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INVESTIGATIONS

Spain

INTERPOL supports major Spanish match-fixing investigation

An organized crime group committed to fixing games in the Royal Spanish Football Federation and Gibraltar National League has been dismantled by the Spanish National Police. It is estimated that this highly organized network earned more than EUR 500,000 in profits, primarily from Third Division-related activities. Authorities' detained 21 individuals, and six more are being looked into for involvement in organized crime, corruption, and defrauding gambling operators. In addition, they seized two vehicles, mobile phones, computers, and EUR 60,000 in cash.

Source: 29 June 2022, INTERPOL

<https://www.interpol.int/fr/Actualites-et-evenements/Actualites/2022/INTERPOL-supports-major-Spanish-match-fixing-investigation>

Spain

LaLiga detects suspicions of fixing only in 13 of 7,809 monitored matches

As reported by this body at the end of the football exercise, only 13 of the 7,809 LaLiga matches monitored this season have been identified by the employer as suspects of tomorrow's result. The figure represents a significant improvement over previous seasons. Without going any further, the number of 'suspicious' matches in the 2017-18 academic year was triple that of the current one, 39. These 13 shocks account for less than 0.16 percent of the total.

Source: 22 June 2022, Sportsfinding

Football

<https://sportsfinding.com/laliga-detects-suspicious-of-fixing-only-in-13-of-7809-monitored-matches/154619/>

Sri Lanka

SPIU probing match fixing allegations involving foreigner

In Sri Lanka, the head of the Sports Ministry's Special Police Investigation Unit (SPIU), said they have launched an investigation into match fixing allegations ahead of the first Test between Sri Lanka and Australia at the Galle International Cricket Stadium. It was triggered by a foreign individual looking for inside information and pitch condition. Meanwhile, a senior SLC official stated that they have their own Anti-Corruption Unit and that they are also very serious about these types of issues and very concerned about the local and foreign spectators during the match.

Source: 28 June 2022, Daily News Sri Lanka

Cricket

<https://www.dailynews.lk/2022/06/29/sports/281925/spiu-probing-match-fixing-allegations-involving-foreigner>

BETTING

Betting Data

Catfishing the sports betting data suppliers

As part of an investigative journalism series, a report concluded that data companies that collect and sell information from sports events to gambling operators in order for them to offer bets, do not check to see if these gambling and sports betting operators are legitimate or licensed. In order to find out, the journalists set up an unlicensed, fictitious gambling company and struck deals with different data suppliers.

Source: 29 June 2022, Josimar

<http://josimarfootball.com/catfishing-the-sports-betting-data-suppliers/>

Macao

Macau: Alvin Chau to Face Trial This September, Says Report

According to a recent report, the former CEO of Suncity, a Macau casino junket group, is scheduled to appear in court on September 2 as part of a much anticipated court procedure. Along with the accused, 20 additional suspects are expected to show up in court on charges of money laundering and illegal gambling. Major gaming companies in Macau have severed all ties with junkets since Chau's arrest last year.

Source: 21 June 2022, Gambling News

<https://www.gamblingnews.com/news/macau-alvin-chau-to-face-trial-this-september-says-report/>

DOPING

France

Police seize medicines and electronics in Bahrain Victorious Tour de France raids

Three riders had homes searched in advance of Copenhagen hotel operation Police raids on the Bahrain Victorious cycling team this week resulted in the seizure of medicines and electronics, according to French authorities. On Monday, riders and staff members' homes were searched as part of an international anti-doping operation ahead of their trip to the Tour de France, and Danish police raided the team's hotel in Copenhagen a day before the Tour began on Thursday.

Source: 1 July 2022, Cycling News

Cycling

<https://www.cyclingnews.com/news/police-seize-medicines-and-electronics-in-bahrain-victorious-tour-de-france-raids/>

GOOD PRACTICES

Italy

Gli atleti Sirovich e Cammarelle nominati esperti Uiss dalla Lamorgese

The Italian Platform against competition manipulation has released its annual report, including an overview of suspicious betting activity detected. The platform also nominated two high level athletes as athlete representatives in the platform.

