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#### SUNDAY NIGHT

the hardest hitting sport in the world right to your living room! Hosted by the irrepressible Chris Berman, ESPN Sunday Night NFL makes you the ultimate gridiron commander. Every team in the AFC and NFC is here for you to coach, play and take all the way to the Superbowl!

We've combined ease of use with an incredible selection of options and playing scenarios that make every game a fresh experience. ESPN Sunday Night NFL has all of the latest features and rule changes of real NFL games, including 2-point conversions after touchdowns and current rankings and ability comparisons. It's all waiting for you in the one

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video game guaranteed to turn a die-hard armchair quar-

terback into a master of the NFL!

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## STARTING THE GAME

Insert the Game Pak into your Super NES and turn the machine on. Press the start button during the title screens to toggle through them until you reach the Main Option Screen. ESPN Sunday Night NFL features every team in both the AFC and NFC. Choose which team you (player1), and your opponent (player 2 or the computer), will use at this stage.

NOTE: If there is only one controller plugged in to the Super NES, player 2 is preset as a computer opponent.



## OPTIONS SCREENS

Customize each game to your own style of play in this mode. You are given the following series of custom settings:

Play Mode:

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Single Game, 1994 Season, Random Season, Playoffs, Continue, Load Game, Save Game.

Player 1:

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Choices are: Play at Home, Play Away, Coach at Home, Coach Away (You pick plays only) Computer at Home, Computer Away (Computer does everything for you.)

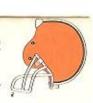
Team 1:

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Choose which team you want to play. Each team shows a Skills Snapshot and which league and division it is in



## OPTIONS SCREENS

Player 2:

Same options as above in 2-player game. Otherwise, the computer plays this opponent.

Team 2:

Again, same as above . . .

The options for playing are:

I Player - One person competes against the computer controlled team at home or away.

Head to head - Player 1 vs. Player 2.

Player vs. Coach - Player 1 vs. Player 2. Both players choose the plays, but Player 2 (as Coach) has the computer execute the called plays.

Coach vs. Coach - Player 1 vs. Player 2 - Both players only select the plays while the computer executes their choices automatically.

Coach vs. Computer - Player 1 vs. computer controlled team. Player 1 chooses the plays and the computer executes his selections.

At the top of the screen is the name of the stadium chosen for play and the surface of the playing field.

These change as you play at home or away games.

NOTE: Some teams are known to perform better on turf than on grass.

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Once your decisions are final, press the start button to move on to the next Options Menu.



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### OPTIONS SCREEZS



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choices to custom design your games: The Select Options Menu screen offers the following

choose your plays/strategies, choose "off" under the play and get the play started. is "on", the player will have 40 seconds to pick his time as you need in-between plays. When this option Delay of game options. This will allow you as much Delay of Game: on/off. If you need more time to

course, then leave the Pass Interference option on. other penalties apply). If you want the game to run its plays, then turn the Pass Interference option off (all referee's judgement, especially on those crucial pass Pass Interference: on/off. If you do not trust the

ety of skill levels. If you leave this option at the "Real" even statistical weight. setting, these options come in to play. If, however, you set this at "Even", then the competing teams will have Team Skills: Each team has a preset value for a vari-

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Quarter Length: Set the time for each quarter at 5, 10 or 15 minutes of regulation play. NOTE: Time Outs stop the clock until the ball is snapped on the following play. Press the start button to move to he next screen.

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all cases the team stats will be displayed to inform compete in determines the details of Chris' report. In details of the coming event. Chris Berman will appear at the desk of ESPN pleted, you'll go to the stadium for the coin toss. weaknesses of each team. Once the reports are comyou (and your opponent) of the relative strengths and The mode that you chose to SportsCenter to give you the Once you have determined the details of the game,

Kick Off or receive the ball. After this has been determined, the game begins. toss. The winner of the coin toss decides whether to Visiting team gets to choose Heads or Tails for the

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## THE KICKOFF

All the legendary moves and tactics that have been shown over the years on ESPN Sunday Night NFL are now yours to command. The game of football will never be the same as you call the plays and make them happen! The Bump-and-Run Defense, the Halfback Option, the Fake-Punt Slant, the Flea Flicker they're all here with more special features to create the ultimate football challenge.

