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## INVESTIGATIONS

### Brazil

#### **Brazilian club Flamengo voices support for winger Bruno Henrique amid match-fixing investigation**

A Brazilian soccer club expressed full support for winger Bruno Henrique amid a match-fixing investigation involving suspicious bets predicting his yellow card in a past match, with federal police visiting the club's training ground but not confirming him as a target. Henrique, a key player for Flamengo, will continue playing as usual, while similar sports betting scandals have implicated other Brazilian players recently.

Source: 5 November 2024, AP News

Football

<https://apnews.com/article/bruno-henrique-flamengo-match-fixing-db19d6260488af0992b8d09f849ede6d>

### United States

#### **Second gambler admits trying to cash in on scheme involving ex-NBA player Jontay Porter**

Mahmud Mollah pleaded guilty to his role in a sports betting scheme that led to the end of NBA player Jontay Porter's career, where Porter deliberately withdrew early from games to manipulate betting outcomes.

Source: 30 October 2024, AP News

Basketball

<https://apnews.com/article/nba-jontay-porter-betting-case-mollah-bc9fbf3b30b57a347878560caf6100a2>

## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### India

#### **In Mizoram, 24 footballers, 3 clubs banned for match fixing in local league**

In India, the Mizoram Football Association (MFA) issued bans to three clubs, three officials, and 24 players for match manipulation in the Mizoram Premier League, with top scorer Felix Lalruatsanga among those penalized.

Source: 4 November 2024, The Indian Express

Football

<https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/football/mizoram-football-match-fixing-footballers-banned-league-9653362/>

## LEGISLATION

### Uzbekistan

#### **Criminal liability for match fixing introduced in Uzbekistan**

Uzbekistan's President signed amendments to the Criminal Code on November 4, targeting corruption in sports by introducing penalties for athletes, coaches, and organizers involved in bribery or accepting material benefits to influence competition outcomes.

Source: 7 November 2024, Gazeta

<https://www.gazeta.uz/en/2024/11/07/sport/>



## DOPING

### France

#### **Son of ex-global athletics chief Diack to face new trial**

France's highest court has ordered a re-trial for the son of former IAAF head, who was convicted in 2020 for concealing Russian doping cases in exchange for sponsorship deals. Diack was found guilty of embezzling 15 million euros and enabling Russian athletes to compete despite doping, while World Athletics seeks 41.2 million euros in damages.

Source: 6 November 2024, Yahoo! Sport

[https://uk.sports.yahoo.com/news/son-ex-global-athletics-chief-151324347.html?guccounter=1&guce\\_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce\\_referrer\\_sig=AQAAAGdoZXIs-aSEz6adGjL13dzXia2lyGteDZ00\\_riTpTn2owzA9ooKL-lxB-6aQda9\\_wTqBVYT9JDVEIDExYB9ymYqF9TXjQfrWpbJUi9PLrZR4Ios2FkoiRVgidNIKv-l2aWcx-1Nv61Ri9bMb9ptMaO66GktbWgXwYJWt1-opoJV&utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://uk.sports.yahoo.com/news/son-ex-global-athletics-chief-151324347.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAGdoZXIs-aSEz6adGjL13dzXia2lyGteDZ00_riTpTn2owzA9ooKL-lxB-6aQda9_wTqBVYT9JDVEIDExYB9ymYqF9TXjQfrWpbJUi9PLrZR4Ios2FkoiRVgidNIKv-l2aWcx-1Nv61Ri9bMb9ptMaO66GktbWgXwYJWt1-opoJV&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

### Japan

#### **'Unusually Embarrassing': Track and Field Community Outraged as 26-Year-Old Race Walker Receives Doping Suspension**

Japanese racewalker Koki Ikeda has been provisionally banned from competition due to suspected blood doping, following irregularities in his biological passport, despite his success, including a silver medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. While the investigation is ongoing, social media reactions have been critical, with many fans mocking the sport of racewalking and Ikeda's alleged doping, despite the sport's own challenges and endurance demands.

Source: 3 November 2024, Essentially Sports

<https://www.essentiallysports.com/us-sports-news-olympics-news-track-and-field-news-unusually-embarrassing-track-and-field-community-outraged-as-twenty-six-year-old-race-walker-receives-doping-suspension/>

## GOOD PRACTICES

### Brazil

#### Lottopar and Paraná Football Federation close agreement for sporting integrity

In Brazil, the Paraná State Lotteries (Lottopar) and the Paraná Football Federation (FPF) have signed a cooperation agreement focused on promoting sports integrity and responsible betting practices. The agreement, which includes training and awareness activities for athletes and officials but no financial exchanges, aims to prevent match-fixing and educate on the consequences of regulatory non-compliance.

Source: 5 November 2024, iGaming Brazil

Football

<https://igamingbrazil.com/en/sports-betting-en/2024/11/05/lottopar-and-parana-football-federation-close-agreement-for-sporting-integrity/>

## ODDS AND ENDS

### China

#### Zhao Xintong to make professional snooker return after Chinese match-fixing scandal

In China, Zhao Xintong is set to compete in the UK Championship qualifiers this month, marking his return to professional snooker after serving a 20-month ban related to a match-fixing scandal involving multiple Chinese players.

Source: 5 November 2024, Independent

Snooker

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/snooker/zhao-xintong-uk-championship-match-fixing-china-b2641735.html>

### Global

#### 3Substitute: the case for the external reform of FIFA

A new report from FairSquare highlights structural flaws within FIFA that have led to severe social harms, including human rights abuses, and prevented the organization from self-regulating effectively. The report calls for external reform, possibly through EU regulation, as FIFA's internal patronage system and lack of transparency have undermined previous reform efforts and enabled ongoing governance failures.

Source: 30 October 2024, FairSquare

Football

<https://fairsq.org/substitute-report/>

### Global

#### IFHA Council on Anti-Illegal Betting & Related Crime

The International Federation of Horseracing Authorities Council on Anti-Illegal Betting & Related Crime published its Quarterly 2024 Bulletin. The articles provide context and analysis, including a contribution from INTERPOL's Financial Crime and Anti-Corruption Centre.

Source: 11 November 2024, International Federation of Horseracing Authorities

<https://asianracing.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ffa541835f711c92cb4299e63&id=476257ff72&e=0a2c2b6920>

### United Kingdom

#### Nottingham Forest owner Marinakis' court case starts in London

Evangelos Marinakis, owner of Nottingham Forest, is suing Greek Super League club chair Irimi Karipidis in London for alleged libel, accusing her of spreading false claims that he engaged in match-fixing, drug smuggling, and sanction violations.

Source: 1 November 2024, Ekathimerini

<https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.ekathimerini.com/sports/1252408/nottingham-forest-marinakis-court-case-starts-in-london/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTI3NjQ2OTMxNzQxNjc3NDk5MDUyGjBIMDQ0MGlxNDE2MDUxMDQ6Y29tOmVuOjVt&usg=AOvVaw2kFcMa7JzqafZ4JuhxcS2c>

## MATCH FIXING

### Greece

#### Marinakis' defamation case: Defendant alleges match-fixing, vendettas and threats to family

Irimi Karipidis, CEO of Greek football club Aris Thessaloniki, argued in London's High Court to dismiss a libel case brought by Evangelos Marinakis, owner of Nottingham Forest and Greek club Olympiacos, countering with allegations of Marinakis's criminal involvement in match-fixing, bribery, and intimidation.

Source: 1 November 2024, The Athletic

<https://www.nytimes.com/athletic/5888132/2024/11/01/marinakis-defamation-case-match-fixing-threats/>

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