

SCOUTING REPORT

'BIG DADDY' LIPSCOMB

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REVISION LISTING

DATE	DESCRIPTION
July 2, 2015	Initial Release
March 13, 2016	Added the following games: 12/6/58 and 11/15/59

OVERALL ANALYSIS

Overall Analysis

POSITION

Defensive Tackle

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height: 6'6" Weight: 284

TEAMS

1953-55 Los Angeles Rams, 1956-60 Baltimore Colts, 1961-62 Pittsburgh Steelers

UNIFORM NUMBER

85 (1953), 78 (1954-55), 76 (1956-62)

SCOUTS

Primary Scout: Ken Crippen

Secondary Scout: Matt Reaser

OVERALL ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- Strong at the point of attack
- Able to get his arms up on pass rush

WEAKNESSES

- Pad level a little high, making it easier to cut him or use leverage against him
- Balance was inconsistent

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb was a defensive tackle that played multiple techniques. While he had size and strength, sometimes that size was a detriment. When his pad level was high, it was relatively easy to cut him or use leverage against him to block him away from the play. It was also relatively easy to get him off his feet. Balance was inconsistent. Lipscomb was strong at the point of attack, but could be slow off the snap. He could stuff the run in either a one-gap or two-gap position. Overall, he was able to get very good pressure on the quarterback, but did not always get good push into the backfield, even from a one-gap position. He had enough speed to chase down a play, even on the opposite side of the field. However, he was not quick overall. Excellent competitiveness.

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

OVERALL ANALYSIS

GRADING SPECIFIC FACTORS

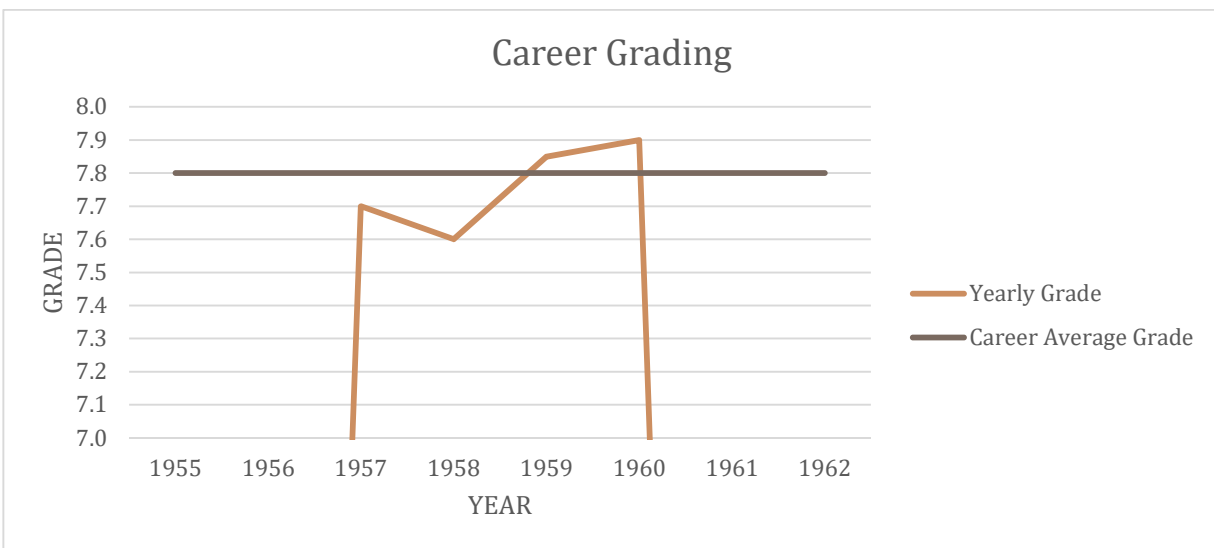
SPECIFIC FACTOR	GRADE	SPECIFIC FACTOR	GRADE
OVERALL ATHLETICISM (QAB):	7.2	INITIAL QUICKNESS:	7.3
Quickness:	7.2	HAND USE:	8.0
Agility:	7.1	DISENGAGE FROM BLOCKS:	8.1
Balance:	7.1	PASS RUSH:	7.8
STRENGTH AND EXPLOSION:	8.1	RUN STOPPING:	8.0
COMPETITIVENESS:	8.1	TACKLING:	7.9
MENTAL ALERTNESS:	7.4	LATERAL AGILITY:	7.8
INSTINCTS:	7.4		

OVERALL GRADE

7.8

NUMBER OF GAMES REVIEWED

13



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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
September 25, 1955	San Francisco 49ers	n/a

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb did not appear until the third quarter and only in a goal-line situation. He lined up in the zero-technique position and faced center Bill Johnson (#53). San Francisco ran past him to score a touchdown. There were only two plays where Lipscomb was in the game, and therefore not enough plays to accurately grade him.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 18, 1956	Detroit Lions	n/a

