



WOMEN'S TACKLE FOOTBALL

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Quake taking care of business and shuts out the Wisconsin Warriors

Kenosha, WI - In a battle of two high-scoring offenses and two rather stingy defenses, the winner of the this game would be headed to Round Rock for the 2011 IWFL Championship. With both Wisconsin (2009) and California (2001) having championship trophies on the shelf, one would be looking to earn a shot at another. The weather would be a huge factor as the game would kick off at 3PM, with the temp climbing from the high 80's at the start with 80% humidity.

The Quake won the toss and elected to receive. The kickoff by #44 Jodi von Spreckelsen was a line drive directly to #31 Design Trotter, and she scampered up field before being tackled at the Quake 45-yard line. The first drive would see #1 Jessica Cheeks and Trotter trade carries before being faced with a 4th & 7 from the Warrior 24-yard line. Cheeks ran to her left, seemingly trapped along the sideline, reversed her field, avoided several would-be tacklers en route to the first Quake touchdown of the day. A fumble on the conversion attempt would make the score 6-0. Undaunted, the Wisconsin team would march the ball down the field, with a huge chunk being gained on a run up the middle by the Warriors workhorse #41 Leslie Gittings. The drive would stall just outside the Quake 20 as a pass from #2 Stefanie Brettingen was overthrown to #20 Abigail Coons. Following a rare three and out by the Quake, Wisconsin would start the next drive in Quake territory. The Warriors would turn the ball over on downs and #6 Melissa Argenzio would break a pass attempt forcing a second consecutive punt by the Quake.

Wisconsin would start the 2nd Quarter from their 25-yard line and on the first play #27 Bobbie Graham stepped in front of a pass intended for #83 Susanne Austerud and returned it back to the 14-yard line. Three plays later, Trotter would scoot in for a 2nd Quake touchdown, extending the lead to 12-0. The next Wisconsin drive would pick up one first down and on 3rd & 10, Graham looked to have pulled in her 2nd INT but officials ruled the ball hit the ground. The ensuing punt would be returned 85 yards by #11 Alex Kirby for an apparent 3rd TD. Penalty flags littered the field and the end result was three separate personal foul penalties. The Quake wound up starting the drive at the 7 1/2-yard line. The Warriors had the Quake in 3rd & long but #3 Deb Kuntz was able to buy time by scrambling and found Cheeks for the first down. Three plays later #47 Knengi Martin would find a hole a blind man could run through

and outrun the entire Wisconsin defense for her 1st touchdown of the day. Quake now led 18-0. Wisconsin would start to move the ball on the next possession but on 4th & 2 were stopped well short when #74 Erica Morgan made the tackle on Gittings trying to cut back. California would drive the length of the field attempting to put one more in before halftime. Kuntz would connect with Kirby and #83 Melissa Strother to move the ball inside the 15. On 1st & 10 from the 11, Kuntz would get picked off by Coons. Two plays later, Kirby would pick Brettingen and Gittings tackle at the 10-yard prevented another score.

Wisconsin would start the 2nd half with the ball, switch into their double tight-end set and by changing up the snap count moved the ball into Quake territory. Brettingen would be picked again, this time by #55 Sharrica Miller. The next play saw the Quake offense look to put the game out of reach with a reverse. The play looked all but stopped by the Warriors defense, but Kirby made a great adjustment to the pitch from Kuntz and used her signature shiftiness to get by all pursuing defenders. The conversion would be good for the first time of the game and the lead was extended to 26-0. The punt snap on Wisconsin's next possession would go over Gittings head and the resulting loss would lead to the Quake starting with the ball at the 25-yard line. On 4th & 12, the pass to Martin would end up being completed but 2 yards short of the first down. The Warriors had two opportunities to score as Coons got behind California defenders on consecutive plays. Both passes fell incomplete and they were forced to punt yet again. Kirby would receive the punt and the return of 48 yards for a touchdown would stand.

The California Quake would add two more touchdowns in the 4th quarter, one through the air with Kuntz hitting Strother and another by Martin via the ground. The final score would result in a 48-0 victory and the Quake being named 2011 IWFL Western Conference Champions and earning a spot in the championship game against the 10-0 Atlanta Ravens. Atlanta defeated the Carolina Phoenix 24-6 in the Eastern Conference Championship.

Final Score
Quake - 48
Sirens - 0

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