# CHAPTER TEN

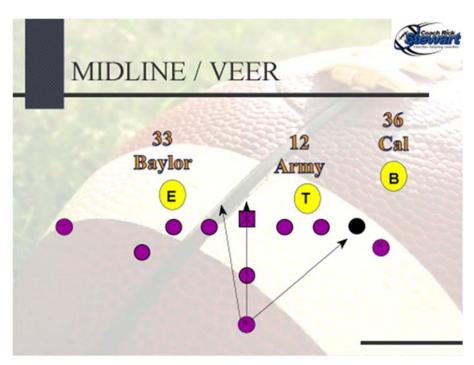
# **Option Family**

Midline	11 / 12 Midline
Inside Veer	13 / 14 Baylor
Outside Veer	15 / 16 Cal

The OPTION series is Midline, Inside Veer, and Outside Veer. These plays fit so well with Wing T because the offensive line techniques are the same and the plays still put defenders in a conflict. Wing-t teams are not option teams, and won't have the depth of blocking schemes that true option teams due. Adding it to your wing-t offense allows you to exploit what the defense is giving you in yet one more way, without adding a whole new offense.

The Midline, which we call "ARMY" still allows us to run our TB up the middle versus a 3-technique who is squeezing really hard to stop our guard trap (32-G). Inside Veer is called "BAYLOR" and gives a play that attacks the same hole as BELLY but with different blocking scheme. Outside Veer is called "CAL" and is Down without the pulling guard. This is good versus teams that are blitzing the inside gaps a lot.

Option coaches will swear to you that you have to spend 30 minutes a day to be good at option. This is not true for us because these plays are complementary plays for us. If this was your base offense, then that would be true because you would have multiple reads and many variations in your blocking scheme.



# FOOTWORK: MIDLINE/VEER

MIDLINE Open pivot on backside foot, basically stepping back so TB can come downhill on midline.

<u>3/4 VEER</u> Identical to Belly.

5/6 VEER Identical to Down.

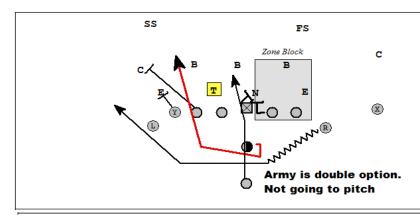
On all 3...ride the TB into the LOS (two heel clicks)

# **OPTION BLOCKING RULES**

PLAY	END	LT	LG	С	RG	RT	END
12 Army	Never Backside	Reach-On- Away	Reach-On- Away	On-Away- Backer	Gap-Backer	Block Out	Block Out
11 Army	Block Out	Block Out	Gap-Backer	On-Away- Backer	Reach-On- Away	Reach-On- Away	On-Away
14 Baylor	Reach-On- Away	Gap Highway	Gap Highway	Reach-Post- Away	On-Gap-Lead	Backer	Never Playside
13 Baylor	Never Playside	Backer	On-Gap-Lead	Reach-Post- Away	Gap Highway	Gap Highway	Reach-On- Away
16 Cal	Never backside	Gap Highway	Gap Highway	Reach-Post- Away	Reach-On- Away	Post-Gap- Lead	Lead-Gap- Backer
15 Cal	Lead-Gap- Backer	Post-Gap-Lead	Reach-On- Away	Reach-Post- Away	Gap Highway	Gap Highway	Pull thru 3 hole

# PISTOL WING T

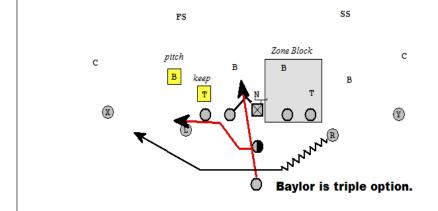
# **OPTION FAMILY**



### **ARMY**

Dive Key 1st Man Outside A gap Tackle & TE block out.