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb only played special teams in the game. As a result, he could not be accurately graded.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
September 29, 1957	Detroit Lions	n/a

BOTTOM LINE

This film only showed the Baltimore offense.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 20, 1957	Detroit Lions	n/a

BOTTOM LINE

This film only showed the Baltimore offense.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 27, 1957	Green Bay Packers	7.7

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb played right defensive tackle and lined up between the zero-technique and the 5-technique positions. He primarily faced left guard Al Barry (#66). On the first defensive series, Lipscomb tried to arm tackle the runner, but the runner easily broke through. On the next two passing plays, he was able to get good push into the backfield, including throwing blockers aside and getting his hands up to block throwing lanes. In the second quarter, Lipscomb was knocked to the ground, but got up and ran to tackle the runner on the other side of the line. Also in the second quarter, Lipscomb was able to shed a block and tackle the quarterback running up the middle. On the next series, Lipscomb was able to get by Barry and flush the quarterback out of the pocket. In the fourth quarter, he was able to push his way through Barry and hit the quarterback as he was throwing the ball. Overall, not very fast, but able to cover a lot of ground. Sometimes lacked effort on tackling. His size was a detriment at times as he stood a little high, making it easier for the blocker to move him around. He was susceptible to cut blocks. Overall, he got very good push on pass rush. He was strong at the point of attack. He fell over bodies on the ground multiple times.

GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 10, 1957	Washington Redskins	7.7

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb played the right defensive tackle position and lined up anywhere between the zero-technique and the three-technique positions. He primarily faced left guard Red Stephens (#67). On the first play of the game, Lipscomb was chasing the runner, but failed to make the tackle as he lost his balance as he got a hand on the

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runner. On the next play, he assisted on the tackle of the runner for a loss. He continued to make a few very good tackles throughout the first quarter. Shedding blocks and chasing the runners down to stop them for short or no gains. In the second quarter, Lipscomb had a sack of Rudy Bukich (#10). This wasn't because of what Lipscomb did, but more of the fact that Bukich scrambled around the backfield and ended up scrambling to where Lipscomb was standing. In the third quarter, he did a very good job chasing a runner down from behind to assist on a tackle. In the fourth quarter, he did another very good job to chase a runner down to assist on the tackle. On the final possession of the game, he was able to get very good pressure on the quarterback as part of a three-man line. On the final play of the game, he lept over the left guard, forcing the passer to reload, which allowed a teammate to hit the quarterback before he could get the pass off. The hit forced a fumble. Overall, Lipscomb was strong at the point of attack. Always in pursuit of the ball, but not quick enough to get to plays outside of the tackles. His balance was questionable.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 26, 1958	Washington Redskins	7.7

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb played right defensive tackle and lined up between the 2i-technique and the five-technique positions. He primarily faced left guard Red Stephens (#67). Against the run, he did a very good job to shed blocks to get in on the play to tackle the runner. On the first play of the game, the Redskins had an unbalanced line. Lipscomb shifted to the five-technique position, shed the block of Stephens and made the tackle of the runner for a short gain. Rarely got push into the offensive backfield, even as a single-gap pass rusher. Usually pushed back by the offensive lineman. Lipscomb left the game for a series in the second quarter. In the third quarter, Lipscomb was able to get past the block of Stephens and pressure quarterback Eddie LeBaron (#14). Lipscomb left the game again toward the end of the third quarter and did not return until a few series' into the fourth quarter. Overall, he did well to get his hands up in pass rush. Strong at the point of attack. Three times in the game he was able to get good pressure on the quarterback. On numerous occasions he was able to make the tackle and stop the run up the middle.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 6, 1958	Los Angeles Rams	7.5

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb played right defensive tackle and faced left guard Duane Putnam (#61). Lipscomb lined up between the zero-technique and the three-technique positions. Was not very effective in the first quarter. In the second quarter, while inside the five-yard line, Lipscomb went down the line of scrimmage and stood up and stopped the runner in the hole. Also in the second quarter, Lipscomb tracked a runner down the line of scrimmage, but ran past him as the runner cut back to avoid the tackle. Lipscomb was stopped in his tracks and did not even get a hand on the runner. In the third quarter, he was able to shed the guard and tackle the runner for a short gain. Also in the third quarter, Lipscomb sacked quarterback Billy Wade (#9) after Wade moved up in the pocket to avoid the outside rush. Overall, Lipscomb got penetration and push into the backfield, but was not much of a factor. He was good at getting his hands up in the pass rush. However, he was susceptible to getting cut when moving laterally.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 18, 1959	Chicago Bears	8.0

