

2023 Pro Football Showcase for SECOND SEASON Pro Football Game

Last year, in a blog post on PLAAyclassic.com, we outlined what football fans want in an alternative, spring-time pro football league. We called it the “Pro Football Showcase,” and it proved to be our most-downloaded freebie of the year! We’re bringing it back for year two...

The Pro Football Showcase is a fan-friendly, month-long extension of the football season. History has shown that fans DO show up to an alternate league’s first couple of weekends of play, with generally strong, sometimes impressive attendance figures. Call it novelty, call it habit, call it whatever, fact is, people have demonstrated a willingness to continue to watch pro football games after the Super Bowl is in the books. For awhile anyway. Once the baseball season begins and hockey and basketball playoffs, there’s increased competition for the sports dollar/viewing and attendance at spring football games naturally fades. It fades even faster when the football product is minor-league caliber. But history has shown that for a month or so after the Super Bowl, there IS an appetite for more pro football.

So, the PFS gives pro football fans exactly what they want: a month-long extension of the football season featuring recognizable, talented players, splashy uniforms, exciting games with innovative rules. Plus it provides bonus wagering and fantasy elements, and, in the spirit of “leave ‘em wanting more,” almost as quickly as it appears, it’s over. Not only is this the perfect scenario for fans, it’s also perfect for TV networks, which have routinely seen solid ratings for spring football, but only for a few weeks. The networks get the benefit of the novelty and curiosity factor, without committing to televising extended weeks of football games with ever-shrinking audiences.

It also provides a valuable launching pad (or, in many cases, the opportunity to re-launch) for players wanting a shot at playing pro ball. That includes solid veteran players squeezed out of the league by salary cap restraints, young players who’ve tasted pro training camp and want another shot, and even college players who want to elevate their status in the upcoming pro draft and believe enough in their abilities to take a chance on themselves (we’ve expanded this category for 2023, more on this shortly).

Our original blog post cast the full vision for the showcase concept, you can refer back to it if you missed it the first time around. From here, let’s outline the evolution of the concept as we launch the showcase’s second season. As part of this package you’ll find the eight 2023 Pro Football Showcase teams. All of these are real players, you’ll undoubtedly recognize many of them. For 2023, we’ve expanded the concept to include likely first-round draft choices--last year, we presumed that most of them would be unwilling to risk their draft status by playing in a showcase arrangement. We’ll circumvent that by saying that top-tier players get a million dollar paycheck instead of \$100,000 and a lucrative insurance policy covering both diminished draft status due to poor performance or injury.

We’ve also expanded the number of college stars for this set--the 2022 showcase featured about five dozen college stars, this year’s showcase has three times that many. These are players who are eligible to be chosen in the upcoming NFL draft. Indeed, whereas last year players with NFL experience out-numbered college prospects, this year it’s the other way around. It’s kind of like an expanded Senior Bowl, with eight teams instead of two, each team peppered with “mentor” players with actual pro experience! Players with pro experience are marked with a star symbol after their name.

Once again, you’ll notice is that there are no player run/pass ratings. That is by design, and will, I think, make for a strongly compelling tabletop football project, one in which everyone’s experience is different. The player ratings will be generated by the SECOND SEASON game engine, as you play. It will be completely open-ended--just as if you were watching the showcase unfold before your eyes on TV.

We use the decider die to accomplish this. That is to say, when you roll a result in the Second Season game book and it asks if the player is rated “2,” or “0,” you’ll roll the decider die. If it’s “yes,” you’ll pencil in that rating for the player for whatever play was called, run or pass. If “no,” you’ll pencil in a rating of “1” for that player for whatever play was called, run or pass. After the initial call, when a player gets called on again, he’ll use whatever rating the decider die generated.

In some situations, the game book will bring into play two players--for example, it might ask if players A or C are rated 2/pass. In these cases, you’ll roll the decider die. If both players are un-rated, on a “yes” decider result ONE of the players will get the 2/pass rating. You can decide arbitrarily, or roll the decider again. The other player will remain un-rated. On a “no” decider roll, BOTH players are given a 1/pass rating.

