

SCOUTING REPORT

BRUNO BANDUCCI

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REVISION LISTING

DATE	DESCRIPTION
May 28, 2015	Initial Release
March 21, 2016	Added the following games: 10/28/45, 10/30/49 and 10/29/50

OVERALL ANALYSIS

Overall Analysis

POSITION

Right guard

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height: 5'11" Weight: 216

TEAMS

1944-45 Philadelphia Eagles, 1946-54 San Francisco 49ers

UNIFORM NUMBER

63 (1944-45, 1952-54), 33 (1946-47, 1949-51), 38 (1948)

SCOUTS

Primary Scout: Ken Crippen

Secondary Scout: Matt Reaser

OVERALL ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- Excellent competitiveness
- Very good instincts
- Very good pulling and in trap blocking

WEAKNESSES

- Can get a little high in his stance in pass protection and lose his balance
- Can quickly make decisions, but unable to quickly get into position to make the block

BOTTOM LINE

Banducci was a very good run blocker. He showed ability to pull and trap block. He showed excellent instincts, but was not always quick enough to get into position to make the block. Had a tendency to get high in his pass blocking, allowing the defender to knock him off balance or toss him aside. Competitiveness could not be questioned. He always fought throughout the play. Even when knocked down, he would still get up and run to finish the play. Had a tendency to over-pursue on his downfield blocks, which put him out of position. Overall, he lacked strength and was pushed around.

GRADING SCALE

CLASS	GRADE	DESCRIPTION
Hall of Fame	9.0	Rare
	8.5	Exceptional to Rare
	8.0	Exceptional
Hall of Very Good	7.5	Very Good to Exceptional
	7.0	Very Good
	6.5	Good to Very Good
Other	6.0	Good
	5.5	Above Average to Good
	5.0	Above Average
	4.5	Average to Above Average

OVERALL ANALYSIS

GRADING SPECIFIC FACTORS

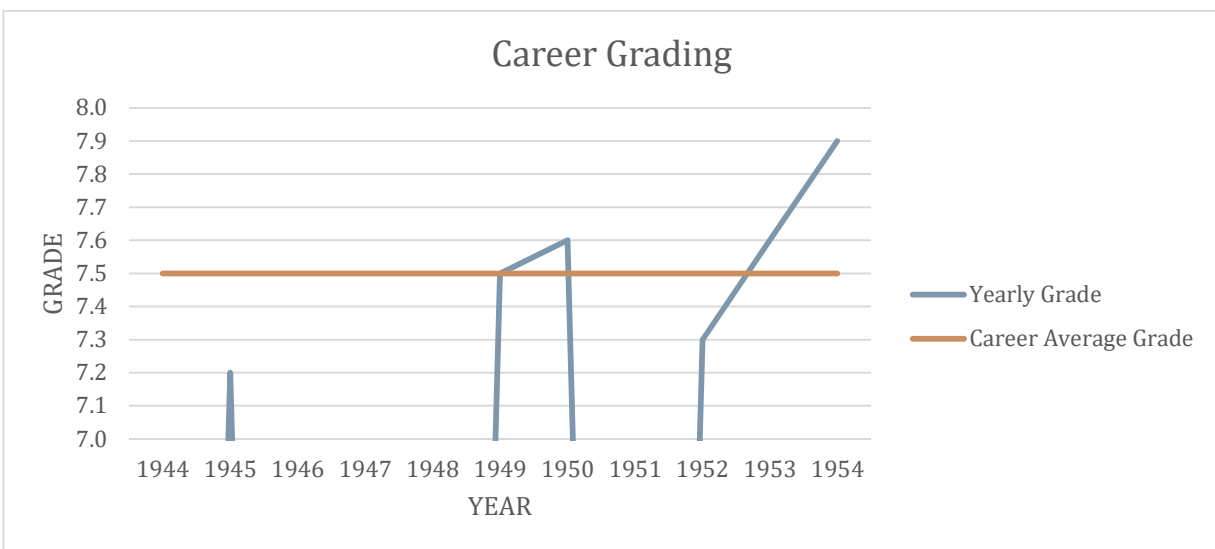
SPECIFIC FACTOR	GRADE
OVERALL ATHLETICISM (QAB):	7.6
Quickness:	7.7
Agility:	7.6
Balance:	7.3
STRENGTH AND EXPLOSION:	7.3
COMPETITIVENESS:	7.6
MENTAL ALERTNESS:	7.5
INSTINCTS:	7.5
RUN BLOCKING:	7.6
PASS BLOCKING:	7.4

OVERALL GRADE

7.5

NUMBER OF GAMES REVIEWED

11



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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 28, 1945	Cleveland Rams	7.2

BOTTOM LINE

Banducci played right offensive guard and right defensive guard. However, he shifted to the zero-technique when Cleveland went in motion.

OFFENSE:

In the first quarter, Banducci pulled to block defensive tackle Elbie Schultz (#40) on a sweep. Banducci threw a weak block on Schultz and really did not impact Schultz's pursuit of the play. In the third quarter, Banducci had another weak block on a sweep, where he barely impacted the defender's pursuit of the runner. Overall, Banducci showed some agility, but was a little slow to pick up rushers from the outside. His blocks were easily shed and he did not always finish his blocks. Balance and competitiveness were issues.

DEFENSE:

In the first quarter, he was able to assist on a tackle of halfback Fred Gehrke (#18) for no gain. He shed the blocks of two linemen to get to Gehrke. In the second quarter, Banducci was able to shed the block of center Mike Scarry (#39), get inside of Scarry and pressure quarterback Bob Waterfield (#7). However, the pass was released before Banducci could get in for a sack. Overall, he did do well to clog up the middle of the line, but did not provide much pass rush.

GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 28, 1948	Cleveland Browns	n/a

BOTTOM LINE

This is a highlight film. As a result, not all plays were shown. Banducci did not play in this game.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 5, 1948	Los Angeles Dons	n/a

BOTTOM LINE

Banducci played sparingly in the game (right guard, defensive right guard and nose guard). Not enough to adequately grade his performance.

GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
August 28, 1949	Baltimore Colts	n/a

BOTTOM LINE

The quality of the film made it impossible to accurately grade Banducci.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 30, 1949	Cleveland Browns	7.5

BOTTOM LINE

Banducci played right offensive guard. He only played one series on defense. On that series, Banducci was lined up in the zero-technique position. He stunted around the right guard, shed the block of the guard and went after quarterback Otto Graham (#60). He was able to get in the face of Graham, but Graham released the ball before Banducci could touch him. On the first offensive play for the 49ers, Banducci pulled left to block on the sweep. He was able to get out in front of the runner and make a very good block. On the next offensive series, Banducci pulled right to block outside. There was either a miscommunication with his teammate, or Banducci made a bad decision on who to block. He blocked the same player that his teammate was blocking and ignored the other defender that was not being blocked. The free defender made the tackle on the runner. In the second quarter, he was blocking Bill Willis (#45). After initial contact, Willis went around Banducci to pressure quarterback Frankie Albert (#63). Albert released the ball before Willis could sack him. Later in the quarter, Banducci dropped back to block defensive end George Young (#52) rushing from the outside. Banducci was able to knock Young to the ground to protect Albert. Throughout the rest of the game, he made some good interior, as well as outside blocks to spring runners. Overall, Banducci was

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efficient with interior blocking, but did miss a few blocks. When pulling, he was quick to get into position, but did not always make the best decision on who to block. There were times when he stood around looking for someone to block instead of attacking. He spent too much time on the ground.

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August 30, 1950	Baltimore Colts	n/a

BOTTOM LINE

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 29, 1950	Baltimore Colts	7.8

BOTTOM LINE

The film is not complete as it stops part-way through the fourth quarter. Banducci played right guard and primarily faced either linebacker Eddie King (#34) or defensive tackle Don Colo (#45). In the first quarter, Banducci threw a block on a rushing Bob Jensen (#54). Banducci missed on his block and Jensen continued toward quarterback Frankie Albert (#63). Overall, Banducci was quick to get in his stance when he dropped back to block outside rushers during pass protection. When getting to the second level of the defense, he was able to get into very good position to make the block. He showed quickness and agility. He also showed very good decision-making in determining who to block. No great plays, but not many noticeable mistakes.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 12, 1950	Cleveland Browns	7.4

BOTTOM LINE

Banducci played right guard and faced either defensive tackle Derrell Palmer (#42) or defensive guard Bill Willis (#30). Good pulling and trap blocking. Excellent competitiveness. Never gave up on a play. Very good instincts to pick up the proper assignment, but did not always have the quickness to get into position to make the block. He did not always have the best leverage or positioning on the defender. In the second quarter, Banducci pulled outside to block left defensive end George Young. Banducci was not able to block Young and Young sacked quarterback Frankie Albert (#63). Also in the second quarter, Banducci made a tackle on an interception. In the third quarter, he recovered a fumbled snap to keep possession for his team. Good in run blocking and poor to good in pass protection. Had some balance and footwork issues. He would get tripped up in traffic or trip over his feet.

GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 12, 1952	Detroit Lions	7.3

BOTTOM LINE

Banducci played right guard and primarily faced defensive guard Les Bingaman (#65) or defensive tackle Thurman McGraw (#73). Very competitive, but lacked overall strength. Effective pulling and trapping. Has a tendency to over-pursue on his downfield blocks, which put him out of position. Very good instincts to pick up a defender, but did not always have the quickness to get into position to make the block. However, he lacked awareness at times. On multiple occasions in the game, Banducci made very good blocks to allow large gains by the runner. Excellent seal block in the second quarter.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 15, 1953	Cleveland Browns	7.6

BOTTOM LINE

Banducci played right guard and faced defensive tackle Derrell Palmer (#72) and defensive guards Bill Willis (#60) and Abe Gibron (#64). Banducci did not always have the best positioning against the defender. In the second quarter, he got to the second level of the defense to block Palmer on a running play. Banducci over-pursued and was too far downfield to make the block. In pass protection, he occasionally got a little high in his stance and the defender was able to push him around. A better run blocker than in pass protection. In the fourth quarter, Lou Groza (#76) go around him to pressure quarterback Y.A. Tittle (#14). Tittle was able to get the pass off, but he was hurried. Lacked strength and was pushed around. Was on the ground too often.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
September 26, 1954	Washington Redskins	7.9

BOTTOM LINE

Banducci played right guard and primarily faced defensive guard Paul Lipscomb (#76) or defensive tackle Dick Modzelewski (#70). Effective in trap blocking. Very good in run blocking with the ability to effectively seal the defender away from the play. Occasionally stood up in pass blocking, allowing the defender to move him around and push him back. Very competitive. At the end of the first quarter, he made a hard block on a defender downfield, knocking the defender to the ground. In the second quarter, Y.A. Tittle (#14) ran a sneak behind him for a touchdown. In the third quarter, Lipscomb was able to get around him to pressure Tittle. Banducci left the game in the fourth quarter with the outcome well in hand.