

Scouting

OFF-SEASON

We will start in early spring self-scouting ourselves and any opponent that are still on our schedule with the same coaching staff. We only meet once per week with offensive and defensive staffs switching weeks. I do this first because I do not want to meet with position coaches until after the clinic season. Additionally, I may not have all of my staff in place until late April.

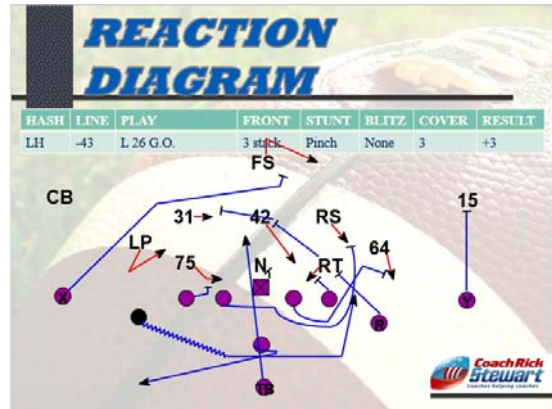
For example, my offensive staff may meet every other Monday night for three hours for 10 weeks. We will break down one game per week. This is very time consuming and every coach has a job while watching each play on the projector. We have to be disciplined to not go into lengthy discussions on every play since we have to break down 60 plays and only have 3 minutes per play if we want to end by 9pm. This is a great teaching tool to train your coaches eyes.

- ◆ Scout Opponents from Past Season
 - See what they did against Wing T since many of our film of them vs spread is useless.
 - Scouting does not begin the week you play that team. Saves a lot of time during the season.
 - We know what fronts & coverages to rep in Spring & Summer.
- ◆ Reaction Diagram
 - Draw what all 22 players did after snap
 - Alignment vs every Formation
- ◆ Down & Distance Tendency Chart
 - What Defense they ran for every Down, Distance, Field Position.
- ◆ Notes
 - Personnel; Scheme; Your Attack

In a perfect world we will have 2 coaches drawing on the Reaction Diagram, 1 coach filling in the down & distance chart, 1 coach taking notes, and a coach running the computer. If I am short coaches, I will bring in next years QB or C to help. The note taker is writing down comments from all the coaches and organizing by play number. Our O-Line coach may see something on play #5 and after a long night will forget what he said about attacking on that play.

REACTION DIAGRAM

Use different colors for offensive and defensive lines. We draw jersey numbers of all underclassmen in off season. (During the season, we draw all jersey numbers, but obviously not the reactions.)



DOWN & DIST CHART

- ◆ Front, Blitz, Coverages
- ◆ Down & Distance
 - 1st & 10
 - 2nd & Long, Med, Short
 - 3rd & Long, Med, Short
 - 4th & Long; 4th & Short
- ◆ Field Position
 - Goal Line, Red Zone,
 - 4th Down
 - Coming Out;
 - Pinned inside 20

	1st & 10	2nd & 11+	2nd & 5-10	2nd & 1-4	
-5 to GL	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	
	BLITZ	BLITZ	BLITZ	BLITZ	
	COVER	COVER	COVER	COVER	
-20 to -5	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	
	BLITZ	BLITZ	BLITZ	BLITZ	
	COVER	COVER	COVER	COVER	
50 to -20	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	
	BLITZ	BLITZ	BLITZ	BLITZ	
	COVER	COVER	COVER	COVER	
-20 to 50	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	
	BLITZ	BLITZ	BLITZ	BLITZ	
	COVER	COVER	COVER	COVER	
GL to -20	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	
	BLITZ	BLITZ	BLITZ	BLITZ	
	COVER	COVER	COVER	COVER	
	3rd & 11+	3rd & 5-10	3rd & 1-4	4th & 5+	4th & 1-5
-5 to GL	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT
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PERSONNEL

- ◆ Only worry about underclassmen.
- ◆ Strengths & Weaknesses of certain players
- ◆ Backups & Platoon players
- ◆ Packages & when use them

NOTES

- ◆ SCHEME: Flop Personnel to strength or field? Call strength to TE, WR, or Field? Motion adjustments?
 - D-Line: Read or Attack? Slant with motion? Reduce weakside? Shade strong?
 - Linebackers: Read Guards or backfield? OLB reaction vs motion? OLB alignment vs #2 WR
 - Corners: Zone or man? Depth?
 - Safety: Cover 3 cheat either way? 2 safety roll with strength or motion?

ATTACK

- ◆ GOOD / BAD PLAYS vs their fronts. (8-man and 7-man)
- ◆ Personnel matchups

IN-SEASON

1. What films do they have? What did they do to us last year?
2. Have they played a wing t opponent?
3. Are we balanced? Can we attack entire field?
4. Do I have play action passes off my best run plays?
5. Starters, size, comments
6. Anyone injured (newspaper articles)
7. Ignore film vs non-TE sets. How do they align vs Wings?
8. Weak defenders? Jersey #? Best DL? Best LB?
9. Specific defense on certain down?
10. What did opponent have success with?

SCOUT SHEETS

DEFENSE

7 man or 8 man front? Is the front aggressive or hit & read?
 Do they reduce on the split end side? Do they flop their personnel?
 Does secondary play zone or man? What is wing adjustment?
 What is their motion adjustment? Will TE motion cause them problems?
 How do they align to Twins? Does the FS cheat either way?
 Are the inside LB's tight or loose or active?

OFFENSE

5 favorite: Run Plays. Pass Plays. Formations
 How wide are the line splits? Do they reduce near goaline?
 Who is their favorite: RB? WR?
 What will they do on 3rd & short? Goaline?
 How wide are WR splits?
 Do they flex TE?
 Do guards take you to play most of time?
 Do they like to double team off-tackle?
 How many times do they draw the other team off-sides?
 How often do they go on quick count?

SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter #? Kicker #? Snapper #? Holder #?
 How deep does punter lineup? How deep is holder?
 Draw punt formation. Draw PAT/FG formation. Draw all fakes & reverses.
 Distance of all punts & kickoffs.

GAME NIGHT

Train the eyes of the staff

Our defensive coaches watch their defense.

1 D-Line coach watches D-Line

OLB coach watches LB

WR coach watches coverage

Other D-Line, DB, and DC are talking with pressbox about next defensive series.

POST GAME SCOUT

Every position coach grades their players & post on Monday

Ensures that all coaches are watching film. We do not watch our own film on Saturdays...that is done at home on a coach's own time.

All we do on Saturday from 8am - 1pm is break down the 3 opponent films.

Players love it

Give your position coaches freedom here to grade what they think is important.

COACHES PRACTICE

Our coaching staff has to practice our GAMEDAY roles and sideline communication during off season.

- ◆ First 10 meetings we scouted ourselves vs this years schedule (Jan W3 – Mar W4).
 - These meetings are a pre-cursor to how we will run our Saturday meetings.
 - One of these meetings we will actually fire up the headsets in the classroom so that we have time to send in for repairs and order parts.
- ◆ Our last spring practice is an intra-squad scrimmage in the stadium. Headsets, pressbox, endzone, and sideline video is all used so that coaches & players can get a feel for what everyone's role is.
- ◆ Our last August practice is a padded intra-squad scrimmage in the stadium. Same protocol as spring. We repeat all the protocols the following week during our pre-season scrimmage against a different school.