M. U. THE CHOICE

Impressive Record of Tigers Makes Them the Favorite in Big 7 Cage Tourney.

CLUB IS SPARKY'S BEST

Not Since 1939 Has Missouri Fielded a Crew With Such Potential Power.

(This is the first of a series of analyses of team personnel of the clubs which will participate in the annual Big Seven conference tournament. The 4-day affair opens December 27 in Municipal Auditorium.)

TIGER SCOREBOARD.

Record to date—44, Illinois 77; 64, Indiana 61; 97, Iowa 94; 67, Wisconsin 56; 77, Arkansas 58—Won 4, lost 1. Pct. .800.

Returning lettermen (8)—Charles Denny, c; Lloyd Elmore, g; Gary Filbert, g; Lee Fowler, f; Med Park, f; Red Reichert, g; Bob Reiter, c; Norm Stewart, f.

1954 Big Seven Finish—Third, 6-6; all games, 11-10.

Previous Tournament Finishes—1946, seventh; 1947, sixth; 1948, sixth; 1949, first; 1950, seventh; 1951, second; 1952, third; 1953, third. (14 W. 10 L. .583).

Remaining Pre-tournament Schedule—December 23, Houston at Houston.

First Round Opponent—Nebraska, 9:45 p. m. December 27.

Barring a defeat of Missouri by Houston Thursday in Houston, the Tigers will come into the ninth annual Big Seven tournament a perceptible favorite. The 4-day extravaganza opens December 27 in Municipal Auditorium.

There is little doubt now that the present Bengal edition is Sparky Stalcup's best in his 9-year tenure at Tigertown. One is obliged to look back fifteen years, in fact, to find a Missouri squad that compares with it. George Edwards had Blaine Currence, Haskell Tison, Clay Cooper, Marty Nash, John Lobsiger and Herbie Gregg in those days and won co-championships with them in 1939 and 1940.

M. U.'s known qualities were impressive even before the season started. Its early record is equally imposing. The Tigers won their fourth game in five starts, all from well-regarded opposition, last Wednesday with a 77-58 thumping of Arkansas at Columbia. Previously they chained together three consecutive Big Ten scalps, most prominent of which is Iowa. The Hawkeyes fell, 97-94, at Columbia, as the Bengals established a new single-game scoring high. Indiana was nipped, 64-61, on the front side of the Iowa victory; Wisconsin, 67-56, on the back side.

A Potent Combination.

Stalcup's present club is built of veterans of proven ability and youthful talent of blooming strength. Bob Reiter, the 6-foot, 9-inch center with the sweeping ambidextrous hook, and Med Park, the 201-pound backboard hercules, are playing their fourth seasons—they were good enough to letter as freshmen.

Norma Stewart, who likely will go down as one of the finest pressure. Only eight men played in the victories over Indiana and Iowa. The Wisconsin and Arkansas decisions were under control all the way and the 44-79 loss to Illinois so wide that tension was removed.

Denny Must Improve.

The second-line problem is unsteady only at the pivot, however. If Reiter is victimized early, or lost altogether on fouls, the Tigers will drop off sharply at that spot. The 6-5½ Denny averaged only 2.6 last year and is not close to Reiter in finesse, rebounding or defense. Behind him are two sophomores, Arnold Kaestner, 6-6½, and Tom Graham, 6-6.

Filbert and Fowler can hold the fort capably behind Stewart and Park. With Elmore sidelined, Stalcup must turn to four other rookies—Truman Blackman, Gary Rust, Eddie Ronsick and Bill Ross—for backline depth.

ever to wear the Black and Gold, mans the forward opposite Park. As a sophomore regular last year he ranked with K. U.'s Dallas Dobbs as the class of the Big Seven's rookie crop, averaging slightly over twelve points a game. He also is a fine defender and play maker.

Redford Reichert, who made a place for himself midway through last season as a sophomore, and Lionel Smith, 6-2 sophomore from Madison, handle the backline. The latter is cut from the natural mold like Stewart, high in playing instinct and versatility.

These five starters averaged sixty-six points the first five games, enough to win a lot of games with no bench help considering the usually tenacious Tiger defense.

Reiter, who trailed only Colorado's Burdette Haldorson in the conference individual scoring derby last year with a 21.0 average, leads this parade with a five-game mean of 16.0. Stewart is rolling at 15.2. Park 13.2, Reichert 11.6 and Smith 10.0.

K. U. Remembers Well.

Reiter at 411; Stewart, 256; Park, 199, and Gary Filbert, the radar-eyed long-range shooter, were the top four pointsmiths last year when the Tigers finished third by clawing Kansas into a co-championship and out of the N. C. A. A. tournament with that memorable 76-67 victory at Columbia.

It also should be noted that the Tigers are moving well even without Guard Lloyd Elmore, who came along so rapidly in late season that he was regarded by many as the most improved player around the league. He will miss the tournament because of a knee injury.

Charles Denny, reserve center, and Lee Fowler, second-line forward, are the other returning letter winners. Only serious losses off last season's squad, were Bob Schoonmaker, the hustling three-sport battler, and Bill Holst, substitute center.

Hence, it is no surprise that Missouri has moved stoutly through the early going.

Stalcup has not enjoyed as much opportunity as he would like to temper his reserves under

But Stalcup has the type of team he likes . . . searing scoring power from the pivot, staunch ability off the backboards and an agile and experienced defense.

M. U. won its only tournament crown in 1949 when Guard George Lafferty led a pulsating rally in the final minutes to edge Oklahoma, 44-42. The Tigers also reached the finals in 1951, bowing to Kansas, 65-75.

TOURNAMENT SCORING CHAMPIONS.

Year.	Name, Pos., Team.	T.P.
1946	Gerald Tucker, c., Oklahoma	64
1947	Bill Waters, c., Oklahoma	40
1948	Gene Petersen, c., Kansas	51
1949	Clyde Lovellette, c., Kansas	64
1950	Clyde Lovellette, c., Kansas	82
1951	Clyde Lovellette, c., Kansas	76
1952	Dick Knsotman, c., Kansas State	71
1953	Lester Lane, g., Oklahoma	64

KEY IN VETERANS

Experience May Enable Colorado to Better Best Previous Big Seven Meet Finish.

BUFFS MEET O. U. FIRST

Last Season's Scoring Champion, Burdette Haldorson, Is Back to Spark Attack.

(This is the seventh of a series of analyses of team personnel of the clubs which will participate in the annual Big Seven conference tournament. The 4-day affair opens Monday in Municipal Auditorium.)

BUFFALO SCOREBOARD.

Record to date: W. 3, L. 3; 88, BYU 66; 65, BYU 46; 66, Colorado A. & M. 47; 44, California 57; 46, California 59; 62, UCLA 65.

Returning lettermen—(11)—Mel Coffman, f; James Grant, g; Burdette Haldorson, c; George Hannah, c; Tom Harrold, g; Bob Jeangerard, f; Charles Mock, g; Sam Morrison, g; Bill Peterson, g; Jim Ranglos, f; Walt Wilbert, f.

1954 Big Seven Finish—1st (T.), 10-2; all games: 11-11.

Previous tournament finishes: 1946—did not compete; 1947—8th; 1948—5th; 1949—4th; 1950—8th; 1951—6th; 1952—5th; 1953—7th. (W. 6, L. 15, .285.)

Remaining Pre-Tournament Games—None.

First Round Opponent—Oklahoma, 8 p. m. Monday.

Experience is Colorado's sharpest weapon in its bid for the Big Seven tournament championship of 1954. The Buffaloes, never higher than fourth in this field, are accorded a chance of winning the ninth annual meet when it opens Monday in Municipal Auditorium.

Consider the Herd's experience bin: (1) It returns more 4-year men than any competing squad, three; (2) It returns eleven lettermen, more than any other tournament team, and (3) It returns an entire starting lineup which was good enough last winter to share the conference championship with Kansas.

Buff strength, of course, does place to start down the glory road.

Haldorson leaped from obscurity to the league point crown last season on a 21.3 average in conference play and a 46 per cent accuracy pace from the field over all. In so doing he edged more established aces such as Missouri's Bob Reiter, B. H. Born of Kansas and Bill Johnson of Nebraska. He is averaging 18.6 through C. U.'s six pre-tourney games.

Behind him is George Hannah, 6-7 lettered junior, who scored eighty-two points in twenty games last season as a sophomore and is rated highly improved this term. This pair may be as good a pivot punch as Kansas State's Jerry Jung and Roger Craft.

Four Fine Forwards.

The frontline quartet includes Jeangerard, Juniors Mel Coffman and Jim Ranglos, and Bob Yardley, 6-3 navy returnee, who is listed as a senior. Jeangerard was the Buffs' second-high scorer last season at 12.8 and is one of the finest defenders in the conference. He averaged 11.7 through the early going this season. Coffman and Ranglos both are veterans of established worth. Yardly has come along swiftly following his 2-year service hitch.

Harrold is playing his third season as a regular. He was the Buffs' fourth-ranking pointsmith on 174 last year and has few peers as a ball-handler and defender. Mock is shooting for his third letter. A fine dribbler, his 206 points last year was third high on the club. This pair has been drawing creditable help from Sam Morrison, lettered junior, Sophomore Wayne Mansfield, and Dave Mowbray.

Colorado's pre-tourney record of 3-3 is not impresive on paper, particularly since all three defeats were suffered on the road. However, the third loss, a 62-65 defeat at the hands of U. C. L.

not end merely with a coterie of veterans. Coach Bebe Lee owns the indispensible big man in 6-7, 207-pound Burdette Haldorson, defending league scoring king. His stable of forwards possibly is the loop's best all-around to a depth of four men. His backline tandem of Charlie Mock and Tom Harrold is without peer in the conference as a ball-handling unit.

A Strong Finish.

This is the Cinderella gang that leaped all the way from a last place finish in 1953 to a co-title in '54, the school's first since joining the old Big Six in 1948. This was a double bootstrap act since C. U. also dropped its first seven games last season, a sorry beginning for a team that was to vault into the N. C. A. A. regionals at Stillwater at the season's end.

The Herd has designs on something even better this winter. Haldorson, Harrold and Forward Bob Jeangerard are playing their fourth seasons. There are four other seniors on this squad. It must shoot the works, for its losses will be terrific at the season's end. The tournament would be a good A. in Los Angeles, is more significant than any of the opening three triumphs over B. Y. U. and Colorado A. and M. The Uclans walloped Kansas State, another title contender, 86-57, earlier in the year, and split a 2-game series with San Francisco, newly-crowned All-College tournament monarchs. The U. S. F. loss is the lone blemish on the Bruin record at this writing. And C. U.'s showing in the Bruins' home den followed a pair of 13-point defeats at the hands of California, the tournament guest team.

Mental Boost for Buffs.

Aside from the talent and experience, Colorado will carry a psychological weapon all season. The Buffs would like to give the lie to the label of "a 1-shot champion playing over its head."

If they reach the semifinals against Missouri . . . and both are heavy first-round favorites . . . there is going to be considerable vibration. For the Herd started its surprise title march last year by nipping M. U. 66-62, in the conference opener at Columbia, then repeated with an 80-69 pasting in Boulder.

Past Big Seven tournament champions:

Champion and Runnerup.	Teams Champion Pts.	Op. Pts.
1946—S. M. U., 49; Kansas, 46	151	135
1947—Kansas State, 50; Oklahoma A. and M., 43	161	133
1948—Oklahoma, 52; Kansas, 49	163	139
1949—Missouri, 44; Oklahoma, 42	153	139
1950—Kansas State, 70; Minnesota, 62	197	168
1951—Kansas, 75; Missouri, 65	241	209
1952—Kansas State, 93; Kansas, 87	265	217
1953—Kansas, 82; Oklahoma, 73	230	202

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BERKELEY, Dec. 13---Intersectional basketball comes to Berkeley this weekend, when California's Bears entertain the strong University of Colorado Buffaloes at the Gymnasium for Men Friday and Saturday nights. Starting time for both games is 8:30 p.m.

Both California-Colorado games will be televised and heard over radio. The radio schedule shows Doug Pledger broadcasting over KSFO Friday and Bill Laws at the mike over KLX Saturday Friday's telecast will be over KOVR, with Jay Jacobus describing the play, and on Saturday it will be Jack Shaw over KGO-TV.

The Bears will be definite underdogs to the Buffs, who are coached by H.B. Lee, former Stanford star. The Colorado invaders were Big Seven co-champions last season and have won their first three games this season. They have beaten Brigham Young twice, 88 to 66 and 65 to 46, and defeated Colorado A & M, 66 to 47, to date.

Wheelhorse of the Colorado five is Center Burdette Halderson was the Baffaloes' leading scorer last season when he tallied 367 points in 22 games for an excellent 16.7 average for the year.

The invaders' other big threat is Bob Jeangerard, 6-foot, 3-inch forward who was the Coloradans' second leading scorer last year with 282 tallies and a 12.8 average. In all, Colorado has its nine top scorers of last season returning, a strong indication that the Buffs will have a considerable edge in experience over the Bears.

One newcomer has moved into a starting job for Colorado. He is Bob Yardley, a 6-foot, 3-inch forward. Yardley is the younger brother of the great George Yardley, former Stanford scoring ace.

Coach Pete Newell's Bears, though still showing their inexperience, have surprised their fans to date by winning three of their first four tilts. While All-American candidate McKeen is unmistakably California's chief threat with his great post play, the

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Bears are achieving balanced scoring under Newell. Forward Larry Friend is Cal's leading scorer after four games with 65 points, followed by McKeen with 61 and Forward Bob Blake with 49.

Newell is still trying to develop depth for conference play, and Guard Gabe Arrillaga and Forward Ev McKeen gave evidence last weekend that they may be ready by January.

The condition of Duane Asplund, reserve center who suffered a knee injury two weeks ago, will not be known until next week. He still has a cast on his leg, and it will be removed in approximately a week.

Preliminary games this weekend find California's unbeaten freshmen facing the USF yearlings Friday and Oakland Junior College Saturday. Both games will be played at the Gymnasium for Men at 6:30 p.m.

Following are the tentative starting lineups for California and Colorado:

COLORADO	POS.	CALIFORNIA
Bob Jeangerad (6-3)	F	Larry Friend (6-4)
Bob Yardley (6-3)	F	Bob Blake (6-2)
Burdette Halderson (6-7)	C	Bob McKeen (6-7)
Tom Harrold (5-11)	G	Mike Diaz (5-11)
Charlie Mock (6-0)	G	Frank Hess (6-1)

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SOONER SCOREBOARD

Record to date - 64 Baylor 80; 66 Wisconsin 77; 79 Baylor 86.

Returning lettermen (+ 8) - Larry Hamilton, g; Lynn Hart, f; Lester Lane, g; J.D. McConnell, f; Joe Mobra, f; Fred Muller, f; Jerry Newman, g; Sam Thompson, c

1954 Big 7 Fihish - 6th, & 4-8;all games - 8-13

Previous tournament finishes+ 1946- 5th; 1947 - 5th; 1948 - 1st; 1949 - 2nd; 1950 - 5th; 1951 - 4th; 1952 - 8th; 1953 - 2nd (14W 10L .583)~~xxxx~~

Remaining pre-tournament games - Dec. 18 Ohio State at Norman

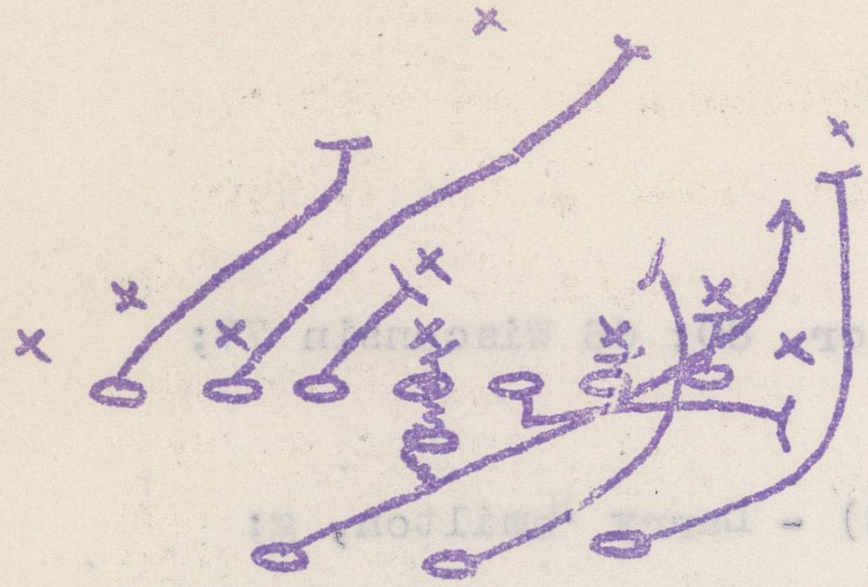
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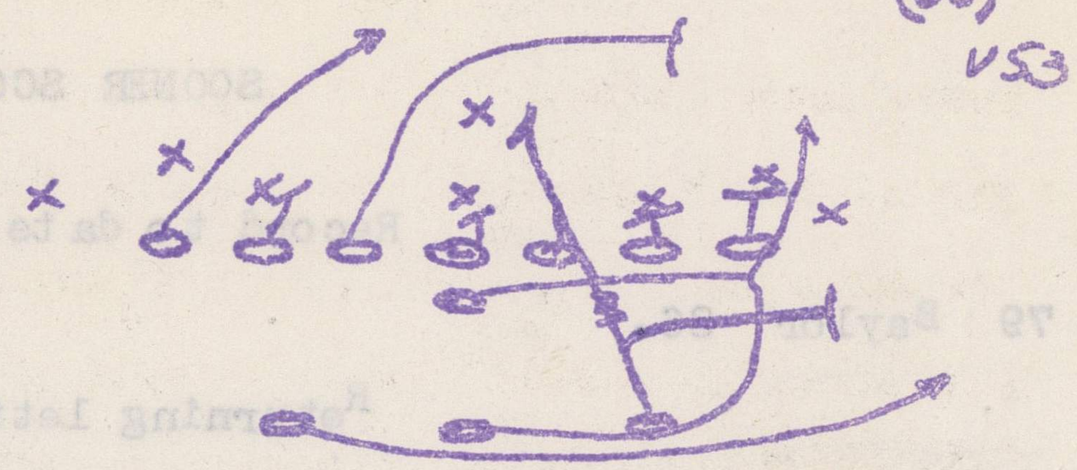
Oklahoma , the traditional upset team of Big Seven tournament history, will again wear that guise into the ninth annual meet , which opens a four-day run in Municipal auditorium next Monday.

