

SCOUTING REPORT

CHARLIE CONERLY

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OVERALL ANALYSIS

Overall Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Excellent velocity on the ball
- Very good touch on the ball

WEAKNESSES

- Had a habit of throwing into double and triple coverage
- Very strong arm, but not always accurate on the deep pass

BOTTOM LINE

Very good ball-handling skills. Excellent velocity on the ball. He had a very strong arm, but he was not always accurate on the deep pass. Decision-making could be questioned. He tried to force plays that were not there. Had a habit of throwing into double and triple coverage instead of to the open receiver. Had a tendency to lock on to one receiver. Excellent footwork. Very good ball placement. He put his receivers in a position to run after the catch. Very good game management skills. He mixed up passes with runs effectively, as well as having a good mix of runs inside and outside. Very good accuracy and touch on the ball.

OVERALL ANALYSIS

POSITION

Quarterback

TEAMS

1948-61 New York Giants

UNIFORM NUMBER

42

GRADING SPECIFIC FACTORS

| SPECIFIC FACTOR | GRADE | SPECIFIC FACTOR | GRADE |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| OVERALL ATHLETICISM (QAB): | 7.6 | BALL HANDLING: | 7.7 |
| Quickness: | 7.4 | VELOCITY: | 7.9 |
| Agility: | 7.7 | POCKET PRESENCE: | 7.6 |
| Balance: | 7.8 | FOOTWORK: | 8.1 |
| COMPETITIVENESS: | 7.9 | DECISION-MAKING: | 7.4 |
| MENTAL ALERTNESS: | 7.7 | ACCURACY: | 7.8 |
| INSTINCTS: | 7.5 | PASSING SHORT: | 8.1 |
| ELUSIVENESS: | 7.5 | PASSING INTERMEDIATE: | 7.6 |
| VISION: | 7.7 | PASSING LONG: | 7.2 |

OVERALL GRADE

7.6

NUMBER OF GAMES REVIEWED

9

SCOUTS

Primary Scout: Ken Crippen

Secondary Scout: Matt Reaser

Game Reviews

GAME REVIEW

| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| December 17, 1950 | Cleveland Browns | 7.3 |

BOTTOM LINE

Conerly played quarterback out of the "A" formation. His first pass was to a crossing receiver about 5 yards downfield. The pass was low and dropped by the receiver. On the next play, Conerly dropped back, pump-faked and lofted a ball down the middle of the field. It floated short and into the hands of a waiting defender for an interception. In the second quarter, Conerly dropped back to pass. The pocket collapsed and Conerly showed agility to run up the middle, evade blocks and gain about five yards. On the next play, he pump-faked, then threw (while falling) to the right. The pass was off-target and fell short. On the following play, Conerly was unable to evade the rush and was sacked. He was out for the remainder of the quarter and was replaced by Travis Tidwell (#20). Conerly returned at the start of the third quarter. His first pass was to a receiver on a short crossing pattern. After two pump fakes, Conerly hit the receiver, who was able to get a long run after the catch. Two plays later, Conerly threw a long pass to a receiver down the middle. He hit the receiver in the hands, but the receiver was triple covered and had the ball knocked out for an incomplete pass. On the next series, Conerly threw a long pass to the left sideline. The ball was overthrown and intercepted. When the Giants got the ball back, Conerly dropped back to pass. He tried to evade the rush, but was sacked. On the next play, he was able to evade the rush and throw on the run. The pass was complete to a wide open Bob McChesney (#88), who had a short run after the catch. On the next series, Conerly was attempting to evade the rush, but was hit and the ball came loose for a fumble. The Giants maintained possession. On the last play of the third quarter, Conerly threw a pass down the middle to a receiver in tight coverage. Conerly threw the ball high and the receiver came down with it, but was tackled immediately. Later in the series, Conerly evaded the rush and threw a jump pass to his receiver. The ball was caught and advanced on a short gain, but negated due to a penalty. Later in the quarter, the Giants drove down to the goal line. Conerly threw a pass to a wide open McChesney in the endzone, but the play was negated due to a penalty. Bill Willis (#30) came untouched up the middle. Conerly moved to his right and evaded him as he was getting wrapped up by Abe Gibron (#34). On the next play, he threw an interception in the endzone, but that was also negated due to a penalty. A few plays later, Conerly floated a pass up to his receiver that was crossing the goal line. However, the pass was short and almost intercepted. Later, he threw a long pass from his own goal line. The ball was poorly thrown and was almost intercepted. The defender had his hands on the ball, but dropped it. The receiver was not even close to the ball. Conerly was sacked on the next two plays, the latter for a safety. Conerly showed very good ball-handling skills in the game. However, he struggled with his footing when he attempted to pass. This could have been due to the poor field conditions. He tried to force the big play downfield when it was not there.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
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| October 28, 1951 | Cleveland Browns | 7.4 |

