

THE SPLIT T

Newest Style Makes Ballhawk a Slider

(This is the second of three stories on football's T formation. The regular T was covered in the first story.)

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The "Split T" offensive formation is the newest and, because of the great success of some of the teams using it, the fastest growing of the basic T variations.

It was devised by Don Faurot of Missouri and adopted by Bud Wilkinson of Oklahoma, whose teams have been very powerful with it.

There are two basic differences between the split and regular T. First, the linemen are spaced far-

the defenders, as in the tighter T, but merely must keep them where they are. "The holes are there because your alignment made them. That's how you get yardage."

Next: Winged T.

Note the wide spacing of the line.

In this split T play the quarterback takes the ball from center and slides along the line to the "point of deception" behind the tackle. Here he fakes a handoff to the right half-back and continues on. If opposing end comes to meet him he pitches out to fullback or left half; if ends hang back he runs through hole.

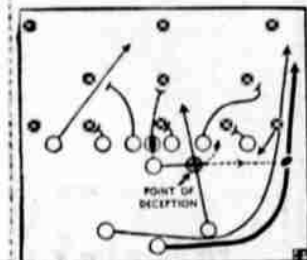
Explanation

Due to a misunderstanding, the third and last of a series of articles dealing with the explanation of the T formation was run in the H and N Saturday in place of the second article. The third dealt with the winged T. This article explains the split T.

ther apart. There is a foot between the guards and center, two feet between guards and tackles and the ends are another yard out. "The fundamental purpose of the split is to spread the defense," says Wilkinson. "If the defending linemen refuse to spread to meet the split we have an angle to block them inside and run around them."

Second important difference is that the quarterback is a "slider" rather than a "spinner." In the regular T, the quarterback takes the ball under the center and performs most of his maneuvers from that spot. In the split T, the quarterback "slides" along the line of scrimmage to a spot behind his tackle and does the handing off from there. Teams run much more from the split T than from the regular set-up. The quarterback, when he finds that the defensive end is not coming in to meet him, can slip through the hole and run. If the end does charge, the quarterback can pitch out to a trailing back.

The fact that so many of the plays are optional after the ball is



snapped caused an odd situation at Oklahoma last year. The Sooners piled up an amazing amount of yardage on the ground in 1948, and also set a collegiate record for fumbles.

Passing, of course, is not neglected in the Split T. The split spreads the defensive line, which means it must be supported by additional back-ups. The obvious result of this is that the secondary is undermanned against passes. Wilkinson maintains that as long as less than nine men are employed in topping his running attack, it will go. "When the opposing team employs a seven man line with two line backers, or six, three we can resort to the rapid fire passes possible with any T formation." The splitting of the line also makes it easier to run in deep enemy territory.

Wilkinson considers one of the strongest assets of his offense the fact that his blockers need not move

HONKERS WIN TITLE

TULELAKE, Oct. 31.—Tulelake garnered possession of the Siskiyou county B league championship by defeating Elma high 26-13 here Saturday.

Bill Stonecipher registered two touchdowns for the winners, while Delbert Yordy and Martin Dinger each scored once.

Albert Facey got both of Elma's tallies. In winning their third successive county crown, the Honkers rolled up a record of five wins, one loss and one tie game.



AWOL 41 YEARS—Pvt. Roy H. Wheaton, 65, above, turned himself in to the Army at Ft. Lewis, Wash., after being "over the hill" 41 years. Wheaton said he deserted from Newport News, Va., in October, 1908, while waiting transfer to Cuba. He gave himself up because, he said, "I can't stand it anymore." The Army said Wheaton will probably be given an administrative discharge.



GIANTS OF NORTH—Minnesota's center and captain Clayton Tonnemaker, left, and tackle Leo Nommeli are considered the most formidable linemen in the college ranks. Tonnemaker, six feet three and 240 pounds, and Nommeli, six feet two and 250, are exceptionally fast.

Manassa Mauler Speaks Highly Of Utah's Hard-Socking Heavy

By HARRY GRAYSON
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NEW YORK (NEA)—Jack Dempsey himself speaks to you about him.

And then Al Warden drops you a line.

Could this be true—another Dempsey out of the west? Since turning professional this past summer, Rex Layne has made short work of all of his opponents. No names as yet, of course, although Don Perko of Pueblo, who found a lily tucked in his hand in three rounds, won the Golden Gloves national and international crowns last spring.

Dempsey, beetle-browed, blue-jawed, snarl-nosed and scowling, came roaring out of Salt Lake just before World War I.

Young Layne hails from Lewiston, Utah, population 1804, and situated near Logan, 50 miles north of Salt Lake.

Still growing at 20, he stands five feet 11 and weighs 190 pounds.

Where there's a left hand there's hope, and while Layne hits hard with either fist, most of his knock-outs have been scored with his left.

"Layne is in the rough, but has terrific possibilities," reports Al Warden, veteran sports editor of The Ogden Standard-Examiner, who saw Dempsey, the hobo, three years before his blazing speed and iron dukes put his name in the headlines. "He has no bad habits, loves it, is ambitious and hungry. He trains like an old-timer, does from five to eight miles of early-morning roadwork, generally is in bed at nine."

Layne, a Mormon who attends church, looks the part. Trimly built, he has a fighting face and the sloping shoulders of the boxer. If Layne makes it, we'll get one good prize fighter out of World War II after all. He was a staff sergeant with an airborne division for 19 months, part of which was served in Japan.

