



WOMEN'S TACKLE FOOTBALL

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Defense controls game, Zaky debuts at QB – Quake Win Big

Irvine, CA – The second road game of the year was just a short trip down Interstate 5 to Irvine for a game with the cross-town rival Southern California Breakers.

Winning the toss, the Quake elected to defer their choice until the second half and opened up the game with an onside kick by #83 Melissa Strother. The Breakers would not be fooled and #10 Naomi Hernandez quickly scooped the balled up and returned it into Quake territory. The Breakers would get close to a first down after a nice run by #39 Monique Boone but would be stopped on 3rd down. Three consecutive illegal formation penalties would negate any thought of attempting to go for it on 4th down. The Quake offense started quickly as #5 Monique Zaky connected with #47 Knengi Martin for a first down but the drive would stall and force a punt. Rookie #33 Sara Rathbun would force a fumble by the Breakers and the Quake offense would return to the field. Two sacks by the Breakers defense would force another punt. With field position flipped, the Quake defense stood its ground and forced another punt, one that #11 Alex Kirby would return 23 yards to the Breakers 26 yard line. Zaky would connect with Martin on the second play for the first Quake TD and only one of the quarter. The two-point conversion was thwarted by the Breakers defense.

The 2nd quarter proved to be the turning point in the game as the Quake offense got into a groove to match

the defenses' intensity. Zaky would score on a QB sneak from the one to move the score to 14-0. With the ball mostly being moved through the air, Zaky connected again with Martin and once with #10 Bianca Nieves for TD's. Zaky would run another score in for a TD after the kickoff was recovered by Rathbun at the 2-yard line taking a 38-0 lead into halftime.

California would start the 2nd half with the ball and move into the red zone but on consecutive trips they fumbled the ball away. The Quake defense kept forcing the Breakers to punt and getting the ball back to the offense. Zaky would throw her 4th and final touch-down pass of the game to Strother before being relieved by Kirby in the 4th quarter. The Quake defense would continue to dominate the Breakers offense and garner a consecutive shutout, extending their current scoreless streak to 11 quarters. Kirby would connect with Strother and #32 Amanda Munoa in the 4th to close out the scoring on offense.

Final Score
Quake – 60
Breakers – 0

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