



WOMEN'S TACKLE FOOTBALL

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Quake remains undefeated 7-0, dominating over the Breakers, 68-0

Downey, CA - After two bye weeks, the Quake found themselves rested and ready to get back to work. The same could not be said for the Breakers as they were nursing many injuries and had suffered multiple season-ending injuries, leaving them with only 17 players able to suit up for the game. In an effort to play a full game the Quake agreed to 12-minute quarters.

Neither team started quickly as the Quake started with the ball. The rust from two weeks off showed as the kickoff was fumbled and the first offensive snap resulted in a penalty. Three plays later a second fumble would be recovered by #25 Esther Aceves of the Breakers. Southern California would give the ball right back to the Quake as an errant snap went over #80 Jessica Joyce's head and was quickly recovered by #28 Sho King. The rust was shaken off for the moment and #1 Jessica Cheeks ran one in from 25 yards. The Breakers were never able to gather any offensive rhythm throughout the game and while Joyce was able to connect a couple times to receivers downfield, they would not result in any points. Errant snaps were a theme for the Breakers and being consistently behind the chains forced them to punt almost every possession. As a result of the punts, the Quake were usually placed in great field position. Two of the punts were returned for touchdowns, one by #47 Knengi Martin and the other by #11 Alex Kirby. A kickoff by #17 Helen Monterroso came to rest at the yard line, and Aceves had no other choice but to pick it up and gain as much

yardage as she could. The defense strung out the next play as #20 Alicia Freeman was able to get a hand on the ball carrier and King followed up by hitting her low but the it was the third hit by #24 Tami Singletary that jarred the ball loose and was quickly recovered by #79 Betty Suzuki. In 16 years of playing football, this was Suzuki's first ever touchdown.

Throughout the game, the Quake rotated personnel and tried players in different positions. The result would be some much needed experience with the playoffs drawing closer. Though only 24 plays were ran by the Quake offense, they were able to score 6 times, with #31 Design Trotter accounting for 3 of them. The defense was able to garner several turnovers and the shutout keeps the team in the running for the #1 seed and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Final Score (Game called at the end of the 3rd Quarter)
Breakers - 0
Quake - 68

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