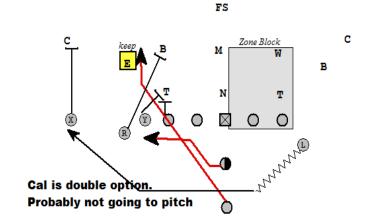
Run at 3/4 tech Not at the 3-3 Stack



# **BAYLOR**

Dive Key First Man Outside B gap

Run at 4/6 tech Better at Odd Defenses



## CAL

Dive Key First Man Outside C gap

Good vs 3-4 and 3-3 Defenses vs Even front with wide 9

#### **ODD FRONTS**

vs 4, 5 tech: Run Baylor vs 3, 4i tech: Run Cal

#### **EVEN FRONTS**

vs 3 tech: Run Atlanta vs 1,2+7 tech: Run Baylor vs 9 tech: Run Cal

# QB - RB Mesh

Army is great play to break motion tendencies

#### **MOTION MAN**

Open & Reach with inside foot Get depth with 2nd crossover step Snap ball on 3rd step in B gap

Keep flat path. Don't bow. Get 45 degree in front of QB Be 5 yards deeper than QB When QB turns shoulder you turn

Yell "Ball, Ball" entire time so QB knows where you are

#### TAIL BACK

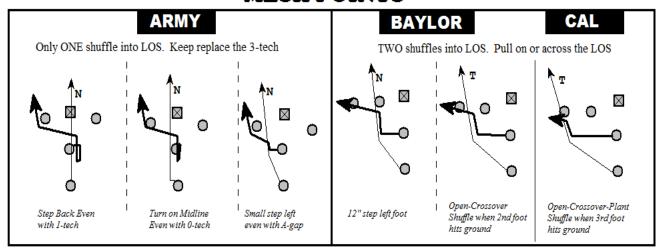
On Army, Baylor, & Cal Hug double team Aim at outside leg of D-Line getting doubled vs NG: at crack of center & read the block.

TB create a "soft pouch".

TB is reading Dive key also & should know if

QB is going to give or pull

# **MESH POINTS**



# **QUARTERBACK FOOTWORK**

#### **EXTEND BALL**

Ball back as far as possible. Eyes are on Dive key. Don't look back. Ball height is middle of numbers

TB is in charge of finding the ball & getting an angle where ball is in his belly

### **RIDE & READ**

Outside shoulder of Dive key.
This shoulder commits, keep it.
Weight transfers forward.
Decision made done before ball gets to
QB front hip
Jerk ball out on keep decision
"Give to Live" if in doubt

#### PITCH

Attack outside shoulder of pitch key Stop, turn, step to pitch man Pitch chest to chest 1 1/2 rotations, no spirals Eyes lead the pitch Step & "chase the pitch"

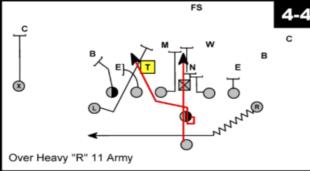
Better to be Early & Wrong than Late & Right. Make decision quickly & live with it.

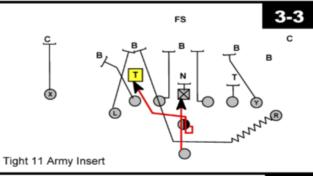
GIVE TO LIVE if in doubt

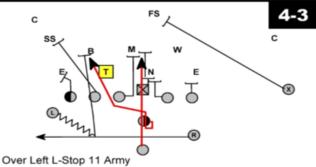
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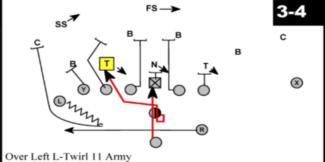
# 11 Army (Midline)

# Snap Count: 2nd HIT



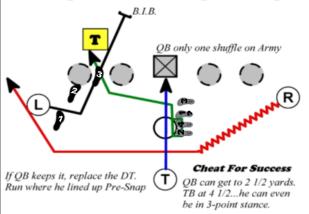






RT	Reach - On - Away			
RG	Reach - On - Away			
С	On - Away - Backer			
LG	Gap - Backer			
LT	Block Out			
Y	Block Out			
х	Stalk			
R	R motion Maintain Pitch Relationship			
L	B.I.B. inside Tackle to Playside Backer			
тв	Straight & Hug Double Team			
QB	Open, Ride, read 1st man past A gap. 1 shuffle			





### **ADJUSTMENTS**

Most of time this is QB keep.

