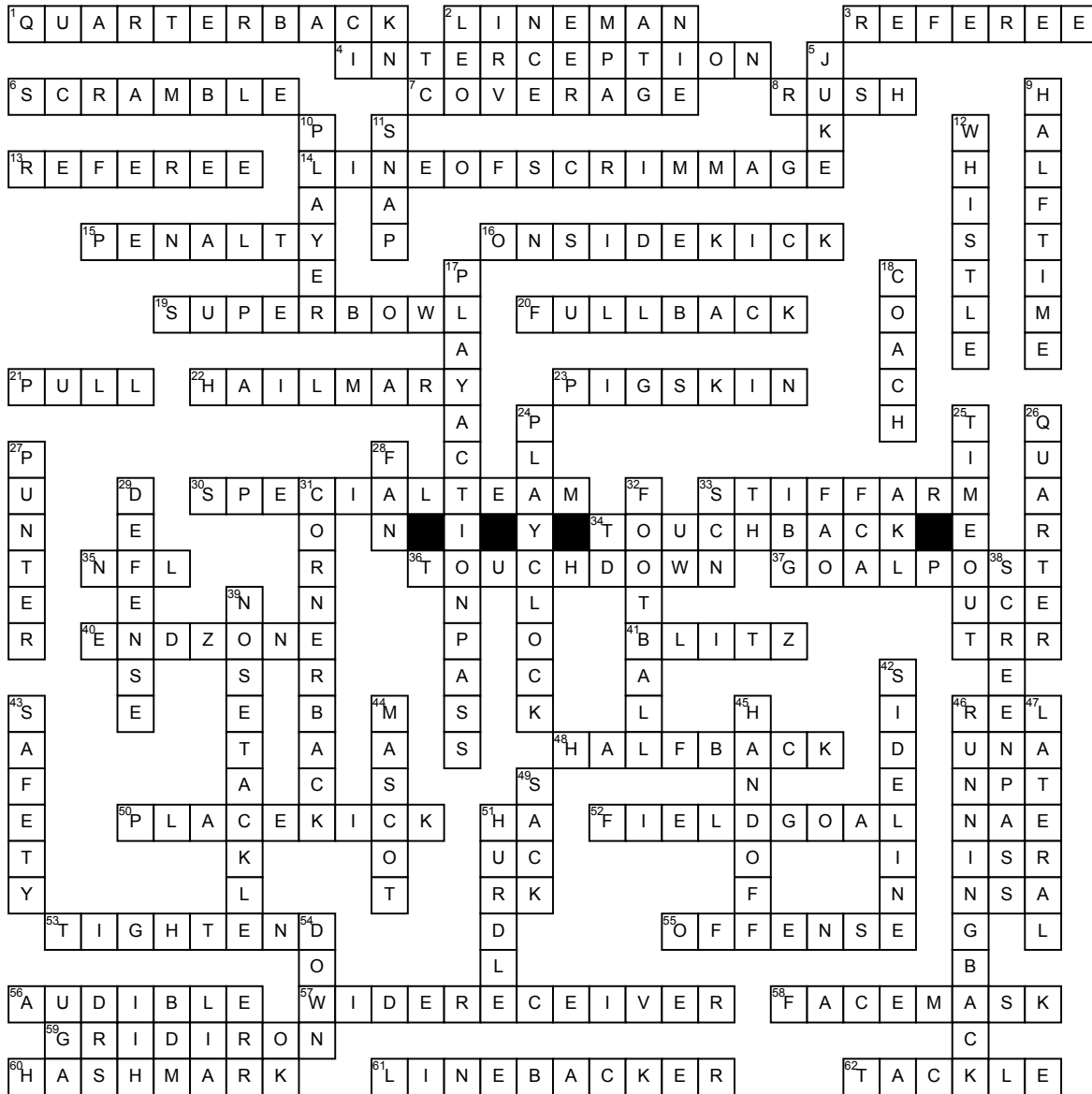


Football Phrases



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 act of catching a pass made by an opposing player
9. 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
10. the imaginary line separating the teams at the beginning of a play
11. a disadvantage or handicap imposed on a player or team, typically for infringement of rules
12. 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
13. the National Football League championship game, played annually between the champions of the National and the American Football Conferences
14. an offensive player in the backfield
15. (of a lineman) withdraw from and cross behind the line of scrimmage to block opposing players and clear the way for a runner
16. a very long, typically unsuccessful pass made in a desperate attempt to score late in the game
17. a football
18. a squad that is used for kick-offs, punts, and other special plays
19. tackle or fend off (a person) by extending an arm rigidly
20. 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
21. 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 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

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