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Egypt

Issam Taweel suspended and fined for tennis match-fixing offences

Egyptian tennis player Issam Taweel has been suspended for five years and fined \$15,000 for match-fixing and other associated corruption offences. Two years of the ban and \$13,000 of the fine are suspended on condition that no further breaches of anti-corruption rules are committed.

On that basis the player will serve a three year suspension and pay a \$2,000 fine.

On 26 April this year Mr Taweel was convicted of three charges under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP), including attempting to contrive the outcome of a match, failing to report a corrupt approach and failing to disclose knowledge of the corrupt activity of another party:

<http://www.tennisintegrityunit.com/media-releases/issam-taweel-found-guilty-match-fixing-offences-independent-anti-corruption-hearing-officer>.

Following his conviction Mr Taweel was provisionally suspended and prohibited from competing in or attending any event sanctioned or authorised by the governing bodies of tennis. That condition will now remain in place until the end of the three year ban.

The decision on sanction from independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer Jane Mulcahy QC concludes the case against the 30-year old, who is currently ranked 1192 in ITF World Tennis singles.

The breaches of the TACP for which he has been disciplined are:

Section D.1.d: - No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, contrive or attempt to contrive the outcome or any other aspect of any Event.

Section D.2.a.i.- In the event any Player is approached by any person who offers or provides any type of money, benefit or Consideration to a Player to (i) influence the outcome or any other aspect of any Event, or (ii) provide Inside Information, it shall be the Player's obligation to report such incident to the TIU as soon as possible.

Section D.2.a.ii - In the event any Player knows or suspects that any other Covered Person or other individual has committed a Corruption Offense, it shall be the Player's obligation to report such knowledge or suspicion to the TIU as soon as possible.

The Tennis Integrity Unit is an initiative of the Grand Slam Board, the International Tennis Federation, the ATP and the WTA, who are jointly committed to a zero tolerance approach to corruption in tennis.

Source: 2 August 2019, Tennis Integrity Unit

Tennis

<http://www.tennisintegrityunit.com/media-releases/issam-taweel-suspended-and-fined-tennis-match-fixing-offences>

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Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

Soccer: Four Central Asian players get life bans for match-fixing

(Reuters) - Four Central Asian players have been slapped with life bans for match-fixing during the Asian Football Cup (AFC) tournaments in 2017 and 2018, the continent's soccer governing body said on Friday.

The Asian Football Confederation said on Friday three Kyrgyz players and one Tajik had been "found guilty of being involved in a conspiracy to manipulate match(es)" involving their clubs.

Kyrgyz national Kursanbek Sheratov was found guilty of supporting betting activity in connection with match involving Kyrgyz club Dordoi FC at the 2017 tournament.

Kyrgyz players Iliaz Alimov and Abduaziz Mahkamov conspired to fix matches involving their club FC Alay in the 2017 "and/or 2018 season of the AFC Cup," the governing body said in a statement.

A third player from the Kyrgyz club Alay, Tajik national Abduaziz Mahkamov, was also guilty of fixing matches in the 2017 and 2018 AFC Cups.

The annual Asian Football Cup is the continent's second-tier club competition for emerging nations behind the premier Asian Champions League.

Asian soccer has long been riddled with corruption, particularly at lower levels, with players and officials regularly banned for match-fixing.

Six people, including a former referee and members of Indonesia's national soccer association, were given jail sentences earlier this month in connection with a 2018 game in the nation's third-tier league.

The AFC said separately Turkmenistan forward Muhadov Suleyman had been banned for four years for a doping violation after undertaking testing at the Asian Cup in the United Arab Emirates earlier this year.

The AFC did not provide further details.

Source: Reporting by Ian Ransom in Melbourne; Editing by Amlan Chakraborty, 2 August 2019, The Daily Star Football

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-soccer-asia-matchfixing/soccer-four-central-asian-players-get-life-bans-for-match-fixing-idUKKCN1US0CM>



Russia

Tennis official Svetlana Teryaeva suspended after failing to report a corrupt approach to the Tennis Integrity Unit

Russian tennis official Svetlana Teryaeva has been suspended for six months and fined \$1,000 after failing to report a corrupt approach, and knowledge of corrupt activity, to the Tennis Integrity Unit. Four months of the ban and all of the fine are suspended on condition that no further offences are committed.

