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Yet while more and more football fans are watching the NFL each week, many of them don't know exactly what they should be watching. What does the offense's formation tell you about the play that's about to be run? When a quarterback throws a pass toward the sideline and the wide receiver cuts inside, which player is to blame? Why does a defensive end look like a Hall of Famer one week and a candidate for the practice squad the next?

These are the questions football fans ask during every game they watch, and for too long, they've lacked the kind of insight and information that courses through coaches' offices, locker rooms, and meetings throughout the NFL. Football fans are starving to learn more about the game they love, to appreciate the intricacies of their sport the way baseball fans do theirs. Now Pat Kirwan, popular analyst for NFL.com and Sirius NFL Radio and a veteran front office executive, and co-author David Seigerman present *Take Your Eye Off the Ball*, a book that takes you inside a coach's mind as he builds a roster or constructs a game plan, to the line of scrimmage with the quarterback, and deep into the perpetual chess match between offense and defense.

Take Your Eye Off the Ball is not a beginner's introduction to football, nor is it a technical manual for only the most studious of fans. Instead, it clearly and simply explains the intricacies and nuances that affect the outcomes of every NFL game. No more passively watching the action unfold with only the TV analyst's clichs to guide you, no more wondering why one player is on the field and not another. Take Your Eye Off the Ball:

- * Explains the pros and cons of different personnel groups
- * Tells you what to look for when projecting a college quarterback's success in the NFL
- * Gives fans a simple, easy-to-remember checklist to help them understand the action on the field

Baseball claims to be America's national pastime, but football is its passion. Take Your Eye Off the Ball will make fans feel like they've got their own personal head coach by their side each and every Sunday, enhancing the fan experience by making football more accessible, colorful, and compelling than ever before.

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Review

To have coached at the highest level and then moved into the administrative and management realm and know what you're talking about in both is relatively unique. Pat can 'talk the talk' to players but still speak the language of contracts and deals. Pat boils even the most complicated nuances of football down to the base elements so that everyone can understand it

Brad Childress --Head coach, Minnesota Vikings

I wish I had been coached as a player the way I've been coached by Pat as an analyst. He's expanded my knowledge and understanding of the big picture of the game. He's schooled at every position on both sides of the ball, and not just in terms of how to play the position; he also explains to you why things need to be done a certain way

Tim Ryan --Co-host, Movin' the Chains, Sirius NFL Radio

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