

# SCOUTING REPORT

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# OVERALL ANALYSIS

## Overall Analysis

### STRENGTHS

- Excellent run blocker
- Very good pass blocker
- Competitive
- Excellent technique

### WEAKNESSES

- Had a habit of getting high in his stance, which impacted his balance
- Not as aggressive on defense as on offense

### BOTTOM LINE

Overall, Rymkus showed excellent abilities on offense and very good abilities on defense. Very competitive. On offense, Rymkus showed excellent technique for the most part. There were times when he was slow off the ball and struggled to get into position. However, he made up for it with strength. It was not often when the defender was able to impact the play. The Browns also used him to block on the opposite side of the field on sweeps and screens. He was not quick, but he was able to cross the field in time to make a block. He rarely gave up on a play on offense. On defense, he was not as aggressive. There were times when he was blocked away from the play and did not fight to get in on the play. However, when he did show competitiveness on defense, he was able to get good pressure into the backfield and to make tackles.

# OVERALL ANALYSIS

## POSITION

Right Tackle, Left Tackle

## TEAMS

1943 Washington Redskins, 1946-51 Cleveland Browns

## UNIFORM NUMBER

12 (1943), 44 (1946-51)

## GRADING SPECIFIC FACTORS

SPECIFIC FACTOR	GRADE
OVERALL ATHLETICISM (QAB):	7.3
Quickness:	7.2
Agility:	7.4
Balance:	7.1
STRENGTH AND EXPLOSION:	8.0
COMPETITIVENESS:	8.2
MENTAL ALERTNESS:	7.6
INSTINCTS:	7.6
OFFENSE:	7.9
Run Blocking:	7.9
Pass Blocking:	7.9
DEFENSE:	7.5
Run Defense:	7.4
Pass Rush:	7.5

## OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE/OVERALL GRADE

7.9

## NUMBER OF GAMES REVIEWED

18

## SCOUTS

Primary Scout: Ken Crippen

Secondary Scout: Matt Reaser

# GAME REVIEWS

## Game Reviews

### GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 24, 1943	Chicago Cardinals	8.0

#### BOTTOM LINE

Rymkus played the bulk of the game, but did miss time in the second quarter and fourth quarter. Rymkus played both left and right offensive tackle at various points in the game. He mainly played left offensive tackle and right defensive tackle, but for most of the third quarter, he played right offensive tackle and left defensive tackle. Strong at the point of attack. Good at getting off blocks. Excellent run defense. Crashes down and gets himself blocked unnecessarily at times. Rymkus had a tackle on a kickoff return in the third quarter.

#### OFFENSE:

When playing left tackle, he faced Chet Bulger (#70). When he played right tackle, he faced Marshall Robnett (#21). In both positions, Rymkus showed excellent abilities to prevent the defender from making a play. If anything, Rymkus was slightly better on the left side than the right.

#### DEFENSE:

He easily shed blocks of the right offensive tackle #73. His strength moved the tackle around to allow Rymkus to make a play. He made several tackles and pressured the tailback on passing plays. There was a noticeable drop-off when Rymkus was replaced by Joe Zeno (#27). Rymkus was not overly quick, but he had the agility to get around blocks to make plays. Has a good motor. Very competitive. Good tackler. Doesn't give up ground and is always pursuing the ball carrier.

### GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 14, 1943	Detroit Lions	7.7

#### BOTTOM LINE

Rymkus was out of the game for an offensive and defensive series at the beginning of the second quarter. The same went toward the end of the third quarter into the beginning of the fourth quarter. On special teams, had positive and negative plays. In the third quarter, he missed a tackle on punt coverage, which ended up being a long return. In the fourth quarter, Rymkus recovered a fumble on a Washington kickoff return and returned it approximately 25 yards. Also in the fourth quarter, he made a tackle on kickoff coverage.

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## OFFENSE:

Played right tackle and faced defensive tackle Alex Ketzko (#64). Very good agility, movement and balance. Excellent instincts to keep Ketzko from having an impact on the game. Always looking to block someone. Very competitive. Kept a good stance, even while moving.

## DEFENSE:

Played against wingback Ned Mathews (#42) and right guard Stan Batinski (#65). Missed a tackle on Frank Sinkwich (#21) on a scramble outside. In Rymkus' defense, it was a tough tackle. However, on the next play, Rymkus made a great one-handed interception and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown. Other than the interception and a few plays putting pressure on the passer, he did not have much impact on defense. He was blocked and allowed himself to be blocked on many occasions. The offense was able to run around him, or the play was to the opposite side and he did not pursue.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 12, 1943	New York Giants	7.8

## BOTTOM LINE

A solid performance by Rymkus. He played well in all aspects of the game. He was out of the game briefly in the second and third quarters. Both times he returned to the game. In the first quarter, he made a tackle on punt coverage.

## OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle against defensive guard Chuck Avedisian (#55) and defensive tackle Frank Cope (#36). Solid in both run blocking and pass blocking. Able to get very good leverage against the defender in run blocking. Able to get into his stance and react quickly in pass blocking. Competitive. Played snap to whistle. Very good balance. Held his ground against the defender. Excellent instincts to find and deliver blocks downfield or during pass protection. Excellent technique and execution in run blocking. Very good in pass protection.