Therefore Ms Teryaeva is subject to a two month suspension and will not be required to pay any fine.

The sanction was imposed by independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer Jayne Mulcahy QC, following a decision reached on 24 May this year which found that Ms Teryaeva had committed two non-reporting offences: <http://www.tennisintegrityunit.com/media-releases/tennis-umpire-svetlana-teryaeva-facing-sanction-after-failing-report-corrupt-approach-tennis-integrity-unit>.

As a result of the suspension Ms Teryaeva cannot officiate in or attend any tennis event authorised or sanctioned by the governing bodies of the sport until 1 October 2019.

The relevant sections of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program which relate to the reporting of corrupt approaches are:

Section D.2.b.i: "In the event any Related Person or Tournament Support Person is approached by any person who offers or provides any type of money, benefit or Consideration to a Related Person or Tournament Support Person to (i) influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any aspect of any Event, or (ii) provide Inside Information, it shall be the Related Person's or Tournament Support Person's obligation to report such incident to the TIU as soon as possible."

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Tennis

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Vietnam

Football coach gets two-year ban for match fixing attempt

The Vietnam Football Federation (VFF) has banned coach Le Anh Tu for two years for attempting to fix a match. In the National Beach Football Championship 2019, Tu, coach of Khanh Hoa, tried to get Da Nang coach Mai Van Duc to fix a match in the group stage. A two-minute leaked record of the conversation between Tu and Duc showed that Tu asked Duc for points in a group stage game in exchange for money, but Duc refused. Tu has been fined VND6 million (\$260) and slapped with a two-year ban from all football-related activities. The VFF has also fined Duc VND4 million and imposed an 18-month ban for not reporting Tu's behavior, and for reacting inappropriately with the referee and the organizers. He asked his team not to attend the closing ceremony and receive the prize. The actions of Tu and Duc have badly affected the image of the tournament and the federation, the VFF said this week. The National Beach Football Championship 2019 was held in Nha Trang from July 17 to 23. Khanh Hoa were crowned champions after beating Da Nang 3-2 in a penalty shootout in the final. Tu's action didn't affect Khanh Hoa's title because the match fixing attempt was not successful.

Source: Hoang Nguyen, 4 August 2019, VN Express

Football

<https://e.vnexpress.net/news/sports/football/football-coach-gets-two-year-ban-for-match-fixing-attempt-3962287.html>



Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe Cricket Board Reinstated, Team Still Stands Suspended Until Review Meeting In October

- Zimbabwe Cricket's leadership under chairman Tavengwa Mukuhlanani will be allowed to return to their jobs after a court settlement was reached on Thursday with the government-appointed Sports and Recreation Commission
- The ban has come at a high price for Zimbabwe's team, which has lost its place at the Twenty20 World Cup qualifying competition.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) suspended Zimbabwe in July over a failure to keep the sport free from government interference, putting the country's participation in multi-nation events in doubt

The Zimbabwe cricket board has been reinstated by a government body but the country remains suspended by the International Cricket Council because of outside interference.

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The SRC suspended the entire board in June, alleging corruption and election irregularities. That led to the ICC suspending Zimbabwe from international competition for government interference. The ICC said it will only reconsider Zimbabwe's suspension at a meeting in October.

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Bangladesh to host Afghanistan and Zimbabwe

The International Cricket Council (ICC) suspended Zimbabwe in July over a failure to keep the sport free from government interference, putting the country's participation in multi-nation events in doubt.

"We have been informed by the concerned officials that there is no bar on Zimbabwe playing in bilateral matches. They are only suspended from ICC events. This is why we included them in the series," BCB spokesman Jalal Yunus told media sources.

Afghanistan are the third team in the tournament scheduled to be held from September 13 to 24. Bangladesh was originally scheduled to play a bilateral series against Afghanistan in September, but officials said Zimbabwe had been included in the series following a request from the strife-torn country. The tri-series will be preceded by Afghanistan's maiden Test match against Bangladesh in Chittagong from September 5 to 9.

