

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET





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CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PRECAUTIONS BOOKLET

CAREFULLY BEFORE USING YOUR

NINTENDO® HARDWARE SYSTEM OR GAME PAK.



#### **About the Artists**

Founded in May, 1988, Visual Concepts was created with the goal of bringing video game development to new heights. Consisting of a talented staff of twenty-four employees, Visual Concepts strives to create great video games through innovative design and technical excellence.

Avid players and fons of John Madden Football, Visual Concepts jumped at the chance of creating the Super NES version. John Schappert, the product's lead programmer, is a tremendous football fan himself, favoring his hometown Miami Dolphins. Currently John has taken a timeout from football to do the college thing.



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# SUPER MULTITAP"

The Super Multitap™ lets up to five players butt heads or play as teammates.

Just plug the adapter into Port #2 on the Super NES®, and you're ready to go.

A controller icon corresponding with a colored star for each controller plugged in appears on the Player Select screen.

Player #	Color of Sta
1	Yellow
2	Blue
3	White
4	Green
5	Gray

Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT to move your controller icon under the team of your choice.

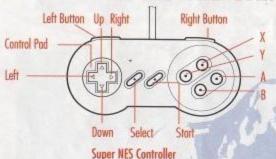
NOTE The Super Multitap\*\* is not designed for use with the Super NES Scope or the Super NES Mouse.

To learn more about Game options, turn to Setting Up the Game on p. 7.





# CONTROLLING THE GAME



Pausing the Game

Press START

#### KICKING

- Kick the ball:
- 1) Press B to set the kicker in motion
- Press B when orange bar reaches top of Power Meter to kick ball. The higher the bar, the farther the kick.
- Aim the ball: Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT while Power Meter is in motion.
- Move the kicking team to onside formation left before the kick:
- 1) Press A to call an audible
- 2) Press A to position team to left
- Move the kicking team back to its original formation:
- 1) Press A to call an audible
- Press Y to position team.

## RECEIVING A KICK

Kick returners automatically field the ball and run unless you move them before or during the kickoff.



Control Pod UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT: Take control of kick returner.



#### BEFORE THE SNAP

#### Offense

Snap the ball:

Call fake snap signal:

X

- Call an audible (a different play at the line of scrimmage):
- Press A The audible indicator appears on the screen.
- Press A, B or Y to select designated plays. (See Audibles on p. 12.)

Cancel on audible:

X

Set a man in motion:

Control Pod LEFT/RIGHT

NOTE: The ball must be snapped before the 45-second Play Clock reaches zero or the offense will be penalized five yards.

#### Defense

Control a different player:
 B or X

on audibles

- Call an audible:
- 1) Press A The audible indicator appears on the screen.
- 2) Press A, B or Y to select designated plays

## AFTER THE SNAP

## Offense

## Running

Dive: Y
"Umph": B

Spin: A

Hurdle: X

■ Change directions: Control Pad UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT

## **Passing**

Call up Passing Windows:

Pass to the player in window Y:

Pass to the player in window B:

Pass to the player in window A:

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#### Receiving

Dive for the ball:

D

Activate the receiver closest to the ball:
 Jump and raise hands:

V

Punting

See Kicking above

# No-Huddle Offense

Call a play in the no-huddle offense: Hold A after the whistle is blown. The
playcalling screen for the formation you previously ran appears. Select a play from
the formation.

# Stop Clock Play

- Run the "QB Stop Clock" play:
- 1) Hold Y after the whistle is blown.
- Press B to hike the ball. The quarterback takes the snap and throws the ball into the ground automatically as long as you don't take control of the QB by touching the Control Pad.

# Defense

Dive at ball carrier:

Y

Activate the defender closest to the ball:

Jump and raise hands to block a kick or intercept a pass: X

# **DURING INSTANT REPLAY**

Rewind:

(hold) Y

Run the tape (frame by frame):

(hold) X (hold) B

Run the tape (normal speed):

(hold) A

Fast Forward:

 Move the cursor that isolates the camera on one player or on one specific point on the field:

ControlPad UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT

Rotate field:

Button LEFT/RIGHT



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# WELCOME TO THE NFL®!

