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Auction & Dinner Dance – Saturday September 22nd

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Folks I can not begin to tell you how cool this is going to be !! Chris Cole, Ryan Ouellette, the LHS Gridiron Club, and the Auction Committee have been busy-busy-busy pulling this event together. Below is a partial – and I do mean partial list of items available for the auction. In total there will be over 8 tables of items including:

Patriots Tickets
Gift Baskets GALORE !!
Home Camera System
Deep Sea Fishing Package for 6
Electronics
Pats – Aaron Hernandez
Autographed Football
Dustin Pedroia – Autographed
Baseball

Bruins Tickets
Gift Certificates – TONS !!
BBQ - Grille
Tasting Party for 25
Even More Gift Baskets
**20x24 GRONK Autographed
Picture**
Ryan Kalish – Autographed
Baseball

Monarchs Tickets
2 Over-Night Stay Packs - Boston
Did We Say – Gift Certificates
TRIPS !!
MUCH-MUCH - More
Steve Grogran Autographed
Mini-Helmet
Other Cool Sparkly Things

So mark your calendars bring your spouse or significant other and leave the kids home. This is going to be an awesome night out. So please support the Cats and Gridiron Club and make it a night out on the town. HAVE SOME FUN !!!

Location: Promises To Keep - 199 Rockingham Rd. - Derry, NH

Date: Saturday, September 22nd (6PM to Midnight)

Tickets: - now through September 19th

Individual: \$60 - Couples \$100 (\$50 per) - Table of Ten \$400 (\$40 per person).

Tickets are on sale now at the Wildcat Wares Store by seeing Ryan Ouellette ryan.ouellette@lyfs.org or through the Gridiron Club by seeing Diedra Kotsakis diedra.kotsakis@lyfs.org. Want to pay via Credit Card...no problem through the Wildcat Wares Online Store by clicking here--- > [Auction Tickets](#)

Menu:

Soup du Jour
Garden Salad with Creamy Vinaigrette
Choice of Entrée: Marinated Steak Tips or Roast Stuffed Chicken Breast
(Non Meat Lovers meal too by request to Ryan Ouellette)
Coffee, Tea & Desert (Pastry Chef)
Cash Bar Open All Evening

Agenda:

6:00 PM To 7:30 PM Registration, Raffle, Silent Auction & Cocktail Hour
7:30 PM To 8:15 PM Dinner & Silent Auction (Open)- Music, A Video & Cash Bar
8:15 PM To 9:15 PM Live Auction Start & Silent Auction Final Chance
9:15 AM Silent Auction Winners List Produced for each Table & Displayed on Screen
9:15 PM To Midnight Live Dancing to DJ Scott Hudson

Silent Auction



Auction Payment - Cash, Check, and/or Credit Cards accepted for items at any time

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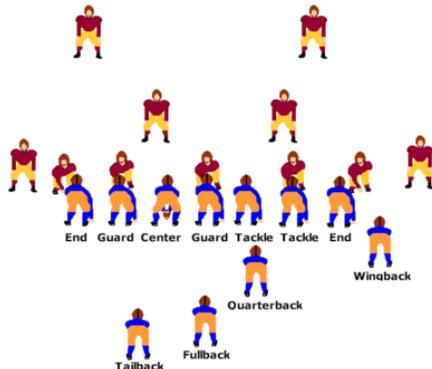


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Single Wing Offense

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Formulated by one of the greatest football coaches ever, Glenn “Pop” Warner, the single wing offense is the precursor to many of the offensive formations used today in football including the spread and shotgun/pistol formations. The “wildcat” offense Miami used to beat the Patriots 38-13 in September 2008 – is nothing more than a variation of the single wing. So dramatic was the Miami victory that today when teams revert to single wing sets – they are called wildcat.

It has been noted that of all the things invented by Pop Warner including the huddle, the screen-pass, spiral punts, putting #'s on game jerseys, and the 3-point stance, the single wing formation was

his greatest achievement.