Players express interest to play, even if it is for free

The captains of the men's and women's national teams of Zimbabwe recently wrote to Sports Minister Kirsty Coventry, expressing their interest to be allowed to play cricket again as soon as possible. Earlier this month, the International Cricket Council (ICC) suspended Zimbabwe Cricket for violation of the global body's constitution, which doesn't allow any government intervention.

The elected members of Zimbabwe board were suspended by government agency Sports and Recreation Committee (SRC) which was a violation of articles 2.4 (c) and d. The ICC has directed that the elected Zimbabwe Cricket Board be reinstated to the office within three months, and progress in this respect will be considered again at the October Board meeting.

Source: 9 August 2019, Republic World

Cricket

<https://www.republicworld.com/sports-news/cricket-news/zimbabwe-cricket-board-reinstated-team-still-stands-suspended-until-review-meeting-in-october>

BETTING

United States

The rise of illegal sports betting in Texas

Texans are famous for escalation and pushing the envelope as far as possible, including when it comes to illegal gambling. Three members of a Texas family pled guilty in a federal court recently. They admitted to running an unlawful gambling racket for thirty years. According to federal authorities, the business is one of the most significant illegal sports gambling and money laundering operations in America. The culprits include Larry Tillery, his son Brian Tillery, and his wife, Kay Tillery. They pled guilty to structuring their money transactions to evade the internal revenue service requirements. The prosecutor claims the family operation may have processed as much as 33 million dollars in six years between 2010 and 2016.

The family kept their nefarious activities hidden using their family-owned Daylight Motors dealership. It was a front, which laundered the funds from their gambling operations. Their operation started to fall apart in 2014 after a federal agent investigating another illegal operation got a tip about Larry. The implication was he was the one to see for high stakes gambling in Beaumont. The agent got information that Tillery could handle bets over 100,000 on sporting events. Those figures would likely get backing from criminal organizations rather than any individual, hence the raised eyebrows. A formal investigation commenced complete with surveillance and wiretaps for the next three years. In 2017, law enforcement conducted an operation resulting in the arrest of Larry and his wife.

In the plea agreements made with the state prosecutors, Larry and his wife, Judy agreed to hand over \$1.7 million in revenue confiscated during the operation. They also agreed to forfeit jewelry, luxury watches, and sports memorabilia items. The agreement meant they would also have to go through a financial audit for the \$32 million. In other words, the amount they processed during the entire time their business ran. US attorney Joseph Brown stated the Tillerys ignored the laws of the state and the nation concerning gambling and so the government intends to collect every bit of the money judgment issued. Larry Tillery is expected to serve ten years in the prison, and his wife and son are set to serve at least five years each. The state attorney made sure to illustrate Larry's sentence as a message to other criminals that there are consequences.

Larry Tillery's case was significant, but it interestingly does not come close to the record for the state. In 2013, law enforcement in Plano and the federal government shut down operations headed by Albert Reed handling 5 billion dollars in sports bets over four years. This is to mean sports' betting has been a significant part of the Texas criminal economy. It generates revenues well over 300 million dollars and apparently will continue to do so.

Conservatives in the state are against gambling, stating it is a means by which the companies target the poor. However, tribal casino interests in the adjacent states seem to have made betting in Texas harder than usual. The stakes against sports betting are quite strong, meaning it may be hard to legalize fully. As long as this is the case, illegal sports betting will continue to be rife in the state. Larry Tillery is not the only one running a gambling racket successfully in the area. Others have been caught, and it barely scratches the surface in an industry worth hundreds of millions of dollars. The demand does not subside any time soon, so there is a definite need for legalization to reduce the rate of illegal operations.

Source: Thomas McCoy, 12 August 2019, USA Online Casino

<https://www.usaonlinecasino.com/casino-news/legal/the-rise-of-illegal-sports-betting-in-texas/>

DOPING

Australia

Drug-tainted swimmer Jack defiant after meeting anti-doping chiefs

Drug-tainted Australian swimmer Shayna Jack met with anti-doping chiefs Friday after testing positive to a banned substance and defiantly vowed: "I won't stop until I clear my name."

