

Inverting The Pyramid Jonathan Wilson

Whether it's Terry Venables keeping his wife up late at night with diagrams on scraps of paper spread over the eiderdown, or the classic TV sitcom of moving the salt & pepper around the table top in the transport cafe, football tactics are now part of the fabric of everyday life. Steve McLaren's recent switch to an untried 3-5-2 against Croatia will probably go down as the moment he lost his slim credibility gained from dropping David Beckham; Jose Mourinho, meanwhile, is often brought to task for trying to smuggle the long ball game back into English football (his defence being his need to 'break the lines' of banks of defenders and midfielders). Jonathan Wilson is an erudite and detailed writer, but never loses a sense of the grand narrative sweep, and here he pulls apart the modern game, traces the world history of tactics back from modern pioneers such as Rinus Michels and Valeriy Lobanovskyi, the Swiss origins of Catenaccio and Herbert Chapman, right back to beginning where chaos reigned. Along the way he looks at the lives of great players and thinkers who shaped the game, and probes why the English, in particular, have 'proved themselves unwilling to grapple with the abstract'. This is a modern classic of football writing to rank with David Winner's 'Brilliant Orange' and Simon Kuper's 'Football Against the Enemy'.

In 1960, the wealthy owner of the Merseyside-based Littlewoods corporation, John Moores, took control of Everton Football Club, setting in motion a chain of events that still affect the game in this country today. Everton had enjoyed success before Moores's takeover but things would never be the same again from the moment he walked through Goodison's doors. Although big clubs had spent money before, none had done so with such naked short-term ambition and a ruthlessness to succeed that sent shockwaves through the previously stagnant world of English football. The new owner's ruthless streak was personified by his first major move, sacking the popular Johnny Carey in the back of a London taxi in April 1961. Everton would finish that 1960/61 season in fifth place, their highest position since World War Two, but the Irishman's affable nature cost him his job. In his place Moores wanted a man in his own image to lead the club forward and he soon found him: Harry Catterick. Catterick was little over 40 years old, and had been an Everton player himself only ten years before. But as a boss he exuded an aura that demanded respect and obedience from his players. It was a characteristic that won him few fans but plenty of trophies, and across the decade Everton reasserted themselves as one of English football's powerhouses, winning two league titles and an FA Cup. Catterick's ability to nurture young products of the club's youth set-up such as Colin Harvey and Joe Royle was trumped only by his mastery of the transfer market, allowing him to sign the great Howard Kendall from Preston North End and World Cup winner Alan Ball from under his rivals' noses. Harvey, Kendall and Ball would soon form the club's greatest midfield trio, and their brilliance would underpin the 1969/70 title win, a victory for free-flowing football in an era of cynicism. That trophy would be Everton's last major honour for 14 years. In *Money Can't Buy Us Love*, Everton's official statistician Gavin Buckland tells the tale of how Moores and manager Harry Catterick took the so-called 'Mersey Millionaires' to the summit of English football, in the context of the major cultural changes of the time. The book provides a forensic character study of both Catterick and Moores, and also delves into the archives to provide a definitive account of the incidents that rocked the club in a

fruitful but turbulent decade, including allegations of doping in the 1962/63 campaign, the 1964 match-fixing scandal which signalled the end of Tony Kay's career and the shock sale of Alan Ball. Money Can't Buy Us Love offers fascinating insight into how strong personalities can take a team to the very top, but can also cause in its ultimate downfall.

In this first full, critical biography, Jonathan Wilson draws an intimate and powerful portrait of one of England's greatest football managers, Brian Clough, and his right-hand man, Peter Taylor. It was in the unforgiving world of post-war football where their identities and reputations were made - a world where, as Clough and Taylor's mentor Harry Storer once said, 'Nobody ever says thank you.' Nonetheless, Clough brought the gleam of silverware to the depressed East Midlands of the 1970s. Initial triumph at Derby was followed by a sudden departure and a traumatic 44 days at Leeds. By the end of a frazzled 1974, Clough was set up for life financially, but also hardened to the realities of football. By the time he was at Forest, Clough's mask was almost permanently donned: a persona based on brashness and conflict. Drink fuelled the controversies and the colourful character; it heightened the razor-sharp wit and was a salve for the highs of football that never lasted long enough, and for the lows that inevitably followed. Wilson's account is the definitive portrait of this complex and enduring man.