What separates the single wing from more traditional football sets is that there is no true “quarterback” per se. But don’t think for a minute that you can’t pass from the single wing set. You can – and we do.

To defensive coaches the single wing offense is characterized by a couple of unique features including a direct long-snap from center; four backs; and an un-balanced line. Teams may call the backs different things (1, 2, or 3 back for example) but they function as a unit for blocking, running and misdirection.

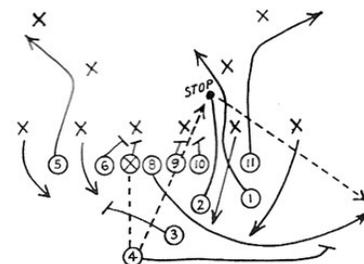
The Londonderry WildCats deploy the single wing offense in a variety of formats, but at its heart it holds the same characteristics Pop Warner himself would today recognize. The LHS Lancers football team also deploys the single-wing offense. As an instructional and feeder program to LHS the WildCat Board of Directors made the decision years ago to model our offense to the style used at LHS.

One of the requirements of being made a head coach in LYFS is to agree to use the same offensive format as LHS. To that end Londonderry Football Head Coach Jon Rich works with our coaches annually on setting up play books and acting as a resource. For the past few years our coaches along with the LHS football staff attend an annual multi-day clinic held in Pennsylvania to work further on these concepts.

When the EndZone asked Coach Rich why he deploys the single wing offense and the advantages to that set he replied as follows:

“We use the single wing for a number of different reasons.

- It’s unique. No one else runs the same offense we do and everyone has about 3 days to prepare for it. Often times, it causes teams to get away from their base defense, because opponents feel the need to do something different. Obviously, this give us an advantage. With at least 4 other opponents in our conference running the Spread Offense, it can make game planning for each a little less challenging.



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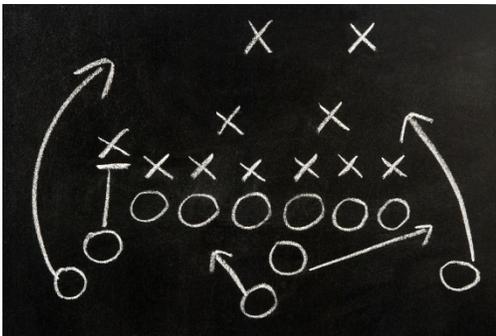


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- You don't HAVE to have a "true QB." In fact, this is the reason given why some teams switch to this offense. If you DO have a good thrower (and someone who can catch), it only makes you that much more difficult to defend.
- Our unbalanced look can cause problems and opponents have to choose how they're going to defend this. In addition, with an unbalanced line one way and the backs set the other way, teams who are not well prepared can be easily confused. If you then add in motions and shifts.....
- MISDIRECTION!! And a lot of it! Teams who find themselves keying one particular position in our offense could be in for a long night as there are "key breakers" for each position."

---- LHS Head Varsity Coach – Jon Rich

The plays at the U3 level may be more basic but it the same plays run at LHS. As the football players advance through to different age/grade brackets we add more plays and more "wrinkles" to the point where the Varsity (8th grade team) has three dozen or more different plays and offensive set combinations to run.



As LYFS players then move on to LHS ball they are both technically sound in their football skills but also have a firm understanding of single-wing football.

Who's to say in 30 or more years when LHS has a new head football coach that runs the "wish bone" – the WildCats will be right their with them running the wish bone too.

Once again the WildCats would like to thank Coach Rich for his working with our coaches and football players and contributing to this article.

Odds & Ends.....

