all of you enjoyed the game. And lastly thank you to all the supporters, sponsors, players, coaches and staff for a successful 2009 season.

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