The Sooners can hope for nothing else. They do not own the size nor ability to cope with the likes of Missouri, Colorado and California. Furthermore, they will come into the affair carrying four consecutive losses. Latest was a hammering by Ohio State last Saturday in Norman (fill in score). Before that they fell to Baylor, 64-80, and 79-86, and to Wisconsin, an easy victim for Missouri, 66-77. Complicating this misery is the fact that three of those decisions went down the drain on their home planks. Significant is the fact that they played Baylor tighter at Waco.... seven points.... than they did at Norman.....16 points. All this adds to a perfect upset cloak.

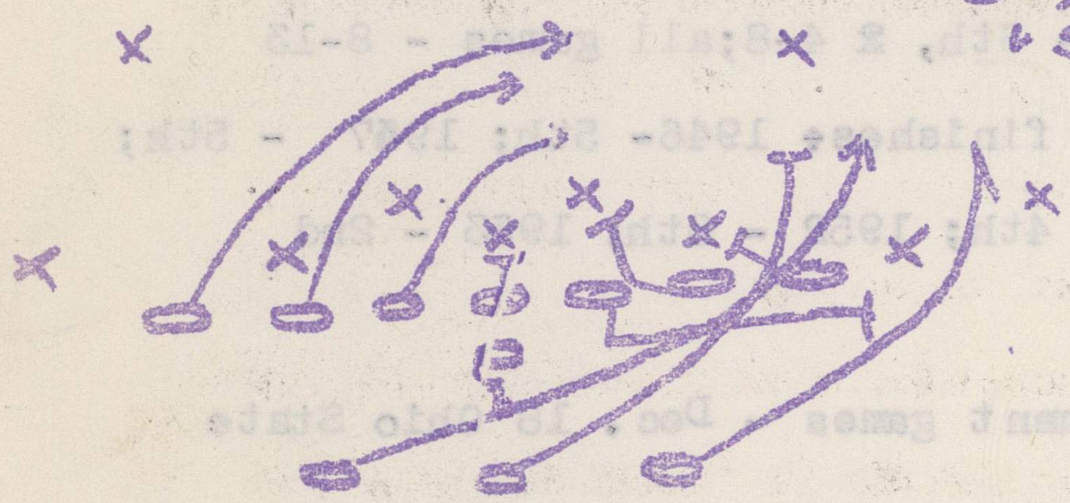
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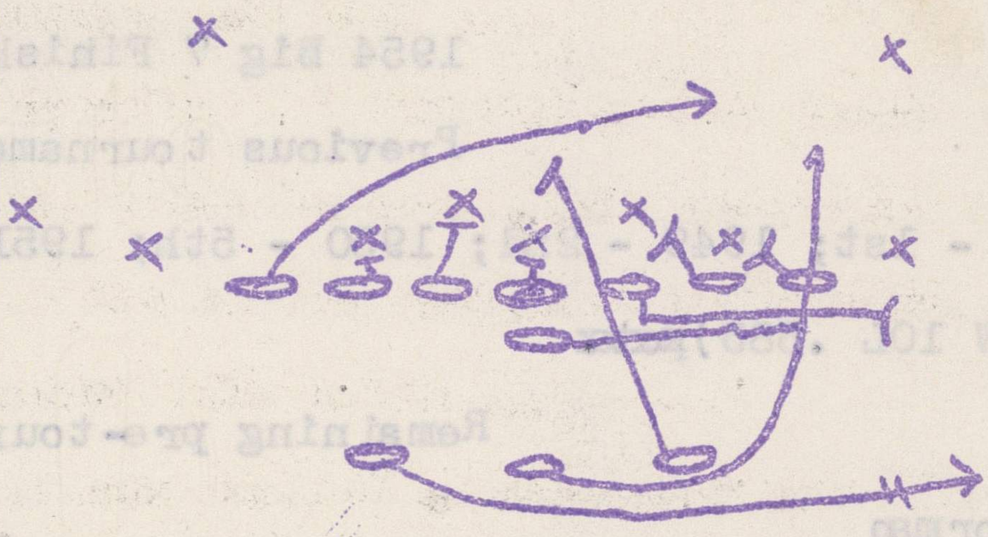
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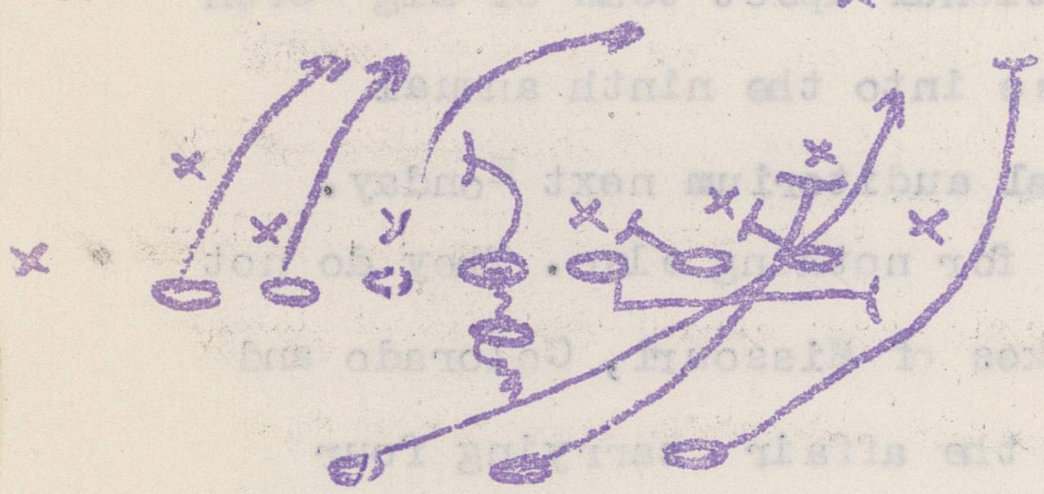
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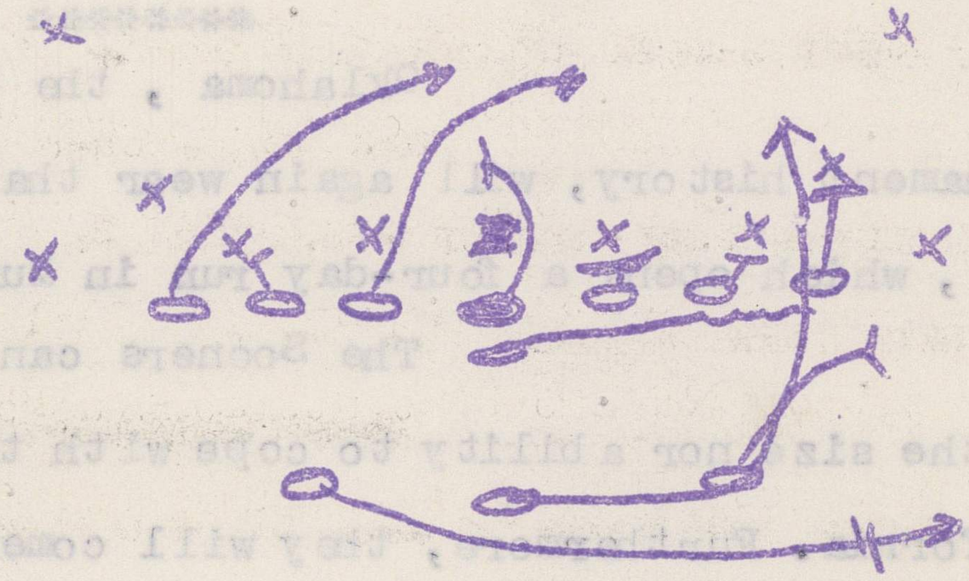
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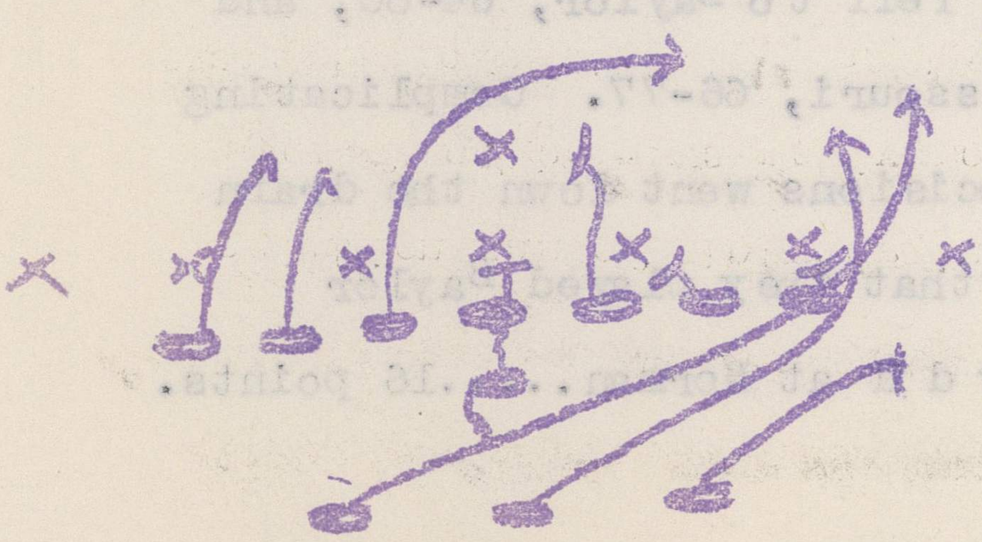
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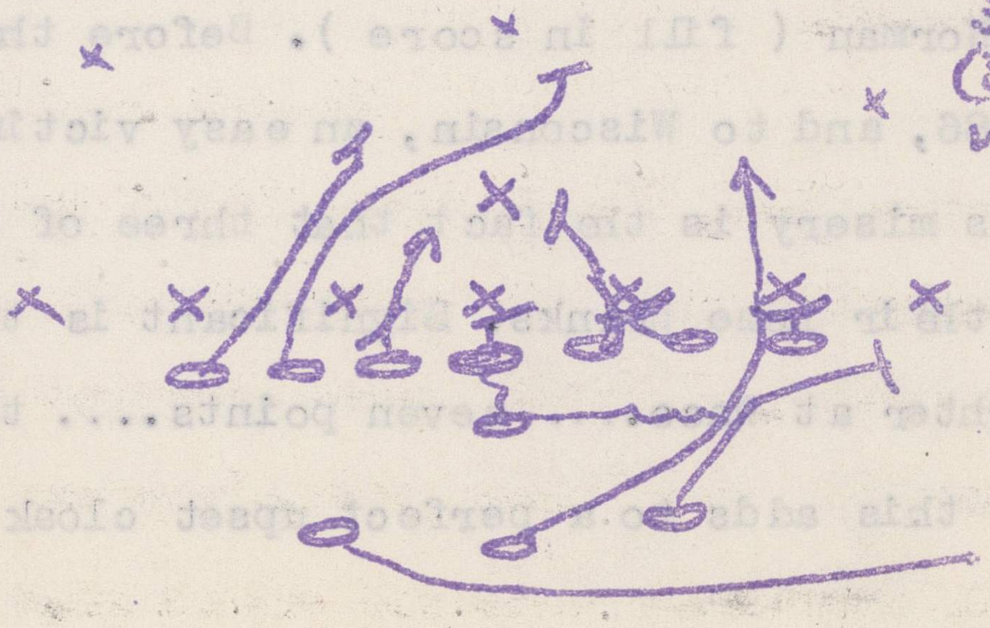
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Regardless of record or physique, other conference teams have learned to be wary of OU's tournament thrusts. They wrought one of the biggest in meet annals in 1951 by dumping xx Stanford's fast-breaking Indians, 77-71, in a first roudn game which saw Forward Sherman Norton notch a single-game record of 39 points. Bruce Drake's band cut the Cardinals to ribbons that night for 13 layups off their famed Shuffle.

In 1949 they clipped favored Kansas State, 55-50, in the second round, and the fol owing year , when the Wildcats had their NCAA runner-up club, they scored a near miss in the first round before Jim Iverson's slate basket pulled out a 55-53 verdict.

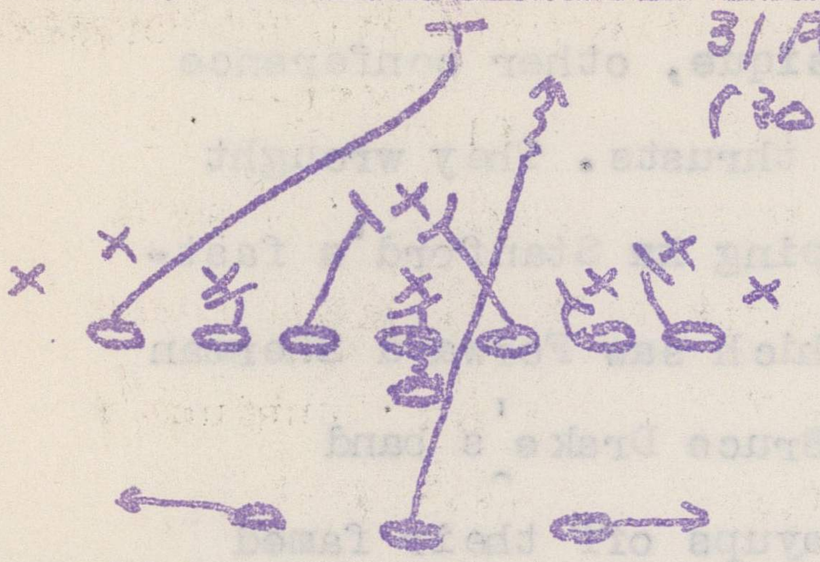
Drake will bxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx floor the smallest team in the tournament. Tallest man on the roster is LeRoy Bacher, 6-5 xxxxxx sophomore center , who will not be eligible until the second semester. Fred Muller, 6-3 converted forward, and Ed Abbey, 6-4 sophomore, will handle most of the post play.

One happy item in this lack os size is that xxxxx tall pivot play is not essential in the Shuffle since OU's centers often operate from high in the keyhole. But it is a wicked handicap on the boards.

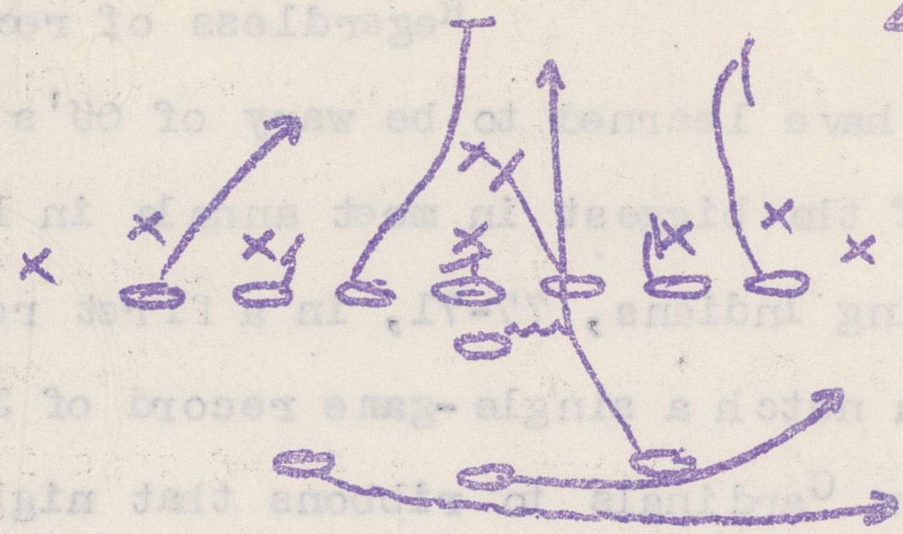
xxxxxxxxx If this team owned firebrand speed ... which its doesn't .... it would xxxx closely resemble the famed Boy Scats of the late thirties, finest fast-break squad the league ever has habored.

It will mount one dangerous sharp-shooter, tho, in Lester Lane, the prolific little guard from Purcell, Okla. This 5-10 senior won the tourney individual scoring championship last December on 64 points, snapping seven straight years of dominance by towering centers. Thru his first three games, Lane was continuing the same tatoo. He leads all tournament personnel with a 23.0 average.

