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INVESTIGATIONS

Hong Kong

Hong Kong primary schoolchildren at centre of 5-a-side match-fixing probe, coaches reportedly ordered teams to lose

Hong Kong (China) football authorities are investigating a case of alleged match-fixing involving two primary schoolchildren teams in a five-a-side tournament. Coaches reportedly instructed both teams to lose the match to avoid playing against a stronger side in the next round. Video footage on social media showed unusual actions during the game.

Source: 18 January 2024, South China Morning Post

Football

<https://www.scmp.com/sport/football/article/3248910/hong-kong-schoolchildren-centre-5-side-match-fixing-investigation-coaches-reportedly-ordered-teams>

Indonesia

Satgas Anti Mafia Bola Tangkap 7 Tersangka Match Fixing yang Libatkan PSS Sleman

In Indonesia, the anti-football mafia task force has arrested seven suspects in a match-fixing case involving a Ligue 2 football match in November 2018, with the PSS Sleman football club implicated in the case. Among the seven suspects, three were involved in paying bribes, while the other four were involved in receiving bribes.

Source: 18 January 2024, Kumparan

https://kumparan-com.translate.google/pandangan-jogja/satgas-anti-mafia-bola-tangkap-7-tersangka-match-fixing-yang-libatkan-pss-sleman-21zZ0ydtCjZ/1?_x_tr_sl=auto&_x_tr_tl=fr&_x_tr_hl=fr&_x_tr_hist=true

Netherlands

KSA investigates potential match-fixing

The Dutch Gaming Authority (KSA) is conducting an investigation into potential match-fixing risks, particularly in sports betting and amateur clubs like the Toto KNVB Cup. The investigation found variations in how providers handle match-fixing obligations, including differences in the level of analysis provided, raising concerns about match-fixing risks.

Source: 16 January 2024, Gambling Insider

<https://www.gamblinginsider.com/news/23886/ksa-investigates-potential-match-fixing>

Spain

La Policía señala a Jannick Buyla en el presunto amaño del Badajoz-Pontevedra

In Spain, the police are investigating a Logroñés midfielder, for his alleged involvement in a match-fixing case during a game between Badajoz and Pontevedra. He is accused of trying to manipulate the match outcome in favor of Badajoz by contacting Pontevedra players, with the promise of potential signings and lucrative contracts.

Source: 23 January 2024, Nuevecuatrino

Football

<https://nuevecuatrino.com/2024/01/23/deportes-badajoz-pontevedra-amano-partido-policia-senala-jannick-buyla/>

United States

Jake Paul's MVP under INVESTIGATION by U.S. Integrity after alleged match-fixing in recent event

U.S. Integrity is investigating allegations of match-fixing related to an undercard bout at a recent boxing event in Orlando, Florida. The fight in question has raised suspicions of match-fixing due to a surge in six-figure wagers on the fight going more than five and a half rounds. While nothing has been confirmed, there are indications that a cornerman associated with the fight may have placed a significant bet on the fight's outcome, leading to concerns about the event's integrity.

Source: 16 January 2024, First Sportz

Boxing

https://firstsportz.com/boxing-news-jake-pauls-mvp-under-investigation-by-u-s-integrity-after-alleged-match-fixing-in-recent-event/#google_vignette

United States

NFL Receiver's Arrest for Underage Betting Raises Age-Old Issue

In the United States, an American Football Player was arrested for allegedly placing bets and circumventing the minimum age requirements.

Source: 29 January 2024, Sportico

American Football

<https://www.sportico.com/law/analysis/2024/kayshon-boutte-arrest-illegal-sports-betting-age-1234764502/>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Bangladesh

Bangladesh all-rounder banned from all cricket for Anti-Corruption Code breach

Bangladesh all-rounder has been banned from all cricket for breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code. He admitted to three charges, including failing to disclose receiving a valuable gift, not providing full details of a corrupt conduct approach, and not cooperating with the Anti-Corruption Official's investigation.

Source: 16 January 2024, International Cricket Council

<https://www.icc-cricket.com/news/bangladesh-all-rounder-banned-from-all-cricket-for-anti-corruption-code-breach>

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnian official provisionally suspended

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) has provisionally suspended a Bosnian tennis official, pending further consideration of charges under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.

