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INVESTIGATIONS

Brazil

Brazil to launch national investigation into soccer match-fixing

In Brazil, the Justice Minister announced the launch of a national investigation in alleged manipulation in soccer, following a spiralling state investigation that has already led to several suspensions for players.

Source: 11 May 2023, AP News

Football

<https://apnews.com/article/brazil-soccer-matchfixing-599c13d969d2b6041e9b45d7633f1208>

China

2 more former China football officials under investigation

Following several scandals in China's football scene, two more officials were placed under investigation.

Source: 2 May 2023, The Washington Post

https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/soccer/2023/05/02/china-football-corruption/119186c4-e8d0-11ed-869e-986dd5713bc8_story.html

China

S. Korean Footballer in China Taken into Custody for Probe by Police

As part of an ongoing anti-corruption probe into Chinese football, a South Korean professional football player was taken into custody for investigation.

Source: 14 May 2023, KBS World

http://world.kbs.co.kr/service/news_view.htm?lang=e&Seq_Code=177796

Hong Kong

Hong Kong anti-graft agency arrests 23 people including 11 footballers as part of match-fixing probe

In Hong Kong, the Independent Commission Against Corruption has arrested 23 people including a coach and eleven footballers in relation to an unfolding match manipulation investigation.

Source: 15 May 2023, South China Morning Post

Football

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3220737/hong-kong-anti-graft-agency-arrests-23-people-including-11-footballers-part-match-fixing-probe>

Nigeria

Wikki Tourists investigate match-fixing allegations against players

A Nigerian football club opened an investigation into its own players because of suspicion of match-fixing.

Source: 5 May 2023, Daily Post

Football

<https://dailypost.ng/2023/05/05/wikki-tourists-investigate-match-fixing-allegations-against-players/>

Peru

Otro caso de amaño de partidos en Liga 2: presidente de Coopsol hizo grave denuncia

In the second division of football in Peru, a club president made strong allegations against teams, players and referees over match manipulation for betting purposes.

Source: 9 May 2023, Bolavip

Football

<https://bolavip.com/pe/futbolperuano/otro-caso-de-amano-de-partidos-en-liga-2-presidente-de-coopsol-hizo-grave-denuncia-20230509-BPE-224.html>

Spain

La Policía Nacional destapa una trama de estafas a familias de niños extranjeros con falsas promesas de proyección en el fútbol profesional

In Spain, eleven people have been arrested and two others investigated as alleged members of two independent groups dedicated to creating false expectations for young foreigners to become professional football players in the country. The criminal organisations targeted mainly Brazilian families with promises of a high level career, accommodation, tuition fees, residence permits and monthly payments, in order to defraud them.

Source: 10 May 2023, Policía Nacional

<https://www.interior.gob.es/opencms/es/detalle/articulo/La-Policia-Nacional-destapa-una-trama-de-estafas-a-familias-de-ninos-extranjeros-con-falsas-promesas-de-proyeccion-en-el-futbol-profesional/>

Ukraine

N/A

In Ukraine, the President of the Ukraine Football Association declared that a Ukraine Premier League that ended 5 to 0 raised significant suspicious betting concerns.

Source: 4 May 2023, Telegraf

Football

<https://telegraf.com.ua/sport-cat/2023-05-04/5789744-dogovornoy-match-uaf-obratila-vnimanie-na-match-lidera-premer-ligi-dnepra-1>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Belarus

Scandal in Belarus: Shakhtar stripped of title

In Belarus, a football club lost its title from the previous season, had 30 points deducted this season and 20 points for the next season due to match-fixing

Source: 10 May 2023, Postsen

<https://slovenia.postsen.com/news/110207/Scandal-in-Belarus-Shakhtar-stripped-of-title.html>

Brazil

Silvestre de Sousa suspended for 10 months after pleading guilty to betting charge

A Brazilian jockey champion has been suspended after admitting to a betting charge.

