

SCOUTING REPORT

DEL SHOFNER

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REVISION LISTING

| DATE | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---|
| June 15, 2015 | Initial Release |
| March 7, 2016 | Added the following games: 10/27/57 and 12/6/58 |

OVERALL ANALYSIS

Overall Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Ran excellent routes
- Excellent hands

WEAKNESSES

- Did not give full effort to plays run to the opposite side of the field
- Struggled at times with blocking

BOTTOM LINE

Shofner ran excellent routes. However, he did not sell the route when the play went to the opposite side of the field. He had excellent hands and concentration when catching in a crowd of defenders. Excellent run after the catch. Competitive and fought for extra yardage. However, his competitiveness was lacking when he was not the target. Shofner was inconsistent on blocking. He showed very good ability at times, but was not always willing to complete the block.

OVERALL ANALYSIS

POSITION

Split End, Flanker, Tight/Closed/Left End, Right Defensive Halfback.

TEAMS

1957-60 Los Angeles Rams, 1961-67 New York Giants

UNIFORM NUMBER

29 (1957-60), 85 (1961-67)

GRADING SPECIFIC FACTORS

| SPECIFIC FACTOR | GRADE | SPECIFIC FACTOR | GRADE |
|----------------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| OVERALL ATHLETICISM (QAB): | 7.9 | RELEASE: | 8.0 |
| Quickness: | 7.8 | PASS ROUTES: | 8.0 |
| Agility: | 7.9 | SEPARATION: | 8.1 |
| Balance: | 7.9 | RECEIVE LONG | 8.0 |
| STRENGTH AND EXPLOSION: | 7.5 | RECEIVE SHORT: | 8.1 |
| COMPETITIVENESS: | 7.3 | HANDS: | 8.2 |
| MENTAL ALERTNESS: | 8.0 | ADJUST TO BALL: | 8.0 |
| INSTINCTS: | 8.0 | RUN AFTER CATCH: | 8.0 |
| INITIAL QUICKNESS: | 7.9 | BLOCKING: | 7.3 |

OVERALL GRADE

7.8

NUMBER OF GAMES REVIEWED

8

SCOUTS

Primary Scout: Ken Crippen

Secondary Scout: Matt Reaser

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Game Reviews

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
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| October 27, 1957 | Detroit Lions | 7.7 |

BOTTOM LINE

Shofner played right defensive halfback in the game. Shofner was aggressive when the ball came to his side. For example, early in the second quarter, the Lions tossed a quick screen pass to his side of the field. Shofner tried to go after the pass, missed and the play went well past him. A few plays later, he allowed the receiver to get behind him for a reception. The receiver got caught in traffic, which allowed Shofner to catch up and make the tackle. Later in the quarter, Shofner made an excellent play to stop a runner in the backfield. The quarterback pitched to the runner, who lost yardage trying to elude defenders as he was setting up to pass. Shofner came in and stood him up until the whistle blew. Very quick to read the toss and make the play. On the first play of the third quarter, Shofner backpedaled to stay with his receiver. The pass was to the running back in the flat. Shofner immediately changed direction and came back to make the tackle for a short gain. Very quick. A few plays later, his receiver was targeted on a quick post. Shofner had tight coverage, but the receiver was still able to get the ball. Shofner immediately stopped him. Late in the third quarter, Shofner was covering his receiver on an out pattern. The ball sailed high and it looked like Shofner got his hands on the ball, but was unable to bring it in. Overall, very good coverage. Very aggressive in his coverage. However, his aggressiveness would occasionally put him out of position to make a play. Very quick. Excellent against the run and coming up to make tackles on the screen.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
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| December 6, 1958 | Baltimore Colts | 8.5 |

BOTTOM LINE

Shofner played Left Split and a little flanker. He was also the punter. Shofner was not targeted until the middle of the first quarter. The ball was overthrown. It looked like he got the tips of his fingers on the ball, but was not able to pull it in. On the first play of the game, he caught a short pass for a four-yard gain. On the next offensive series, Shofner made a very good catch, with an excellent run after the catch. The pass itself was about 10 yards, but Shofner shed multiple tackles on his way to a 63-yard gain to bring the ball two yards from the goal. On the next possession, Shofner caught a 15-yard slant. Later, he caught a 24-yard pass on a slant pattern. Both passes showed excellent route running and hands. On the latter pass, he shed a few tackles

