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INVESTIGATIONS

Brazil

PF apura manipulação de resultado em campeonato brasileiro de futebol da série D

In Brazil, the Federal Police launched Operation Fair Game to investigate possible manipulation of a football match in Sao Paulo, with 11 search and seizure warrants executed across multiple cities. The investigation, initiated by a Sportradar report via the Brazilian Football Confederation, found evidence suggesting bettors had prior knowledge of the match outcome.

Source: 26 June 2024, Minister of Justice and Public Security

Football

<https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/06/pf-apura-manipulacao-de-resultado-em-campeonato-brasileiro-de-futebol-da-serie-d>

United States

Banned NBA player Jontay Porter to face federal charges in connection with gambling case, court documents say

In the United States, prosecutors are preparing federal charges against banned NBA player Jontay Porter for his alleged involvement in a sports betting scheme linked to four recently arrested men. The scheme involved placing "under prop" bets on Porter, who allegedly took himself out of games early to ensure the bets would win.

Source: 3 July 2024, CNN

Basketball

<https://edition.cnn.com/2024/07/03/us/banned-nba-player-jontay-porter-federal-charge/index.html>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Former tennis player from Bosnia and Herzegovina suspended for six years

A former tennis player from Bosnia and Herzegovina received a six-year suspension and a \$20,000 fine, with \$18,000 suspended, from the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) after admitting to 23 breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP) in 2017 and 2018.

Source: 5 July 2024, ITIA

Tennis

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/jasmina-tinjic-a-former-tennis-player-from-bosnia-and-herzegovina-suspended-for-six-years/>

Cameroon

Samuel Eto'o Fined By CAF For Ethics Violation

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) fined Cameroon football federation president Samuel Eto'o \$200,000 for an ethics violation due to accepting a paid brand deal with an online gambling company, despite finding insufficient proof for allegations of match manipulation

Source: 5 July 2024, Barron's

Football

<https://www.barrons.com/news/samuel-eto-o-fined-by-caf-for-ethics-violation-91b99eb2>



DOPING

Portugal

Empresa de produtos farmacêuticos da Madeira abastecia mercado negro internacional de anabolizantes

In Portugal, two company employees were arrested in a Judiciary Police-led operation after 150,000 packages of synthetic anabolic steroids were found in one of the company's warehouses. The company is accused of trafficking prohibited substances to the international black market, disguising the illegal imports within legitimate pharmaceutical product shipments, with the goal of supplying athletes and gym-goers with muscle-mass enhancing products.

Source: 2 July 2024, JN

<https://www.jn.pt/3011353330/empresa-de-produtos-farmaceuticos-da-madeira-abastecia-mercado-negro-internacional-de-anabolizantes/>

ODDS AND ENDS

Belgium

Belgium ratifies the Macolin Convention

Belgium ratified the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions, becoming the 10th State Party, with the convention set to enter into force for Belgium on 1 November 2024, marking a significant milestone in combating sports manipulation among EU member states.

Source: 1 July 2024, Council of Europe

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/sport/-/belgium-ratifies-the-macolin-convention>

Global

FIFA launches second edition of Integrity Handbook to help member associations tackle match manipulation

In an effort to support its 2023-2027 strategic objectives, FIFA has launched an updated Integrity Handbook, "Protect the Integrity of Football," offering detailed guidance on integrity initiatives, investigations, and disciplinary processes, and was presented at the FIFA Integrity Summit in Singapore.

Source: 1 July 2024, FIFA

Football

<https://inside.fifa.com/legal/integrity/news/fifa-launches-second-edition-integrity-handbook-to-help-member-associations-tackle-match-manipulation>

Global

USD 257 million seized in global police crackdown against online scams

A global police operation spanning 61 countries, Operation First Light 2024, targeted various online scams and resulted in the freezing of 6,745 bank accounts, the seizure of USD 257 million in assets, and the arrest of 3,950 suspects. The operation, coordinated by INTERPOL, involved the interception of USD 135 million in fiat currency, USD 2 million in cryptocurrency, and the dismantling of transnational organized crime networks, highlighting the need for strong international cooperation to combat these crimes.

Source: 27 June 2024, INTERPOL

<https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2024/USD-257-million-seized-in-global-police-crackdown-against-online-scams>

Italy

"La corruzione nello Sport", il focus del Servizio Analisi Criminale del Dipartimento di Pubblica Sicurezza

The Italian Sports Betting Intelligence Unit, acting as the National Platform against competition manipulation, issued a report highlighting latest trends and threats as well the collaboration with the INTERPOL Match-Fixing Task Force on operational matters.

Source: 3 July 2024, Ministry of the Interior of Italy

<http://www.interno.gov.it/it/notizie/corruzione-nello-sport-focus-servizio-analisi-criminale-dipartimento-pubblica-sicurezza>

MATCH FIXING

Hong Kong

Head coach, football player among 3 charged in connection with Hong Kong match-fixing case

Three individuals, including a head coach and a player from two Hong Kong Premier League teams, have been charged in connection with an alleged match-fixing scandal, part of a broader operation that led to the arrest of 12 players and coaches. The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has laid holding charges against the trio for conspiring to place illegal bets on matches, with further proceedings scheduled in Eastern Court.

Source: 1 July 2024, MSN

Football

<https://www.msn.com/en-xl/news/other/head-coach-football-player-among-3-charged-in-connection-with-hong-kong-match-fixing-case/ar-BB1oWFwB>