

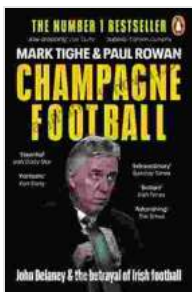
# Champagne Football: John Delaney And The Betrayal Of Irish Football: The Inside Story

## John Delaney and the Betrayal of Irish Football: A Story of Greed and Broken Promises

John Delaney was the most powerful man in Irish football for over two decades. As CEO of the Football Association of Ireland (FAI), he oversaw a period of unprecedented success for the Irish team, which qualified for the World Cup finals in 2002 and the European Championship finals in 2012.

But behind the scenes, Delaney was running the FAI like a personal fiefdom. He awarded lucrative contracts to his friends and associates, and used the FAI's money to fund his lavish lifestyle.

In 2019, Delaney was finally forced to resign from the FAI after a series of scandals that rocked Irish football. But the damage had been done. The FAI was left in ruins, and the trust of Irish football fans had been shattered.



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## The Rise and Fall of John Delaney

John Delaney was born in Dublin in 1958. He began his career in football as a player for Home Farm, a Dublin-based club. After a successful playing career, Delaney moved into administration, and in 2000 he was appointed CEO of the FAI.

Delaney was a charismatic and ambitious leader, and he quickly set about transforming the FAI. He secured lucrative sponsorship deals and increased the revenue of the association. He also oversaw the construction of the new Aviva Stadium, which became the home of the Irish team.

Under Delaney's leadership, the Irish team enjoyed a period of success. They qualified for the World Cup finals in 2002 and the European Championship finals in 2012. Delaney was widely praised for his role in the team's success.

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In 2019, Delaney was finally forced to resign from the FAI after a series of scandals that rocked Irish football. The scandals included:

- The "ticket touting" scandal, in which Delaney was accused of selling tickets for Ireland matches to touts at inflated prices.

- The "FAI credit card" scandal, in which Delaney was accused of using the FAI's credit card to pay for personal expenses.
- The "salary gate" scandal, in which it was revealed that Delaney had received a €100,000 bonus from the FAI without the approval of the board.

These scandals led to a loss of confidence in Delaney from both the FAI board and the Irish football fans. Delaney was forced to resign from the FAI in April 2019.

## **The Legacy of John Delaney**

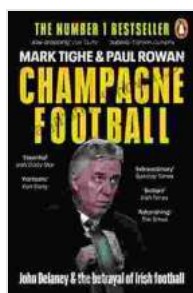
John Delaney's legacy is one of greed and broken promises. He betrayed the trust of Irish football fans and left the FAI in ruins.

The scandals that surrounded Delaney have had a devastating impact on Irish football. The FAI is now in debt, and the Irish team is struggling to qualify for major tournaments. The trust of Irish football fans has been shattered.

It will take many years for Irish football to recover from the damage caused by John Delaney. But the scandals that surrounded him have also served as a wake-up call for the FAI and the Irish football community. The FAI has implemented a number of reforms to improve its governance and financial management. And the Irish football community is now more determined than ever to rebuild the trust of the fans.

**John Delaney and the Betrayal of Irish Football is a bombshell investigation that exposes the shocking truth behind the downfall of**

**Irish football.** It is a story of greed, corruption, and broken promises. But it is also a story of hope and resilience. The Irish football community is determined to rebuild the trust of the fans and restore Irish football to its former glory.



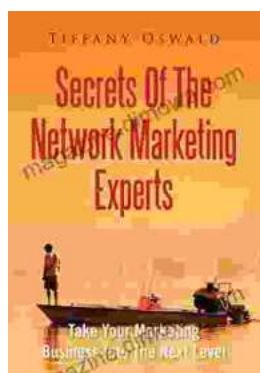
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