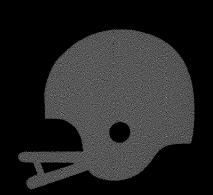
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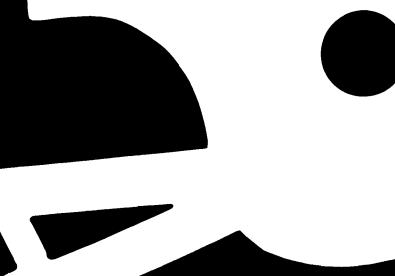
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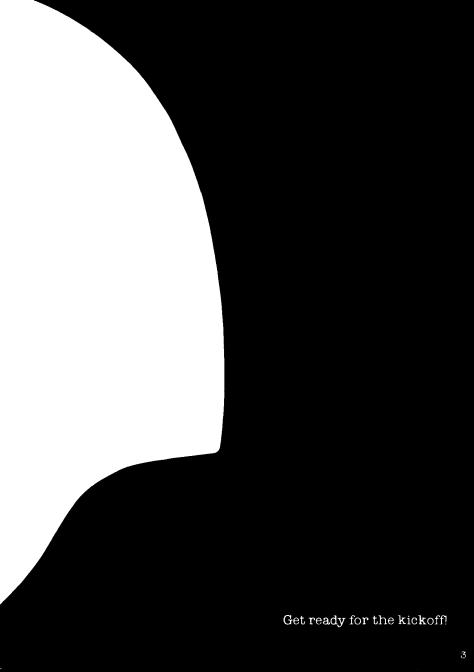
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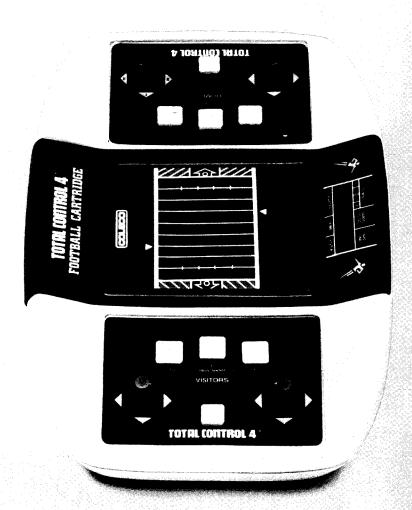
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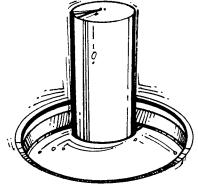
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CONTROL STICKS

Before selecting and running your plays, become familiar with the game controls of TOTAL CONTROL 4^MFOOTBALL. As in real football, some practice is required to perfect their use.

The right Control Stick directs the QB and his two Blockers and the DS on Defense. The left Control Stick directs the Receiver and the SS on Defense.

Hold the Control Stick between your thumb and forefinger as shown in Figure 1. Control sticks are designed so that just a little forward pressure from your thumb will immediately directyour players forward. Similarly, pressure from your forefinger either to the back or to a side will direct the players in that direction.





(FIG. 1)

AFTER EACH PRESS ALLOW THE CONTROL STICK TO "SPRING BACK" TO ITS UPRIGHT POSITION.

THE FASTER YOU MANIPULATE THE CONTROL STICKS, THE FASTER THE QB, RECEIVER OR SAFETIES WILL MOVE.



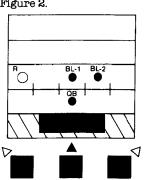
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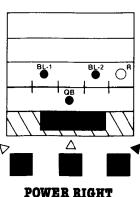
OFFENSE



POWER LEFT

Total Control $4^{\mathbb{M}}$ Football plays can be run from one of three offensive formations illustrated in Figure 2.





