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## INVESTIGATIONS

### Brazil

#### Bruno Henrique Faces Serious Accusations Amid Match-Fixing Investigation

Brazilian forward Bruno Henrique is facing accusations of match-fixing after a controversial yellow card incident, with his legal team defending him by questioning the role of the referee and the focus on his actions. Despite an initial investigation clearing him of financial gain and concluding the card issuance was within the referee's discretion, the Brazilian Federal Police have indicted him.

Source: 19 April 2025, Footboom

Football

<https://www.footboom1.com/en/news/football/2509898-bruno-henrique-faces-serious-accusations-amid-match-fixing-investigation>

## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### India

#### Ex-India star was approached for match-fixing: BCCI bans former Mumbai T20 League franchise co-owner

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has banned former SoBo Supersonics co-owner Gurmeet Singh Bhamrah for making corrupt approaches to players Dhawal Kulkarni and Bhavin Thakkar during the 2019 Mumbai T20 League. The ban, length unspecified but potentially ranging from five years to life, stems from evidence that Bhamrah used an intermediary to offer money and benefits to Thakkar to fix matches.

Source: 21 April 2025, MSN

Cricket

[Ex-India star was approached for match-fixing: BCCI bans former Mumbai T20 League franchise co-owner](https://www.bcci.co.in/News/Ex-India-star-was-approached-for-match-fixing-BCCI-bans-former-Mumbai-T20-League-franchise-co-owner)

### Liberia

#### Liberia: LFA Suspends Wologizi Coach Benfelix, Four Referees Over Match-Fixing Allegations

The Liberia Football Association (LFA) has suspended Wologizi FC head coach Jasper Benfelix and four referees over allegations of match manipulation, following a controversial message suggesting Benfelix would help his former club, Nimba Kwado, avoid relegation. The suspensions are precautionary as investigations continue, with the LFA emphasizing its commitment to integrity and fairness in Liberian football.

Source: 18 April 2025, All Africa

Football

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202504180299.html>

### Tunisia

#### Olympic swimming champ Ahmed Hafnaoui given 21-month ban

Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Ahmed Hafnaoui has been suspended for 21 months due to three whereabouts failures, resulting in the disqualification of his results since April 11, 2024, and ruling him out of competition until January 10, 2026.

Source: 18 April 2025, ESPN

Swimming

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&channel=entpr&q=Olympic+swimming+champ+Ahmed+Hafnaoui+given+21-month+ban+-+ESPN>

## DOPING

### India

#### Seven Athletes, Three Coaches Suspended in NADA's Anti-Doping Blitz

In a major anti-doping crackdown, Indian athletics coaches Karamveer Singh, Rakesh, and renowned trainer Nagpuri have been penalized, with Nagpuri accused of helping athletes evade testing. Seven athletes also face suspensions for allegedly avoiding doping tests, prompting the Athletics Federation of India to enforce stricter regulations and establish an anti-doping cell to uphold integrity in the sport.

Source: 20 April 2025, Pragativadi

<https://pragativadi.com/seven-athletes-three-coaches-suspended-in-nadas-anti-doping-blitz/>

### Italy

#### Handling of Jannik Sinner's doping case 'harms tennis', says Stan Wawrinka

Stan Wawrinka criticized the handling of Jannik Sinner's doping case, believing it has harmed the sport by raising concerns about unequal rule enforcement and the role of legal strategies in avoiding punishments. He expressed dissatisfaction over the inconsistency of suspensions in tennis, highlighting that some players face harsh penalties for minor offenses while others may escape serious consequences with skilled legal defense.

Source: 27 April 2025, Tennisuptodate

Tennis

<https://tennisuptodate.com/atp/handling-of-jannik-sinners-doping-case-harms-tennis-says-stan-wawrinka>

**Rwanda****Why match-fixing and doping must be fought with equal vigour**

The feature article argues that Rwanda's Jean Baptiste Mugiraneza's one-year ban for his involvement in match-fixing has been criticized as too lenient, considering the serious threat match-fixing poses to the integrity of sports.

