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INVESTIGATIONS

Australia

World Rugby takes legal action following match official abuse monitoring after World Cup

Following online abuse directed at match officials and players during the Rugby World Cup, World Rugby has taken legal action, resulting in one person being charged in Australia and multiple prosecutions pending in several countries. With the help of an online monitoring agency, over 1,600 abusive accounts were flagged, leading to the removal of 90% of the most serious content, as World Rugby continues efforts to protect match officials and players from online abuse, with monitoring set to continue in 2024.

Source: 31 January 2024, BBC Sport

Rugby

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/rugby-union/68158959>

China

Ex-President of Chinese Football Association Pleads Guilty to Bribery

In China's Hubei Province, a former president of the Chinese Football Association has pleaded guilty to accepting bribes to manipulate football games and awarding major contracts.

Source: 30 January 2024, Caixin

Football

<https://www.caixinglobal.com/2024-01-30/ex-president-of-chinese-football-association-pleads-guilty-to-bribery-102161975.html>

Taiwan

Taipei Prosecutors Indict 15 People for Basketball Match-Fixing Scheme - TaiwanPlus News

Fifteen people have been indicted for their involvement in a match-fixing scheme in China, Taiwan's semi-professional Super Basketball League. They're accused of conspiring to place bets on at least seven games, then manipulating the games' outcome during play.

Source: 5 February 2024, TaiwanPlus News

Basketball

<https://www.msn.com/en-xl/sports/football/taipei-prosecutors-indict-15-people-for-basketball-match-fixing-scheme-taiwanplus-news/vi-BB1hI01l>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

France

French tennis player suspended for seven years

French tennis player Maxence Broville has been suspended from the sport for seven years and fined \$5,000 for failing to cooperate with an investigation by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA). Broville, who denied charges related to match-fixing, was found liable for breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, including refusal to submit personal devices for examination. The suspension, which began in June 2023, will last until June 2030, during which Broville is prohibited from participating in any tennis events authorized or sanctioned by ITIA members.

Source: 5 February 2024, International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA)

Tennis

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/maxence-broville-suspended-for-seven-years/>

Philippines

31 cagers suspended for game-fixing since 2021

During a joint Senate hearing, Games and Amusement Board chairman Richard Clarin disclosed that 31 basketball players have been suspended for game-fixing since 2021. Senator Raffy Tulfo questioned the significance of the suspended players, noting that they were relatively unknown, suggesting that larger bets are placed on well-known teams and famous players. The discussion was interrupted as Senator Jinggoy Estrada presented a video exposing alleged game-fixing in the Pilipinas VisMin Super Cup.

Source: 7 February 2024, Inquirer

Basketball

<https://sports.inquirer.net/550905/gab-chairman-clarin-says-31-cagers-suspended-for-game-fixing-since-2021>

ODDS AND ENDS

IBIA

IBIA publishes 2023 Integrity Report

The International Betting Integrity Association (IBIA) has released its 2023 sports betting integrity report, indicating a decrease in suspicious alerts globally by 35% compared to 2022. Despite the decrease, IBIA's monitoring network aided in identifying 74 corrupted matches, leading to an increase in successful sanctions for sports betting violations, particularly in tennis, where alerts decreased by 49% compared to 2022.

Source: 31 January 2024, International Betting Integrity Association (IBIA)

https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?e=__test_email__&u=2a0b859d1d1b078b51ab0969e&id=3e1795de49

Italy

Contrasto all'illegalità nel mondo dello sport e al match fixing: riunita a Roma l'Unità Informativa Scommesse Sportive

In Italy, a meeting of the Sports Betting Information Unit (UISS) was held in Rome to discuss strategies for combating illegality and match-fixing in sports, emphasizing prevention through education and awareness campaigns. The UISS highlighted the importance of promoting values such as respect, legality, integrity, and fair play, especially among athletes and sports officials, to preserve the integrity of sports.

Source: 31 January 2024, Ministero dell'Interno

<https://www.interno.gov.it/it/notizie/contrasto-allillegalita-nel-mondo-sport-e-match-fixing-riunita-roma-lunita-informativa-scommesse-sportive>

ULIS

ULIS MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT & UPDATE

ULIS Monthly Monitoring Report for January 2024 indicates an increase in alerts compared to December 2023, with football dominating red alerts, particularly in Asia. The report highlights a total of 65 alerts, with football generating 49, tennis 9, basketball 3, and other sports contributing to the remainder, reflecting an ongoing effort to maintain sports integrity through proactive monitoring and collaboration within the global sports integrity network ULIS.

Source: 31 January 2024, United Lotteries for Integrity in Sports

<https://infogram.com/1p9ynddk96502lc71kmvkqe9mu00xwwmq?live>

INTEGRITY IN SPORT EVENTS

FIFA

FIFA reinforces commitment to integrity in football

FIFA reaffirms its dedication to upholding integrity in football through collaborative efforts with key stakeholders. Discussions held at the Home of FIFA centered around establishing a permanent integrity body to monitor FIFA competitions and investigate suspicious activities. The proposed task force aims to conduct real-time monitoring of betting markets and in-game action during matches, with a focus on FIFA tournaments while also addressing potential cases of competition manipulation globally.

Source: 8 February 2024, FIFA

Football

<https://www.fifa.com/legal/integrity/news/fifa-reinforces-commitment-to-integrity-in-football>

MATCH FIXING

Cameroon

Samuel Eto'o accused of match-fixing and threats in shocking file sent to FIFA

Former Cameroonian football star and current president of the Cameroonian Football Federation, Samuel Eto'o, is embroiled in allegations of match-fixing and threats, detailed in a file submitted to FIFA's Ethics Committee by a former vice-president. The accusations include orchestrating match-fixing incidents, spreading false information, and abusing power, sparking calls for his removal from his position. FIFA and the Confederation of African Football are investigating, with scrutiny also on Eto'o's past legal issues and association with a sports betting company.

Source: 31 January 2024, Clutch Points

Football

<https://clutchpoints.com/fifa-news-samuel-eto-accused-of-match-fixing-and-threats-in-shocking-file>

Malawi

5 charged over match fixing, granted bail

Five football officials, including referee Alfred Kaphamtengo, were arrested in Malawi for allegedly attempting to fix a match between Ntopwa and Fomo. They were charged with conspiracy to commit a felony and corrupt practices, granted bail, and required to provide a non-cash bail bond and surrender travel documents while awaiting trial. The accused allegedly offered a referee a sum of K1.2 million to favor Fomo in their bid for promotion into the Super League, prompting shock from the National Referees Association.

Source: 6 February 2024, The Times Group

Football

<https://times.mw/5-charged-over-match-fixing-granted-bail/>