

Fall Football Series #1: First Half X's and O's

BEST COAST OFFENSE – The Only Unstoppable Offense Ever Devised

A. Identifying the Defensive Scheme:

1 John 2:15-17 NKJV

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 Peter 5:8 NIV

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

B. Basics of the Best Coast Offense

2 Peter 1:1-4 NIV

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: 2 grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

- The Playbook focuses on winning and getting to The Promised Land.
- Everyone involved must participate in the Offense with God.
- Escaping the corrupting clutches of the Defense is crucial to winning.
- Evil desires succeed usually when the Offense suffers from poor conditioning. This can lead to spiritual and emotional fatigue which leads to unnecessary penalties (moving in the wrong direction) and eventual defeat.

2 Peter 1:5-10a NIV

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your **faith** goodness; and to **goodness, knowledge**; 6 and to knowledge, **self-control**; and to self-control, **perseverance**; and to perseverance, **godliness**; 7 and to godliness, **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness, **love**. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has **forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins**. 10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more **eager** to make your calling and election sure.

- God sent Peter in with the personnel package needed to successfully execute the only unstoppable offense ever devised. It comes directly from the genius of God's Playbook.
- If we choose to execute this offense, we will not only win many times over in this life, but also we will reach the literal "Promised" Land (as in promised by God) the only title or championship that truly matters.

-The system is the personnel. Remember: these sample defenders aren't the only ones in the game. Others on the sidelines are ready to come in on defense to try to stop you.

Defensive Line: Lust of the Flesh (Down and dirty to control the line of scrimmage)

Linebackers: Pride of Life (Versatile, big, and fast. Able to impact all facets of Offense.)

Secondary: Greediness (Guards against passing to others/generous distribution of ball)

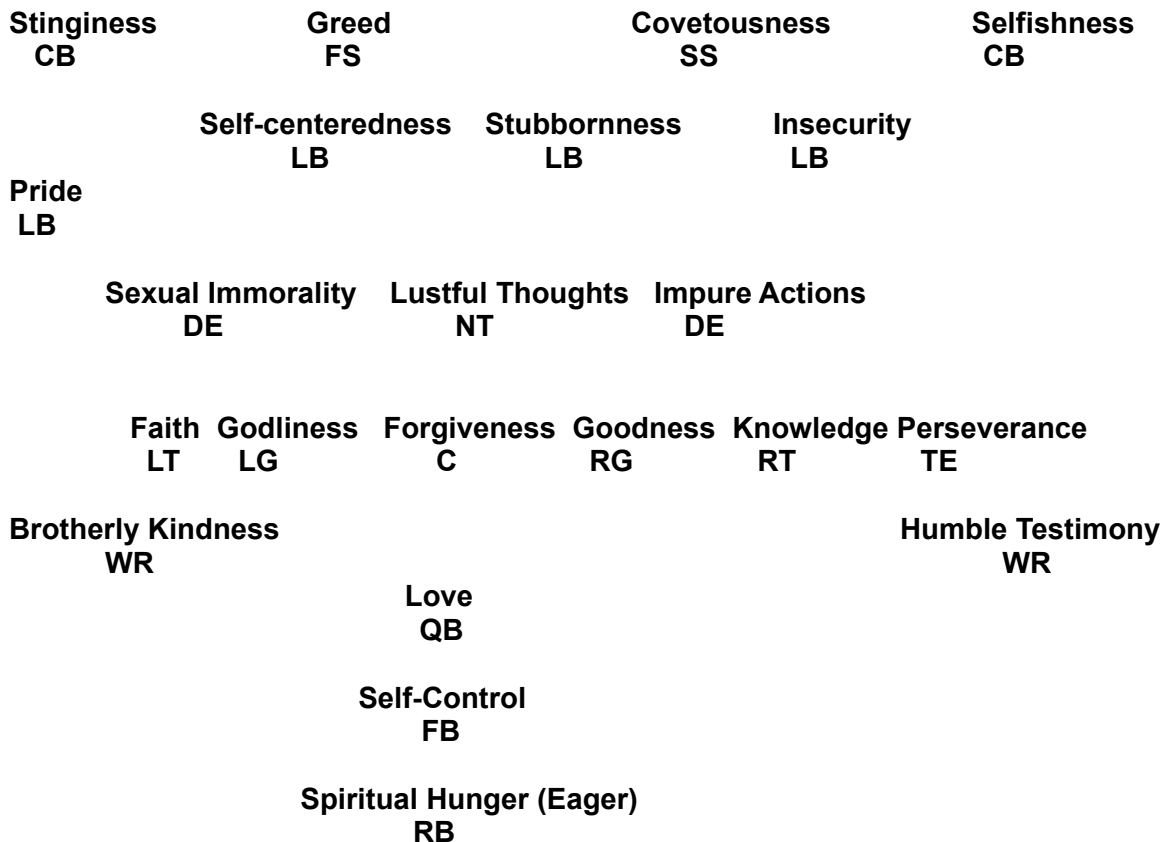
-You need to note the most dangerous players to account for in this 3-4 Defense:

-Pride is allowed to roam freely, but it is often lined up with Sexual Immorality to attack your blind side.

-The leading interceptor of all time resides at Cornerback: Selfishness.

-Lustful Thoughts, Stubbornness, and Self-centeredness clog up the middle.

-Insecurity is versatile enough to stop both Spiritual Hunger and Perseverance.



So what makes this the "Best Coast Offense?" When this offense is executed properly, there is absolutely no chance for the defense to stop you according to the Bible. You are guaranteed to reach "The Promised Land" – game over.

2 Peter 1:10b-11 NIV

For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C. Weapons on Offense

Eleven Offensive players work as one toward the goal line in the Best Coast Offense:

1. **Faith (LT)**. It isn't blind. Trust in God protects your blind side, and it is your most important OL. Without a solid Left Tackle here, you will not only be stopped – you'll be injured.)
2. **Goodness (RG)**. Protects Love and opens running lanes for Spiritual Hunger.
3. **Knowledge (RT)**. Key to your running game and knocking LBs like Insecurity and Doubt off your Love, Self-Control, and Spiritual Hunger. Sometimes reports as "Tackle Eligible" and catches TD passes on evangelism through apologetics.
4. **Self-control (FB)**. The battering ram that takes a beating and doesn't get the glory, but is both a key blocker and a very useful weapon for getting ahead.
5. **Perseverance (TE)**. Has to block, catch, and fight through the defense on all three levels of Lust, Pride, and Greed, but is often the leader in # of catches. Often will line up on the left side of the line to support Faith.
6. **Godliness (LG)**. Protects your blindside next to Faith, and serves as "pulling guard" on the running plays to open holes for Love and Spiritual Hunger to break free into the clear.
7. **Brotherly kindness (WR)**. Possession receiver that is used mainly to keep the chains moving, but may get more work than deep-ball WR on any given possession. Usually matched up against a Stingy cornerback.
8. **Love (QB)**. Most important Offensive weapon. Always touches and distributes the ball. The key player in the offense; therefore the key player in winning and attaining the Promised Land. The Offense goes nowhere without the QB (Love).
9. **Humble Testimony (WR)**. Remembering from where God brought you - humility and testimony: this is your deep threat WR. This player relies on *the speed of Humility* ("Speed Kills") to outrun the CB of Selfishness as well as *the size and leaping ability of your personal Testimony* (the facts of what God has done in your life). This size/leaping is unable to be matched by anything on defense.
10. **Forgiveness (C)**. At the center of the Offense is the reality of God's Forgiveness toward us and His expectation that we forgive others. Works in tandem with the QB. Love and Forgiveness always work together and need clean exchanges.
11. **Spiritual Hunger, or Eagerness (RB)**. You have to want it more than the other guy. This is the explosive and versatile RB that keeps the defense on its heels. Keeps your offense from being slow, prodding, predictable, and easy to stop. Spiritual Hunger will dictate how dynamic and high scoring your offense will be.