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How did Joe Sweeney get Bob Costas to come to Milwaukee (in the middle of winter)? become the wingman; to the archbishop of New York City? take Brett Favre's off-the-field income from \$65,000 to more than \$4 million? The answer is simple. Networking. Master networker Joe Sweeney shares his networking secrets from a long and successful career as a business owner, sports agent and executive and investment banking consultant. His first secret: master networkers are focused on giving, not getting. With today's difficult economy and uncertain workplace, networking has never been more important. Sweeney's simple but effective 5/10/15 networking plan will give you a leg up in the current job market, help you stay employed, or, if you've been laid off, find your next job. The cliché that who you know is more important than what you know has never been truer. Sweeney illustrates his insights with dozens of helpful examples from his own life (along with a few fascinating insider sports stories). With special sections on networking for women and minorities, insights into the usefulness (and handicaps) of social networking sites, how to get (and why you need) a wingman and profiles of other master networkers, *Networking Is a Contact Sport* is a practical and essential guide for anyone who wants to get ahead in today's economy.

Joe Sweeney is a most persistent and persuasive man. *Networking Is a Contact Sport* exemplifies the value of networking outside the box. Bob Costas, Broadcaster Joe Sweeney's networking skills helped to significantly increase my off-the-field income. Brett Favre, Three-time NFL MVP and Future NFL Hall of Famer Joe Sweeney is right. Networking is one of the most crucial aspects of being successful in any workplace. Cultivating personal and business relationships both inside and outside of your workplace will lead to more contacts and greater opportunities. Bud Selig, Commissioner of Major League Baseball Joe has taught me the value of having a wingman in your life. I thank God and my Guardian Angel for protecting me, and having Joe watching out for me during my time in Milwaukee was a blessing, too. The Most Rev. Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York City Joe Sweeney has grasped what it means to network in both the black and the white environment. If you follow the advice in *Networking Is a Contact Sport*, it will help you to transcend racial differences and succeed in any work situation. Ulice Payne, Businessman; Entrepreneur; and former President of the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club When you think about it, life is all about relationships, both personal and professional ones. But relationships don't just happen by themselves. Many have to be pursued, and that's where Joe's book, *Networking Is a Contact Sport*, comes into play. A great read that proves that networking is hard work but well worth the while. Bill Perez, Former CEO of S.C. Johnson Son, Nike, Inc., and Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company I teach Joe Sweeney's networking philosophy to all four thousand of our employees. I am reminded every day that they work. The Joe Sweeney way works. Bob Trunzo, Chief Operating Officer, CUNA Mutual Insurance Broadcasting is a people business. Contacts, sources, connections, relationships that's networking, and that's where Joe's expertise has helped me. John Anderson, ESPN SportsCenter Anchor Joe Sweeney has shown that no matter your background, there are universal keys to successful networking. Virgis Colbert, Retired Executive Vice President, Miller Brewing Company; voted Top 50 Executives in America by Ebony and Fortune magazines Joe's networking advice has helped me in recruiting for decades. Barry Alvarez, Athletic Director and former Head Football Coach at the University of Wisconsin The concepts in *Networking Is a Contact Sport* have helped me in my post-Olympic years. Bonnie Blair, Five-time Olympic Gold Medal Speed Skater "Networking Is a Contact Sport speaks volumes for the value of connecting with others. Joe Sweeney's principles will enhance your relationships, your business, your career, and your life." Robin Yount, Two-time Major League Baseball MVP

Practicing the networking skills that Joe Sweeney teaches in this book will give anyone from any walk of life the abilities they need to find their own personal success. Bo Ryan, Head Basketball Coach at the University of Wisconsin Joe Sweeney taught me the networking skills necessary for me to succeed in the business world after my football career. Networking Is a Contact Sport details the lessons I learned from Joe as he helped me succeed both on and off the gridiron. LeRoy Butler, Former Green Bay Packer All-Pro Safety and Entrepreneur Everything I know about the world of networking stems from Joe Sweeney's philosophy networking truly is a place where you go to give, not to get. Joe's networking advice has helped us here at OneCoach. John Assaraf, President and CEO of OneCoach and New York Times bestselling author of The Answer Joe Sweeney's networking ability helped put a spotlight on all Wisconsin sports. Gov. Tommy Thompson, Former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and former Governor of Wisconsin There aren't many people who have the heart and mind of Joe Sweeney, and there are even fewer who have his integrity. The ultimate coach, Joe wants everybody to win. Lesley Visser, Hall of Fame sports broadcaster and first female NFL analyst on TV On the field or off the field, networking is a place where you go to give, not to get. If you follow the guidelines in Networking Is a Contact Sport, you will find success, regardless if you are a beginning entrepreneur or a CEO. Dan Jansen, Olympic Gold Medal Speed Skater I preach Joe Sweeney's networking advice to all of my employees. I know that if they practice his rules of networking in our work environment, then our company will continue to enjoy success. John Shiely, Chairman of Briggs Stratton Joe has nailed it! If I had met Joe when we were selling millions of copies of For Dummies books, I would have signed him to write Networking for Dummies. In this book, Joe gives you a gift that keeps on giving. Apply his principles and watch your business grow. John Kilcullen, Creator and Publisher of the For Dummies Series The concepts in Networking Is a Contact Sport have helped Kohl's Department Store become a national powerhouse in the retailing industry. Larry Montgomery, Retired Chairman and CEO of Kohl's Department Store Joe gives new and valuable insight to many of the concepts I offered up in my New York Times bestseller Never Eat Alone. Networking Is a Contact Sport is an outstanding tool for any person who wants to become a master networker. Keith Ferrazzi, CEO of Ferrazzi Greenlight