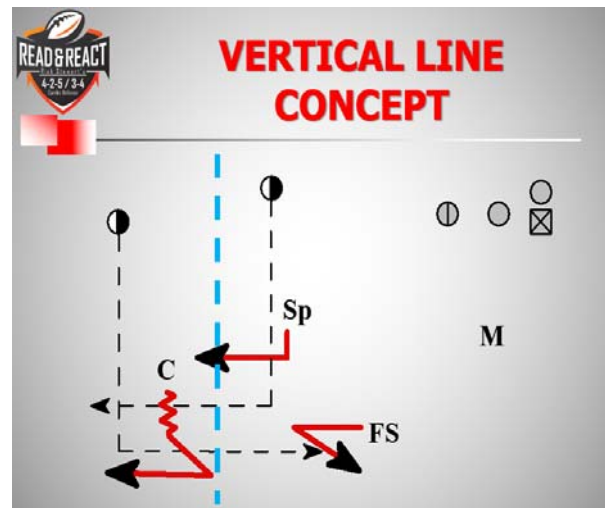
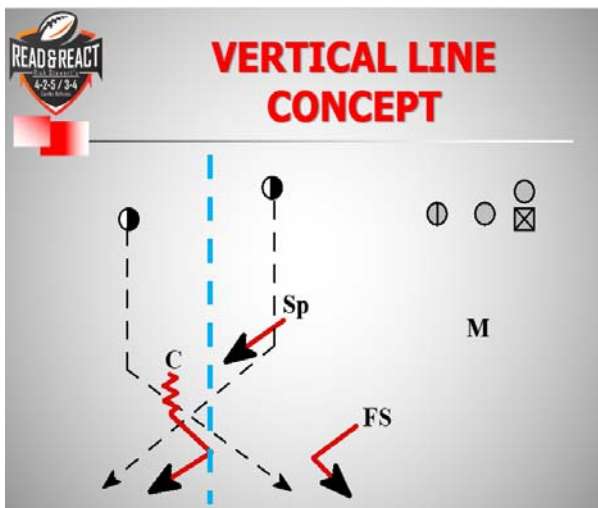


 <h1 style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;">COVER 4 RULES</h1>		
Read CB	2x7 inside #1	Deep 1/4. Take #1 past LB depth on outs & verticals
Falcon	Split EMOL & Spur At 10yds	#2 past LB depth: Vertical Line Concept #2 out: Rob 1. #2 in: QB eyes
Spur	4x4 off TE 4x1 vs twins	Curl-Flat-Swing. Eyes on #1 WR; expand with #2 Re-route vs Twins. Has #2 wheel.
Mike	20 tech 10 tech vs 2x2	Wall #3 vertical and play hook zone in coverage
Bull	20 tech vs <u>tite</u> /single 40 tech vs twins	Wall #2 vertical. Take #2 to the flats
Will	2x8 off EMOL Inside eye vs Twins	#2 past LB depth: Vertical Line Concept #2 out: Rob 1. #2 in: QB eyes
Away CB	2x7 inside #1	Deep 1/4. Take #1 past LB depth on outs & verticals



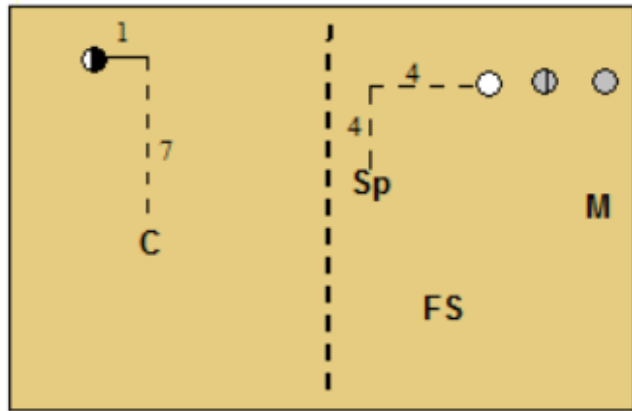
This VERTICAL LINE CONCEPT mans the Corner and Falcon “switch” all deep routes. The call is “**SC, SC**”. This has to be repped because 10-15yd outs by #2 receiver will trigger this call but we cannot have the Corner jumping these deep outs while the Falcon is still guarding the same receiver man-to-man. This will allow the #1 receiver to run free for a long TD pass and not the other team’s band is playing.