## DEFENSE:

Rymkus played left tackle against right tackles Frank Cope (#36), Al Blozis (#32) and right end Steve Pritko (#11). Able to read and react well on running plays. Good down-the-line pursuit. He fought off blocks (including double-teams), though he was hesitant and lacked aggression. Had a little trouble shedding blocks.

# GAME REVIEWS

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 19, 1943	New York Giants	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

The film started two plays before Washington's first touchdown. The Redskins ran both plays to Rymkus' side of the line (right side) to get the score. He left the game early in the second quarter with an apparent leg injury. There were not enough plays to give an accurate score.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 2, 1947	Buffalo Bills	8.0

### BOTTOM LINE

Rymkus did not play much defense in this game. The time that he was in, he was solid. He showed very good ability to shed blocks to make plays. On occasion he was pushed back by the offensive tackle, but this did not happen often. On offense, Rymkus played an excellent game. He showed speed and agility to make plays on the opposite side of the field. He also showed excellent pass protection skills.

#### OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left defensive tackle Chet Kozel (#41) and left defensive tackle Gil Duggan (#42). He did an excellent job in both run blocking and pass protection. He made a key block on Kozel to spring Edgar Jones (#90) for Cleveland's first touchdown. The Browns would occasionally split Rymkus farther down the line away from the guard. In the second quarter, he showed excellent speed in crossing the field to block a defender away from the running back. Throughout the game, he showed excellent open-field blocking downfield. He also showed great drive and repeatedly put defenders on their backs in run blocking. Rymkus left the game in the fourth quarter.

#### DEFENSE:

Rymkus played right defensive tackle and faced Chet Kozel (#41). The Bills started their first offensive series with two running plays. Rymkus made a solo tackle on the first and an assisted tackle on the second. He showed excellent strength and quickly shed the block of Kozel to make the plays. Rymkus did not give up much ground on run defense. He was not on the field for several defensive series in the second, third and fourth quarters.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 14, 1947	New York Yankees	7.9

### BOTTOM LINE

Rymkus left the game briefly toward the end of the first quarter. He returned in the second quarter. Field conditions were tough, which made it difficult to maintain footing.

#### OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left defensive tackles Frank 'Bruiser' Kinard (#44) and Derrell Palmer (#40). Rymkus made a tackle of Bruce Alford (#51) on an interception return. However, the play was negated. Occasionally, Rymkus would be split wide of the guard by about a yard or two. This made it easy for him to get to the second level of the defense to block on the opposite side of the field. Excellent in pass blocking. Very good in run blocking, driving defenders back and sealing them away from ball carriers. In the third quarter, he drove the defender back on the touchdown run.

#### DEFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left offensive guard Roman Bentz (#33) and left offensive end Jack Russell (#53). On the pass rush, he was able to get very good depth into the offensive backfield. On run blocking, he was able to shed the blocks easily to make a play. He showed very good instincts and reactions to the play as it developed. However, he seemed more concerned with maintaining his footing and balance than making a play. He allowed himself to be pushed back or sealed away from the run, though he usually held his ground and made tackles when in position.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 28, 1948	San Francisco 49ers	7.7

### BOTTOM LINE

This was a highlight film. As a result, not all plays were shown. Rymkus only played offense in the game and faced left defensive tackles Bob Bryant (#42) and Bob Mike (#47) throughout the game.

#### OFFENSE:

Showed excellent explosion off the ball. Was very good in both run blocking and pass protection. Able to get into position quickly to gain leverage on his opponent. In the first quarter, he was beat inside by a defender who pressured the passer into a pass that was intercepted. Occasionally, he was pushed back by the defender. Otherwise, he was solid.

#### DEFENSE:

Rymkus only played minimally on defense. Not enough to grade.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 18, 1948	Buffalo Bills	8.0

### BOTTOM LINE

This is a highlight film. As a result, not all plays are shown.

#### OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left defensive tackle John Kissell (#47). Was able to get into position quickly and maintain his position against the defender. Continually stayed engaged with the defender. Very competitive. Always looked to block someone when downfield in run blocking. Strong in pass protection, showing excellent technique. Very good balance and agility.

#### DEFENSE:

Rymkus did not play defense in this game.

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## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
September 5, 1949	Buffalo Bills	8.0

### BOTTOM LINE

Very competitive. Never gave up on the play. Always looking for someone to block. Very good balance.

#### OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left defensive tackle John Kissell (#47). Strong and explosive off the ball. Kissell was able to get Rymkus turned around once early in the first quarter. Rymkus never lost his balance, but was out of position to prevent Kissell from pressuring Otto Graham. Rymkus made a good solo tackle on an interception in the second quarter. Once in the second quarter and once in the fourth quarter, he set too deep in pass protection. However, it did not result in a negative play for Cleveland. He showed excellent ability to get in front of sweeps and screen passes. Excellent pass blocking. Very good at shielding defenders away from backs in run blocking.

#### DEFENSE:

Rymkus only played minimally on defense. Not enough to grade.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 13, 1949	Buffalo Bills	7.9

### BOTTOM LINE

The film ended after the first quarter.

