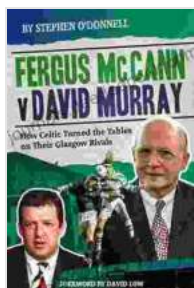


Fergus McCann vs. David Murray: A Rivalry that Shaped Scottish Football

Fergus McCann and David Murray were two of the most influential figures in Scottish football during the 1990s and 2000s. Their rivalry helped to shape the modern game in Scotland.



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McCann was the chairman of Celtic FC from 1994 to 2000. He was a controversial figure, but he also oversaw a period of great success for the club. Under his leadership, Celtic won the Scottish Premier League title five times in six years and reached the UEFA Champions League final in 2003.

Murray was the chairman of Rangers FC from 1988 to 2011. He was a less controversial figure than McCann, but he was equally successful. Under his

leadership, Rangers won the Scottish Premier League title nine times in a row from 1991 to 1999.

The rivalry between McCann and Murray was intense. The two men were often at odds with each other, both on and off the field. Their rivalry helped to create a great atmosphere at Old Firm matches, and it also helped to raise the profile of Scottish football.

In 2003, McCann sold his stake in Celtic to Murray. The sale was controversial, but it helped to end the rivalry between the two men. Murray remained chairman of Rangers until 2011, when he sold his stake in the club to Craig Whyte.

The rivalry between McCann and Murray is a fascinating chapter in the history of Scottish football. It is a story of two men who were both passionate about their clubs and who helped to shape the modern game in Scotland.

McCann's Early Life



After graduating from high school, McCann worked as a teacher and a social worker. He also became involved in politics, joining the Labour Party.

McCann's Business Career

In 1973, McCann founded his own company, Celtic Leisure. The company owned and operated a number of health clubs and fitness centers in Scotland. McCann's business was a success, and he became a wealthy man.

In 1994, McCann bought Celtic FC from the club's board of directors. He paid £9 million for the club, which was in financial trouble at the time. McCann's takeover of Celtic was controversial. Some fans were unhappy

that he was not a lifelong supporter of the club. Others were concerned about his lack of experience in football.

McCann's Chairmanship of Celtic

Despite the controversy surrounding his takeover, McCann quickly became a popular figure with Celtic fans. He invested heavily in the club, both on and off the field. He built a new stadium, Celtic Park, and he signed a number of top players.

Under McCann's leadership, Celtic won the Scottish Premier League title five times in six years. The club also reached the UEFA Champions League final in 2003.

McCann's time as chairman of Celtic was not without controversy. He was often at odds with the media and with other clubs in Scotland. However, there is no doubt that he was a successful chairman. He left Celtic in 2000, having helped to restore the club to its former glory.

Murray's Early Life



After graduating from high school, Murray worked as a school teacher. He also became involved in politics, joining the Conservative Party.

Murray's Business Career

In 1973, Murray founded his own company, Murray International Group. The company owned and operated a number of businesses, including hotels, property, and leisure facilities. Murray's business was a success, and he became a wealthy man.

In 1988, Murray bought Rangers FC from the club's board of directors. He paid £7 million for the club, which was in financial trouble at the time.

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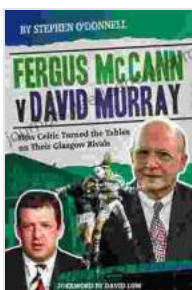
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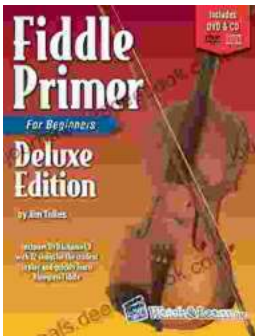
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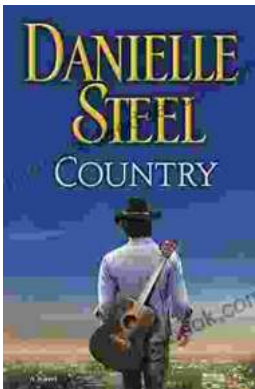
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