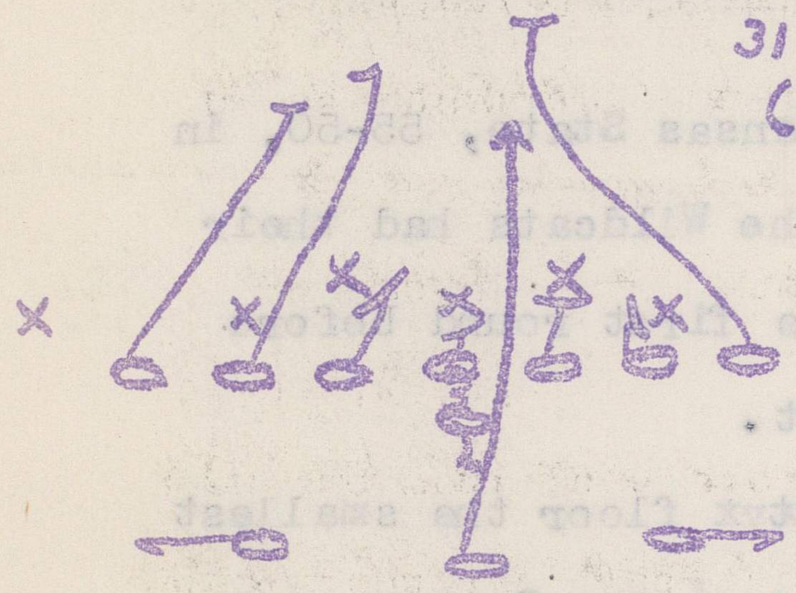
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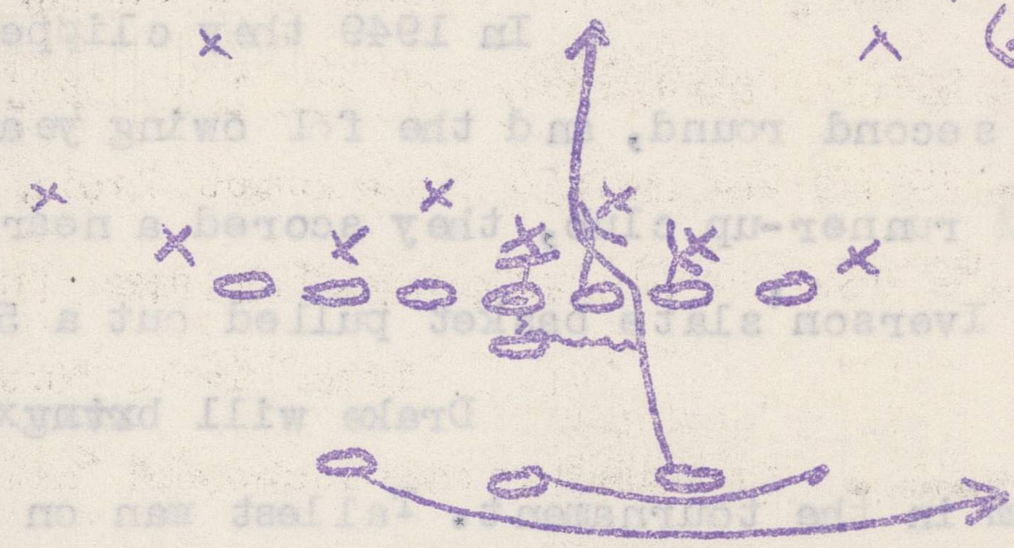
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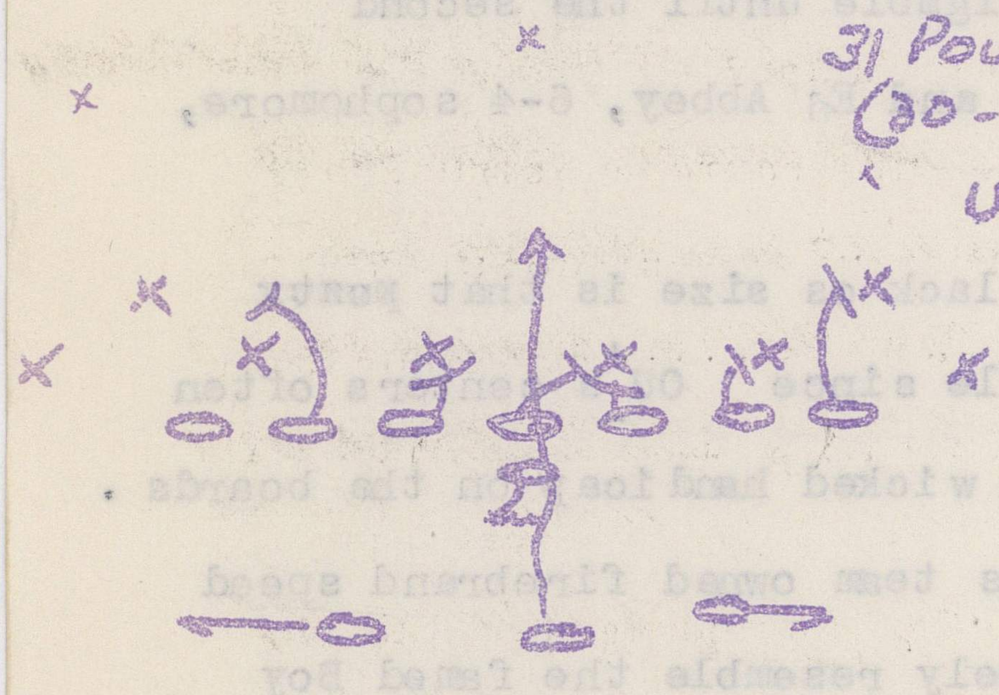
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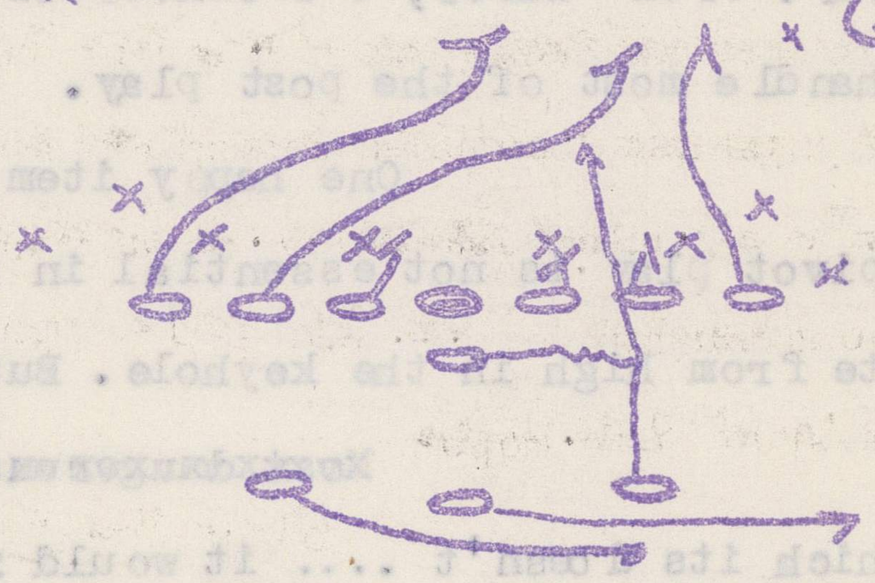
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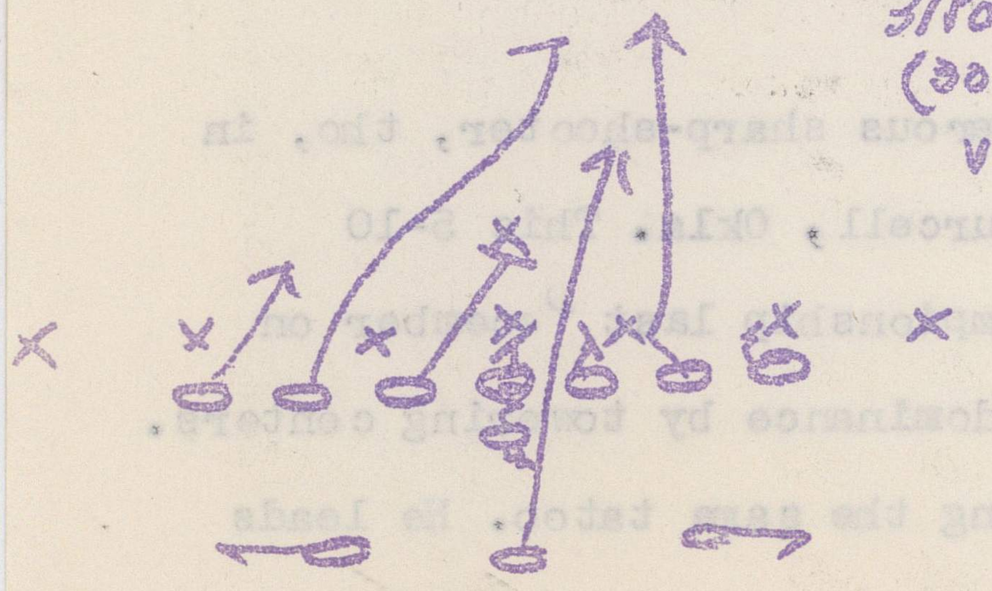
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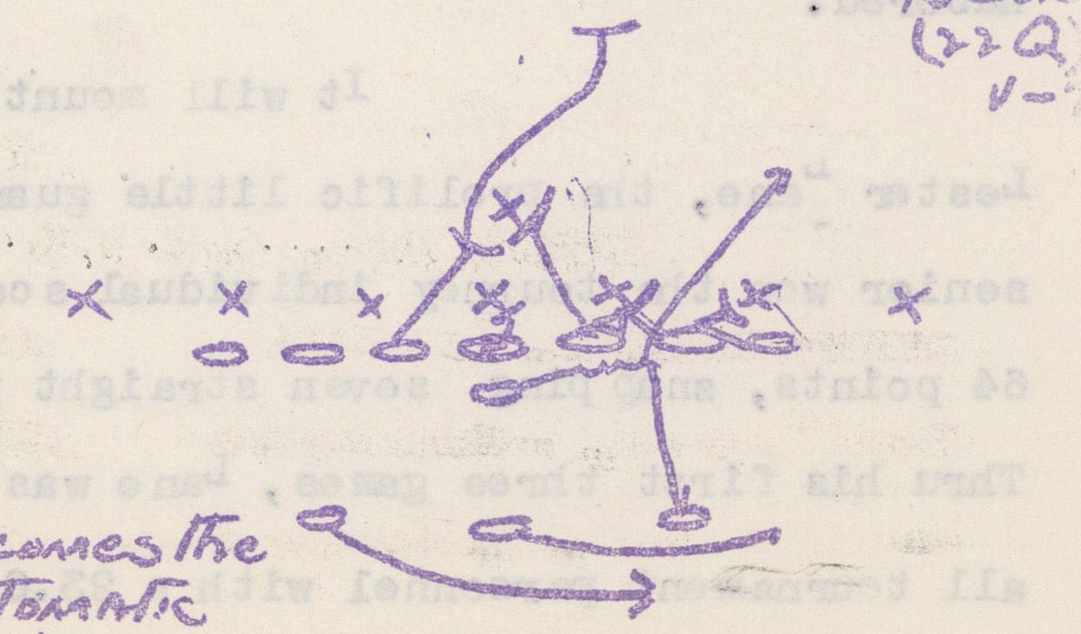
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In his junior season Lane set three new Sooner records, 18.8 points per game; 7.3 free throws per game, and 13 consecutive free throws in a single game. He's the only returning regular from a five good enough to go all the way to the finals last year against Kansas. Lost were Forwards Ron Blue, and Sterling Jones; and Center Bob Waller, the league's sixth-ranked scorer, and Guard Dink McEachern.

Pairing with Lane in the Redshirt backline is Jimmy Peck, 5-9 , 145-pound sophomore. This will give the Sooners the most artful dribbling and satlling tandem in the meet, an important item if OU can gain a late -game lead. This is doubly true because of Lane's free throw radaring.

Lynn Hart, 6-2.... a three-lettered veteran like Lane..... is manning one forward; Sam Thompson, 6-3 madeover center, the other.

Save for Lane's play-making, shooting , and dribbling, this is not an imposing club. But Drake have proved several times he is most dangerous when his shoulders are near the mat.... witness last winter's stunning 63-60 upset of Oklahoma A & M at Stillwater..... and can be expected to hit his first round foe, Colorado, with some new form of trickery.

These two clubs will ring ip the curtain on the holiday show at 8 p.m. Monday .

TOP 1953 TOURNAMENT SCORERS

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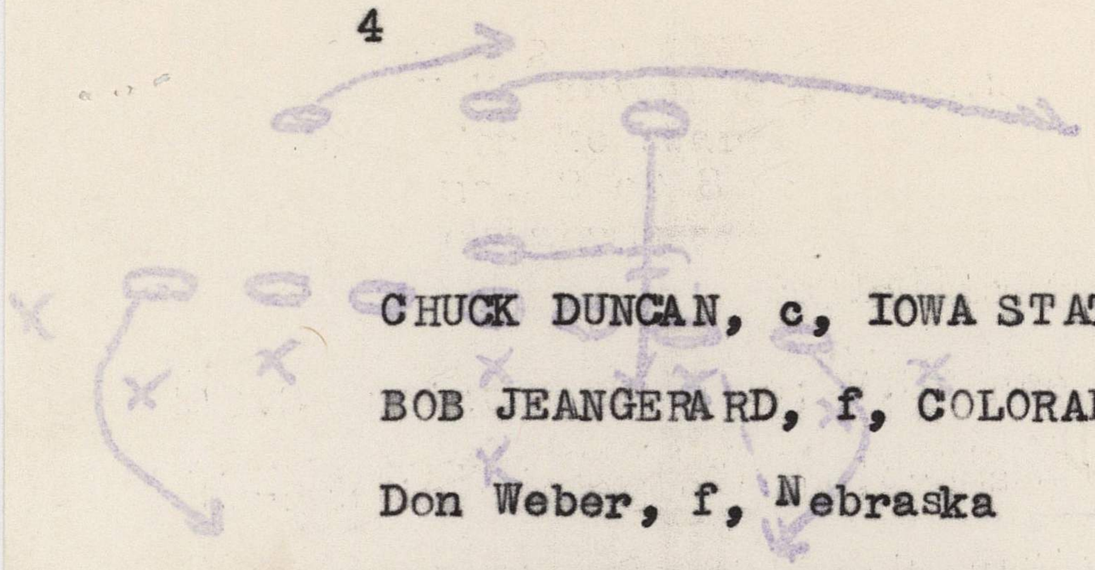
	FG	FT	F	TP
LESTER LANE, g, OKLAHOMA	23	18	11	64
Dean Parsons, c Washington	23	16	9	62
Jesse Prisock, f, Kansas State	25	11	11	61

