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## INVESTIGATIONS

### China

#### China's shocking football match-fixing scandal revealed

A recent investigation has revealed 17 match-fixing incidents in Chinese football from 2016 to 2022, with Shandong Taishan being the most notable club involved, having four matches implicated. The scandal has shocked fans and highlighted widespread corruption within the sport, with players and officials manipulating scores, leading to calls for stronger reforms and increased oversight in Chinese football.

Source: 24 March 2025, Vietnam.vn

Football

<https://www.vietnam.vn/en/be-boi-ban-do-chan-dong-bong-da-trung-quoc-duoc-tiet-lo>

### United States

#### Shaquille O'Neal reiterates demand for investigation into David Robinson's 71-point game

In the U.S., Shaquille O'Neal and David Robinson's rivalry intensified over the controversial 1994 NBA scoring title, where Robinson's 71-point game on the final day of the season surpassed Shaq's performance, sparking Shaq's belief that the game had been manipulated. Years later, Dominique Wilkins revealed that the Clippers' coach was instructed to ensure Robinson's victory, validating Shaq's suspicions and leading to discussions about possible game tampering.

Source: 12 March 2025, Marca

Basketball

<https://www.marca.com/en/basketball/nba/orlando-magic/2025/03/12/67d1e693e2704ed0a38b45d2.html>

## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### Burundi

#### Six players and one official suspended in Burundi Writer: Omna Taddele Omna Taddele Mar 131 min read

The Burundi Football Federation has banned six players and one official from Deira FC and Inter Star for five years for match-fixing, including manipulating results for betting companies, and fined them 10,000,000 Burundi Franc to avoid further suspension.

Source: 13 March 2025, Pan Africa Football

<https://www.panafricafootball.com/post/six-players-and-one-official-suspended-in-burundi>

### International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA)

#### ITIA issues two suspensions in 48 hours

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) has sanctioned Dominican official Juan Gabriel Castro and tennis player Tsao Chia-yi for serious integrity and doping violations. Castro was suspended for six years for manipulating match scores, while Tsao voluntarily accepted a provisional suspension after testing positive for methylephedrine, a banned substance, highlighting the ITIA's strong stance on maintaining integrity and anti-doping standards in tennis.

Source: 17 March 2025, Inside the Games

Tennis

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1152367/itia-issues-two-suspensions-in-48-hours>

### Kenya

#### Kibiwott Kandie banned for failing to give doping sample

In Kenya, former half-marathon world record holder Kibiwott Kandie has been suspended and charged with failing to provide a doping sample, with the Athletics Integrity Unit launching an investigation into the matter.

Source: 14 March 2025, ESPN

[https://www.espn.com/olympics/trackandfield/story/\\_/id/44250794/marathoner-kibiwott-kandie-banned-failing-give-doping-sample](https://www.espn.com/olympics/trackandfield/story/_/id/44250794/marathoner-kibiwott-kandie-banned-failing-give-doping-sample)

### Norway

#### Cheating scandal shocks ski jumping, topples Olympic champions

A cheating scandal has rocked Norwegian ski jumping after officials manipulated athletes' ski suits to improve aerodynamics, leading to the disqualification of Olympic gold medalists Marius Lindvik and Johann André Forfang. The scandal, revealed by secret footage, involved altering pre-approved ski suits to increase size and enhance flight distance, resulting in suspensions for the head coach and equipment manager, and raising questions about the integrity of the sport.

Source: 12 March 2025, ABC News

Skiing

<https://abcnews.go.com/Sports/wireStory/cheating-scandal-shocks-ski-jumping-topples-olympic-champions-119708627>

## Norway

### Prostituées, montres de luxe, voyages de chasse... Un ancien dirigeant du biathlon suspendu à vie de toutes fonctions dans le sport

Norwegian national Anders Besseberg, former president of the International Biathlon Union (IBU), has been banned for life from all sports-related roles following his conviction for aggravated corruption in Norway. The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) found that Besseberg engaged in unethical behavior, including accepting expensive gifts and overlooking doping practices, particularly concerning Russian athletes.

Source: 14 March 2025, *La Dépêche*

<https://www.ladepeche.fr/2025/03/14/prostituees-montres-de-luxe-voyages-de-chasse-un-ancien-dirigeant-du-biathlon-suspendu-a-vie-de-toutes-fonctions-dans-le-sport-12570950.php>

## United Kingdom

### Eight-year ban for darts player following match-fixing investigation

In the U.K., darts player Prakash Jiwa has been banned from all Darts Regulation Authority events for eight years after being found guilty of match-fixing and betting on darts, and must also pay £17,741.46 in costs, with the option to appeal by March 2025.

