

## Vipers take steam out of Quad City, 74-20

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On a night when the Tennessee Valley Vipers unveiled their ArenaCup championship banner they looked unbeatable as they easily handled the Quad City Steamwheelers, 74-20, before an announced crowd of 3,995. The Vipers evened their record at 1-1 and play at South Georgia next Saturday.



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QB Kevin Eakin overcame a shaky start that saw the Vipers first drive end with an interception in their end zone. Eakin quickly heated up to hit Bradly Chavez on a 4-yard touchdown pass midway through the first quarter for a Vipers 7-0 lead.

Sparked by special teams the Vipers surged to a 30-7 first quarter lead. Marcus White recorded a safety on a kickoff and **the ensuing kick was returned for a Vipers touchdown by Christopher Bocage**. After a Quad City touchdown the Vipers offense got in gear using short passes to Bocage and Chavez. Chavez took a lateral pass and dove in the end zone for Eakin's second TD pass. Eakin finished the first half with 5 touchdown passes.

Head Coach Dean Cokinos credited a week of intense practice with the fast start. "We wanted to come out ready to play and get off to a strong start. We played well in all three phases of the game, offense, defense, and special teams. We stress all three the same."

The Vipers got a stop by the defense when Desmond Foster recorded a pass breakup followed by an interception.

Vipers' international program player Hiroki Haseagawa got into the act with a tackle in the end zone on a kickoff to record another safety.

"He earned his way on this team and it's good to see him have some success," said Cokinos.

Austin High product John Scott played a solid game rotating series at nose tackle with Marcus White. Both players are in their first year with the Vipers. Scott played in front of a large contingent of family and friends.

Scott swarmed to the ball on Quad City's short passing game and created blocking problems for center Nick Codutti who was flagged for holding Scott on a blow bye.

"It's great to play close to home, the Vipers are a championship team and I feel very blessed to be here. We pretty much dominated the line tonight," said Scott who finished his college playing career at Jackson State and played with Rio Grande Valley last season.

The Vipers veteran secondary led by Desmond Foster and Travis Blanchard played tight man coverage all night as Quad City quarterback J.J. Raterink found few windows to throw through. It took a leaping catch by Jack Walker to record Quad City's second touchdown.

Kicker Nick Hayes had a perfect night going nine-for-nine on extra points.

Backup QB Tony Colston finished up in the second half with a touchdown pass to Michael Johnson.

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	Total
Quad City	7	6	0	7	20
Tennessee Valley	23	23	21	7	74

### JLS Ironman of the Game: Chris Bocage (TVV)

Russell Athletics Off. Player of the Game: Kevin Eakin (TVV)

Aaron's Defensive Player of the Game: Eric Crosby (TVV)

The Big Game Catch of the Game: Bradly Chavez (TVV) TD at 5:02 of 2nd quarter

NIFTy Hit of the Game: 1st quarter. Tyrell Elston obliterated QC's Greg Golden on a kickoff return at the QC 8.

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