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before being brought down. There were no targets for Shofner in the third quarter. Early in the fourth quarter, Shofner caught a 15-yard out and turned it into a 69-yard touchdown. After catching the pass, Shofner ran down the sideline, shedding a tackle. Downfield, he received an excellent block from his teammate and another teammate screened the final defender, allowing Shofner to score. An effective punter, however, his punting was not included in the grade. Overall, an excellent day receiving for Shofner. He did look a little lazy on some of his routes, but he always got open. Great run after the catch. His blocking was good to very good. Not always aggressive in looking for the blocks, but effective when he did block.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| December 31, 1961 | Green Bay Packers | 7.9 |

BOTTOM LINE

Shofner played split end, flanker, and tight/closed/left end in the game. He was primarily a split end and strictly on the left side. The tight camera angles made it difficult to evaluate the entire route. On the second offensive series, Y.A. Tittle (#14) threw a pass to Shofner along the left sideline. The pass was under-thrown and Shofner lost his footing. Incomplete pass. Charley Conerly (#42) replaced Tittle in the second quarter. Late in the second quarter, Shofner lined up tight. Off the snap, he released and blocked downfield for a sweep to his side. He showed very good blocking skills. Tittle returned late in the third quarter. He threw to Shofner running a quick slant pattern. Shofner caught the pass with three defenders around him, and still gained about five yards after the catch. Shofner showed good hands to not only receive the ball, but strength to hold on to it with multiple defenders trying to strip the ball. Excellent concentration. Tittle hit Shofner again in the third quarter for a short gain. Shofner ran a quick slant pattern and caught the ball. He was hit in the head by the defender, ran a yard or two before being tackled. In the fourth quarter, Tittle threw a long pass on a nine-route. The ball was slightly underthrown and was intercepted by the trailing defender. Shofner rode him for a few yards before he brought him to the ground. Later in the fourth quarter, Tittle threw a short slant to Shofner, who caught it with Jessie Whittenton (#47) hanging on him. No yards after the catch. Tittle threw a pass on an out pattern along the left sideline. The pass was short and uncatchable. On catchable passes, he made the catch on all but one, which was a low pass on a sideline out in the fourth quarter.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
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| December 30, 1962 | Green Bay Packers | 7.6 |

BOTTOM LINE

The way this film was edited, not all plays were shown. However, there were no interruptions in the broadcast audio to fill in the detail on missing plays. Shofner played split end, flanker and tight/closed/left end. Always on the left side of the line. On the first offensive series, Shofner was penalized for pass interference. He pushed off defensive back Jesse Whittenton (#47) on a sideline out pattern. Later in the series, Y.A. Tittle (#14) overthrew Shofner. The play was not shown to see if the ball was catchable. On the second offensive series, Shofner was lined up tight. He broke through the defense on a crossing route and Tittle hit him in stride. The defenders closed quickly, but there was decent yards after the catch. On the next play, Shofner was split wide to the left and ran an out route. Tittle hit him along the sideline. Shofner showed very good hands and the ability to keep his feet in bounds for the catch. No targets in the second quarter. On the first offensive series of the third quarter, Tittle threw an out to Shofner, who showed very good hands and concentration to pull in the ball and keep his feet in bounds. The ball was a little high and outside. Shofner had to stretch out to get the reception. On the next offensive series, Shofner was targeted, but Whittenton knocked it out of his hands. The play was described on audio, but no video was shown. On the next play, Shofner was targeted and made an excellent catch with Whittenton hanging on him. Shofner leapt into the air to catch the high pass, but was tackled immediately. On the same series, Shofner ran a crossing pattern. Tittle targeted Shofner, but Willie Wood (#24) interfered and was penalized. Wood was ejected from the game for bumping the official. On the next play, Shofner was targeted in the end zone, but the pass was overthrown. In the fourth quarter, Tittle targeted Shofner on a long nine-route, but the ball was overthrown. Uncatchable. On the final offensive series, Shofner was targeted, but the pass was incomplete. No video of the play. Also, no video of Shofner's last reception a minute before the end of the game. Blocking was good to very good, but inconsistent.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
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| September 15, 1963 | Baltimore Colts | 7.8 |

BOTTOM LINE

This is an NFL Game of the Week film. As a result, not all plays were shown. Shofner played split end, flanker, and tight/closed/left end in the game. The tight camera angles made it difficult to evaluate the entire route. In the first quarter, Y.A. Tittle (#14) threw an out pass to Shofner for a 14-yard gain and a first down. He did a great job to get both feet in bounds for the completion. In the second quarter, Shofner ran a curl pattern.

