GIAGUARI DOMINATE IN TURIN: AQUILE DEFEATED 29-14

Special teams and Greenfield's dominance prove decisive: Turin moves to 3-1 and joins the leaders.

In the only game of **Week 5** of the **Italian Football League**, the **Giaguari Torino** lived up to expectations, defeating the **Aquile Ferrara 29-14** in a matchup that was ultimately shaped by the impact of special teams and the running game of **Ethan Greenfield**.

A crucial win, as it lifts the Piedmont-based team to a 3-1 record, joining the group at the top of the standings in what remains a highly competitive and tightly contested league, as already anticipated ahead of the week.

A balanced start, then the turning point

The game opened with a defensive battle: the first quarter ended scoreless, with both offenses struggling to find rhythm and consistency. Ferrara had an opportunity following a muffed punt by the home team, but failed to capitalize.

The game came alive in the second quarter, when the Aquile struck first: **Ryan Kraft** connected with **Jacopo Bindini** for a touchdown and a 7-0 lead. However, the Giaguari's response immediately shifted the momentum.

A 75-yard kickoff return by **Tommaso Tenconi** flipped the field and set up Greenfield's first touchdown, tying the game. Shortly after, another big return—this time on a punt—put Turin in the red zone, where Greenfield once again found the end zone, giving the Giaguari a 14-7 lead at halftime.

Special teams take over, Greenfield dominates

The third quarter returned to a defensive tone, with Ferrara missing a short field goal that could have reopened the game. It was in the final period, however, that Turin put the game out of reach.

Jacopo Salsa's field goal extended the lead to 17-7, but the key play came soon after: a 60-yard pick-six by **Paolo Lazzaretto** broke the game open, pushing the Giaguari ahead 23-7.

Ferrara attempted a comeback, with Kraft finding **Leonardo Pasquotto** for a 23-14 score, but every effort was quickly neutralized. The onside kick attempt turned into yet another decisive special teams play for Turin, as **Tommaso Bono** recovered and returned it for a touchdown, sealing the final 29-14.

Key factors

The game confirmed what had been anticipated: in a matchup between top teams, details make the difference. In Turin, those details clearly favored the Giaguari:

- **Dominant special teams**, consistently generating field position advantage and producing two touchdowns
- **Ethan Greenfield as the standout performer**, leading the running game and serving as a constant offensive weapon
- **An opportunistic defense**, delivering at key moments with Lazzaretto's pick-six and the physical presence of defensive tackle **Gavin Thomas**, from the **Rome City Institute**, selected by the Giaguari in last November's Draft

For Ferrara, the performance offers mixed signals: the passing game showed promise, particularly the connections between Kraft and Bindini, and Kraft and Pasquotto, but the running game lacked consistency and, above all, the mistakes on special teams proved too costly.

Standings and outlook

With this win, the Giaguari firmly enter the playoff race, while the Aquile suffer their first loss of the season, dropping to 2-1.

A shortened Week 5 schedule, but one with significant impact on the standings: Turin sends a strong message to the league, confirming itself as one of the most complete and dangerous teams this season.

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