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INVESTIGATIONS

Hong Kong

12 football players and coaches arrested over suspicion of match-fixing in Hong Kong

Twelve football players and coaches from three teams in Hong Kong have been arrested for allegedly manipulating match results to benefit illegal bets placed on both Premier League and Division Two games over the past two seasons.

Source: 29 May 2024, South China Morning Post

Football

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3264582/12-football-players-and-coaches-arrested-over-suspicion-match-fixing-hong-kong>

Italy

Bari, l'espulsione di Bellomo in Serie B contro la Ternana diventa un caso: la Procura federale della Figc apre un'indagine

In Italy, the Federal Prosecutor of FIGC has opened an investigation into Nicola Bellomo's red card during the Serie B playoff match between Ternana and Bari, which led to an unusual flow of bets in Bari.

Source: 30 May 2024, il Fatto Quotidiano

Football

<https://www.ilfattoquotidiano.it/2024/05/30/bari-lespulsione-di-bellomo-in-serie-b-contro-la-ternana-diventa-un-caso-la-procura-federale-della-figc-apre-unindagine/7568556/>

Spain

Negreira case: Barcelona president Joan Laporta and board will not face charges

In Spain, a court ruled that FC Barcelona's president and board members from 2003 to 2010 will not face criminal liability, and the club will not face bribery charges. However, Barcelona could still be prosecuted for corruption, breach of trust, and false business records despite the lack of evidence for match-fixing.

Source: 1 June 2024, Barca Blaugranes

Football

<https://www.barcablaugranes.com/2024/6/1/24168705/negreira-case-barcelona-president-joan-laporta-and-board-will-not-face-charges>

United Kingdom

West Ham's Paqueta may face 10-year ban if guilty of spot-fixing

In the UK, West Ham midfielder Lucas Paqueta faces spot-fixing charges for allegedly picking up deliberate yellow cards, which could lead to a potential ban and have significant implications for the club.

Source: 24 May 2024, World Soccer Talk

Football

<https://worldsoccertalk.com/news/west-hams-paqueta-may-face-10-year-ban-if-guilty-of-spot-fixing/>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Algeria

Algerian tennis player suspended under Tennis Anti-Corruption Program

Algerian tennis player Mohamed Ali Abibsi has been suspended for two years and six months and fined \$10,000 for not complying with the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, including refusing to submit personal devices for an investigation.

Source: 22 May 2024, ITIA

Tennis

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/algerian-tennis-player-mohamed-ali-abibsi-suspended-under-tennis-anti-corruption-program/>

ODDS AND ENDS

IOC

Meet your Believe in Sport Ambassadors for Paris 2024

The Believe in Sport campaign has been launched for Paris 2024, with six inspirational ambassadors appointed by the IOC to help raise awareness of competition manipulation among athletes, coaches and officials.

Source: 3 June 2024, Olympics.com

Olympic Games

<https://olympics.com/athlete365/games-time/paris-2024/meet-your-believe-in-sport-ambassadors-for-paris-2024/>

MATCH FIXING

Sri Lanka

Alleged match-fixers further remanded

Tamim Rahman, co-owner of the Dambulla Thunders, has been remanded until June 7, 2024, amid allegations of match-fixing, with the court requesting investigators to present a recording of a controversial phone conversation.

Source: 2 June 2024, The Sunday Times

Cricket

<https://www.sundaytimes.lk/240602/sports/alleged-match-fixers-further-remanded-558915.html>

Sri Lanka**Sri Lanka T20 league set to go ahead despite arrest of franchise owner on suspicion of match-fixing**

Despite the recent arrest of the owner of the Dambulla Thunders, on suspicion of match-fixing, the Lanka Premier League in Sri Lanka will continue as planned in July.

Source: 23 May 2024, *The Times of India*

Cricket

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/cricket/news/sri-lanka-t20-league-set-to-go-ahead-despite-arrest-of-franchise-owner-on-suspicion-of-involvement-in-match-fixing/articleshow/110364886.cms>



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