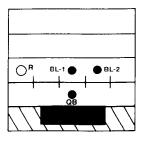
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(FIG. 2)
formation is chosen by pressing the app

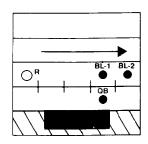
A formation is chosen by pressing the appropriate PASS/SHOOT button before the start of a play, and determines the starting alignment of the offensive players. Each formation has weaknesses and strengths depending on the defensive charge and the type of play you want to run.



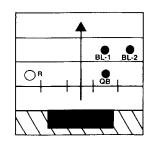
Once you have started a play by moving one of your controls, the QB and Blockers ($\mathrm{BL_1}$ and $\mathrm{BL_2}$) usually move in a fixed pattern. See Figures 3 & 4 below.



Start with a SPLIT LEFT formation

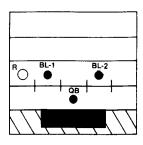


Move QB Control right one position

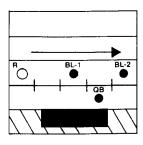


Move QB Control ahead one position

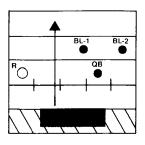
(FIG. 3)



Start with a
POWER LEFT
formation



Move QB Control right one position



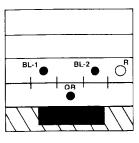
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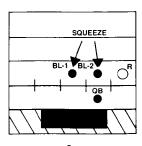
(FIG. 4)

You can, however, ALTER the pattern between the QB and his two Blockers once a play has started by creating SQUEEZES, SPREADS or SLIDES.

The following examples should be practiced so they can be used to execute plays.

A SQUEEZE is created by moving Blockers (BL1 and BL₂) closer together. Spaced Blockers help protect the QB against an outside rush. "Squeezing" helps protect the QB from an inside rush. The Receiver or the sideline can be used to squeeze Blockers. For example, select a POWER RIGHT FORMA-TION. Then, use the QB Control Stick to direct the





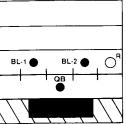
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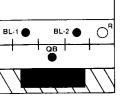
BLOCKERS SQUEEZED

(FIG. 5)

offense to the right. DO NOT MOVE THE RE-CEIVER, Blocker 1 and the QB will move as directed. Blocker 2, however, is stopped by the Receiver, thus causing the two Blockers to squeeze together. (See Figure 5).

The sideline can also be used to squeeze blockers. For example, select a POWER RIGHT FORMA-TION. Then use the QB Control Stick to direct the offense two positions to the left. Blockers 1 and 2 will squeeze together against the left sideline. (see Fig. 6).

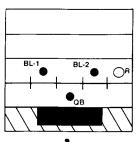


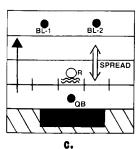


Ъ. **BLOCKERS SQUEEZED** POWER RIGHT (FIG. 6)

A SPREAD occurs when the two Blockers are moved away from the QB. The Receiver can be moved in front of the QB in order to create a Spread. For example, select a POWER RIGHT FORMATION. Use the Receiver Control Stick to position the Receiver in front of the QB. Then push the QB Control Stick forward. Since the QB is blocked by the Receiver, only the Blockers will move forward, thus creating the Spread. (see Figure 7).

SPREAD





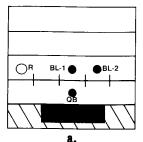
POWER RIGHT

RECEIVER MOVED IN FRONT OF QB

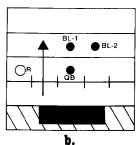
BLOCKERS MOVED FORWARD

DRAW

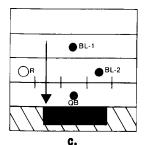
There is also a "DRAW" Spread using forward and back motion. The Spread is excellent for running plays because it gives the QB downfield blocking in addition to the use of the Receiver as a third Blocker. Select a SPLIT LEFT FORMATION. Next, move the QB Control Stick forward, then back. This will spread the QB from Blocker 1 (see Figure 8).



