# Offseason Defensive Coordinator Breakdown

A Systematic Approach to Gaining An Advantage

#### Gain Understanding Of:

Coordinator/Head Coach

Scheme and Structures

Tendencies and Personality of Play Caller

What do they struggle with?

What are they good at?

#### A Deeper Look

#### Much more Holistic than in Season

In Season-This leads to that?

Off Season-Why do they do this?

#### What is their overall philosophy?

How does it change by down?

How does it change by zone?

Compare year to year

#### What's Included In The Course

#### **Three Stages of Defensive Breakdown**

Stage 1 Analyzing the Data Stage 2 Understanding the Base and Answers Stage 3 Putting It All Together

Seven Specialized Templates Included

BONUS Standing Out In the Hiring Process with A Digital Portfolio Lesson

#### Coach Weitz

- Currently OC at HSE
  - Averaged 34.6 Points
  - Ball Control, Run Heavy Team
- Warren Central
  - STC, OL, DB, QB
  - Camp Director
  - 45-16, 2013 State Champions
- Lawrence Central
  - QB Coach
  - 15-0, 2012 State Champions

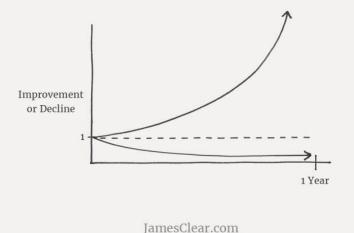


### How I Got There

- High School Career
- College Playing and Coaching Experience
- New Zealand Playing and Coaching Experience
- Finding A Way to Catch Up

#### **The Power of Tiny Gains**

1% better every day  $1.01^{365} = 37.78$ 1% worse every day  $0.99^{365} = 0.03$ 



### Digital Resources For Coaches www.60secondclinic.com/digitalresourcesforcoaches

**Graphic Design** 

Website Creation

**Photo Editing** 

Video Creation

**Hiring Designers** 

And More

## The Gameplan

#### **General Plan**

- What is Your Offseason Plan?
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Have to be developing and growing as a coach
- Goal is to spend 1 hour a day during the week working on this
  - Match the kids input
  - Sprinkler vs. Fire Hose
- Downside of Clinics and Scheme Websites/Books/Social Media
- What is Going to Move the Needle on Your Program?
  - Can you see the impact of your offseason growth in your program?

#### **General Overview and Stages**

- Round 1-Input Data and Basic Analysis
  - Have to input data in order to analyze it
  - Front and Blitz, Explosive, Completions
  - Zones and Down Study
- Round 2-Base and Answers
  - What is their base for different formations?
  - What are their answers?
  - How do they handle uniques and motions?
- Round 3-Preliminary Game Plan and Final Report
  - What formations/concepts/zones do they struggle with?
  - Do the uniques have an advantage?
  - Final Report-One page summary

## Round 1 Get The Data

#### Round 1-Input Base Level Data

- First have to get the film
  - Beg, borrow, steal to get as many games as possible
  - The bigger the data set the better the data
- Input the Basic Information
  - Down/Distance/Yardline/Gain Loss
  - Formation with Your System
    - Label by Field or Boundary
    - Gives you more and better data than R/L
    - I also add a Note Column for things like Bunch, Stack, Close, Wide, Etc.
  - Motion or Shift
    - Make sure you have a system
    - Using "Yes"

#### Round 1-Input Defensive Data

- First Time Looking At Defense
  - Second Time Through the Film, the First is Formations and Motions
- Defensive Front
  - Have a system for naming it
  - You can change it after a couple of games
  - See their base and then how/when they change
  - I also label stunts during this, again, have a system
- Defensive Rush
  - The number of people who are not going to be in pass coverage
- Blitzes-Hardest and Most Time Consuming
  - We have a great way of labelling available at <u>60SecondClinic.com/post/blitzcharting</u>
  - Sort by defensive rush to save time
  - Make sure it is consistent

