

SCOUTING REPORT

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REVISION LISTING

DATE	DESCRIPTION
January 17, 2015	Initial Release
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OVERALL ANALYSIS

Overall Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Excellent quickness and explosion off the snap
- Excellent lateral movement
- Instincts are exceptional
- Effective on the line of scrimmage or downfield
- Can seal and wall off defenders with precision

WEAKNESSES

- Occasionally can get beat in run and pass protection, but that was rare
- On offense, he would sometimes give up on a play when it is run to the opposite side of the field

BOTTOM LINE

Doesn't lose his balance, even on slippery fields. Has excellent instincts. He would occasionally get beat in both run and pass protection, but that was rare. He did a very good job on special teams and was regularly in on tackles. He occasionally gave up on an offensive play when run to the opposite side of the field.

Run Blocking: Gets off the snap quickly to engage the defender. After releasing from the defender, he is looking for the second and third blocks downfield. Can pull in either direction and hits the defender with force. Can seal and wall off the defender in any direction to open a hole for the runner. Games were won based off of his blocking. Showed great agility in the open field.

Pass Blocking: Excellent lateral movement and agility. His head was on a swivel when he was not engaged with a defender. Always looked for the block and made great decisions. Quick enough to pick up missed blocks by teammates. When he played left guard, he showed enough agility to drop back and protect against the rushing right defensive end coming around the outside of the left offensive tackle.

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POSITION

Right Offensive Tackle, Right Offensive Guard, Left Offensive Guard

TEAMS

1943 "Steagles", 1944-51 Philadelphia Eagles

UNIFORM NUMBER

70

GRADING SPECIFIC FACTORS

SPECIFIC FACTOR	GRADE
OVERALL ATHLETICISM (QAB):	8.2
Quickness:	8.3
Agility:	8.2
Balance:	8.1
STRENGTH AND EXPLOSION:	8.0
COMPETITIVENESS:	8.2
MENTAL ALERTNESS:	7.9
INSTINCTS:	8.2
OFFENSE:	8.2
Run Blocking:	8.2
Pass Blocking:	7.9
DEFENSE:	7.6
Run Defense:	7.4
Pass Rush:	7.7

OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE/OVERALL GRADE

8.2/7.6/8.0

NUMBER OF GAMES REVIEWED

12 Offense, 3 Defense

SCOUTS

Primary Scout: Ken Crippen

Secondary Scout: Matt Reaser

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 24, 1943	New York Giants	n/a

BOTTOM LINE

Wistert did not enter the game until the beginning of the second quarter. He played for a series on offense (right tackle) and a series on defense (right defensive tackle). He then left the game. He reappeared at the beginning of the fourth quarter. And remained in the game until the end. He was excellent on offense and very good on defense. NOTE: Offense and defense were graded for the time that he was in the game, but no grade was given overall as he only played one quarter.

OFFENSE: Grade: 8.1

He did an excellent job to stand up the defender and to prevent the defender from getting past him. In the fourth quarter, he did an excellent job reading an impromptu screen and set up an excellent block. Later in the quarter, he again set up an excellent block on a screen. Overall, he did well to screen defenders in pass protection, but did let one guy go.

DEFENSE: Grade: 7.8

On defense, he made a nice tackle of a runner for little gain in the fourth quarter. On a few occasions, he was caught pushing himself past the play. Overall, he did not get pushed around, but lacked aggression.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 28, 1945	Cleveland Rams	8.0

BOTTOM LINE

Wistert did not start the game (Eagles were on defense). He came in for the first offensive series, then played both sides of the ball the remainder of the game. He primarily faced left tackle Elbie Schultz (#40) on both offense and defense. Wistert left the game for the remainder of the half, except for a few special teams plays. He returned to play the third quarter, but left the game at the beginning of the fourth quarter for a few series. Very competitive. Always looked for someone to hit. Overall, an excellent game by Wistert. He played through the whistle and was very competitive.

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OFFENSE: Grade: 7.8

Wistert played right tackle (offense and defense) in the game. In the second quarter, Wistert pulled to block on the sweep. He over pursued linebacker Pat West (#36) and missed on the block. West was able to change direction and made the tackle of Buist Warren (#41). Overall, he did not always find someone to block when in space, was pulling, or was the lead blocker.

