

## WTB is this?

This is the stated intent to provide recordings of statistical matters. Hopefully, they will be done in such a manner that even a "statistical landlubber" can enjoy! The recordings are to be done on a game-bygame basis, as allowed by conditions...

"Reckonings" are records of a ship's course. They are recorded so that, in the event of becoming lost, a future course can be determined to lead the ship to a proper heading... There should be no need for "dead reckoning", else the "reckoner" will be jetsam...

Headings, or "directions", are the mainstay of the logs (keep a watchman's eye for more on "directions" in "Concepts"). But, a historical recording, usually lost in other statistic sites, will be preserved for future references...

This particular log, under where there is some dry reading called "Concepts", has a mock battle (actually shows our first muddy exhibition game) to let you get a peek at what the future logs will look like... So; put your face in it, and enjoy!

This document is mystically written on the same scroll paper to preserve resources. The ink is the dried blood of a deckhand who kissed the gunner's daughter. For that, I am sorry!

#### Concepts

The statistics used to generate these logs are from the perspective of the team in possession of the ball at the start of the play. The running plays are divided into seven areas along the line of scrimmage. The "direction" of the play is assigned to the gap that the ball carrier crosses, or tries to cross, at the line of scrimmage. The gaps are not labeled with the familiar "ABCD" names. Instead, they (NFL.com, from whom the data will be pilfered) generally use the OL positions as follows:

- <u>Left End</u> = Left D/E gap. (between the eligible player on the end of the line and the sideline)
- <u>Left Tackle</u> = Left C gap. (between the OT and WR or TE)
- <u>Left Guard</u> = Left B gap. (between the OG and OT)
- <u>Middle</u> = Both A gaps. (between the OC and either OG)
- <u>Right Guard</u> = Right B gap. (between the OG and OT)
- <u>Right Tackle</u> = Right C gap. (between the OT and WR or TE)
- <u>Right End</u> = Right D/E gap. (between the eligible player on the end of the line and the sideline)

The passing statistics are divided in a matrix as to the point where the ball is thrown. The six zones of the 3x2 matrix are as follows:

• <u>Short Left</u>

• <u>Deep Left</u>

- <u>Short Middle</u>
- <u>Short Right</u>

Short means less than 11 yards from scrimmage.

- <u>Deep Middle</u>
- · <u>Deep Right</u>

Deep means greater than 10 yards from scrimmage

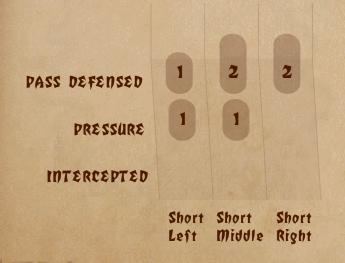
Both run plays and pass plays are described by their initial point of reference. There is no indication as to where the play concludes besides the yardage. A Middle run could end with the ball carrier being pushed out of bounds. It is still designated as a Middle run. Likewise, a pass that is Short Left may go for 80 yards to the right sideline.

Something to remember, if you are looking at defensive statistics, the "Left" and "Right" labels are just the opposite for the defense. For instance, if a run play is to the Right Tackle, it is actually being run at the Left Defensive End.



Small tosses on the flanks were accurate and damaging. Two long shots were also costly. A few passes were knocked down but not much else by way of counters. The quarterback was hit twice and sacked once for a loss of eight yards. There was no significant action for the few long tosses.





### Defending the Run

Attacks on the guards gained them the most ground. Direct attacks on the middle and wide on the perimeters yielded little yardage. However, a two yard plunge scored six points over the Left Tackle...

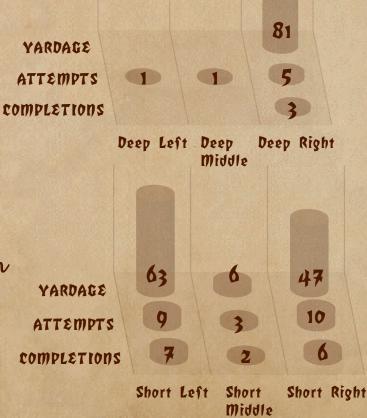
Other plays not on the chart include a fumbled snap that was recovered by our mates! There were a two kneel downs that dropped back three yards as the hourglass waned...





#### Pass Offense

Barring the middle, there was no shortage of accurate, close range shots. That is where most gains were made. Of the few long throws, calamity struck when one was intercepted on the left, and one was fumbled away on the right. There were two sacks, both with fumbles, one of those was lost... Ahrr, but there was a TOUCHDOWN thrown to the Short Left that went in from 13 yards!



### Run Offense

Running outside of the tackles netted big gains. But, inside the tackles gain a scurvy pittance. Yet another fumble was lost in the middle...



# Special Teams

Kíckíng

Punting

Kick Returns

Punt Returns

Tackling

Well, this page is nearly empty now. But, when the steel is swinging and the smell of burnt powder fills the air for a real game, thar'll be some ciphering done. For now, TBD... and I'll be kissing the gunner's daughter...