

# Quake brings home their first away game victory

Tucson, AZ – The Quake hit the road this past weekend and traveled to Tucson to face the Monsoon, who also started the season with a victory.

As the sun set there was a slightly cool breeze but Quake players were still trying to adjust to the dry weather. The Monsoon drove the ball on their first offensive possession but the Quake defense stiffened; forcing a turnover on downs at the 30-yard line. The Quake offense quickly flew down the field with a 33-yard pass from #3 Deb Kuntz to #13 Shanelle Law. The offense continued their drive though the air and on the second play of the game, Kuntz connects for a 41-yard touchdown pass to #5 Monique Zaky with #50 Angela Mims running in for the 2 point conversion. The Monsoon offense got back on the field and went right to work; moving the ball down the field with the run and pass. Monsoon quarterback, #13 Jessica Van Apeldoorn hits #11 Lindsay Nohl in stride for a touchdown and at the end of the first quarter it was a tie game at 8-8. Two plays into the next Quake offensive series Kuntz, under pressure throws a 15-yard pass which was intercepted by #34 Teress Harper. Once again the Quake defense puts the stop on the Monsoon offense but the Quake offense turns over the ball again on a fumble by Kuntz and the Monsoon finds themselves with great field position at the Monsoon 40 yard line. With the second Quake turnover of the game, the Monsoon take advantage of this opportunity and Van Apeldoorn hooks up with Nohl once again, and the Monsoon take the lead 14-8 with 13:57 left in the first half time. Challenged by Coach Penn during pre-game, the kick-off return team executes all of the blocks to perfection, giving Zaky a clear path down the right sideline for a 95-yard touchdown. Mims would once again run in the conversion and in the matter of 12 seconds, Tucson's lead had vanished, something they would never regain. The Quake defense made it tough to run and put enough pressure on Van Apeldoorn that the passing game was ineffective and the Quake offense never looked back. Mims would get her own touchdown on a short fun and follow it up with another 2-point conversion. And with the half



running out, the Quake looked to add one more before halftime. The Monsoon defense didn't make it easy, sacking Kuntz for a 10-yard loss. But on the very next play Kuntz gathered herself and delivered a strike to #88 Camille Norwood, and she outran the Monsoon defenders on her way to a 73-yard touchdown. At the half, the Quake was up 30-14.

The Quake received the ball to start the second half and after two stops by the Monsoon defense, they faced a 3rd and long. Undeterred, Kuntz delivered another perfect pass, this one to #9 Kara Williams for a 56-yard touchdown pass and catch. After a block in the back penalty by Tucson, they found themselves backed up near their goalline. The Quake defense knew this was their chance to score some points of their own by weigh of a safety. They ended up getting much more than that when a backwards pass fell to the ground. The ball went untouched until #24 Tami Singletary picked it up and ran into the endzone for a defensive touchdown. The Tucson team never let up and scored once more, moving the ball mostly on the ground. With the score on a quarterback sneak by Van Apeldoorn, the score was now 44-20 Quake. As the game moved into the 4th quarter, the Quake offense continued to dominate the game as new quarterback #11 Alex Kirby sent a 48-yard pass to Norwood for a touchdown and later ran in a 15-yard touchdown. The end result had the Quake leaving with a 60-20 victory.

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