Football has always been a numbers game: 4-4-2, the big number 9, and 3 points for a win. But what if up until now we've been focusing on the wrong numbers? What if the numbers that really matter, the ones that hold the key to winning matches, are actually 2.66, 53.4, 50/50 and $0 > 1$? What if managers only make a 15 per cent difference? What if Chelsea should have bought Darren Bent? In this incisive, myth-busting book, Chris Anderson, former goalkeeper turned football-statistics guru, and David Sally, former baseball pitcher turned behavioural economist, show that every shred of knowledge we can gather can help us to love football and understand it even more. You'll discover why stopping a goal is more valuable than scoring one, why corners should be taken short, and why it is better to improve your worst player than to buy a superstar. 'Chris Anderson and David Sally have the ability to see football in a way few have before them. Be warned: The Numbers Game will change the way you think about your favourite team or player, and change the way you watch the beautiful game.' Billy Beane, General Manager of the Oakland A's, the subject of Moneyball 'A fascinating and stylish investigation into a rapidly developing way of understanding football.' Jonathan Wilson, author of Inverting the Pyramid: The History of Football Tactics From the war-ravaged streets of Sarajevo, where turning up for training involved dodging snipers' bullets, to the crumbling splendour of Budapest's Bozsik Stadium, where the likes of Puskás and Kocsis masterminded the fall of England, the landscape of Eastern Europe has changed immeasurably since the fall of communism. Jonathan Wilson has travelled extensively behind the old Iron Curtain, viewing life beyond the fall of the Berlin Wall through the lens of football. Where once the state-controlled teams of the Eastern bloc passed their way with crisp efficiency - a sort of communist version of total football - to considerable success on the European and international stages, today the beautiful game in the East has been opened up to the free market, and throughout the region a sense of chaos pervades. The threat of totalitarian interference no longer remains; but in its place mafia control is generally accompanied with a crippling lack of

funds. In BEHIND THE CURTAIN Jonathan Wilson goes in search of the spirit of Hungary's 'Golden Squad' of the early fifties, charts the disintegration of the footballing superpower that was the former Yugoslavia, follows a sorry tale of corruption, mismanagement and Armenian cognac through the Caucasuses, reopens the case of Russia's greatest footballer, Eduard Streltsov, and talks to Jan Tomaszewski about an autumn night at Wembley in 1973...

'Aloof, solitary, impassive, the crack goalie is followed in the streets by entranced small boys. He vies with the matador and the flying aces, an object of thrilled adulation. He is the lone eagle, the man of mystery, the last defender' Vladimir Nabokov Albert Camus, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Pope John Paul II, Julian Barnes and not forgetting Nabokov himself ... it's safe to say the position of goalkeeper has over the years attracted a different sort of character than your average footballer. In this first-ever cultural history of the 'loner' between the posts, Jonathan Wilson traces the sometimes dangerous intellectual and literary preoccupations of the keeper, and looks at how the position has secured a certain existential cool. He travels to the Bassa region of Cameroon, which has produced two of Africa's greatest keepers, and also to Romania to talk to Helmuth Duckadam, who saved four penalties for Steaua Bucharest in the 1986 European Cup final. His absorbing tactical and technical insights into football history even take us back to the days when matches were contested without a man between the sticks. THE OUTSIDER is the definitive account of that most mysterious of footballing personalities - the goalkeeper.

The 2010 World Cup will be the first ever held on the continent of Africa. This book features introductory essays on the cultural importance of soccer, the World cup, this tournament in particular, and on African soccer. The book contains an introductory essay, table, analysis of team players, coach, history, flag, foods, and uniforms for each of the 32 teams.