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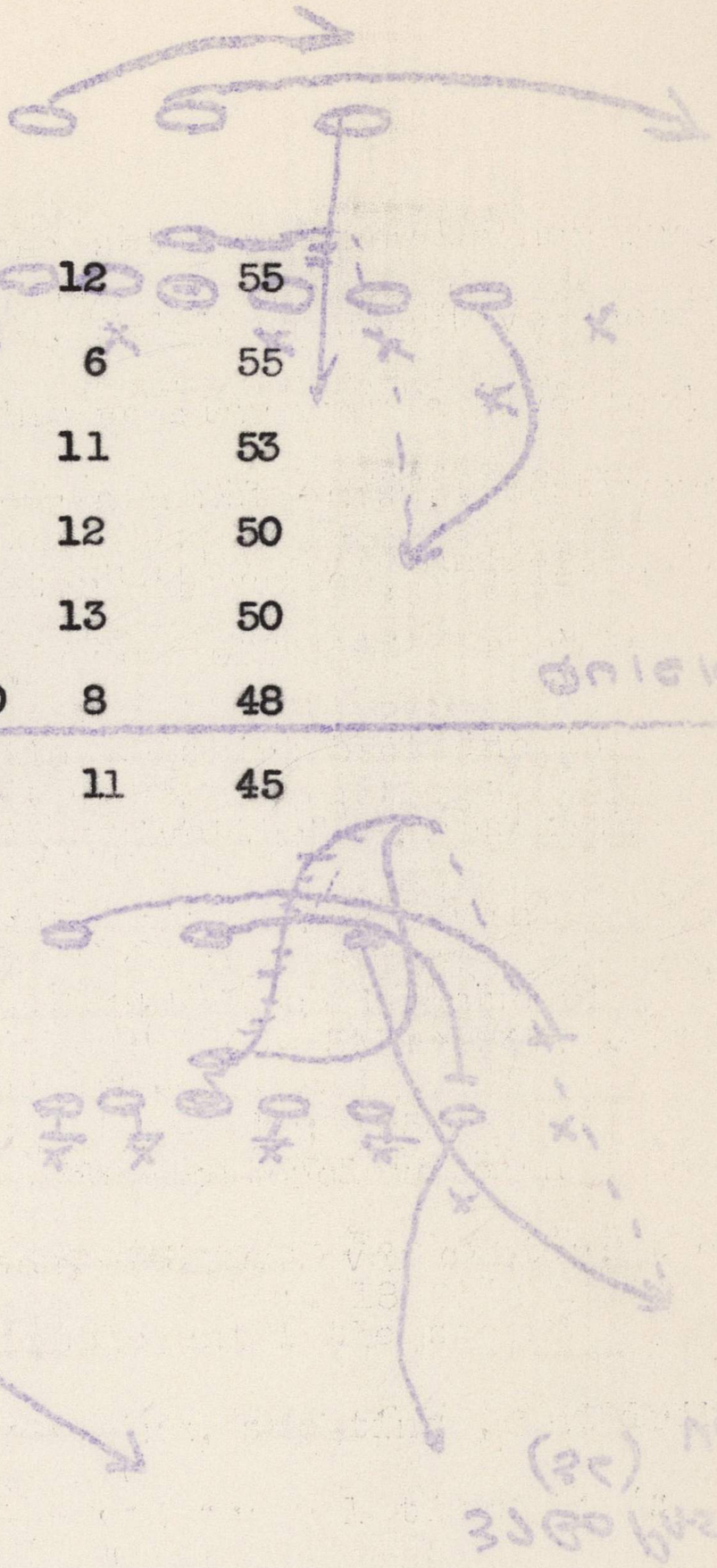
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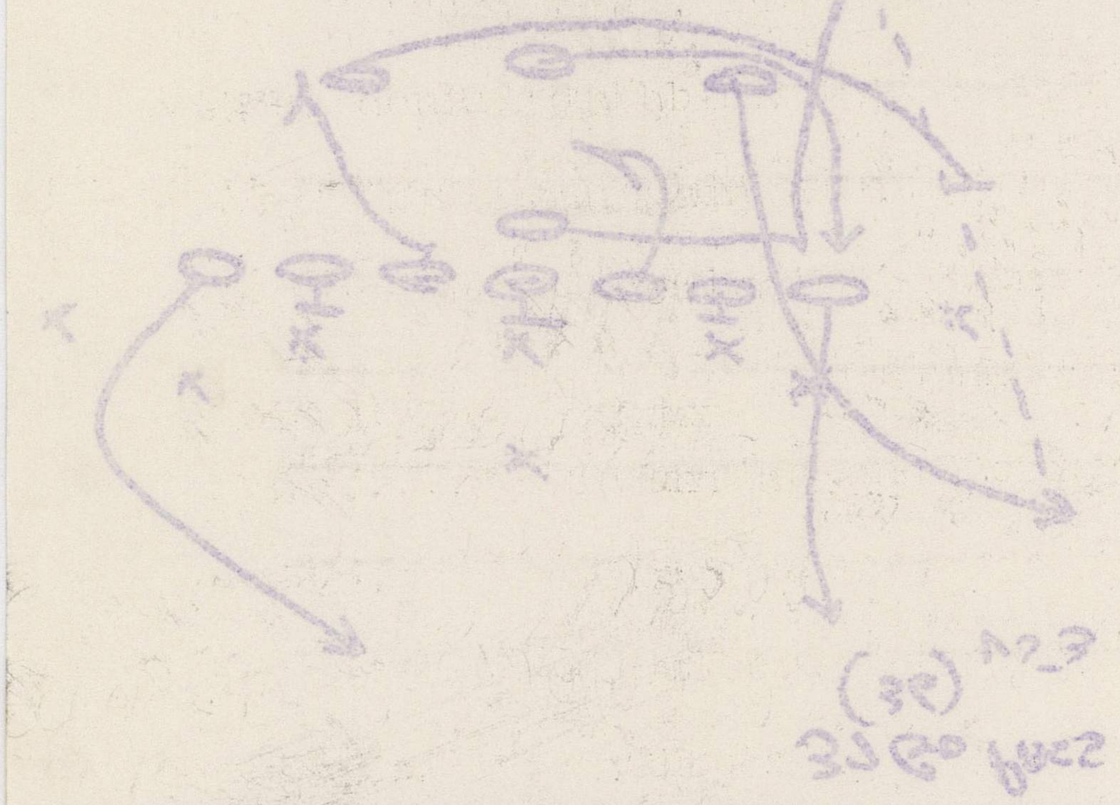
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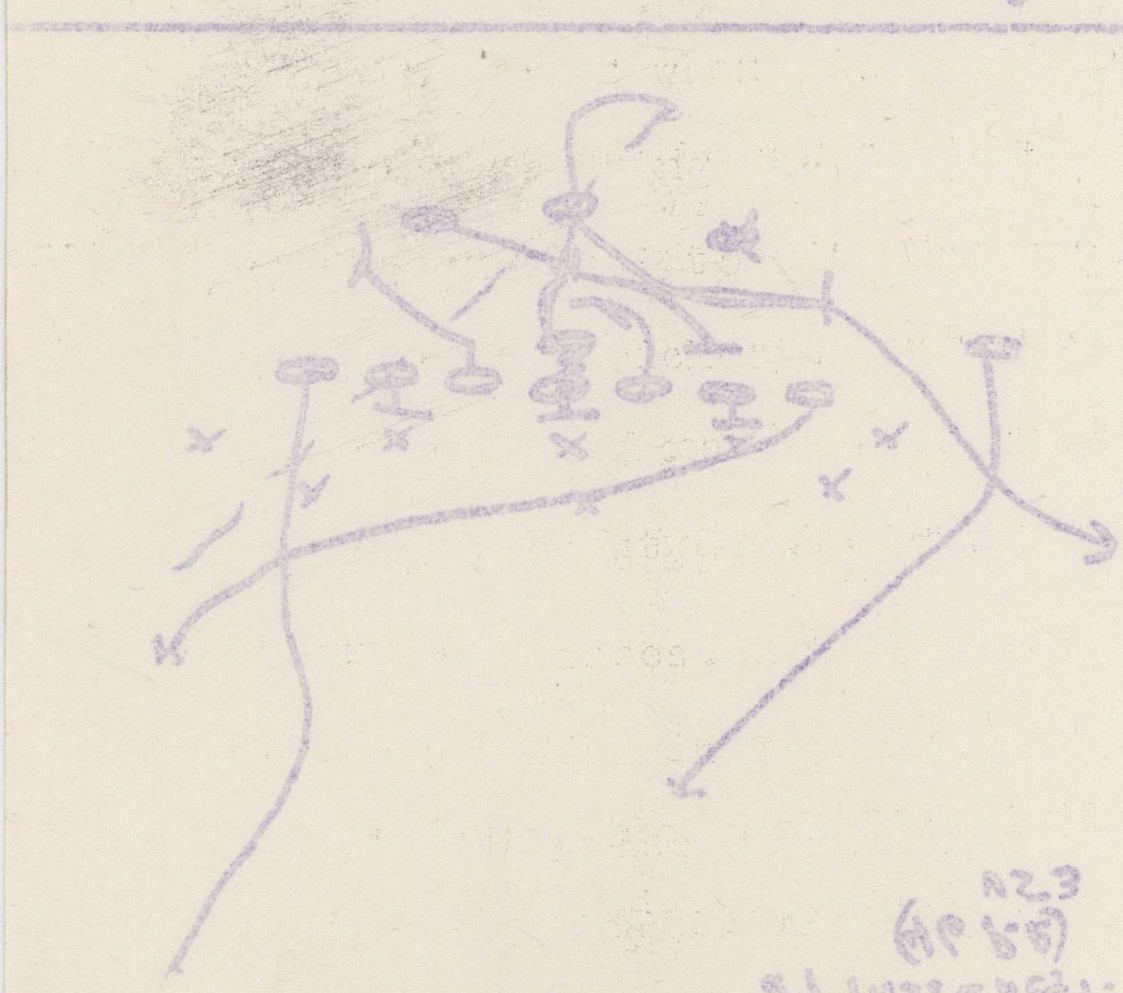
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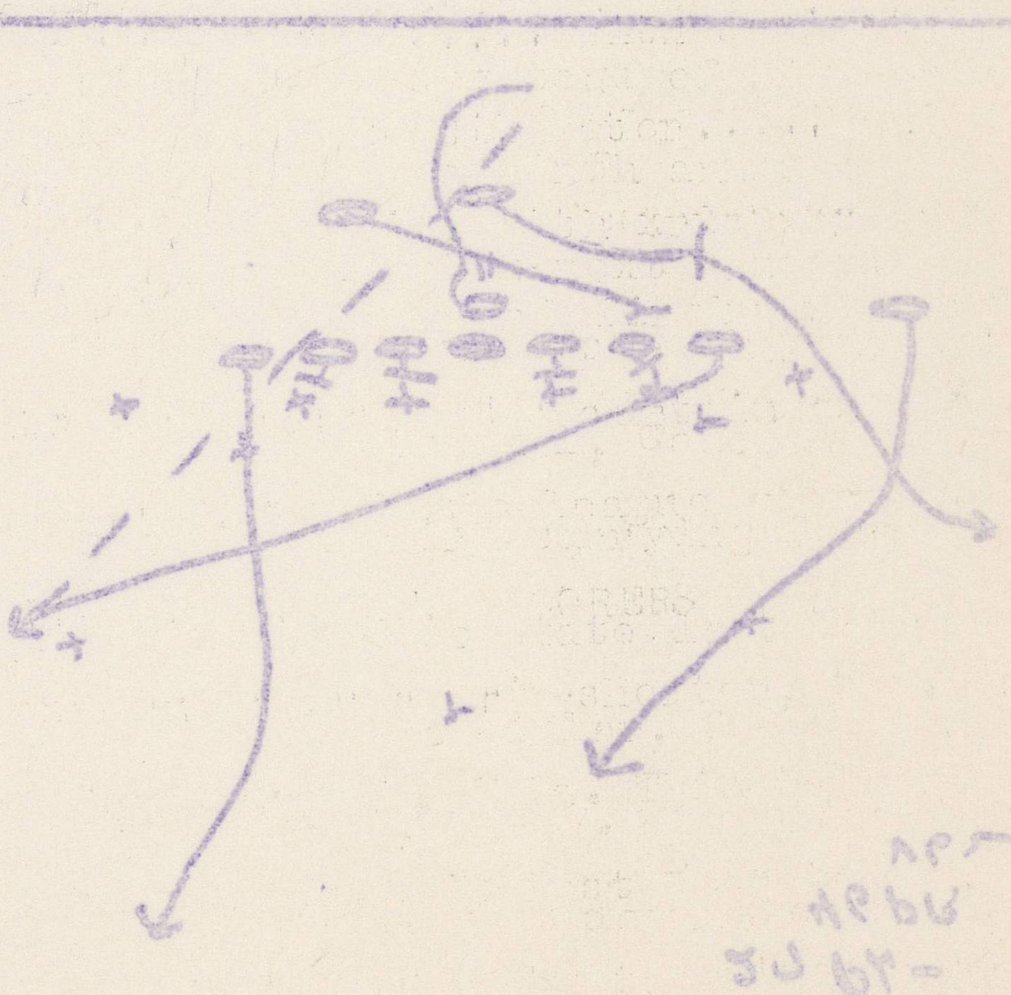


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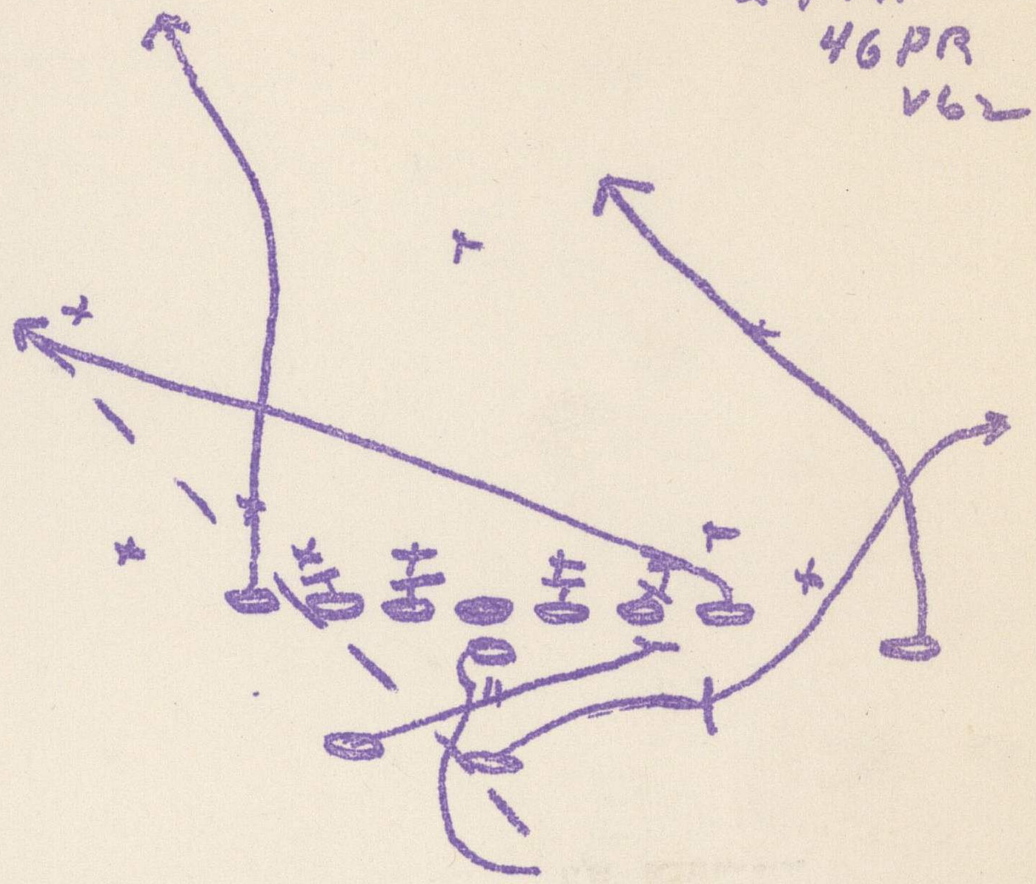




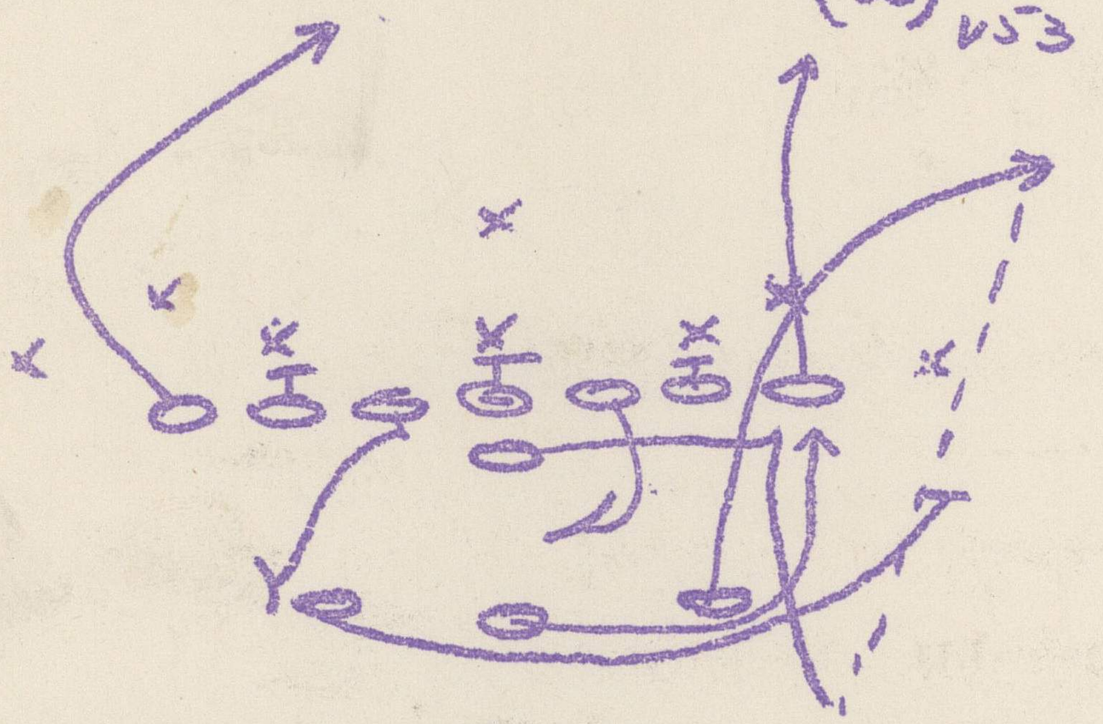




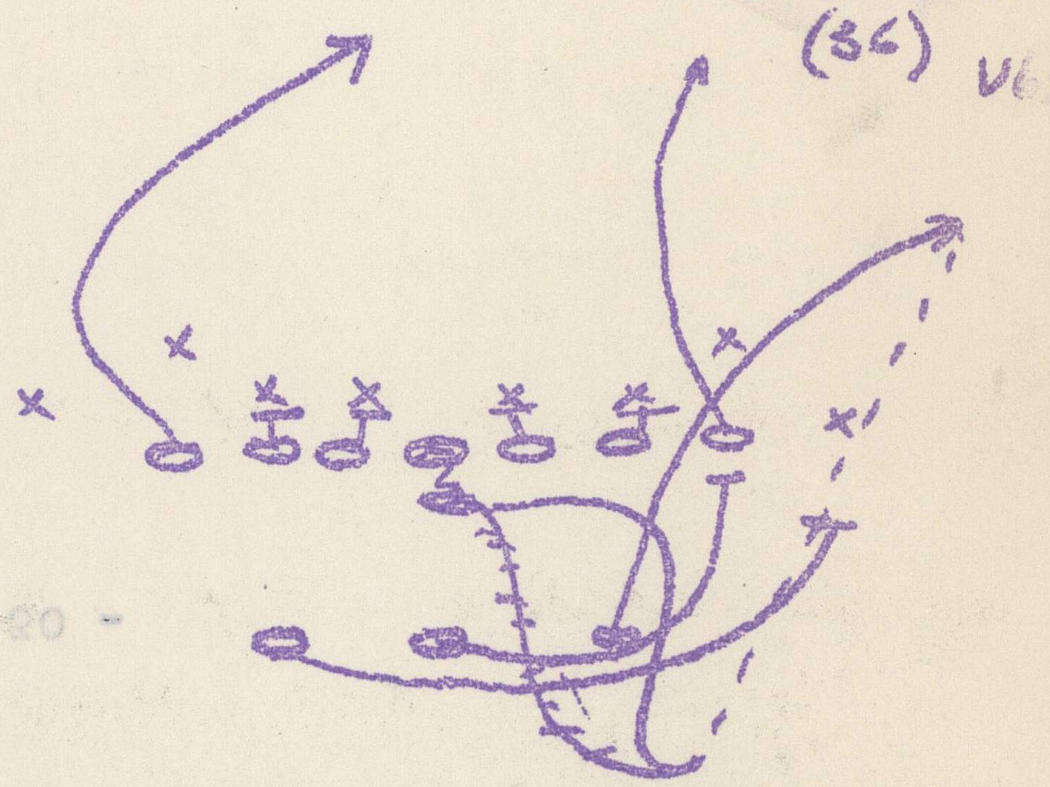
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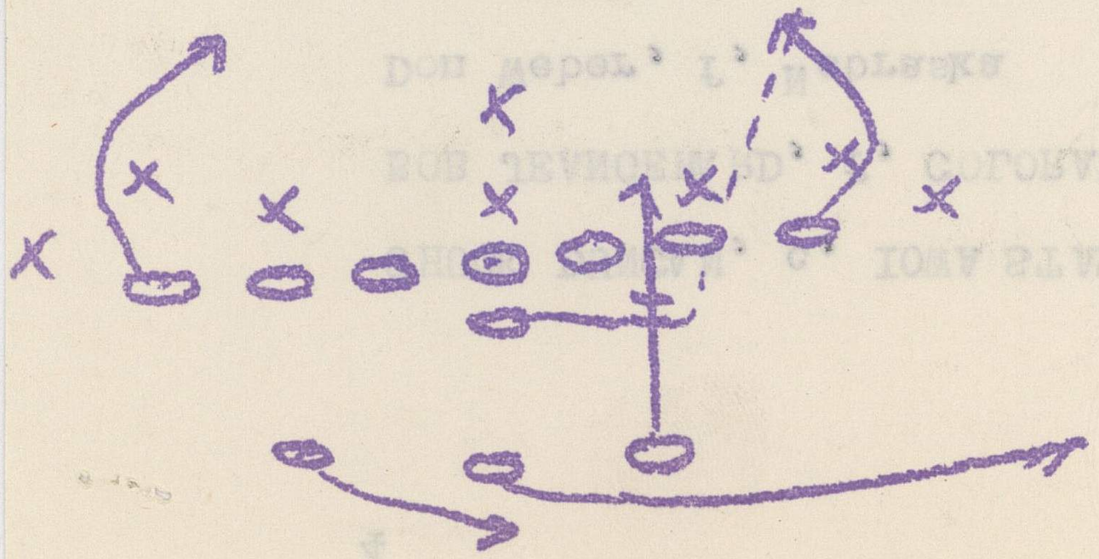
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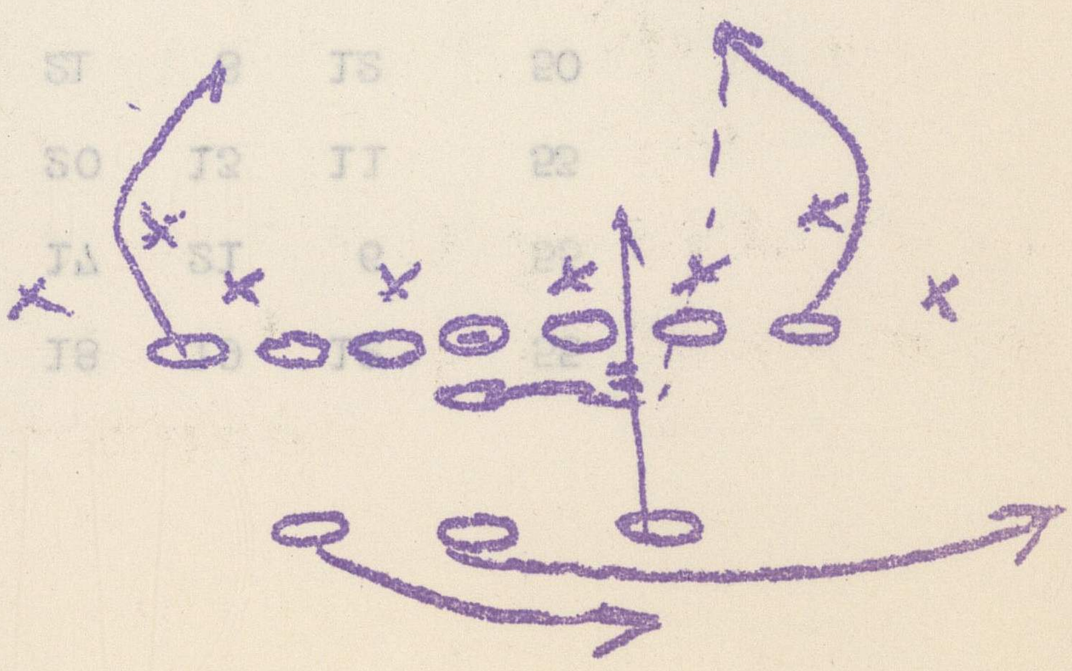
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Tiger Scoreboard