BOTTOM LINE

Conerly worked out of the "A" formation. He did not attempt a pass until the second quarter. He threw a deep pass to Bill Stribling (#81). The pass was under-thrown and almost intercepted. The defender had the ball in his hands, but dropped it. His second attempt was a deep post to Bob McChesney (#88). McChesney was in double-coverage with another Giant receiver in the area. The ball was under-thrown and almost intercepted. Again, the defender had his hands on the ball, but could not bring it in. The next play was a sack of Conerly. Very little movement to escape the pressure. On the next series, Conerly had one pass attempt, which was a 29-yard touchdown pass to McChesney. Conerly lofted the ball over the defense to an open McChesney, who waltzed into the endzone. Very good touch on the ball. On the following series, Conerly threw a jump pass to Eddie Price (#31) in the flat for a modest gain. He repeated the play on the following offensive series. The next pass was an interception. Due to the film angle, it was impossible to see exactly what happened. When the Giants regained possession, Conerly threw a nice pass to Stribling, who broke a tackle for a very good gain. A few plays later, Conerly showed some elusiveness in trying to get away from the pass rush, but was eventually sacked. This was followed by a good pass down the middle. Next, Conerly attempted to get a pass between two defenders to his receiver. The pass was broken up and fell incomplete. Conerly was sacked again on the next series. In the fourth quarter, as he was being tackled, he was able to get the ball off to Price for a nice gain. This was followed by a pass to Price in the flat. He was hit hard and sacked on the next play. Conerly left the game and did not return. Overall, good to very good ball-handling skills. He did not always find the receiver or would stay on covered receivers too long.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| November 28, 1954 | Cleveland Browns | n/a |

BOTTOM LINE

Not all plays were shown in this film. Conerly was injured on the second series of the game and did not return. Not enough plays to accurately grade his performance.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| December 11, 1955 | Detroit Lions | n/a |

BOTTOM LINE

Not all plays were shown in the film. Don Heinrich (#11) started the game at quarterback. Conerly did not enter the game until part-way through the third quarter. His first pass was to a receiver on a short crossing route. Conerly threw the pass with velocity, but the receiver could not make the reception. The film finished a few plays into the fourth quarter. There were not enough passes to properly evaluate Conerly's performance.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| December 30, 1956 | Chicago Bears | 8.1 |

BOTTOM LINE

This is a highlight film. As a result, not all plays were shown. Don Heinrich (#11) started the game at quarterback. Conerly entered the game at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, as the Giants were getting close to the red zone, there was a bad snap and Conerly dropped the ball. He was able to fall on it to retain possession. On the next play shown, Conerly pump faked, then threw a jump pass to Alex Webster, who ran down field for a 22-yard gain. Conerly lobbed the pass over the defense and put Webster in good position to run after the catch. Later in the quarter, Conerly again hit Webster in the flat, who broke a tackle and ran for a 50-yard gain. On the first offensive play shown in the second half, Conerly hit Frank Gifford (#16) streaking down the left sideline. Gifford had several yards on his defender. Conerly hit him in stride and Gifford ran for a 67-yard gain. A few plays later, Conerly hit Kyle Rote (#44) for a touchdown. In the fourth quarter, Conerly tossed a 29-yard pass to Gifford on a post pattern. He followed it with a corner pass to Gifford for a touchdown. Conerly left the game and was replaced by Bobby Clatterbuck (#12). The game was easily in hand. Excellent game-management skills by Conerly. Very good to excellent ball handling in the backfield. His passes were accurate and he showed good positioning of the ball. Overall, very accurate with his passes. Very good pocket presence and excellent footwork.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| December 1, 1957 | San Francisco 49ers | 7.5 |