Source: 14 March 2025, *Gambling Commission*

<https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/news/article/eight-year-ban-for-darts-player-following-match-fixing-investigation>

## United Kingdom

### Four table tennis players suspended for match-fixing

Muhazi United has suspended assistant coach Jean Baptiste 'Miggy' Mugiraneza indefinitely pending an investigation into his involvement in an alleged match-fixing scandal, after a leaked audio recording surfaced where he allegedly asked a Musanze FC player to help his team lose a match. The player rejected the offer and reported the incident, leading to Mugiraneza's suspension as the club continues its investigation.

Source: 19 March 2025, *Gambling Commission*

<https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/news/article/four-table-tennis-players-suspended-for-match-fixing>

## GOOD PRACTICES

### Brazil

#### Brazil Senate to review sports betting & corruption laws

The Integrity Commission, led by Senators Romário and Jorge Kajuru, is set to propose measures to combat fraud and manipulation in Brazil's sports betting market, including harsher penalties for match-fixing and a ban on "micro-betting." Other proposals aim to increase transparency, accountability, and monitoring of betting activities, with a public blacklist of offenders and a permanent Federal Police unit dedicated to investigating suspicious betting.

Source: 18 March 2025, *AffPapa*

<https://affpapa.com/brazil-senate-to-review-sports-betting-corruption-laws/>

### India

#### Haryana Bill proposes 5 yrs in jail for match fixing, betting in polls

In India, the Haryana government introduced a Bill in the Vidhan Sabha proposing a jail term of up to five years for match-fixing and spot-fixing in sports, along with fines and increased penalties for repeat offenders. The Bill also aims to regulate public gambling, enhance enforcement powers, and address outdated gambling laws, with stricter punishments for organizers and participants in illegal gambling activities.

Source: 19 March 2025, *The Indian Express*

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/haryana-bill-proposes-jail-match-fixing-betting-polls-9894073/>

## ODDS AND ENDS

### United States

#### World champion Shields' doping suspension lifted

In the U.S., three-weight undisputed world champion Claressa Shields had her doping suspension lifted after providing evidence to the Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission, although further sanctions could still be imposed, including a fine or her victory being overturned. Shields denied using marijuana, stating the tests only showed trace amounts.

Source: 15 March 2025, *BBC Sport*

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/boxing/articles/cvgd30nqv6zo>

## MATCH FIXING

### India

#### **KKR Accused Of Match-Fixing Against RCB In IPL 2025: Fact Check**

Ahead of the IPL 2025's opening match between KKR and RCB, accusations of match-fixing surfaced when a graphic prematurely displayed that KKR had won the toss, sparking anger among fans who believed the BCCI was favoring KKR. However, this error was due to a routine graphic test by the broadcasting team, and such tests are regularly conducted before matches to avoid mistakes during live broadcasts.

Source: 22 March 2025, *OneCricket*

<https://cricket.one/cricket-news/kkr-accused-of-match-fixing-against-rcb-in-ipl-2025-fact-check/67deb5049724cd66d53809f2>

### United Kingdom

#### **Lucas Paquetá faces 'biggest game of life' as spot-fixing trial gets under way**

In the U.K., a West Ham midfielder, is facing serious allegations of spot-fixing related to intentionally receiving yellow cards to influence betting markets, which could result in a life ban if proven guilty. Despite the charges, Paquetá denies any wrongdoing and has fully cooperated with the investigation, with his defense arguing that the betting patterns are circumstantial and tied to his history of disciplinary issues.

Source: 17 March 2025, *The Guardian*

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2025/mar/17/lucas-paqueta-faces-biggest-game-of-life-as-spot-fixing-trial-gets-under-way>

## CORRUPTION

### Spain

#### **Former FC Barcelona presidents to testify on Negreira referee corruption case**

In Spain, former FC Barcelona presidents will testify in June regarding the alleged €7.5 million payments made to the former vice president of the Technical Committee of Referees, in a sports corruption case. The payments are being investigated for potentially influencing referee decisions, and both former presidents face charges of corruption in connection with these actions.

Source: 12 March 2025, *CatalanNews*

Football

<https://www.catalannews.com/society-science/item/fc-barcelona-sandro-rosell-josep-maria-bartomeu-testify-negreira-referee-corruption-12-march-2025>

