

Computer age

To say that Kai Patterson is a football nut would be a mild understatement.

“As far as I’m concerned, there’s God and there’s the NFL,” he says.

At least Patterson has been able to translate his football fervor into concrete terms. In fact, he may wind up helping a number of teams with his latest idea computerized playbooks.

It’s an idea he has kicked around for years, but now is ready to sell to NFL teams. Patterson, president of KDP Digital Systems, has developed a system called “Game Prep” that allows coaches to put every piece of information a player needs to know on a portable computer.

“It allows a player to receive all the information necessary for a game without the production of a play-book,” Patterson says. “The information will be delivered in a safe and secure environment with the speed of a telephone call.”

Coaches can even tell if and when a player reviews the computerized playback. And the system is also capable of providing game films on computer screens.

Patterson says he has sold the idea to the Redskins, and is currently talking with five more teams about the system. He says he also expects to go to contract with a major college team.

Sounds like the wave of the future to us.