As you continue to play, the ratings will create themselves, team identities will emerge and players will establish themselves as stars, scrubs, or somewhere in between. Reserve player ratings can also be established, by replacing starters. If a starter generates a poor rating though game play, you can start the reserve the next game and, using the same NO/YES process, see if he becomes a better performer.

New for the 2023 showcase, we’re assigning scrimmage grades randomly as well, using the profile assignor included with this package. You’ll roll two dice for each player, black and white, and the resulting dice roll will determine that player’s scrimmage grades. We suggest that the grades remain in effect for the entire showcase.

We’re also including the “coach ‘em up” idea we created for last year’s showcase. After each game, the each team is given two (or, three) “coach ‘em up” dice rolls, which can improve or in some cases reduce a player’s rating in a specific aspect of the game. If you like, you can also conduct a “coach ‘em up” scrimmage grade re-roll for your one or two players per team.

Here are the teams and sponsors for the 2023 Pro Football Showcase (team sponsors in parentheses), we’ve kept the same teams and schedule as last year...

Eastern Showcase

Atlanta Drillers (Pro Grip Power Tools)
New York Dough Rollers (Pizza Kingdom)
Tampa Bay Bottom Line (Suncoast Capital)
Washington Sell-Outs (Bargainmart)

Western Showcase

Chicago Keggers (Ice Brew)
Dallas Dollar Bills (Lone Star Financial)
Houston HammerHeads (Houseman Home Improvement)
Southern California Flash (Amveco)

Here's the (suggested) 2023 Pro Football Showcase Schedule...

Week ONE

Dallas vs. Houston, Los Angeles vs. Chicago (at Chicago, IL)
Washington vs. New York, Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta (at Atlanta, GA)

Week TWO

Dallas vs. Chicago, Houston vs. Los Angeles (at Houston, TX)
Washington vs. Tampa Bay, New York vs. Atlanta (at Tampa, FL)

Week THREE

Dallas vs. Los Angeles, Houston vs. Chicago (at Dallas, TX)
Washington vs. Atlanta, New York vs. Tampa Bay (at Washington, DC)

Week FOUR (playoffs)

Eastern Showcase Playoffs (doubleheader)
One Seed vs. Four Seed, Two Seed vs. Three Seed (at New York, NY)

Western Showcase Playoffs (doubleheader)
One Seed vs. Four Seed, Two Seed vs. Three Seed (at Los Angeles, CA)

Week FIVE Showcase Titles

Eastern and Western Showcase Finalists (doubleheader), at Minneapolis, MN)

Week SIX Championship Showcase, at Las Vegas, NV

“Coach ‘Em Up...”

After each game, the each team is given two (or, three) “coach ‘em up” dice rolls, which can impact a player’s rating in a specific aspect of the game. Decider die (or odd/even) determines whether the player’s rating improves or declines.

11-16 OFFENSE player
PASS rating...

- ① ① QB
- ① ② SB or FB
- ① ③ EA or EB
- ① ④ EC or CE
- ① ⑤ TA or TB
- ① ⑥ GA or GB

41-46 DEFENSE player
PASS rating...

- ④ ① A or B
- ④ ② C or D
- ④ ③ E or F
- ④ ④ G or H
- ④ ⑤ I, J or K
- ④ ⑥ choice DB

21-26 OFFENSE player
RUN rating...

- ② ① QB or SB
- ② ② EA or EB
- ② ③ TA or TB
- ② ④ GA or GB
- ② ⑤ FB or EC
- ② ⑥ choice OL

51-56 DEFENSE player
RUN rating...

- ⑤ ① A or B
- ⑤ ② C or D
- ⑤ ③ E or F
- ⑤ ④ G or H
- ⑤ ⑤ I, J or K
- ⑤ ⑥ choice defender

31-36 OFFENSE player
(choice) RUN or PASS rating...

- ③ ① QB or SB
- ③ ② EA or EB
- ③ ③ TA or TB
- ③ ④ GA or GB
- ③ ⑤ FB or EC
- ③ ⑥ choice OL

61-66 DEFENSE player
(choice) RUN or PASS rating...

