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## INVESTIGATIONS

### Rwanda

#### Rwanda club investigates match-fixing allegations

Rwandan football club Muhazi United has launched an internal investigation after assistant coach Jean Baptiste “Miggy” Mugiraneza was allegedly caught on tape attempting to fix a match by bribing a defender to concede a game in exchange for a future contract. The case has been escalated to the Rwandese Football Federation (FERWFA), with potential penalties including long-term suspensions and criminal prosecution under national law.

Source: 8 May 2025, Focus Africa

Football

<https://focusgn.com/africa/rwanda-club-investigates-match-fixing-allegations>

## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### Brazil

#### South America's fastest marathoner banned five years for doping

Brazilian marathoner, Daniel do Nascimento, has been banned for five years after testing positive for three steroids just one month before the Paris Olympics. His ban will also prevent him from competing in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, with the suspension set to end in July 2029.

Source: 7 May 2025, ESPN

Marathon

[https://www.espn.com/olympics/trackandfield/story/\\_/id/45039916/south-america-fastest-marathoner-banned-five-years-doping](https://www.espn.com/olympics/trackandfield/story/_/id/45039916/south-america-fastest-marathoner-banned-five-years-doping)

### ITIA

#### Three tennis players banned and fined over plots to fix matches

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) has suspended and fined three players—Anapat Timangkul, Alexandra Lordache, and Wang Chukang—for match-fixing violations under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program. Timangkul received the harshest penalty with a 45-month ban and a £22,600 fine for fixing five matches, while Lordache and Wang were penalized for lesser offenses, including soliciting and attempting to destroy evidence.

Source: 3 May 2025, Express

Tennis

<https://www.express.co.uk/sport/tennis/2050170/Tennis-players-ban-match-fixing>

### Kenya

#### Sanctions of the FIFA Disciplinary Commission against clubs involved in manipulation of matches: severely relegated clubs

The FIFA disciplinary committee has sanctioned Muhoroni Youth FC and Phu Tho FC for match manipulation, excluding both clubs' first teams from their respective leagues and relegating them to lower divisions for the upcoming season. FIFA has also emphasized the importance of preventing match manipulation and provided a secure reporting system for any integrity-related concerns in football.

Source: 5 May 2025, Hibapress

Football

<https://en.hibapress.com/61541.html>

### Mexico

#### Player in Mexican women's pro league banned for six years in match-fixing probe

In Mexico, a player from the women's soccer team Mazatlan has been banned for six years following an investigation into match-fixing during the Clausura competition, with the case also referred to FIFA.

Source: 30 April 2025, Yahoo! Sports

Football

<https://ca.sports.yahoo.com/news/player-mexican-womens-pro-league-211842137.html>

### United States

#### Ryan Garcia suspendu un an par la NYSAC, avec confiscation de toute sa bourse du combat contre Devin Haney

In the U.S., Ryan Garcia has been suspended for one year by the New York State Athletic Commission (NYSAC) after testing positive for Ostarine following his April 2024 fight with Devin Haney. His fight result was changed to "no contest," and he lost his \$1.1 million purse, with additional penalties including a \$10,000 fine and suspension until April 2025.

Source: 6 May 2025, La Bible de la Boxe

Boxing

<https://ringmagazine.com/fr/news/ryan-garcia-suspendu-un-an-par-la-nysac-avec-confiscation-de-toute-sa-bourse-du-combat-contre-devin-haney-2>

## DOPING

### Global

#### **Nadal Scandal: Doping Expert Exempts Rafael Nadal, Stirring Controversy in Tennis Integrity**

Doping expert Dr. Jean-Pierre De Mondenard has made explosive allegations, implicating top tennis players like Rafael Nadal, Iga Swiatek, and Jannik Sinner in doping scandals, criticizing the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) for its inconsistent sanctions.

Source: 4 May 2025, *Msports*

<https://motorcyclesports.net/nadal-scandal-doping-expert-exempts-rafael-nadal-stirring-controversy-in-tennis-integrity/>

### Italy

#### **Goro, dalla morte di Elia Ricci alla chat Telegram del doping**

A raid in Goro uncovered an illegal network distributing anabolic steroids used in bodybuilding, including substances linked to the death of Elia Ricci, a 26-year-old fisherman. Investigations revealed the involvement of 11 individuals in a doping ring, with Ricci's potential use of anabolic steroids considered as a factor in his sudden death.

