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INVESTIGATIONS

Argentina

Argentina probes whether red card related to sports betting in Cup game

Argentina's justice system communicated that it had opened an investigation into whether sports betting played a role in an Agropecuario player being sent off against Boca Juniors in a Copa Argentina game this month.

Source: 19 August 2022, Reuters

Football

<https://www.reuters.com/lifestyle/sports/argentina-probes-whether-red-card-related-sports-betting-cup-game-2022-08-19/>

China

Match-fixing fears spark Chinese football crackdown

Following allegations against several clubs, Chinese football authorities have vowed to crack down on match-fixing. Match-fixing and corruption have long plagued China's football leagues, preventing the country from becoming a superpower in the sport. Major scandals in the 2000s involved national team players and high-ranking officials.

Source: 19 August 2022, Sports Enquirer

Football

<https://sports.inquirer.net/474102/match-fixing-fears-spark-chinese-football-crackdown>

China

Probe launched into farcical scenes in provincial final

In China, authorities are investigating a contentious youth soccer match at Guangdong's provincial games for alleged match-fixing. On August 7, during the final leading 3-1 midway through the second half, Qingyuan's players appeared to stop trying to compete and strolled aimlessly around the pitch. Guangzhou scored four times in 13 minutes to win 5-3.

Source: 16 August 2022, China.org.cn

Football

http://www.china.org.cn/sports/2022-08/16/content_78373875.htm

Fiji

Fiji FA investigates match fixing allegation

In Fiji, the Football Association is investigating a match fixing case after a player reported an offer made to him for fixing the outcome of an upcoming final between Fiji and New Zealand.

Source: 22 August 2022, FBC News

Football

<https://www.fbcnews.com.fj/sports/football/fiji-fa-investigates-match-fixing-allegation/>

Lithuania

Four Lithuanian top-division football players suspected of match-fixing

Four football players from a top-tier Lithuanian league are suspected of match manipulation. Following the preliminary investigation, the club's representatives filed an appeal, which is currently being reviewed, and the club is actively cooperating with the investigation. The outcome of the investigation is to be made public.

Source: 17 August 2022, LRT

Football

<https://www.lrt.lt/en/news-in-english/19/1760849/four-lithuanian-top-division-football-players-suspected-of-match-fixing>

Singapore

Two men charged over match-fixing in e-sports tournament

In Singapore, two men accused of e-sports match-fixing were charged in court on August 5th. They were each charged with corruption and will face another charge under the Remote Gambling Act for partial winnings from bets placed through an illegal online gambling site.

Source: 18 August 2022, The Star Malaysia

E-sports

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2022/08/05/two-men-charged-over-match-fixing-in-e-sports-tournament>

United Kingdom

Granit Xhaka BOMBSHELL as investigators probing Arsenal star's suspicious booking against Leeds in December are told of a possible criminal conspiracy involving the Albanian mafia

According to media reports, police investigators probing a Premier League Player are looking into an alleged criminal conspiracy involving the Albanian mafia and a convicted match-fixer. The National Crime Agency is investigating, following an earlier FA investigation based on suspicious betting reports.

Source: 4 August 2022, Daily Mail

Football

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/sportsnews/article-11081767/Arsenal-Investigators-probing-Xhakas-booking-told-criminal-conspiracy-involving-Albanian-mafia.html>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Chile

Michel Vernier Quinteros Banned 7 Years for Match Fixing

The International Tennis Integrity Agency announced today that a Chilean player has been banned from tennis for seven years and five months after admitting to match fixing offenses. Furthermore, he was fined \$15,000, with \$7,500 suspended.

Source: 28 July 2022, Tennis Now

Tennis

<http://www.tennisnow.com/Blogs/NET-POSTS/July-2022/Michel-Vernier-Quinteros-Banned-7-Years-for-Match.aspx>

Netherlands

Dutch tennis coach Max Wenders banned 12 years for match-fixing

The International Tennis Integrity Agency announced that a Dutch tennis coach had been expelled from the sport for 12 years due to match-fixing. The ITIA acknowledged "multiple match-fixing charges," as well as destroying evidence and failing to disclose a corrupt strategy. The coach was given a ban and a \$12,000 fine, and until 2033, he is prohibited from attending any tennis event sanctioned by the major governing bodies of the sport.

Source: 27 July 2022, ESPN

Tennis

https://www.espn.com/tennis/story/_/id/34300878/dutch-tennis-coach-max-wenders-banned-12-years-match-fixing

United Kingdom

Lincoln City's Chris Maguire Suspended by FA for Violating Betting Rules

In the UK, The Football Association suspended a former Scottish international indefinitely for betting on football games while playing actively. The sanctioned player allegedly placed 52 bets from March 2017 to February 2022.