- ⑥ ① A or B
- ⑥ ② C or D
- ⑥ ③ E or F
- ⑥ ④ G or H
- ⑥ ⑤ I, J or K
- ⑥ ⑥ choice DB

Scrimmage and Special Teams Grades Finder

PASSING grades (for players in QB box)

black die	white die			
① CMP=AAAA	① X=6	Y=1	Q=12	RUN=A
② CMP=AAA	② X=5	Y=2	Q=12	RUN=AA
③ CMP=AA	③ X=5	Y=2	Q=11	RUN=AA
④ CMP=A	④ X=4	Y=3	Q=11	RUN=AA
⑤ CMP=A	⑤ X=3	Y=3	Q=10	RUN=AAA
⑥ CMP=B	⑥ X=3	Y=4	Q=10	RUN=AAAA

RUSHING grades (for players in FB box)

Black die	white die	
① IN=AA OU=AA	① R=9*	
② IN=AA OU=A	② R=8*	
③ IN=A OU=A	③ R=8	
④ IN=A OU=B	④ R=7	
⑤ IN=B OU=B	⑤ R=7	
⑥ IN=B OU=C	⑥ R=(6)	

RECEIVING grades (for players in EA, EB and EC boxes)

Black die	white die
① R=21	① **
② R=18	② *
③ R=15	③ *
④ R=12	④ no asterisk
⑤ R=9	⑤ no asterisk
⑥ R=6	⑥ (parentheses)

PLACE KICKING grades (for players in PK box)

Black die	white die	
① XP=AA FG=AAAA	① LFG= [+50 AAAA]	KO=AAA
② XP=AA FG=AAA	② LFG= [+50 AAA]	KO=AA
③ XP=A FG=AA	③ LFG= [+50 AA]	KO=A
④ XP=A FG=AA	④ LFG= [+50 A]	KO=A
⑤ XP=B FG=AA	⑤ LFG= [+50 B]	KO=A
⑥ XP=B FG=A	⑥ LFG= [+50 C]	KO=B

PUNTING grades (for players in PU box)

Black die	white die		
① AVG=49	① RET=B	COF=A	BLK=A
② AVG=47	② RET=C	COF=A	BLK=A
③ AVG=46	③ RET=C	COF=B	BLK=A
④ AVG=45	④ RET=D	COF=B	BLK=B
⑤ AVG=44	⑤ RET=D	COF=C	BLK=B
⑥ AVG=43	⑥ RET=E	COF=D	BLK=C

RETURN grades (for players in RET box)

Black die	white die
① KR=30	① PR=15
② KR=27	② PR=12
③ KR=24	③ PR=10
④ KR=21	④ PR=9
⑤ KR=19	⑤ PR=8
⑥ KR=17	⑥ PR=7



RET
Sean Tucker
Riley Moss

KR PR

A [CB] Xavier Rhodes ★ Garrett Williams	B [FS] Brandon Joseph A. J. Finley	C [SS] Darqueze Dennard ★ Tyler Baker-Williams	D [CB] Robert Alford ★ Riley Moss
E [DB] Joey Porter Jr. Jason Taylor II	F [ILB] Mikel Jones Khoury Bethley	G [ILB] Malcolm Smith ★ Troy Brown	H [EDGE] Benson Mayowa ★ Jeremiah Martin
I [DE] Kingsley Keke ★ Jerrod Clark	J [NT] Malcolm Brown ★ Byron Young	K [DE] Bryan Bresee Tomi Adebawore	

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2023 PFS ATLANTA DEFENSE

2023 PFS ATLANTA OFFENSE

TA [OT] Daryl Williams ★ Jaelyn Duncan	GA [G] Jaxson Kirkland Daishawn Dixon	CE [C] Brett Neilon Jacob Gall	GB [G] Henry Bainvalu Blake Freeland	TB [OT] Alex Palczewski Kadeem Telfort
EA [WR] R Bobby Massie ★ Jalen Moreno-Cropper	QB [QB] CMP X Y Q OU A. J. McCarron ★ Jake Haener	EC [TE] R Jeremy Sprinkle ★ Luke Schoonmaker		
SB [WR-FB] IN OU R Zay Flowers Hunter Luepke	FB [RB] IN OU R Mike Davis ★ Eric Gray Sean Tucker Kalen Ballage ★	EB [WR] R Jalin Hyatt Xavier Hutchinson		