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Revue et augmentée spécialement pour l'édition française par l'auteur Jonathan Wilson en collaboration avec le traducteur Philippe Auclair. La tactique en football définit la façon dont les joueurs d'une équipe se positionnent sur le terrain et opèrent entre eux. Ces dispositifs comprennent la mise en place initiale d'un plan de jeu (on parle de " formation "), et une fois la partie commencée, le placement des joueurs les uns par rapport aux autres et leurs actions de déplacements, qui peuvent être " orchestrées " à partir du banc de touche par l'entraîneur. Jonathan Wilson décortique les détails les plus subtils de la tactique footballistique dans le monde, retraçant l'histoire mondiale de la tactique : des temps modernes, il remonte aux sources de son histoire alors même que le chaos semblait régner sur le terrain. Chemin faisant, l'auteur se penche sur la vie de grands joueurs et de penseurs qui ont façonné ce sport.

After just a handful of games this season Sunderland were looking early favourites for the drop into League One, despite the arrival of the 'returning messiah' Niall Quinn, who headed up the consortium that had just bought the club. When he took the decision to appoint Roy Keane as manager, most predicted a storm. Instead, out went half the first team, and 38 League games later (24 wins, 7 draws and 7 defeats) Sunderland are now poised to lift the Championship and head off into the 'promised land' of the Premiership. Wilson tells the story not only of Sunderland's astonishing turnaround, but also the transformation of their manager. As a player Keane was notoriously critical of shortcomings in his team-mates. Yet as a manager, he has inspired his side and seems a natural in the role, thanks to his razor sharp wit and insight. In the course of covering the Championship for the Independent and Independent on Sunday, Jonathan Wilson (himself a Mackem) has followed Sunderland's rise closely. Here he not only probes behind the scenes at The Stadium of Light, and brings an in-depth analysis to the club's achievement, he also celebrates one of the most remarkable seasons in the club's history. It is a football story as dramatic as any of recent years.

Football Manager stole my life reveals the cult behind a computer game that, since its debut in 1992, has sold 20m copies and become a part of football culture.

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From the author of Inverting the Pyramid, a tour de force revealing the secret history of modern football.

Timed to coincide with the 2018 World Cup, the fascinating story of how the Spanish have transformed English soccer over the last eighty years. As American television spectators witness on Saturday mornings, Britain's Premier soccer league is increasingly dominated by Spanish stars, from David Silva to David De Gea, while managers such as Rafa Benitez and Pep Guardiola have helped to transform the way English soccer is played. But the origins of this particular Spanish invasion date back eighty years to 1937, when the Spanish Civil War led to a stream of refugees fleeing their country for the safe haven of the south coast of England. They learned the game here, before returning to Spain when it was safe to help clubs such as Real Madrid, Barcelona, and Athletic Bilbao to La Liga success. The Franco era broke that link, but in the recent years the reputation of Spain's stars has grown, and every club wants to have a sprinkling of tiki-taka magic in its line-up. Adam Crafton has spoken to many of the key Spanish figures who have come to England to build up a compelling portrait of how they have had such a major impact on the game here. We discover how and why it is that some players, such as Cesc Fabregas and Xabi Alonso, have had great success here, while others have struggled to make an impact. Fernando Torres experienced both extremes. But this is not just a soccer story, pure and simple. Crafton provides the historical and social context that helps to explain how the relationship between the two nations is constantly changing, yet always close. For anyone who enjoyed Jonathan Wilson's *Inverting the Pyramid* or Sid Lowe's *Fear and Loathing in La Liga*, this book is a revealing and brilliant insight into this most benign of Spanish invasions.

The story of Manchester United told through ten key matches that have helped to shape its history. Award-winning football writer Jonathan Wilson selects ten landmark games from Manchester United's past, from the first time they lifted the FA Cup, beating Bristol City in 1909, to the Cup victory of 2016 that proved to be Louis van Gaal's last match in charge. In doing so, he identifies the pivotal moments in the club's rise to becoming one of the foremost teams of the twentieth century. With his trademark tactical acumen, Wilson goes back to the games themselves and subjects them to forensic examination, re-evaluating and reassessing, and going beyond the white noise of banal player quotes and instant judgements to uncover what really happened. The result is a unique football history of one of England's greatest and most famous clubs.