Record to date - 44 Illinois 77; 64 Indiana 61; 97 Iowa 94; ~~Wisconsin~~ 67 Wisconsin 56; 77 Arkansas 58 ... ~~Won~~ Won 4 Lost 1 Pct.- .800

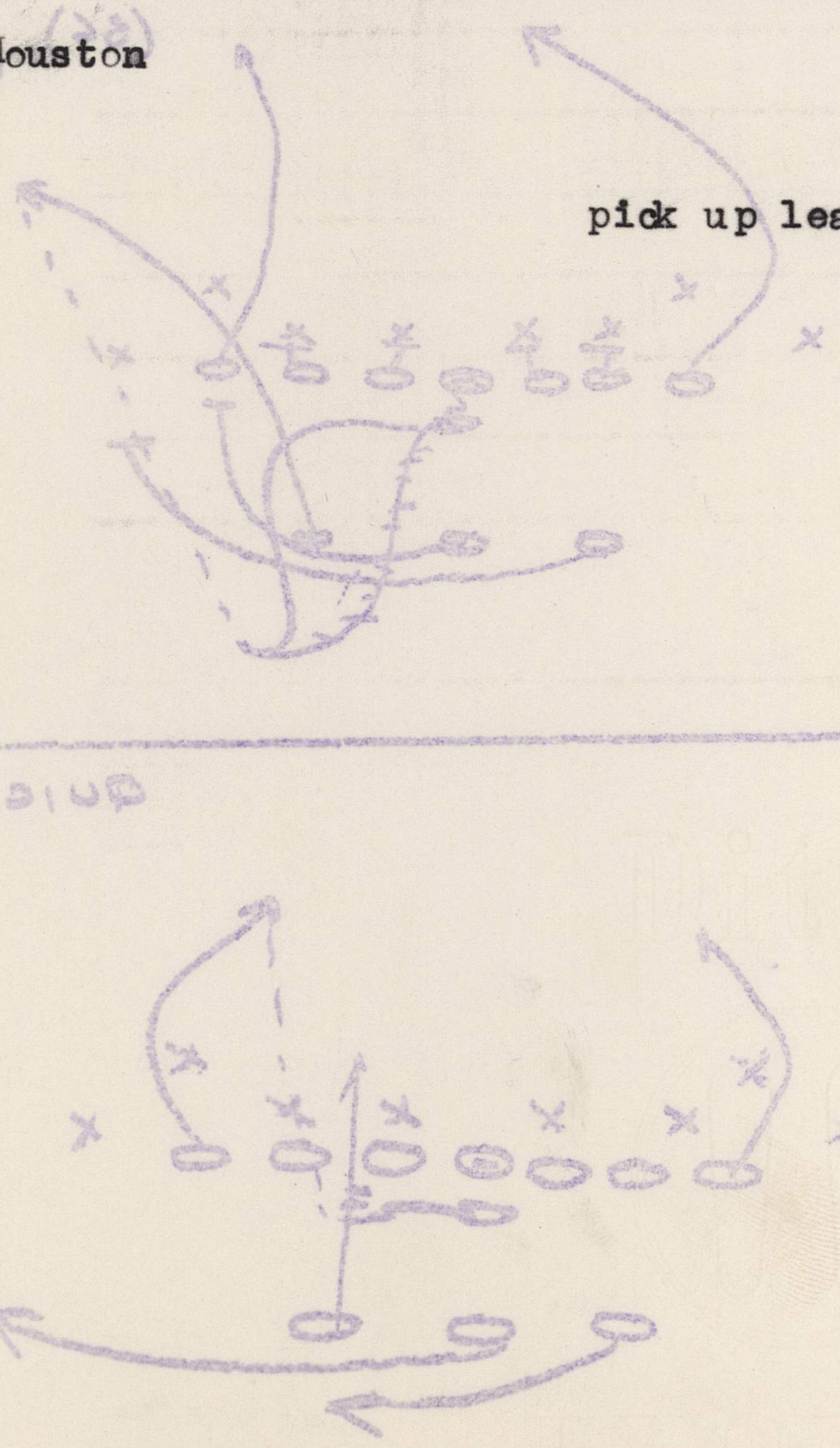
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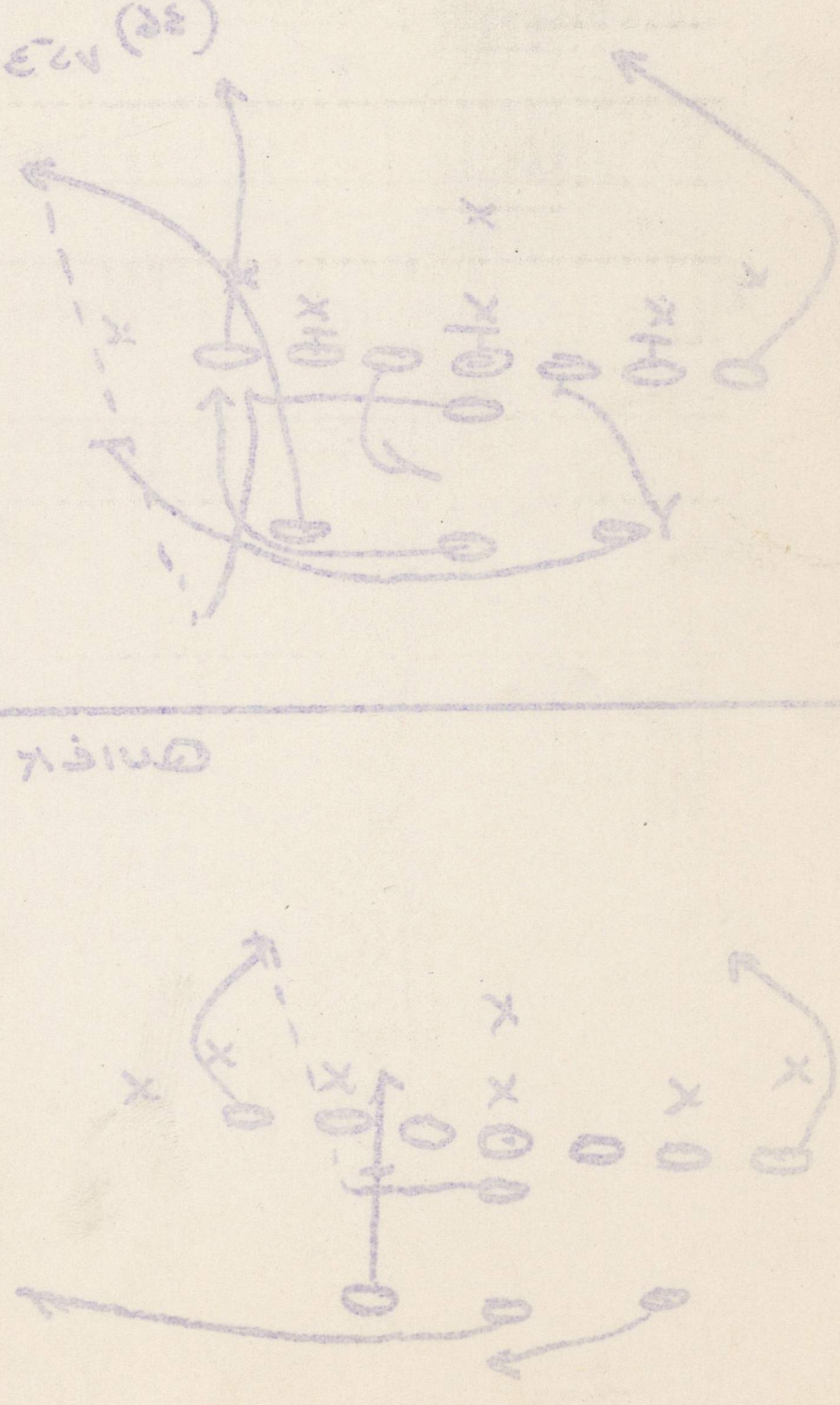
1954 Big Seven finish - 3rd , 6-6 ; all games: 11-10

Previous tournament finishes - 1946- 7th; 1947 - 6th; 1948 - 6th; 1949 - 1st; 1950 -7th; 1951 - 2nd; 1952 - 3rd ; 1953 -3rd(14W-10L- .583)

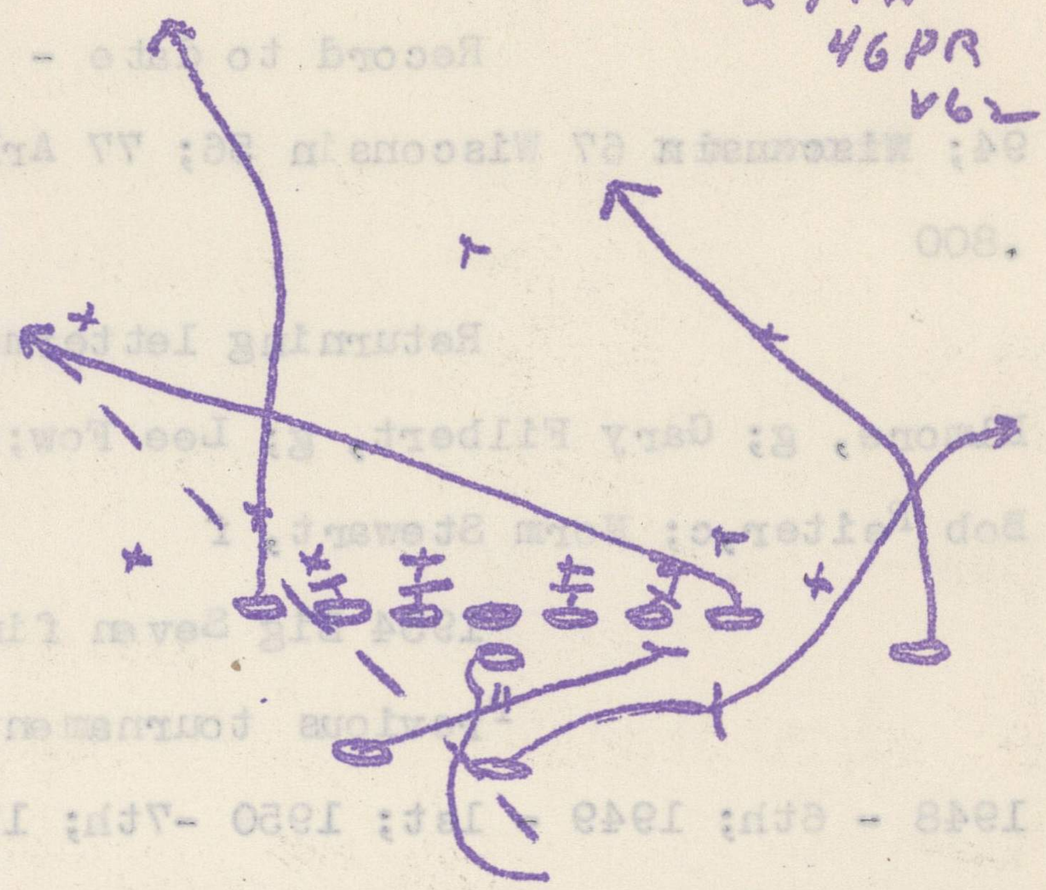
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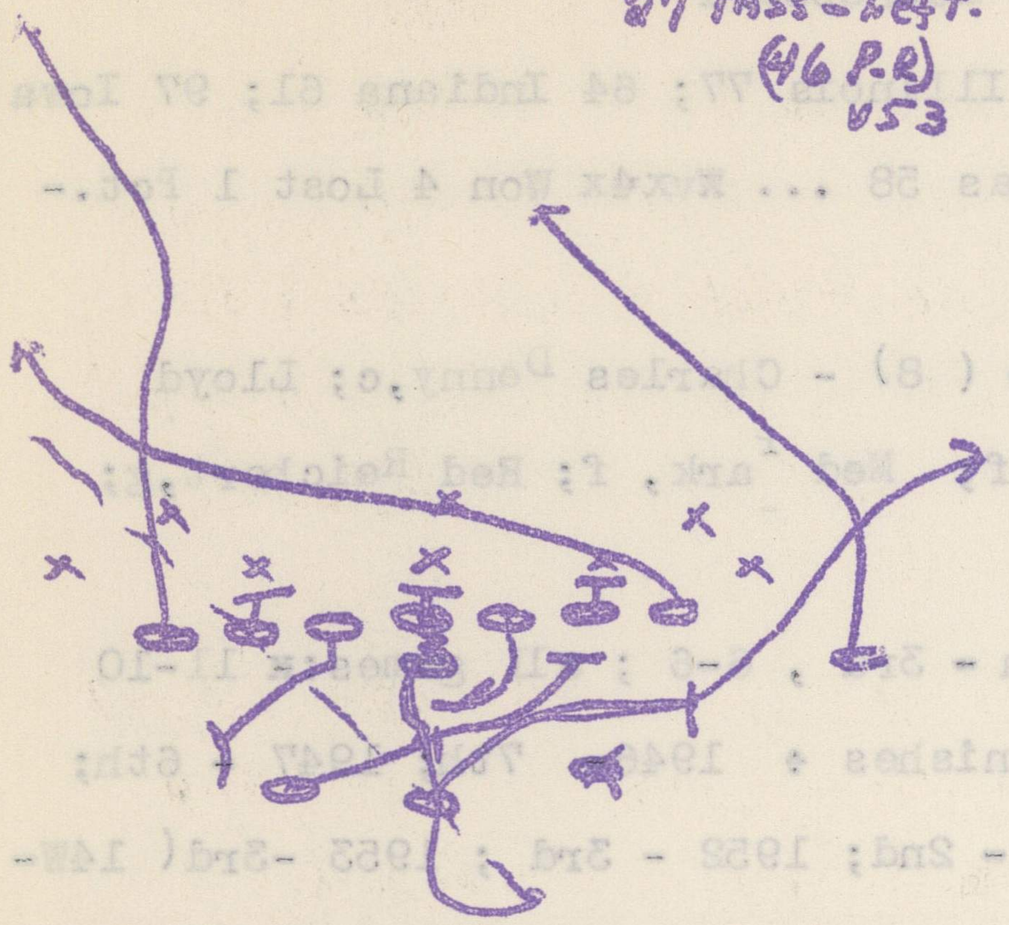




