

## E40 COMPANION

# The Pre-Snap Ritual — The Capstone

the whole series... in ten seconds

Forty lessons in, here's the secret: everything — safeties, corners, boxes, cushions, leverage, the sticks — collapses into **one ten-second ritual** you run before every snap. Same order. Every time.

- **1. The sticks** — down & distance sets the menu.
- **2. Count the DBs** — the roster tells the plan.
- **3. Safety depth** — the first domino... half the playbook crosses itself off.
- **4. The corners** — cushion says which routes live... leverage says where his help is.
- **5. Pick your half** — commit your eyes.
- **6. Name the plan** — first read HIM... then THERE... hot man is THAT guy.

**YOUR ONE DRILL:** The only homework given twice in this series: run the ritual on every snap you watch this week — all six beats, out loud. Ten seconds of thinking most players never do.



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## LOOK ONE — CLEAN

# The Six Beats

one machine... built from forty lessons

1

## THE STICKS

down & distance sets the menu

2

## COUNT THE DBs

4 base... 5 nickel... 6 dime

ten seconds

3

## SAFETY DEPTH

two high, one high, or nobody home

same order

every snap

rain or shine

4

## THE CORNERS

cushion + leverage... routes and help

5

## PICK YOUR HALF

let the tilt and leverage vote

two beats in, you know

the deck AND the dealers

6

## NAME THE PLAN

first read... then THERE... hot man is HIM

four beats in... the coverage is basically introducing itself

**Notice:** the order matters — each beat narrows the next. The sticks shrink the menu before you count a single defender... the count tells you who they sent... the safeties cross off half the playbook... the corners name the open routes. By beat five you're not searching, you're confirming.

## LOOK TWO — DRESSED UP

# Why Rituals Beat Talent

the machine runs the same in a hurricane

## TALENT

gets tired

gets rattled

fourth quarter, down four,  
crowd screaming... it wobbles

## THE RITUAL

doesn't get tired

doesn't get rattled

runs the same six beats it ran  
on the first snap of the game

the picture answers back a little more every week...

until the defense has no secrets left

that's not a gift... that's REPS

**The long game:** the ritual feels slow the first week and invisible by the fourth — that's it installing. Every episode in this series is one beat of this machine drilled deeper: the sticks (E36), the count (E06, E20), safety depth (E17), cushion and leverage (E26, E30), the half (E39). Run it until it runs itself.

## MASTER CHEAT CARD

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## THE CARD

**Beat 1 — sticks:** down & distance picks the shelf before you look at a player.

**Beat 2 — count DBs:** 4 = base... 5 = nickel... 6 = dime. The roster tells the plan.

**Beat 3 — safety depth:** two high / one high / nobody home = the first domino.

**Beat 4 — corners:** cushion names the live routes... leverage maps the help.

**Beat 5 — pick your half:** tilt + leverage vote... commit your eyes.

**Beat 6 — say the plan:** first read, second spot, hot man. Ten seconds. Every snap.

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