



Introducing Some Razzle Dazzle into Your Offense

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At the University of Minnesota, we are strong believers in the “big play”. It is nice if you can accomplish this through your normal offensive plays, but a lot of time you need to add just a little more

to get the results you want. If at all possible, we try to run out trick plays off some part of our standard offense. We will set aside a time to look at film for just this reason.

RT. TRIPPERS
24 "W" REVERSE

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| | QB | B | A | Y | X | Z |
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| ASSIGNMENT | FAKE ZONE, HAND OFF REVERSE | GREAT FAKE | REVERSE | | BLOCK SAFETY | |
| DROP &/OR DEPTH OF ROUTE | | | | | | |
| PRE-READ | | | | | | |
| KEY | | | | | | |
| COACHING POINTS | | | | | | |



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There are two things we live by as far as trick plays are concerned. One, don't let the other team run their trick plays before you.

In other words, run them all, and run them early. Two, don't practice your trick plays too much, Make sure your kids know what to do, and that is about all you need. The easiest way to ruin a trick play is to spend too much time trying to make it work perfect in practice.

There are two types of trick plays we use most often at Minnesota. The first is some type of reverse. Our base play is the off tackle zone play. We try and carry one or two reverses into each game that complements our zone play. These plays are not only good trick plays, but fall in to the catego-

ries of misdirection or counter plays. The second type of trick play that has had the most success for us is use type of play action pass. If we are going to use a play like this we always try and throw the ball down field for a touchdown or a very big play.

Some of the best times to run a trick play are third and short, or fourth and short. If they don't work, you are taking a chance of looking bad, and having to punt the ball. If they work, you look like a genius, and you have a good chance of scoring. It does not matter if you are the favorite, of the underdog, trick plays can be the difference in a football game. I have enclosed two plays we have used in the past.

Good luck this season.

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35 BOOT WHEEL

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TD OR BIG PLAY

| | QB | B | A | Y | X | Z |
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| ASSIGNMENT | BOOT ACTION, HIT WHEEL ROUTE | GREAT FAKE, WHEEL ROUTE | TO: DELAY FLAT, AWAY: CLIMB | | TO: FS, POST. NO FS: GO. | TO: FS, POST. NO FS: GO. |
| DROP &/OR DEPTH OF ROUTE | | | DELAY 3 CLIMB 12 | | | |
| PRE-READ | | | | | COVERAGE | COVERAGE |
| KEY | | | | | | |
| COACHING POINTS | | | | | | |