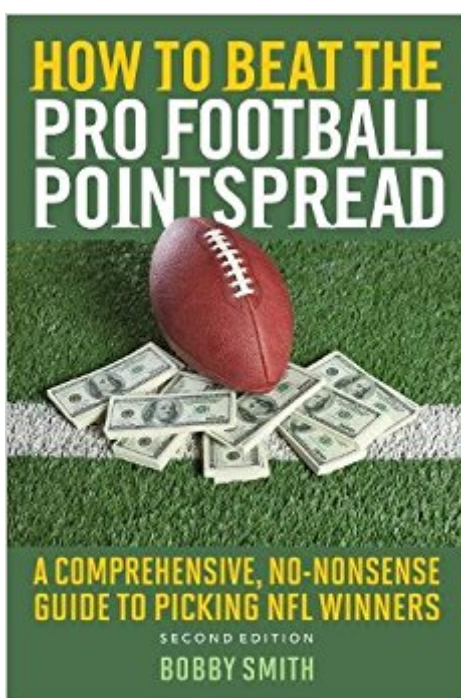


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# How To Beat The Pro Football Points Spread: A Comprehensive, No-Nonsense Guide To Picking NFL Winners



## Synopsis

In this second edition that takes into consideration the perpetually evolving NFL rules, *How to Beat the Pro Football Points Spread* continues to set bettors on a confidence-building path lined with high-priority realities that for decades have flown under the typical football bettor's radar. Smith emphasizes that pure football knowledge must be absorbed and then applied to the world of point spreads. He teaches his readers to look at the game with the bettor's eye instead of the fan's, and explains his theories about reasonable statistical expectations and ways to challenge the oddsmakers. He also discusses the implications of coaching styles, stadium locations, and even the weather on each bet made throughout the season. With years of football betting under his belt, Smith has written a key resource for anyone wagering on America's most popular sport. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Sports Publishing imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in sports; books about baseball, pro football, college football, pro and college basketball, hockey, or soccer, we have a book about your sport or your team. Whether you are a New York Yankees fan or hail from Red Sox nation; whether you are a die-hard Green Bay Packers or Dallas Cowboys fan; whether you root for the Kentucky Wildcats, Louisville Cardinals, UCLA Bruins, or Kansas Jayhawks; whether you route for the Boston Bruins, Toronto Maple Leafs, Montreal Canadiens, or Los Angeles Kings; we have a book for you. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to publishing books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked by other publishers and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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## Customer Reviews

Bobby Smith was born in Forest Hills, New York, and attended St. John's University. Bobby is the chief writer and editor of Sports Reporter's Zone Blitz, an annual college and NFL football forecasting almanac. He currently lives with his wife, Theresa, and daughter, Celine, in Long Island, New York.

The Reviews on this book are similar to the writing style of this author: full of hyperbole and not enough substance. Granted, there are some good points (don't bet an underdog unless you think they can win, the "spread score," schedules, weather and playing surfaces), but enough already... I kept waiting for the author to talk about beating the point spread and betting ATS (against the spread). No mention of parlays, teasers, or over/under? I'm sure this author is too much a "sharp" to discuss those pedestrian points (for suckers no doubt), but I bought this book to read about gambling, not endless reviews of games in the past, his previous predictions and general NFL knowledge.

This is a superb book on the art of football handicapping. The author presents numerous handicapping techniques and illustrates them with concrete examples. Were you shocked by Seattle dismantling Denver in the 2013 Super Bowl? You wouldn't have been if you'd read the preface to this book. Remember when Bill Parcells took over as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys and rattled off a 5-2 SUATS record to start the season? You'll know why (and how you could have profited from it) when you read chapter 16. This book belongs in the library of anyone who is interested in making money from investing in football. Don't trust anyone who tells you otherwise.

This is one of the best books on football handicapping. It contains many novel betting angles you won't find anywhere else. The section on graphing a team's performance against the spread over the course of the season is worth the price of the book alone. The section of money management is mathematically correct. Almost all authors promote Kelly betting (varying the size of your bet) which will bankrupt you no matter how good your handicapping. The only flaw in the book is that the author does not show you how to create your own line. The books by J.R. Miller and Dan Gordon are the only ones that show you how to create a line.

Best book I have read about this subject. I especially enjoyed Mr. Smith's rebuke of 95% of lame stream sports media TV stations and Writers. I went to church with a man who played for the

Denver Broncos in the 70s when they lost the Superbowl to the Cowboys. This ex player filled me in on the medias sole purpose of hyping games for the public to get more ratings.Great book and highly recommend. Plus, the Author has a very humorous entertaining writing style.

A couple of years back, I purchased the first edition of this book, & was very pleased to see the second edition on ! This book is laced with humor & intellect! This book is contains legitimate systems & theories that can be proven to be successful. I personally, researched some of Bobby's claims about the 5.2 ATS margin theory & found it to be a profitable system netting a 58.2% to 61% success rate from 2009-2013. Also, if you focus on his 5.2 ATS & tweak it with his theory on neg. turnover ratios, one can get a success rate of 64.8%. This is just from one chapter! Thank you Bobby for your insight. I enjoyed the book.

Covers in detail many things the "regular guy" does wrong regarding sports betting. I loved reading this book and I constantly refer to it.

Insightful and informative.

Does not get to the point.

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