Source: 5 May 2025, *Ferrara*

[https://www.lanuovaferrara.it/ferrara/cronaca/2025/05/06/news/goro-dalla-morte-di-elia-ricci-alla-chat-telegram-del-doping-1.100701732?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.lanuovaferrara.it/ferrara/cronaca/2025/05/06/news/goro-dalla-morte-di-elia-ricci-alla-chat-telegram-del-doping-1.100701732?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

### Kenya

#### **Indian national arrested with doping drugs in Iten**

In Kenya, authorities seized a large consignment of performance-enhancing drugs, including human growth hormone (HGH), meldonium, and mannitol, during a joint operation by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK).

Source: 6 May 2025, *Citizen Digital*

<https://www.citizen.digital/sports/indian-national-arrested-with-doping-drugs-in-iten-n362240>

## ODDS AND ENDS

### United States

#### **NBA becomes second US sports league to petition CFTC over prediction markets**

In the U.S., the NBA has expressed concerns to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) about the integrity risks posed by sports prediction markets, which allow users to trade contracts based on sports outcomes. The league is particularly worried about the rapid expansion of these markets, especially player proposition bets, which could lead to scandals similar to those seen with NBA players involved in suspicious betting activity.

Source: 2 May 2025, *iGaming Business*

Basketball

<https://igamingbusiness.com/legal-compliance/regulation/nba-cftc-prediction-markets/>

## MATCH FIXING

### Kenya

#### **FIFA orders Kenyan club relegation for match fixing**

FIFA has relegated Muhoroni Youth FC to the third-tier Division One League for match manipulation, marking another scandal in Kenya's football history, which has long struggled with match-fixing. The Football Kenya Federation has supported FIFA's decision and reiterated its zero-tolerance stance on corruption, following previous suspensions and bans of players and officials involved in similar offenses.

Source: 2 May 2025, *Punch*

Football

<https://punchng.com/fifa-orders-kenyan-club-relegation-for-match-fixing/>

### Spain

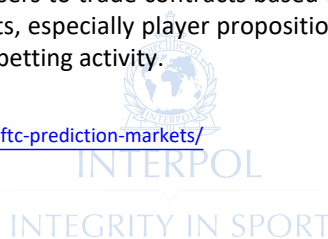
#### **Barcelona star urges UEFA to 'look' at CL semi-final referee with corruption hinted in shock interview**

Barcelona midfielder Pedri and manager Hansi Flick criticized referee Szymon Marciniak following their dramatic Champions League semi-final loss to Inter Milan, urging UEFA to review his performance due to several controversial decisions. Pedri highlighted a denied penalty and questionable calls that he believes unfairly favored Inter, contributing to their 7-6 aggregate defeat.

Source: 7 May 2025, *Football365*

Football

<https://www.football365.com/news/barcelona-star-uefa-investigation-cl-semi-final-referee-inter-corruption-hinted-shock-interview>



**Vietnam****Vietnamese football hit again by match-fixing scandal**

In Vietnam, Phu Tho FC has been relegated by FIFA to the Third Division for match-fixing, highlighting persistent corruption issues that continue to undermine the integrity of Vietnamese football. Despite a history of similar scandals, weak oversight and lenient domestic penalties have allowed such problems to persist, prompting calls for stronger action from the Vietnam Football Federation.

Source: 4 May 2025, *Vietnamnet Global Football*

<https://vietnamnet.vn/en/vietnamese-football-hit-again-by-match-fixing-scandal-2397478.html>

**CORRUPTION****Kenya****Former Sports PS Peter Kaberia summoned over Sh1.5B stadium scandal**

In Kenya, the former Sports Principal Secretary Peter Kaberia has been summoned by the National Assembly Implementation Committee to explain alleged procurement irregularities and delays in stadium projects during his tenure.

Source: 3 May 2025, *The Eastleigh Voice*

<https://eastleighvoice.co.ke/national/145297/former-sports-ps-peter-kaberia-summoned-over-sh15b-stadium-scandal>

**South Africa****Shots fired as Netball SA responds after grilling in parliament**

Netball South Africa (NSA) has responded to a parliamentary inquiry regarding financial irregularities linked to the 2023 Netball World Cup, arguing that the questioning of CEO Modiegi Komane was unfair and discriminatory. Despite facing corruption allegations and the suspension of NSA president Cecilia Molokwane, NSA emphasized its commitment to transparency, adherence to governance rules, and full cooperation with oversight bodies.

Source: 2 May 2025, *Sunday World*

Netball

<https://sundayworld.co.za/sports/more-sports/shots-fired-as-netball-sa-responds-after-grilling-in-parliament/>

