Supplementary Materials

Details of Regular Expression Patterns

Pattern	%	Example
Player ₁ pass complete short left / middle / right to Player ₂ for []	23.7	Kyler Murray pass complete short right to Larry Fitzgerald for 9 yards (tackle by Jessie Bates and Geno Atkins)
$\underline{\text{Player}_1}$ pass incomplete short []	9.0	Carson Wentz pass incomplete short right intended for Boston Scott
$\underline{\text{Player}_1}$ up the middle for []	8.2	Adrian Peterson up the middle for 5 yards (tackle by Robert Quinn)
Player ₁ left / right end for []	8.0	<u>David Johnson</u> left end for 1 yard (tackle by <i>Geno Atkins</i> and []
Player ₁ left / right tackle for []	6.8	Miles Sanders right tackle for -1 yards (tackle by Julian Love)
Player ₁ left / right guard for []	6.4	Saquon Barkley left guard for -3 yards (tackle by Anthony Rush)
Player ₁ kicks off [0-9]+ []	6.1	Zane Gonzalez kicks off 65 yards, touchback
$\frac{Player_1}{right\ intended\ for\ [\dots]}\ pass\ incomplete\ deep\ left\ /$	5.9	$\underline{\text{Daniel Jones}}$ pass incomplete deep right intended for $\underline{\text{Sterling Shepard}}$ (defended by $\underline{\text{Avonte Maddox}}$)
$\frac{\underline{Player_1}}{to} \underbrace{\begin{array}{l}pass \ complete \ deep \ left \ / \ right}\\ \hline to \underline{Player_2} \ for\end{array}}$	5.0	<u>Daniel Jones</u> pass complete deep right to <u>Darius Slayton</u> for 33 yards (tackle by <i>Rasul Douglas</i>)
Player ₁ kicks extra point good	4.8	Jake Elliott kicks extra point good
$\underline{\text{Player}_1}$ punts [0-9]+ []	3.7	Cameron Johnston punts 43 yards
Player ₁ sacked by PLAYER2	3.5	<u>Daniel Jones</u> sacked by <i>Timmy Jernigan</i> for -10 yards
[] returned by Player ₁ for [0-9]+	2.6	$\frac{\text{Mitch Wishnowsky}}{\text{yards}} \text{ kicks off 66 yards, returned by } \underline{\text{Reggie Bonnafon}} \text{ for 24}$
Player ₁ [] yard field goal good	2.1	Jake Elliott 31 yard field goal good
Player ₁ kicks onside []	1.8	Brandon McManus kicks onside 9 yards,
[] is intercepted by $\underline{PLAYER_1}$	1.0	$\underline{\text{Josh Allen}}$ pass deep middle is intercepted by $\underline{\text{Xavien Howard}}$ at MIA-0 and returned for no gain
[] muffed catch by $\underline{PLAYER_1}$	0.7	Matt Wile punts 37 yards, muffed catch by Danny Amendola
[] recovered by PLAYER ₁	0.5	Jameis Winston fumbles, recovered by Mike Evans at NYG-3, touchdown
[] fair catch by $\underline{PLAYER_1}$	0.2	Sam Koch punts 39 yards, fair catch by Desmond King at LAC-12

Table 1. The full table of frequent patterns used to extract which players had the ball from full playby-play textual descriptions. Underlining indicates the player or players who had the ball, and italics indicates other players mentioned.