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Name: Derek Hagan

Date: 9/25/2005

Opponent: Oregon State

Overall Strengths: Hagan is the all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards in ASU history passing Sun Devil great, John Jefferson. He has very good concentration with the ball in the air or in tight coverage. This is the kind of receiver that will make plays with a DB on top of him. A physical receiver that does a nice job with hand fighting. He has some power to run the ball after the catch but also gets separation on deep routes. This is a receiver that I believe has a good chance to develop into a premier possession receiver with some downfield/big-play capability.

Overall Weaknesses: Hagan isn't blazing fast, but has enough speed to make plays most anywhere on the field. He has occasional lapses with receiving technique and will drop some easier passes, but this has been a minor issue thus far. He is not a dynamic runner after the catch. He has power, but he's not the type of guy that will take a catch and gain lots of yardage afterwards unless the secondary has difficulty tackling. He's not elusive. He needs to improve how he uses his hands. He will catch the ball with his hands first, but sometimes the placement of his hands in certain situations causes Hagan to fight the ball a little bit. This should be easily corrected with time because he's already a good pass catcher.

Separation: Hagan got outside his man playing tight coverage on the first throw of the game for ASU. He had his man beat by a step with the safety trailing (but making up ground), but the pass was overthrown by a yard. He got loose again with an inside step and a move to the outside on his first reception of the game--a 50-yard bomb. Hagan knew not to get too far outside, so he had room between the CB and the sideline if necessary. Hagan breaks off his routes well enough to generate separation. He knows how to extend his arms to create separation. In the 2nd QTR with less than 5:00 left Hagan did a nice job on an out route for a first down. He was chest to chest with the DB but as the ball was thrown, he got free and made the grab. Later in the game, Hagan got inside separation on a stutter and go for a 40-yard completion. Hagan ran this route well enough that the DB panicked, and grabbed Hagan around the waist before he could even catch the ball--Hagan still made the reception!

Routes: Hagan got good separation on a short curl on his second opportunity, but Keller underthrew the ball. Hagan had to attempt a finger-tip catch while at a full sprint back to the ball, but was unsuccessful. Another play he ran a crisp, 10-yard out. Hagan's third reception was an inside curl. He did a nice job getting the DB to bite on a long route before breaking it off. Hagan did a nice job sinking his hips and getting inside release to make the DB bite and consistently comes back for the ball. In the 2nd QTR, ASU was backed up deep in their territory and Keller had to break the pocket. Hagan came back to Keller, and caught an underthrown ball to pick up positive yardage. On a route where a defender pushed him down to the ground, Hagan had enough athleticism to actually rise up and attempt to reach for the ball while still off his feet. Hagan's stutter and go move for the 40-yard completion was perfect--he actually looked back to the QB before resuming downfield. He is a very reliable option in critical situations. He got open on a 3rd down in the redzone when Keller was under pressure. Hagan adjusted well to the QB and made the grab. The following play, he caught a crossing route for a TD. Hagan extended his arms and caught the ball with his hands while keeping his feet in front of the endline.

Receiving: Hagan is very capable of catching the ball with his hands. Sometimes he'll catch the ball with his hands, but juggled it a little bit against his body before completely stabilizing the ball. He made a great over the shoulder catch in this game while running at full speed. He also caught an 10-yard out route with his hands on 3rd down. Hagan dropped a pass because he was falling down on a route where he started inside and then went to the outside. He did get his hands on the ball as he was falling backwards, but he couldn't hold onto it. A terrific example of Hagan's concentration occurred on his 40-yard stutter and go route with the DB's arms wrapped around his waist before the ball got to him. The DB also tried to dislodge the ball with his hands as Hagan brought the ball into his chest, but Hagan was still in control. He also caught his touchdown with his arms extended and his hands firmly grabbing the ball. Later, Hagan caught a 30+ yard bomb on a corner route where he clearly beat his man by 3-4 steps for a touchdown.

Elusiveness:

Ball Handling:

Balance:

Blocking: Hagan showed he can be a pretty good blocker in the run game. He doesn't hit very hard, but he stays in front of his man and persistently attempts to get his hands on him. He will try to make blocks downfield. He actually leaped over a defender on a long pass to Miller in an attempt to get to another DB and make a block.

Vision:

Power: Hagan has the kind of size that makes him difficult to tackle when a defender is face to face with him. He carried a DB for 4 yards and nearly for the score after he beat him on the stutter and go. Hagan had to be gang tackled after his 3rd QTR reception in the redzone where he came back for the ball.

Durability: No major issues.

Character: Purportedly one of the nicest and more humble players on his team.

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Overall Strengths: Hagan has thick legs and an athletic body. He is a good leaper with excellent body control. He shields off defenders very well and he can make the tough, acrobatic play in traffic. Hagan has pretty good hands and tends to catch the ball with them first. He is an excellent route runner at this level. He can get separation with both his body and footwork. He is a tough receiver that I believe will develop into a quality #2 WR in the NFL with a high level of production in the right system. He's a player many analysts feel is overrated, but I disagree. In fact, he is one of the top receivers in this class. He's not a true game breaker, but he should have a long and productive career ahead of him.

Overall Weaknesses: Hagan doesn't have blazing speed and I didn't see him have any opportunities to run with the ball after the catch in this game, but I have seen film of him in other contests maneuvering in the open field effectively after the catch.

Separation: Hagan showed on his first opportunity that he can leap. He ran a deep curl and nearly caught a pass in double coverage thrown way too high. On his first catch, Hagan got nearly two yards of separation. He knows how to use his body to shield players off of him. He made a terrific, leaping 25-yard catch in the 2nd QTR where he shielded himself from the coverage that was over his back.

Routes: Hagan did a nice job staying in bounds on an over the shoulder catch with the ball thrown 30+ yards. He runs good routes and can get separation both with his body and footwork. He is not afraid to go after the ball in heavy traffic. He has excellent body control and flexibility. Hagan is a very precise route runner at this level. He did a nice job coming back to the football on a curl route in the 4th QTR.

Receiving: Hagan caught a 32-yard corner route. The route actually looked like a post corner route because Hagan had two yards of separation between him and the CB in coverage. He caught the ball over his shoulder and stayed in bounds. Hagan dropped a high pass on a dig route where he had to fully extend his body with his arms over his head to make the catch. He had a second chance at the ball after it bounced off his hands the first time, but the DB hit him as he was falling over and cleaned up the play. Hagan made an unbelievable, twisting reception with his hands extended over his head and between two DBs in coverage--an exhibition of great body control. Hagan caught a TD that was called back on a holding call, but did a nice job holding onto it in tight coverage. Although there are times Hagan will use his body to help catch balls, he does a nice job catching the ball with only his hands. He did this on a curl route in the 4th QTR.

Elusiveness: Hagan has a little better than average speed, and some shiftiness as a runner. He didn't get a chance to run after the catch on many throws tonight because he was either in tight coverage or going up for the ball rather than catching passes in stride.

Ball Handling: Hagan carries the ball in either hand and displays adequate ball security.

Balance: Hagan has terrific balance and can make some acrobatic receptions.

Blocking: Hagan needs to work on this aspect of his game to become a more complete player. He doesn't demonstrate a high level of effort in this aspect of the game.

Vision: Hagan sees the field well after the catch.

Power: He has enough size to break tackles as a ball carrier in the secondary.

Durability: No known issues.

Character: No known issues.

Game Notes: Gary Danielson compares Hagan to Broncos WR, Rod Smith. A dependable route runner than will be at the right place at the expected time. I agree from what I have seen. He made some huge plays in tight coverage and on tough throws.