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SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Bangladesh

Two Dhaka clubs relegated for match fixing

Dhaka United Sports Club and Friends Social Welfare Organisation have been relegated to the Second Division Football League after it was proven that both clubs played a fixed match in the recently concluded league. That match between the two clubs have been scratched and both clubs were slapped with Tk 50000 fine each while three of the Dhaka United Sports Club players were suspended for different terms following their involvement in the fixed-match which led to Friends Social Welfare Organisation winning the game and thus avoiding relegation. Dhaka Metropolis Football League Committee (DMFLC) has taken the decision on Monday and made it public today (Thursday) at a press conference presided by DMFLC chairman Harunur Rashid. The decision was undertaken in light of the recommendations of a three-member probe committee and the bylaws of the league. "There was whisper of playing the fixed match between Dhaka United Friends Club and Friends Social Welfare Organisation and we deployed the members of the disciplinary committee and the league committee to watch the match. Besides, we have also got reports from referees and match commissioner. It was undoubtedly proved and identified that the match between that clubs were fixed," said Harunur at the press conference.

Source: 8 June 2017, *The Daily Star*

Football

<http://www.thedailystar.net/sports/football/two-dhaka-clubs-relegated-match-fixing-1417342>

Malta

Pembroke Athleta FC handed 10-point penalty, €5,000 fine

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Both Pembroke Athleta FC and Mr Anyanwu have the right to appeal against the decisions of the Board to Adjudicate Charges relating to Bribery and Illegal Betting in Football. The Malta FA Board to Adjudicate Charges relating to Bribery and Illegal Betting in Football has imposed a 10-point penalty, a fine of €5,000 and a five-year suspension from international competitions on Pembroke Athleta FC after finding the club guilty of breaching the Association's Regulations on Bribery and Betting regarding football matches. In a separate ruling, Uchenna Anyanwu, the former Pembroke Athleta FC Team Manager, was banned for life from all football activities after the same Board found him guilty of violating the Association's bribery regulations. Mr Anyanwu is facing criminal charges related to offences of attempted bribery in two 2016-2017 Premier League matches – Pembroke Athleta FC vs Mosta FC, played on the 11th February, 2017, and Mosta FC vs Birkirkara FC, played on the 4th January, 2017. In the case against Pembroke Athleta FC, the Board noted that "although it did not result that the committee of Pembroke Athleta FC was involved in the alleged attempted bribery, the Rules and Regulations governing the Malta Football Association clearly state that whenever it results that a club official is involved, the club has to carry the responsibility".

Source: 30 May 2017, *Malta Football Association*

Football

<http://www.mfa.com.mt/en/news/news/2902/pembroke-athleta-fc-handed-10-point-penalty-5000-fine-.htm>

ODDS AND ENDS

Malaysia

FAS supports FAM's decision to hand life bans for match-fixing

KUCHING: The Football Association of Sarawak (FAS) fully supports the decision of the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) to ban players and officials for life from any football activity, if found guilty of involvement in match-fixing. FAS president Datuk Posa Majais said the association also agreed with FAM's decision to give full access to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to conduct investigations on all state football associations and clubs. "We support the efforts of the MACC in combating all forms of corruption and abuse of power, especially in the country's football industry," he said at FAS' Corruption-Free Pledge signing ceremony, here, today. The pledge taken by FAS officials and football players was witnessed by Sarawak MACC director Datuk Badrul Shah Norman. Posa said he hoped the MACC and FAS would be able to work together to ensure there was no corruption, match-fixing and abuse of power in the sport, especially in Sarawak. He said FAS believed that the pledge was an indicator that the association would produce players of quality and integrity. "FAS also hopes this initiative can convince the people and football fans in Sarawak (that FAS is committed to fighting corruption) and I am proud that FAS is the first sports association in Sarawak to have taken up the challenge to cooperate with the MACC and implement the Corruption-Free Pledge," he added.