#### Round 1 Working With the Data

- Clean up the data
  - Look for any single Blitzes/Fronts/Stunts
  - Is this on purpose or does it fit with another?
- Top Blitzes
  - Draw up top Blitzes by Front
  - Page for Each Front
- Explosives
  - Sort by your definition of Explosive Play
  - Draw them up if result of scheme
    - I don't for freak things
- Completions
  - Chart out completions
  - Draw Concepts-what gets WRs Open
  - Mark Zones-where are completions made with arrow



#### Round 1-Zone/Down Study

- Looking for Coordinators Tendencies by Zone or Down
- Down Study
  - Select for each down individually and then sort by Distance
  - Watch them all, keep notes of patterns
  - You will quickly see patterns start to emerge
- Zone Study
  - Same concept as Down Study but by Field Zone
  - Looking for where the blitzing starts
  - I normally do Own 25 In and Attacking 40 In
- Look for Patterns
  - They will start emerging
  - This is the playcallers DNA

### Round 2 Find Their Base and Answers

#### Round 2 Base and Answers

- Round 2 is more about the scheme
- The goal is to find the Defense's Base and Answers to different formations
  - $\circ$  How do they want to defend this and where is it weak?
  - How do they adjust to stop the Run?
  - How do they adjust to stop the Pass?
- Less Data, More Depth
  - $\circ$  Normally 1 type of formation per day ex. Mon-3x1 with and without TE
  - Deeper level analysis
- Start with Box then move to Coverages
- Finish by looking at adjustments to unique formation

#### Round 2 The Box

- How are they staying gap sound vs. the formation?
- Where have teams found success running against them? Why?
- How did the defense adjust to cover it up?
- A base starts to emerge
  - Once you know the base it's easier to find the answers
- What are their answers?
  - How do they adjust to stop the run?
  - How do they adjust to stop the pass?
  - What do they do in short/long yardage?

#### Round 2 The Coverages

- Same concept as the box
- Start by looking at the formation and how it stresses the Defense?
  - Who has multiple jobs?
  - Where are there soft zones?
- Look for how offenses attack them
  - Focus on the why, ex. high low stretch because...
  - Where do they have success? Why?
- How does the defense adjust to this?
  - What is their answer?
  - Find the answer then work backwards to find the why



#### Round 2-The Uniques

- Do they have a base answer for Unique Formations
- Many defense's used to have just 1 answer
  - Aiming at a stationary target
  - Now they will carry multiple especially if you major in it
- During the season rarely have enough data
  - Can be hard to predict with small sample size
  - Off-Season you have a much larger sample size
- Our List of Uniques that we check
  - Empty, Empty Variations, Motions to/from Empty, and Empty Motions (Jet, Orbit, Twirl)
  - Unbalanced, UB Variations, Shifts to/from Unbalanced, Unbalanced Motions
  - Formation Into the Boundary

# Round 3 Preliminary Gameplan

#### Round 3-Preliminary Gameplan

- Time to Bring It All Together
- What formations benefit us?
- What run concepts or gaps do they struggle to defend?
- What pass concepts or zones do they struggle to defend?
- Put together Final Report

#### **Round 3-The Formations**

- Normally you know what personnel set you will run going into the season
- Which of these formations creates space for your best players?
  - Where are they weak against these formation?
  - What will have success vs. their base?
  - What will have success vs. their answer?
- What motions can create space for your best players?
  - Can you motion to put your players in advantage?

#### **Round 3-Uniques**

- Are there any unique formations that create an advantage for you?
  - Shift to them?
  - Motion to them?
  - Sugar Huddle?
- Can you scheme up a score or first down?
  - Can normally scheme up a motion to convert two or three 3rd and longs
    - Can build off of it
  - Can you generate a shot play?
    - Repeat TD from previous year

#### Round 3-Final Report

- Put all the information together on one page
- Top Blitzes by Front with Indicators
- Zone and Down Study
- Pass and Run Concepts to Focus On
- Formations, Shifts and Motions For Advantage
- Specials and Shots



### Using In Season

- Final Report-serves as one page refresher
  - Compare Blitzes
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Zone and Down Tendencies
- Prepare for Base and Answers
  - Have a play to attack the base and one to attack the answer
  - Make things clear for players
- List of Different Pass Plays from Formations-can be easy adds
- Database
  - Builds Up Over Years
  - Chance to See Alignment to Unique Formation from Years Ago