

SCOUTING REPORT

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OVERALL ANALYSIS

Overall Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Very good in run support
- Tight coverage downfield

WEAKNESSES

- Can get beat long
- Has a habit of trailing receivers, preventing him from breaking up passes
- Not aggressive towards the ball

BOTTOM LINE

Fischer showed very good skills in both run stopping and pass coverage. In the run game, he was quick to react and showed good instincts. He had some aggressiveness in run support, but was not consistent in his aggressiveness. His size worked against him when attempting to tackle larger running backs. In coverage, Fischer displayed very tight coverage. At times, he was turned around by the receivers and they were able to exploit that flaw and beat him long or with sharp cuts. His recovery speed was excellent, which helped him mask that flaw.

OVERALL ANALYSIS

POSITION

Defensive back

TEAMS

1961-67 St. Louis Cardinals, 1968-77 Washington Redskins

UNIFORM NUMBER

37

GRADING SPECIFIC FACTORS

SPECIFIC FACTOR	GRADE
OVERALL ATHLETICISM (QAB):	7.8
Quickness:	8.0
Agility:	8.0
Balance:	7.5
STRENGTH AND EXPLOSION:	7.2
COMPETITIVENESS:	7.7
MENTAL ALERTNESS:	7.6
INSTINCTS:	7.6

OVERALL GRADE

7.5

NUMBER OF GAMES REVIEWED

5

SCOUTS

Primary Scout: Ken Crippen

Secondary Scout: Matt Reaser

GAME REVIEWS

Game Reviews

GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 24, 1963	New York Giants	7.4

BOTTOM LINE

This was a Game of the Week film. As a result, not all plays were shown. Fischer played left cornerback in the game. The Giant threw many short outs and crossing routes to Frank Gifford (#16) to attack Fischer's side of the field. In the second quarter, Fischer almost intercepted a pass when he was fighting for the ball with Gifford. Gifford won the battle for a reception with no yards after the catch. Throughout the game, Fischer was tight in coverage and did not give up many yards after the catch. However, Gifford did get behind him in the third quarter, but failed to make the reception as the ball was overthrown. Even though Fischer had tight coverage, he did not seem to be in a position to break up the pass. Fischer was good in run support, but in the first quarter, Phil King (#24) ran through his tackle. In the third quarter, right guard Bookie Bolin (#63) was able to block Fischer away from the run. But, in the fourth quarter, he shed the block of Bolin to assist on a tackle of Joe Morrison (#40) for a loss.

GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 13, 1971	Los Angeles Rams	7.7

BOTTOM LINE

This was a television broadcast. Fischer played left cornerback in the game, but occasionally played the right side when the Rams put two receivers on the weak side of the line. In the first quarter, Fischer was tested deep in man coverage against Jack Snow (#84). Fischer got his hands on the ball, but failed to make the interception in the end zone. Later in the first quarter, Fischer was beat inside by the receiver, but the receiver failed to make the catch. Fischer had a nice breakup of a pass across the middle, also in the first quarter. In the second quarter, he was quick to react to a pass to a back, but over ran him and failed to make the tackle. In the third quarter, Fischer had very tight coverage of Snow and intercepted a Roman Gabriel (#18) pass. In the fourth quarter, Fischer made a good breakup of a pass.

GAME REVIEWS

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 22, 1973	Minnesota Vikings	7.3

BOTTOM LINE

Fischer played left cornerback in the game. In the first quarter, Fischer was badly beaten by Joe Gilliam (#42), but Gilliam failed to make the catch. Also in the first quarter, Fischer forced a fumble when he hit Fran Tarkenton (#10) on a scramble. Tarkenton recovered the fumble. In the second quarter, Fischer broke his ribs on a tackle of Oscar Reed (#32). Fischer left the game for a series, returned, and then left the game for good.

GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
January 14, 1973	Miami Dolphins	7.5

BOTTOM LINE

This was a television broadcast. Fischer played left cornerback in the game. Very good in run support and was quick to react to the play. In the first quarter, he shed a pulling right tackle Norm Evans (#73) to knock Mercury Morris (#22) out of bounds for a loss. The play was negated due to a holding penalty on Miami, but Fischer made a very good play. In the second quarter, he made a nice tackle of Morris to get him out of bounds. In the third quarter, he brought down Larry Csonka (#39) in the middle of the field. A short time later, Csonka broke loose and ran down the middle of the field. Fischer was able to run him down, but bounced off Csonka on the attempted tackle. In pass coverage, Fischer played tight to the receiver. However, first quarter, Fischer was easily beat by Howard Twilley (#81) for a touchdown. Fischer was turned around and was not able to keep up on Twilley's cut back. Fischer recovered to get his hands on Twilley, but Twilley muscled his way into the end zone. In the fourth quarter, Fischer showed excellent recovery speed to break up a pass to Twilley near the goal line.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 18, 1976	Minnesota Vikings	7.3

BOTTOM LINE

This film was a television broadcast that ended with 11:37 remaining in the game. Fischer played left cornerback in the game. Overall, he showed excellent coverage downfield and had an opportunity for an interception in the second quarter, but failed to make the catch. In the first quarter, tight end Stu Voigt (#83) pushed his way through Fischer's tackle to score a touchdown. Fischer was not very aggressive with his tackle on the goal line. In the second quarter, Ahmad Rashad (#28) got behind Fischer for a reception. Fischer could not keep up with Rashad.

GRADING SCALE

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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