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INVESTIGATIONS

Turkey

Turkish federation investigates match-fixing allegations in third-tier game

The Turkish Football Federation is investigating allegations of match-fixing in a third-tier game between Ankaraspor and Nazilli Belediyespor, which ended in a goalless draw, securing Ankaraspor's place in the promotion playoffs and Nazilli Belediyespor's avoidance of relegation, with no shots taken and no cards shown during the match

Source: 28 April 2024, Reuters

Football

<https://www.reuters.com/sports/soccer/turkish-federation-investigates-match-fixing-allegations-third-tier-game-2024-04-29/>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

ICC

West Indies' Thomas hit with five-year ban after agreeing to fix matches

A West Indies cricketer has been banned for five years, with 18 months suspended, by the ICC after admitting to seven charges, including match-fixing, in various cricket leagues. The ban, backdated to May 23, 2023, will make Thomas eligible to play again in November 2026, contingent upon cooperation with ongoing investigations and refraining from further offenses.

Source: 4 May 2024, News Americas Now

Cricket

<https://www.newsamericasnow.com/west-indies-thomas-hit-with-five-year-ban-after-agreeing-to-fix-matches/>

Kenya

Three referees, one player suspended in Kenya over match-fixing

The Kenyan Football Federation confirmed that a sports integrity investigation is ongoing and that three officials, a player and a team manager are suspended.

Source: 4 May 2024, Xinhua

Football

<https://english.news.cn/20240504/9679263c515f46c59018bb3350505cc0/c.html>

Moldova

CEDB decisions on the integrity of matches

Following the disciplinary investigation conducted by UEFA Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors, and the opening of disciplinary proceedings, the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body has sanctioned players of the Moldovan Women's national team and other individuals

Source: 25 April 2024, UEFA

<https://www.uefa.com/news-media/news/028c-1abc8057efcc-fb1cb2cd3c85-1000--cedb-decisions-on-the-integrity-of-matches/>

Philippines

PESO imposes three year ban on players involved in MDL match fixing

The Philippines Esports Organization has sanctioned three esports players for three years following breaches of the integrity code and match fixing offences. It is an extension of a sanction initially imposed under a specific esports league.

Source: 5 May 2024, Spin

eSports

<https://www.spin.ph/esports/peso-issues-statement-regarding-mdl-match-fixing-a4858-20240505>

BETTING

ARF

Franchise Wars - How Citibet and Asia's Other Biggest Bookmakers have 'McDonaldised' Illegal Betting.

The latest Asian Racing Federation Quarterly Bulletin shows how illegal horse racing betting exchange Citibet and other leading Asian operators have massively expanded their potential market even faster than in previous years by offering their markets as software "plug-ins" to thousands of illegal betting sites.

Source: 6 May 2024, Asian Racing Federation Quarterly Bulletin

GOOD PRACTICES

FPF

Sport Against Match Fixing Awareness Raising Materials

The EU funded sports against match fixing project have led to a wealth of original materials to raise awareness with players, athletes and other stakeholders on the risks of competition manipulation in sports, including a comic book available in seven languages.

Source: 1 May 2024, SAMF

<https://sportagainstmatchfixing.com/comic-book-basketball-and-football/>

ODDS AND ENDS

IBIA

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Source: 25 April 2024, IBIA

https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?e=_test_email_&u=2a0b859d1d1b078b51ab0969e&id=7015cbb598

Italy

Business and football procurement, the mafias rooted in the North

In Italy, the National Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism General Prosecutor, sees a structural presence of mafia type organizations in the center and North of Italy in all sectors, including construction, logistics, professional football, through large-scale distribution and finance.

Source: 27 April 2024, La Stampa

<https://www.lastampa.it/>

Play the Game

Thousands of players are part of MCO groups without regulations that protect their interests

This article looks at the risks for players that play for clubs that belong to a multi club ownership structure.

Source: 2 May 2024, Play the Game

Football

<https://www.playthegame.org/news/thousands-of-players-are-part-of-mco-groups-without-regulations-that-protect-their-interests/>

MATCH FIXING

Brazil

Mogul John Textor suspended for alleging match-fixing in Brazil

The owner of Botafogo de Rio de Janeiro, stirred controversy in Brazil by alleging match-fixing in the Brazilian league, presenting evidence to a Senate commission and receiving a 45-day suspension for insulting the president of the national soccer federation during a match against Palmeiras. Despite claims of evidence gathered through artificial intelligence, Textor's accusations await further scrutiny from the Brazilian Sports Court.

Source: 28 April 2024, Inside the Games

Football

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1144921/mogul-john-textor-suspended-match-fixing>

United States

American fencers call nine-month suspension of two U.S. referees 'weak and futile'

American fencers are urging USA Fencing and the International Fencing Federation to impose strict sanctions against match fixing to prevent suspicion during the Olympics, criticizing the organization for a perceived lenient nine-month suspension on two referees involved in ethics violations.

Source: 30 April 2024, USA Today Sports

Fencing

<https://eu.usatoday.com/story/sports/olympics/2024/04/30/usa-fencers-say-officials-must-address-match-fixing/73506670007/>

