

Podcast 28 Worksheet

## Trapattoni and Ireland

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### Pre-Listening (Background information)

This report is about the Italian, Giovanni Trapattoni, becoming the new Irish manager. Damian talks to Brendan who is an Irish radio journalist.

### A. Listening – Main point

Listen to the whole report and fill in the chart below with appropriate information.

Giovanni Trapattoni	
Liam Brady	
Dennis O’ Brien	

### B. Listening – main idea

Listen to the whole report and decide whether the following statements are true or false. Give a reason to support your answer.

1. T / F Irish football fans are not too pleased with the new manager.
2. T / F Liam Brady feels that there are enough good players in the Irish team.
3. T / F Brendan spoke to Liam Brady in Dublin.
4. T / F Trapattoni will receive a salary of £1 million.
5. T / F The former Irish boss, Steve Staunton, left the post in autumn last year.

**C. Gap fill**

*Listen to the final part of the report and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word.*

Now has there been a positive reaction towards the FAI for their appointment?

BF: Yes, there was one, I suppose, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on the horizon yesterday when the FAI announced at the press conference to anoint Trapattoni that they'd (2) \_\_\_\_\_ £1million from an Irish businessman called Dennis O' Brien towards the appointment of Trapattoni. O' Brien (3) \_\_\_\_\_ this money, he approached the FAI in October, one week before the departure of Steve Staunton so the question mark remains would Dennis O' Brien have (4) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ the money, say for example if the FAI were to appoint Terry Venables or did he in any way have an (5) \_\_\_\_\_ into the selection into the new coach. The FAI say it is a £1million gift that they'd got from the businessman with no (6) \_\_\_\_\_ attached and that's what Dennis O' Brien himself has been saying himself over here in the media in the past 24 hours.

**ANSWERS**

**A. Listening – Main point**

*Listen to the whole report and fill in the chart below with appropriate information.*

Giovanni Trapattoni	<p><b>Italian</b></p> <p><b>68</b></p> <p><b>Won Leagues in Italy, Germany and Portugal and Champions League</b></p> <p><b>Used to manage Juventus</b></p> <p><b>Friend of Liam Brady</b></p>
Liam Brady	<p><b>Former Irish international</b></p> <p><b>Played under Trapattoni at Juventus</b></p> <p><b>Works for Arsenal's youth team</b></p> <p><b>May have a role in the new set up</b></p>

	<p><b>Feels the team is good enough</b>  <b>Holidays in Barbados</b></p>
Dennis O’ Brien	<p><b>Businessman</b>  <b>Gave £1 million to FAI to help pay manager’s salary</b></p>

**B. Listening – main idea**

*Listen to the whole report and decide whether the following statements are true or false. Give a reason to support your answer.*

1. T / F Irish football fans are not too pleased with the new manager.  
**optimistic**
2. T / F Liam Brady feels that there are enough good players in the Irish team.  
**Enough raw materials**
3. T / F Brendan spoke to Liam Brady in Dublin.  
**Brendan spoke to him on the phone in Barbados**
4. T / F Trapattoni will receive a salary of £1 million.  
**Not mentioned - £1m will go towards the salary implying more**
5. T / F The former Irish boss, Steve Staunton, left the post in autumn last year.  
**Last October**

**C. Gap fill**

*Listen to the report and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word.*

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| 1. Cloud  | 2. Received | 3. Donated |
| 4. Put up | 5. Input    | 6. Strings |

**Transcript**

DF: So a lot of optimism in Ireland today?

BF: Lot of optimism in Ireland today, Trapattoni was approached by the FAI about ten days ago and after he was approached by the association he contacted an old friend of his called

Liam Brady who played under Trapattoni for Juventus in the 1980s. He checked out the position with Brady and Brady told him that he believed there was enough raw materials, i.e. the players for them to qualify for the World Cup.

DF: Do you think Liam Brady will have a role to play in the new Irish set up?

BF: Now I caught up with Liam Brady, who was holidaying at the time in Barbados, who said that he would like to sit down with Trapattoni face to face and to discuss a particular role in the Irish set up but at the same time he would be reluctant to leave his current position at Arsenal where he's head of youth team affairs, so perhaps some kind of part-time role there in the future.

DF: Interesting. Now has there been a positive reaction towards the FAI for their appointment?

BF: Yes, there was one, I suppose, cloud on the horizon yesterday when the FAI announced at the press conference to anoint Trapattoni that they'd received £1million from an Irish businessman called Dennis O' Brien towards the appointment of Trapattoni. O' Brien donated this money, he approached the FAI in October, one week before the departure of Steve Staunton so the question mark remains would Dennis O' Brien have put forward the money, say for example if the FAI were to appoint Terry Venables or did he in any way have an input into the selection into the new coach. The FAI say it is a £1million gift that they'd got from the businessman with no strings attached and that's what Dennis O' Brien himself has been saying himself over here in the media in the past 24 hours.

DF: OK, good times ahead for Ireland hopefully, thanks a lot Brendan.