"B.I.B." blocking: Back Inside to Backer

#### **DEFENSIVE CONFLICTS**

Use Twirl & Stop motion to break defensive keys

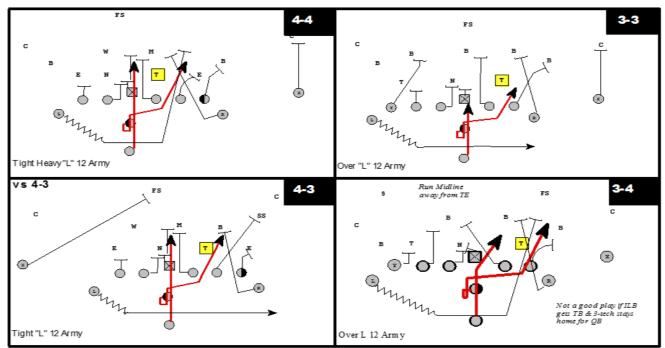
#### **SIGNAL**

Hands over head, form an 'A'

## Code Word: ARMY 40

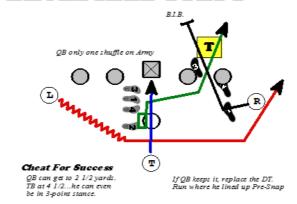
# 12 Army (Midline)

## Snap Count: 2nd HIT



RT	BlockOut
RG	Gap - Backer
С	On - Away - Backer
LG	Reach - On - Away
LT	Reach - On - Away
¥	Block Out
х	Stalk
L	L motion Maintain Pitch Relationship
т	B.I.B. inside Tackle to Playside Backer
R	Straight & Hug Double Team
OB	Open, Ride, read 1st man past Agap. 1 shuffle

### BACKFIELD STEPS



Use R-Stop Motion to get NG slant away Use Insert to run away from Tight End

#### **ADJUSTMENTS**

Use R-Stop motion to get NG to slant away from hole. Use Insert motion to run away from Tight End

#### **DEFENSIVE CONFLICTS**

Run vs a dominant 3-tech.

#### **SIGNAL**

Hands over head, form an 'A'

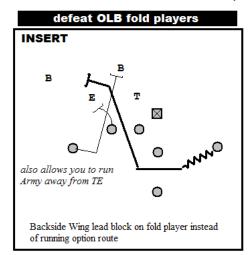
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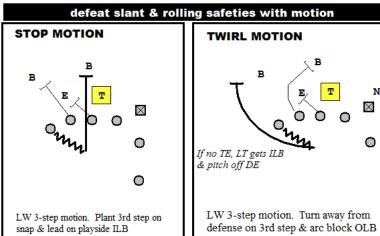
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# **OPTION FAMILY**

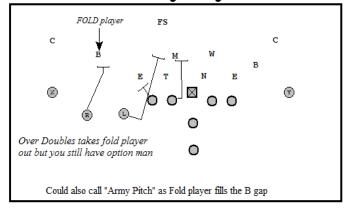
# **Army Terminology**

Army is great play to break motion tendencies

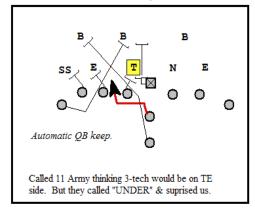




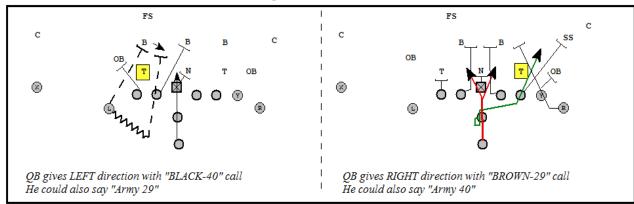
# **Control Fold Player by Formation**



#### ARMY at A-Gap Defender



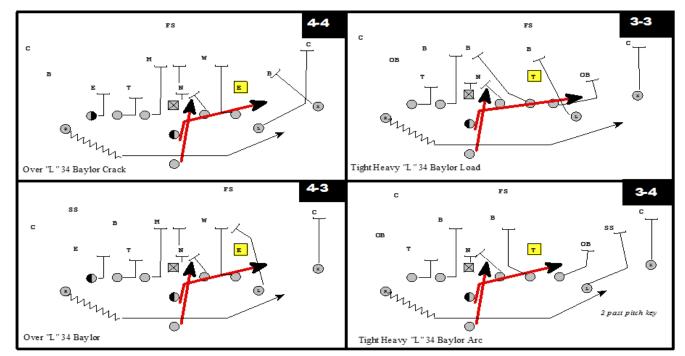
# **Army Check With Me**



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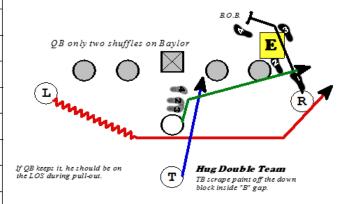
# 14 Baylor (Veer)