The 20-year-old, part of Australia's 4x100m freestyle team that set a world record last year, is facing a lengthy ban after Ligandrol, which helps build muscle mass, was detected in an out of competition test in late June.

It proved hugely embarrassing for Australian swimming, with the result emerging just days after Olympic champion Mack Horton's high-profile protest against Chinese rival Sun Yang over alleged testing violations at the world championships in South Korea.

Jack has denied knowingly taking the drug and met with officials from the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) in Brisbane for a briefing on the test results.

"I am not going to stop until I prove my innocence, and I am going to fight to get myself back in the pool because that's my dream and I'm never going to let that go," she told reporters afterwards.

Asked where she thought the substance came from and how it got in her system, she replied: "It's still an ongoing investigation so we can't clear that one up at the moment.

"We're still looking into it and we're not going to leave any stone unturned."

Her manager Phil Stoneman insisted this week Jack did not ingest the drug via supplement tablets and they were examining her diet.

"It could be meat, it could be mushrooms, it could be anything. It could be something in a bottle," he told national broadcaster ABC.

"It's a bit of jigsaw puzzle as to how this has come into her system."

After Horton refused to share a podium with Sun at the world championships, Jack's positive test saw Australian swimming accused by Chinese state media of being hypocritical in its crusade against doping.

Sun was cleared of wrongdoing after being accused of smashing vials of blood following a test last year, although the decision is the subject of a World Anti-Doping Agency appeal.

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Jack's lawyer Paul Horvath said in a statement Friday the next step in the process was "correspondence from ASADA in about four to six weeks".

"Shayna has handled herself very well today through a long and challenging process, especially for a 20-year-old," he added.

Source: AFP, 2 August 2019, Business Standard

Swimming

https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/drug-tainted-swimmer-jack-defiant-after-meeting-anti-doping-chiefs-119080200945_1.html

India**Prithvi Shaw suspended from cricket after doping violation**

(CNN) Prithvi Shaw, one of India's most promising cricket stars, has been banned from the sport until the middle of November after testing positive for a prohibited substance.

The 19-year-old, who made became the youngest Indian to make a century on debut after hitting 134 against the West Indies in October 2018, was found to have "inadvertently ingested a prohibited substance, which can commonly be found in cough syrups."

The batsman has been banned for eight months by India's Board of Control for Cricket (BCCI) -- backdated to March 16. He will be free to resume playing from November 15, 2019.

Shaw is the fourth youngest player in the history of cricket to hit a debut century, and also became the second youngest Indian player to score a Test match century after the legendary Sachin Tendulkar.

He provided a urine sample as part of the BCCI's anti-doping program on February 22 and tested positive for Terbutaline while playing in a tournament in Indore.

After accepting the charge, Shaw posted a statement on Twitter, accepting his fate "with all sincerity."

"I was coming back off a foot injury which I suffered during the India tour of Australia and I was returning to active cricket in the tournament," Shaw said.

"However, out of my eagerness to play, I didn't follow the protocol of being careful in consuming a basic over the counter cough syrup.

"I accept my fate with all sincerity. While I am still nursing an injuring which I suffered in my last tournament, this news has really shaken me. "

As part of the punishment, Shaw is prohibited from training with his team and is not allowed to use training facilities of any other club until after midnight on September 15.

In a statement, the BCCI added: "The BCCI has a zero-tolerance approach towards doping in cricket. All cricketers are personally responsible for ensuring that anything they eat, drink or put in their body does not give rise to an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) under the BCCI anti-doping code."

Source: James Masters, 30 July 2019, CNN

Cricket

<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/07/30/world/prithvi-shaw-doping-violation-cricket-spt-intl/index.html>



GOOD PRACTICES

Badminton World Federation (BWF)

BWF to bank on random interviews in combating match-fixing and doping

IN an effort to safeguard badminton from all forms of match manipulation and to keep it free of doping, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Integrity Unit will conduct random interviews with players and coaches, whenever they feel necessary.

