

INTRODUCTION

S.M.U.'s new modeled football machine has been playing a fast brand of ball. They are entirely different and improved over last year. This group of boys is practically the same team as last year but they are improved, well coached, and imbued with a new spirit to win. They are equally strong offensively and defensively and above average in both of these departments. Unlike most Woodard coached teams they are an excellent passing team. In order to win this game a supreme effort will be required.

Offensively they attack from a semi-split T which means that it is not entirely the type of split T that Oklahoma runs and it is not entirely the type of T that you run. Their hand-offs are slower, the quickest being the FB power play. Their Go plays are more than a slant than runs and their wide plays are comprised of sweeps, quick pitchouts, and options, and their wide stuff is made more practical with a threat of a running pass. In the games that we have seen them, we believe that their greatest strength is off tackle and wide. In their passing game they throw from the run and from the regular straight back, however, they have one action that should be born in mind and that is that they like to flood on side and throw a delayed pass into the weak side. They have several passers that are equally strong, one of whom is O'Brian #20 who is a left handed passer from the right half position. Norton #44 left half is improved over last year because he is no longer injured. Moore #25 fullback is exceptionally fast. Eidom #40 right half is fast and powerful and never gives up. Nutt #15 quarterback carries the ball along with his quarterback duties. Their line charge is above average, especially on the wedge plays. The guards - Clem #71 & Lafitte #62 are very fast and get into the interference without any trouble. They do not rely upon trapping and counters to any great degree although they try one every once in a while.

Their punting game bears a little bit of attention. So far they have kicked from the regular closed punt formation and from a quicker T formation punt when the ball is thrown between the legs of the quarterback. The punter, Norton #44 is exceptional, often times punts 60-80 yards in the air and places them well. Norton will run with the ball from punt formation and because of his great open field ability often will go it alone without interference to the weak side. It should be born in mind that he will run on 4th down.

Defensively they are a hustling team, gang tackling is predominant. Normally they defend with a 57 and a wide split between the center and tackles especially when Goss #77 is in the center defensive line. His exceptional size and speed puts a big burden on his ability to cover this rather long spread in an attempt to force plays to the outside where their defense is a little thicker. They adjust to the flanker and to the wide side of the field and I believe this adjustment can be taken advantage of. Pass defense is made stronger by their exceptional ability to rush the passer, but they seem to be weak to the offensive left, especially when you flank to the right. I believe that you can break up the middle and force them to come out of the 57 which will open up your offensive tackle position. A very quick strike will find you breaking through their line.