- **WildCat Picture Day** – Mark the calendars – Saturday September 22nd – MORE details will be coming out in the next week or two
- **SLOW DOWN....**It's dark at the traffic circle behind LMS now that the sun of summer is fading away.....a child was almost hit by a car zipping around the circle at too fast a speed. So please take it easy – the circle behind LMS is not Daytona !!
- **Uniform Jersey's** – We are so glad you all love to show off that WildCat pride. Moms and family members wearing their favorite WildCat players game jersey in the stands is quite the sight to see. HOWEVER, we ask that you do not do this. Our jersey's are custom made, they do cost a lot – and they need to last for several more years. Parents or others squeezing into a youth jersey does stretch it out and my rip it. So please visit the WildCat Wares Store they have plenty of sweatshirts, hats, t-shirts and even WildCat jackets that can be ordered.
- **Volunteers for Game Day Activities** – Team moms are telling us that almost all the volunteer slots are filled for the rest of the season. MOST but not ALL.....we need your help so ask your team mom what's open and what needs to be filled. We can't do this without YOU.

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Week Two – Rams Wrangle WildCats

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U6 Struggles' on Offense – Improves on D-Side of Ball

With the game and victory well in hand and after a long run that brought the ball deep into WildCat territory the Salem Rams were in firm control of the game. With 49 seconds left in the final quarter and leading 24-0 and facing a 1st and goal from the 5yard line. Would Salem preserve the well played victory or would they attempt another TD try. Salem went for the score.

Making the TD brought on the AYF youth football “Slaughter Rule” that kicks in when one team is ahead by 28 or more points. With the score now 30 to 0 and the game officially over, Salem elected to take the extra point run, and was successful.

*“One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it.”
Football great Knute Rockne*

The WildCat defense, despite the final score, managed several stops of Salem on key offensive series. A few key mis-ques on special teams including allowing a 31 yard punt return for TD allowed 2 Salem scores.

AJ Thistle was 3 for 5 passing for 18 yards. One 20 yard pass play to Josh Berube was called back when an offensive linemen was called for being too far down field.



Left the Cat “D” converges for the swarming tackle

The swarming D did not surrender. Evan Cormier lead all tacklers with 8 solo stops but he was backed up by the gang-tackling of Olivia Yerian, Jake McEachern, Eric Borque and Devin Rheume who each contributed 4 solo tackles. Brian Boyle recorded a fumble recovery to stop another Salem advance. Though not reflective in the final score the hard fighting U6 squad played hard to the end. The U6 squad drops to 0 and 2 on the young season.

U3's Even Record at 1-1 – Rams Run Wild

Salem found a weakness in the U3 WildCat defense they exploited for long runs of 35, 86, 62, and 29 yards for scores. Salem was continually able to take the “corner” and cutting up field for long gains. Though the Cat defense was able to stop many advances, the Salem offense kept the ball away from the WildCats for a large part of the game. Offensively Londonderry was held to 2 first downs through the 2nd quarter.

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Salem overwhelmed Londonderry early in the 2nd quarter with the lead 28-0 confirmed official as the AYF Lop Sided score rule came into affect and the teams played out the rest of the game as a scrimmage on a running clock. The U3's drop to 1 and 1 on the season

Left – Members of the D8 Cheer team perform at half-time

Correction: In last weeks EZ we incorrectly identified U3 player #79 Hunter Rheame as his older brother. Anyone who knows anything about football knows that Hunter is way better than his older brother. Coming next week an apology to Devin for stating his little brother is better. Stay tuned.

U4's – Defense Shines – Special Teams Play Deciding Factor in Loss

The U4's remain competitive on offense and defense but drop a close game 19 to 14 against the strong Salem Rams.

The game was played to a scoreless tie through the first quarter and a half. Both Salem and Londonderry offenses were able to move the ball up and down the field. The game was ultimately to be decided by special teams play and a few key mistakes.

Londonderry on a reverse play early in the 2nd quarter fumbled the ball on their own 36 yard line. After a sustained drive lasting nearly 4 minutes Salem took the early 7-0 lead.

Londonderry would go 3 and out on their next series, but the defense would bring them back into the game. On a 4th down and long the Salem QB would fall back for the pass, William Reyes would record the sack to give the ball back to the Cats with 2 minutes left in the half.