Citing it as standard procedure, the world governing body is not obliged to discuss or reveal anything to anybody at any given time.

This comes after reports emerged last week that two Malaysian shuttlers are being investigated for owing loan sharks huge amounts of money due to gambling.

It is learnt that both players who are from the national men's doubles department, came clean with the BA of Malaysia (BAM) on their huge debt, alleged to be more than RM500,000.

This caught the attention of BWF, who are said to have called in the shuttlers for questioning.

BWF's Secretary General, Thomas Lund, however refused to confirm on the matter, saying: "We can't comment on the integrity unit's day to day operations, we also cannot confirm if it is true or untrue. That's standard procedure.

"The reason is not because I do not want to share interesting news with you but its important to protect the integrity of anything we do, and for us to investigate in a confidential manner.

"I hope you understand, because we talk to so many different people all the time and it does not necessarily mean something is wrong but we need to protect our players mainly."

On a general note, Lund explained that gambling was not the main culprit but the fear of it leading players to potentially manipulate a match was the bigger concern.

As a result, players and coaches, could be called in by BWF just to help with investigations.

"I wouldn't say gambling is the main issue, gambling alone is not the problem but it is athletes that are potentially involved in manipulating a match for benefits which could be associated with money, we looke at it seriously as we do with doping.

"We have a very comprehensive anti-doping programme where we test our players on a day to day basis.

"With match manipulation, it's a different approach whereby we interview players and coaches. It doesn't meant they've done anything but we like to hear what's going on and if there's anything suspicious, we would look into it.

"We also want the athletes to know that we are watching if there is something irregular.

"We want to protect the clean athletes and we take it very seriously. That is why we do what we do and you will hear from time to time, players getting suspended but that is because they have just gone out of line."

Last year, in a landmark decision, BWF handed former world junior champion (2011), Zulfadli Zulkiffli, and Tan Chun Seang 20-year and 15-year bans respectively, for match-fixing.

Source: Fabian Peter, 6 August 2019, New Straits Times

Badminton

<https://www.nst.com.my/sports/badminton/2019/08/510431/bwf-bank-random-interviews-combating-match-fixing-and-doping>

France

Integrity Task Force concludes monitoring of FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019™

- No suspicion of match manipulation at FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019™
- FIFA, alongside key integrity stakeholders, involved in Integrity Task Force for tournament
- Betting turnover an estimated 14 times higher at France 2019 than Canada 2015

The FIFA Women's World Cup Integrity Task Force, which was specifically set up to monitor the competition and support FIFA in addressing any integrity-related concerns, recently concluded its successful work in connection with the 2019 edition of the tournament.

As part of its commitment to proactively safeguarding football's integrity, FIFA joined forces with key integrity stakeholders – including the Council of Europe's Group of Copenhagen (GoC), and particularly the French National Platform; Sportradar; the Global Lottery Monitoring System; and INTERPOL, amongst others – to monitor any suspicious activity potentially affecting the integrity of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019. In addition, several preventative measures were put in place before the start of the tournament.

As an important step before the tournament kicked off, FIFA – together with the six confederations – organised several Regional Integrity Workshops in order to proactively educate and share best practice with the 24 participating member associations (PMAs) to prevent any situations that might affect the integrity of the competition. These Regional Integrity Workshops took place in Egypt, USA and Spain.

The integrity officers of all 24 PMAs also subsequently held integrity briefings with their respective national teams and delegations. Furthermore, similar to the measures implemented at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, FIFA also delivered integrity briefings to the appointed referees before the competition.

During the competition, FIFA – with the support of the other Integrity Task Force members – analysed both the betting markets and in-game action during every match for integrity purposes. No suspicion of match manipulation was found around any game that took place during the tournament.

Additionally, the total betting turnover during the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 was found to be an estimated 14 times higher than at Canada 2015, with the high quality of football and the soaring media and public interest throughout the tournament being the main drivers of the increased betting activity during the event.

