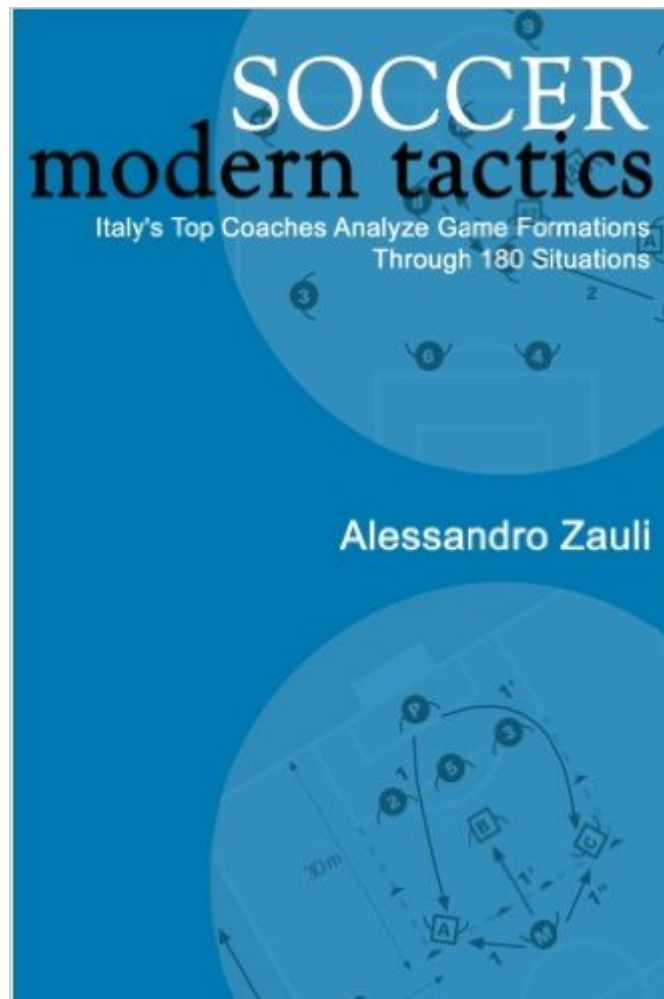


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# Soccer Modern Tactics: Italy's Top Coaches Analyze Game Formations Through 180 Situations



## Synopsis

A comprehensive look at modern zone formations through the eyes of the author and ten high level professional Italian coaches. Arrigo Sacchi (Milan, Italian National Team), Marcello Lippi (Napoli, Inter, Juventus), Walter Novellino (Venezia, Napoli, Piacenza), Carlo Ancelotti (Parma, Juventus) and Renzo Ulivieri (Parma) are among the impressive list of contributors to this valuable coaching reference. Formations covered: 4:4:2 3:4:2:1 4:3:3 3:4:1:2 4:3:1:2 3:3:4 4:2:3:1 3:4:3

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If you are a coach, this book is for you. Its concepts are complex and the book assumes an already detailed knowledge of the game. There are several attacking patterns that I guarantee will help your team, as well as concepts and drills to improve individual and group attacking play. For someone who played defense in college and specializes in defense at the collegiate coaching level, the book is helpful if one-sided. The Italians focus on a zonal defense, and in general flat-back defense is detailed. There is some very good stuff in here to help build a defense. Additionally, almost any formation you can imagine is given a quick glance by a professional coach who uses it and notes its advantages and disadvantages. The one criticism I have is the clumsy writing--these guys are definitely not American.

This is one of the best tactical books that I have ever read. Being a collegiate coach I pulled a lot of different pointers out of this read. This reading takes complex theories and breaks them down into simplistic fundamentals that can help you develop your own system of play no matter what it may

be. I recommend this book for all coaches, no matter the age or level of play.

Well, highly successful Italian coaches explaining tactics. Exactly what I expected. Defending, defending defending. After reading this book, you will be the master at a nice taccenaccio... Anyways, a little one-dimensional, very detailed, great coaches, awkward English and relatively complicated explanations. The biggest thing to improve would be better pictures/sketches of the tactics or drills. They are actually fine, but the resolution in the e-book version is poor, so you can hardly read the tiny numbers of the players.

Great basics for marking and training exercises. The book explores the subjects of zonal marking and game tactics. There are also interviews with great Italian managers and their insights on the book subjects. Excellent reading for tactics fans.

I am a soccer junkie, so I get into books on strategy. However, with this book, it seemed like the book had been translated from Italian. The English was awkward and I had to go back and re-read sections because they just weren't clear or the phrasing was awkward. Also, I kept having to refer back to the symbol guide to understand the formation diagrams (does that squiggly line mean he passed the ball, or he ran the ball or he ran without the ball?) So, in summary... interesting content, but the text wasn't user friendly. The author needs a good, English journalist to clean it up.

Really an excellent book... A little bit "pro"... Actually I bought it to improve my game tactics on WE8/PS2 but it also helped my soccer fundamental knowledge to improve as well... I recommend this book to everyone who wants to improve his football fundamentals, especially on game strategies. As written by Italians, strength is on the defence side, but satisfactory anyway.

In my opinion this book focuses on very interesting issues related with the work during attack and defense in football. The examples are good, the dynamics are very interesting. The main problem is the non-specific terminology in English, making difficult to understand some ideas more clearly. Good book!

Good info BUT... VERY DISAPPOINTED it was not better rendered for English speaking audience (What? The English don't play football??). Comic and sometimes confusing trans-literations abound in this book making it appear that I am listening to an Italian possessing only a moderate command

of English language -- There is some really good stuff here but you have to work at it to figure out what the author is getting at....Clearly, this book was poorly "proofed" (at best) and most diagrams simply mislabeled. This sloppy editing is sure sign educational books are not a high priority for the author. Feels more like a series of lengthy magazine interviews w/ Zauli and some diagrams tossed in but just expanded into a book. Again, good info but don't buy it expecting everything to be laid out in front of you. Overall, good information but could have...SHOULD have been much better.

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