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INVESTIGATIONS

China

Former China football coach Li Tie under investigation

Chinese authorities announced that they have launched an investigation into the former national men's football coach, who is suspected of "serious violations of the law." Since taking office ten years ago, the Chinese president has waged a broad campaign against official corruption, which critics claim also acts as a tool to remove political competitors. He identified himself a fan of soccer and stated that one day, China would like to host and win the World Cup. But as Beijing was compelled to abandon plans to host important sporting events like the Asian Cup due to strict zero-Covid regulations, that enthusiasm has waned.

Source: 27 November 2022, DailyTimes

Football

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1032516/former-china-football-coach-li-tie-under-investigation/>

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Asks ICC To Probe Match-fixing Claims

The cricket governing body in Sri Lanka announced on Wednesday that it had requested an investigation into allegations of match-fixing related to Pakistan's tour of the country in July. The action was taken after an opposition lawmaker in parliament alleged that the two-match Test series, which ended in a 1-1, had been fixed. The board requested that the anti-corruption chief of the International Cricket Council (ICC) visit Sri Lanka and look into the accusation, which it claimed had "immense reputational damage."

Source: 23 November 2022, Barron's

Cricket

<https://www.barrons.com/articles/markets-cheer-federal-reserve-rate-hike-slowdown-51669287673>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Poland

Soccer Polish FA board member and former head arrested on fraud charges

Four people were arrested on Tuesday for defrauding the Polish Football Association (PZPN) of at least one million zlotys (\$217,732.10), according to Poland's Central Anti-corruption Bureau. PZPN board member, former PZPN secretary general, and two others who served as the company's shareholders and CEOs, are among those detained.

Source: 22 November 2022, Reuters

<https://www.reuters.com/lifestyle/sports/soccer-polish-fa-board-member-former-head-arrested-fraud-charges-2022-11-22/>

Turkey

Riot Suspend Fourteen Turkish Academy Players For Match Fixing

Riot Games demonstrate once more that a League of Legends problem is only susceptible to repercussions and change when the big names or the professionals do it. This time, match-fixing is on the agenda. Twelve players were found guilty of violating the TCL Rule Guidebook after an investigation involving fourteen players resulted in their punishment.

Source: 22 November 2022, RiftFeed

<https://riftfeed.gg/lol-news/riot-suspend-players-for-match-fixing>

BETTING

Hong Kong

7 HK influencers arrested for allegedly promoting illegal online gambling

Over the last week, Hong Kong police arrested seven social media influencers for allegedly promoting illegal online gambling sites that accept bets on World Cup football matches. According to a press conference held by the chief inspector of the New Territories South regional crime unit, the police conducted a week-long anti-illegal gambling operation last Monday, searching various locations in Mong Kok, Tsuen Wan, and Tseung Kwan O. The police seized seven mobile phones, a tablet computer, and a laptop during the operation.

Source: 29 November 2022, Marketing-Interactive

<https://www.marketing-interactive.com/7-hk-influencers-arrested-for-allegedly-promoting-illegal-online-gambling>

Thailand

'Dark business': Thailand braces for World Cup gambling frenzy

During the Qatar World Cup, Thais are expected to wager up to \$1.6 billion on football matches; although Thailand did not qualify for the tournament. A small crowd gathers at a shack in a Bangkok market every 15 minutes to watch the numbers be drawn. The anticipation at each ping-pong lotto draw is palpable, but the thrill is always fleeting.

Source: 17 November 2022, Aljazeera

<https://www.aljazeera.com/economy/2022/11/17/in-our-dna-thailand-braces-for-world-cup-gambling-frenzy>

Vietnam

Vietnam police bust \$1.2 billion dollar betting ring

Vietnamese police have busted a \$1.2 billion online betting ring, according to state media and an official, as the government cracks down on illegal gambling during the World Cup. In southern Vietnam, twelve people have been arrested. Although online gambling is still illegal, lucrative illegal operations have proliferated, prompting the crackdown during the World Cup and ahead of the traditional Lunar New Year festival.