Vincent Ven, FIFA's Head of Integrity, said: "Protecting the integrity of football and FIFA competitions is paramount to FIFA. In line with this commitment, the wide-ranging integrity programme that FIFA delivered in the lead-up to and during the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 played an important role in protecting the competition. It involved a range of national and international stakeholders, as well as referees and players, coaches and officials from the 24 participating teams."

During the tournament, FIFA also took part in the eighth meeting of the GoC, the Network of National Platforms for Combating Sports Manipulation. The meeting was opened by the Mayor of Rennes, Nathalie Appéré; the French Minister of Sports, Roxana Marcineanu; the Director General of Democracy at the Council of Europe, Snežana Samardžić-Marković; and the FIFA Secretary General, Fatma Samoura.

This high-level opening session, jointly organised with the Council of Europe and FIFA, was attended by approximately 60 participants, including representatives from GoC member countries, the French government, the Council of Europe and FIFA.

Against the background of the Macolin Convention entering into force on 1 September 2019, the objective of this high-level session was to address political and strategic requirements, as well as challenges and opportunities facing the National Platforms. During the meeting, all participants highlighted the importance of close cooperation between key national and international stakeholders to fight efficiently against the manipulation of sports competitions.

Moreover, the FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019 Integrity Task Force was held up as a positive example of joint action. This task force came about as a direct result of the collaboration between the Council of Europe and FIFA, developed within the framework of the memorandum of understanding signed between the two organisations in October 2018.

Ven concluded: "As part of the steps taken, education, monitoring and sharing best practice all played an important role in the integrity programme delivered around the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019. These principles are key to proactively ensuring that any potentially suspicious activity or attempt to manipulate a match is detected and averted and that any appropriate steps can be taken by FIFA and the relevant authorities.

"In particular, the establishment and operations of the FIFA Women's World Cup Integrity Task Force were a great success and, on behalf of FIFA, I would like to warmly thank all the stakeholders who strongly supported us in our mission. This positive

collaboration between many different organisations will be taken as a valuable example for future competitions.

“Going forward, FIFA will look to build on the collaboration and integrity programme delivered for the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2019 for future FIFA tournaments. We will also look to continue our work with confederations, member associations and all the other integrity stakeholders to share best practice and protect competitions taking place in the future.”

Source: 6 August 2019, FIFA.com

Football

<https://www.fifa.com/womensworldcup/news/integrity-task-force-concludes-monitoring-of-fifa-women-s-world-cup-france-2019t>

Peru

Pan-Am Games athletes engage in Believe in Sport campaign

Athletes participating in the 2019 Pan-American Games, which are taking place in the Peruvian capital, Lima, from 26 July to 11 August 2019, have shown a keen interest in the International Olympic Committee (IOC)’s Believe in Sport campaign, aimed at protecting them and preventing competition manipulation.

In total, more than 6,500 athletes are competing at the continental multi-sports event, which serves as an Olympic qualifier for many disciplines on the programme, and the IOC’s booth, based in the Athlete365 Space in the Athletes’ Village for the duration of the Games, has been highly frequented from the very first day.

“A good number of athletes who are competing at the Pan-Am Games will also participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020,” explained Friedrich Martens, Head of the Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions at the IOC. “We are stepping up our educational campaign in order to raise awareness among athletes and their entourage that competition manipulation can occur in each sport. The objective is to provide them with guidance on what to do should they suspect cheating or get directly approached by somebody with unethical intentions.”

At the booth, athletes can learn about the Code of Conduct and its four basic rules through a toss game challenge.

Argentinian baseball athlete Guido Monis, who visited the IOC’s Believe in Sport booth, acknowledged the importance of organising educational activities on competition manipulation, considering it extremely valuable for athletes to gain information on this particular issue. He also stressed the importance of having a reporting channel if they come across dangerous or disturbing situations.

Through the Integrity Hotline, it is possible for everyone to report suspicious activities, including ones related to competition manipulation, and any other infringements of the IOC Code of Ethics.