In *Game Changer* Fergus Connolly shows how to improve performance with evidence-based analysis and athlete-focused training. Through his unprecedented experience with teams in professional football, basketball, rugby, soccer, Aussie Rules, and Gaelic football, as well as with elite military units, Connolly has discovered how to break down the common elements in all sports to their basic components so that each moment of any game can be better analysed, whether you're a player or coach. The lessons of game day can then be used to create valuable learning experience in training.

WINNER of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award 2015 In the last two

decades football in Britain has made the transition from a peripheral dying sport to the very centre of our popular culture, from an economic basket-case to a booming entertainment industry. What does it mean when football becomes so central to our private and political lives? Has it enriched us or impoverished us? In this sparkling book David Goldblatt argues that no social phenomenon tracks the momentous economic, social and political changes of the post-Thatcherite era in a more illuminating manner than football, and no cultural practice sheds more light on the aspirations and attitudes of our long boom and now calamitous bust. A must-read for the thinking football fan, *The Game of Our Lives* will appeal to readers of *Fever Pitch* by Nick Hornby and *Inverting the Pyramid* by Jonathan Wilson. It will also be relished by readers of British social history such as *Austerity Britain* by David Kynaston. 'Brilliantly incisive. Goldblatt is not merely the best football historian writing today, he is possibly the best there has ever been. Goldblatt's book could hardly be more impressive' *Sunday Times*

Inverting the Pyramid The History of Football Tactics Weidenfeld & Nicolson

The definitive history of Argentinian football from the award-winning author of *Inverting the Pyramid* Diego Maradona, Gabriel Batistuta, Juan Romn Riquelme, Sergio Agero, Lionel Messi ... Argentina is responsible for some of the greatest footballers on the planet. Their rich, volatile history is made up of both the sublime and the ruthlessly pragmatic. Argentina is a nation obsessed with football, and Jonathan Wilson, having lived there on and off during the last decade, is ideally placed to chart the five phases of Argentinian football: the appropriation of the British game; the golden age of *la nuestra*, the exuberant style of playing that developed as Juan Pern led the country into isolation; a hardening into the brutal methods of anti-ftbol; the fusing of beauty and efficacy under Csar Luis Menotti; and the ludicrous (albeit underachieving) creative talent of recent times. More than any other nation Argentina lives and breathes football, its theories and myths. The subject is fiercely debated on street corners and in cafes. It has even preoccupied the country's greatest writers and philosophers. *Angels with Dirty Faces* is the definitive history of a great footballing nation and its many paradoxes.

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Inverting the Pyramid is a pioneering soccer book that chronicles the evolution of soccer tactics and the lives of the itinerant coaching geniuses who have spread their distinctive styles across the globe. Through Jonathan Wilson's brilliant historical detective work we learn how the South Americans shrugged off the British colonial order to add their own finesse to the game; how the Europeans harnessed individual technique and built it into a team structure; how the game once featured five forwards up front, while now a lone striker is not uncommon. *Inverting the Pyramid* provides a definitive understanding of the tactical genius of modern-day Barcelona, for the first time showing how their style of play

developed from Dutch "Total Football," which itself was an evolution of the Scottish passing game invented by Queens Park in the 1870s and taken on by Tottenham Hotspur in the 1930s. Inverting the Pyramid has been called the "Big Daddy" (Zonal Marking) of soccer tactics books; it is essential for any coach, fan, player, or fantasy manager of the beautiful game