Madden NFL '94 features 80 teams, including 28 1993 NFL teams playing a full 16game schedule. It also features 12 all-time great franchise teams, 38 Super Bowl teams since 1966 and two "All-Madden" teams. These are the greatest teams ever assembled! If you've ever wondered how the rugged teams of old would match up against the flashy teams of today, this special edition will give you some insight. All we're missing is the grass stain on the uniforms.

# STARTING THE GAME

Flip OFF the power switch on your Super Nintendo Entertainment System<sup>®</sup>.

WARNING: Never try to insert or remove a Game Pak when the power is ON.

Make sure a Controller is plugged into Port #1 on the Super NES.

If you're playing against a friend, plug the other Controller into Port #2.

- Insert the Game Pak into the slot on the Super NES. Press firmly to lock the Game Pak in place.
- 4. Turn ON the power switch.

The EA Sports and High Score logos appear. If you don't see them, begin again at step 1.

When Coach Modden's picture appears, press START to see the credits. Press START again to bring up the Game SetUp screen.



# SETTING UP THE GAME



Use the Game Setup screen to customize your contest.

- Cycle through options: Control Pad UP/DOWN.
- Cycle through choices for the selected option: Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT.
   (Defaults in Bold type)

## GAME

REGULAR GAME: Play against the computer or a friend. Stats and records don't count.

ENTIRE SEASON: (Available only for 1993 teams) Play a season from beginning to end. Play one or all of the games and take any team to the Super Bowl.

SUDDEN DEATH: Play a sudden death overtime period.

## PLAYOFFS:

1993 Playoffs: 28 1993 Teams
Championship Playoffs: 38 Teams of the Past
Franchise Playoffs: 12 Franchise Teams

To learn more about the playoff tournament, turn to ENTERING THE PLAYOFFS on page 24.

RESTORE SEASON: Resume a season or tournament in progress at the next scheduled game. (You must have already won a tournament game or have played a regular season game to select this mode.) *Turn to* Restoring a Season and Playoff Standings on p. 26 to learn more about restoring a season.





#### HOME

Select the team playing for the home crowd.

#### VISITOR

Select the visiting team.

Note: When you're playing in a tournament, the computer decides which player is the home team.

## QUARTER

15 MINUTES

2 MINUTES

5 MINUTES

10 MINUTES

## FIELD

OPEN - GRASS

OPEN - TURF

DOME - TURF

#### WEATHER

The weather can affect a game in an open stadium, but not in a domed stadium. The players tend to have better traction on artificial turf than on natural grass.

FAIR

WINDY

RAIN

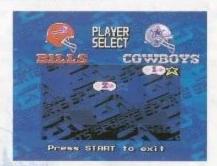
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CHANGEABLE

When you've set up the game to your liking, press START.



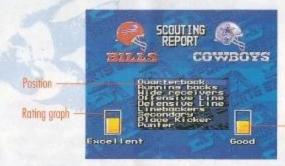
The PLAYER SELECT screen appears.



Players select your teams: Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT to move the controller icon (on the screen) under the team helmet of your choice, then press START to exit.

# PLAYING A REGULAR GAME

## THE SCOUTING REPORT



- Yellow bar

When you exit the *Player Select* screen, The Scouting Report appears. Here both teams are compared in nine major areas. The higher the yellow bar in a team's rating graph, the more talent the team has in that area.

Press START to exit.





## COIN TOSS/WIND



Before the referee can start the game, the coin must be tossed. The winner must choose to kick or receive, and the loser must choose which goal his team will defend in the first half. Press the Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT to toggle between Heads and Tails before the coin hits the ground.



If you lose the toss, you must choose a goal to defend. Look at the wind sock to see which direction (if any) the wind is blowing. Make sure to note which goal the wind is blowing toward, and remember that the wind blows with the same force and in the same direction for the entire game. Press Y to defend the home tearn's goal or B to defend the visiting team's goal.



#### RECEIVING THE KICK

If you're receiving the kick, your return man automatically catches the ball. If the return man catches the ball in the end zone he will remain in place until you run him out. If you do not run him out, the referee will signal a touchback. If the return man catches the ball in front of the endzone he will automatically move up-field. You can take over any time you wish by pressing the Control Pad.

