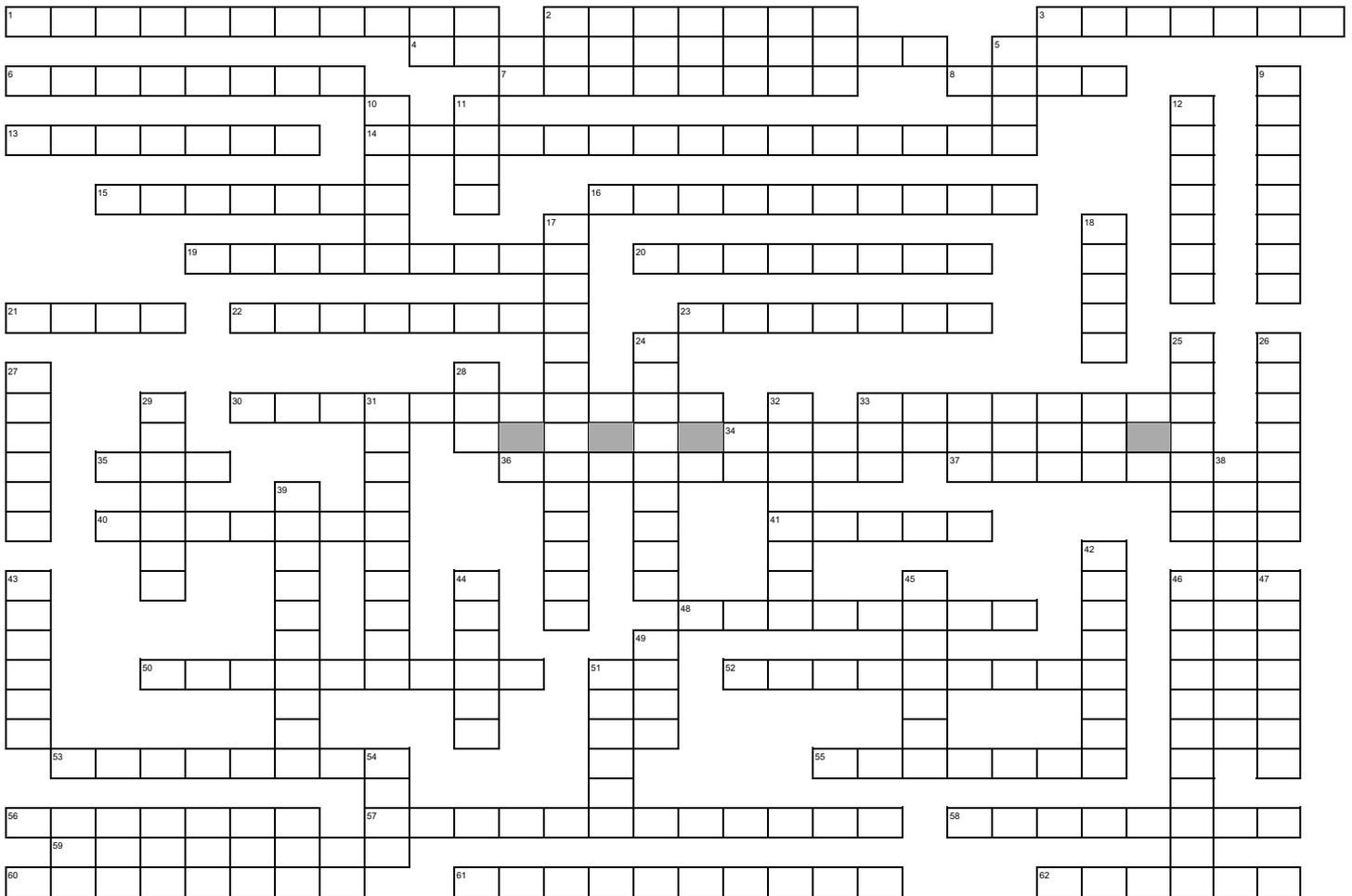


# Football Phrases



## Across

1. a player positioned behind the center who directs a team's offensive play
2. a player normally positioned on the line of scrimmage
3. an official who watches a game or match closely to ensure that the rules are adhered to and to arbitrate on matters arising from the play
4. an act of catching a pass made by an opposing player
6. (of a quarterback) run with the ball behind the line of scrimmage, avoiding tackles
7. the manner in which a defender or a defensive team cover a player, an area, or a play
8. a rapid advance by a defensive player or players, especially toward the quarterback
13. an official who watches a game or match closely to ensure that the rules are adhered to and to arbitrate on matters arising from the play
14. the imaginary line separating the teams at the beginning of a play
15. a disadvantage or handicap imposed on a player or team, typically for infringement of rules
16. an intentionally short kick-off that travels forward only slightly further than the legally required distance of 10 yards, and which the kicking team attempts to recover
19. the National Football League championship game, played annually between the champions of the National and the American Football Conferences
20. an offensive player in the backfield
21. (of a lineman) withdraw from and cross behind the line of scrimmage to block opposing players and clear the way for a runner
22. a very long, typically unsuccessful pass made in a desperate attempt to score late in the game
23. a football
30. a squad that is used for kick-offs, punts, and other special plays
33. tackle or fend off (a person) by extending an arm rigidly
34. a ball one downs deliberately behind one's own goal line or that is kicked through one's end zone. It is taken to the 25-yard line to resume play
35. National Football League
36. a six-point score made by carrying or passing the ball into the end zone of the opposing side, or by recovering it there following a fumble or blocked kick
37. either of the two upright posts of a goal
40. the rectangular area at each end of the field into which the ball must be carried or passed and caught to score a touchdown
41. a play in which one or more defensive backs charge the quarterback of the

## Down

5. make a sham move to mislead an opponent
9. the time at which half of a game or contest is completed, especially when marked by an intermission
10. a person taking part in a sport or game
11. a quick backward movement of the ball from the ground that begins a play
12. blow a whistle, especially as a signal
