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## INVESTIGATIONS

### Indonesia

#### **Allegedly involved in match-fixing at ABL, Louvre Surabaya Frozen**

An Indonesian professional basketball team has been temporarily suspended after allegations of match-fixing came to light. The announcement was made by the East Java Provincial Government and Surabaya City Council.

Source: 23 February 2023, News Beezer

Basketball

<https://newsbeezer.com/indonesiaeng/allegedly-involved-in-match-fixing-at-abl-louvre-surabaya-frozen/>

### Israel

#### **Israeli gymnastics hit by allegations parents were asked to bribe judges**

In Israel, the Gymnastics Federation has made headlines for accusations of bribery. Reports from an investigation allege that the parents of several gymnasts bribed judges, during international competitions.

Source: 22 February 2023, Inside the Games

Gymnastics

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1134017/israeli-gymnastics-bribery-allegations>

### Kosovo

#### **Foot : matches truqués au Kosovo, quatre mises en examen à Nancy**

A match-fixing scandal rocks the football championship tournament of Kosovo. The bettors were based both in Kosovo and France, and their organized criminal activity had been investigated for nearly one year.

Source: 23 February 2023, Le Figaro

Football

<https://www.lefigaro.fr/sports/football/foot-matches-truques-au-kosovo-quatre-mises-en-examen-a-nancy-20230223>

### Spain

#### **Libertad con cargos para el exjugador del Huracán Melilla detenido el martes por supuesto amaño de partidos**

A former player of a professional Spanish football team who was charged by police for allegedly being involved in a match-fixing incident, was released from custody.

Source: 22 February 2023, El Faro Melilla

<https://elfarodemelilla.es/detenido-un-jugador-del-huracan-melilla-por-supuesto-amano-de-partidos/>

### Spain

#### **Six arrested over 2021 Spanish Cup match-fixing probe**

In Spain, an investigation on match-fixing in Copa del Rey game resulted in multiple arrests. The Spanish Police opened the investigation after complaints had been made by the country's top professional football league and a number of gambling clubs.

Source: 25 February 2023, Macau Business

<https://www.macaubusiness.com/six-arrested-over-2021-spanish-cup-match-fixing-probe/>

### United Kingdom

#### **Ivan Toney 'admits' multiple breaches of FA betting rules and set to start lengthy ban**

A Football player from an English Premier League team faces serious disciplinary measures following an investigation where he admitted to charges of violating a number of the Football Associations' gambling rules.

Source: 28 February 2023, Mirror

Football

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/sport/football/news/ivan-tony-betting-charges-ban-29338326>

## ODDS AND ENDS

### Brazil

#### **Match-fixing scandals may clear path to Brazilian betting regulation**

In Brazil, strides have been made by the Ministry of Justice towards regulating sports betting. Due to the rise in match-fixing scandals in the country, the government has encountered pressure by the public to adopt reforms.

Source: 21 February 2023, iGB

<https://igamingbusiness.com/legal-compliance/match-fixing-scandals-may-clear-path-to-brazilian-betting-regulation/>

### Global

#### **The monster with a thousand faces**

A feature article from Josimar examines how the majority of betting brands representing a number of European football clubs, which seem to operate independently, are connected to one company.

Source: 2 March 2023, Josimar



## INTEGRITY IN SPORT EVENTS

### South Africa

#### INTERPOL IOC Integrity in Sports Webinar

On March 2, an INTERPOL - IOC Integrity in Sports Webinar brought together close to sixty participants from sports, law enforcement and public authorities to discuss good practice and the establishment of national cooperation in South Africa to protect the integrity of sports.

Source: 2 March 2023, INTERPOL

## CORRUPTION

### Japan

#### Pres. of Japan ad giant Dentsu admits rigging bids over Tokyo Games

The president of a major advertisement company in Japan has revealed their participation in rigging bids over contracts during the 2021 Summer Olympic Games. A number of high-profile executives have already been arrested in the corruption scandal.

Source: 27 February 2023, *The Mainichi*

<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20230227/p2g/00m/0na/014000c>

### Mexico

#### Mexican broadcaster pays \$95 million in FIFA bribery settlement but denies wrongdoing

A FIFA corruption case from 2015 involving a Mexican broadcasting has reached a deal. The mass media company, which was accused of bribing FIFA officials for World Cup hosting rights, finally settled the lawsuit with a massive cash payment.

Source: 5 March 2023, *Inside the Games*

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/index.php/articles/1134418/grupo-televisa-bribery-settlement>