## Snap Count: 2nd HIT



RT	Backer
RG	On - Gap - Lead (C)
С	Reach - Post (G) - Away
LG	GapHighway
LT	GapHighway
¥	Reach - On - Away
х	Stalkif 1 safety, Crackif 2 safeties
L	Run Option Path
Т	B.O.B. to safety, Arc if 2 outside pitch key
R	Hug Double Team
ОВ	Open, Ride, read 1st man past B g ap. 2 shuffle

#### BACKFIELD STEPS



Leave 1st Man In or Outside "B" Gap alone

Do not run at 2 or 3 tech.

#### **ADJUSTMENTS**

B.O.B. = Back Outside to Backer

### **DEFENSIVE CONFLICTS**

Do not run at 2 or 3 tech

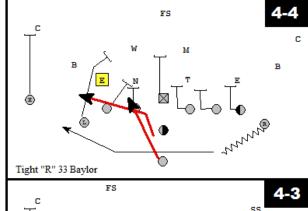
#### **SIGNAL**

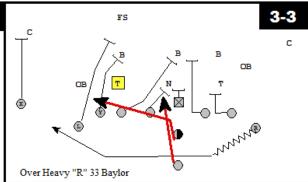
2 OK signs with both hands

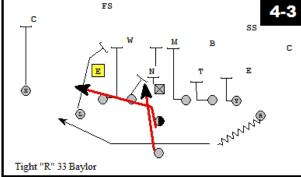
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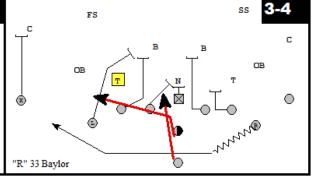
# 13 Baylor (Veer)

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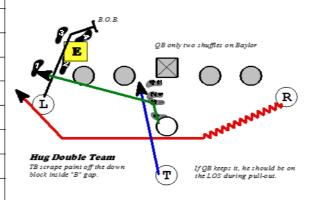








1	RT	Gap Highway
1	RG	Gap Highway
	С	Reach - Post (G) - Away
	LG	On - Gap - Lead (C)
	LT	Backer
	¥	Reach - On - Away
	x	Stalkif 1 safety, Crackif 2 safeties
	R	B.O.B. to safety, Arc if 2 outside pitch key
	т	Run Option Path
	L	Hug Double Team
	QB	Open, Ride, read 1st man past B g ap. 2 shuffle



**BACKFIELD STEPS** 

## ADJUSTMENTS

Arc Block if 2 men past the pitch man; Crack or Load the pitch key if you want QB to run the ball or give the Wing a clear path after the pitch.

# Leave 1st Man In or Outside "B" Gap alone

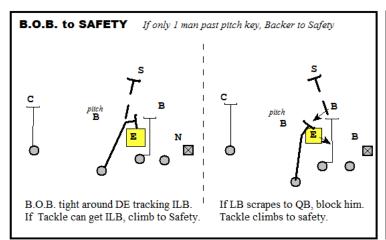
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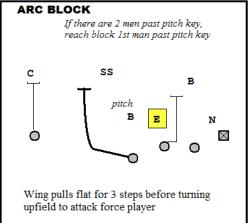
#### **SIGNAL**

2 OK signs with both hands

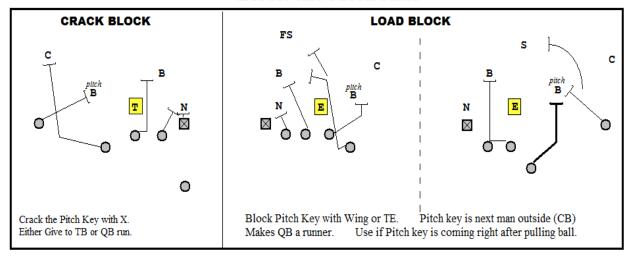
# **Baylor Blocking**

Remember from Belly Section: B.O.B. is "Back Outside path to Backer". B.I.B. is "Back Inside path to Backer"