At the Pan-Am Games, the Believe in Sport experts are also meeting the National Olympic Committee (NOC) teams in the athletes’ accommodation area to further raise awareness on these topics. Amelia Walsh and Kelsey Mitchell, both track cyclists from Canada, claimed they had a good basic-level knowledge of the topic of competition manipulation but were not fully aware of all the nuances. “I’ve heard about issues in some parts of the world in our sport. The Code of Conduct as a guideline makes perfect sense – potential threats and athlete responsibilities are not difficult to understand – but awareness-raising needs to be continuous for the athlete community to get a profound understanding about how competition manipulation can harm us and our sport,” said Walsh, who is aiming to compete for a medal at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

In addition to IOC experts, the Believe in Sport booth at the Pan-Am Games is staffed with local athlete representatives in order to generate a peer-to-peer dialogue, an approach which has proven to be very successful.

One of these athlete representatives, rugby player Alejandra Betancur, said: “It is vital, on the road to Tokyo 2020, to root out competition manipulation before it even starts. There is no way to achieve this other than through awareness-raising and education at all levels. Our sport and the values of the Olympic athletes must be protected.”

The implementation of the Believe in Sport campaign at major sports events is just one part of the work of the Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions on the road to Tokyo 2020. The team will also collaborate closely with all International Federations (IFs) and NOCs for their pre-Tokyo campaigns.

Source: 7 August 2019, International Olympic Committee

<https://www.olympic.org/news/pan-am-games-athletes-engage-in-believe-in-sport-campaign>

ODDS AND ENDS

Germany

DFL and Sportradar Integrity Services announce extended partnership

01 August 2019 – The DFL Deutsche Fußball Liga has extended its engagement with Sportradar Integrity Services to protect against match fixing in connection with sports betting. This cooperation ensures the integrity of all of the DFL's competitive matches for the next two years. The partnership, which was initially established in 2005, covers all Bundesliga and Bundesliga 2 matches, the relegation play-offs between the Bundesliga and Bundesliga 2 and Bundesliga 2 and 3. Liga, the Supercup, and the friendlies of Bundesliga and Bundesliga 2 teams in Germany and abroad.

In its work for the DFL, Sportradar uses its Fraud Detection System (FDS) recognised in several CAS procedures which entails systematic and continuous monitoring, detection, documentation and tracking of betting manipulation in the global betting market. This system has also been used by UEFA, AFC and FIFA for several years.

In addition to monitoring the betting market, Bundesliga and Bundesliga 2 clubs have received training on the prevention of match fixing since the 2018-19 season. Proof of annual training of the professional squad is a mandatory condition for maintaining the licence. Clubs have been obliged to take appropriate preventative measures in the U16 to U23 age groups at the academies since the 2014-15 season. In addition to the training measures, there is an e-learning tutorial to raise awareness of the dangers of match fixing and gambling addiction.

Players, trainers and officials at the clubs are prohibited from placing bets, which is enshrined in the Legal Code and Rules of Procedure of the DFB. This prohibition is part of the standard employment contract in the Bundesliga and Bundesliga 2. Since 2011, lawyer Dr Carsten Thiel von Herff has acted as DFL and DFB's shared ombudsman for match fixing. He is an external point of contact for players, trainers, coaches, club employees and referees, and takes confidential tip-offs about possible match fixing or other irregularities. In addition to the traditional channels of telephone and e-mail, tip-offs can also be submitted using the "DFL Integrity App", which is available for free download via the App Store and Google Play.

Source: 1 August 2019, DFL DEUTSCHE FUSSBALL LIGA

Football

<https://www.dfl.de/en/news/dfl-and-sportradar-integrity-services-announce-extended-partnership/>

Germany

Genius Sports to support German FA with integrity efforts

The German Football Association (DFB) has appointed Genius Sports to develop and launch a new integrity programme to help prevent match-fixing and betting-related corruption.

The deal will begin from the 2019-20 season, with Genius Sports to use its Bet Monitoring System to track betting activity for over 7,500 games each year of the agreement.

Genius Sports' technology will automatically flag potentially suspicious betting activity in real-time, with the DFB to receive detailed reports on individual games and analysis of global betting markets.