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PK XP FG LFG KO
Jake Moody

PU AVG RET COF BLK
Bryce Baringer





RET
Kenny McIntosh
Kordell Rodgers

KR PR

A [CB] Deonte Banks Rejzohn Wright	B [FS] Deandre Baker ★ Quindell Johnson	C [SS] Matt Elam ★ Ekow Boye-Doe	D [CB] Clark Phillips III Kordell Rodgers
E [OLB] Daiyan Henley Brenton Cox Jr.	F [ILB] B. J. Thompson Thomas Incoom	G [ILB] Gervarrius Owens Hunter Reynolds	H [EDGE] Everson Griffen ★ Nick Hampton
I [DE] Steve McLendon ★ Kyle Phillips ★	J [NT] Nesta Jade Silvera Calijah Kancey	K [DE] Will Anderson Jr. Adam Butler ★	©2023 PLAAY Games LLC

2023 PFS CHICAGO DEFENSE

2023 PFS CHICAGO OFFENSE

TA [OT] Warren McClendon D'Marcus Hayes	GA [G] Andrew Vorhees Connor Galvin	CE [C] Olusegun Oluwatimi John Yarbrough	GB [G] Grant Gibson Patrick Vahe	TB [OT] Rashod Hill ★ Mike Horton
EA [WR] R Keytaon Thompson Trey Palmer	QB [QB] CMP X Y Q OU Kyle Sloter Steven Montez	EC [TE] R Leonard Taylor Jamal Pettigrew		
SB [TE-WR] IN OU R Tucker Kraft Demario Douglas	FB [RB] IN OU R Kazavian Valladay Deuce Vaughn Darrell Henderson ★ Kenny McIntosh	EB [WR] R Bryan Edwards ★ Ronnie Bell		

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PK XP FG LFG KO
Cayden Camper

PU AVG RET COF BLK
Anthony Beck II





RET
Javon Williams, Jr.
Sevyn Banks

KR PR

A [CB] Malcolm Butler ★ Cory Trice	B [FS] Christopher Smith II Trevon Flowers	C [SS] Antonio Johnson Sydney Brown	D [CB] Desmond Trufant ★ Sevyn Banks
E [OLB] Trenton Simpson Merlin Robertson	F [ILB] DeMarvion Overshown 1 / 0 Reserve Name	G [ILB] Emmanuel Ellerbee ★ Derek Parrish	H [EDGE] Alex Okafor ★ Derick Roberson ★
I [DE] Dee Ford ★ Fabian Lovett	J [NT] Shamar Stephen ★ Jaquelin Roy	K [DE] B. J. Ojulari Karl Brooks	©2023 PLAAY Games LLC

2023 PFS DALLAS DEFENSE

2023 PFS DALLAS OFFENSE

TA [OT] Jarrett Horst Trevor Reid	GA [G] Juwann Bushell-Beatty Kai Absheer	CE [C] Matt Paradis ★ D. J. Calhoun	GB [G] Luke Haggard Ze’Veyon Furcron	TB [OT] Kahlil McKenzie ★ Sage Doxtater
EA [WR] R Lil’Jordan Humphrey ★ Marvin Mims	QB [QB] CMP X Y Q OU Paxton Lynch ★ Jaren Hall	EC [TE] R Dominique Dafney ★ Sam LaPorta		
SB [TE-WR] IN OU R Luke Musgrave Parker Washington	FB [RB] IN OU R DeWayne McBride Jordan Howard ★ Israel Abanikanda Javon Williams Jr.	EB [WR] R Will Fuller ★ Jonathan Mingo		

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PK XP FG LFG KO
B. T. Potter