Source: 5 July 2022, Ministero Del Interno

<https://www.interno.gov.it/notizie/atleti-sirovich-e-cammarelle-nominati-esperti-uiss-dalla-lamorgese>

Professional Players Association (Darts)

NEW PPF BETTING INTEGRITY EDUCATION FILM RAISES AWARENESS OF RISKS TO PLAYERS

The Professional Players Federation (PPF) and the Professional Darts Players Association have released a new education film that highlights some of the key risks to players who become involved in match fixing, as well as the serious consequences for both their professional and personal lives. The film features a 22-year-old Dutch darts player, providing an honest and personal testimony. He is currently serving a five-year ban from the sport after being found guilty of match fixing in 2020.

Source: 30 June 2022, Professional Players Federation

Darts

<https://youtu.be/B7tHVXO-W8o>

ODDS AND ENDS

Georgia

The final IntegriSport Next awareness-raising session for law enforcement and the judiciary in Tbilisi, Georgia, was lauded as a pioneering event. The project's closing conference is set for 4 November 2022.

The sixth session of the CSCF-coordinated ERASMUS+ project on investigating and combating sports manipulations, hosted this time by the Georgian Ministry of Culture, Sport, and Youth, marks the end of the project implementation phase.

Source: 1 July 2022, CSCF

<https://cscfsport.com/2022/07/01/awareness-raising-session-georgia/>

UNODC

Crime Gangs Control Some Myanmar, Laos Economic Zones: UN

According to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, organized crime gangs have effectively taken control of a number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) near the borders of China and Thailand, posing a growing threat to the security of countries in Southeast Asia and beyond. Following a panel discussion in Bangkok on June 15, an estimated 240 casinos have been built in 120 SEZs in the Mekong subregion, and some of these areas have become hotspots for serious criminal activity. Gangs running the SEZs were involved in large amounts of illicit drug trafficking, laundering billions through unregulated casinos, and running online gambling for people in neighboring countries via easy-to-access fintech apps and call centers involved in crypto scams, which were often undertaken by people lured into these areas and held against their will, according to a UN official.

Source: 27 June 2022, Asia Financial

<https://www.asiafinancial-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.asiafinancial.com/crime-gangs-control-some-myanmar-laos-economic-zones-un/amp>

United States

Analysis: MLB Losing Trust From Betting Community Over Mystery Ball

In the Major League Baseball (MLB), discussion has emerged around the use of different ball types, as they may impact the integrity of the game, and/or the integrity of the sports betting on MLB.

Source: 22 June 2022, Legal Sports Report

Baseball

<https://www.legalsportsreport.com/71328/analysis-mlb-betting-integrity-problem-mystery-baseball/>

CORRUPTION

Tunisia

Corruption 'eating away' at football in World Cup-bound Tunisia

The president of a team at the centre of a match-fixing scandal has told the BBC that corruption is "eating away" at football in Tunisia. Amid the controversy, a team was relegated and two players received five years bans.

Source: 22 June 2022, Modern Ghana

Football

<https://www.modernghana.com/sports/1166415/corruption-eating-away-at-football-in-world-cup.html>

United States

Justice Department Announces Additional Distribution of Approximately \$92 Million to Victims in FIFA Corruption Case

Funds Received Following Victim Petitions Up to a Total Loss of More Than \$201 Million. The Department of Justice confirmed an additional distribution of approximately \$92 million in compensation for losses suffered by FIFA, CONCACAF, CONMEBOL, and several constituent national soccer federations. The restitution comes as part of the US government's long-running investigation and prosecution of corruption in international soccer. To date, the prosecutions have resulted in charges against more than 50 individual and corporate defendants from more than 20 countries, primarily in connection with the offer and receipt of bribes and kickbacks paid by sports marketing companies to soccer officials in exchange for the media and marketing rights to various soccer tournaments and events and the laundering of those payments.

Source: 30 June 2022, US Department of Justice

Football

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-additional-distribution-approximately-92-million-victims-fifa>



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