Source: 6 June 2017, Astro Awani

Football

<http://english.astroawani.com/sports-news/fas-supports-fams-decision-hand-life-bans-match-fixing-145282>

Pakistan

Muhammad Mehdi accuses Imran Khan of being involved in match-fixing during cricketing years

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Media Coordinator Muhammad Mehdi has claimed that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chief Imran Khan was involved in match-fixing during his cricketing years. Talking to journalists at PML-N's media centre on Saturday, Mehdi said Khan made large amounts of money from Kerry Packer in betrayal of Pakistan's national interest leaving the country's cricket team in a lurch during the 1983 World Cup. Packer was an Australian media tycoon, who in 1977 set up his own cricket series by secretly signing agreements with leading Australian, English, Pakistani, South African and West Indian players. Mehdi claimed that the purchase of the controversial London flat was made the same year when Imran declined to bowl at a crucial stage when the team needed him the most and as a result Pakistan lost the match. "A complete probe is the need of hour to trace out the amount Imran took in reward for his dubious refusal to bowl despite being the main striker of the team," he said. An investigation should be carried out to know the number of ducks (out at zero runs) made by Imran for money, he added. Imran's apartment money is stained with clandestine match-fixing deals, Mehdi claimed, adding that the PTI chief's "confessional statements" of fixing matches were rife in his own biography which could provide possible clues for the judiciary, investigation agencies and general public. PTI chairman's lawyer has said in the past that Imran Khan earned the money to pay for his properties from playing cricket in Australia and England. Mehdi further said that the PML-N leadership has always respected the judiciary and went through harsh accountability during the nine years of Musharraf's rule. It was proven not guilty then and this time too party leadership will come out clean, he added. "Conspirators are continuously hatching controversies to stoke tensions between the government and judiciary," said Mehdi. "History itself testifies to the fact that PML-N always upheld the supremacy of judiciary and law."

Source: 5 June 2017, The Express Tribune

Cricket

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1427459/mehdi-accuses-imran-khan-match-fixing/>

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World

Howman warns Athletics Integrity Unit will pursue all cheats, not just dopers

Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) chairman David Howman has warned the body will be "relentless" in their pursuit of athletes who cheat and claimed the organisation's establishment will be a "defining moment" in the future of the sport. In a letter addressed to athletes, the New Zealander, the former director general of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), said the AIU's remit is not solely focused on doping. Howman outlined the responsibilities of the AIU, including "stamping out any and all forms of corruption and ethical misconduct within the sport". The barrister said the AIU, which officially began operating in April, was "dedicated to working towards driving cheats out of our sport". Howman also urged athletes to come forward to provide information of wrongdoing within the sport from fellow competitors, officials or coaches. "As the former head of WADA, I am of course only too aware of the recent doping issues the sport has faced," he said in his letter. "And for this same reason, I know that the establishment of the AIU is likely to be a defining moment in the future of this sport. "It will change forever how integrity issues are dealt with in athletics, and, given the recent challenges the sport has faced, I believe there exists a real opportunity for us to demonstrate leadership on integrity issues by providing an example for other sports and federations to follow in future. "Put simply, we are tasked with stamping out any and all forms of corruption and ethical misconduct within the sport. "This means the relentless pursuit of any official or other person who breaches the new Integrity Code of Conduct, including those who seek to manipulate results, who act fraudulently with regards to transfers of allegiance, or who engage in age manipulation in connection with our junior and youth events."

The AIU has been set up in response to the corruption scandal involving former International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) President Lamine Diack, allegedly involved in a scheme to blackmail Russian athletes to avoid suspension following positive drugs tests. It is claimed the AIU will be an independent organisation with responsibility for the management of all aspects of the anti-doping programme for international-level athletes and support personnel, as well as for the management of all other integrity-related programmes. Howman was in charge at WADA when they launched an Independent Commission, chaired by its former chairman Richard Pound, which uncovered evidence of state-supported doping in Russian athletics. The revelation led to the suspension of Russia from the IAAF in November 2015. The country missed last year's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and are also set to be barred from this year's IAAF World Championships in London. "I firmly believe that athletes who seek to cheat or defraud their fellow competitors have no place in this sport," added Howman. "My promise to you is that we will use every means available to us in our relentless pursuit of these athletes and those who support them. "We will be transparent in our activities and clear in our intentions. "I am not concerned with public relations exercises. "What I am concerned with is doing everything in my power to support our honest athletes around the world who dedicate their lives to reaching their sporting goals through two values we all cherish: dedication and hardwork. "But no matter how talented and hard working the staff of the AIU is, ultimately it is not the administrators who will change the culture of our sport. "I believe that you as athletes hold the key to the future." Howman's appointment was announced by IAAF President Sebastian Coe during the SportAccord Convention in Aarhus in April.

Source: Liam Morgan, 4 June 2017, *Inside the Games*

<http://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1051143/howman-warns-athletics-integrity-unit-will-be-relentless-in-pursuit-of-cheats>



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