QUARTERS COVER 4 to Read Side

Cover 4 is good vs perimeter runs, bubbles, quick hitches by #1. Spur is flat so CB & F can double deep routes. Spur has wheel if 1-RB and 3 swing vs 2-RB.

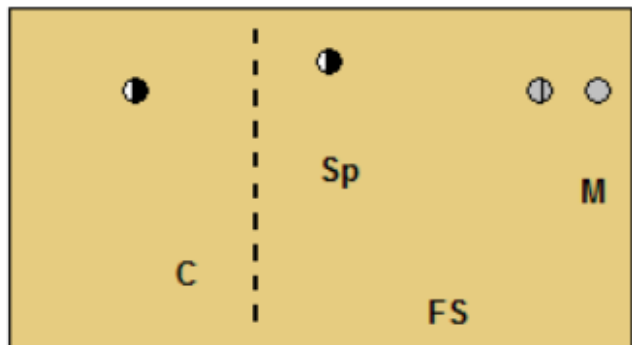
VERTICAL LINE CONCEPT: CB has routes left of the line past LB depth. F has routes right of line

PRO



CB	7x1 inside #1. Outside 1/4 offfield Man on 1 while reading 2 Vertical Line Concept Wheel routes if 2-RB backfield
Sp	4x4 off DE. Curl-Flats Drop to top of numbers, reading #1 Wheel routes if 1-RB backfield
F	Split difference SPUR & EMOL 10yd, no backpedal. Middle 1/4 offfield. Read 2, rob 1 (vertical line concept)
M	Hook-Curl-Swing by 3. Drop to hash reading #2 receiver Wall all inside routes.

TWINS MOF: Twins is the Read side.



CB	7x1 inside #1. Outside 1/4 offfield Vertical Line Concept Wheel routes if 2-RB backfield
Sp	4x4 off DE. Curl-Flats Jam 2 on vertical release. Expand vs 2 out; Drop to 1 vs 2 in
F	Split difference SPUR & EMOL 10yd, no backpedal. Middle 1/4 offfield. Read 2, rob 1 (vertical line concept)
M	Hook-Curl-Swing by 3. Drop to hash reading #2 receiver Wall all inside routes.

Cover 2 is preferred coverage vs Twins

FALCON

Free throw shooters stance
No backpedal. "buzz the feet" while reading #2

Read #2 WR:
-> if #2 breaks under LB depth, rob 1.
-> If #2 deep middle cross, follow the QB eyes
-> If #2 vertical, take #2

SPUR

Drop to top of numbers, 12yd depth while reading #1 WR.
Sit on shallow slant by #1
Sprint to hitch by #1
RB swing if 2-RB

vs Pro:
Listen for out call from Mike. Expand over top on shallow TE outs. Expand underneath on deep TE out routes.

vs Twins:
inside eye of #2. Jam inside shoulder of #2 WR.

CORNER

Inside foot back, take 2 read slide steps while reading EMOL for run/pass read.
Backpedal while reading #2 receiver.

Man 1 past 5 yards
Help 2 if 1 shallow
Jump 2 out if 1 slant

Wheel routes if 2-RB in backfield.

Man on #1 if sprint pass to or boot away.

MIKE

2 read steps forward. Outside, then inside.

spot drop to hash with eyes on #2 receiver.

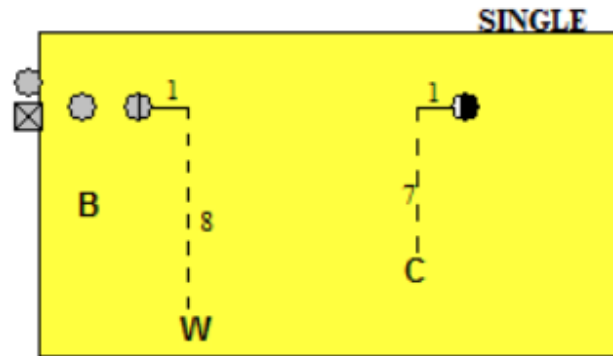
Wall any shallow crossing routes.

