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INVESTIGATIONS

Kazakhstan

President of Kazakh Football Federation under UEFA investigation

UEFA is investigating the President of the Kazakh Football Federation, for alleged match-fixing and related corruption within the league he oversees. Despite acknowledging in a video statement that match-fixing occurred in the past, Barmenkulov faces criticism and accusations of complicity, prompting UEFA's Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Committee to open a case against him.

Source: 13 July 2024, *Inside the Games*

Football

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/index.php/articles/1146622/kazakh-football-uefa-investigation>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Brazil

Brazilian sports court calls for ban and fine for Textor over match-fixing allegations

Brazil's Superior Court of Sports Justice for Football (STJD) recommended a six-year suspension and a fine for John Textor after deeming his match-fixing evidence "worthless." Textor, who accused referees and clubs of match manipulation following Botafogo's loss to Palmeiras, criticized the STJD's decision and questioned the neutrality of the auditor, claiming his good faith efforts were unfairly penalized.

Source: 22 July 2024, *Inside World Football*

Football

<https://www.insideworldfootball.com/2024/07/08/brazilian-sports-court-calls-ban-fine-textor-match-fixing-allegations/>

BETTING

United States

Patriots receiver won't face prosecution over online gambling while at LSU

In the United States, New England Patriots wide receiver Kayshon Boutte will not face prosecution for illegal online gaming conducted while he was underage at Louisiana State University, after completing a "gambling awareness" program and agreeing to a gaming ban in Massachusetts and on specific sites.

Source: 17 July 2024, *AP News*

<https://apnews.com/article/patriots-football-player-lsu-illegal-bets-arrest-b4232698c1fd03af61b8d86637758cdc>

DOPING

Denmark

Long prison sentence for doping smuggling

A 40-year-old man was sentenced to ten years in prison for orchestrating Denmark's largest doping smuggling case, involving over 20 tons of substances, with four accomplices receiving sentences ranging from four months to three years. The smuggling operation, led by a Danish man living in Flensburg and involving substances from Pakistan and India, was uncovered by Danish and German authorities in mid-2023, and the verdicts can be appealed within two weeks.

Source: 9 July 2024, *Aussiedlerbote*

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ODDS AND ENDS

IBIA

90 suspicious betting alerts reported by IBIA in Q2 2024

The International Betting Integrity Association (IBIA) published its Integrity Report Q2 2024. Approximately 90 alerts of suspicious betting were reported to relevant authorities in Q2 2024, a 3% decrease from Q1 2024 and an 80% increase compared to Q2 2023, as it monitors over \$300 billion annually across more than 125 sports betting brands globally.

Source: 18 July 2024, *IBIA*

https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?e=__test_email__&u=2a0b859d1d1b078b51ab0969e&id=7015cbb598

IOC

Diving into Olympic Games operations: how to detect and handle rule violations

The IOC's Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Sports Competitions outlines the processes in place to deal with suspected rule violations in relation to betting on the Olympic Games and competition manipulation during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. It includes continuous monitoring activities with sports betting monitoring entities, as well as collaboration with national and international public authorities including INTERPOL.

Source: 10 July 2024, *IOC*

Olympic Games

https://olympics.com/ioc/news/diving-into-games-time-operations-how-to-detect-and-handle-rule-violations?utm_source=mc&utm_content=newsletter_crm-owned_ENG_Integrity_na_EN_2024-06-27_na_na_na_na&utm_campaign=newsletter_crm-owned_ENG_Integrity_Jun_na_EN_na&sfmc_e=0031n00002BJBlvAAH

UEFA

Integrity at the core of UEFA EURO 2024

Education and awareness-raising among teams are crucial for preventing match-fixing and preserving the integrity of EURO 2024, with UEFA organizing tailored anti-match-fixing sessions for all 24 participating teams and match officials. The anti-match-fixing assessment group and the European football anti-match-fixing working group held regular meetings to monitor and address concerns, ultimately finding no suspicious activity or match-fixing issues during EURO 2024.

Source: 19 July 2024, UEFA

Football

<https://www.uefa.com/euro2024/news/028f-1b67c9e0d195-a0e37788d0a8-1000--integrity-at-the-core-of-uefa-euro-2024/>

MATCH FIXING

Cameroon

CAF Clears Victoria United President of Match-Fixing Allegations

In Cameroon, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) has cleared the President of Victoria United Football Club, of match-fixing allegations due to a lack of substantial evidence. This exoneration allows Victoria United to focus on their ambitions in the Elite 2 championship, restoring confidence among fans and stakeholders in Cameroonian football.

Source: 12 July 2024, Cameroon Concod

Football

https://www.cameroon-concord.com/sports/caf-clears-victoria-united-president-of-match-fixing-allegations#google_vignette

India

Delhi court orders framing charges against 4 people in cricket match-fixing scandal after 24 years

In India, more than 24 years after the cricket match-fixing scandal, a Delhi court has charged four individuals, including London-based bookie and actor, with cheating and criminal conspiracy, allowing the trial to commence.

Source: 14 July 2024, Financial Express

Cricket

<https://www.financialexpress.com/sports/delhi-court-orders-framing-charges-against-4-people-in-cricket-match-fixing-scandal-after-24-years/3553059/>

POLICY

Philippines

Philippine President Marcos bans all POGOs with immediate effect

The Philippine President has banned the establishment of new licences for Offshore Gaming Operators (POGO) and has requested existing Philippines based and licensed operators to cease their operations by the end of this year. The ban follows multiple allegations of scam activities, human trafficking, sex trafficking and extortion.

Source: 22 July 2024, Asgam

<https://www.asgam.com/index.php/2024/07/22/philippine-president-marcos-bans-all-pogos-with-immediate-effect/>

