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INVESTIGATIONS

Ireland

Man (30s) arrested as part of investigation into attempted bribery of League of Ireland player

In Ireland, a man in his 30s has been arrested and charged as part of an ongoing Garda investigation into the attempted bribery of a League of Ireland football player.

Source: 10 October 2025, *Breaking News*

<https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/man-30s-arrested-as-part-of-investigation-into-attempted-bribery-of-league-of-ireland-player-1819435.html>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Australia

Former Chelsea midfielder pleads guilty to 'yellow-card fixing scam' worth £100,000

Former Chelsea signing and Macarthur FC captain Ulises Dávila has pleaded guilty to orchestrating a yellow-card match-fixing scheme in Australia's A-League, paying teammates to deliberately receive bookings across six matches between 2023 and 2024. The scandal, described as one of the biggest in Australian football history, has led to his contract termination, shaken public trust in the league's integrity, and prompted Football Australia to strengthen its anti-corruption measures ahead of Dávila's December sentencing.

Source: 12 October 2025, *MSN*

Football

<https://www.msn.com/en-in/sports/football/former-chelsea-midfielder-pleads-guilty-to-yellow-card-fixing-scam-worth-100000/ar-AA1OaGbX>

Ireland

MMA : McGregor suspendu 18 mois pour infraction aux règles antidopage, mais disponible pour le combat à la Maison-Blanche

Ireland's Conor McGregor, who hasn't fought since July 2021, has been suspended by the UFC for 18 months due to three "whereabouts failures" in 2024, though he never tested positive for doping. His suspension runs from September 20, 2024, to March 20, 2026, making him eligible to return in time for a planned UFC event at the White House on Donald Trump's birthday, provided he passes future drug tests and regains his form.

Source: 7 October 2025, *Le Parisien*

Mixed Martial Arts

<https://www.leparisien.fr/sports/mma/mma-mcgregor-suspendu-18-mois-pour-infraction-aux-regles-antidopage-mais-disponible-pour-le-combat-a-la-maison-blanche-07-10-2025-O3JZDBHCOJB37MZNSLGZ4AQB4.php>

Sweden

Five Swedish players handed bans for cheating, matchfixing in multiple leagues across Europe

In Sweden, five Svenska Elitserien players have been banned for using cheats and engaging in match-fixing across multiple online leagues, with two receiving lifetime bans and three suspended for one year. The investigation, supported by physical evidence and player confessions, has led to wider repercussions across Europe as anti-cheat organizations extend bans and expose further cases of corruption.

Source: 11 October 2025, *DUST2*

<https://www.dust2.us/news/66592/five-swedish-players-handed-bans-for-cheating-matchfixing-in-multiple-leagues-across-europe>

UEFA

UEFA Has Banned Two Clubs from Europe for FFP Rules Amid Juventus Breach

UEFA has banned two clubs from European competition for financial rule breaches, while Juventus confirmed they are under investigation for potential violations of the "Football Earning Rule" covering the 2022–2025 seasons. Despite currently meeting spending ratio requirements, Juventus could face financial penalties or player registration limits, echoing their 2023 ban and fine for previous financial misconduct.

Source: 17 October 2025, *Sport Bible*

Football

<https://www.sportbible.com/football/football-news/uefa-banned-clubs-juventus-penalty-032965-20251017>

GOOD PRACTICES

Australia

New national task force to target match-fixing across major sporting events

Australia is creating a national task force led by Sport Integrity Australia to safeguard major sporting events from match-fixing through enhanced coordination between law enforcement, regulators, betting agencies, and sports bodies. Focused on prevention and education ahead of events like the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup and the 2032 Brisbane Olympics, the task force aims to strengthen intelligence-sharing and uphold Australia's zero-tolerance stance on sports corruption.

Source: 17 October 2025, *Sport Integrity Australia*

https://www.bing.com/search?q=Sport+Integrity+Australia+Launches+National+Match-Fixing+Task+Force+Ahead+of+2032+Olympics+-+Ministry+of+Sport&cvid=17feceb2e6c8482b8859d82075d2278b&gs_lcrp=EgRIZGdIKgYIABBFdGsyBggAEEUYOzIIICAEQ6QcY_FXSAQo4NDI2MTJqMG00qAIAAsAIA&FORM=ANAB01&PC=U531

Global

New program supports players accused of doping, match-fixing

The International Tennis Integrity Agency has launched a trial program offering players under doping or match-fixing investigation free legal aid, confidential counseling, and up to \$5,000 for testing potentially contaminated products or food. Aimed at reducing the financial and emotional toll of such cases, the initiative follows recent high-profile doping incidents involving top players like Jannik Sinner and Iga Swiatek.