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Tittle threw the ball high and it went through Shofner's hands for an incomplete pass. A few plays later, Tittle hit Shofner on an out pattern, but it was negated due to a penalty on the offense. A few plays later, Tittle hit Shofner on the same out pattern for a nine-yard completion. Two plays later, Tittle threw a pass to Shofner at the side of the end zone. The pass was overthrown. Shofner had a few fingertips on it, but he was out of bounds. In the third quarter, Tittle hit Shofner on a short pass for a five-yard gain. A few plays later, Tittle hit Shofner on a slant. Shofner continued to streak across the field for a 43-yard reception. Very good hands and speed. Tittle is injured on a touchdown run and is replaced by Ralph Guglielmi (#9). Also in the third quarter, Guglielmi threw a sideline pass to Shofner. The pass was under thrown and was intercepted by the trailing defender. Shofner tackled the defender in the end zone. Shofner showed good to very good blocking abilities. He was able to knock linebacker Don Shinnick (#66) to the ground in the fourth quarter. He did an excellent job getting open on out routes.

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| DATE | OPPONENT | OVERALL GRADE |
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| November 24, 1963 | St. Louis Cardinals | 7.9 |

BOTTOM LINE

Shofner played split end, flanker and tight/closed/left end. Shofner showed very little effort when the play was not run to him. No receptions for Shofner in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Y.A. Tittle (#14) threw an out pass to Shofner. The ball was incomplete. Hard to tell if it was catchable. A few series' later, Shofner had a very good reception near the left sideline. After the catch, he was hit immediately by two defenders and stopped without yards after the catch. Shofner showed very good hands with the reception. Later in the quarter, Tittle threw a long pass to Shofner, but the ball was underthrown and almost intercepted by Larry Wilson (#8). Two plays later, Tittle hit Shofner on a mid-range pass. Shofner got his body in front of the defensive back to get the ball. He broke away from the tackle of Wilson and gained an extra 12 yards. Very good effort to get yards after the catch. In the third quarter, Shofner ran a deep post pattern. The ball was underthrown by Tittle and intercepted by Wilson. Shofner ran back over 30 yards to make the tackle. Excellent hustle. Later in the quarter, Tittle underthrew a sideline pass to Shofner, which was again intercepted by Wilson. Later in the quarter, Tittle threw an out to Shofner, who showed an excellent ability to turn upfield to gain yards after the catch. The reception went for 20 yards. In the fourth quarter, Shofner caught a short out. He was hit immediately and had no yards after the catch. A few plays later, Shofner ran a deep post, beating the defender by about two yards. Tittle hit him in stride. Jimmy Hill (#41) caught him and tripped him up at the one-yard line for a 48-yard reception. Excellent concentration and hands to catch the over-the-shoulder pass.

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December 29, 1963

Chicago Bears

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BOTTOM LINE

This is a highlight film. As a result, not all plays are shown. Shofner played split end, flanker and tight/closed/left end. In the first quarter, Shofner beat Dave Whitsell (#23) to the end zone. Tittle threw the pass but it was a little high and slightly behind Shofner. It hit the hands of Shofner, but he was unable to catch it. It should have been a touchdown reception. Tittle left the game in the second quarter when he was hit in the leg by linebacker Larry Morris (#33). He was replaced by Glynn Griffing (#15). No targets for Shofner in the second quarter. Tittle returned at the beginning of the third quarter. On the first offensive series of the third quarter, Shofner was targeted by Tittle on a curl route. Dave Whitsell stepped in front of Shofner for the interception. Shofner tackled Whitsell for only about a one-yard return. Shofner was targeted again at the end of the third quarter, but the pass was too far in front of him. With about seven minutes left in the fourth quarter, Shofner ran a deep post. He beat his defender, but Tittle's pass was overthrown. Shofner did not have a reception in the game. His competitiveness was good at best in this game.

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October 22, 1967

Green Bay Packers

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BOTTOM LINE

This is a Game of the Week film. As a result, not all plays are shown. Of the plays shown, Shofner was on the sidelines and did not play.

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 |