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## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### Italy

#### Tennis umpire receives seven-year ban, fine for match-fixing in Italy

A tennis referee who admitted to match-fixing allegations in Italy was given a seven-year, six-month suspension. The chair umpire and line judge for the Italian national team was also fined \$50,000 in a case that the International Tennis Integrity Agency looked into, with \$33,500 of that amount being suspended. The offenses, which are related to games at a tournament in Perugia, Italy, in 2021, include failing to cooperate with the corruption investigation and failing to report corrupt strategies, as well as tardily entering scores into the scoring device and entering scores that did not correspond to the actual scores on the court.

Source: 26 August 2022, ESPN

[https://www.espn.com/tennis/story/\\_/id/34463806/italian-tennis-umpire-receives-seven-year-ban-fine-match-fixing](https://www.espn.com/tennis/story/_/id/34463806/italian-tennis-umpire-receives-seven-year-ban-fine-match-fixing)

### Thailand

#### THAI SNOOKER PLAYER THANAWAT TIRAPONGPAIBOON CHARGED AND SUSPENDED OVER MATCH-FIXING ALLEGATIONS

The organization in charge of snooker, has accused a Thai snooker player of allegedly manipulating the results of six games between 2013 and 2015. He participated in the circuit between 2010 and 2016. He compiled a competitive maximum at the age of 16 years and 312 days, making him the youngest professional player to do so.

Source: 2 September 2022, Eurosport

[https://www.eurosport.com/snooker/thai-snooker-player-thanawat-tirapongpaiboon-charged-and-suspended-over-match-fixing-allegations\\_sto9117773/story.shtml](https://www.eurosport.com/snooker/thai-snooker-player-thanawat-tirapongpaiboon-charged-and-suspended-over-match-fixing-allegations_sto9117773/story.shtml)

## BETTING

### Macao

#### Ex-Macao junket boss appears in court on illegal gambling, crime syndicate charges

A former junket tycoon in Macao, made an appearance in court on Friday to face more than 200 charges, including running a criminal organization, engaging in illegal gambling, money laundering, and fraud. After being detained by Macao police in November, the accused, one of the most well-known public figures in the city, resigned from his position as chairman of the Suncity junket in December 2021. The arrest followed the issuance of a warrant accusing him of running gambling operations on the mainland.

Source: 2 September 2022, Reuters

<https://www.reuters.com/world/china/ex-macao-junket-boss-appear-court-illegal-gambling-crime-syndicate-charges-2022-09-02/>

## ODDS AND ENDS

### China

#### Chinese badminton star's Olympic match-fixing claim: footage appears to show coach admitting to plan

A shocking claim by a former world number one that she was ordered to throw her Olympic semi-final in 2000 has reignited interest in old footage of her former China coach appearing to admit to match-fixing. Footage from an old but undated CCTV program broadcast in China has resurfaced on YouTube, reporting that an internal meeting was held within the national badminton team at the Sydney Games, during which "a deliberate discussion of match-fixing for the semi-final was launched."

Source: 29 August 2022, South China Morning Post

<https://www.scmp.com/sport/china/article/3190766/chinese-badminton-stars-olympic-match-fixing-claim-footage-appears-show>

## CORRUPTION

### France

#### French rugby boss Laporte's graft trial opens

A towering figure in French rugby is facing corruption and influence-peddling charges in a high-profile case that will make headlines only a year before France hosts the World Cup. The former France coach is accused of favoritism after awarding a shirt sponsor contract to a close friend. One of the five officials on trial was recently suspended as managing director of the 2023 World Cup organization, another is a vice-president of the French Rugby Federation (FFR).

Source: 5 September 2022, Yahoo! Sport

<https://sports.yahoo.com/french-rugby-boss-laportes-graft-145945459.html>