DEFENSE: Grade: 8.1

Early in the game, Wistert ran through and split the guard and tackle to pressure the passer. He got a hit on him after he released the ball. About mid-way through the first quarter, Wistert had a nice tackle of Floyd Konetsky (#38). Wistert went through two defenders to catch up to Konetsky on a sweep. Konetsky was tackled for a loss. Late in the first quarter, Wistert made an excellent solo tackle of the runner. The runner was bursting through the center of the line. Wistert peeled off the offensive tackle and dove to make the tackle of fullback Don Greenwood (#66). He followed this with another tackle (this time for no gain) of the runner after pushing his way through multiple linemen. In the second quarter, Wistert shot the gap and made an excellent solo tackle of the runner for a loss. Extremely quick to make the play. In the third quarter, Wistert was engaged with Schultz. After reading the play, Wistert rolled off of Schultz and was able to work his way through a couple of defenders to assist on a tackle of Greenwood. Overall, excellent awareness and play recognition, and was great against the run. He primarily attacked out of a two-point stance.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 2, 1947	Washington Redskins	7.6

BOTTOM LINE

Wistert played offense, defense and special teams in this game. However, he left the game during the third quarter. He returned in the fourth quarter for a kickoff, four defensive plays and one offensive play (the Eagles turned the ball over on a fumble). He was replaced by Jay MacDowell (#88). Wistert played right tackle throughout the game.

OFFENSE: Grade: 7.6

Wistert played right tackle and faced either Jim Peebles (#19), Bill Gray (#60) or John Steber (#16). In the second quarter, Peebles was replaced by Ernie Williamson (#47). In the third quarter, Fred Boensch (#51) played a few snaps. Wistert was quick off the snap and quick to gain leverage against the defender to seal him away from the play. He also showed excellent speed and instincts to get out and block on the sweep. He made great blocks downfield. In the third quarter, he had a nice cut block on Gray on a Steve Van Buren touchdown. However, there were a few issues with his performance. In the first quarter, Gray easily went through his block to make a tackle for a one-yard gain. In the first half, on plays to the opposite side of the

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field, Wistert did not always give full effort. He would make initial contact with the defender, then just stop, not continuing to block and not finishing the play.

DEFENSE: Grade: 7.6

Wistert lined up in the 7-technique position on the right side of the defensive line. He mainly faced Jim Peebles (#19) or the fullback Sal Rosato (#32). He was quick off the snap and fast to get into the backfield. However, there were a couple of occasions where he over-pursued in the backfield, putting him out of position to make a play. But, his speed allowed him to recover. An instance of this was in the second quarter where he was able to chase down Sammy Baugh (#33) to tackle him on the opposite sideline. Wistert was unblocked on many plays. He was quick in pursuit down the line and constantly around the ball or in on tackles on the opposite side of the field. In the first quarter, he had a great push on the goal line. In the third quarter, he lacked effort on a run where he could have made the tackle. Also, there was a play where Peebles put him on his back, leading to a long run.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 28, 1947	Chicago Cardinals	7.3

BOTTOM LINE

Wistert played right tackle exclusively in the game. He was quick off the snap. However, he did not always hit the defender or seek to hit the defender. There were times when he hit air or did not look to make a block. When he did seek to make a block, he was explosive into the defender and went looking for second and third blocks. He effectively used cut blocks in both the run and pass game. Excellent lateral movement in pass blocking. But, there were mixed reviews of his pass blocking. He was excellent, at times. Other times, he showed a lack of effort. Twice, he let Bulger (#11) through on a pass rush, and one of those times resulted in a sack and the second almost resulted in a sack. Overall, a very good game, but not an excellent game.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 17, 1948	Washington Redskins	8.2

BOTTOM LINE

Wistert played right tackle and faced Johnny Sanchez (#49) for the first quarter and part of the second. Ed Stacco (#57) replaced Sanchez. Late in the second quarter, Wistert faced Carl Butkus (#47). Sanchez returned

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in the third quarter. Late in the third quarter, Wistert left the game, with the outcome well in hand. Wistert only played a few downs on defense. There were not enough plays to evaluate his defensive performance. On offense, Wistert was quick to get outside and block for the sweep. He was effective in getting to the second level to block on interior runs. He gave up very little ground on pass blocking. Excellent explosion off the ball and showed excellent technique on cut blocks.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 12, 1948	Detroit Lions	8.0