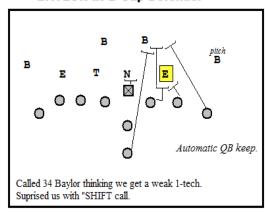




## **Block the Pitch Man**



#### **BAYLOR** at **B-Gap** Defender



## **Defense Forcing Your Decisions**

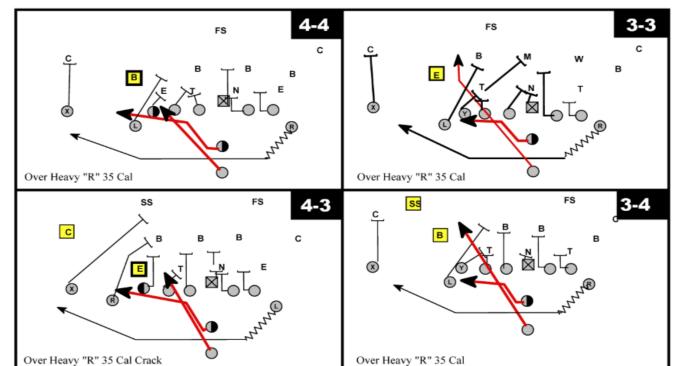
FORCE THE PITCH
Arc
Crack
Load on TE side

FORCE THE KEEP Load

# Code Word: CAL 29

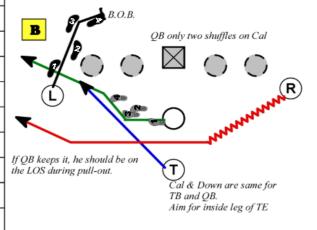
# **15 CAL**

# Snap Count: 2nd HIT



R	T Gap Highway
R	G Gap Highway
C	Reach - Post (G) - Away
L	Reach - On - Away
L	Post (TE) - Gap - Lead (G)
Y	Lead (TE) - Gap - Backer
×	Stalk if 1 safety; Crack if 2 safeties
	Run Option Path
F	Hug Double Team
T	B.O.B. to safety; Arc if 2 outside pitch key
Q	Open, Ride, read 1st man past C gap. 2 shuffle

#### **BACKFIELD STEPS**



### **ADJUSTMENTS**

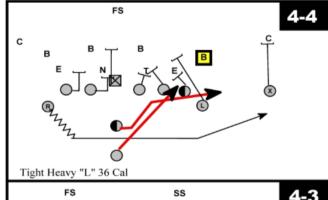
### **DEFENSIVE CONFLICTS**

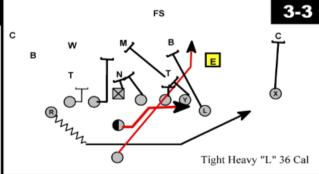
Run vs 3-man fronts who don't bring OLB up on TE. Run vs 4-man fronts with a 7-tech.

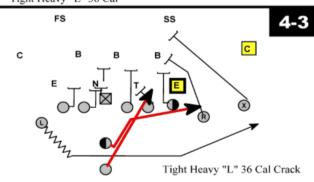
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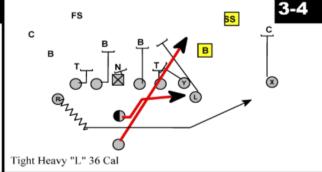
# 16 CAL

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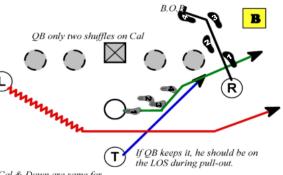






RT	Post (TE) - Gap - Lead (G)
RG	Reach - On - Away
С	Reach - Post (G) - Away
LG	Gap Highway
LT	Gap Highway
Υ	Lead (TE) - Gap - Backer
х	Stalk if 1 safety; Crack if 2 safeties
L	Run Option Path
тв	Hug Double Team
R	B.O.B. to safety; Arc if 2 outside pitch key
QB	Open, Ride, read 1st man past C gap. 2 shuffle

### **BACKFIELD STEPS**



Cal & Down are same for TB and QB. Aim for inside leg of TE

### **ADJUSTMENTS**

### **SIGNAL**

"C" cup with both hands

### **DEFENSIVE CONFLICTS**

Run vs 3-man fronts who don't bring OLB up on TE. Run vs 4-man fronts with a 7-tech.