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INVESTIGATIONS

Brazil

Brazil extends match-fixing probe as English FA decision on Paqueta case nears

The Brazilian Senate has extended its investigation into match-fixing and sports betting, awaiting the English FA's decision on Lucas Paquetá, who faces charges for alleged betting rule violations. The investigation also includes William Rogatto, a businessman accused of manipulating match results and generating millions of dollars, with the Senate set to receive new evidence when Rogatto is extradited to Brazil.

Source: 24 February 2025, *Inside World Football*

<https://www.insideworldfootball.com/2025/02/24/brazil-extends-match-fixing-probe-english-fa-decision-paqueta-case-nears/>

United States

Fresno State men's basketball betting investigation: Here's what we know

In the United States, at least three Fresno State basketball players, including key starters, are under NCAA investigation for betting violations, with two allegedly wagering on their own games, including point and rebound totals. Those involved risk permanent loss of NCAA eligibility, while the full extent of the betting activity remains unclear.

Source: 24 February 2025, *BETFTW!*

Basketball

<https://ftw.usatoday.com/2025/02/fresno-state-basketball-betting-gambling>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Kenya

Kenya's Brimin Kipkorir suspended after testing positive for banned substances

Kenyan marathoner Brimin Kipkorir has been provisionally suspended after testing positive for prohibited substances, including EPO and furosemide, following a sample collected in November 2024.

Source: 24 February 2025, *The Guardian*

<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2025/feb/24/kenyas-brimin-kipkorir-suspended-after-testing-positive-for-banned-substances>

Mexico

Severe Sanctions Imposed on Footballers for Match-Fixing

In Mexico, seven footballers from Liga de Expansión MX and Liga Premier MX have been suspended for a total of 57 years due to match-fixing and betting violations, with two players receiving 16-year bans. The Mexican Football Federation has escalated the case to FIFA and warned the involved clubs, emphasizing strict enforcement of regulations and potential further actions.

Source: 16 February 2025, *Footboom*

Football

<https://www.footboom1.com/en/news/football/2380357-severe-sanctions-imposed-on-footballers-for-match-fixing>



BETTING

Australia

ACMA flexes muscles in new illegal gambling crackdown

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has banned eight illegal online gambling operators, adding to the 1,154 websites already blocked since 2019, while also warning consumers about unlicensed platforms and urging them to use legal gambling services.

Source: 18 February 2025, *SBC News*

<https://sbcnews.co.uk/oceania/2025/02/18/acma-illegal-gambling-crackdown/>

DOPING

WADA

Jannik Sinner's doping suspension leaves tennis world questioning system integrity

Jannik Sinner's three-month doping ban has sparked widespread controversy, with many questioning the integrity of the sport's anti-doping system and the fairness of its application, as some believe top players receive preferential treatment. Novak Djokovic criticized the suspension as "very unfair," highlighting inconsistencies in how doping cases are handled and calling for an overhaul of the system to ensure equal justice for all players.

Source: 18 February 2025, *Sport Business Journal*

Tennis

<https://www.sportsbusinessjournal.com/Articles/2025/02/18/jannik-sinners-doping-suspension-leaves-tennis-world-questioning-system-integrity/>

MATCH FIXING

Afghanistan

Afghan club disbands after alleging match-fixing in champions' 8-0 win

Afghan club Attack Energy has disbanded in protest after losing the national championship on goal difference, alleging that the Afghanistan Football Federation (AFF) failed to properly investigate match-fixing claims. Despite multiple complaints and requests for transparency, the AFF upheld Abu Muslim Farah's title win, leading Attack Energy to dissolve in frustration over perceived corruption in Afghan football.

Source: 18 February 2025, *The Guardian*

Football

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/soccer/fmf-uncovers-another-match-fixing-scandal-linked-to-betting/ar-AA1zwWmw>

Israel

Liga Alef North suspended amid match-fixing scandal

The Israel Football Association (IFA) has suspended the Liga Alef North Division season due to widespread match-fixing allegations, with a special committee set to determine the league's future within three weeks. IFA Chairman Shino Zuretz emphasized the severity of the corruption, rejecting partial solutions and vowing continued collaboration with authorities to cleanse Israeli football.

Source: 23 February 2025, *The Jerusalem Post*

Football

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/sports/article-843381>

Mexico

FMF Uncovers Another Match-Fixing Scandal Linked to Betting

The Mexican Football Federation (FMF) is investigating a potential match-fixing scandal in Liga de Expansión MX after a European betting house flagged suspicious activity before Correcaminos de la UAT's 4-1 loss to Celaya. A leaked video allegedly shows Correcaminos players negotiating with illegal bettors, highlighting growing concerns about match manipulation and the influence of illicit gambling in Mexican soccer.

Source: 22 February 2025, *MSN*

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/soccer/fmf-uncovers-another-match-fixing-scandal-linked-to-betting/ar-AA1zwWmw>

CORRUPTION

Tunisia

Former Tunisian FA boss Jary jailed for corruption

Former Tunisian Football Federation president Wadie Jary has been sentenced to four years in prison for corruption related to an unlawful contract, though he plans to appeal the verdict.

Source: 21 February 2025, *BBC Sport*

Football

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/articles/cvge3y819gjo>