OFFENSE: Grade: 7.9

Rymkus played right tackle throughout the game and faced left defensive tackle John Kissell (#47). Overall, Rymkus played a solid game. He was able to stand up Kissell in pass protection and was able to push Kissell back while run blocking. On one occasion Kissell was able to push Rymkus to the side and almost caught the runner. Once in the first quarter, Rymkus was beat inside by Kissell on a run play. Showed strength and agility.

DEFENSE: Grade: n/a

Did not play defense.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 4, 1949	Buffalo Bills	7.7

### BOTTOM LINE

Very good technique. Very competitive. Did struggle at times in pass protection.

#### OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left defensive tackle John Kissell (#47). Rymkus lost his balance once on a bull rush by Kissell. Rymkus would occasionally lose his balance in pass blocking. But, he recovered quickly or was able to hold the block long enough for the passer to get the ball off without pressure. Very good positioning and ability to stay engaged with the defender. However, he was a half-step slow in run blocking, but got good push in straight ahead assignments. In the fourth quarter, Kissell beat him inside on a quick pass that was incomplete.

#### DEFENSE:

Rymkus did not play defense in this game.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 12, 1950	San Francisco 49ers	7.4

### BOTTOM LINE

Rymkus struggled with Nomellini's quickness and strength. Rymkus left the game in the fourth quarter, with the game well in hand. He lost his balance and was on the ground too often. He was slow to make the block and slow to react to the defender in pass protection. However, he was effective in run blocking.

#### OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left defensive tackle Leo Nomellini (#42) and linebacker Norm Standlee (#72). Nomellini was quicker off the ball than Rymkus, making it more difficult for Rymkus to get in proper position. Nomellini went out briefly in the second quarter and was replaced by Chuck Quilter (#45) for the last two defensive series in the half. Nomellini returned at the beginning of the third quarter. In the second quarter, there was a running play where Rymkus looked lost or confused. In the fourth quarter, Rymkus lost his balance in pass protection and the defender was able to hit the passer's arm, forcing an incomplete pass.

#### DEFENSE:

Rymkus did not play defense in this game.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 19, 1950	Washington Redskins	7.6

### BOTTOM LINE

Rymkus showed very good strength, balance and competitiveness. Outside of two mistakes, he had a very good performance.

#### OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left defensive tackle Gene Pepper (#61). On the first play of the game, Rymkus had a weak block on left defensive end Danny Brown (#81). Brown was able to easily get by him to tackle the runner for a loss. In the second quarter, Pepper got by Rymkus to sack Otto Graham. The rest of the game, Rymkus performed very well. Good position to gain leverage against the defender. Very strong. Run blocking and pass protection were very good. In run blocking, he got very good drive and put more than one defender on their back. Was able to make excellent blocks on the opposite side of the field on run plays.

#### DEFENSE:

Rymkus did not play defense in this game.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 3, 1950	Philadelphia Eagles	7.6

### BOTTOM LINE

According to the box score, there were no passes attempted in this game. While the box score may be correct, in the second quarter Otto Graham attempted a pass, but it was negated on a penalty.

#### OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left defensive tackle Vic Sears (#79) and Walt Stickel (#75). Strong off the ball. In run blocking, he was able to get excellent push into the defense. He quickly gained leverage and positioning. There were a few times where Rymkus would get a little high in his blocks and lose leverage. In the third quarter, Rymkus missed a block allowing the defender to get back and force a fumble. Rymkus recovered the fumble. Very competitive. Even with the tough field conditions, Rymkus was able to keep his balance.

#### DEFENSE:

Rymkus did not play defense in this game.

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## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 17, 1950	New York Giants	7.9

### BOTTOM LINE

Solid in run blocking, but lost his balance on occasion in pass protection.

#### OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left defensive tackle Arnie Weinmeister (#73). Rymkus showed very good drive and push in run blocking. In pass blocking, he occasionally lost his balance, but got his feet under him to continue to protect the passer. In the third quarter, he was set too deep and the defender was able to get underneath him.

#### DEFENSE:

Rymkus did not play defense in this game.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 28, 1951	New York Giants	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

Rymkus did not play in the game. John Sandusky (#49) played at right tackle.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 16, 1951	Philadelphia Eagles	7.4

### BOTTOM LINE

Rymkus did not start the game. He entered the game on the second offensive series.

#### OFFENSE:

Rymkus played right tackle and faced left defensive tackle Vic Sears (#79) and left defensive end Bud Grant (#86). In the third quarter, the goal line touchdown was run behind him. He drove the defender into the end zone to open the hole. Also in the third quarter, the defender quickly got around him after initial contact and

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sacked the quarterback for a safety. Overall, Rymkus did struggle to some degree to contain Sears. He was too quick and was able to get by Rymkus to pressure Otto Graham on many occasions.

## DEFENSE:

Rymkus did not play defense in this game.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 23, 1951	Los Angeles Rams	8.2

## BOTTOM LINE

The tight camera angle made it difficult to grade every play. From what could be seen, Rymkus was excellent in pass blocking and very good in run blocking.

# 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