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### BADFELLAS

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In late March of 2003, the above-captioned book was published in the UK and is now available in all bookshops throughout the country. In the Preface, the authors state that *"Badfellas is a significantly updated and amended version of Great Balls of Fire: How Big Money is Hijacking World Football, published in hardback by Mainstream in 1999"*.

The authors qualify their approach very early on when they state that: *" (...) it is chiefly centred upon a cast of characters who call themselves the FIFA family (...) who approach (...) world football like the Cosa Nostra takes care of family business (...)"*

They continue to say that *" (...) We are not suggesting that those who work for, represent or have significant dealings with FIFA really are mafiosi. Nor is it our intention to imply that FIFA types are all bad people all of the time. We are suggesting, however, that some might be bad for football some of the time and others most of the time" (...)*

Having set the tone as stated above, the authors point out that *"the bulk of new information is, and argument is presented in two new chapters - Chapter One "Blattergate" and Chapter Fourteen, "The Terminator". Parts of Chapters Eleven and Thirteen and the Final Chapter "FIFAland" also contain new information" (...)*

Why Mr. Guido Tognoni not only offered his assistance to the new book but actively contributed, is a mystery to us. The fact that he *did*, and indeed consented to his name being published, is confirmed by the authors themselves as follows:

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