

**A QUARTERBACK'S PRE-SNAP READS**

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*Quarterback Reads*  
*Instructional notes from Stanford*

**A. STRONG SAFETY = PRIMARY KEY; SECONDARY KEYS = WEAK SAFETY, THEN WILL LBer:**

1. STRONG SAFETY UP = SKY ZONE
2. STRONG SAFETY HEAD ON TIGHT END = MAN ( CHECK WEAK SIDE FOR BLITZ )
3. STRONG SAFETY & FREE SAFETY DEEP = DOUBLE ZONE
4. WILL LINEBACKER WALKED OFF = COMBO STRONG ( DOUBLE ON FLANKER )
5. WILL LINEBACKER UP & WS UP = BLITZ ( STRONG SAFETY HEAD ON TE )
6. SAM LINEBACKER WIDENS ON L.O.S. = BLITZ

**B. MOTION:**

1. BACKFIELD - NO MOVEMENT = ZONE
2. BACKFIELD - LINEBACKER MOVEMENT = MAN UNDER
3. BACKFIELD – DEFENSIVE BACK MOVEMENT = BLITZ
4. TIGHT END - NO MOVEMENT = ZONE
5. TIGHT END - SAM LINEBACKER MOVEMENT = MAN UNDER
6. TIGHT END – STRONG SAFETY MOVEMENT = BLITZ
7. FLANKER - CORNERBACK MOVEMENT = MAN
8. FLANKER - SLIDE MOVEMENT = ZONE

**C. PERSONNEL DESIGNATION:**