Press the Control Pad in the direction you want the player with the star to move.

#### KICKING



Power Meter

The following kicking instructions apply to kickoffs, punts, and field goals.

- Press B to snap the ball and start the Power Meter moving upward.
- 2. To aim the kick, Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT after you press B.
- Press B again to stop the meter and strike the ball. The higher the meter is at the time when you stop it, the farther the ball will travel.

#### Onside Kick

- Press A to call an audible.
- 2. Press A again to set the onside kick formation.

(If you change your mind and want to return to the normal kickoff formation, press A and then Y.)

- Press B to start the Power Meter.
- 4. Press B again immediately while pressing the Control Pad RIGHT.







# **OFFENSIVE COORDINATION**

Madden NFL '94 allows you the choice to control a play from the moment the ball is snapped till the referees blow it dead, or to simply call a play and watch it unfold. But before you can call a play, you have to select a set and a formation.

Press the Control Pad **UP/DOWN** to toggle through sets, formations, and plays. Press **A**, **B** or **Y** to choose the set, formation or play in the corresponding box. (See FORMATIONS on page 27 for descriptions of each set and formation.)

You can change your mind before you call a play by pressing the LEFT or RIGHT Triggers. This takes you to the set or formation selections. To change a play after you have selected a play, you must burn a timeout or take a delay of game penalty.

#### **AUDIBLES**

An audible changes the play at the line.

- Press A. The Audible Indicator appears on the screen.
- 2. Press A, B or Y to select an audible.

## Offensive Audibles

Hail Mary	Press A
HB Toss Sweep	Press E
Play Action	Press Y

# **Defensive Audibles**

4-3 Monster Blitz	Press A
3-4 Wide Zone	Press B
4-3 Jam Middle	Press Y



#### SET AUDIBLES

You can program up to three offensive (and three defensive) audibles at any time between plays or whenever you're at the Game Paused screen

- To Set Audibles:
- From the Game Paused screen, Control Pad UP/DOWN to highlight SET AUDIBLES, then press any button.

The SET AUDIBLES screen appears.



 Control Pad UP/DOWN to highlight the letter corresponding to the button of your choice, then press any button to select.

The FORMATION screen appears.

 Control Pad UP/DOWN to highlight the formation of your choice, then press the button corresponding to the formation to select.

The PLAYCALLING screen appears.

 Control Pad UP/DOWN to highlight the play of your choice, then press the button corresponding to the play.

The GAME PAUSED screen appears. Press START to return to the action.

HINT: A fake snap might draw the defense offsides.

Press X





#### RUNNING

The handoff on a running play is automatic. You take control after the handoff. The star symbol marks the ball carrier, and his jersey number appears so you know who he is. Use the Control Pad and the action buttons to move the ball carrier through the defense, or watch the computer execute the play you just called.

Dive	Press Y
"Umph"	Press B
Spin	Press A
Hurdle	Press X

## PASSING

There are three receivers for every passing play, represented by the Y, B and A buttons. Pass to a receiver by pressing the corresponding button.



At the line of scrimmage you can send a receiver in motion by pressing the Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT.

After you snap the ball, wait for the passing windows to pop up before you press any buttons or the Control Pad. You can let the computer execute the play or you can press the button that matches the window of the intended receiver.



## TAKING CONTROL OF THE QUARTERBACK

If you move the quarterback out of the pocket or off his designed roll-out by pressing the Control Pad in any direction, the computer will no longer execute the play. Then it's up to you to press B to bring up the passing windows, choose a receiver, and pass the ball.

Once the ball is in the air, the passing windows disappear. The target spot where the ball is headed appears on the field as a yellow, circled cross.



Yellow circled cross

Press B to switch control to the intended receiver, then use the Control Pad to guide the receiver to the spot if he's not already there. Also, you can press X to raise the receiver's hands. This increases the chance of catching the ball.

Reach for the ball: Press X

#### NO HUDDLE OFFENSE

When the clock's running down at the end of a half or at the end of a game, most teams don't take the time to huddle. At the end of a play you can go straight to the line of scrimmage in one of two ways:

- Press A right after the whistle.
- 10
- Select "No Huddle" from the Play Select screen. After the next play, the Play Select screen appears. It shows six plays, one of which is the play you just ran.







