



# WOMEN'S TACKLE FOOTBALL

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## Quake travel to Washington and bring back Undefeated Season!

Kent, WA - With playoffs looming, one could wonder where the focus would be for the California Quake, who already clinched a spot and at least one home game. The opening kickoff would quickly answer that question.

Once again winning the toss, the Quake elected to receive and when #1 Jessica Cheeks caught the ball on the 19 yard line and started moving up field, she saw a huge hole and nothing but green grass in front of her. She turned on the jets and no one would even get close to her. The two-point conversion by #47 Knengi Martin would make the score 8-0 a mere 16 seconds into the game. Seattle proved to be a most resilient team and were able to move the more effectively than any team the Quake had faced all season. While the passing game was all but shut down, the Majestic's play-calling and blocking allowed for #9 Adrienne Wilson to use her speed and get loose several times on the outside, with #28 Kalena Firstrider doing the damage up the middle. After both teams traded punts, Seattle was forced to punt a second time and on first down, from the 16 yard line, Cheeks took the direct snap, faked a handoff to #31 Design Trotter and followed her down the sideline, evading one would-be tackler around the 40 with a well-timed spin and outran everyone to the endzone. Seattle kept the Quake offense off the field with several time-consuming drives and even flipped field position in the process but the closer they got to scoring the harder the going got.

The beginning of the 2nd quarter would find the Majestics facing a 4th and 5 from the Quake 22 yard line. The pass from #8 Julie Richard to #2 Crystal Brown looked to be a perfect but the ball hung long enough for Cheeks to knock it down, giving the ball back to the Quake. Two plays later, Kuntz would hit #11 Alex Kirby in stride and she raced down the sideline for the touchdown. The Majestics best opportunity to score came in the 2nd quarter when #17 Andreana Campolo intercepted #3 Deb Kuntz. Seattle started that drive in the Quake red zone. A holding penalty and

relentless defense pushed them back and out of field goal range. On 4th down, the pass from Richard to Brown was trapped and called incomplete. That would be the closest Seattle would get to scoring. Late in the 2nd quarter, #32 Amanda Munoa would chase Richard out of the pocket and register a sack. Richard's leg would get folded up under the tackle, dislocating her knee, ankle and breaking her tibia. Everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

After the long injury break and halftime, the Quake came out looking to shut down Seattle, garner another shutout and keep their hopes alive for a chance at the #1 seed for the Western Conference. Seattle would control the clock once again but when the Quake offense got the ball, they put it in the endzone. Towards the end of the 3rd quarter, Seattle was once again looking getting close but Wilson would fumble the handoff from #7 Rachel Woods and the ball would bounce right into #20 Alicia Freeman's hands. She took off and proved that the defense is just as capable as the offense at running away from people chasing them. Offense, defense and special teams all registered touchdowns in this game. With the game decided, California tried a bit of their own clock management and ran off eight minutes in the 4th quarter, culminating in a touchdown by Martin on 4th down from the Seattle 29 yard line.

The Quake finish the regular season undefeated for the second time in four years and only two times in team history and Head Coach Joshua Penn was doused with a Gatorade bath at the end of the game by the players. With everyone wondering, the Quake put together their best performance of the year just in time because come June 25th, California will be hosting round one of the playoffs. Location will be announced shortly.

Final Score  
Quake - 50  
Majestics - 0

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