Source: 29 January 2024, ITIA

Tennis

<https://www.itia.tennis/news/sanctions/bosnian-official-damjan-dejanovic-provisionally-suspended/>

Netherlands

Veroordelingen voor matchfixing

In the Netherlands, two underage suspects from Almere and Amsterdam have been sentenced to 70 hours of community service each by a Dutch court for their involvement in match-fixing. In June 2022, they allegedly approached players in the second division of Dutch football through social media, offering payments in exchange for deliberately losing or drawing matches.

Source: 19 January 2024, Netherlands Public Prosecution Service

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/01/19/veroordelingen-voor-matchfixing>

Tunisia

Tunisian tennis player suspended

Tunisian tennis player has been suspended from the sport for three years and fined \$20,000 by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) for four breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP). The sanctions are connected to a match-fixing syndicate case in Belgium, with one player found liable for failing to report a corrupt approach and facilitating wagering on match outcomes, among other violations.

Source: 19 January 2024, International Tennis Integrity Agency

Tennis

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/tunisian-tennis-player-anis-ghorbel-suspended-for-three-years/>

Ultraliga

Two League pros suspended for suspected match-fixing in Ultraliga

Two professional League of Legends players have been suspended for suspected match-fixing in their Week 2 match against ESCA. The Ultraliga has cited Section 17.1.1. of the ERL rulebook, which emphasizes fair play and integrity in competition, as the basis for their suspension. The league is cooperating with Riot Games and Sportsradar to investigate the situation, and the players will be suspended for two games, with their next match scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Source: 24 January 2024, Dexerto

eSports

<https://www.dexerto.com/league-of-legends/two-league-pros-suspended-for-suspected-match-fixing-in-ultraliga-2496509/>

ODDS AND ENDS

France

IOC trusts French authorities to 'secure' Paris 2024

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has expressed confidence in the security plans put in place by French authorities for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Security measures are being heightened due to the global risk situation, with concerns about potential lone wolf attackers, although the main goal is to ensure a safe and successful event.

Source: 21 January 2024, Inside the Games

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1143447/ioc-trust-plans-french-authorities-paris>

France

Réforme de la liste des supports de paris autorisés, dite « liste sport »

In France, the regulatory body for gambling (ANJ) has revised the "list of authorized sports betting events" to enhance clarity, coherence, and relevance. This list governs legal sports betting offerings in France and aims to prevent match-fixing, restrict bets to events with a sporting significance, and limit bets to specific competitions and phases of play.

Source: 16 January 2024, Autorité nationale des jeux

<https://anj.fr/reforme-de-la-liste-des-supports-de-paris-autorises-dite-liste-sport>

Hong Kong

Match-fixing: anti-corruption unit trains Hong Kong sports officials to combat criminality

Sports officials from 43 governing bodies in Hong Kong (China) have completed a training program led by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to combat match-fixing and other forms of criminal behavior in sports. This training comes in response to recent claims of match-fixing involving primary school children and previous arrests related to alleged match-fixing in the first division of Hong Kong's sports scene.

Source: 19 January 2024, South China Morning Post

<https://www.scmp.com/sport/hong-kong/article/3249129/match-fixing-anti-corruption-unit-trains-hong-kong-sports-officials-combat-criminality>



Spain**Marcos Rodríguez se enfrenta a una prohibición deportiva: el tribunal toma medidas enérgicas contra la conducta poco ética**

In Spain, the Sports Discipline Tribunal has taken strong action against unethical practices in sports, banning the former president of Vaca Diez, from all sporting activities. Three players received suspensions, in addition to a former West Indies cricket star who was been banned from all cricket for six years for violating the Emirates Cricket Board's Anti-Corruption Code, sending a clear message against corruption in sports.

Source: 17 January 2024, BNN

https://bnnbreaking-com.translate.goog/sports/marcos-rodriguez-faces-sports-ban-tribunal-cracks-down-on-unethical-conduct/?_x_tr_sl=en&_x_tr_tl=es&_x_tr_hl=es&_x_tr_pto=tc

Spain**Negreira to testify in Barcelona ref trial despite dementia claim**

In Spain, the former vice president of the refereeing committee had his dementia claim dismissed by a judge and as a result will be required to testify over payments his companies received from Barcelona.

Source: 26 January 2024, ESPN

Football

https://www.espn.com.au/football/story/_/id/39385198/negreira-testify-barcelona-ref-trial-dementia-claim



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