If you choose to run one of the the plays from the previously run formation, your team returns to the line of scrimmage without a huddle.

If you use the Control Pad to scroll through other plays, your team huddles up and, thus, takes more time off the clock.

You can also run a "Stop Clock" play where the quarterbock throws the ball into the ground to stop the clock. This is useful when you're out of timeouts and you have an extra down to play with.

Run a "Stop Clock" play: Press Y

## SUBSTITUTIONS

When you're on offense, you can substitute your quarterbook. If your backup signal caller is a better runner than the starting guy, you might want to put in the sub against a team that has given up zero yards passing.

You can only substitute before calling an offensive SET. You can't substitute if your quarterback has been injured earlier in the drive—because your substitute is already playing. Once you substitute for your quarterback, you can't bring the starter back until the half is over.

- To replace your quarterback:
- Press START to pouse the game, then press the Control Pad DOWN to SUBSTITUTE QB.
- Press any button. Your quarterback is substituted, and you return to the playcalling screen.

# **DEFENSIVE COORDINATION**

As with the offense, the computer will control the defense if you wish. In fact, you don't even have to call your own formations, sets and plays. If you don't choose a defense, your team runs the defense it ran the previous play. (See page 30 for a description of each set and formation.)

After calling a defensive play, you can select the man you want to control by pressing B or X until the star appears under that player.



The most important command to know on defense, after the ball is snapped, is the B button, which switches your control to the defensive player closest to the ball carrier. Move your defender with the Control Pad.

Dive at ball carrier:

Activate the defender closest to the ball:

Jump and raise hands to block a kick or interept a pass: X

## TWO PLAYER—TEAMMATES

When playing in the *Teammates* mode, the player with Controller 1 controls the man on the YELLOW star. The player with Controller 2 controls the player on the BLUE star. On offense, the player with Controller 1 "is" the quarterback and is responsible for calling the plays and snapping the ball.

The player with Controller 2 may use the B button to take control of any of the other players on the field. In most cases, the Control 2 player will choose to act as either a running back or a pass receiver, but some people might like to play on the line, as Madden himself once did.

On passing plays, the player with Controller 2 can press to become the intended receiver after the quarterback passes the ball. On running plays, the player with Controller 2 must move the blue star to the proper running back before the ball is snapped in order to control the ball carrier. Otherwise, Controller 1 outomatically controls the ball carrier.

On defense, your team benefits most if you take control of a linebacker or blitzing lineman.

When playing with the Super Multitap:

Color of Star
Yellow
Blue
White
Green
Gray







# PAUSE/TIMEOUTS

Each team is allowed 3 timeouts per half.

- 1) Press START to pause the game.
- 2) Control Pad DOWN to CALL TIMEOUT, then press any button.

The Play Call screen appears, and the playclock is reset to 45 seconds. Notice that one of your team's Timeout indicator lights is now off.

# STATISTICS

GAME STATS				
	Cowbous	Bills		
Score	0			
First Downs				
Total Plays/Yards	EN 53	12 35		
Byship Vards		17 35		
Brassip Vards	8/ 23			
Passins	5/6/0			
Left and down to view stats, and right to Horr stats press Stant to exit				

To view the Statistics for a game:

- 1) Press START to pause the game.
- Control Pad DOWN to Statistics.
- Press any button.



# **INSTANT REPLAY**

Play frame by frame



- 1) Press START to pause the game.
- 2) Control Pad DOWN to highlight Instant Replay, then press any button.
- Follow the VCR-like control instructions in the left corner of the screen to operate the replay cornera.

Hold Y: Rewind

Hold X: Replay Frame by Frame

Hold B: Replay at Normal Speed

Hold A: Fast Forward

Press LEFT or RIGHT button: Rotate Field Press START: Stop Replay/Resume Game

If you wish to isolate a particular player or a particular portion of the field, use the Control Pad to position the yellow box over the player or portion of the field you want to isolate, then follow the above instructions.







# PLAY CALL MODE

Madden NFL '94 features two methods of calling plays: Bluff Mode and Direct Mode.

