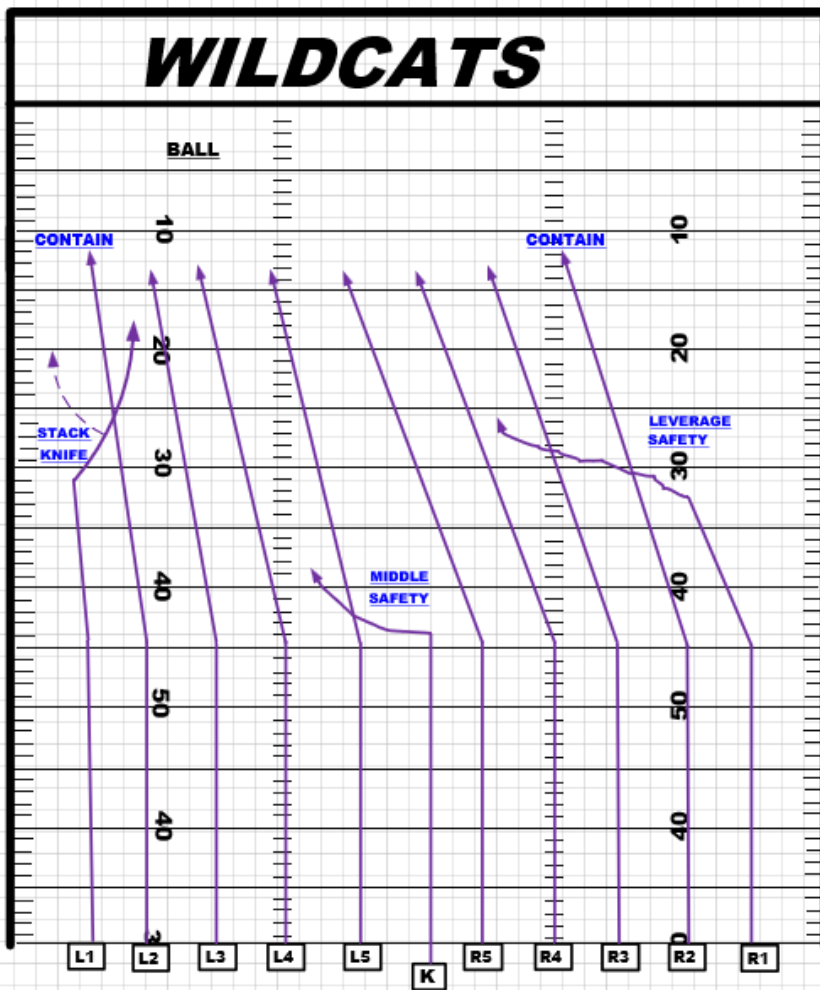


DEEP LEFT KICK OFF COVERAGE

MY MIND SET WITH KO COVERAGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT FINDING THE TOUGHEST GUYS THAT CAN PROCESS THINGS IN FRONT OF THEM AT FULL SPEED. I NEVER WORRIED ABOUT WHO HAD THE FASTEST 40, I WANTED GUYS THAT PLAYED FAST THROUGH THE NOISE (OPPOSING PLAYERS). OUR UNITS WERE TYPICALLY COMPILED WITH 2ND, 3RD, AND EVEN 4TH STRING POSITION PLAYERS. GET THE GUYS THAT WILL INVEST IN SPECIAL TEAMS. THIS FORMULA HAS WORKED EXTREMELY WELL FOR ME OVER THE YEARS. THIS UNIT HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN RANKED IN THE TOP 15 IN THE COUNTRY. I HAVE KEEP THEIR ASSIGNMENTS SIMPLE TO GIVE THEM THE ABILITY TO PLAY FAST.

DEEP LEFT KICKOFF COVERAGE LANES



COUPLE OF THE KEY COACHING POINTS. EYES SHOULD ALWAYS BE TO THE RETURNER. DON'T OVER COACH AVOIDING FRONT LINE. HOLDING LANES TO OPPOSITE 40 WILL KEEP THE RETURN UNIT SPREAD OUT MAKING IT EASIER TO BEAT THEM WITH SHEER SPEED. ANY CONTACT SHOULD ONLY BE MADE IN THE BUTT-N-PRESS ZONE. AGAIN, EYES NEVER LOSING SITE OF THE RETURNER. ALWAYS PREACH "STRIP THE BALL" THIS NEEDS TO BE AN INSTINCT NOT A THOUGHT AT THE TIME.

L1- FULL SPEED TO 30. IF BALL IS KICKED INSIDE THE DIVIDE (SPACE BETWEEN THE TOP OF THE NUMBERS AND THE HASH) THEN HE WILL PULL OUT AT 30 AND BECOME A SAFETY. IF THE BALL IS KICKED OUTSIDE THE DIVIDE THEN HE WILL EITHER KNIFE (CUT INSIDE TO NEAR HIP OF THE RETURNER) OR CARVE THE EDGE (GO OUTSIDE THE BLOCK TO NEAR HIP OF THE RETURNER) NOT LET THE RETURNER OUTSIDE.

L2- CONTAIN PLAYER, SETS THE EDGE AND DOESN'T GET WIDENED.

L3 TO R3- SPRINT TO OPPOSITE 40 THEN TRACK TO THE RETURNER AVOIDING ALL FRONT LINE BLOCKS (TECHNIQUES WILL BE IN DRILL SEGMENT) IF A PLAYER GETS PICKED OFF THEN WE LANE REPLACE BY CLOSEST PLAYERS AWAY FROM THE BALL. ONCE WE GET WITHIN 15 YARDS OF THE RETURNER, WE THEN GO INTO BUTT-N-PRESS, NEVER STOP DRIVING FEET AND NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE RETURNER, 2 GAP, PLAY OFF TO BALL VIOLENTLY

R2- CONTAIN- NEVER GETTING WIDENED BUT CONDENSING TO THE RETURNER AND DEPTH OF RETURNER.

R1- SAFETY PULL AT 35 AND STAY AT 30 UNTIL THERE IS A CLEAR PATH TO THE RETURNER.

KICKER- SAFETY TO 30 THEN FILL IF GAP OPENS UP. DON'T SIT BACK AND WAIT.