Right – The Cat offense sweeps left

Quickly the offense was able to move the ball. Matt Griffin would take the ball 21 yards to the Salem 18yard line. Jackson Cox would pass the ball 10 yards to Joel Nyonga to 8. With just



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over a minute to play behind the pounding line () and the running of Cox and Griffin, Jackson Cox would pound it in from 5 yards out and with Matt's extra point tie the score at 7 with 9 seconds left in the half.



Salem would take the ensuing kick-off 40 yards for the score and the 13-7 half-time lead. The special teams issues, including some problems with handling Salem punts, continued in the 3rd quarter as Salem returned the opening kick-off 61 yards for the 19-7 advantage. Londonderry would get the ball late in the third quarter. Behind the running of Cox and Griffin including a critical first down carry by Will Reyes on a 4th and 2 the Cats would face a 1st and goal on the 1 yard line. It took three tries but Reyes was able to bring the ball home and with the extra point the cats were behind 14 to 19.

Left – #15 Jackson Cox goes for the tackle

The teams would hold and Londonderry was stopped inside the 10 yard line on a scoring attempt in the 4th quarter. Jared Mas would return the favor recording a critical stop on a Salem 4th and 3 to give the ball back to Londonderry. Defensively, William Reyes would record 4 solo tackles and a sack. Jared Mas and Milton Duran would record 3 solo tackles. Lance Martineau and Dean Haggett would round out the solid defensive effort.

Below – The D10 Cheerleaders and crowd celebrate the WildCat score



Londonderry would have the ball the final time late in the fourth quarter facing a 1st and 20 at mid-field with just over 3 minutes to play. It took them nearly 3 minutes to bring the ball down to the 26 yard line. Facing a 4th and 6 with 43 seconds remaining Salem would record a QB sack and end the game and the final score Salem 19 – Londonderry 14.

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U5's – Too Many Offensive Weapons for Salem to Hold

The U5 defense flexed its muscle early stopping the first Salem drive. Salem would fall back to punt and the kick was by Jeffrey Wiedenfeld 61 yards fro the 6-0 lead. Londonderry would not look back.

Londonderry would control the ball on several series and eat away a lot of the clock before Salem was able to tie the score 6 early in the 2nd half. On the next long offensive series that took nearly five minutes off the clock behind the running of Tyler Kayo, Anthony O'Donnell, Timmy McAllister and Wiedenfeld, Jeffrey would take it the final 36 yards to pull the Cats ahead at the half.



Left - #12 Joey Payson takes the ball – heads for the whole cleared by #8 Tyler Kayo and #52 Jacob Cullen

Salem on their own 31 yard line would punt again. Jeffrey Wiedenfeld would take the ball on the Londonderry 47 returning the punt 44 yards to the Salem 9. Behind the massive front line Kayo and McAllister would advance the ball to the 1 yard line where Jeffrey would punch it in for the score (Joey Payson EP) for the 19-6 Londonderry lead.

After giving up the initial TD in the first half the defense would take control of the line. Jeffrey Kayo would lead the effort with 2 Salem

fumble recoveries and six solo tackles. Wiedenfeld would add 7 solo tackles while Cats Cooper Bartlett, Joey Payson, Garrison Kriegl, and Matt Devito making multiple tackles on the day.

Garrison Kriegl would block a Ram punt early in the 4th quarter with the Cats taking over on the 20 yard line. Jeffrey would take the pitch from Tyler Kayo and over the left side score the final TD on the day and the Londonderry 25-6 victory. Londonderry is tied for first with Pelham, Goffstown, and Hudson in the rough U5 division.

All photos courtesy of Renee Rheume and Tara MacAlister

Have an idea for an EndZone – let us know.....the story about Single Wing came at the request of a WildCat parent. E-mail jim.loiselle@lyfs.org with story ideas or things you would like to read about.