BOTTOM LINE

Conerly's first pass was to a receiver on a short crossing route. Conerly rolled out right and threw with velocity to his receiver. Two plays later, Conerly was hit in the backfield and fumbled the ball. On the next series, Conerly threw a jump pass, but hit was almost intercepted by one of two defenders near the ball. Later, Conerly threw a long pass down the middle to a receiver in the endzone. The ball was well overthrown and out of the back of the endzone. On the next play, he threw a short pass down the middle to his receiver, who caught it and ran to within a few yards of the goal line. Two plays later, Conerly fumbled the ball on the snap. In the second quarter, Conerly again hit his receiver down the middle. He showed very good accuracy and velocity on the ball. Later, down near the goal line, Conerly had a very bad throw that was not even close to his receiver. However, he did follow it with an excellent throw to a receiver on a crossing route. Excellent ball placement and velocity to hit the receiver in stride for a play that ended on the one-yard line. Later, Conerly dropped back to pass and was hit while he tried to throw the ball. The ball came loose and was called a fumble, with San Francisco recovering. At the end of the second quarter, Conerly made two excellent passes. Both were to the sideline and had excellent velocity and accuracy. In the second half, Conerly continued to show very good ability to spread the ball around to move down the field. However, he still had issues with ball handling, as well as a few instances where accuracy was a problem. Late in the third quarter, while getting hit and falling back, Conerly threw a mid-range pass that was easily intercepted. Later, near his own goal line, he dropped back to pass. He did not feel the pressure coming from his blind side, was hit and fumbled the ball. San Francisco picked it up and ran it to the one-yard line. Overall, he had very good to excellent velocity on the ball, as well as release. He did not get great protection throughout the game. He did well to find and take the short completion when receivers were covered downfield.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| December 7, 1958 | Detroit Lions | 7.4 |

BOTTOM LINE

Don Heinrich (#11) started the game at quarterback. Conerly came in to the game (as quarterback) in the second quarter. His first pass was a six-yard touchdown pass to Alex Webster (#29). Webster did a good job getting in front of the defender to get the reception and to prevent the defender from making a play. Accurate pass by Conerly. Very good velocity on the ball. Conerly's second pass was almost an interception. Kyle Rote (#44) ran a deep post pattern. Terry Barr (#41) jumped the route, got his hands on the ball, but failed to

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bring it in. The next pass was a sideline out pattern. Conerly overthrew his receiver. He followed this with a jump pass to a receiver running a crossing route. He hit the receiver in stride to allow him to get additional yards after the catch. A few plays later, Conerly threw to a receiver in the end zone. Even though the receiver was double-covered, he hit him in the hands. However, the ball was dropped. Excellent accuracy on the ball. On the next series, Conerly had a bad handoff to his running back. It looked like Conerly was late in getting the ball to the back. The Giants maintained possession. Later in the quarter, Conerly fumbled the ball and Detroit returned it for a touchdown. The film cut in mid-play, so it was difficult to see if it was Conerly's fault. However, Conerly left the game at that point and Heinrich returned at quarterback. Conerly returned in the fourth quarter. His first pass was a mid-range pass to the left side of the field. Conerly threw the ball as he was getting hit and falling backwards. The pass was complete. On the next offensive series, Conerly threw to a receiver running a post pattern. The ball was overthrown and intercepted. It was a particularly poor decision considering the situation and time of the game. That was the last pass for Conerly. Overall, good to very good ball handling skills.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| December 27, 1959 | Baltimore Colts | 7.5 |

