The Fix: Soccer and Organized Crime
by Declan Hill

Enlightening And Educational Research About Match Fixing

The Fix is the most explosive story of sports corruption in a generation. Intriguing, riveting, and compelling, it tells the story of an investigative journalist who sets out to examine the world of match-fixing in professional soccer.

From the Introduction

Understand how gambling fixers work to corrupt a soccer game and you will understand how they move into a basketball league, a cricket tournament, or a tennis match (all places, by the way, that criminal fixers have moved into). My views on soccer have changed. I still love the Saturday-morning game between amateurs: the camaraderie and the fresh smell of grass. But the professional game leaves me cold. I hope you will understand why after reading the book. I think you may never look at sport in the same way again.

My Personal Review:
Declan Hill is a distinguished Canadian investigative journalist, film maker, academic scholar, and television news anchor. Dr. Hill specializes in organized crime and international issues. He was a Chevening Scholar at Green College, University of Oxford, where his doctoral dissertation was on match-fixing in professional football (soccer).

Dr. Hill spent four years on this highly acclaimed, compelling, and well-researched book that has already been translated into several languages. No doubt, many more will follow in the future. For this project, he interviewed over two hundred people: Professional gamblers, Mafia hitmen, undercover policemen, top-level international soccer players, referees, and officials.
I met men who claim they have bribed their way into changing the results of some of the biggest games in the sport.

In my opinion, this is a very entertaining and informative book. Part travel guide, instructional manual, and study into human nature, it is full of interesting characters and anecdotes. Dr. Hill, in great detail and with an engaging writing style, takes us around the world of match fixing.

Whether or not you appreciate the global sport of soccer, if you have an interest to learn about the influence of sports betting in professional sports, you will find this a very enlightening read.

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