Source: 8 October 2025, ESPN

Tennis

https://www.espn.com/tennis/story/_/id/46529275/new-program-supports-players-accused-doping-match-fixing

ODDS AND ENDS

Russia

Infamous Counter-Strike 2 matchfixer unbanned after informant reduction

Russian player Er Khan “gokushima” Bagynanov has had his match-fixing ban lifted after assisting the Esports Integrity Commission with information that led to multiple other player sanctions.

Source: 10 October 2025, Esports

eSports

<https://www.esports.net/news/counter-strike/gokushima-matchfixer-cs2-unbanned/>

United Kingdom

'Team Sky chucked me under a bus' – Bradley Wiggins on doping allegations

In the U.K., Sir Bradley Wiggins has accused Team Sky of “chucking him under a bus” over unresolved doping allegations linked to the 2011 “jiffy-gate” scandal, which he says tarnished his legacy despite never being proven guilty of wrongdoing. In his new book *The Chain*, Wiggins also opens up about his past cocaine addiction, recovery through Narcotics Anonymous, and personal struggles—including childhood abuse and homelessness—while rebuilding his life and career.

Source: 12 October 2025, Cycling Weekly

Cycling

<https://www.cyclingweekly.com/racing/team-sky-chucked-me-under-a-bus-bradley-wiggins-on-doping-allegations>

United States

Ryan Blaney Shatters Silence on NASCAR Manipulation Scandal: The Truth Behind Controversial Race Tactics!

NASCAR is facing intense scrutiny after a controversial incident at the Charlotte Roval, where Alex Bowman’s actions reignited debates over team orders and manufacturer influence in race outcomes. Ryan Blaney criticized the growing manipulation in the sport, calling for a return to pure competition while maintaining his own focus on racing performance rather than playoff standings as he pursues the Cup Series championship.

Source: 12 October 2025, Motorcycle Sports

Racing

<https://motorcyclesports.net/motorsports/ryan-blaney-shatters-silence-on-nascar-manipulation-scandal-the-truth-behind-controversial-race-tactics/>

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Global

IOC tackles corruption in sports

The 5th International Forum for Sports Integrity will be held on 24 October in Lausanne, Switzerland, bringing together sports, government, and gambling experts to address evolving challenges to sports integrity and promote cross-sector collaboration. The forum will focus on governance, competition integrity, safeguarding, and the role of emerging technologies, culminating in the adoption of a Universal Declaration on Sports Integrity.

Source: 15 October 2025, Inside the Games

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1155369/ioc-tackles-corruption-in-sports>

MATCH FIXING

Argentina

Fifteen charged in Argentina over alleged match-fixing and betting fraud

In Argentina, fifteen people connected to Atenas de Río Cuarto, including players, club officials, and a provincial sports agency employee, have been charged in Córdoba for allegedly manipulating a match for betting profits estimated at AR\$5 million. The case, which began after suspicious betting activity during a 3–0 loss to Juventud Unida de San Luis, could set a legal precedent as one of Argentina’s first formal judicial investigations into match-fixing tied to regulated betting platforms.

Source: 8 October 2025, Gaming America

Football

<https://gamingamerica.com/news/14481/fifteen-charged-in-argentina-over-alleged-match-fixing-and-betting-fraud>

New Zealand**Banned Kiwi cricketer warns of toll of match-fixing**

Former New Zealand cricketer Lou Vincent, banned for life over global match-fixing, warns that any live-streamed sport—even amateur levels—is vulnerable to corruption and emphasizes the importance of educating young athletes about the risks. Having rebuilt his life after publicly admitting his involvement, Vincent now uses his experience to prevent others from falling into the same “dark underworld” that destroyed his career.

Source: 12 October 2025, 1News

Cricket

<https://www.1news.co.nz/2025/10/12/banned-kiwi-cricketer-warns-of-toll-of-match-fixing/>



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