Layne did not box until he joined the army. When they sent out a call for boxing candidates at Sapporo, Japan, he won the heavy-

weight championship of our troops in Nippon. Returning home in 1947, he dropped a close decision in an Olympic tryout to Jay Lambert, who won the United States Olympic title, and lost a decision in the London semi-finals.

Last spring Layne lost a close verdict to Utah State's Dale Panter in the Utah Golden Gloves, but earned a trip to Boston acquiring



REX LAYNE

white hope?

the AAU Intermountain amateur championship by a knockout.

In the Hub he won four bouts, three by knockouts, to account for the national championship.

Rex Layne lost no time personally inspecting the best on hand. He boxed a four-round exhibition with Ezzard Charles at the Salt Lake Coliseum the other night. There's got to be a good heavy-weight around somewhere. Maybe Utah has found him.

Indian Cuts Portland Cop, Shot to Death

PORTLAND, Oct. 31 (AP)—A knife-wielding Montana Indian was shot down in police headquarters here Saturday night while he slashed at the head, chest and throat of an officer.

Sgt. Cliff Ohren said the Indian had fought arrest, resisted a ride to the jail and again when brought by elevator to the fifth floor jail. He had been arrested on a charge of drunkenness.

The sergeant said that the transient, Harold Washington, 42, pulled a knife while being searched and slashed the ear, neck and head of Sgt. Lawrence Baker. While Baker backed away, Officer Fred W. Campbell fired a warning shot, then sent a second into Washington's stomach. He died a few minutes later. Sgt. Baker's wounds were not serious.

ARMISTICE DAY
WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP)—President Truman has called on all Americans to rededicate themselves this Armistice Day "to the world."

The busts of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt carved in Mount Rushmore, S. D., are proportionate to men 465 feet tall.

Rams Face Eagles In Top Pro Clash

By The Associated Press

The Los Angeles Rams, only unbeaten team in the National football league, and the Philadelphia Eagles, 1948 champions, clash in next Sunday's outstanding pro game of the week.

The rampaging Rams, victorious in all six of their games this season and commanding leaders of the western division, face their sternest task. The Eagles lead in the eastern half of the circuit with five victories against one loss.

Of the seven games played in the National football league and the All-American conference yesterday, only one was a lopsided affair—that in the NFL which saw the Eagles routing Pittsburgh, 38-7. The Rams edged the Chicago Bears, 27-24.

In the AAC, the Yankees and Browns were hard pressed to maintain their deadlock.

The New Yorkers, after stealing a three-touchdown advantage over the luckless Baltimore Colts, had to stave off a late rally to win, 21-14.

The visitors scored two TD's within four minutes.

Cleveland kept pace with the Yankees by earning sweet revenge over San Francisco, 30-28. The tied-up leaders now have six triumphs and one loss each. The Browns also have one tie.

In other National league games, the New York Giants eked out a 41-38 win over the downcast Chicago Cardinals; Green Bay squeaked to a 16-14 decision over Detroit, and the New York Bulldogs, still titleless in the win column, did their best to date by tying Washington, 14-14.

The champion Cleveland team, still smarting from the 56-28 licking handed it by the 49ers earlier this month—its lone setback in the last 32 games—goes for revenge, thanks to a 38-yard field goal by Lou Groza. The huge crowd of 72,189 in Cleveland stadium saw the ace passers, Otto Graham of the Browns and Frankie Albert of San Francisco, share scoring honors with two touchdown passes and a personal score apiece.

The Los Angeles Rams, playing before a throng of 85,000 at Los Angeles, widened their lead over the second-place Chicago Bears, who have a 3 and 3 record. However, it was a close call for the home squad. They had to rally in the final five minutes when trailing 24-20 after being in front for the better part of the action.

Tony Canadeo was the big noise in Green Bay's tussle with Detroit. The league's leading ground gainer was responsible for 117 of the Packers' 248 rushing yards and clicked for one touchdown.

Famed Indian Scientist Dies

LEWISTON, Idaho, Oct. 31 (AP)—One of the nation's best known Indians died here Saturday. He was Archie Phinney, 45, superintendent of the Northern Idaho Indian agency at Lapwai, Ida.

He graduated at the University of Kansas, took post graduate work at Columbia university and spent five years in Leningrad doing research with the Soviet academy of sciences. He authored two books on anthropology.

In 1948, Phinney was given the Indian council fire award, presented annually to the Indian whose achievements are considered most worthy of recognition.

20 Cars In Mass Pile-Up

DALLAS, Oct. 31 (AP)—Twenty automobiles all in a row—one slowed down for a bridge—and police reports show:

All 20 cars damaged, five of them total losses, their owners claim; Two persons injured, neither seriously;

Tied up ten of the cars as thoroughly for two hours that wreckers had to separate them. It happened yesterday near Carrollton because of slick pavement, officers reported.

Even Ducks Prospecting In Alaska!

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Oct. 31 (AP)—Now it appears even Alaska ducks have gold fever.

Nathan Oliver and his father, Unalakleet Eskimos, went hunting three miles up the Unalakleet river and bagged a couple of ducks. The largest one managed to limp away, but they caught the smaller one.

While cleaning the bird, Mrs. Oliver discovered a veritable cache of coarse gold.

Excited Search

With this, the excited hunters returned to the field in search of the other duck in hopes it might be carrying a larger gold cargo. But no luck.

An Anchorage man who saw the Oliver's gold said some of it could be classed as small nuggets. He estimated they were worth about \$2, and observed:

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