Bluff Mode allows you to deceive a human opponent. Direct Mode is a more simple method of selecting plays.

- Select Bluff Mode or Direct Mode from the Pregame screen or the Game Paused screen;
- 1) Control Pad (DOWN) to Play Call Mode.
- Press any button. The Play Call Mode screen appears.



- 3) Control Pad (UP/DOWN) to highlight the option of your choice.
- Press any button. Your selection is made, and you return to the Game Paused screen.

NOTE: Direct Mode is the default mode.

- Call a play in Direct Mode: Control Pad (UP/DOWN) to move any of the three boxes over the play you wish to call, then press the button corresponding to that box.
- Call a play in Bluff Mode: Control Pad (UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT) to move the box over the formation you wish to call, then press B.



 Bluff the call: Control Pad (UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT) to move the box over the play you wish to pretend to call, then press B.

When you press B, you hear the same "select" sound you hear when you press Y, but no play is called. In addition, you can choose more than one play with the Y button; only the last play you choose with the Y button is run.

Exit the Play Call screen: A

# SET MADDENISMS

You can play the game with John Modden's searing commentary, or you can play it and call it on your own.

- Turn Maddenisms on or off from the Game Paused screen:
- 1) Control Pad (DOWN) to Set Maddenisms.
- 2) Press any button. The Maddenism Selection screen appears.



- 3) Control Pad (UP/DOWN) to highlight the option of your choice.
- 4) Press any button. Your selection is made, and you return to the Game Paused screen.

NOTE: Maddenisms On is the default mode.





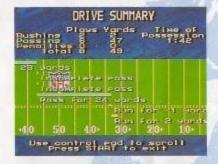


# **DRIVE SUMMARY**

The Drive Summary displays the offensive plays run on the current drive. It shows the type of play (pass or rush), the yards gained or lost, and any penalties that have been called.

- Press START to pause the game.
- Control Pad DOWN to Drive Summary.
- 3) Press any button.

The Drive Summary screen appears.



Press START to return to the previous screen.

NOTE: If you don't see every play you ran during a drive, Control-Pad (UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT) to scroll through the entire drive summary.

# PLAYING A FULL SEASON

Now for the first time you can play a full 16-game NFL season with all 28 NFL teams. You can even play every game in the entire season and playoffs. Each week simply select the game or games you want to play, then go at 'em one at a time. Madden NFL '94 keeps a close eye on all season games and provides you with up-to-the-minute conference standings.

 To Play an Entire Season: From the GAME SETUP screen, Control Pad RIGHT to ENTIRE SEASON, then press START.



The NFL Schedule for Week #1 appears.

 To Play a game: Control Pad UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT to highlight the matchup of your choice, then press B.

A football appears in the box before each matchup, indicating you have chosen to play the game. If, after selecting a matchup, you decide you don't want to play, press B again and the football disappears.

You can play as many of Week #1's games as you want, but you must play at least one game to advance to the next week's schedule.

If you don't like the matchups you see, press SELECT. A new NFL SCHEDULE FOR WEEK #1 appears.

When you have selected the game(s) you want to play, press START.

The PLAY OPTIONS screen appears. Choose the quarter length, then press START.

NOTE You can't alter the field conditions or the weather in season games.

The PLAYER SELECT screen appears. Choose teams now.

The SCOUTING REPORT appears. You play a Season game the same way you play a Regular game.

## **AFTER A SEASON GAME**

After a Season game, John Modden gives a post-game review, and the NFL SCHEDULE FOR WEEK #2 appears.

#### **VIEWING TEAM SCHEDULES**

From the NFL Schedule screen you can check out each team's schedule, the current standings for each conference, and the password you need to save your season in progress.

 To View a team's schedule: Control Pad UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT to highlight the matchup which contains the team whose schedule you want to view, then press Y.





The Team Schedule for the top team appears. You can view the Team Schedules for any team on the top team's schedule.

 To view the Team Schedule for another team: Control Pad UP/DOWN to highlight the team of your choice, then press B.

Team Schedule for that team appears. To return to the NFL Schedule screen, press START.

## VIEWING CONFERENCE STANDINGS

To View Conference Standings: Press A.

