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INVESTIGATIONS

Brazil

Congreso brasileño abre pesquisa sobre escándalo por supuesto amaño de partidos

The lower house of Brazil's Congress opened an investigation on Wednesday into a football match-fixing scandal that has rocked the sport in the South American country. It is the third search for evidence of wrongdoing by footballers who would have made sure to receive yellow cards or commit criminal offenses in exchange for bribes. The investigation by Congress will last at least 120 days and will hear testimonies from players, executives of gambling companies, and club leaders. Brazilian federal police and Goiás state district attorney have been involved in the case.

Source: 23 May 2023, AP News

Football

<https://apnews.com/article/deportes-ffac2014ca68ab5b6d6b5bc9d49d769d>

France and Russia

Sizikova cleared of match fixing, to take part in French Open - lawyer

A Russian player that was part of a French prosecution for manipulating tennis matches has been cleared after the case was closed, as convincing facts related to the allegations could not be established.

Source: 25 May 2023, Reuters

Tennis

<https://www.reuters.com/sports/tennis/sizikova-cleared-match-fixing-take-part-french-open-lawyer-2023-05-25/>

Hong Kong

Hong Kong anti-corruption agency arrests 23 people including 11 footballers, coach as part of match-fixing probe

Hong Kong's anti-corruption agency has arrested 23 people including a coach and 11 players from one football team in its biggest crackdown on match-fixing in recent years, with matches in Hong Kong's first league 2022 - 2023 season manipulated.

Source: 17 May 2023, South China Morning Post

Football

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3220737/hong-kong-anti-graft-agency-arrests-23-people-including-11-footballers-part-match-fixing-probe?module=inline&pgtype=article>

Iraq

Iraqi Football Federation Investigates 46 Players in Suspected Manipulation of Match Result

The Iraqi Soccer Federation announced that it has summoned 46 players for questioning in connection with the final match of the Premier League, which was held in al-Myna' with Masafi al-Wasat in the last round of the first division. The match ended with al-Minaa winning 3-0 against al-Masafi and qualifying for the Premier League. Earlier, the Competition Committee confirmed that investigations are underway into suspected tampering with the results of the crucial matches.

Source: 18 May 2023, Slaati

Football

Italy

Serie B: Perugia-Benevento howler investigated for potential match-fixing

In Italy, the prosecuting office has initiated an investigation into an end of season game in the Serie B for alleged manipulation for sporting reasons, with one team allegedly underperforming in order for the opponent to win and avoid relegation.

Source: 26 May 2023, Football Italia

Football

<https://football-italia.net/serie-b-perugia-benevento-howler-investigated-for-potential-match-fixing/>

Kosovo

Kosovan FA probes match-fixing allegation in women's championship

In Kosovo, the national football federations has launched an investigation into allegations of match-fixing from the women's football championship following a leaked audio recording.

Source: 19 May 2023, Inside World Football

Football

<https://www.insideworldfootball.com/2023/05/19/kosovan-fa-probes-match-fixing-allegation-womens-championship/>

Spain

Spain police to investigate match-fixing allegations

In Spain, the National Police have opened an investigation into match-fixing after the country's gambling regulator detected possible violations.

Source: 17 May 2023, igaming business

<https://igamingbusiness.com/legal-compliance/spain-police-to-investigate-match-fixing-allegations/>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Antigua & Barbuda

West Indies' Thomas suspended for alleged match fixing

The International Cricket Council has charged a cricket player from Antigua and Barbuda for violating seven counts of the Anti-Corruption code, for alleged involvement in match-fixing.

Source: 24 May 2023, Reuters

Cricket

<https://www.reuters.com/sports/cricket/west-indies-thomas-suspended-alleged-match-fixing-2023-05-23/>

Bolivia

Bolivian tennis official banned for six years

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) has banned a tennis chair umpire from Bolivia from the sport for six years following multiple breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP).

Source: 25 May 2023, International Tennis Integrity Agency

Tennis

<https://www.itia.tennis/news/sanctions/heriberto-morales-churata-banned/>

India

Umpire Jatin Kashyap charged under ICC anti-corruption code

The International Cricket Council has charged a cricket player from India, for failing to cooperate with an investigation in relation to corruption.

Source: 22 May 2023, Indian Express

Cricket

<https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/cricket/umpire-jatin-kashyap-charged-under-icc-anti-corruption-code-8622681/>

Serbia

Serbian FA sanctions FC Kolubara with 9 point deduction for match-fixing

The Serbian Football Association has sanctioned three teams for manipulating football matches. Acting on the basis of UEFA reports, one team received a nine point deduction while two other teams received substantive fines.

Source: 24 May 2023, Inside World Football

Football

<https://www.insideworldfootball.com/2023/05/24/serbian-fa-sanctions-fc-kolubara-9-point-deduction-match-fixing/>

Singapore

Valorant Match-Fixing Scandal: Singaporean Player Jailed For Four Months

In Singapore, an e-sports player was sentenced to four months in jail while a fellow player received six months of reformative. The pair had deliberately lost matches to win money on gambling markets and fuel their gambling habits.

Source: 27 May 2023, AFK Gaming

eSports

<https://afkgaming.com/esports/news/valorant-match-fixing-scandal-singaporean-player-jailed-for-four-months>

United Kingdom

Ivan Toney gambling suspension: Brentford striker banned until January, admits to 232 betting rules violations

In the United Kingdom, a player from a Premier League club has been fined and suspended of all football-related activities for eight months for violating betting rules and regulations.

Source: 17 May 2023, CBS Sport

Football

<https://www.cbssports.com/soccer/news/ivan-toney-gambling-suspension-brentford-striker-banned-until-january-admits-to-232-betting-rules-violations/>

BETTING

India

India finds €500,000 in money laundering involving Malta iGaming companies

In India, law enforcement has started a crackdown on a money laundering ring through unlicensed online gambling operators in the country, suspected of facilitating money laundering and the outflow of money out of the country.

Source: 26 May 2023, The Shift

<https://theshiftnews.com/2023/05/26/india-finds-e500000-in-money-laundering-involving-malta-igaming-companies/>

ODDS AND ENDS

China

A Game of Two halves – Corruption in Football in China

A feature article details the ongoing crackdown on corruption in football in China - namely, the role of the government and involvement of betting companies.

Source: 20 May 2023, The Asian Crime Century

<https://asiacrimecentury.substack.com/p/a-game-of-two-halves-corruption-in>

United States**Man charged with hacking 60,000 DraftKings accounts**

In the United States, a man has been charged by a court in New York for allegedly hacking a betting company, in which nearly 60 000 accounts were implicated.

Source: 19 May 2023, *iGB North America*

<https://www.igbnorthamerica.com/man-charged-with-hacking-60000-draftkings-accounts/>

MATCH FIXING**Brazil****Match-fixing: Player involved is suspended for 720 days**

In Brazil, a football player was fined and suspended for his involvement in a match-fixing scheme.

Source: 23 May 2023, *iGaming Brazil*

<https://igamingbrazil.com/en/sports-betting-en/2023/05/23/match-fixing-player-involved-is-suspended-for-720-days/>

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