

Remote Film Study – Weekend of March 21

Southern California Condors vs. Denver Johnny Bravo

2019 Club Elite-Select Challenge Tournament Championship Game:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRBQ8hrVDbQ>

Before you watch, (new players please refer to the new player sheet **FIRST**):

- This game is a great example of two different play styles and how momentum can shift from them throughout the game.
- There are observers in this game and no that does not mean the people watching. Observers are the “refs” wearing orange. Players on the field still make their own calls, but observers make the final decision on any foul calls.
- As you watch, identify players that match your position. Cutters watch cutters, handlers watch handlers. New players I understand this is not possible, just take in as much as you can.

Team Overview:

Denver: Bravo has a strong and sound offense with great decision making. They move the disc within their cutters highly effectively, WATCH HOW THEY SWING THE DISC, they are great at working the full width of the field, and move the disc downfield with wide open cutters. They are less prone to throwing ill-advised deep throws. From a momentum standpoint, watch as they begin to struggle and points become harder to come by, these short handler throws give the defense easy points on short fields and the momentum of scoring shifts. Bravo run

primarily three different downfield sets; a vertical, horizontal, and side stack. Well talk more about them later but try and identify which one they are in.

- Player to watch: Jon Nethercutt #7 (big beard, brown hat), one of Ultimate's best players but struggles with easy mistakes in this game.

So. Cal.: Condor for much of the game has a much looser offense. They still swing effectively but take more shots downfield, trusting their cutters as they are more athletic than Bravo's. This strategy can struggle with frequent turnovers, but if not covered well on defense can rack up points FAST, shifting the momentum of the game quickly if they start connecting on throws. Condor runs a very messy downfield stack most of the game but is effective because how smart the cutters are at knowing where the open space is.

- Player to watch: Jon "Goose" Helton #00, STRONG cutter but makes great plays throwing the disc here. Playmaker all game.

Game moments (I'm going to put these in roughly when they occurred, just keep the times in mind):

22:00: Great patience by Bravo on the goal line, they swing the disc back and forth and work to find open receivers.

24:00: Condor has their own goal line moment to shine while Bravo plays great defense but ultimately gets broken break side.

28:00: Helton makes a great “smart” cut here. He cuts under and recognizes that his defender is no longer taking away the deep space and that he has a lane to cut deep making him wide open.

33:00: This point is exactly how an o-line should respond to turning the disc over. They go crazy on defense to get the disc back and pressure almost every Condor throw.

4-6 game score: Just a really fun point all around.

HALF – Game returns at 41:30 if you want to skip

44:00: Great response from the Condor handler to take advantage of the missed block immediately understanding that his defender is compromised.