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INVESTIGATIONS

China

Chinese authorities place S. Korean football player under formal arrest

In China, authorities from the public security have ordered the arrest of a football player from South Korea after his detention period expired for bribery charges.

Source: 18 June 2023, Yonhap News Agency

Football

<https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20230618000700315>

Fiji

Out of the 'Blue' | Lautoka investigates match-fixing claim

In Fiji, an investigation into match-fixing has been launched by the Lautoka Football Association. The Association has asserted that they will lean on the country's national football body for guidance throughout this ordeal.

Source: 16 June 2023, The Fiji Times

Football

<https://www.fijitimes.com/out-of-the-blue-lautoka-investigates-match-fixing-claim/>

Ghana

Hearts of Oak players under investigation over match-fixing allegations

In Ghana, a football team from Accra will soon launch an investigation into claims made that players from the team were involved in bribery resulting in match-manipulation.

Source: 19 June 2023, Kickgh

Football

<https://www.kickgh.com/ghana-premier-league/24009-hearts-of-oak-players-under-investigation-over-match-fixing-allegations>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

China

Snooker match fixing: 5 players given longer bans in China face global exclusion too

The 10 players found guilty in snooker's biggest ever scandal have their punishments endorsed by the Chinese federation – which extends five of the suspensions

Source: 22 June 2023, South China Morning Post

Snooker

<https://www.scmp.com/sport/china/article/3225059/snooker-match-fixing-5-players-given-longer-bans-china-face-global-exclusion-too-bosses-confirm-blow>

International Tennis Integrity Agency

Two tennis players banned for life

Two tennis players, from the United States and Slovenia, were permanently banned by the International Tennis Integrity Agency for violating the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP).

Source: 21 June 2023, International Tennis Integrity Agency

Tennis

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/kolar-and-riley-banned-from-tennis/>



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Nigeria

MATCH FIXING SCANDAL? NNL fines Joy Cometh, suspends officials; may investigate Sporting Lagos

A football league in Nigeria has been fined – and its officials suspended – by the Nigeria National League. The decision came as a result of actions made to deliberately intimidate officials.

Source: 17 June 2023, The Athletic NG

Football

<https://www.theathletic.com.ng/match-fixing-scandal-nnl-fines-joy-cometh-suspends-officials-may-investigate-sporting-lagos/>

LEGISLATION

Malta

Malta approves controversial gaming law

In Malta, a bill has just been passed in parliament, which offers protection to the country's licensed offshore operators from foreign liability.

Source: 20 June 2023, iGaming Business

<https://igamingbusiness.com/legal-compliance/malta-approves-controversial-gaming-law/>

BETTING

Germany

Germany revokes Tipster's sports betting licence

A betting company has had its license revoked by the German regulator. While the reason behind the decision has not been made clear, it does follow a string of raids made in the spring regarding an investigation into allegations of criminal activity.

Source: 19 June 2023, iGaming Business

<https://igamingbusiness.com/legal-compliance/germany-revokes-tipsters-sports-betting-licence/>

ODDS AND ENDS

Brazil

Conmebol will help the CBF in actions against match-fixing

Brazil's Football Confederation signed a joint agreement with the South American Football Confederation to financially support actions against match-fixing.

Source: 19 June 2023, iGaming Brazil

Football

<https://igamingbrazil.com/en/sports-betting-en/2023/06/19/conmebol-will-help-the-cbf-in-actions-against-match-fixing/>

Brazil

The integrity partner facilitating Brazilian match-fixing

In Brazil, the Federal Police has been called in to open an investigation into reports that suspect a number of people for manipulating in-play events from high-profile professional football matches.

Source: 20 June 2023, Josimar

<https://josimarfootball.com/2023/06/20/the-integrity-partner-facilitating-brazilian-match-fixing/>

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France

INTERPOL Sportops Workshop

INTERPOL, in close collaboration with the French National Police, the Central Service for Racing and Games, the French Ministry of Sports and Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the National Games Authority (ANJ) members of the National Platform against Competition Manipulation in France, organized a workshop aimed at strengthening the capacity of stakeholders regarding the integrity of major sporting events in France. The event brought together key police stakeholders as well as prosecutors, with national and international stakeholders, including Council of Europe, World Rugby, IOC, UEFA as well as representatives from Belgium and Portugal to discuss and identify best practice to protect the integrity of major sports competitions.

Source: 22 June 2023, INTERPOL



MATCH FIXING

Belarus

Terlibat Match Fixing, Federasi Belarusia Hukum Klub Dengan Pengurangan 30 poin

In the 2022 Belarusian League season, a team was found guilty of match-fixing and stripped of the Belarusian Premier League title they won last season. The team was subsequently deducted 30 points at the start of the 2023 league season and 20 points for the 2024 season after it was discovered that club officials were involved in match fixing and illegally offering financial incentives to other clubs.

Source: 25 June 2023, Kompasiana

Football

<https://www.kompasiana.com/abdulafit2240/64971b1710d8e05e0c4ebeb3/terlibat-match-fixing-federasi-belarusia-hukum-klub-dengan-pengurangan-35-poin>

Cyprus

Cyprus National Betting Authority President Faces Match-Fixing Claims

In Cyprus, the president of the National Betting Authority has been making headlines for unwillingness to comply regarding claims of corruption brought forth in 2021.

Source: 20 June 2023, iGaming

<https://igaming.org/casino-news/cyprus-national-betting-authority-president-faces-match-fixing-claims/>

Namibia

Match fixing flagged at Opuwo

A football team in Namibia is making headlines following their shocking win, which signaled the league to investigate the matter more thoroughly for any breach of the sport's integrity.

Source: 23 June 2023, The Namibian

Football

<https://www.namibian.com.na/match-fixing-flagged-at-opuwo/>

CORRUPTION

France

Paris Olympic headquarters searched as part of corruption investigations

In France, authorities searched the headquarters of the Paris 2024 Olympics organizing committee. The raid was conducted following a 2017 investigation into contracts made by the Summer Games' organizing committee.

Source: 20 June 2023, Reuters

<https://www.reuters.com/sports/paris-2024-olympics-headquarters-being-searched-by-police-organisers-2023-06-20/>



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