

SCOUTING REPORT

JIM RAY SMITH

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REVISION LISTING

DATE	DESCRIPTION
April 11, 2015	Initial Release
February 25, 2016	Added the following game: 11/2/58

OVERALL ANALYSIS

Overall Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Excellent strength and explosion off the ball
- Gave up little ground in pass protection
- Can seal defenders away from the ball in run blocking

WEAKNESSES

- Can lose his balance in pass protection
- Had trouble finding someone to block at times

BOTTOM LINE

A solid performer in both run blocking and pass protection. In run blocking, Smith showed excellent explosion off the ball and strength to seal defenders away from the ball. Can push the defender off the line of scrimmage. In pass protection, he did not give up much ground. However, there were a few occasions where he gave up on the play after the initial block. Instincts were a problem on occasion. He looked for a defender to block, but did not always make the correct decision.

OVERALL ANALYSIS

POSITION

Left Guard, Right Guard

TEAMS

1956-62 Cleveland Browns, 1963-64 Dallas Cowboys

UNIFORM NUMBER

84 (1956), 64 (1957-64)

GRADING SPECIFIC FACTORS

SPECIFIC FACTOR	GRADE
OVERALL ATHLETICISM (QAB):	7.7
Quickness:	7.8
Agility:	7.7
Balance:	7.5
STRENGTH AND EXPLOSION:	8.1
COMPETITIVENESS:	8.0
MENTAL ALERTNESS:	7.8
INSTINCTS:	7.5
RUN BLOCKING:	7.9
PASS BLOCKING:	7.9

OVERALL GRADE

7.9

NUMBER OF GAMES REVIEWED

3

SCOUTS

Primary Scout: Ken Crippen

Secondary Scout: Matt Reaser

GAME REVIEWS

Game Reviews

GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 29, 1957	Detroit Lions	7.6

BOTTOM LINE

This is a highlight film. As a result, not all plays were shown. Smith played right guard and faced left defensive tackle Ray Krouse (#70). The Browns employed the messenger guard system, where Smith and Fred Robinson (#63) rotated, playing every other down. In the second quarter, Smith pulled to the left on a sweep play. He sealed two defenders on the inside and took both out of the play to allow Jim Brown to score a touchdown. In the third quarter, Smith knocked a linebacker to the ground to allow a good gain for Cleveland. Overall, very good run blocking and pass protection, but did not always complete the play with making the block. He showed strength, speed, agility and leverage. His speed and agility were especially on display when pulling to the left or right to block on the sweep. However, he did lose his balance on occasion in pass protection. Overall, he was competitive. But, on a play in the second quarter, he seemed to give up as Krouse was getting around him. Krouse pressured quarterback Tommy O'Connell, but the pass was off before Krouse could sack him.

GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 2, 1958	New York Giants	n/a

BOTTOM LINE

This film only contained the first quarter of play. Smith played left guard and primarily faced either Rosey Grier (#76) or Andy Robustelli (#81). In the first quarter, Smith showed competitiveness to not give up on a play. He was in pass protection and the quarterback was pressured into running. As Robustelli was getting a grasp of Milt Plum (#16), Smith elbowed Robustelli to the ground. Showed very good angles, leverage and balance. Very competitive. Quick off the ball and quick to get into position. Several times, Smith was able to get Grier off his feet to minimize his impact. Smith did struggle a few times with open-field blocks. He usually was late to get into position to make the block. Since this film only had about one quarter of play, an overall grade was not given.

GAME REVIEWS

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 16, 1958	Washington Redskins	8.0

BOTTOM LINE

Smith played left guard and faced right defensive end Chet Ostrowski (#88). Footing was very difficult, especially in the center of the field. Smith gave up little ground in pass protection. He quickly got into position and held his position. In run blocking, he showed strength and explosion off the ball, and was able to push the defender off the line of scrimmage. Cleveland's first touchdown was scored through the B gap between himself and left tackle Lou Groza (#76). Throughout the drive, they ran to his side and gained ground. In the second quarter, he missed a block on middle linebacker Chuck Drazenovich (#36), who made the tackle for a short Cleveland gain. Excellent trap blocking and did well to seal defenders away from the ball. Very competitive, but there was a play in the second quarter where he stood around as the quarterback was getting sacked.

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