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## INVESTIGATIONS

### United Arab Emirates

#### Abu Dhabi T10 league under 'corruption' radar following unusual front-foot no-balls

The Abu Dhabi T10 League is under investigation by the ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit following allegations of spot-fixing, highlighted by suspicious front-foot no-balls and erratic bowling performances, including a 30-run over by former Sri Lanka captain Dasun Shanaka. These incidents have reignited concerns about corruption in the tournament, which has faced similar scandals in the past, casting a shadow over its credibility.

Source: 1 December 2024, *The Sunday Times*

<https://www.sundaytimes.lk/241201/sports/abu-dhabi-t10-league-under-corruption-radar-following-unusual-front-foot-no-balls-579596.html>

### United Kingdom

#### FA launches probe into fresh match-fixing allegations levelled against Premier League referee David Coote

In the UK, the Football Association has launched an urgent investigation into allegations that Premier League referee David Coote discussed a yellow card with a friend before a 2019 match and engaged in other questionable behavior, including appearing in videos allegedly using a suspicious substance.

Source: 27 November 2024, *Yahoo! Sports*

Football

<https://sports.yahoo.com/fa-launches-probe-fresh-match-061500260.html>

## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### Bosnia and Herzegovina

#### Tennis official from Bosnia-Herzegovina suspended and fined for betting on matches

Bosnian tennis official Damjan Dejanovic has been suspended for four years and fined €5,000 by the International Tennis Integrity Agency for six violations of the sport's anti-corruption rules, including betting on matches and manipulating scoring data.

Source: 5 December 2024, *The Washington Post*

Tennis

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/tennis/2024/12/05/bosnia-herzegovina-tennis-official-suspended/49659e3a-b32e-11ef-9d23-e5faa22ad216\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/tennis/2024/12/05/bosnia-herzegovina-tennis-official-suspended/49659e3a-b32e-11ef-9d23-e5faa22ad216_story.html)

### Germany

#### Basketball: Jason George Suspended After Crystal Meth Use

Former basketball player Jason George has been suspended for two years and four months after testing positive for banned substances, including methamphetamine, during an April 2023 competition control. Despite no evidence of intentional doping, his suspension runs until August 27, 2025.

Source: 3 December 2024, *Footboom*

Basketball

<https://www.footboom1.com/en/news/basketball/2132354-basketball-jason-george-suspended-after-crystal-meth-use>



### Poland

#### Tennis : "Testée positive à la trimétazidine", la numéro deux mondiale Iga Swiatek suspendue un mois pour dopage

Polish tennis player Iga Swiatek received a one-month ban after testing positive for the heart medication trimetazidine (TMZ), which was found to be present in contaminated melatonin she had taken. The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) determined the violation was not intentional and attributed it to contamination.

Source: 28 November 2024, *La Depeche*

Tennis

<https://www.ladepeche.fr/2024/11/28/tennis-testee-positive-a-la-trimetazidine-la-numero-deux-mondiale-iga-swiatek-suspendue-un-mois-pour-dopage-10969481.php>

### United Kingdom

#### Darts duo banned for charges including match-fixing

The Darts Regulation Authority has banned Leighton Bennett for eight years and Billy Warriner for ten years after finding them guilty of match-fixing, providing inside information, and failing to assist in investigations regarding suspicious betting on four matches in 2023.

Source: 2 December 2024, *BBC Sport*

Darts

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/darts/articles/cm2ln0930rpo>

## DOPING

### India

#### **Bajrang Punia Handed Four-Year Suspension by NADA for Anti-Doping Violation**

Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia has been suspended for four years by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for refusing to provide a sample during a doping test at the March 2024 national selection trials. Despite contesting the suspension and claiming unfair treatment, NADA's Anti-Disciplinary Doping Panel upheld the sanction, barring him from competitive wrestling and coaching opportunities abroad, starting from April 23, 2024.

Source: 26 November 2024, Footboom

<https://www.footboom1.com/en/news/tennis/2106187-bajrang-punia-handed-four-year-suspension-by-nada-for-anti-doping-violation>

## GOOD PRACTICES

### Brazil

#### **Sportradar and Goiás Public Prosecutor's Office join forces to protect sport integrity**

Sportradar has partnered with the Public Ministry of Goiás (MP-GO) to combat match-fixing and ensure the integrity of sports in Brazil by exchanging data and information. This partnership is especially important as Brazil prepares for the regulated sports betting market starting in January 2025, aiming to safeguard clubs and federations while promoting transparency and fairness in sports events.

Source: 28 November 2024, Games Magazine Brazil

<https://www.gamesbras.com/english-version/2024/11/28/sportradar-and-goias-public-prosecutors-office-join-forces-to-protect-sport-integrity-50359.html>

## MATCH FIXING

### Uganda

#### **FUFA bans referee for life over match manipulation**

In Uganda, the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Committee has issued life and lengthy bans to 12 individuals, including referee Ali Kaddu, for involvement in a match-fixing scheme linked to a foreign betting syndicate targeting the 2023/2024 season.

Source: 27 November 2024, The Independent

Football

<https://www.independent.co.ug/fufa-bans-referee-for-life-over-match-manipulation/>

## CORRUPTION

### Global

#### **15 of the biggest sports gambling scandals**

Sports scandals involving gambling and corruption have made headlines globally, with incidents ranging from match-fixing in cricket and football to betting violations in basketball and the NFL. The article examines high-profile cases, which highlight the widespread impact of these controversies on player careers, team reputations, and the integrity of sports.

Source: 26 November 2024, WFMZ

[https://www.wfmz.com/entertainment/coffee-break/15-of-the-biggest-sports-gambling-scandals/collection\\_bf7d8a8d-0c9c-515c-a8c0-2c01b390e507.html#1](https://www.wfmz.com/entertainment/coffee-break/15-of-the-biggest-sports-gambling-scandals/collection_bf7d8a8d-0c9c-515c-a8c0-2c01b390e507.html#1)

### South Africa

#### **Former SA cricketers arrested for 2016 match-fixing saga**

Three former South African cricketers have been arrested by the Hawks for their involvement in a match-fixing scheme during the 2015/2016 Ram Slam T20 Challenge. The arrests follow a long investigation into corruption orchestrated by former Proteas player Gulam Bodi, who was previously convicted, highlighting the ongoing efforts to combat corruption in South African cricket.

Source: 29 November 2024, News24

Cricket

<https://www.news24.com/sport/cricket/proteas/former-sa-cricketers-arrested-for-2016-match-fixing-saga-20241129>

### Sri Lanka

#### **Sri Lanka's Olympic Committee faces ban amid corruption scandal**

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOCSL) risks an IOC ban due to Secretary General Maxwell De Silva's defiance of a suspension for ethical violations, including financial misconduct during the 2016 Rio Olympics and unauthorized actions in subsequent events. This scandal, alongside broader corruption and political interference in Sri Lankan sports, threatens the nation's participation in global athletic competitions and highlights ongoing governance crises across its sporting institutions.

Source: 9 December 2024, Tamil Guardian

<https://www.tamilguardian.com/content/sri-lanka-s-olympic-committee-faces-ban-amid-corruption-scandal>