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INVESTIGATIONS

France

ICC to investigate allegations of match-fixing in cricket in France

In France, allegations have emerged that France Cricket (FC) staged fake women's cricket games to demonstrate commitment and secure funding from the International Cricket Council (ICC). The former French women's international and board member exposed the phantom games, prompting an investigation by the ICC. The report suggests that clubs faced fines if they couldn't field women's teams, leading to potential falsification of matches and concerns about the integrity of the sport's development in France.

Source: 9 November 2023, *getaboutcolumbia*

Cricket

<https://getaboutcolumbia.com/icc-to-investigate-allegations-of-match-fixing-in-cricket-in-france/>

Uruguay

Uruguay: Impactantes cifras en apuestas deportivas y dos jugadores de baloncesto investigados

In Uruguay, the Basketball Federation initiated a complaint that is now investigated by law enforcement in Uruguay. At least two basketball players are investigated for betting related competition manipulation.

Source: 10 November 2023, *Revista Casino Peru*

<https://www.revistacasinoperu.com/uruguay-impactantes-cifras-en-apuestas-deportivas-y-dos-jugadores-de-baloncesto-investigados/>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Belgium

Belgian tennis players suspended

Seven Belgian tennis players have been suspended by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) for admitting to breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP). The sanctions are linked to a match-fixing syndicate in Belgium, resulting in custodial sentences for the syndicate's leader. Suspensions range from two years and seven months to four years and 10 months, with fines imposed, and the players are prohibited from participating in any ITIA-sanctioned events during their suspensions.

Source: 10 November 2023, *International Tennis Integrity Agency*

Tennis

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/arnaud-graisse-arthur-de-greef-julien-dubail-romain-barbosa-maxime-authom-omar-salman-and-alec-witmeur-sanctioned-under-tennis-anti-corruption-program/>

Belgium

Belgian tennis players suspended

In Belgium, seven tennis players have been suspended for match-fixing breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program. The sanctions resulted from collaboration between the ITIA and Belgian authorities in a match-fixing syndicate case

Source: 10 November 2023, *International Tennis Integrity Agency*

<https://www.itia.tennis/news/sanctions/arnaud-graisse-arthur-de-greef-julien-dubail-romain-barbosa-maxime-authom-omar-salman-and-alec-witmeur-sanctioned-under-tennis-anti-corruption-program/>



International Tennis Integrity Agency

Three tennis players sanctioned for match-fixing

Three tennis players have been sanctioned and fined by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) for breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program. The sanctions are based on match-fixing activities, and the players are prohibited from participating in any ITIA-sanctioned events.

Source: 1 November 2023, *International Tennis Integrity Agency*

Tennis

<https://www.itia.tennis/news/sanctions/timur-khabibulin-sanjar-fayziev-and-igor-smilansky-sanctioned-for-match-fixing/>

BETTING

Asian Racing Federation

How Organised Crime Operates Illegal Betting, Cyber Scams & Modern Slavery in Southeast Asia

The Asian Racing Federation Council on Anti-illegal Betting and Related Financial Crime (ARF Council) released a new publication: "How Organised Crime Operates Illegal Betting, Cyber Scams & Modern Slavery in Southeast Asia" which shows the troubling extent of human trafficking connected to illegal betting in Southeast Asia, jointly produced with The Mekong Club, a leading non-profit organisation that focuses on addressing modern slavery and related crimes. In modern slavery conditions to service illegal betting and cyber-scam operations run by organised crime.

Source: 12 November 2023, *Asian Racing Federation*

https://asiafiles.com/5f8e2bde2b2ef4841cd6639c/651e891f6cca0e3f417cd876_How%20Organised%20Crime%20Operates%20Illegal%20Betting%2C%20Cyber%20Scams%20%26%20Modern%20Slavery%20in%20SEA_FINAL.pdf

INTEGRITY IN SPORT EVENTS

Council of Europe

Preserving the integrity of sport by combatting illegal betting

A Council of Europe conference in Rabat, Morocco, is addressing the issue of illegal betting, a significant challenge to sports integrity. The event, supported by the ACT cooperation project, focuses on raising awareness, sharing best practices, and finding solutions to combat the manipulation of sports competitions, aligning with the Macolin Convention.

Source: 7 November 2023, Council of Europe

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/preserving-the-integrity-of-sport-by-combatting-illegal-betting-1>

MATCH FIXING

India

Mahadev Betting App: After Bollywood, scandal now linked to cricket match-fixing

In India, an information report in relation to two betting app promoters alleged involvement in a match-fixing syndicate generating crores of rupees every day on the orders of the local court. The two accused have been identified by the ED as key players in the betting scam. The match-fixing scandal was carried out through a 'subsidiary app'.

Source: 13 November 2023, The Economic Times

Cricket

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/mahadev-betting-app-after-bollywood-scandal-now-linked-to-cricket-match-fixing/articleshow/105179052.cms>

Poland

Polish club seeks assistance in match-fixing suspicion

In Poland, a third-tier football club, is under suspicion due to unusual results in their recent matches. Despite initially leading 3-0 in both games, they ended up losing 4-3 and 5-3. The club has requested the Polish Football Association to investigate possible match-fixing in these matches. In response, they have suspended one player and mutually terminated the contract of another.

Source: 7 November 2023, Reuters

Football

<https://www.reuters.com/sports/soccer/polish-club-seeks-assistance-match-fixing-suspicion-2023-11-07/>

