

has a new opportunity to hire his own coaches. But those coaches will know it could be a one-and-done season if things don't go well. They won't have the benefit of a honeymoon season. # But you want to know about the offensive coordinator, don't you? You want to hear about the up-and-coming guru with the golden play-call sheet? The glitzy candidate who's going to smuggle the sacred texts out of Andy Reid or Sean McVay's inner sanctum? # You can abandon that hope right now. Patricia's vision for the offense is a narrow one. Safe. Careful. It also goes by the name of ball control and field position and time of possession. Patricia's mandate for the offense is essentially this: Don't make unforced errors and lose the game. # In his season-ending news conference on Monday, Patricia said " there is a fundamental philosophy that I do believe with the run game and stopping the run and covering kicks that is true, and so far that has held true so far through the course of the season. " # So which hot-list offensive coordinator is itching to pack his bags to join Patricia at his beige, stucco house in Boringsville, Mich.? # Which offensive coordinator -- hot, cold or Charlie Weis -- is willing to tie himself to Stafford, who has now seen three Lions offensive coordinators let go. # No. The Lions won't have a bold and daring offensive genius riding to their rescue. Cooter's replacement will be what Cooter turned into: A tool that helps Patricia realize his vision. # The question is how much flexibility will Patricia allow his new coordinator? Because it's one thing to have a