SPLIT LEFT



MOVE QB CONTROL FORWARD

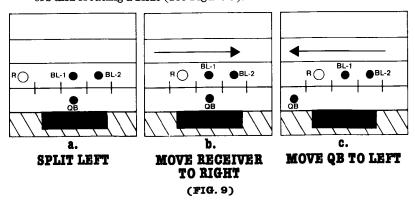


MOVE QB CONTROL BACK

(FIG. 8)

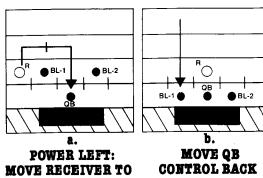
SLIDE

A SLIDE is created by a sideways realignment of the QB and the Blockers. Using a horizontal Slide, the Receiver can change the QB's position behind the Blockers. Select the Split Left Formation. Move the Receiver one position to the right. Then move the QB one or two positions to the left. The Receiver prevents the Blockers from moving, thus realigning the QB behind the Blockers and creating a Slide (see Figure 9).



(A)

ASLIDE can be used to create a QB pocket. Start with a POWER LEFT FORMATION. Move Receiver in front of QB, then move the QB Control back. The end line prevents him from moving. The two Blockers, however, move backwards so that they are lined up "shoulder to shoulder" with the QB and form a Protective Pocket (see Figure 10).



(FIG. 10)



DEFENSIVE STRATEGY

At the start of each down you can select one of three defensive formations by pressing the appropriate PASS-SHOOT button. (See page 9 of the INSTRUCTION GUIDE.) You should try to choose the formation that you think will be best against the strength of the offensive charge.

- 1. As in real Football, it's sometimes difficult to follow the ball because of the variety of plays that can be run by the Offense. ALWAYS CONCENTRATE ON THE QB SO YOU DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE BALL.
- 2. As a rule of thumb, select either the Strong Right or Strong Left Defense so that you position your Middle Line Backer (MLB) on the opposite side of the field from the Receiver. For example, if the Offense uses a Split Left formation, Defense should use Strong Left Defense, using the SS to fill the gap.
- DFN O DFN END

 LB²

 DS

 SS

 DS

 SS

 STRONG STRONG STRONG RIGHT

 (FIG. 11)

CENTER

- 3. In cases where you want to hold back both Safeties, use the Strong Center Defense.
- 4. Remember that once a pass is thrown the SS and DS can only move ONE position. As in real football, it is difficult to prevent a short pass from being completed. When the Receiver is not running a deep pattern, stay close, but keep him in front of you to prevent the long bomb. IT IS OFTEN BETTER TO LET HIM CATCH THE SHORT PASS.

When the Receiver is running deep, however, you must try for an interception.



CALLING PLAYS

- 1. SAFETY BLITZ: To "blitz" both safeties, select a Strong Center Defense, move the safeties up to the Line of Scrimmage, and "shoot" them through the gaps on both sides of the Linebacker.
- 2. MAN-TO-MAN DEFENSE: Try to keep the DS one space in front of the Receiver in a line between the Receiver and the Quarterback.
- **3. ZONE DEFENSE:** There are two basic zone defenses: (1) Divide the Safeties so that the DS covers the deep area and the SS covers the area nearer to the Line of Scrimmage—this is an excellent "Prevent" defense (use a Strong Center Defense) or (2) Divide the defensive backfield so that the DS covers the right side and the SS covers the left side—this is an excellent defense for making interceptions but could leave you vulnerable to the long bomb.
- **4. BUMP AND RUN:** Use the SS or both Safeties to block the Receiver at the Line of Scrimmage.
- **5. DOUBLE TEAM:** For double coverage of the Receiver, keep both Safeties in front of the Receiver and in line with the QB.