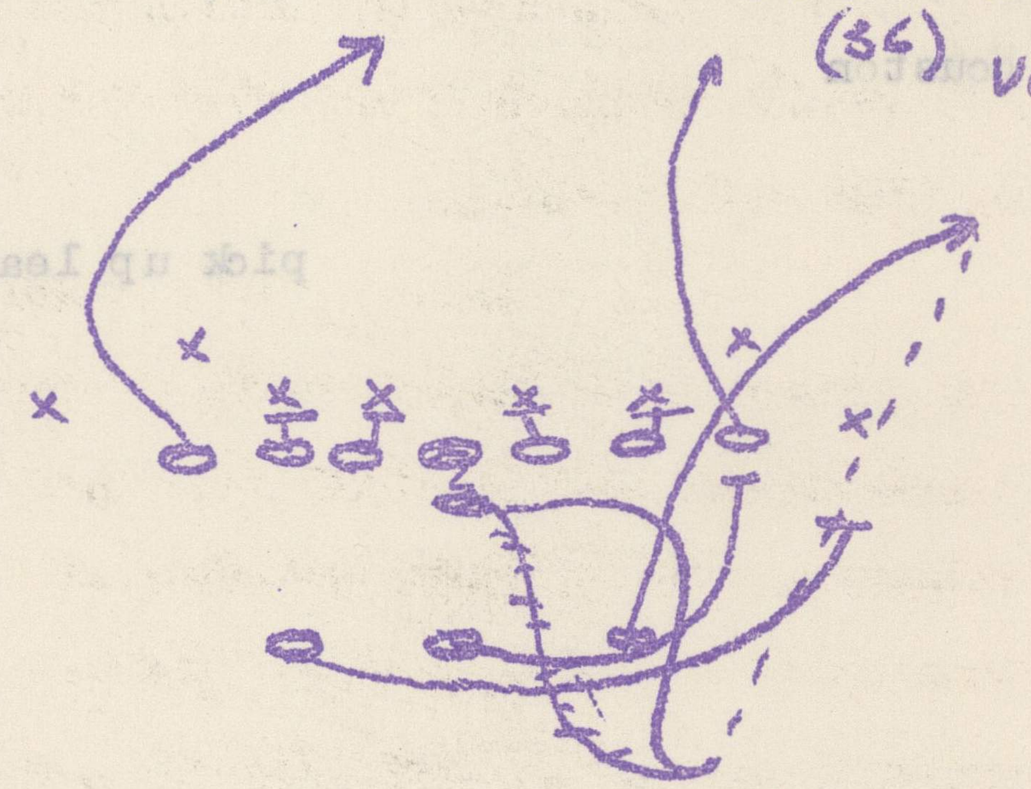
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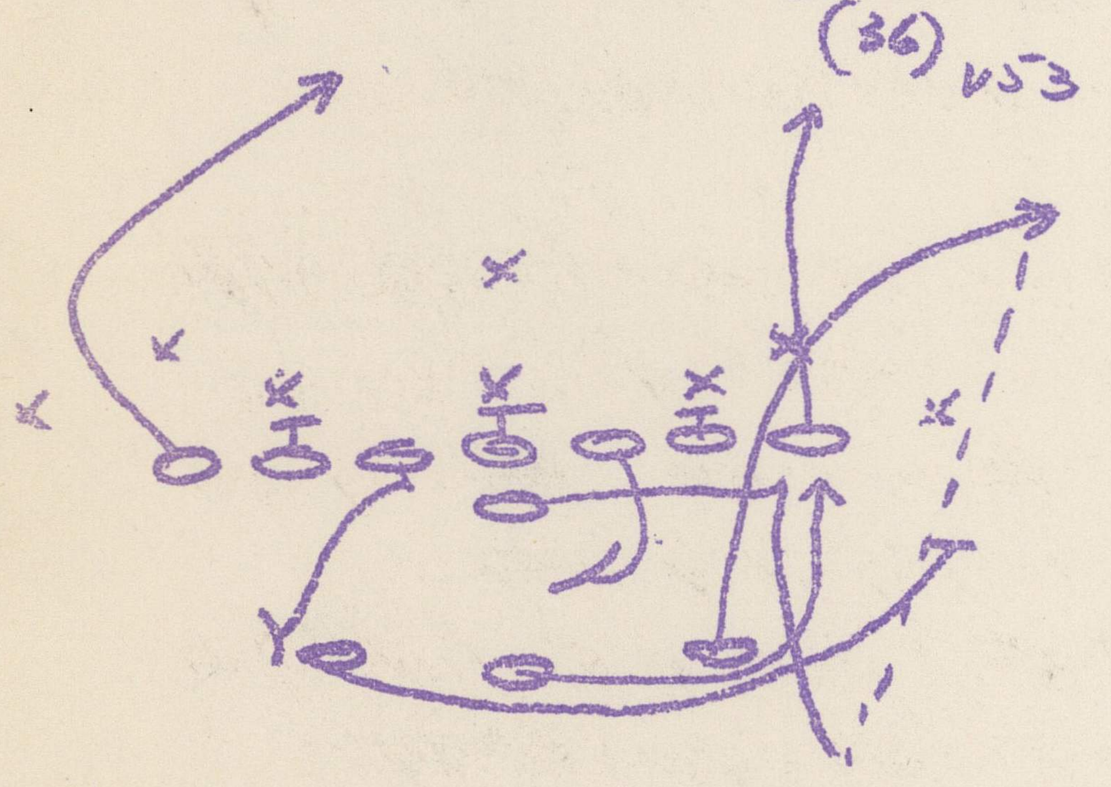
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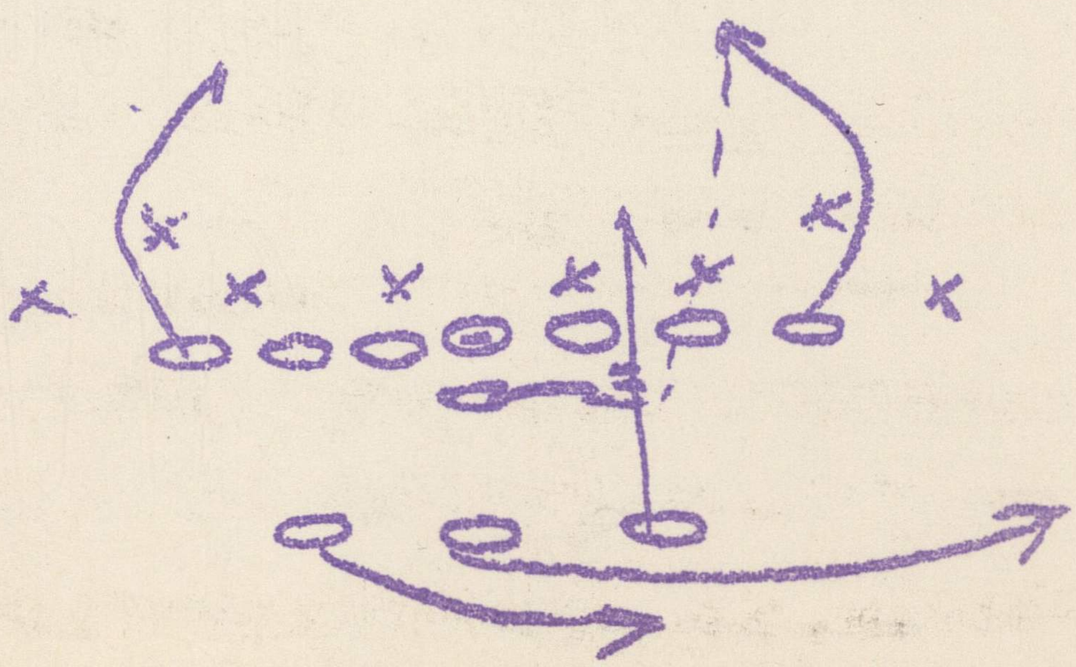
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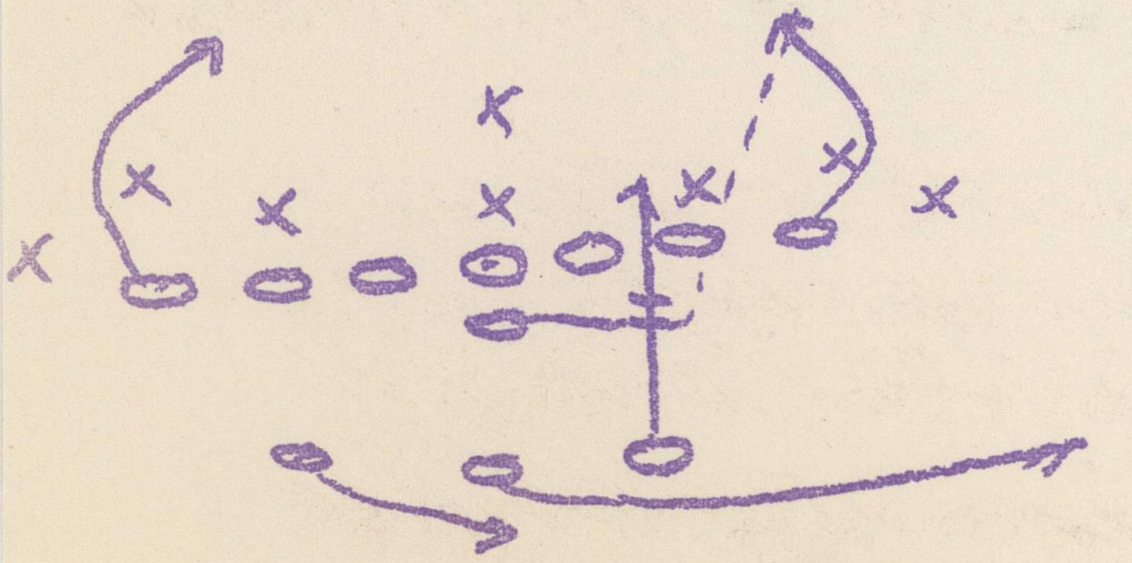
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big seven tournament preview
for kc star
1 of team series
missouri

Barring a west coast sweep by Colorado.... the Buffaloes tackle UCLA Tuesday in the windup of a three-game tour.... and a upset defeat xxx of Missouri by Houston Thursday in Houston, the Tigers will come into the ninth annual Big Seven tournament a perceptible favorite. The four-day extravaganza xpasx opens December 27 in Muncipal auditorium.

There is no doubt now that the present Bengal edition is xx Sparky Stalcup's best in his 9-year tenure at Tigertown. One is obliged to look back 15 years , in fact, to find a Missouri squad that compares with it. xxxx George Edwards had the likes of Blaine Currence, Haskell Tison, Clay Cooper, Marty Nash, John Lobsiger, and Herbie Gregg in those days and won two co-championships with them in 1939 and 1940.

MU's known qualities wwre impressive even before the season started. Its early record is equally imposing. The Tigers won their fourth game in five starts, all from well-regarded opposition, last Wednesday with a 77-58 thumping of Arkansas at Columbia. Previously they chaired together three consecutive Big Ten scalps , most imposing of which is Iowa. The Hawkeyes fell, 97-94, at Columbia , as the Bengals established a new single-game scoring high. Indiana was nipped, 64-61, on the front side of the Iowa victory; Wisconsin, 67-56, on the back side.

Even before the Arkansas win , Missouri had leaped into sixth place in the Coaches' United Press poll and ninth in the Writers8 AP balloting.

Stalcup'spresent club is built on seasoned experience of proven ability and youthful talent of blooming strength. Bob Reiter, the 6-9 center with the sweeping ambidextrous hook, and Med Park, the 201-pound backboard hercules, are playing their fourthx seasons. And they were good enough to letter as freshmen.

1953 SPORTSWRITERS-SPORTSCASTERS POLL

Predicted 1953 Big Seven football finish:

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2. 6.
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Your quotable opinions concerning teams or /and players in coming season:

1952 Poll Results

Forecast Finish		Actual Finish	W	L	T	Pct.
Oklahoma	83½	Oklahoma	5	0	1	.916
Kansas	135½	Missouri	5	1	0	.833
Colorado	200½	Nebraska	3	2	1	.583
Nebraska	295	Kansas	3	3	0	.500
Missouri	337½	Colorado	2	2	2	.500
Iowa State	385	Iowa State	1	5	0	.167
Kansas State	408	Kansas State	0	6	0	.000

Norm Stewart, who likely will go down as one of the finest Black and Golds of all-time, mans the forward opposite Park. As a sophomore regular last year he ranked with KU's Dallas Dobbs as the class of the Big Seven's rookie crop, averaging slightly over 12-points per game. He is a fine defender and playmaker too.

Redford Reichert, who made a place for himself midway thru last season as a sophomore, and Lionel Smith, 6-2 sophomore from Madsion, handle the backline. The latter is ~~xxxxxxx~~ cut from the natural mold like Stewart, high in ~~xxxxx~~ playing instinct and ability.

These five starters averaged 66 points between them thru ~~xhem~~ the first five games, ~~xxxxxx~~ a lofty enough total to win a lot of games with no bench help considering the usually tenacious Tiger defense. Reiter, who trailed ohly Colorado's Burdette Haldorson in the conference individual scoring derby last year with a 21.0 average , leads this parade with a five-game mean of 16.0. Stewart is rolling at 15.2 ; Park 13.2; Reichert 11.6, and Smith 10.0.

Reiter at 411; Stewart 256; Park, 199, and Gary Filbert, the radar-eyed long-range shooter, were the top four pointsmiths last year when the Tigers finished third by clawing Kansas into ~~xhx~~ a co-champhip out out of the NCAA tournament with that memorable 73-67 victory at Columbia.

It should be noted too that the Tigers are moving well even without Guard Lloyd Elmore, who care along so rapidly in late season that he was regarded by many as the most improved player around the league. He ~~xxx~~ will miss the tournament because of a knee injury.

Charles Penny, reserve center, and Lee Fowler, second-line forward, are the other returning letter winners. Only serious losses off last season's squad, were Bob Schoonmaker, the hustling three-spirt sport battler, and Bill Holst, substitute center, who often spread consternation in releif.

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Hence, it is no surprise that Missouri has txax moved stoutly thru the early going.

Stalcup has not enjoyed as much chance as he would like to temper his xxxxxxx reserves under pressure. Only eight men played in the wins over Indiana and Iowa. The Wisconsin and Arkansas decisions were under control all the way and the 44-79 loss to Illinois so wide that tension was removed.

Mostv importantvitxxxxxvxg The second-line problem is unsteady only at the pivot, however. If Reiter is victimized early, or lost altogether on fouls, the Tigers will drop off sharply at that spot. The 6-5½ Denny Rxxxxx averged only 2.6 last year and xxxxxtx is not close to Reiter in finesse, rebounding or defense. Behind him are two sophs, Arnold Kaestner, 6-6½, and Tom Graham, 6-6.

Filbert and Fowler can hold the fort capably behind Stewart and Park. With Elmore sidelined, Stalcup must turn to four other rookies, Truman Blackman, Gary Rust, Eddie Ronsick, and Bill Ross, for backline depth.

But Stalcup has the type of team he likesxvxxxvxx ..... serving scoring power from the pivot, xxxxx staunch off the boards, and agile and experienced enough to play the defense well.

MU won its only tournament crwon in 1949 when Guard George Lafferty led a pulsating rally in the final minutes to edge Oklahoma, 44-42. The Tigers also reached the finals in 1951, bowing to Kansas, 65-75.

Missouri record to date

44	Illinois	77
64	Indiana	61
97	Iowa	94*
67	Wisconsin	56*
77	Arkansas	58*

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INDIVISUAL BIG SEVEN TOURNAMENT SCORING CHAMPIONS

1946	Gerald Tucker, c ,	Oklahoma	64
1947	Bill Waters, c,	Oklahoma	40
1948	Gene Petersen, c,	Kansas	51
1949	Clyde Lovellette, c,	Kansas	64
1950	Clyde Lovellette, c,	Kansas	82
1951	Clyde Lovellette, c,	Kansas	76
1952	Dick Knsotman, c,	Kansas State	71
1953	Lester Lane, g,	Oklahoma	64

DEPARTMENT OF
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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

Dear Sir:

This is your letter for the eighth annual Big Seven football poll. There has been considerable interest among writers, sportscasters, coaches and fans during the first seven years of this project. We hope that you will help to maintain this by filling out the enclosed blank at your earliest convenience and returning it to me.

If you have not participated in the poll previously, this is an invitation for you to take part.

Here are the previous poll results:

YEAR	PICKED TO WIN	TP	CHAMPION
1946	Missouri	40	Kansas-Oklahoma
1947	Kansas	91	Kansas-Oklahoma
1948	Missouri	48	Oklahoma
1949	Oklahoma	51½	Oklahoma
1950	Oklahoma	54½	Oklahoma
1951	Oklahoma	91½	Oklahoma
1952	Oklahoma	83½	Oklahoma

Sincerely,

Don Pierce
Sports Publicity Director

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Mr. Don Pierce
Sports Publicity Director
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Don:

Enclosed please find the box scores of California's first two basketball games of the 1954-55 season. Hereafter they will come to you immediately following our weekend games.

Although he did not score tremendously in our first two games, McKeen is definitely our top boy. Coach Pete Newell is really high on his all-around play, and says he did not see any centers in the Big Ten who can do as many things as McKeen can.

There's a slim possibility that I'll accompany our team to Kansas City. I certainly would like to, as that's one place I have yet to visit. It would be fun to see you again. Also Bob Busby.

Best regards,

Bob

Bob Rubin, Director
ASUC Athletic News Bureau

Dec 3, 1954

CALIFORNIA	Fg	Ft	F	Pt	OREGON STATE	Fg	Ft	F	Pt
Blake,f	5	0	2	10	Halligan,f	4	0	3	8
Friend,f	4	8	4	16	Dean,f	1	6	4	8
B.McKn,c	5	4	3	14	Vlstelica,c	5	2	3	12
Diaz,g	2	4	2	8	Robins,g	3	0	2	6
Hess,g	1	2	2	4	Paulus,g	1	1	1	3
Asplund,f	0	0	0	0	Jarboe,f,g	4	0	3	8
E.McKn,f	0	0	0	0	Carroll,f	0	0	1	0
Arillga,g	0	0	0	0	Whtemn,c	1	3	1	5
Totals	17	18	13	52	Totals	19	12	18	50

Halftime: California 28, Oregon State 22. Missed free throws: California—Blake, Friend 3, B. McKeen 4, Diaz 2, Hess 2, Aspluid. Oregon State—Halligan 3, Paulus, Whiteman 2, Jarboe 3.

DEC 4, 1954

OREGON	Fg	Ft	F	Pt	CALIFORNIA	Fg	Ft	F	Pt
M.Andsn,f	5	6	3	16	Friend,f	6	1	4	13
Bell,f	0	3	5	3	Blake,f	6	6	1	18
Loscoff,c	6	2	5	14	B.McKn,c	4	1	4	9
Page,g	1	2	3	4	Diaz,g	2	0	3	4
Ross,g	1	2	3	4	Hess,g	2	3	3	7
Moore,f	1	0	0	2	Asplund,f	0	1	1	1
McMnus,f	0	0	0	0	Arrillgo,g	0	0	1	0
Binghm,f	1	4	0	6	Mayne,g	1	0	1	2
McHgh,g	1	0	2	2	E.McKn,f	2	0	3	4
Shermn,g	0	0	0	0	Winetrb,g	0	0	1	0
B.Andsn,g	0	0	1	0	White,f	0	0	0	0
Lundell,g	0	1	0	1	Brown,g	0	0	4	0
McClain,g	0	0	0	0	Mastrov,g	1	4	0	6
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	Park	2 [illegible]5	9	7	19	9.5
(15)	Reiter	2 6	11	8	23	10.5
	Smith	2 6	3	2	15	7.5
(8)	Reichert	2 4	3	10	15	7.5
(9)	Thompson	1 7	0	2	14	14.0
(10)	Watters	1 6	2	2	14	14.0
(14)	Sandbulte	1 5	2	0	12	12.0
	Zahn	1 2	4	3	8	8.0
(4)	Ruzicka	1 4	4	3	14	16.0
	Craft	2 4	7	7	19	9.5
	Knight	2 7	4	4	18	9.0
(11)	Vacek	2 8	9	3	25	12.5
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(5) (12)	Hunt	1 2	8	3	12	12.0
(6)	Friend	2			29	14.5
(7)	Neahr	2			28	14.0
(16)	McIlvain	2			23	11.5

COLORADO vs. KANSAS
Memorial Stadium, Lawrence
October 2, 1954

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Colorado

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LT - Golder, Kucera
LG - Stapp, Joslin, Giek
C - Freund, Lindwall, Holm
RG - Uhlir, Jones, Branby, Thompson
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(2) Holden 2 14 17 5 45 22.5

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Nov. 22 '54

Dear Buzz,

Here's my proposal on pre-tournament series:

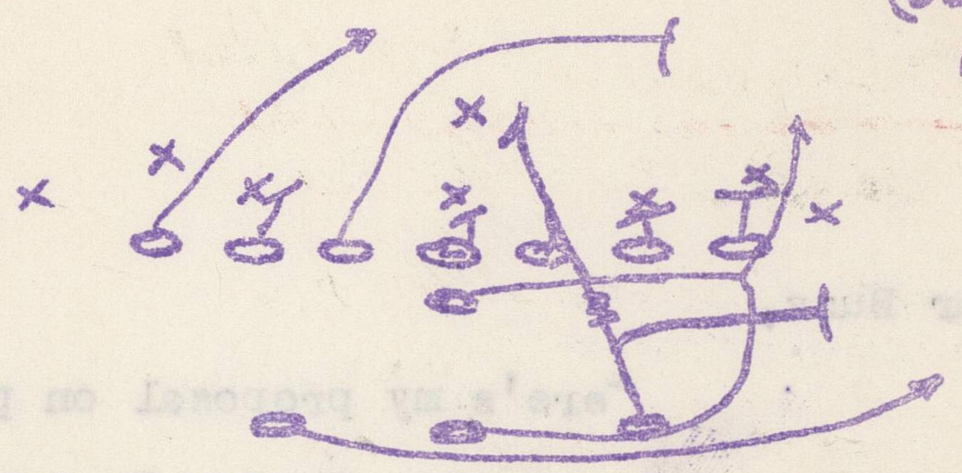
Series I- The Scoreboard, showing standings of tournament teams in games to date, pts. scored, top individual scorers, scores of games, and one and a half or two page lead. To run Dec. 6 or 7, Dec. 13 or 14; Dec. 20 or 21, and Dec. 26 or 27.