The standings for the conference represented by the top team appears. To view the standings of other conferences, Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT. To return to the NFL Schedule screen, press START.

#### SAVING A SEASON

The Password lets you save any number of seasons in progress. Copy it down and put it in a safe place after each contest or before you turn off the Super NES.

 To View the current password: From the NFL Schedule screen, Press X. The Current Password appears.

Press START to return to the NFL Schedule screen.

To learn how to restore a season-in-progress, turn to Restoring Season and Playoff Standings on p. 26.

# **ENTERING THE PLAYOFFS**

Madden NFL '94 features three types of playoffs: one featuring the 1993 teams, one featuring the best teams ever, and one featuring the best franchise teams (players who played on the same team in different eras). All three types of playoffs work the same way.

- To Enter the Playoffs: From the GAME SETUP screen, Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT to highlight 1993 Playoffs, Champion Playoffs or Franchise Playoffs.
  - To Select a team (Remember, you can play with any team.);



- Control Pad DOWN to highlight the Visiting team.
- 2) Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT until the team of your choice appears.
- When you're ready to go, press START.
   The WILD CARD PLAYOFF screen appears.
- To Select a matchup: Control Pad UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT to highlight the matchup
  of your choice, then press B.

A football appears in the box before each matchup, indicating you have chosen to play the game. If, after selecting a matchup, you decide you don't want to play, press B again and the football disappears.

You can play as many of the Wildcard games as you want, but you must play at least one game to advance to the next round.

When you've selected the game(s) you want to play, press START. The PLAYOFF TREE appears.



Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT to scroll the Playoff Tree.

When you're ready to move on, Press START. The PLAY OPTIONS screen appears.

Set up the quarter length as you would any other game, then press START.

NOTE You can't alter the field conditions or the weather in Playoff Games.

The PLAYER SELECT screen appears. Choose teams now, then press START.





The SCOUTING REPORT appears. Play a Playoff game as you would play a Season game.

## AFTER A PLAYOFF GAME

After a Playoff game, John Madden gives a post-game review, and the DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS screen appears. Select your game(s) as before, then press **START** to advance to the Playoff Tree.

## SAVING THE PLAYOFFS

The Password lets you save the Playoffs in progress. Copy it down and put it in a safe place after each contest or before you turn off the Super NES.

 To View the current password: From a Playoff screen, Press X. The Current-Password appears.

Press START to return to a Playoff screen.

To learn how to restore the playoffs-in-progress, see Restoring Season and Playoff Standings below.

# RESTORING SEASON AND PLAYOFF STANDINGS

Modden NFL '94 saves any number of seasons-in-progress or playoffs-in-progress.

- To restore a season or a playoff;
- From the Game Setup menu, Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT to highlight RESTORE SEASON, then press START.





The RESTORE SEASON screen appears.

 Press the Control Pad UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT to highlight the first character of your password, then press B to select the character.

(If you make a mistake, highlight the mistaken character and press A.) Repeat until you have completely entered your password, then press START.

# **FORMATIONS**

NOTE: The "Flip" button on the playcall window lets you change the direction of any play.

When you Flip, each play is run in the opposite direction. In other words, if you flip a sweep to the right, it becomes a sweep to the left.

- There are two ways to Flip the plays in the playcall window:
- 1) Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT to highlight FLIP.
- 2) Press B. Now select the play as you would otherwise.

or Press X

Below is a list of the available formations.

#### SHOTGUN

This is primarily a passing formation because the quarterback receives the snap about five yards behind the line. He doesn't have to drop back to throw the ball, 'cause he's already there.

#### **RUN & SHOOT**

This formation has four quick receivers and a halfback. Guys with good hands who run forty yards in less than five seconds are the stuff defensive backs have nightmares about.

## PRO-FORM

This is a version of the pro-set, where a fullback and a halfback line up beside one another and behind the quarterback.







#### FAR and NEAR

These terms simply describe where the halfback lines up. He's either far from or near to the strong side of the offensive line, that's the side where the tight end lines up.

#### I FORMATION

Two backs line up directly behind the quarterback. A great formation from which to run dives, sweeps and screens.

