**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
5. (of a quarterback) run with the ball behind the line of scrimmage, avoiding tackles
6. the manner in which a defender or a defensive team cover a player, an area, or a play
7. a rapid advance by a defensive player or players, especially toward the quarterback
8. 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
9. the imaginary line separating the teams at the beginning of a play
10. a disadvantage or handicap imposed on a player or team, typically for infringement of rules
11. 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
12. the National Football League championship game, played annually between the champions of the National and the American Football Conferences
13. an offensive player in the backfield
14. a very long, typically unsuccessful pass made in a desperate attempt to score late in the game
15. a football
16. a squad that is used for kick-offs, punts, and other special plays
17. tackle or fend off (a person) by extending an arm rigidly
18. 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
19. National Football League
20. 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
21. either of the two upright posts of a goal
22. the rectangular area at each end of the field into which the ball must be carried or passed and caught to score a touchdown
23. a play in which one or more defensive backs charge the quarterback of the opposing side, or by recovering it there following a fumble or blocked kick

Down

5. make a sham move to mislead an opponent
6. the time at which half of a game or contest is completed, especially when marked by an intermission
7. a person taking part in a sport or game
8. a quick backward movement of the ball from the ground that begins a play
9. blow a whistle, especially as a signal
10. a person who punts
11. a person or thing that is supposed to bring good luck or that is used to symbolize a particular event or organization
12. an exchange made by handing the ball to a teammate
13. a forward pass to a player protected by a screen of blockers
14. a defensive lineman positioned opposite the offensive center
15. an act of tackling a quarterback behind the line of scrimmage before he can make a sham move to mislead an opponent
16. a defensive back who normally is positioned well behind the line of scrimmage
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19. a person or thing that is supposed to bring good luck or that is used to symbolize a particular event or organization
20. an exchange made by handing the ball to a teammate
21. a false start by a defender
22. a very long, typically unsuccessful pass made in a desperate attempt to score late in the game
23. an intentional kick-off, when one team does not want the opposing team to have possession of the ball
24. a penalty
25. a 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
30. a form of team game played in North America with an oval ball on a field marked as a gridiron
31. a defensive back positioned to the outside of the linebackers
32. a formation that is used to mislead an opponent
33. a forward pass to a player protected by a screen of blockers
34. a defensive lineman positioned opposite the offensive center
35. a quick backward movement of the ball from the ground that begins a play
36. either of the two lines bounding the longer sides of a football field
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40. an exchange made by handing the ball to a teammate
41. an offensive player, typically a halfback, who specializes in carrying the ball
42. a pass thrown either sideways or back
43. an act of tackling a quarterback behind the line of scrimmage before he can throw a pass
44. 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
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49. to jump over a player while running with the ball
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opposing team

48. an offensive back usually positioned behind the quarterback and to the side of the fullback
49. a kick made after the ball is first placed on the ground
50. a goal scored by a placekick, scoring three points
51. an offensive end who lines up close to the tackle
52. the attacking team or players
53. a change in the offensive play called by the quarterback at the line of scrimmage
54. an offensive player who is positioned at a distance from the end and is used primarily as a pass receiver
55. a protective mask covering the nose and mouth or nose and eyes
56. a field for football, marked with regularly spaced parallel lines
57. 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
58. a defensive player normally positioned behind the line of scrimmage, but in front of the safeties
59. an act of seizing and stopping a player in possession of the ball by knocking them to the ground