The agreement will cover global betting on the Bundesliga top tier, as well as the 2. Bundesliga second division, German national team matches, women's games and youth team fixtures.

"We look forward to working with Genius Sports as our new integrity service provider and hope to gain new impetus in the field of preventing betting-related corruption," DFB integrity officer, Hendrik Große Lefert, said.

Steven Burton, managing director at Genius Sports, added: "Being selected to safeguard the integrity and future of one of the largest football associations in the world is a huge honour for Genius Sports and is a testament to the quality of our services.

"Our monitoring technology, expertise in analysing real-time betting and global intelligence network will provide comprehensive protection for the DFB, ensuring their games remain transparent and unpredictable."

Genius Sports has signed a number of similar agreements with other sporting bodies in recent months, including an extended deal with the International Basketball Federation and new partnerships with both the Bulgarian Football Union and the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

Source: 30 July 2019, iGamingBusiness

Football

<https://www.igamingbusiness.com/news/genius-sports-support-german-fa-integrity-efforts>

Pakistan

Match-fixing offer made to Pakistan cricketer Umar Akmal in Global T20 Canada

KARACHI: In a startling revelation, Pakistan cricketer Umar Akmal on Wednesday reported a match-fixing offer which was made to him during the ongoing Global T20 Canada league. According to a report in www.cricketpakistan.com.pk, Akmal allegedly claimed that a former Pakistan player came up to him with a match-fixing proposal. Akmal said he immediately reported the incident to the International Cricket Council (ICC) Anti-Corruption Unit.

Akmal is plying his trade with Winnipeg Hawks in the T20 league. "Canada is handling Global T20 League's administration. Pakistan Cricket Board has nothing to do with it," a PCB spokesperson was quoted as saying by www.cricketpakistan.com.pk. The PCB said they had nothing to do with the league, according to the report.

Source: 7 August 2019, *The New Indian Express*

Cricket

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/sport/cricket/2019/aug/07/match-fixing-offer-made-to-pakistan-cricketer-umar-akmal-in-global-t20-canada-2015605.html>

CORRUPTION

Germany

Swiss prosecutors indict German football ex-officials over 2006 World Cup

Authorities have charged three former officials with fraud over a €6.7 million payment in the run-up to the Germany-hosted World Cup. But the most famous face, Franz Beckenbauer, may not face trial owing to poor health.

The Office of the Attorney General of Switzerland (OAG) on Tuesday indicted three former German football officials in relation to fraud surrounding the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Horst Rudolf Schmidt, Theo Zwanziger and Wolfgang Niersbach as well as the former Swiss FIFA official Urs Linsi are "alleged to have fraudulently misled the members of a supervisory body of the German Football Association (DFB) organizing committee for the 2006 World Cup about the true nature of a €6.7 million (\$7.5 million) payment," according to a statement released by the OAG.

The four men deny any wrongdoing.

The DFB said in 2016 that the payment was the return of personal loan — via football's world governing body, FIFA, in 2005 — taken out by German football legend Franz Beckenbauer from Adidas CEO Robert Louis-Dreyfus.

However, in 2002, the same sum was allegedly transferred by Beckenbauer and Louis-Dreyfus to Qatar's Mohamed bin Hammam — a former candidate for the FIFA presidency who was issued a lifelong ban for corruption in 2012, after evidence emerged of him trying to buy votes for the presidency.

"The exact purpose of the payments to Mohamed Bin Hammam could not be determined — also because a corresponding request for mutual legal assistance to the Qatari authorities in September 2016 remained unanswered until today," the OAG added.

The money had been declared as partial financing for a World Cup gala that never took place. Investigations into the payment eventually forced Niersbach to resign as DFB president. It was alleged the money was used as a slush fund to buy votes to secure Germany's bid to host the tournament.

Beckenbauer, who led Germany's bid to host the 2006 World Cup, also stands accused of fraud and will be investigated separately due to health concerns.

Source: 6 August 2019, *Deutsche Welle*

<https://www.dw.com/en/swiss-prosecutors-indict-german-football-ex-officials-over-2006-world-cup/a-49905686>