Take RB (#3) out of the backfield.

QUARTERS COVER 4 to Away Side

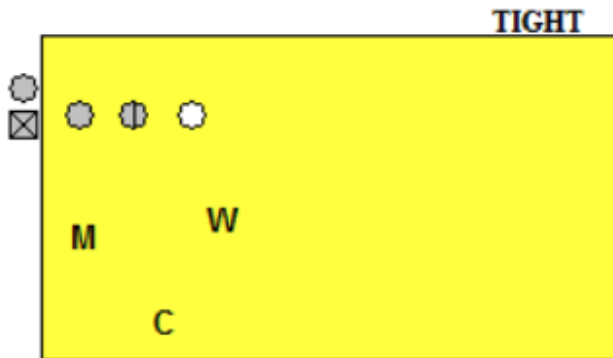
W	Rob 1. CB/B has RB out of backfield
CB	7x1 inside shade.
B	Hook-Curl. Wall all inside routes.

CB aggressively takes shallow routes by #1. Has to come off #1 if RB out of backfield. WILL basically has #1 deep. Look for crossing routes if #1 shallow.



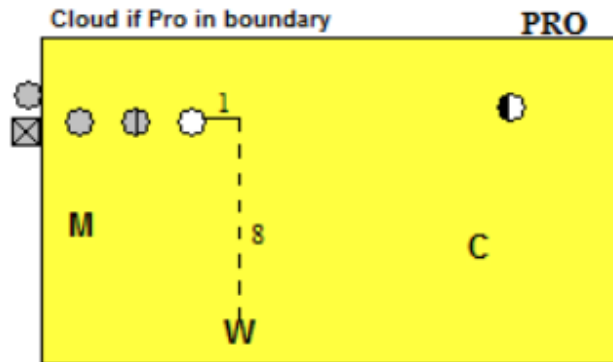
W	4x2 off TE. Jump outs by #2
CB	C-8 alignment. TE past LB depth
M	Wall 1, Swing 2

Automatic SKY alignment vs TIGHT since Will is a better run support player.



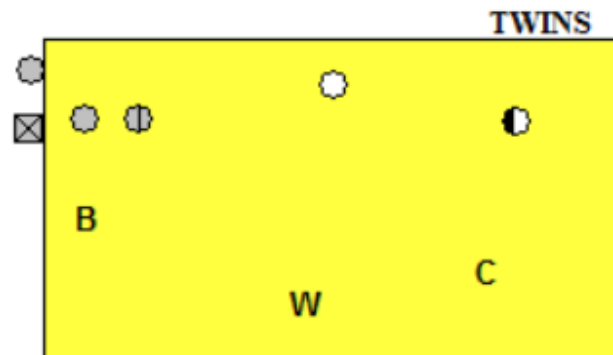
W	Read 2, Rob 1.
CB	7x1 inside shade.
M	Wall 2, Swing 3.

VERTICAL LINE CONCEPT
 CB has any route to the right of his line past LB depth. CB aggressive on hitch by #1 and outs by #2.
 W has routes to left of the line.




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COVER 5 (2 read)

Read CB	7X1 inside #1	Read #2 receiver. If #2 out during read steps (before QB 3 rd step): take him man. #2 <u>vert</u> or in, eyes on 1. Sit on hitch/out
Falcon	10x1 inside #2	If #2 quick out/arrow/bubble, get eyes to #1. Take #2 vertical. If #2 in, find QB eyes. Vertical Line concept if #1 deep
Spur	4x4 off TE apex vs twins	Wall #2 (does not cross face). Take #3 swing/flats.
Mike	20 tech	#3 dropper. Match #3 vertical.
Bull	20 tech	Wall Player. Eyes on #1 receiver as drop to hash Has #2 swing
Will	4x4 off TE apex vs twins	If #2 quick out/arrow/bubble, get eyes to #1. Take #2 vertical. If #2 in, find QB eyes. Vertical Line concept if #1 deep
Away CB	7x1 inside #1	Read #2 receiver. If #2 out during read steps (before QB 3 rd step): take him man. #2 <u>vert</u> or in, eyes on 1. Sit on hitch/out

COVER 5

Teaching the reads is the most important part of any pattern reading defensive scheme. While not as easy as spot dropping, it doesn't mean it has to be complicated. Keep it as simple as possible when teaching to the players.