Unless there is a turnover, the receiving team begins the game on Offense and the kicking team begins at Defense. The Main Menu for plays appears between every down with the selection of plays. In the 2-player mode, once a defensive play has been selected, the screen shows a background pattern until your opponent has made his offensive selection. If the player on offense finishes his selection before the defensive play has been chosen, well,

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Once the Offense has made their selection, the game shifts over to the field for the play. At this point, your skills as a player take over as you try to outwit and

the defender has to do a lit-

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out-score your opponent. If you chose the Coach or Computer Mode of play, the game itself takes over here and runs the play without your input.

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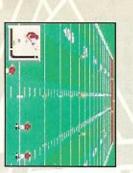
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## THE KICKOFF

On Offense, you have four downs (series of plays) to advance the ball 10 yards. If you are successful, then you begin a new set of downs. Continue this process until you score a touchdown or a field goal. If you are unsuccessful at making the 10 yard minimum by the fourth down and you are out of field goal range, it is advisable to punt the ball to the Defense. The winner is the team that has scored the most points by the final whistle. If the game ends in a tie, then you have one extra quarter for a sudden death playoff. The first team to score in sudden death wins the game.

As with any sport, wild and unpredictable plays are known to happen. This game was designed to utilize all the possible plays in an unexpected manner to keep your opponent off guard. Try a fake kick once in a while to keep them on their toes.





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nature. This screen is split used it, it becomes second tirst, but once you have It may seem complicated at between the names of the bar. This bar flashes in two by the ESPN Stats teams and current score

and the current quarter, down and yardline that the play clock. ball is placed on. The upper time is the time remaining in the quarter and the lower time is the 40 second

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you want to employ. Selections advance each column Pressing the Y, B, or A buttons triggers which defense until your choice is made. The top three screens are for the player on defense

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you have mastered maneuvering between the plays. play selection. IMPORTANT NOTE: The column that is no defender will be able to follow your play selection tion. Again, use the Y, B, or A buttons to make your The bottom nine screen are for offensive play selecflashing determines which button is effected. Once

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## THE PLAY CHOICE SCREEZ

play. determined by studying the placement of the team on tion is determined, the player selects an appropriate the field, what down it is, and so on. Once the formafirst, then play selection. Certain formations should be The choices for Offense and Defense are formations

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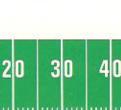
standing of the teams that competed in his wrap-up of game to announce the final score and the appropriate you for the second half. He returns at the end of the screen shifts to the live action playing of the game. Once the Offensive player has chosen the play, the the game. back to give a recap of the games events and prepares Plays continue until each quarter ends. At the end of the second quarter is half-time. Chris Berman comes

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# CONTROLLER FUNCTIONS

for every stage of the game: functions in this game. Listed below are the controls The various buttons on the controller have multiple

next screen. In Title Screens: Start button advances to the

### In Main Options Screen:

B button: Pops up menu, selects the highlighted menu option.

Select button: Cancels a menu selection

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Start button: Advances next menu

Up/Down on Control Pad: Moves the cursor

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when selecting a team. Left/Right on Control Pad: Moves to the next division

### In Sub-Options Screen:

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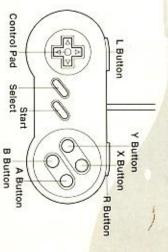
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Left, and Right buttons: Cycle through options.

Select button: Goes back to Main Options Screen.

Start button: Advances to next screen.



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# CONTROLLER FUNCTIONS

#### In Season Menus:

Start button: Plays the game indicated by the

Select button: B button: Goes back to Main Options Screen. Selects the highlighted options. helmets at the top of the screen.

Start button: Advances into the game.

Y, B, & A buttons: Advance to the next cut screen

### DURING GAME PLAY

#### OFFENSE

In Play Select Mode

of the play. Select left or right direction Left and Right Fire buttons:

Control Pad:

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Left/Right on the DEFENSE

Y, B, & A buttons: Toggle between pages.

Selects play. Y, B, & A buttons:

## Before The Ball Is Snapped:

Selects play.

OFFENSE B button: Snaps the ball. audible screen. X button: Brings up

#### DEFENSE

player closest to ball. buttons: Cycle Y button: Selects Left and Right Fire audible screen X button: Brings up through defenders.

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# CONTROLLER FUNCTIONS

### After The Ball Is Snapped:

#### OFFENSE

X button: Makes highlighted player dive

X button: makes high-

DEFENSE

A button: Makes player do a spin move.

player closest to ball

lighted player dive.
Y button: Selects

B button: Gives player a burst B button: Gives player of speed. (Except for the QB of speed. before a pass, pitch, or hand off)

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B button: Passes, pitches, and kicks the ball.

