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INVESTIGATIONS

Ireland

Man arrested over attempted bribery of league of Ireland footballer

In Ireland, a man in his 30s has been arrested in connection with an attempted bribery involving a League of Ireland footballer, who reported the incident to Gardaí earlier this season. Although the man has been released without charge, Gardaí are preparing a file for the Director of Public Prosecutions and continue to seek information on match-fixing and sports corruption through a confidential reporting line.

Source: 2 October 2024, Newstalk

<https://www.newstalk.com/news/man-arrested-over-attempted-bribery-of-league-of-ireland-footballer-1770286>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Cameroon

Eto'o banned from attending Cameroon games

The president of the Cameroonian Football Federation has received a six-month ban from attending international matches involving Cameroon due to violations of FIFA's disciplinary code related to offensive behavior and fair play during the Under-20 Women's World Cup game against Brazil.

Source: 30 September 2024, BBC Sport

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/articles/c93ydz5p49do>

Guatemala

Court of Arbitration for Sport partially upholds Guatemalan tennis player's appeal

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has reduced Guatemalan tennis player Christopher Díaz Figueroa's sanction from a lifetime ban to a six-year suspension and lowered his fine from \$75,000 to \$20,000 due to nine breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.

Source: 25 September 2024, International Tennis Integrity Agency

Tennis

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/court-of-arbitration-for-sport-partially-upholds-guatemalan-tennis-player-christopher-diaz-figueroa-s-appeal/>

Pakistan

Pakistan Cricket Board banned from signing betting sponsorships after court ruling

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is now prohibited from signing sponsorship deals with betting companies following a ruling by the Peshawar High Court, which highlighted concerns over gambling brands promoting betting to young people through cricket sponsorships.

Source: 24 September 2024, SportsProMedia

Cricket

<https://www.sportspromedia.com/news/pakistan-cricket-board-pcb-psl-betting-gambling-sponsorship-ban/>

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka spinner Jayawickrama banned from cricket for corruption

The ICC has banned 26-year-old Sri Lankan spinner Praveen Jayawickrama for one year, with the final six months suspended, after he admitted to breaching the anti-corruption code by failing to report a match-fixing approach during the 2021 Sri Lanka Premier League.

Source: 3 October 2024, France24

Cricket

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20241003-sri-lanka-spinner-jayawickrama-banned-from-cricket-for-corruption>

Uzbekistan

Court of Arbitration for Sport dismisses Sanjar Fayziev's anti-corruption appeal

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) upheld a three-and-a-half-year suspension (with six months suspended) for Uzbek tennis player Sanjar Fayziev, imposed due to five breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program in 2018. His ineligibility, which began on July 25, 2023, prohibits him from participating in or attending any events sanctioned by tennis governing bodies until July 24, 2026.

Source: 4 October 2024, International Tennis Integrity Agency

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/court-of-arbitration-for-sport-dismisses-sanjar-fayziev-s-anti-corruption-appeal/>

BETTING

United States

Man pleads guilty in betting scheme that ensnared ex-NBA player Jontay Porter

Gambler Long Phi Pham pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit wire fraud in a sports betting scheme that led to NBA player Jontay Porter's lifetime ban. Pham and three others planned to profit by betting on Porter to underperform, with Porter intentionally benching himself in two games, though the scheme unraveled when a betting company detected suspicious activity.

Source: 2 October 2024, My Panhandle

Basketball

<https://www.mypanhandle.com/sports/ap-man-pleads-guilty-in-betting-scheme-that-ensnared-ex-nba-player-jontay-porter/>

MATCH FIXING

Zimbabwe

ZIFA presidency aspirant Richard Mazodze sucked in match fixing scandal

In Zimbabwe, a candidate for the ZIFA presidency and owner of FC Wangu Mazodze, is implicated in a match-fixing scandal in the Eastern Region Soccer League, accused of attempting to influence games involving his team by contacting players from Triangle United and Chiredzi Stars.

Source: 2 October 2024, Soccer24

<https://www.soccer24.co.zw/2024/10/02/zifa-presidency-aspirant-richard-mazodze-sucked-in-match-fixing-scandal/>