The Cornerback's Reads and Responsibilities

#2 breaks out – Man #2

#2 does anything else – Man #1

Both the CB and FS read the #2 receiver. The #2 receiver can be in the backfield, a wing, a slot, or a tight end. Basically the #1 and #2 receiver can only do 1 of 4 things: block, go inside, go outside, or go vertical. Before getting into any reads, preach to the CB to expect to play #1 man to man, with no help.

#2 releases outside –

This tells the CB that the safety will take #1 but he doesn't leave #1 right away. While looking for the throw to #2, he stays with #1 to buy the safety some time. The reactions are as follows:

- 1 is inside - Squeeze 1 & break on the throw (to 1 or 2). Do not let 2 cross your face because CB has wheel by #2. Squeeze 1's route, until 2 will no longer allow you to do so. Make an "IN" call.
- 1 is vertical - CB becomes squat 1/2's coverage but he HAS to carry and "trail" #1 to the safety. This allows the safety to come off his read of 2 and get to 1. The corner settles his feet and gets ready to break on the throw to #2 when the non-throwing shoulder of the QB crosses his face. If the CB leaves #1 too early he leaves the safety on an island with a huge void to cover (fade route).

#2 Releases inside/vertical/or stays-

Corner locks on to #1 man to man. There are some specifics though that you must teach your corners when they get this read.

- #1 and 2 run shallow crossing routes – CB gain depth and think "post-corner". Beat the WR to the ball on this particular route.
- #2 inside, 1 runs a post - Keep "high shoulder" on the post route, NEVER coming under any post route. The same can be said of the dig route.
- #2 is vertical, #1 is short - The corner yells "smash-smash-smash". Stay outside and over the top of 1, and outside and underneath of the route by 2. Rally to the throw to 1, while playing off enough to help with the corner route. They can intercept the corner route by undercutting #2.
- #2 and 1 are vertical - Man 1 and keep inside leverage to "wedge the fade". This is important as he has no inside help from the safety on this particular route combination.

So, that does it for the corners. In a nutshell, teach the corners to break on throws instead of chasing routes.

Safety's Reads and Responsibilities

The safety is the toughest position to play in Cover 5. This athlete must be able to cover ground, make checks, read opposing offenses, cover man-to-man, and tackle in open spaces. The safety has to love putting his nose in run plays, and be an athlete who can run with WR's in space.

2 is vertical- Man 2.

2 is outside/inside/under or stays and blocks- Get to #1.

2 Releases outside

- 2 releases outside, 1 runs a slant- Safety's eyes immediately go to 1, settle feet and drive to the upfield shoulder of the WR. Collision or an interception.
- 2 releases outside, 1 run a curl - Work to stay inside and over the top of 1 and break on the throw to 1. This is "banjo" and prevents pick & rub routes.
- 2 releases outside, 1 is vertical - turn and run to the inside shoulder of #1. Has no help. This is the toughest route combination the safety will have to defense in Cover 5.

Safeties buzz their feet on the snap and once they see that #2 is not a threat, they turn and open to #1, thinking "1 is vertical". This way they are always prepared for the worst case scenario.

- 2 outside, #1 outside - drive for the deepest shoulder and squeeze the WR to the sideline.

2 Releases inside and underneath

- 2 is inside and 1 runs a post - The safety should undercut and get in the throwing lane of the post route. Man turn and be on the inside shoulder of the WR. The same may be said of the dig route.
- 2 Releases vertical - man coverage.
- 2 is vertical and out - drive through the upfield shoulder of #2.
- 2 runs a post - work to inside leverage on #2.
- 2 Stays in to block - get eyes to #1's hips and decipher the route, thinking #1 vertical.