Source: 22 August 2022, Vegas Slots Online

Football

<https://www.vegasslotsonline.com/news/2022/08/22/soccer-player-chris-maguire-suspended-for-betting-violation/>

BETTING

China

Suncity Junket Agents Plead Guilty to Gambling Crimes on Chinese Mainland

At a court in Wenzhou, eastern China, 35 people linked to Macau's Suncity junket pleaded guilty to gambling crimes. The 35 are accused of participating in a cross-border gambling syndicate to allow Chinese residents to attend VIP junkets.

Source: 18 August 2022, Casino.org

<https://www.casino.org/news/suncity-junketers-plead-guilty-to-gambling-crimes-on-chinese-mainland/>

Germany

German city to shut all betting shops amid money-laundering allegations

Bremen, a city in northern Germany, plans to close all of its betting establishments after the interior senator claimed the owners were unable to persuade him that they were not fronts for money laundering. 32 establishments that applied for betting licenses under the new gambling law have received rejection notices, making any bets placed there with immediate effect illegal.

Source: 10 August 2022, the Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jul/28/germany-bremen-shut-all-betting-shops-money-laundering-allegations>

Nigeria

Money Laundering in Nigeria Casinos May be Funding Terrorism

According to West Africa's financial intelligence agency, 300 casinos could be hindering the battle against financial terrorism by facilitating money laundering. According to the Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering, the casinos, which are primarily located in Nigeria's largest city, Lagos, and its capital, Abuja, are "relatively high risk" for money laundering. While they are required to report suspicious transactions to the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU), the majority do not.

Source: 1 August 2022, Casino.org

<https://www.casino.org/news/money-laundering-in-nigeria-casinos-may-be-funding-terrorism>

Turkey

'TOTOBO' illegal betting gang busted! Detail of Germany, Turkey, North Macedonia...

The operation against the illegal betting gang "TOTOBO" have been carried out. 59 people were apprehended as a result of the 8-month investigation, and the ringleaders of the gang were also apprehended during the operation. This gang was armed with both guns and bombs; and it was for the first time that a sound bomb is seized from an illegal betting ring.

Source: 5 August 2022, Tuskey English Posts

<https://turkey.postsen.com/news/77305/%E2%80%98TOTOBO%E2%80%99-illegal-betting-gang-busted-Detail-of-Germany-Turkey-North-Macedonia%E2%80%A6.html>

United States

Illegal Sports Betting Network Uncovered as Vermont Assessing Legislative Possibilities

Despite having several years to do so, Vermont, United States has yet to make significant progress toward legalizing online sports betting. The Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery, on the other hand, has recently launched an investigation into an alleged illegal sports betting network in the state. Their findings may increase the urgency of the legislative process.

Source: 31 July 2022, Lineups

<https://www.lineups.com/betting/illegal-sports-betting-network-uncovered-as-vermont-assessing-legislative-possibilities/>

ODDS AND ENDS

Ghana

CAS temporarily lifts ban on Ashanti Gold and Inter Allies players

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has granted a stay of the ban imposed on Ashanti Gold and Inter Allies players for match manipulation. In parts of its ruling, CAS stated that the players' suspensions should be lifted immediately until the substantive case is heard. This means that clubs can now register all of the players involved for the upcoming 2022/23 football season.

Source: 12 August 2022, Pulse Ghana

Football

<https://www.pulse.com.gh/sports/football/ghpl/cas-temporarily-lifts-ban-on-ashanti-gold-and-inter-allies-players/3yef2j1>

Inside World Football

Match-fixing threat is not reducing with Europe being the frontline, finds report

In the first half of 2022, sports betting consultancy Starlizard identified 84 matches worldwide with suspicious betting activity on them played. This figure represents 0.45% of 18,845 football matches analysed by the integrity division. The 84 matches were held in 30 different countries, with Europe showing major problems.

Source: 12 August 2022, Inside World Football

Football

<https://www.insideworldfootball.com/2022/08/12/match-fixing-threat-not-reducing-europe-frontline-finds-report/>

CORRUPTION

Japan

Japan makes arrests on bribery suspicions in Tokyo Olympics

On suspicion of bribery, three employees of a clothing company that was a surprise sponsor of the 2020 Games and a former board member of the Tokyo Olympic organizing committee were detained. The alleged bribery, which totaled 51 million yen (\$380,000) and was deposited into the bank account of the former executive between October 2017 and March this year, is believed to have been connected to the sponsorship of the games and products associated with the Olympics.

Source: 17 August 2022, AP News

<https://apnews.com/article/winter-olympics-sports-arrests-tokyo-japan-olympic-team-83e9333f7a17f1d99fa301842beaadf2>