## SINGLE BACK "JUMBO"

Two tight ends and one halfback make this a good rushing formation.

# **OFFENSIVE PLAYS**

#### FLOOD

One of the most effective ways for a quarterback to beat zone coverage is to flood, or overload the zone with multiple receivers. A defender has to think twice about leaving his own zone to follow a receiver into another guy's zone.

#### CUT

You've heard of turning on a dime. That's sportswriter talk. I never really understood why you'd want to do that, even if it was possible. I guess it means turning fast. I think cutting is a more accurate description of the ability to change direction. A guy's going one way and boom, he cuts and is going another way.

## PULL

In a pull play the guard runs parallel to the line of scrimmage and turns up field when he clears the tight end. The running back follows right behind, a smile on his face.

#### TRAP

Like all good offensive plays, the Trap depends on deception to work. The idea is you "trap" a defensive guy into thinking one thing is happening, when really something totally different is going on. For example, you let a defensive end just walk into the backfield. You put up only token resistance. He's saying "Man, this is a piece of cake, I'm going to stuff this play and maybe get a sack." Suddenly an earth mover disguised as an offensive guard



wondering what happened. The runner jets through the area where the defensive guy was, when he was standing up.

#### COUNTER

A Counter play relies on misdirection. You try to sell the defense on the idea that the play is going right, for example, when in fact you want to go left. It's a tough sell. You send everybody but the water boy and the guy who's going to carry the ball in one direction. When you have them moving the "wrong" way, give the ball to the running back and he runs to daylight in the apposite direction.

#### SCREEN

A screen is a short pass caught behind the line of scrimmage. Usually the quarterback lures rushing defenders toward him and then loops a soft pass over their outstretched hands to a moving running back/receiver who follows a screen of blockers downfield.

#### PLAYACTION

Playaction (also called play fake) refers to a pass thrown after the quarterback has faked a handoff to a running back. The back tries to add to the deception by pretending to take the ball and follow blockers. The idea is that the fake delays the pass rushers, and makes the defensive backs run toward the line to help tackle the guy they think has the ball.

#### DRAW

The apposite of a play action pass. The QB drops back as if to pass and hands off to the running back who charges up the middle of the formation. By the time the rushing defenders realize the deception, their momentum may have taken them beyond the ball carrier.

#### QUICKOUTS

Sometimes called a square out. In this pass pattern the receiver takes a few steps upfield and makes a quick 90 degree cut to the nearest sideline. If he doesn't want to sit next to the water cooler for the rest of the game, he tries to stay in bounds.

#### CROSS

Most crossing patterns are the opposite of quickouts—the receiver turns toward the middle of the field. Some guys call them slants, but it just depends on the angle that the receiver runs.





comes from an unexpected direction and the defensive guy is on his backside



#### POST UP

Post patterns are for fast guys. The receiver runs downfield and angles in toward the goal post. If the quarterback can really air out the ball, and the receiver can run like the wind, this bomb can score.

#### STOP CLOCK

Here the quarterback simply kneels or spikes the ball.

#### **OFFENSIVE ALIGNMENTS**

The sets and formations show how your offensive team lines up when you call certain plays (see OFFENSE, above). Remember: Not all formations are appropriate with every set. We're showing you the most common ones here. You'll be more competitive if you use these alignments in combination with the PLAYER RATINGS on the enclosed poster.

# **DEFENSIVE PLAYS**

#### **FORMATIONS**

#### **GOAL LINE**

A good line up for stuffing the short run and goal line defense.

#### 3-4

Featuring three down linemen with four linebackers, this defense is now the most popular in professional football. Used for short and medium zone pass coverage and containment against the run.

#### 4-3

Standard four down linemen (two tackles and two ends) with three linebackers. It's most effective against short passes and the run.



#### NICKEL

Gets its name from the addition of a fifth defensive back (nickel back). When a pass is expected, many teams add a defensive back to their sets, and take out a down lineman or linebacker. Cover and Read sets are available.

#### DIME

When the defense is willing to mortgage the farm that the next play is going to be a pass, they might put in a sixth defensive bock. This is the Dime defense or Dime package. Cover and Read sets are available.

#### **DEFENSIVE ALIGNMENTS**

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