

Intensity wins biggest game in franchise History

Lots of things can go wrong during a football game and last night the inter divisional rivalry between the New England Intensity and Empire State Roar of the Women's Professional Football League took on a new dimension in that cliché as both defenses turned in a stifling and bone jarring display of fundamentally sound defensive football and played havoc with both offensive squads.

The Roar and Intensity were tied atop the Eastern division of the WPFL's American Conference coming into last night's contest with the winner all but assured a divisional crown and a playoff berth. The Intensity put up the only points of the game with 3:28 remaining in the first when New England quarterback Val Halesworth connected on an 18 yard strike to wide receiver Tricia Donovan. It was the sixth time this tandem had connected for pay dirt this season. The PAT pass attempt failed.

The ladies of the Intensity have averaged over 350 yards of total offense coming into last night's game but were stymied throughout the contest by the aggressive play of the Roar and turned in a 203-yard performance. Shannon Lamie turned in a great individual effort with two sacks and interception for the visitors from Rochester New York.

Leading rusher for the Intensity was Stephanie Samuelson with 84 yards on 14 carries behind the blocking of Maia Goodall, Maggie Koosa, Betty Ann Perry, Michele Bresnahan and Drea Holcomb.

Defensively the Intensity posted it's fifth shutout of the year behind the play of linebacker Donna Bruce with 7 unassisted tackles while Jody Gauthier and Game MVP Val Monaco came up with an interception each. The Intensity, 5-1, will host the Connecticut Cyclones next Saturday night at Hanlon Memorial Field in Medway at 7:05 pm.