Source: 23 November 2022, *Guardian*

Football

<https://guardian.ng/news/vietnam-police-bust-1-2-billion-dollar-betting-ring/>

ODDS AND ENDS

Council of Europe

A new network of Magistrates, Prosecutors Responsible for Sports to reinforce sport integrity

The Council of Europe's Network of Magistrates/Prosecutors Responsible for Sports (MARS) held its first meeting on November 25, 2022, in Strasbourg, France. This event marks the formal establishment of a network of sports-integrity-focused magistrates and prosecutors. The Conference, which was organized with the assistance of Interpol on November 24, 2022, welcomed representatives from over 25 countries, both in person and online, including representatives from law enforcement agencies, the sports movement, lotteries, and the academic world.

Source: 24 November 2022, *Council of Europe*

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/sport/-/a-new-network-of-magistrates-prosecutors-responsible-for-sports-to-reinforce-sport-integrity>

European Union

EU Parliament passes resolution to support video gaming, safeguard esports from illegal gambling and match-fixing

A significant resolution supporting video games and esports was approved by the EU Parliament. The legislative body approved a resolution recognizing the economic and cultural importance of both sectors, which will charge MEPs with creating a long-term regulatory and investment strategy to advance the sector in Europe. Additionally, the resolution calls for protection of esports from illegal gambling and match-fixing.

Source: 27 November 2022, *Yogonet*

<https://www.yogonet.com/international/news/2022/11/16/65058-eu-parliament-passes-resolution-to-support-video-gaming--safeguard-esports-from-illegal-gambling-and-matchfixing>

FIFA

FIFA secures Betano as the first World Cup betting partner

FIFA has reached an agreement with Betano, the sportsbook brand of multinational operator to become the World Cup's first official betting partner. The company has been selected by the football governing body to 'engage and excite' football fans around the world during the ongoing Qatar-based tournament, which has been described as a major milestone in its commercial history.

Source: 22 November 2022, *InsiderSport*

Football

<https://insidersport.com/2022/11/22/fifa-betano-betting/>



Global

CRIME, CORRUPTION AND WRONGDOING IN THE TRANSFER OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND OTHER ATHLETES

The UNODC recently published an advocacy paper which highlights the key crime risks and vulnerabilities associated with athlete transfers. It is part of the UNODC's ongoing effort, through its Programme on Safeguarding Sport from Corruption and Crime, to assist governments, sports organizations, and other relevant stakeholders in their efforts to effectively combat corruption and crime in sport.

Source: 22 November 2022, *UNODC*

https://www.unodc.org/documents/Safeguardingsport/Publications/Advocacy_Paper_Crime_Athlete_Corruption_Transfers_Football_NOV22.pdf

MATCH FIXING

India

Indian Football Match FIXING? CBI knocks AIFF door as 5 BIG football clubs under scanner for MATCH-FIXING: Follow LIVE UPDATES

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has knocked on the doors of the AIFF regarding match-fixing in Indian football (All India Football Federation). The CBI is conducting an investigation into football match-fixing as a result of the revelation that at least five Indian football clubs may have received "huge amounts of money" from a global fixer via shell companies.

Source: 20 November 2022, *InsiderSport*

<https://www.insidersport.in/indian-football-match-fixing-cbi-knocks-aiff-door-as-5-big-football-clubs-under-scanner-for-match-fixing-follow-live-updates/>

CORRUPTION

Brazil

Brazilians articulate to manipulate 'Craque do Jogo' prize and profit from betting on the World Cup

Millions of Brazilians are tuning in to watch the World Cup. However, one group is even more focused on increasing its profit. This is due to the fact that some Brazilian gamblers are collaborating on digital platforms to 'manipulate' the FIFA Craque do Jogo prize in order to profit from sports betting. The Fifa Game Crack is manipulated by Brazilian gamblers. In order to vote as many times as you can during the window that lasts from the 60th to the 88th minute of each match, some profiles published instructions on how to use incognito browser tabs and utilize several devices. After the final buzzer, the winner is declared and awarded a trophy.

Source: 25 November 2022, iGamingBrazil

Football

<https://igamingbrazil.com/en/sports-betting-en/2022/11/25/brazilians-articulate-to-manipulate-craque-do-jogo-prize-and-profit-from-betting-on-the-world-cup/>



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