It takes more time to type the reads as it does to teach them. Start with the simple reads and then break down the individual reactions to the various routes and route combinations that you will see. Then put all these back together to formulate the answer to the simple reads!

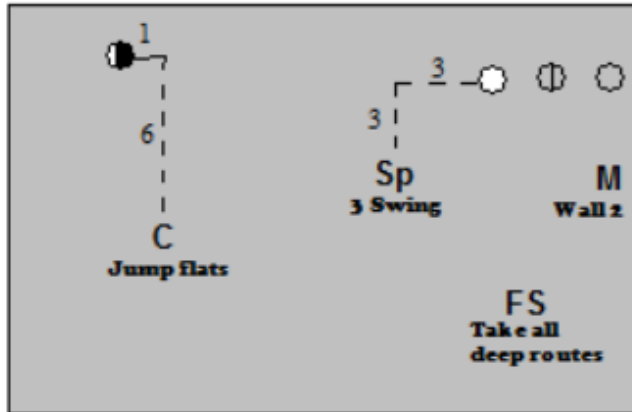
COVER 5 to Read Side

Cover 5 puts the HYBRID closer to the box to fold in on inside runs. He only has flats if #3 (RB) threatens. Spur can support inside run better.

CB jumps any routes to the flats (cover 2).

If both #1 & #2 go vertical this turns into Cover 4.

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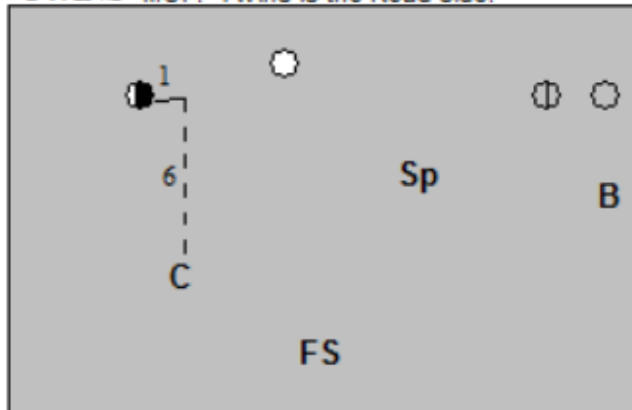


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Sp	Seam dropper. Take RB out of backfield
F	inside shade #2. If 2 out, rob 1. If 2 inside follow QB eyes.
M	Drop to hash, reading #2 Hook-Curl-Swing by 3. Wall inside routes

CB jumps quick routes to flats (hitch or arrow). F takes #2 deep, incl 10-15yd outs. CB has #1 deep. They can switch on deep #1 post / #2 corner

Quarters is preferred coverage vs Pro

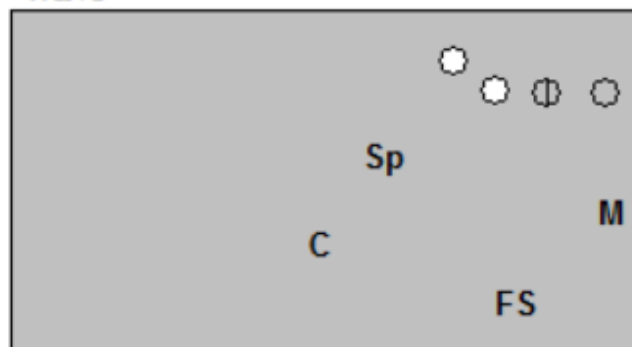
TWINS MOF: Twins is the Read side.



CB	Take 2 on shallow outs. If 2 vert or in, take #1.
Sp	Split EMOL and #2. Curl-RB Swing
F	inside shade #2. Read 2, rob 1.
M	Hook-Curl. Wall all inside routes.

SPUR does not re-route. Seam drop on pass, take RB out of backfield

WING



CB	6x4 off DE. Jump quick routes to flats
Sp	2x2 off DE. Curl-RB Swing
F	C-gap, 8yds (C8). Read 2, rob 1.
M	Hook-Curl. Wall all inside routes.