PU AVG RET COF BLK
Rhys Byrns



A [CB] Christian Gonzalez Keidron Smith	B [FS] Kendall Smith Jr. D'Shawn Jamison	C [SS] Tiawan Mullen Justin Ford	D [CB] Brian Branch Darrell Luter Jr.
E [OLB] Nick Herbig Deone Bucannon ★	F [ILB] Anthony Hines ★ Darron Lee ★	G [ILB] Will Compton ★ Ji' Ayir Brown	H [OLB] Vic Beasley ★ K. J. Henry
I [DE] Robert Cooper Mike Morris	J [NT] Keion White Cameron Young	K [DE] Tyree Wilson Isaiah Foskey	©2025 PLAAY Games LLC

2023 PFS HOUSTON DEFENSE

2023 PFS HOUSTON OFFENSE

TA [OT] Teton Saltes Ja'Chai Baker	GA [G] Mike Panasiuk ★ Liam Fornadel	CE [C] John Michael Schmitz Dylan Pasquali	GB [G] Paul Grattan Dylan Pasquali	TB [OT] Chidi Okeke Ja'Chai Baker
EA [WR] R Josh Gordon ★ Tre Tucker	QB [QB] CMP X Y Q OU Case Cookus Blake Bortles ★	EC [TE] R Marshon Ford Zack Kuntz		
SB [WR-TE] IN OU R Jayden Reed Deon Yelder ★	FB [RB] IN OU R Zach Charbonnet Evan Hull Chris Rodriguez Jr. Damien Samuels ★	EB [WR] R Cedric Tillman James Washington ★		

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PK XP FG LFG KO
Blake Grupe

PU AVG RET COF BLK
Matt Hayball



RET
Jahmyr Gibbs
Tye Smith

KR PR

A [CB] A. J. Bouye ★ D. J. Turner	B [FS] Jahleel Addae Kei'Trel Clark	C [SS] J. L. Skinner Ji'Ayir Brown	D [CB] Ross Cockrell ★ Tye Smith ★
E [OLB] Owen Pappoe Drake Thomas	F [ILB] Cam Jones Dillon Doyle	G [ILB] Henry To'o To'o Carlton Martial	H [EDGE] Wyatt Ray ★ Habakkuk Baldonado
I [DE] Doug Costin ★ Keondre Coburn	J [NT] 1 / 0 Zach Kerr ★ Jonah Tavai	K [DL] Siaki Ika Jalen Redmond	

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2023 PFS NEW YORK DEFENSE

2022 PFS NEW YORK OFFENSE

TA [OT] Bryan Bulaga ★ Ryan Hayes	GA [G] Quinton Spain ★ Tyler Steen	CE [C] Ricky Stromberg Steve Avila	GB [G] Jarrett Patterson Emil Ekiyor Jr.	TB [OT] Paris Johnson Jr. Ryan Hayes
EA [WR] R Odell Beckham, Jr. ★ Elijah Higgins	QB [QB] CMP X Y Q OU Bryce Young Stetson Bennett	EC [TE] R Davis Allen Will Mallory		
SB [WR-TE] IN OU R Jaxon Smith-Njigba Josh Whyte	FB [RB] IN OU R Bijan Robinson Peyton Barber ★ Jahmyr Gibbs Kalen Ballage ★	EB [WR] R Isaiah Ford ★ Charlie Jones		

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PK XP FG LFG KO
Ethan Mooney

PU AVG RET COF BLK
Michael Turk





RET
Tavion Thomas
Mekhi Blackmon

KR PR

A [CB] Cam Smith Jarrick Bernard-Converse	B [FS] Rashad Torrence II Avery Young	C [SS] Tykee Smith John Torchio	D [CB] Rashard Robinson ★ Mekhi Blackmon
E [DB] Kevin King ★ Kenderick Duncan Jr.	F [LB] Ivan Pace Jr. Isaiah Moore	G [ILB] Dorian Williams Christian Young	H [EDGE] Myles Murphy Eku Leota
I [DE] Devon Kennard ★ Malik Jackson ★	J [NT] Tyler Lancaster ★ P. J. Mustipher	K [DE] Tipa Galeai ★ Taron Vincent	©2023 PLAAY Games LLC