Series 2 - Team analysis. What the fans can expect to see on each club, the squad roster, games to date, full schedule, tournament foe in first round, strengths and weaknesses. Three-page lead plus roster and scores. This wil include Cal.

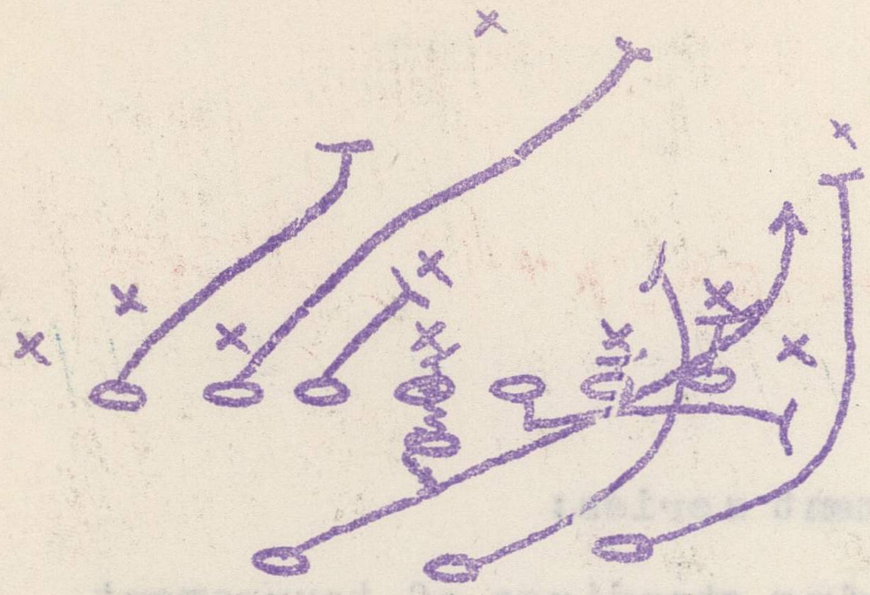
Let me know what you think.

Best regards,

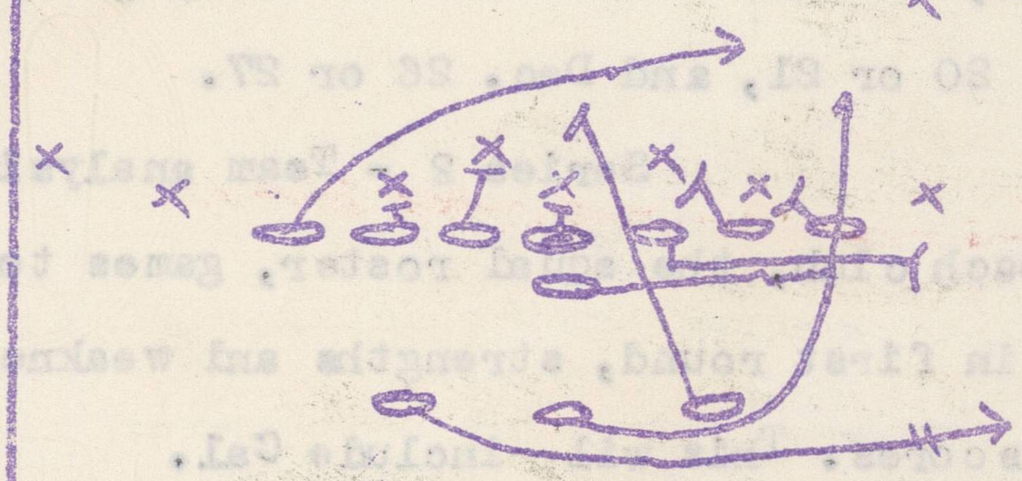
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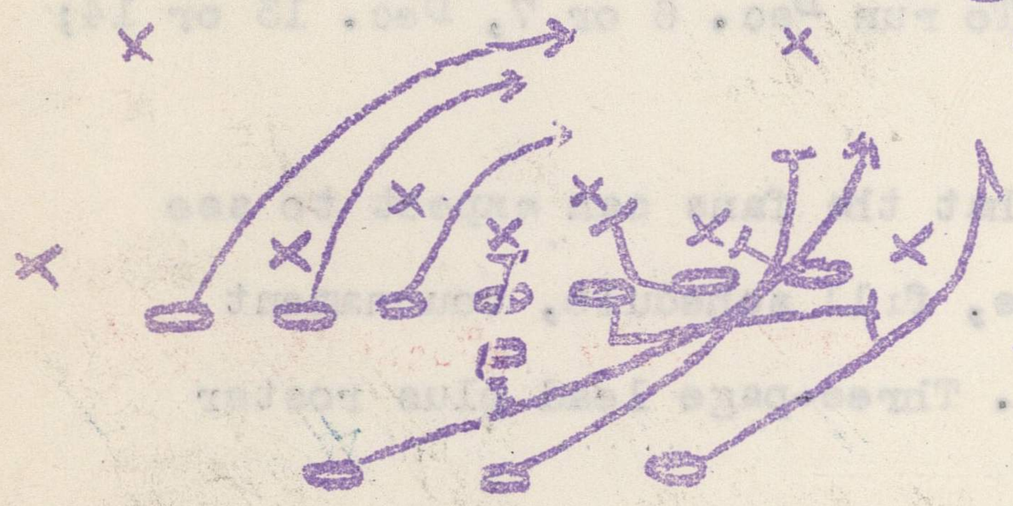
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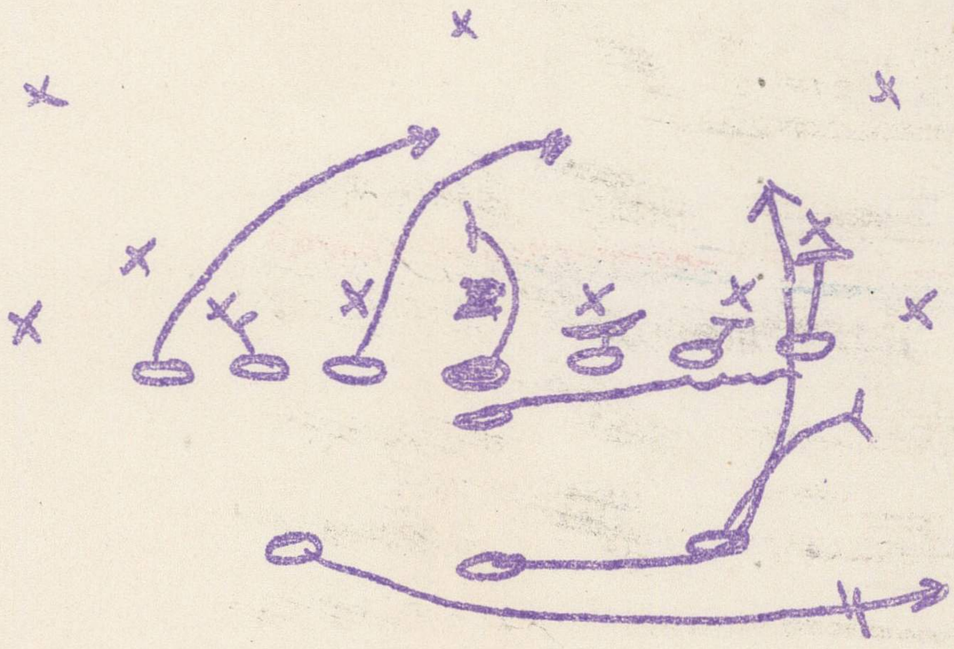
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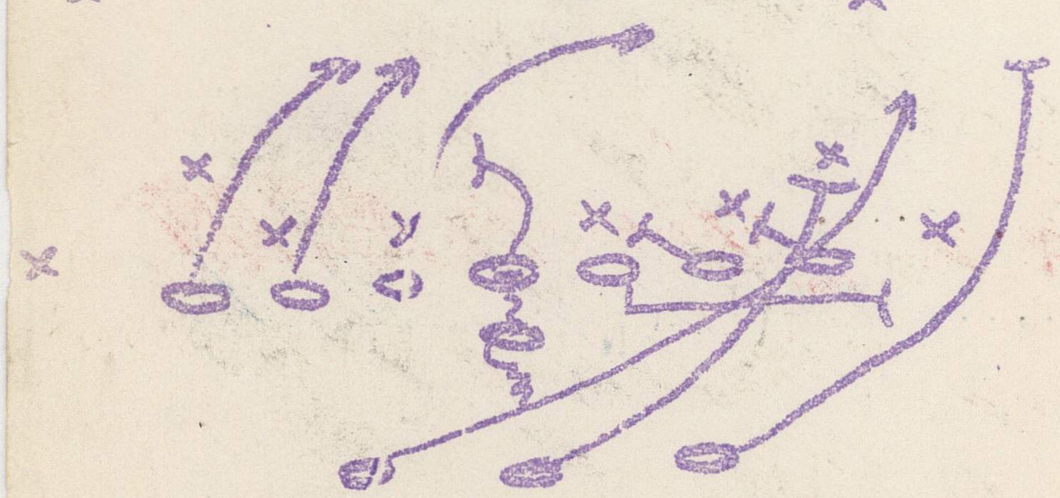
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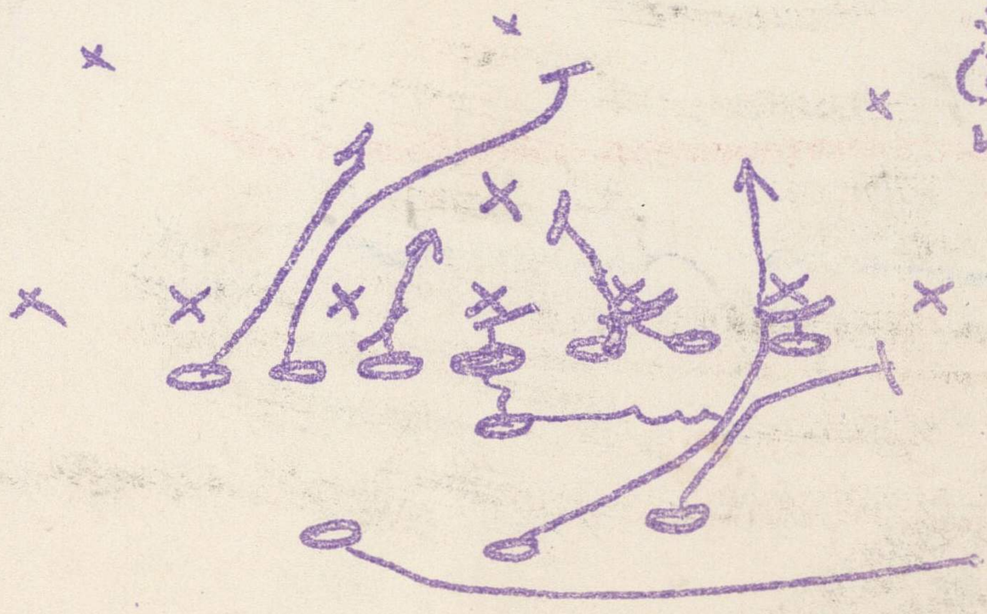
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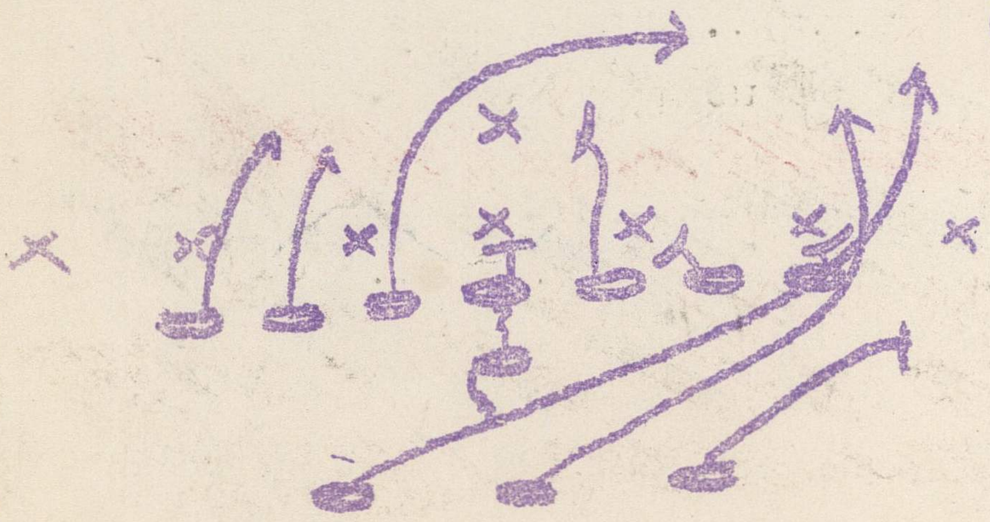
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Colorado

4 BYU at Boulder
6 BYU at Boulder
11 Col Mines at Boulder
17 Colo St at Reno
18 Colo at Reno
21 UCLA at L.A.

Colo St

3 O. St at Corvallis
4 Oregon at Corvallis
10 U of P Reno
11 St. Mary's Reno
17 CU at Reno
18 CU at Reno
21 Colo State at Reno

DU

6 Cal State at Aztec
11 Nevada at Reno
17 DU at Aztec
21 Reno at Aztec

ICU

6 LSU at Lamar
14 Tulsa at Lamar
17 Rice at Lamar.
18 Rice at Lamar

NU

4 Iowa at IC.
11 S.D at Linc.
18 Bradley at Peoria
20 Okla. at Iowa.
22 Memphis St at Memphis

UCLA

4 UCLA at L.A.
6 Oregon at Tucson
11 Wyoming at Reno
18 Reno at Reno.
21 Fresh. at Reno.

MU

4 Ill at Oxford.
6 Fresh. at Miami
11 Miami at Cin.
13 Miami at Cin
15 Cinn at Cin.

23 OU Houston at Houston

OU

4 Rangers at Waco
11 Wake at Waco
14 Rangers at Waco
18 O-St at Waco

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CALIFORNIA	Fg	Ft	F	Pt	ST. MARY'S	Fg	Ft	F	Pt
Blake,f	4	2	4	10	Sanchez,f	5	6	2	16
Friend,f	7	4	1	18	Getris,f	2	7	3	11
B.McKn,c	2	8	4	12	Summrs,c	0	2	5	2
Diaz,g	0	1	4	1	Wdswrth,g	0	2	1	2
Hess,g	2	2	2	6	La Porte,g	0	2	1	2
Arillaga,g	3	0	2	6	Phillips,g	1	8	3	10
Winetrb,g	2	0	4	4	McNrny,f	0	0	0	0
E.McKn,f	2	0	3	4	Micheo,f	1	0	2	2
Hastrov,f	0	0	1	0	Ezerski,c	1	0	0	2
Main,g	0	2	0	2	Crew,f	2	0	1	4
Hagler,c	0	0	3	0					
Brown,f	0	1	0	1					
Raugust,f	0	0	1	0					
Total	22	20	29	64	Totals	12	27	18	51

Half time—California 38, St. Mary's 20. Free throws missed—California 9, St. Mary's 22. Officials—Lou Batmale and Wilbur Hubbard.

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nia's freshmen whipped Pacific's yearlings, 61-23.

CAL	Fg	Ft	F	Pts	C.O.P.	Fg	Ft	F	Pts
Blake,f	4	3	2	11	Romnff,f	6	0	4	12
Friend,f	6	6	4	10	Thomas,f	7	6	2	20
B. MKn,c	11	6	1	28	Mangin,c	3	0	3	6
Hess,g	0	2	4	2	Brwnfld,g	7	3	1	17
Diaz,g	6	0	2	12	Conner,g	7	9	4	23
Arillaga,g	0	0	1	0	Zumbro,f	1	0	0	2
Winetrb,g	1	2	2	4	Ciatti,g	1	0	0	2
E.McK'n,f	0	0	0	0					
Mayne,g	1	0	0	2	Totals	33	18	14	82
Totals	29	19	16	77					

C.O.P.	35	61	69	82
CALIFORNIA	32	61	69	77

Officials: Bill Scollin and Al Mercer.