BOTTOM LINE

Wistert played right offensive tackle in the game. He faced Paul Briggs (#76). He only played the first quarter, before being replaced by Otis Douglas (#71). While he was in the game, Wistert was strong in run blocking, but pass protection was not at the same level. He was quick to engage the defender and shed the defender when he needed to block downfield. Excellent speed for a tackle and was able to make plays on the opposing side of the field. He showed excellent instincts on blocking on both the sweep and screen pass. He showed excellent agility and ability to get out of his stance quickly.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 19, 1948	Chicago Cardinals	8.3

BOTTOM LINE

Wistert played offensive right tackle in the game. The film was a highlight film and did not show every play. Weather was a factor as the heavy snow impacted footing and visibility. That lack of footing made his performance, especially at the end of the game, that much more impressive. He was able to get low on the defender to take him out of the play. He showed excellent leverage and drive in the run game. The best block was in the fourth quarter when he got low on the defender and created a huge hole for Steve Van Buren to score the winning touchdown. He was explosive off the ball and regularly opened holes for the Eagles' running game. Agile enough to get downfield to block either on his side or the opposite side of the field. His run blocking was outstanding. He was an effective pass blocker. He was able to hold his position against the pass rush, even with bad footing. Again, quick and explosive off the ball. He would continually look for the second and third blocks.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 23, 1949	Washington Redskins	8.3

BOTTOM LINE

Wistert played right offensive tackle in the game and faced Laurie Niemi (#47). He lined up at the 7-technique position on defense for a few plays, but there were not enough down to properly evaluate his performance on defense. He had one tackle on defense and another tackle on punt coverage. On kickoffs, he forced a fumble and made a tackle. He very effectively sealed the defender to the inside to allow outside and off-tackle runs. This was particularly evident on the Josh Pritchard (#30) touchdown run in the second quarter. He was able to break through the defensive line to cover the sweep and screen passes to both sides of the field. He quickly got to the second and third level of the defense to block. He showed excellent strength on the goal line to push the defender back into the end zone. He gave up little to no ground on pass protection. Excellent balance and instincts. Very quick off the snap.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 18, 1949	Los Angeles Rams	8.1

BOTTOM LINE

Wistert played offensive right tackle exclusively in the game. Weather conditions were terrible. Quick and explosive off the ball. Effectively pulled to block on the sweep. Excellent instincts to pick up downfield blocks. Can shed defensive blocks to get downfield for additional blocking. He always looked for someone to block downfield. In pass blocking, he showed excellent instincts to pick up blocks. He engaged the defender with strength and leverage. He never was knocked down, even with the slippery field.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 12, 1950	Washington Redskins	8.1

BOTTOM LINE

Played right tackle exclusively. He missed a series in the second quarter and left the game halfway through the fourth quarter, when the game was well in hand. He struggled on the first offensive series. He lost his footing while pulling. In the second quarter, Laurie Niemi (#47) beat him badly on the inside and tackled the runner for a loss. However, outside of the first series and the Niemi, Wistert played an excellent game. He was quick off the snap. He sealed and walled off defenders expertly. He showed agility while pulling on sweep plays and screen passes. He was able to get to the second and third levels of the defense to help with downfield blocking, including showing the agility to leap over defenders. He had an amazing downfield cut block. He also made two tackles on interception returns, but one was called back on a penalty. Very consistent in both run and pass blocking. In the third quarter, he took on two defenders, turned them around and opened a huge hole for Jim Parmer (#43) to score a touchdown. He also showed the competitiveness to continue to look for the second and third block.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 3, 1950	Cleveland Browns	7.9

BOTTOM LINE

Played right guard exclusively in the game. He was out for two offensive snaps in the third quarter (three if you count the punt). Quick and explosive off the snap. Fought through the end of the play. Tough field conditions made footing difficult on drive blocking. However, it did not impact his agility while pulling for both run and pass blocking. Showed excellent instincts to pick up the rushing defenders, even if the defender was not his responsibility. Excellent lateral movement to get into position quickly.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 16, 1951	Cleveland Browns	8.1

BOTTOM LINE

Played left guard exclusively in the game. He was out for all or part of six offensive series. That equated to about 23 offensive snaps. John Magee (#67) stepped in for Wistert and there was a noticeable drop-off in quality of play. Wistert was strong and explosive off the snap. Was able to get to the second and third levels of the defense for downfield blocking. Was effective in pulling to both sides of the field. Excellent lateral movement to get into position. He was used to defend against right defensive end Bob Oristaglio (#50) when rushing to the outside of the left offensive tackle. Wistert would drop back quick enough to get proper position on Oristaglio. Excellent instincts. He would hit the defender with strength and confidence. Run blocking was exceptional.

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