Left and Right Fire buttons: Cycle through the receivers during the pass plays.

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### A Few More Points

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Passing: Your greatest weapon as a quarterback is the ability to choose your receiver. By toggling with the upper left or right buttons (on the top of the Controller), you can select which player to toss the ball to. The targeted receiver automatically runs to where the ball is thrown until controller inputs are detected which send him in another direction. A receiver controlled by a gamer has a slight advantage over one controlled by the computer. Get a feel for moving the player after the ball is in the air.

Kicking: The player controls the kicker and executes each kick. There are three options for style of kick to choose from (use the one most appropriate for your team's position on the field).



## A FEW MORE POINTS

A power meter shows up to register the force and direction of the kick. Touching the B button starts/stops the power bar (2 times), once for force, then for direction. There are three types of kicks to choose from when you perform a kickoff:

Deep Kick - this has a long hang time and allows your special teams players time to get down field and tackle the ball handler.

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Squib Kick - short, low and straight, you want this kick when you don't want to risk a runback from your opponent.

Onside Kick - Use this when you want to risk "stealing" the kickoff from your opponent, but if he receives the kick safely, his team will have excellent field position.

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Punting: Many conditions go in to the strategy and execution of punting in this game. Instead of having a generic punt option, there are several choices for the punting team. This allows you a better chance to place the ball (or fake out an opponent) in the best possible way. When you choose Kick from the playbook, several options for punting appear. Choose the one that best fits your team's position on the field or see if you can catch your opponent off guard with a fake! The same meter for the kick appears as does on the Kickoff mode.

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## A FEW MORE POINTS

No-Huddle Offense & Audibles: Once you have familiarized yourself with the playbook, you can run a No-Huddle Offense. This adds a level of play that will keep your defender guessing! When the playbook screen is shown, choose the No-Huddle option and go right back to the formation you previously ran. You audiblize from the line of scrimmage by pressing in the play sequences you have memorized from the playbook. This way, there is no possible way the defender can guess your play, and he'll have to scramble to cover your team. If the Offensive player runs the No-Huddle from the end of a play, the playbook will not be seen.

Flip Plays: Players can audiblize at the line of scrimmage to flip the direction of the play they are running to offset a defensive strategy. This maneuver will force the defense to disguise its blitzes and adds another strategic element to the game play.

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Length of the Game: You are able to set the length of the game for 20, 40 or 60 minutes. The game is played in quarters (5, 10, and 15 minutes, respectively), with a 2-minute warning before half-time and the end of game Keep an eye on the time clock to make sure you maximize the amount of play time. The only ways to stop the clock are: a time-out, an incomplete pass, a touchdown, a penalty and when a runner takes the ball out of bounds.

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Time Outs: Each team receives three time outs per half. Players can use time outs at any point during the game, however, time outs that are not used by the end of a half are cannot be used in the next half. Time outs cannot be called when a play is in progress. Use these strategically to utilize the game clock to your own advantage!

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## A FEW MORE POINTS

Points: Listed below are the points that a team makes in the game:

Touchdown - 6 points. This occurs when a player breaks the plane of the defender's end zone while carrying or receiving the football.

Point After (Kick) - 1 point. After every touchdown, the scoring team is allowed a free kick for an extra point.

Two-Point Conversion - 2 points. Instead of taking the free kick, a team may opt to run or pass the ball into the end zone from the 3-yard line for 2 points. This was formerly seen on collegiate level games prior to the 1994 season.

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Field Goal - 3 points. When a team is close enough to the defender's end zone for this kick, yet too far to make a safe conversion from 4th down, they try for one of these. These usually determine the outcome of a game when the play goes into overtime.

Safety - 2 points. This is an uncommon event. It takes place when a defender tackles an offensive player (or makes him run out of bounds) in the end zone. The team that scores the safety receives the ball on the next set of downs by a special Punt-style kickoff.





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## Glossary of Abbreviations of Positions:

C - Center

RG - Right Guard

RT - Right Tackle

LT - Left Tackle RE - Right End

LG - Left Guard LE - Left End

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TE - Tight End

QB - Quarterback

RB - Running Back

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FB - Fullback WR - Wide

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K - Kicker Receiver

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KR - Kick Returner

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ROLB - Right Outside

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LILB - Left Inside Linebacker

SS - Strong Safety RILB - Right Inside Linebacker

FS - Free Safety

DB - Defensive back

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LCB - Left Cornerback RCB - Right Cornerback

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