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The Masterful, Definitive History of Argentinian Soccer Lionel Messi, Diego Maradona, Alfredo Di St'fano: in every generation Argentina has uncovered a uniquely brilliant soccer talent. Perhaps it's because the country lives and breathes the game, its theories, and its myths. Argentina's rich, volatile history -- by turns sublime and ruthlessly pragmatic -- is mirrored in the style and swagger of its national and club sides. In Angels with Dirty Faces, Jonathan Wilson chronicles the operatic drama of Argentinian soccer: the appropriation of the British game, the golden age of la nuestra, the exuberant style of playing that developed as Juan Peróed the country, a hardening into the brutal methods of anti-fú, the fusion of beauty and efficacy under C'sar Luis Menotti, and the emergence of all-time greats. Praise for Inverting the Pyramid "Here, for the first time in decades, is a top-notch soccer book on how soccer is actually played on the field." -- Simon Kuper "An outstanding work. . . . The soccer book of the decade." -- Sunday Business Post

"The book will appeal to a global audience: to anyone with an interest in soccer, sports and business. They will be shocked to learn what goes on behind the scenes of the world's most popular sport"--

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development of gegenpressing as pioneered by German coaches such as Ralf Rangnick and Jürgen Klopp, and its subsequent influence on the world game. It also analyses the tactical evolution of Pep Guardiola, the increasing alternatives to possession-based football and the changing role of the goalkeeper, as well as investigating the trend of full-backs developing into midfielders and the consequent return of three at the back.

Jonathan Wilson and Scott Murray provide a forensic analysis of ten key Liverpool games that have shaped the club's fortunes over the last century: from the long-lost triumphs of Tom Watson (a 19th-century Bill Shankly) to 1970s European triumphs over the likes of Borussia Mönchengladbach and the mind-blowing 2005 comeback against AC Milan. Aston Villa v. Liverpool April 1899 Wolves v. Liverpool May 1947 Liverpool v. Leeds FA Cup final, May 1965 Liverpool v. Crvena Zvezda November 1973 Liverpool v. Borussia Mönchengladbach European Cup final, May 1977 Liverpool v. Roma European Cup final, May 1984 Liverpool v. Nottingham Forest April 1988 Everton v. Liverpool February 1991 Roma v. Liverpool February 2001 AC Milan v. Liverpool Champions League final, May 2005

From Cruyff's "Total Football" to the epic rivalry between Guardiola and Mourinho, a gripping chronicle of the rise and fall of Barcelona's dominance in world soccer.

Barcelona's style of play--pressing and possessing--has become the hegemonic style in modern soccer. In *The Barcelona Inheritance*, author of the soccer classic *Inverting the Pyramid*, Jonathan Wilson, reveals how and why this came to pass. Now that the side is in decline--as they increasingly rely on the star power of players like Lionel Messi, abandoning their long-established philosophy--Wilson investigates what went wrong and who the rising influences are. What emerges is a deep analysis of the evolution of soccer tactics and style over the course of a generation. Starting with the theories forged by Cruyff and his successors, Wilson also writes about the people and personalities who gathered at the Camp Nou for what was effectively the greatest coaching seminar in history. The Barcelona era was marked by memorable friendships and rivalries and, in one case, an apocalyptic falling out that continues to shape the game. This ambitious scope allows Wilson to delve into the tensions caused by the new relevance of geopolitics on rival teams because of the countries that own them, the distraction of players' legal issues around tax irregularities, and how teams adapted in order to challenge and put an end to Barcelona's dominance.

Is it possible to explain the science behind the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus pandemic in a simple way, and with football? "COVID-19 told through football" has done it. This book combines rigorous scientific information, supported by articles that are referenced, with anecdotes from the world of football that serve to create analogies and disseminate scientific knowledge about COVID-19. The author is a biomedical researcher, with more than twenty-five years of experience in prestigious research institutions, such as Harvard University, but he has also been an amateur soccer player and has written soccer books (*Raticos de fútbol I and II*, in Spanish). In this way, it has been possible to write a book that masterfully mixes two such different and powerful subjects like science and football. Two prologues, one from the world of science (Carlos Pedrós-Alió, scientist and writer) and the other from the world of football (Ibrahim Afellay, former FC Barcelona player and international with the Netherlands), complete a rigorous and fun book, which achieves the fusion of science and football, two topics that either don't

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