Source: 12 May 2023, BBC Sport

Horse Racing

<https://www-bbc-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.bbc.com/sport/horse-racing/65572094.amp>

Italy

Soccer: Monza defender Izzo gets 5 yrs for Mob match-fixing

A football player of one of Italy's Serie B league teams has been sentenced to five years in prison because of his involvement in a match-fixing scandal connected to a Neapolitan mafia group in 2013 - 2014.

Source: 5 May 2023, ANSA

Football

https://www.ansa.it/english/news/2023/05/05/soccer-monza-defender-izzo-gets-5-yrs-for-mob-match-fixing_6823d7b1-8dc9-4cf4-95bc-a9ecd40ccdc.html

Nigeria

NLO hammer falls on Abu Workers, Ambassadors FC for match fixing

Players and official from two third division football teams in Nigeria were fined and given two-year bans for involvement in match-fixing.

Source: 15 May 2023, Blueprint

Football

<https://www.blueprint.ng/nlo-hammer-falls-on-abu-workers-ambassadors-fc-for-match-fixing/>

Uganda

Fufa suspends 6 players, 2 referees over match fixing

In Uganda, the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of the Federation of Uganda Football Associations suspended six players and two referees for match manipulation.

Source: 4 May 2023, The Observer Uganda

<https://www.observer.ug/news/headlines/77658-fufa-suspends-6-players-3-referees-over-match-fixing>

United States

Rapids move on without Alves amid match-fixing allegations

In the US, Major League Soccer suspended a football player following his mention in a national investigation into match manipulation launched by Brazilian authorities.

Source: 13 May 2023, AP News

Football

<https://apnews.com/article/brazil-gambling-rapids-alves-5bf82aefc88f9a020620680dbef27b4f>

United States

Will gambling case at Alabama ripple across college sports?

In the United States, a baseball coach was fired following suspicious betting reports involving his team. The suspicious betting reports had initially also led to the suspension of betting on the baseball team concerned.

Source: 7 May 2023, AP News

Baseball

<https://apnews.com/article/alabama-baseball-coach-fired-bets-bohannon-0471b144a9348caa456a22cab23b9a8b>

BETTING

Asian Racing Federation

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INTERPOL's Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption Centre recently contributed to the Asian Racing Federation's 2023 Quarterly Bulletin on anti-illegal betting and related financial crime.

Source: 2 May 2023, Asian Racing Federation Council on Anti-Illegal Betting & Related Financial Crime

<https://www.asianracing.org/email/202304qb-interpol-combatting-illegal-betting-and-money-laundering-during-the-qatar-world-cup>

Morocco

The Fightback

A feature article describes Morocco's pushback against one controversial gambling operator which began operating in the country last year, and whose activity has been a factor in the recent explosion of illegal online gambling and led to a significant revenue decline for the state lottery.

Source: 3 May 2023, Josimar

<https://josimarfootball.com/the-fightback/>

ODDS AND ENDS

Kenya

Festo Omukoto: "We made a plan to get three match-fixers arrested"

A feature article by the ambassador against match-fixing for the Kenya Footballers Welfare Association (KEFWA) details the importance of the Red Button app in the framework of combatting match-fixing and his role in match fixing arrests recently.

Source: 2 May 2023, Fifpro

Football

<https://fifpro.org/en/supporting-players/safe-working-environments/anti-match-fixing/festo-omukoto-we-made-a-plan-to-get-three-match-fixers-arrested/>

MATCH FIXING

Colombia

Alleged match fixing in Colombia in 2023

A Nigerian football club opened an investigation into its own players because of suspicion of match-fixing.

Source: 14 May 2023, Nation World

Football

<https://nationworldnews.com/alleged-match-fixing-in-colombia-in-2023/>

United States

Ohio Sports Betting Regulator Suspends Alabama Baseball Betting

In the United States, the Ohio state sports betting regular suspended betting on the Alabama baseball because of a complaint made about suspicious betting activity.

Source: 2 May 2023, Legal Sports Report

Baseball

<https://www.legalsportsreport.com/114245/alabama-betting-suspended-by-ohio-sports-betting-regulator/>

