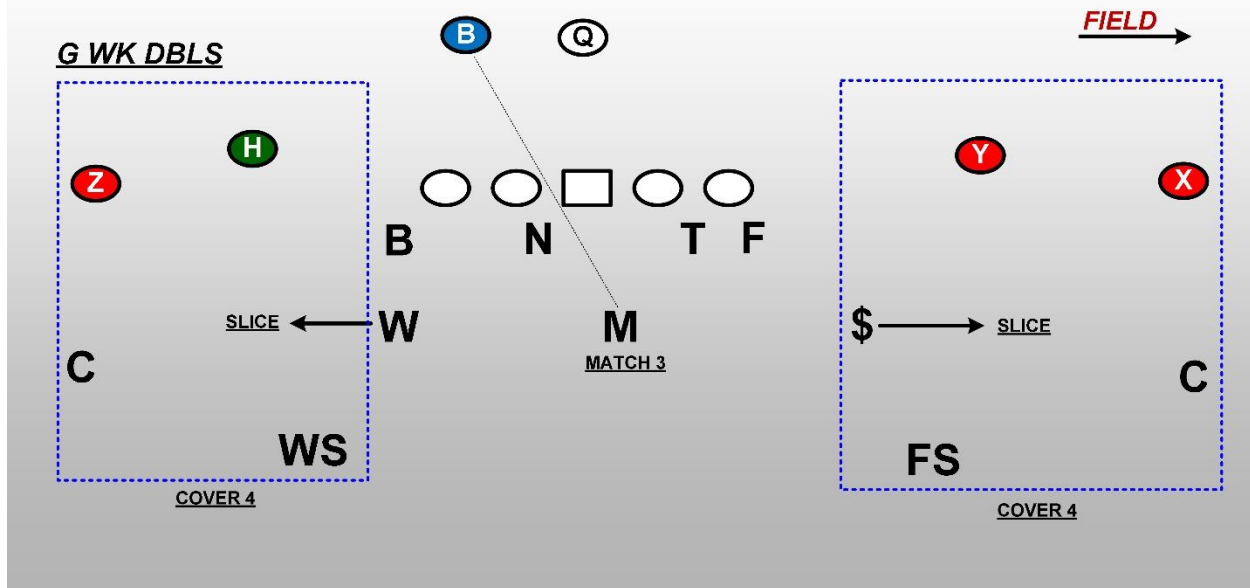


INTRODUCTION

2 READ COVERAGE – BARRY HOOVER



2 Read coverage is a great tool in defending today's Spread Offenses vs. the Pass and RPO/Screen Game. 2 Read gives you the best of both worlds in that it can play as Quarters or Cover 2, depending on the route combinations of the Offense. It is an "expensive" coverage (takes a lot of practice reps to get good at), but it is well worth the time invested to get good at. 2 Read coverage allows your players to play with a lot of confidence as they are able to frustrate opposing Offenses and take away what they want to do.

I want to talk about the most versatile coverage on football, 2 Read Coverage. The film I have is from 2015 and early-season 2016 when I coached the DBs at Vernon HS (FL), a small 1A school with most of our players going both ways. We had 45 minutes of Defense a day to work with Monday - Wednesday and we usually split it up 15-15-15 (Indy-Group-Team). I used at least half of my Indy time working just a Read Drill with 2 WRs vs a Safety and a Corner, where we worked the most important route combinations (I would also recommend to add the underneath "Slice" or Curl-Flat player in this group work as well). It is important in 2 Read coverage to build that automaticity with your guys to help them to be prepared enough to smoke any route combination that the Offense tries to throw at them.

This course will look at the different possible releases of the #2 WR and show how 2 Read Coverage can adapt vs. any passing concepts that the Offense tries to run. The result is that your DBs will be able to play with a supreme amount of confidence and intimidate opposing WRs as they are able to aggressively jump routes and use their coverage rules to get an extra defender on any "coverage beater" routes.