17. a move in which a quarterback pretends to hand the ball to a running back but instead makes a pass
18. an instructor or trainer in sport
24. a timing device that is used to indicate how many seconds remain for the offensive team to start a play before being penalized for delaying the game
25. a brief break in play
26. each of four equal periods into which a game is divided
27. a player who punts
28. a person who has a strong interest in or admiration for a particular person or thing
29. the players in a team who defend the goal
31. a defensive back positioned to the outside of the linebackers
32. a form of team game played in North America with an oval ball on a field marked as a gridiron
38. a forward pass to a player protected by a screen of blockers
39. a defensive lineman positioned opposite the offensive center
42. either of the two lines bounding the longer sides of a football field
43. a defensive back who normally is positioned well behind the line of scrimmage
44. a person or thing that is supposed to bring good luck or that is used to symbolize a particular event or organization
45. an exchange made by handing the ball to a teammate
46. an offensive player, typically a halfback, who specializes in carrying the ball
47. a pass thrown either sideways or back
49. an act of tackling a quarterback behind the line of scrimmage before he can throw a pass
51. to jump over a player while running with the ball
54. a chance for a team to advance the ball, ending when the ball carrier is tackled or the ball becomes out of play. A team must advance at least ten yards in a series of four downs in order to keep possession

opposing team

**48.** an offensive back usually positioned behind the quarterback and to the side of the fullback

**50.** a kick made after the ball is first placed on the ground

**52.** a goal scored by a placekick, scoring three points

**53.** an offensive end who lines up close to the tackle

**55.** the attacking team or players

**56.** a change in the offensive play called by the quarterback at the line of scrimmage

**57.** an offensive player who is positioned at a distance from the end and is used primarily as a pass receiver

**58.** a protective mask covering the nose and mouth or nose and eyes

**59.** a field for football, marked with regularly spaced parallel lines

**60.** one of a series of marks made along parallel lines that delineate the middle of the field, used to spot the ball after a play ends outside these lines

**61.** a defensive player normally positioned behind the line of scrimmage, but in front of the safeties

**62.** an act of seizing and stopping a player in possession of the ball by knocking them to the ground