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## INVESTIGATIONS

### Cameroon

#### Former Barcelona Player Samuel Eto'o Faces Criminal Charges

Samuel Eto'o, former Barcelona and Inter Milan striker, is facing serious criminal charges as president of the Cameroon Football Federation (FECAFOOT). The allegations include match-fixing, tax fraud, misappropriation of funds, election manipulation, and conflicts of interest with betting company 1xBet. Evidence such as recordings and testimonies from key figures in Cameroonian soccer have been presented to support these claims. Legal actions are underway, involving the Cameroonian Ministry of Sports, FIFA Ethics Committee, and the Confederation of African Football (CAF).

Source: 28 August 2025, *Being Sports*

Football

<https://www.beinsports.com/en-us/soccer/articles/former-barcelona-player-samuel-eto-o-faces-criminal-charges-2025-08-28>

### United Kingdom

#### FA will not appeal against Paqueta decision

Brazil's Lucas Paquetá has been cleared of all four spot-fixing charges after a two-year Football Association (FA) investigation into alleged betting-related misconduct. However, he was found guilty by the regulatory commission of two lesser misconduct charges for failing to fully cooperate with the inquiry by the FA.

Source: 3 September 2025, *BBC Sport*

Football

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/articles/c4gvemw3xkzo>

## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### Brazil

#### Flamengo's Henrique out for 12 games for alleged match-fixing

In Brazil, Flamengo striker Bruno Henrique has been suspended for 12 matches and fined R\$60,000 by Brazil's Superior Court of Sports Justice after being found guilty of acting contrary to sports ethics for intentionally receiving a yellow card in a 2023 Brasileirão match. The decision can be appealed; however, Henrique will face criminal trial for sports fraud that could result in prison time (ranging from two to six years) if he is convicted.

Source: 4 September 2025, *France24*

Football

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250904-flamengo-s-henrique-out-for-12-games-for-alleged-match-fixing>

## DOPING

### Spain

#### Athletic's Álvarez gets doping ban for cancer hair-loss meds

Spain's Yeray Álvarez, a 30-year-old defender for Athletic Bilbao, has been handed a 10-month UEFA suspension after testing positive for canrenone, a banned diuretic, following a Europa League semifinal against Manchester United on May 1, 2025. The substance was reportedly ingested unintentionally through a hair loss treatment, and while the UEFA acknowledged the lack of intent to cheat, the sanction stands, with Álvarez eligible to return to play on April 2, 2026.

Source: 8 September 2025, *ESPN*

Football

[https://www.espn.co.uk/football/story/\\_/id/46195750/athletic-club-yeray-alvarez-handed-10-month-ban-doping-violation](https://www.espn.co.uk/football/story/_/id/46195750/athletic-club-yeray-alvarez-handed-10-month-ban-doping-violation)



## ODDS AND ENDS

### United Kingdom

#### 'People getting paid... money changing hands' – Pundit says €80m Chelsea deal smells of corruption

Pundit Craig Burley comments on Chelsea's €80 million loan deal for Nicolas Jackson to Bayern Munich, suggesting that the substantial fee could be indicative of corruption within football. Burley questions the legitimacy of such high-value transfers, implying that agents and backhanded dealings may be influencing these financial decisions.

Source: 3 September 2025, *MSN*

Football

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/sport/football/people-getting-paid-money-changing-hands-pundit-says-80m-chelsea-deal-smells-of-corruption/ar-AA1LKs7A>

## MATCH FIXING

### India

#### **"Kapil Dev Is A Match-Fixer," Yuvraj Singh's Father Yograj Singh Rekindles Fixing Allegations**

Former Indian cricket player Yograj Singh, Yuvraj Singh's father, reignited controversy by questioning why the 1997 match-fixing allegations against Kapil Dev—stemming from Manoj Prabhakar's claim that Kapil offered him money to underperform. Yograj Singh suggested the case was intentionally buried to protect the reputations of cricket legends; warning that reopening it could lead to "many legendary heads rolling."

Source: 8 September 2025, MSN

Cricket

<https://www.msn.com/en-in/sports/cricket/kapil-dev-is-a-match-fixer-yuvraj-singh-s-father-yograj-singh-rekindles-fixing-allegations/ar-AA1M6Rxz>

## POLICY

### Brazil

#### **Brazil joins Macolin Convention to boost cooperation on sports integrity**

Brazil has achieved a great milestone as the first South American nation to fully join the Macolin Convention, enhancing its commitment to international cooperation in combating match-fixing and promoting sports integrity. This move aligns with Brazil's broader regulatory reforms, including the implementation of the Bets Regime, which integrates sports integrity into the oversight of fixed-odds betting markets. The Brazil Football Confederation has become the first sports body to publicly welcome Brazil's accession to the Convention.

Source: 8 September 2025, SBC News

<https://sbcnews.co.uk/sportsbook/2025/09/08/brazil-macolin-convention/>

## CORRUPTION

### Norway

#### **Former biathlon president sentenced to 3 years in prison for aggravated corruption**

The former president of the International Biathlon Union, Anders Besseberg, was convicted by the Court of Appeal of aggravated corruption and sentenced to three years in prison for accepting more than NOK 1 million in bribes over the course of 10 years. The ruling emphasized the severity of his breach of trust and the long-term damage to the IBU's reputation, underscoring a landmark moment in anti-corruption enforcement within international sports federations. The case was uncovered with considerable international cooperation, notably law enforcement authorities from Austria.

Source: 4 September 2025, National Authority for Investigation and Prosecution of Economic and Environmental Crime

Biathlon

<https://www.okokrim.no/oekokrim-in-english.549343.no.html>

