

ready for the quick switch, or fight through.

The offense may try to run their O4 and O5 toward the passer for a quick pass. Defenders X3 and X4 must stay between them and the passer to deny this pass. Often defenders X3 and X4 are worried about getting beat by the long pass over their heads, but defender X5 should be back to cover the long pass. This is the advantage of not guarding the passer, but rather having X5 protect against the long pass.