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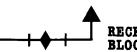
DEFENSIVE PLAYER

(DASHED OUTLINE MEANS ELIMINATED DURING THE PLAY)



OFFENSIVE PLAYER





RECEIVER BLOCKS







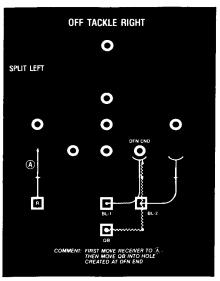


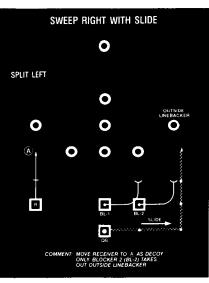


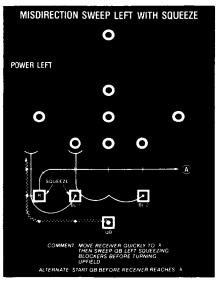
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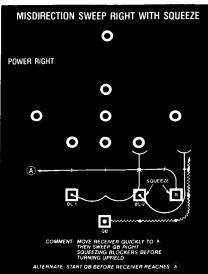
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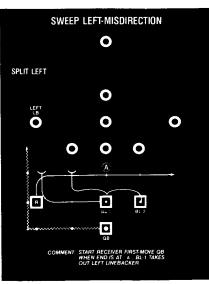