Good call vs Wing T team if you want Spur focused on run. Play Action taken by CB & F

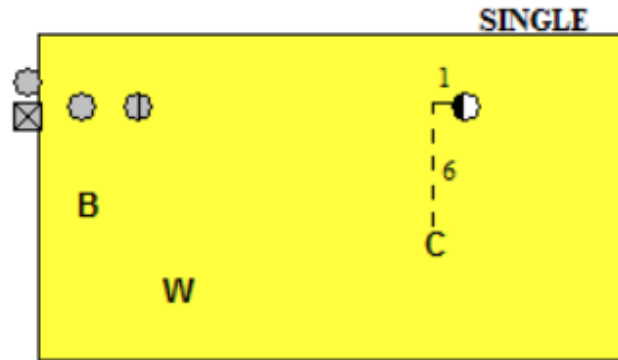
COVER 5 to Away Side

On the AWAY side there is no difference between Cover 4 and Cover 5

W	Deep 1/2 player
CB	Jump flats
M	Wall 1, Swing 2.

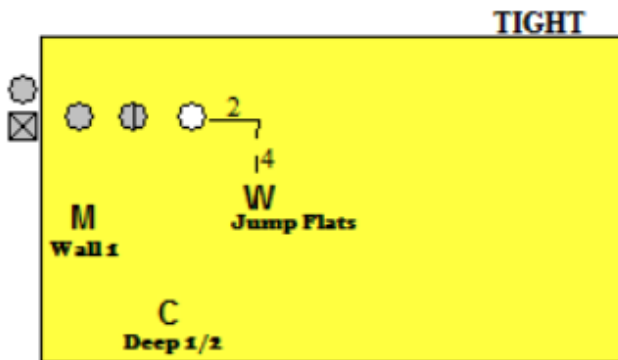
CB takes RB swing or flats. If no RB out of backfield, then take #1 man to man. WILL has #1 deep.

Don't like Cover 5 vs SINGLE



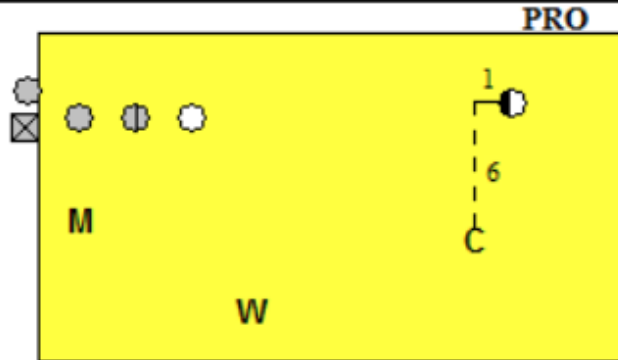
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W	Read 2, Rob 1.
CB	#2 out/swing. Otherwise take #1
M	Wall 2, Swing 3.

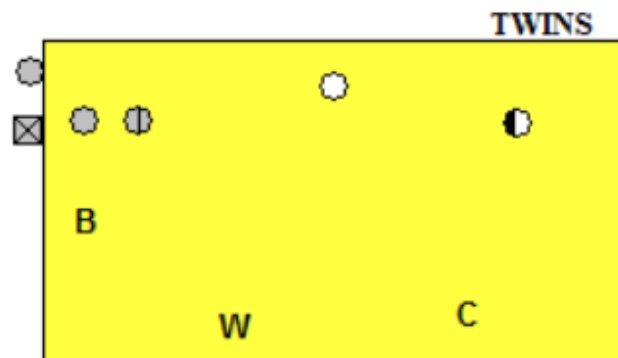
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M	Wall 2, Swing 3.

VERTICAL LINE CONCEPT

Like Cover 5 vs TWINS on away side



MIXED COVERAGES

Our Coverage Call: First digit is Read side, Second digit is Away side. Then there is a word for Trips. So "45 Solo" means: Cover 4 on Read Side; Cover 5 on Away Side; Solo if they come out in Trips