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb played right defensive tackle and faced left guard Abe Gbron (#67). Lipscomb lined up between the zero-technique and the three-technique positions. In the second quarter, Lipscomb did a very good job to shed the block of Gbron to tackle the runner for no gain. On the next play, Lipscomb again shed the block of Gbron, but this time sacked quarterback Ed Brown (#15) near the goal line. Later in the quarter, he was able to pressure Brown, but Brown was able to get the pass off before being hit by Lipscomb. In the third quarter, Lipscomb was able to knock down a Zeke Bratkowski (#12) pass, ending a Chicago drive. Later, he was able to chase down Rick Casares (#35) to make a tackle on the far sideline. This was about 30 yards downfield. Excellent competitiveness on the play. Also in the third quarter, a scrambling Bratkowski fumbled the ball attempting to get away from Lipscomb. In the fourth quarter, Willie Galimore (#28) ran through a weak arm tackle by Lipscomb for a good gain. Later, Lipscomb was able to hit Bratkowski as he was throwing. He ran through the center's block as if the center was not there and got in the face of Bratkowski as he was throwing. The pass was intercepted and returned about 25 yards. Overall, very good to excellent against the run. Strong at the point of attack. Got good pressure on the quarterback, but was neutralized on a few occasions.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 8, 1959	Washington Redskins	7.7

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb played the right defensive tackle position and lined up between the zero-technique and the three-technique positions. He primarily faced left guard Don Boll (#62). Rarely did Lipscomb get push on the pass rush, but against the run, he clogged the gaps. In the second quarter, Lipscomb was able to get around the inside of Boll and hit quarterback Eddie LeBaron (#14) as he was throwing the ball. The ball fell incomplete. On the next series, Lipscomb again got on the inside of Boll, and this time tackled the runner for a loss. Later, Lipscomb was able to trip up fullback Don Bosseler with his long arms. Bosseler was running to the outside when, as he was falling, Lipscomb reached out to grab the ankle of Bosseler. A few plays later, Lipscomb was able to get his hands on the face of LeBaron as he was getting rid of the ball. The pass was incomplete. On the next play, Lipscomb assisted on a sack of LeBaron. In the third quarter, Lipscomb did a very good job to shed the block of Boll to make a solo tackle of Johnny Olszewski (#0). In the fourth quarter, Lipscomb did a very good job chasing down a receiver on the opposite sideline to assist on the tackle. Overall, Lipscomb was strong at the point of attack. He consistently threw aside blocks to make tackles on inside runs.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 15, 1959	Green Bay Packers	8.0

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb played right defensive tackle and faced left guard Fuzzy Thurston (#63). Lipscomb lined up between the 2i-technique and the three-technique positions. On the first series, a swing pass intended for Paul Hornung (#5), bounced off Hornung's hands and into the hands of Lipscomb, who returned it down the sideline 49 yards. In the fourth quarter, he split the guard and center and tackled Jim Taylor (#31) for a loss. Overall, Lipscomb lacked the speed to run down ball carriers, but was always moving towards the ball in pursuit. Very good pass rush and did a very good job of getting his hands up during the pass rush. Throughout the game, he had a lot of hard hits on the quarterback just after the ball was released. Very good play recognition and was quick to identify screens. He regularly took up two or three defenders. He made a few nice tackles of runners for little or no gain after shedding the guard.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 27, 1959	New York Giants	7.7

BOTTOM LINE

This is a highlight film. As a result, not all plays were shown. Lipscomb played right defensive tackle and lined up anywhere between the 2i-technique and the three-technique positions. He primarily faced left guard Al Barry (#68) and center Ray Wietecha (#55). In the first quarter, Lipscomb was able to shed his block and sack Charley Conerly (#42). Lipscomb had a nice redzone tackle against the run. Later in the series, he got to the quarterback to assist on a sack. In the fourth quarter, he assisted on another sack. On occasion, he was stood up at the line of scrimmage on pass plays. On runs, he was occasionally blocked out or away from the play.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 4, 1960	Detroit Lions	7.9

BOTTOM LINE

Lipscomb played right defensive tackle and lined up anywhere between the zero-technique and the three-technique positions. He primarily faced center Bob Scholtz (#50) or left guard Harley Sewell (#66). Toward the end of the first quarter, he was able to pressure quarterback Jim Ninowski (#15), but Ninowski was able to roll out and throw the ball before Lipscomb hit him. On the first snap of the second quarter, Lipscomb stuffed a run when the center's block did not move him at all. On the same series, Lipscomb was quick through the line and chased down a sweep for a loss of two yards. Also in the second quarter, Lipscomb dropped into coverage. He was slow to follow the receiver, but assisted on the tackle when the receiver was held up. Lipscomb stood up in a two-point stance on multiple occasions in the game. This included a time in the second quarter in a redzone defense. The quarterback rolled left. Lipscomb went around the line, quickly closed the gap and hit Ninowski hard for a sack. On the next series, on a sweep to the left, the pulling guard tried to cut Lipscomb. He kept his balance and tackled the ball carrier. In the third quarter, Lipscomb deflected a pass. On the next play, he quickly recognized the screen and got over to make the tackle for a short gain. Lipscomb got good push throughout the game.