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INVESTIGATIONS

Brazil
Brazil to launch national investigation into soccer match-fixing
In Brazil, the Justice Minister announced the launch of a national investigation in alleged manipulation in soccer, following a spiralling state investigation that has already led to several suspensions for players.

Source: 11 May 2023, AP News
Football
https://apnews.com/article/brazil-soccer-matchfixing-599c13d969d2b6041e9b45d7633f1208

China
2 more former China football officials under investigation
Following several scandals in China’s football scene, two more officials were placed under investigation.

Source: 2 May 2023, The Washington Post
https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/soccer/2023/05/02/china-football-corruption/119186c4-e8d0-11ed-869e-986dd5713bc8_story.html

China
S. Korean Footballer in China Taken into Custody for Probe by Police
As part of an ongoing anti-corruption probe into Chinese football, a South Korean professional football player was taken into custody for investigation.

Source: 14 May 2023, KBS World
http://world.kbs.co.kr/service/news_view.htm?lang=e&Seq_Code=177796

Hong Kong
Hong Kong anti-graft agency arrests 23 people including 11 footballers as part of match-fixing probe
In Hong Kong, the Independent Commission Against Corruption has arrested 23 people including a coach and eleven footballers in relation to an unfolding match manipulation investigation.

Source: 15 May 2023, South China Morning Post
Football

Nigeria
Wikki Tourists investigate match-fixing allegations against players
A Nigerian football club opened and investigation into its own players because of suspicion of match-fixing.

Source: 5 May 2023, Daily Post
Football
https://dailypost.ng/2023/05/05/wikki-tourists-investigate-match-fixing-allegations-against-players/

Peru
Otro caso de amaño de partidos en Liga 2: presidente de Coopsol hizo grave denuncia
In the second division of football in Peru, a club president made strong allegations against teams, players and referees over match manipulation for betting purposes.

Source: 9 May 2023, Bolavip
Football

Spain
La Policía Nacional destapa una trama de estafas a familias de niños extranjeros con falsas promesas de proyección en el fútbol profesional
In Spain, eleven people have been arrested and two others investigated as alleged members of two independent groups dedicated to creating false expectations for young foreigners to become professional football players in the country. The criminal organisations targeted mainly Brazilian families with promises of a high level career, accommodation, tuition fees, residence permits and monthly payments, in order to defraud them.

Source: 10 May 2023, Policía Nacional
https://www.interior.gob.es/opencms/es/detalle/articulo/La-Policia-Nacional-destapa-una-trama-de-estafas-a-familias-de-ninos-extranjeros-con-falsas-promesas-de-proyeccion-en-el-futbol-profesional

Ukraine
N/A
In Ukraine, the President of the Ukraine Football Association declared that a Ukraine Premier League that ended 5 to 0 raised significant suspicious betting concerns.

Source: 4 May 2023, Telegraf
Football
SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Belarus

Scandal in Belarus: Shakhtar stripped of title
In Belarus, a football club lost its title from the previous season, had 30 points deducted this season and 20 points for the next season due to match-fixing
Source: 10 May 2023, Postsen

Brazil

Silvestre de Sousa suspended for 10 months after pleading guilty to betting charge
A Brazilian jockey champion has been suspended after admitting to a betting charge.
Source: 12 May 2023, BBC Sport
Horse Racing

Italy

Soccer: Monza defender Izzo gets 5 yrs for Mob match-fixing
A football player of one of Italy’s Serie B league teams has been sentenced to five years in prison because of his involvement in a match-fixing scandal connected to a Neapolitan mafia group in 2013 - 2014.
Source: 5 May 2023, ANSA
Football
https://www.ansa.it/english/news/2023/05/05/soccer-monza-defender-izzo-gets-5-yrs-for-mob-match-fixing_6823d7b1-8dc9-4cf4-95bc-a9ecd40ccded.html

Nigeria

NLO hammer falls on Abu Workers, Ambassadors FC for match fixing
Players and official from two third division football teams in Nigeria were fined and given two-year bans for involvement in match-fixing.
Source: 15 May 2023, Blueprint
Football
https://www.blueprint.ng/nlo-hammer-falls-on-abu-workers-ambassadors-fc-for-match-fixing/

Uganda

Fufa suspends 6 players, 2 referees over match fixing
In Uganda, the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of the Federation of Uganda Football Associations suspended six players and two referees for match manipulation.
Source: 4 May 2023, The Observer Uganda
https://www.observer.ug/news/headlines/77658-fufa-suspends-6-players-3-referees-over-match-fixing

United States

Rapids move on without Alves amid match-fixing allegations
In the US, Major League Soccer suspended a football player following his mention in a national investigation into match manipulation launched by Brazilian authorities.
Source: 13 May 2023, AP News
Football
https://apnews.com/article/brazil-gambling-rapids-alves-5bf82aeefc88f9a020620680dbef27b4f

United States

Will gambling case at Alabama ripple across college sports?
In the United States, a baseball coach was fired following suspicious betting reports involving his team. The suspicious betting reports had initially also led to the suspension of betting on the baseball team concerned.
Source: 7 May 2023, AP News
Baseball
https://apnews.com/article/alabama-baseball-coach-fired-bets-bohannon-047b144a9348caa456a22cab23b9a8b

BETTING

Asian Racing Federation

Asian Racing Federation
INTERPOL’s Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption Centre recently contributed to the Asian Racing Federation’s 2023 Quarterly Bulletin on anti-illegal betting and related financial crime.
Source: 2 May 2023, Asian Racing Federation Council on Anti-Illegal Betting & Related Financial Crime
Morocco
The Fightback
A feature article describes Morocco’s pushback against one controversial gambling operator which began operating in the country last year, and whose activity has been a factor in the recent explosion of illegal online gambling and led to a significant revenue decline for the state lottery.
Source: 3 May 2023, Josimar
https://josimarfootball.com/the-fightback/

ODDS AND ENDS
Kenya
Festo Omukoto: "We made a plan to get three match-fixers arrested"
A feature article by the ambassador against match-fixing for the Kenya Footballers Welfare Association (KEFWA) details the importance of the Red Button app in the framework of combatting match-fixing and his role in match fixing arrests recently.
Source: 2 May 2023, Fifpro
Football

MATCH FIXING
Colombia
Alleged match fixing in Colombia in 2023
A Nigerian football club opened an investigation into its own players because of suspicion of match-fixing.
Source: 14 May 2023, Nation World
Football

United States
Ohio Sports Betting Regulator Suspends Alabama Baseball Betting
In the United States, the Ohio state sports betting regular suspended betting on the Alabama baseball because of a complaint made about suspicious betting activity.
Source: 2 May 2023, Legal Sports Report
Baseball