Source: 25 April 2025, Africa Press

<https://www.africa-press.net/rwanda/all-news/why-match-fixing-and-doping-must-be-fought-with-equal-vigour>

**GOOD PRACTICES****Nigeria****Nigerian Football Federation Takes Tough Stance On Match-Fixing**

The Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) has introduced a strict directive imposing a 10-year ban and potential legal action on any referee found guilty of match-fixing, aiming to restore integrity in the nation's football leagues. This measure, supported by an independent monitoring committee and increased scrutiny, underscores the NFF's commitment to transparency and fairness in critical matches.

Source: 23 April 2025, Footboom

Football

<https://www.footboom1.com/en/news/football/2519877-nigerian-football-federation-takes-tough-stance-on-match-fixing>

**Norway****Norway launches 4-year plan to fight match-fixing in sports**

Norway's gambling regulator, Lottstift, has launched a new four-year strategy (2025–2028) to combat match-fixing by defining clear responsibilities among stakeholders like law enforcement, sports bodies, and betting companies, while promoting data sharing, risk assessment, and public awareness.

Source: 18 April 2025, Yogonet

<https://www.yogonet.com/international/news/2025/04/16/101769-norway-launches-4year-plan-to-fight-matchfixing-in-sports>

**INTEGRITY IN SPORT EVENTS****Saudi Arabia****WADA continues Intelligence & Investigations Capability and Capacity Building Project with second workshop in Asia and Oceania**

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), in collaboration with INTERPOL and the Sport Integrity Commission of New Zealand, held a five-day workshop in Riyadh as part of its expanded Intelligence & Investigations Capability and Capacity Building Project in Asia and Oceania, aimed at enhancing anti-doping efforts through training and cross-border collaboration. Hosted by the Saudi Arabian Anti-Doping Committee and Ministry of Sport, the workshop brought together 42 representatives from 13 countries to share investigative techniques and strengthen ties between National Anti-Doping Organizations and law enforcement agencies across the region.

Source: 17 April 2025, WADA

<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/news/wada-continues-intelligence-investigations-capability-and-capacity-building-project-second>

**MATCH FIXING****Estonia****Six found guilty in football match-fixing ring**

Six men were found guilty by a court in Estonia and Latvia for match-fixing involving football games, with the main organizers orchestrating a cartel for financial gain. The court imposed suspended sentences on the defendants, ranging from one to two and a half years, and emphasized the importance of protecting the integrity of sport and condemning sports-related betting fraud.

Source: 25 April 2025, ERR

Football

<https://news.err.ee/1609673993/six-found-guilty-in-football-match-fixing-ring>

**India****IPL 2025: Rajasthan Royals face match fixing allegations after shocking loss vs LSG**

In India, Rajasthan Royals (RR) are facing match-fixing allegations following their surprising loss to Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in IPL 2025, where they needed just nine runs to win in the final over but lost by two runs. Jaideep Bihani, convener of the Rajasthan Cricket Association's ad hoc committee, has raised concerns about RR's past controversies, calling for an investigation by the BCCI and other agencies.

Source: 23 April 2025, MSN

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/sport/cricket/ipl-2025-rajasthan-royals-face-match-fixing-allegations-after-shocking-loss-vs-lsg/ar-AA1DmpZH>

**India****Match Fixing Threat To IPL 2025? BCCI Issues Huge Warning To Players And Teams**

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has issued a warning to all IPL 2025 stakeholders about a Hyderabad-based businessman allegedly linked to bookies, who has been trying to influence players, coaches, and others through gifts and connections, raising concerns about potential match-fixing.

Source: 16 April 2025, NDTV Sports

Cricket

<https://sports.ndtv.com/ipl-2025/match-fixing-threat-to-ipl-2025-bcci-issues-huge-warning-to-players-and-teams-8178603>

**CORRUPTION****Bangladesh****Anti-corruption officials conduct a raid at the Bangladesh Cricket Board's headquarters in Dhaka, as part of an ongoing investigation into match-fixing allegations in the Bangladesh Premier League**

Anti-corruption officials raided the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) headquarters following concerns over alleged match-fixing during the latest Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) season, with a formal investigation focusing on ten players and four teams. The inquiry, supported by an independent committee, is exploring suspicious match patterns, including no-balls and unusual squad selections.

Source: 17 April 2025, Yahoo! Sports

<https://sports.yahoo.com/article/anti-corruption-officials-conduct-raid-165332511.html>