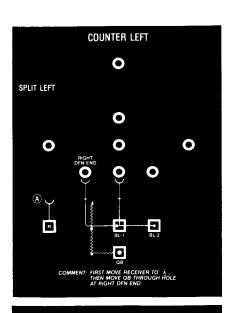


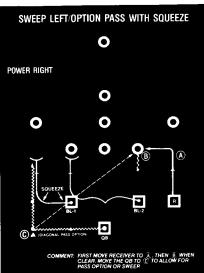


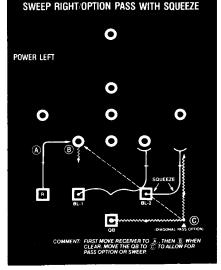


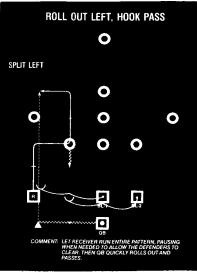


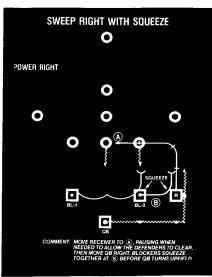


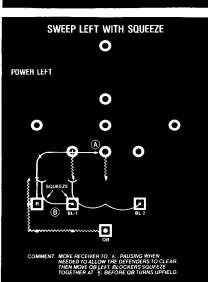


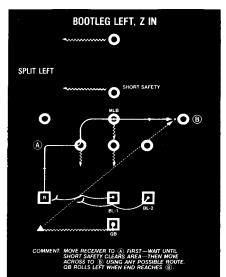




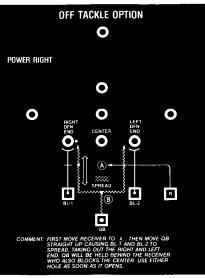




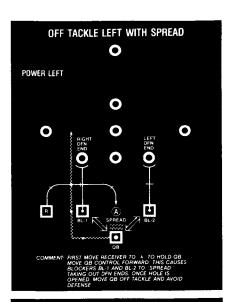


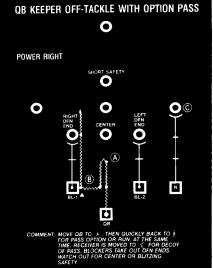


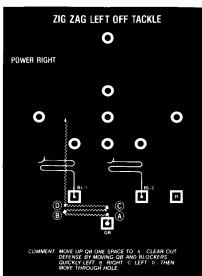


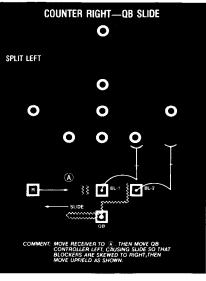


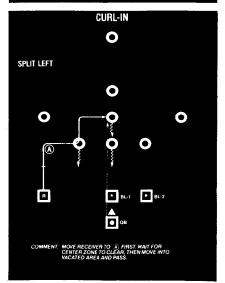


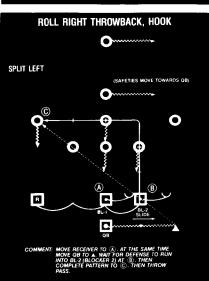




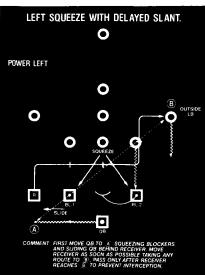


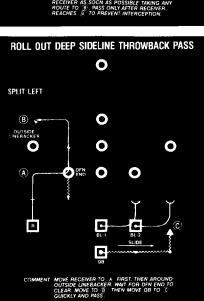


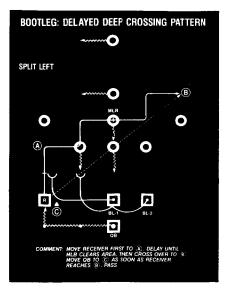


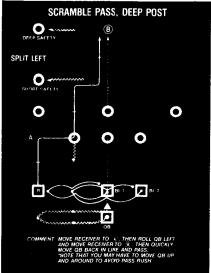


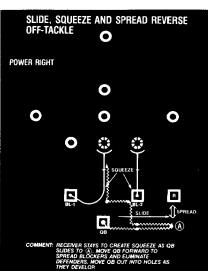


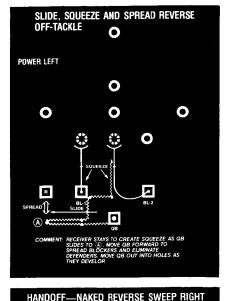


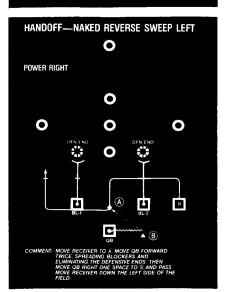


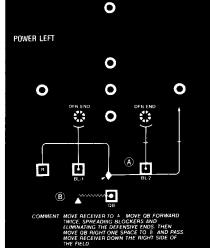




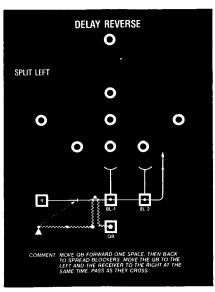


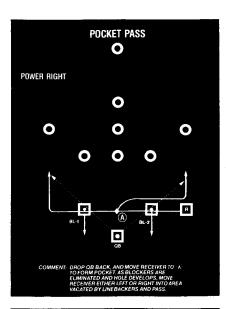


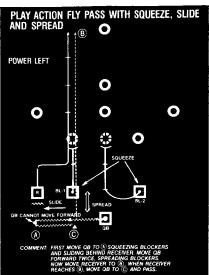


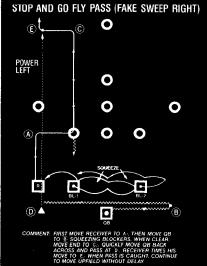


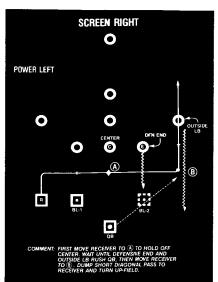


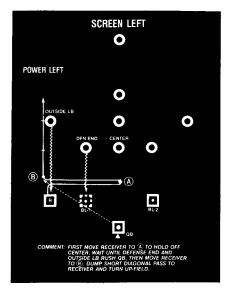


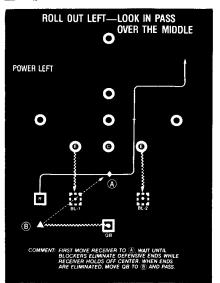


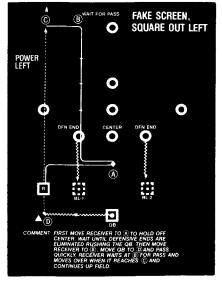














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