BOTTOM LINE

This is a highlight film. As a result, not all plays are shown. The first play of the game was a 22-yard pass to Kyle Rote (#44) on a sideline out pattern. Very good ball placement on the throw. A few plays later, Conerly is chased out of the pocket by Gino Marchetti (#89) and sacked by "Big Daddy" Lipscomb (#76) for a 17-yard loss. Later in the quarter, Conerly threw a pass to Rote in the endzone, but the ball was well overthrown. A few plays later, Conerly throws a mid-range out pattern to Bob Schnelker (#85) for a first down. Excellent ball placement, velocity and accuracy on the ball to prevent the defender from making a play. A few plays later, in the red zone, Conerly was sacked by Lipscomb and Marchetti for a seven-yard loss. In the second quarter, Conerly tossed a nice mid-range pass to Schnelker for a 12-yard gain. On the next play shown, Conerly was chased around the backfield and finally sacked by Marchetti for an eleven-yard loss. Later in the second quarter, Conerly tossed up a long pass to Schnelker along the right sideline. The ball was slightly underthrown, but Schnelker was able to leap over the defender, get the reception and turn it into a 48-yard gain. In the third quarter, with the Giants driving, Conerly tossed a mid-range pass to Schnelker in the center of the field for a 20-yard gain. On third down, Conerly tossed an out route to Frank Gifford (#16), but Johnny Sample (#47) came in and deflected the pass. On the next series, Conerly is able to hit Gifford on the same route for a 19-yard gain. In the fourth quarter, from deep in their own zone, Conerly lofted a ball that was intercepted by safety Andy Nelson (#80). A few plays later, Baltimore scored to make it 21-9. On the next series, Conerly passed on every play, but was sacked on second down. On third down, Conerly threw an out pass, but it was intercepted by Sample and returned for a touchdown. With about two minutes to play and the Colts leading 31-9, the Giants started their final drive. Conerly was able to hit passes to Rote and

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Schnelker to move the team downfield. The final play was a deep corner pass to Schnelker for a touchdown. Overall, very good game management skills, but interceptions were costly. Outside of the interceptions, he was very accurate with the ball.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| December 31, 1961 | Green Bay Packers | 7.6 |

BOTTOM LINE

Conerly did not start the game (Y.A. Tittle started), but entered the game with about five minutes left in the first half. He dropped back to pass on his first play under center. Pressure was coming from his right and up the middle, so he rolled left. His arm was hit by Dave Hanner (#79) as he was throwing the pass. The ball went straight up and fell to the ground for an incompleteness. Conerly's second pass was a swing pass to Joel Wells (#28). The pass was ahead of Wells and was incomplete. Conerly followed that with a deep post to Kyle Rote (#44). Rote was double-covered, but Conerly was able to get the ball to him. Excellent accuracy. In the second half, Conerly's first pass was a lateral to Alex Webster (#29) in the backfield. Webster caught it and was able to fight back for only a five-yard loss. Lots of defensive pressure on the play. A few plays later, on third-and-long, Conerly hit Joe Walton (#80) deep, but came up one yard short for the first down. Excellent accuracy and velocity on the ball. With about five minutes left in the third quarter, the Giants regained possession. Conerly started the drive with a jump pass to Webster in the flat for a five-yard gain. The next pass was a crossing pattern by Walton. Conerly overthrew Walton and the pass was incomplete. Under pressure, Conerly threw on third down for Phil King (#24), but the ball was well off-target. On the next New York possession, Y.A. Tittle returned under center and remained as quarterback the rest of the game.

GRADING SCALE

Grading Scale

| GRADING SCALE | | |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| CLASS | GRADE | DESCRIPTION |
| Hall of Fame | 9.0 | Rare |
| | 8.5 | Exceptional to Rare |
| | 8.0 | Exceptional |
| Hall of Very Good | 7.5 | Very Good to Exceptional |
| | 7.0 | Very Good |
| | 6.5 | Good to Very Good |
| Other | 6.0 | Good |
| | 5.5 | Above Average to Good |
| | 5.0 | Above Average |
| | 4.5 | Average to Above Average |