2023 PFS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DEFENSE

2023 PFS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OFFENSE

TA [OT] Sam Tevi ★ Tommy Champion	GA [G] Cody Conway Jalen Spady	CE [C] Luke Juriga Paul Grattan	GB [G] Caleb Chandler Eric Magwood	TB [OT] Jamil Demby ★ William Sweet
EA [WR] R Kayshon Boutte Jake Bobo	QB [QB] CMP X Y Q OU C. J. Stroud Hendon Hooker	EC [TE] R Jimmy Graham ★ Darnell Washington		
SB [TE-WR] IN OU R Michael Mayer Dontayvion Wicks	FB [RB] IN OU R Alex Collins ★ Kendre Miller Tavion Thomas Jordan Wilkins ★	EB [WR] R Tajae Sharpe ★ Tyler Scott		

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PK XP FG LFG KO
Jack Podlesny

PU AVG RET COF BLK
Lou Hedley





RET
Chase Brown
Emmanuel Forbes

KR PR

A [CB] Tye Smith ★ Erick Hallett II	B [FS] Jordan Battle Marte Mapu	C [SS] Jeff Heath ★ Kaevon Merriweather	D [CB] Pierre Desir ★ Emmanuel Forbes
E [DB-LB] Kyu Blu Kelly Mike Jones Jr.	F [ILB] Dee Winters Byron Young	G [ILB] Dont'a Hightower ★ SirVocea Dennis	H [EDGE] Ola Adeniyi ★ Yaya Diaby
I [DE] Zacch Pickens Cory Durden	J [NT] Jalen Carter Colby Wooden	K [DE] Viliani Fehoko Isaiah McGuire	©2023 PLAAY Games LLC

2023 PFS TAMPA BAY DEFENSE

2023 PFS TAMPA BAY OFFENSE

TA [OT] Nate Solder ★ Dalton Wagner	GA [G] Carter Warren Nick Broeker	CE [C] Alex Forsyth Alex Ward [LS]	GB [G] John Miller ★ Kendall Randolph	TB [OT] Broderick Jones Dalton Wagner
EA [WR] R Jordan Addison Rashee Rice	QB [QB] CMP X Y Q OU Cam Newton ★ Clayton Tune	EC [TE] R Eric Ebron ★ Cameron Latu		
SB [WR-TE] IN OU R Cyril Grayson ★ Dalton Kincaid	FB [RB] IN OU R Devontae Booker ★ Devon Achane Chase Brown Phillip Lindsay ★	EB [WR] R John Ross ★ Puka Nacua		

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PK XP FG LFG KO
Zack Long

PU AVG RET COF BLK
Adam Korsak



A [CB] Devon Witherspoon Bashaud Breeland ★	B [FS] Jaquiski Tartt ★ DeMarcco Hellams	C [SS] Deshazor Everett ★ Stephan Blaylock	D [CB] Kelee Ringo Jakorian Bennett
E [OLB] Yasir Abdullah Jeremy Banks	F [ILB] Ventrell Miller L. J. Fort ★	G [LB] Anthony Hitchens ★ Bumper Pool	H [EDGE] Kyler Fackrell ★ Nolan Smith
I [DE] Lukas Van Ness Tuli Tuipulotu	J [NT] Star Lotulelei ★ Mazi Smith	K [DL] Sheldon Day ★ Jacob Slade	©2023 PLAAY Games LLC

2022 PFS WASHINGTON DEFENSE

2022 PFS WASHINGTON OFFENSE

TA [OT] Tyrell Crosby ★ T. J. Bass	GA [G] Ereck Flowers ★ Anton Harrison	CE [C] Trey Hopkins ★ Braeden Daniels	GB [G] O’Cyrus Torrence Braeden Daniels	TB [OT] Peter Skoronski Wanya Morris
EA [WR] R Antonio Brown ★ Rakim Jarrett	QB [QB] CMP X Y Q OU Will Levis Tanner McKee	EC [TE] R Jared Cook ★ Payne Durham		
SB [WR-TE] IN OU R Tavon Austin ★ Travis Vokolek	FB [RB] IN OU R Le’Veon Bell ★ Roschon Johnson Tank Bigsby Jalen Richard ★	EB [WR] R Quentin Johnston Nathaniel Dell		

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PK XP FG LFG KO
Noah Ruggles

PU AVG RET COF BLK
Ty Zentner