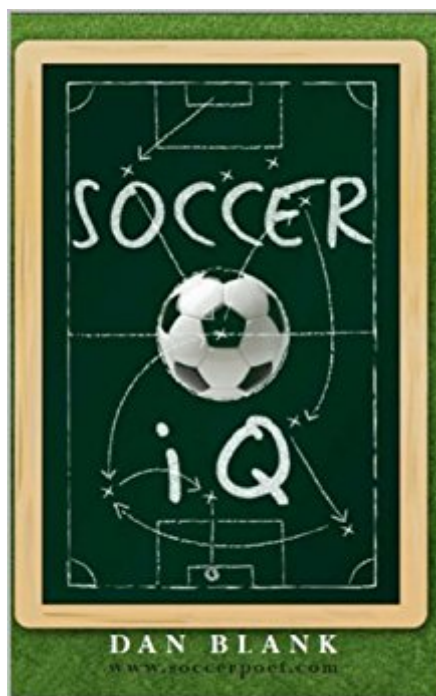


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# Soccer IQ: Things That Smart Players Do



## Synopsis

An best-seller and an NSCAA Soccer Journal Top 5 Book of the Year! In a world saturated with books about how to coach soccer, Dan Blank finally gives players a book on how to think it. Standing on two decades of collegiate coaching experience, Blank has cataloged soccer's most common mistakes and provides simple, connect-the-dots solutions to help players solve their soccer problems. Soccer iQ is soccer's first text book for players; an almanac of smarter soccer decisions intended to flatten out the learning curve. It covers everything from hunting rebounds to the value of the toe-ball; from playing in the rain to the world's dumbest foul. Blank tells his story from the familiar and humorous voice of a coach who has endured years of stress at the hands of his players. Written in plain-spoken language, Soccer iQ is an easy read and a quick-fix to the most common yet critically important soccer problems.

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The best of the best in books on soccer tactics/smarts. Every player and every coach should read this book and it's counterpart. Dynamite advice delivered in short, easy to follow segments, that make great daily lessons for a coach to give a team, or for a player to learn for herself. This book is

full of ideas for some seemingly small changes that can have earth-shatteringly big results for a player or a team.

Soccer IQ, by Dan Blank is fantastically written and I would recommend this to any player or coach. Effectively written, and very understandable, this book explains the flaws you never noticed in your play and shows you how to fix them. For those who enjoyed this book as much as I did, read the second volume and I'm sure it will further your understanding even more!

This is a great read. There are things in here that I've watched on the pitch and have confounded me like the impossible pass. This is a must read for coaches and players. I really enjoyed the way Dan identified a problem and offers a solution or insight.

This book is an easy read and it's exactly what I needed to improve my game. I was thinking this was going to be a book about drills that make you better or technical things you can do to outwit other players, instead, coach Dan gave insight and explained techniques that seem to be common sense that you never think about. The best way I could describe this book is like sitting down with your grandfather and asking him life lessons, only your grandfather is a soccer fanatic and only wants to talk about soccer strategies. Disclaimer - I'm a rec league player and never have any intention of playing beyond my local soccer team - but this book is good for people at any level of play.

The chapters are broken up into very short and very focused topics. Coach Blank gives great examples and, when applicable, examples of training drills to practice the strategy. As a coach, it is a good resource to help put the concepts you may use subconsciously into words that you can pass along to your players. As a player, it is a way to learn some of the intangibles that your coach or trainer may not have an opportunity to pass along.

Great book for young soccer players and their coaches. There are so many little tidbits that players can incorporate into their play. It's also an easy read. I would read a few paragraphs per night and really try to absorb them. Before I knew it I had consumed the whole book. I'm now looking forward to trying other books from the author.

Helped my son's game a lot!

This past Christmas my wife, with the purest of intentions, purchased this book, Soccer IQ, for me as a present. I must say what a gold mine this book has been. Our little travel program is an understated program that just finished its second year together, this year playing at the U9 level. For now we prefer to spend our time teaching and training with some reasonable seasons of game play. Since Christmas we have worked hard to introduce the first 3 chapters to the team. I made copies and had the kids read each chapter we plan to introduce (some parents bought their own copy). We discuss them at the start of practice and try to give gentle cues to remind them during training. For now chapters 1-3 are enough for us to focus on, and they have been a great addition. For a novice coach like me, it makes me look smart when I introduce ideas like this in practice! I need that kind of help! This is not a book of drills and training sessions. It is a book of ideas and concepts that each player over the course of their development will need to learn. For a guy like me with limited experience this is a great resource. I would imagine this is a good resource for most any soccer coach.

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