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8 9) 68/25

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(2) Anderson 2 - 14 - 17 - 5 - 45 22.5
1 - 6 - 0 - 4 - 12

3 - 20 - 17 - 9 - 57 | 3 19.0
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(3) Parker 1 8 2 2 18 18.0

(5) Duncan 1 6 4 3 16 ~~16.0~~
1 4 3 1 15 15.5

2 12 7 4 31 | 2

(12) Jernigan 2 11 10 2 32 ~~16~~
1 2 0 1 4

3 13 10 3 36 | 2 12.0

Friend 4 8 5 2 2 10 9 8 27 | 2 14.5

(4) Elwood 1 3 8 4 14
1 5 6 3 16

2 8 14 7 30 | 2 15.0

(7) Ritchie	2	11	6	3	28/14 | 2	14.0
(8) Thompson	1	7	0	2	14	
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Nielsen	2		8	9	3 25	~~15~~
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	3		9	12	5 30	
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Enright 19 / 11 / 30 | 10.—

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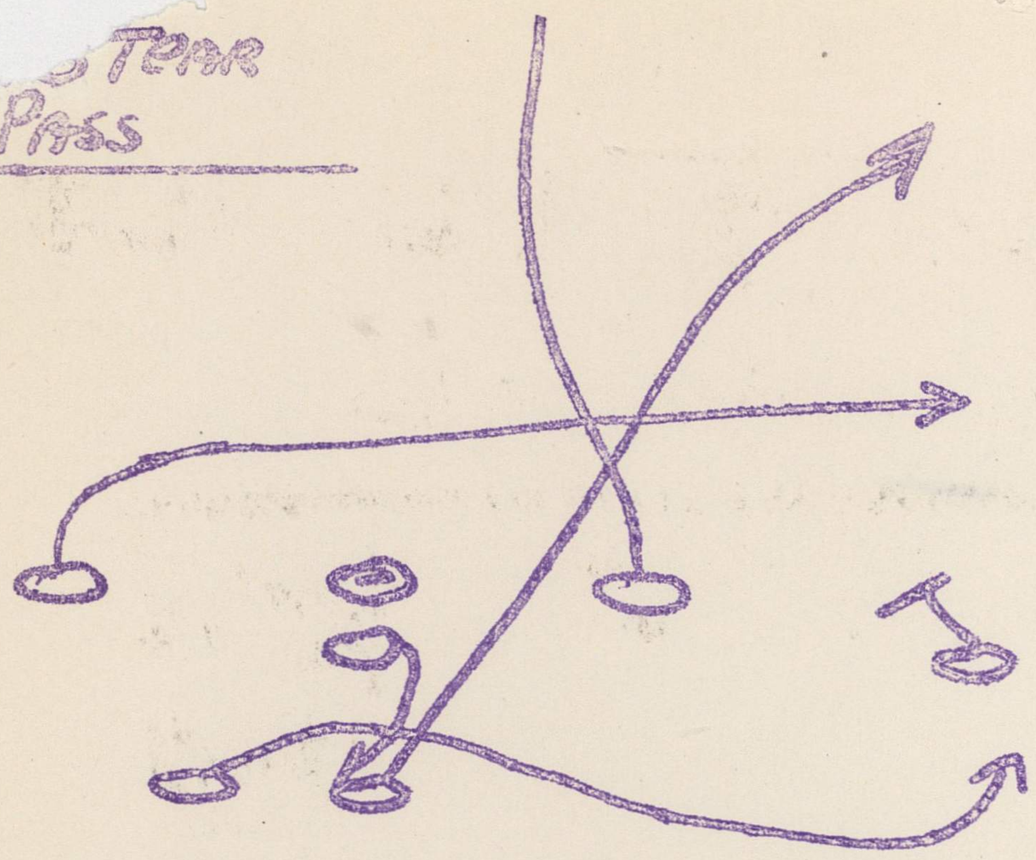
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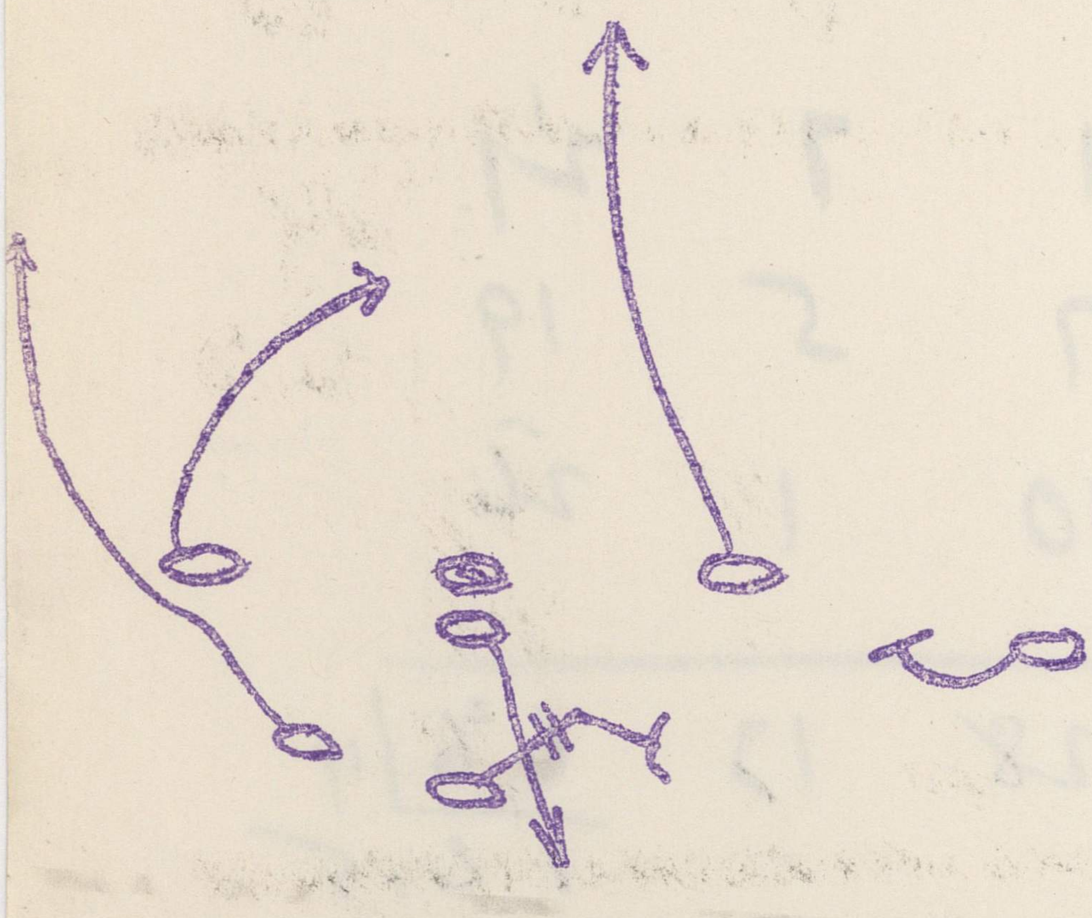
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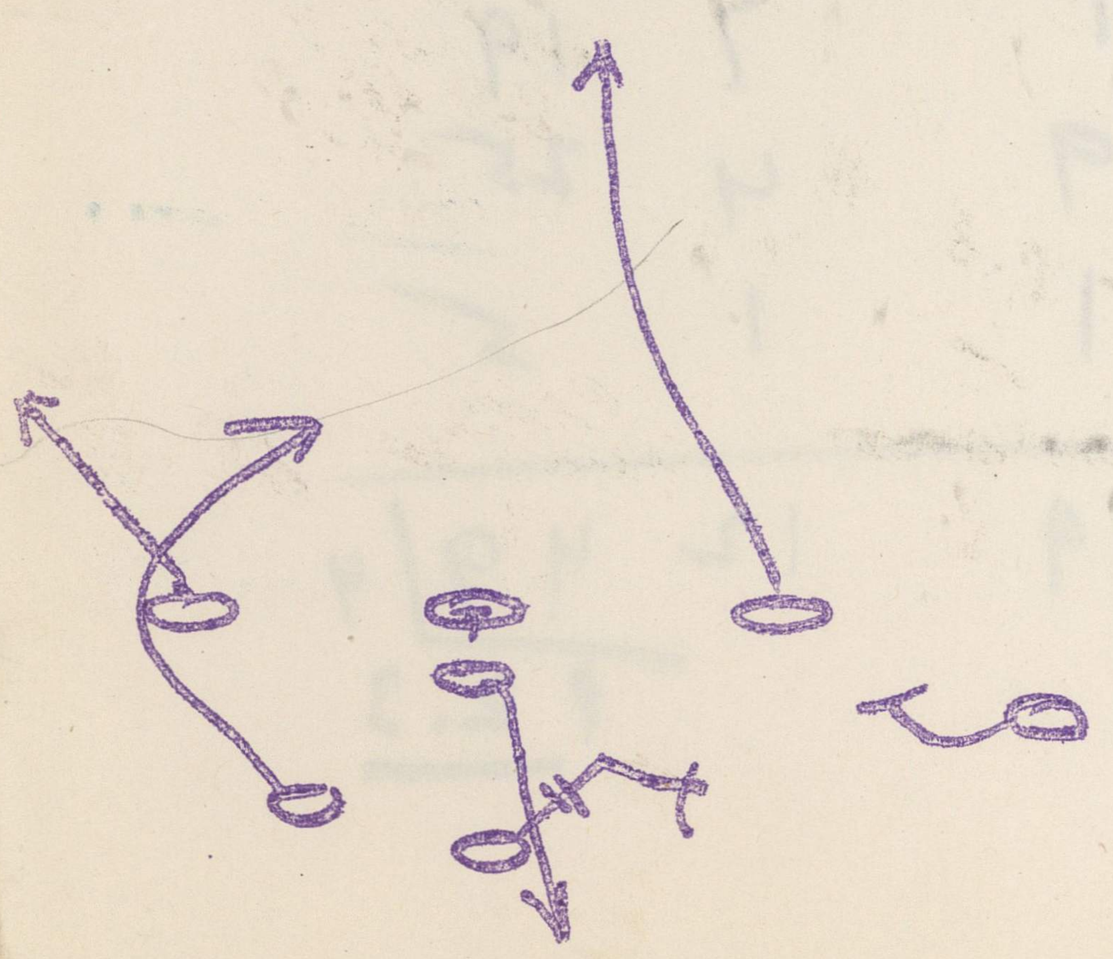
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35 PASS-LE
IN MIDDLE



35 PASS - LH
IN MIDDLE



(13) Hart

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2	5	14	5	24/2	
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(14) Hamilton

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1	3	6	2	12
				24
				12.0

(9) Reiter

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1	10	4	4	24
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2nd Hamm

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	3	0	3	
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L. Smith

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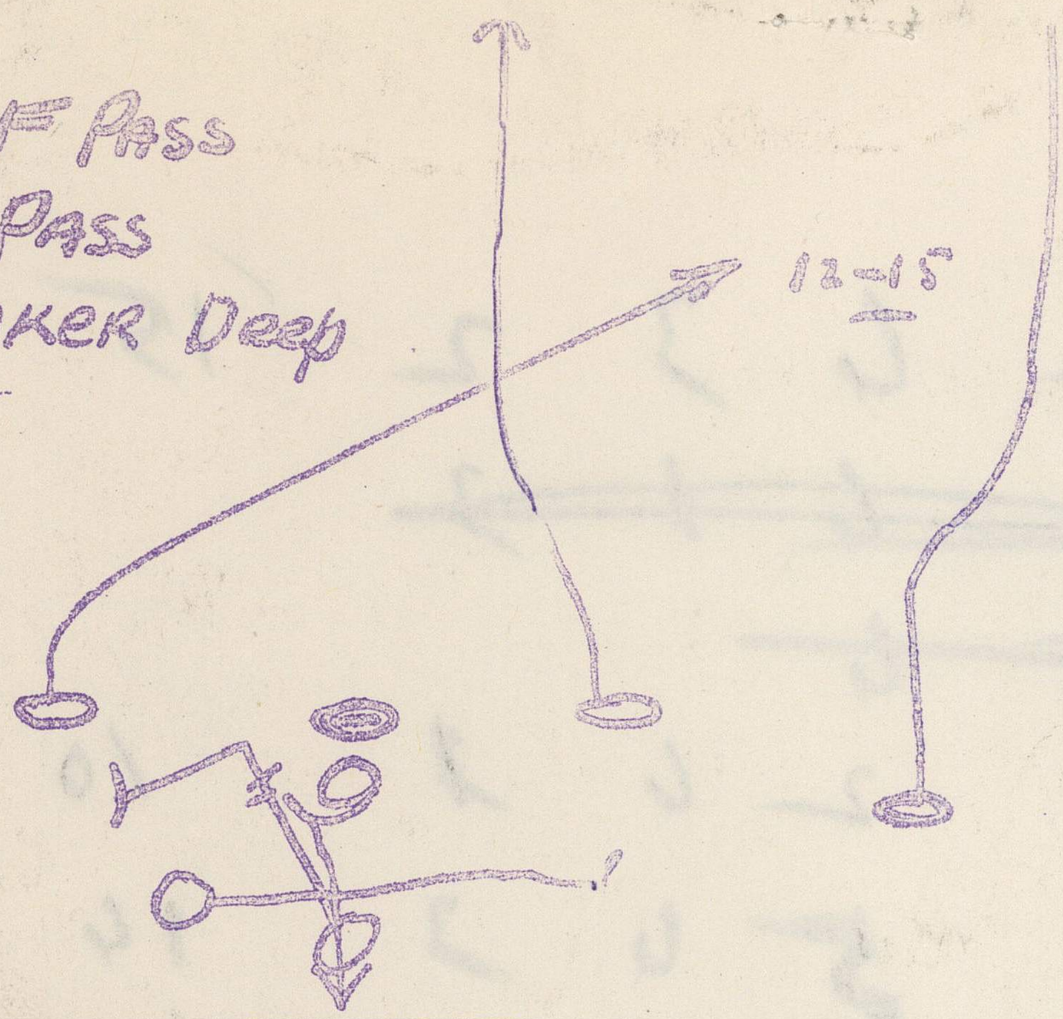
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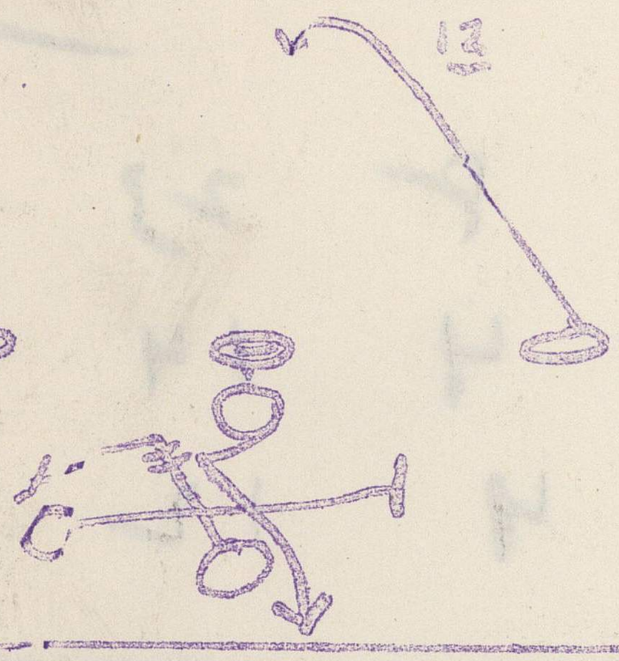
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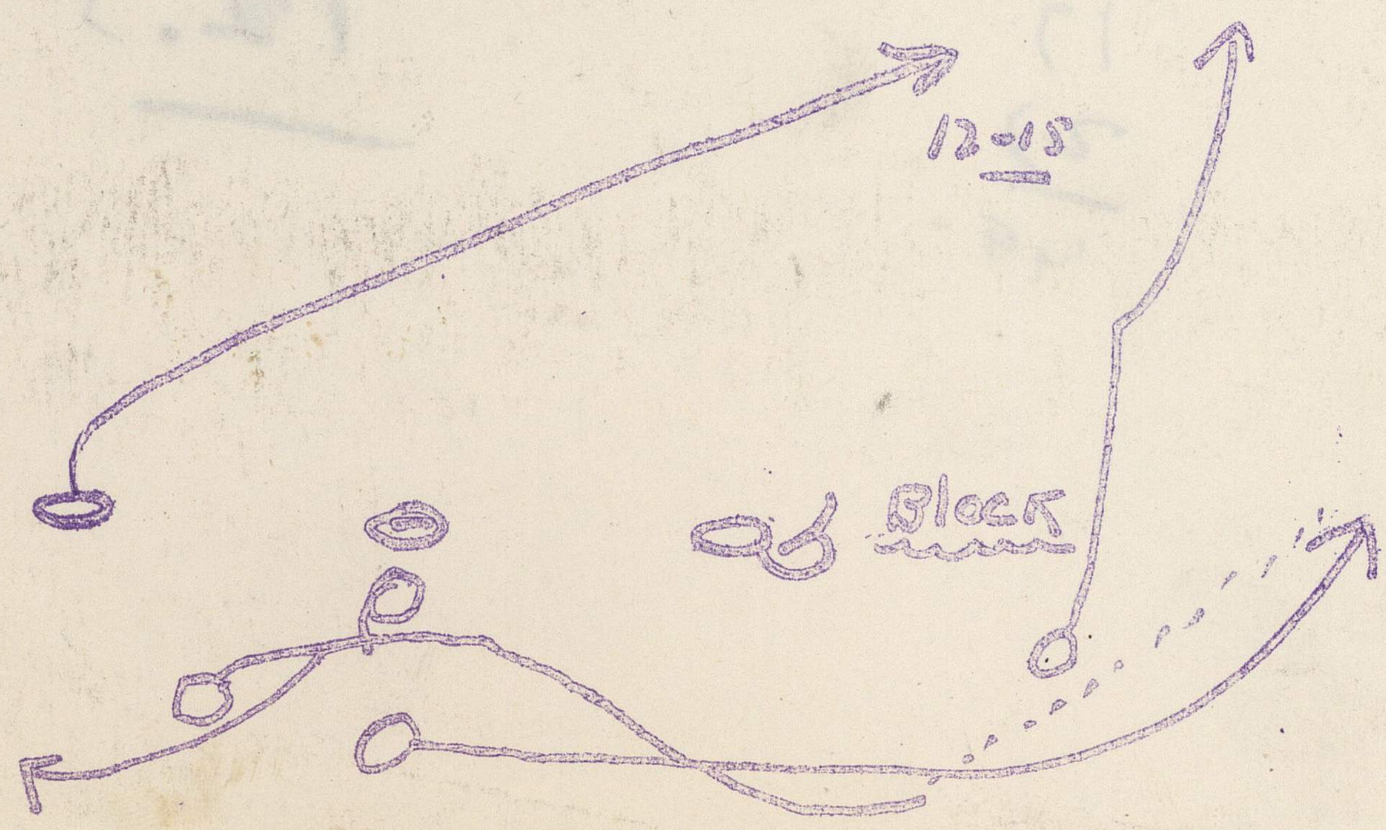
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48 Pass
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27F Pass
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Fake: Pass Left



Pass
Fake Right

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