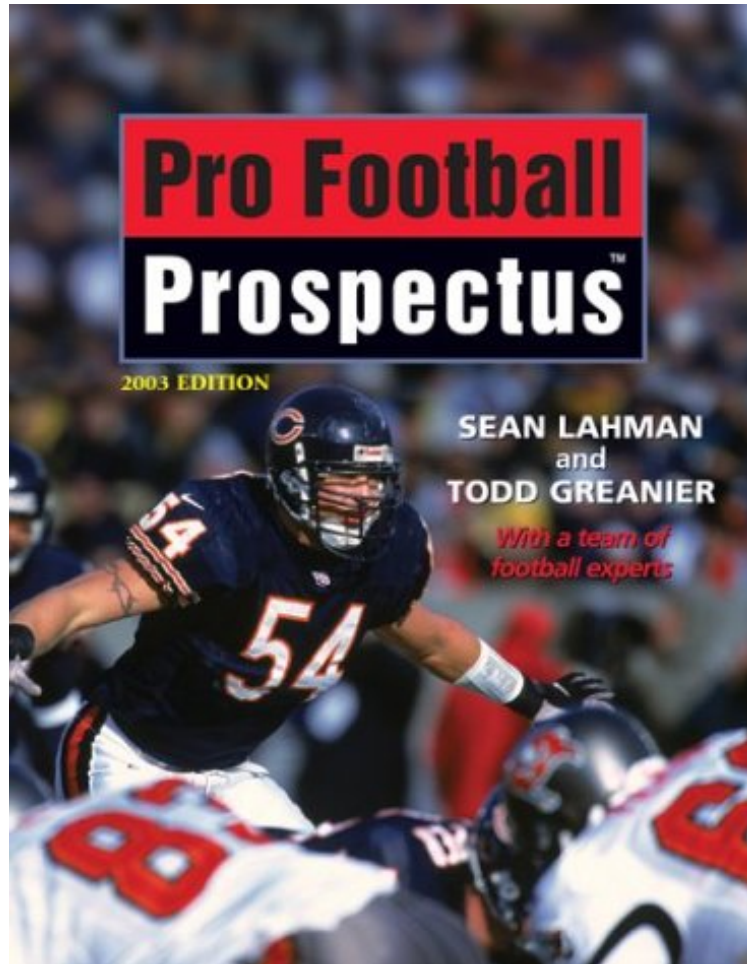


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Sean Lahman, Todd Greanier : Pro Football Prospectus: 2003 EDITION before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pro Football Prospectus: 2003 EDITION:

5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Touchdown!By AdrianI bought this book last year, and was very excited to see that someone was doing serious football analysis again. When this year's edition arrived, my jaw dropped. It's about 100 pages longer full of fascinating stuff.First, the player comments section is greatly expanded. Not sure if they included more players, but the writeups are significantly longer. They've added sections for coaches (not just head coaches but the whole coaching staff) and special teams.Second, the team essays are just fascinating. Sure, they cover the important points about each team... looking at why this team collapsed last year or what that team has done during the offseason. For each team they ask a general question, and while it certainly relates to the team in question, it tends to be a full-fledged statistical study that has broader applications. For the Titans, they observe that running backs tend to have a sharp decline after the age of thirty. With the Browns, they look at the connection

between the offensive line play and a team's overall success. For Seattle, they examine the criteria for coaches to get into the Hall of Fame. Finally, I have to say that the authors knocked my socks off with the hard-core analysis that begins the book. They introduce a number of statistical tools, some of which we've seen before but most of which are brand new. My guess is that most readers will skip past the number crunching to find out about their favorite team or to scout players for their fantasy league. For stat-geeks like me, it's the sabrmetric-type studies that are most interesting. I haven't had time to fully digest all of the work here, and I intend to do my own studies to weigh the merits of what Lahman and Greanier have done. But it's exciting to see that this sort of analytical approach is being undertaken for football, that there is a football book worthy of the "Prospectus" name. As someone who loves football as much as I do, I'm thrilled to see this book done so well. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A big disappointment. By Andrew France. I love books of this genre. The baseball prospectus books are a national treasure. I enjoyed *Football by the Numbers* and *The Hidden Game of Football* when they came out in the 80's. This book is so far behind where it should have been. Sure it's decent analysis but no better than you can get in any fantasy football magazine. I really could have done better with about a month of typing. There was NOTHING groundbreaking about it. Where the baseball guys make are innovating, this is more mindless pablum. The basketball one had some improvements over the Basketball abstracts and Hoopstats of the late 80's-early 90's, but this football left me flat. For example, to not even adjust the expected yards per carry by the 3 d's : Down, distance, and defense. How can you still publish 'analysis' comparing to league averages? How 1984 pre-PC/excel spreadsheets can you get? It's not terribly written, there's some entertainment to it, but no more analysis than you can get by dropping 4.95 on a Street and Smiths.

Football coaches say the greatest improvement occurs between games one and two of the season. If that adage can be applied to football books, you're in for a treat, as *PRO FOOTBALL PROSPECTUS* builds on its successful debut with the 2003 edition. Improving on what FOXSports.com called "361 pages of football goodness" will be tough, but Sean Lahman, Todd Greanier, and their collection of football connoisseurs are back to cogitate on the 2002 season and calculate what might happen in 2003.