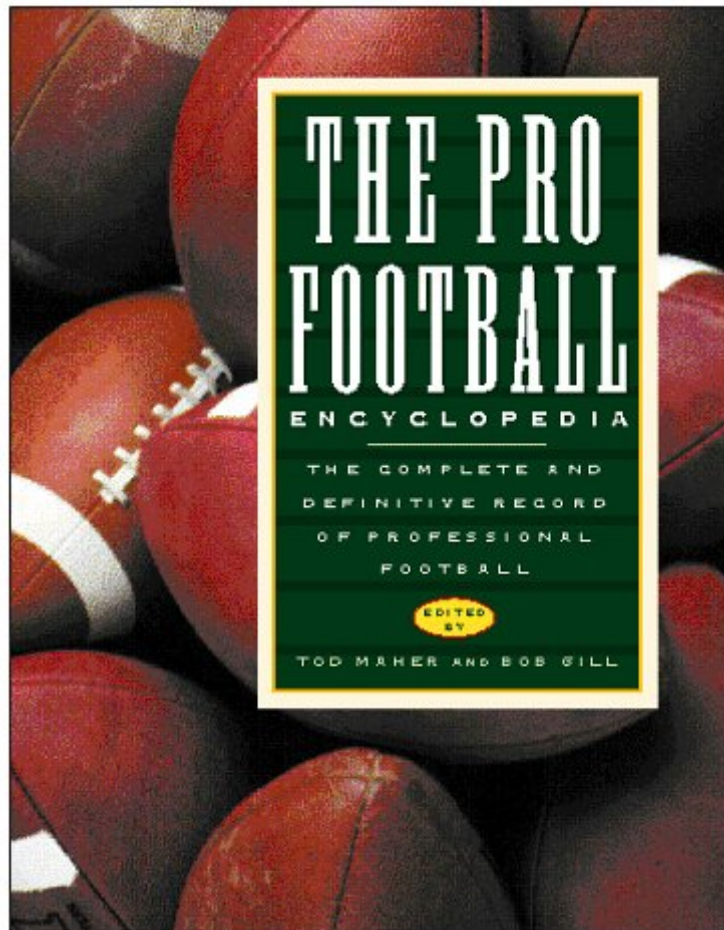


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to their predecessor. However, the latter outshines the former immeasurably. Editors Tod Maher and Bob Gill have presented virtually every statistic regarding professional football in a wonderfully simple, impeccably organized format. Separate chapters are devoted to scoring, rushing, passing, receiving, interceptions, and punting statistics. This allows much easier access to the vital stats on each and every player than does the all-inclusive player register format of Total Football. Maher and Gill include the longest gains in all applicable categories (rushing, passing, punting, receiving), an element sadly missing in Total Football. Furthermore, all stats are presented in columned format, drastically improving accessibility. The Pro Football Encyclopedia, in contrast to Total Football, does not include chapters of text, but rather devotes itself to a strictly data-oriented presentation. Some readers may prefer the inclusion of prose regarding all-time great players, coaches, team histories, etc. However, I for one prefer the straight-up, facts-only, presentation of Maher and Gill. Like Total Football, The Pro Football Encyclopedia is a hefty tome, at 1,467 pages. However, there is no fat to be trimmed from this masterpiece. As an extra added bonus, the price (\$44.95 retail), is \$5 lower than Total Football's introductory price. There is certainly room for both of these outstanding pro football reference books on the market, and each has its own appeal. However, if one must select only one or the other for purchase, The Pro Football Encyclopedia is the clear choice of this fan and reader.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Barely worth having

By Jerry Fry

There isn't much prior to page 1021 that I use this book for but I'm still keeping it for statistics it has other books don't. This book could be trimmed down and still have as much information. The Scoring section for instance is generally many columns of zeroes, but that's the way scoring stats are. Kickers don't score touchdowns and guys like Jerry Rice and Walter Payton don't kick field goals. Subtitled "The Complete and Definitive Record of Professional Football" is an overstatement modestly speaking. Individual kickoff and punt returns aren't here and SOME of the deceased players in the Player Register died years ago but it doesn't tell you that. And don't take by faith some of the statistics. You can't expect them to all be accurate but this book has more errors than others. It's still worth having though because it has stats other books don't (that you have to hope are correct). Stats like longest gains and longest interception returns are here and blocked punts. Also, the seasonal game scores by team are much easier reading than in books like "Total Football II". But if you have another book to refer to you should search both because unfortunately, the accuracy here doesn't rate super high so don't make any large bets based on something you saw here because a certain percentage of "facts" here (although probably a low percentage) are incorrect. For example; don't bet somebody that Ricky Bell, who played for Tampa Bay from 1977 thru 1981 is still alive. He died on November 28, 1984. I have the 1997 edition though, maybe there has been an updated version that has made corrections.

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