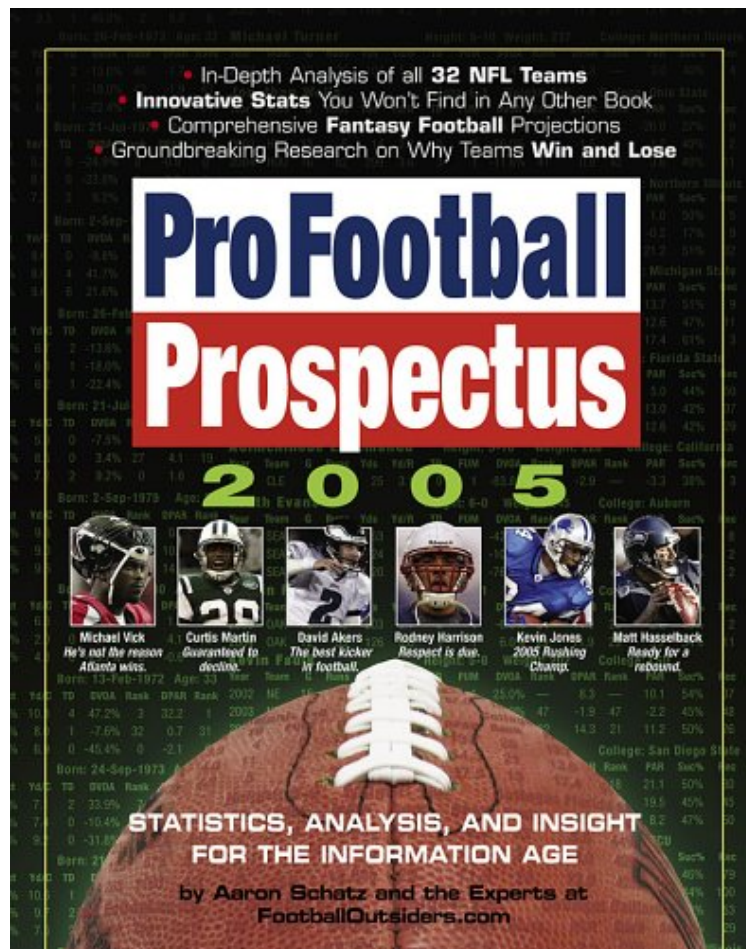


# Pro Football Prospectus 2005: Statistics, Analysis, and Insight for the Information Age

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Staff of FootballOutsiders.com, Aaron Schatz : Pro Football Prospectus 2005: Statistics, Analysis, and Insight for the Information Age before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pro Football Prospectus 2005: Statistics, Analysis, and Insight for the Information Age:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not nearly as good as the Baseball or Basketball versions By Dawn-Marie In spite of its militaristic nature, pro football is sorely lacking in publicly available statistics - especially from a historical perspective. Baseball is king in stat land, but even basketball is doing a better job - and thinkers like Dean Oliver and John Hollinger are providing philosophical breakthroughs. Sadly, Football Prospectus fails where its baseball and basketball versions succeed; in providing us new insight into evaluating individual players and teams. The book is not a pure failure, but one would think that the authors would come up with more original data (and fresher perspectives) than they have. As an alternative, I recommend the timeless HIDDEN GAME OF FOOTBALL.1

of 1 people found the following review helpful. Gridiron GroundbreakerBy Michael G. KnightAaron Schatz and the experts at FootballOutsiders.com have put together the best statistical analysis football annual yet. It is easily the best work since "The Hidden Game of Football" in the field of football research. Those fantasy geeks amongst us, however, may be a bit disappointed by its scope. Like their "Prospectus" brethren, this book focuses on more than just fantasy sports methods and strategies. With that caveat, any NFL fan who wants to learn more about their team and their players, needs to check this one out.10 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Getting better, but still room for improvementBy CraigWhile this book still suffers from some deficiencies, I think the authors deserve credit for trying to bring football fans to the point of thinking about the game a little differently. They'll never be able to match what BP has done for baseball fans, simply because football doesn't have the depth of stats found in baseball, but they're getting better.One thing I like about this year's edition is that their player comments seem to have a little more thought put into them than in year's past. In previous editions, they've felt like a hurried add-on to the stats, but they seem more able to stand on their own this time around.A continuing problem is the seeming lack of an editor, or even someone to make sure that player names are spelled correctly. Really, this is something that shouldn't happen, given that the whole point of your book is to judge these players. It happens on the cover, and it happens several times throughout the book. There are also a number of obvious grammatical errors that should have been caught. They don't take away from the points made by the writers, but they certainly don't help the publication seem very professional.This isn't something I would think of only for the fantasy fan. I'd consider this important also for those fans looking to learn a little more about certain players, as well as serving as a quick reference resource during the upcoming season. And for fantasy fans, I hope this year's projections at certain positions are better than last year - as an example, Jeff Garcia was ranked near the top of the QB listings last season, and we all know how close he actually came to that! It's always tough to predict performance, but here's hoping they do it this time, considering it's a big part of why this book exists.

For the over 14 million people who play fantasy football every year; for the hardcore fan who wants information beyond sports page recaps; for everyone who bets on the NFL; and for the smart, casual enthusiast looking for entertainment and insight comes the essential preseason annual. With numerous statistical measures that go far beyond standard NFL stats, Pro Football Prospectus assesses the DVOA (Defense-adjusted Value Over Average) of every single skill player and determines how many points better a starting player is over the average bench player; measures special teams; offers advanced offensive line statistics; analyzes teams abilities to convert draft picks into quality players; and much more. And like its sister publication, Baseball Prospectus, its written with a knowing dry wit that gets under the skin of Americas most popular spectator sport. Compared by The New York Times Magazine to Bill James, the baseball statistics guru, Aaron Schatz is revolutionizing the world of football statistics. In just two years his Web site, FootballOutsiders.com, is by a huge margin, the Webs best independent football site, writes Gregg Easterbrook of NFL.com. Salon calls it a must for anyone interested in going beyond This guy has more yards, so he must be better. Now Schatz and his team of Football Outsiders are continuing their groundbreaking work with a comprehensive, authoritative book of sophisticated statistical analysis. It also offers solid predictions: in 2004, the Outsiders predicted six of eight division winners, including the Steelers champion season; the fading year of Ahman Green and Jamal Lewis; and the breakout of the New York Jets.

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