



WOMEN'S TACKLE FOOTBALL

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Quake silence the Sirens, back to back victory, final score 30-13

Los Angeles, CA - The Quake found out just how hard it is to face a team two weeks in a row this past Saturday. Not only were they playing a team they beat for the first time since the 2001 season, they were playing at a new field for the first time in 3 years. Scheduling conflicts with Downey High School moved the game to Jackie Robinson Stadium in LA. It was also Japan Night, featuring Japanese food and half-time entertainment.

The game started poorly for both teams as neither seemed to want to hold onto the ball. Neither offense could muster much of anything and when they did, a fumble resulting in a turnover would end any momentum. Just before the end of the 1st quarter, the Quake were able to light the scoreboard when #31 Design Trotter scooted for 9 yards and the touchdown. The two-point conversion by #47 Knengi Martin would make the score 8-0. The 2nd quarter would see the Sirens start with great field position. Using a balanced attack, Sacramento was soon in the red zone. Another fumble almost ended the drive at the 19-yard line, but fortunately for the Sirens, they were able to recover. On 3rd & 15, #2 Chantelle Powers would connect with #28 Rachel Grover, who would split the attempted tackle by #11 Alex Kirby and #1 Jessica Cheeks. The extra point made the score 8-7 with the Quake still leading. The following kickoff would be returned by Cheeks for a 65-yard touchdown return. Unfortunately, there was a yellow hankie on the field and the play would not stand. Missed assignments and penalties would give the ball back to Sacramento with great field position. Under heavy pressure from #20 Alicia Freeman, Powers was able to connect once again with Grover for the 2nd Sirens touchdown. The extra point was blocked by #76 Heather Cunningham. The Sirens took a 13-8 lead into halftime for the second week in a row.

The 2nd half would resemble the previous weeks' game with the Quake defense taking over. The California defense would force punts and turnovers the rest of the night, giving the Quake offense great field position. Despite several mistakes and a couple injuries to key members of the Quake offense, they were able to put the ball into the endzone two more times. Using a three-headed rushing attack of Trotter, Martin and Cheeks, all with distinct running styles, they would control the game. Martin would punch one in from the 1-yard line and on the next possession for the Sirens, Kirby would tap a pass to herself and outrun #39 Noriko Kokura for a defensive touchdown. The final touchdown would happen in the 4th when #3 Deb Kuntz would rifle a pass to #32 Amanda Munoa on 4th down from 5-yard line. The Sirens would drive the length of the field in the latter stages of the 4th quarter, but the defense rotated fresh personnel in once inside the 20 and a fumble was forced and recovered on the very next play. Martin and Trotter followed the blocks of the offensive line used their legs and to garner the first downs bleed the rest of the game clock.

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Game - #11 Alex Kirby
Offense - #1 Jessica Cheeks
Defense - #52 Tarrah Philpott

The win and 5-0 start guarantees a playoff hosting appearance, their first playoff appearance since 2008 and first at home since the inaugural 2001 Championship Season.

Final Score
Quake - 30
Sirens - 13

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