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## INVESTIGATIONS

### Spain

#### Spain dismantles global match-fixing ring with INTERPOL support

The Spanish National Police, in cooperation with the Spanish Tax Agency, Europol and INTERPOL, have dismantled an organized crime group suspected of fixing sporting events as well as using technology to place bets ahead of bookmakers.

Source: 15 September 2023, INTERPOL

<https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2023/Spain-dismantles-global-match-fixing-ring-with-INTERPOL-support>

## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### Angola

#### Angolan African Super League club Petro de Luanda suspended for 2 years for match-fixing

The Angolan Football Federation have suspended one of their league's clubs from competition, for two years, after allegations of match-fixing came to light.

Source: 4 September 2023, Inside World Football

Football

<https://www.insideworldfootball.com/2023/09/04/angolan-african-super-league-club-petro-de-luanda-suspended-2-years-match-fixing/>

### Sri Lanka

#### Former Sri Lanka and KKR cricketer Sachithra Senanayake arrested over match-fixing accusations

In Sri Lanka, the Sports Corruption Investigation Unit arrested a former cricket player following allegations of his involvement in match-fixing.

Source: 6 September 2023, Hindustan Times

Cricket

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cricket/former-sri-lanka-and-krk-cricketer-sachithra-senanayake-arrested-over-match-fixing-accusations-101693987002870.html>

### United Kingdom

#### Harry Toffolo in Forest squad after suspended ban for 375 betting breaches

In the UK, a Premier League club football player has been temporarily banned for violating betting regulations.

Source: 13 September 2023, The Guardian

Football

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2023/sep/13/harry-toffolo-in-nottingham-forest-squad-after-receiving-suspended-ban>

## BETTING

### Denmark

#### Danish Gambling Regulator Reports Twitch Streamer to Police for Promoting Illegal Gambling

In Denmark, a gambling streamer was fined by the country's gambling regulator office for reporting for advertising illegal gambling sites.

Source: 2 September 2023, Vegas Slots Online

<https://www.vegasslotsonline.com/news/2023/09/02/danish-gambling-regulator-reports-twitch-streamer-to-police-for-promoting-illegal-gambling/>



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## ODDS AND ENDS

### Chile

#### Chile's Minister of Sports Calls for Action After Escalante Match Fixing Claims

In Chile, the Minister of Sports announced a series of national government level measures that would help to combat match fixing and regulate gambling.

Source: 11 September 2023, Casino

Football

<https://www.casino.org/news/chile-to-block-betting-ads-amid-rise-in-match-fixing-scandals/>

### United States

#### FC steps up efforts to crack down on match-fixing with 'Prohibet' after FBI investigation into suspicious betting activity

Following an inquiry by the US's Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) into suspicious betting activities, the UFC launched an initiative aimed at combatting match-fixing.

Source: 6 September 2023, Sportskeeda

<https://www.sportskeeda.com/mma/news-ufc-steps-efforts-crack-match-fixing-prohibet-fbi-investigation-suspicious-betting-activity>

## INTEGRITY IN SPORT EVENTS

### Argentina

#### **SE LLEVÓ A CABO EL TALLER “INTEGRIDAD EN EL DEPORTE: LA MANIPULACIÓN DE LAS COMPETENCIAS DEPORTIVAS”**

With the support of the Argentinian National Olympic Committee, INTERPOL and the IOC jointly organized an Integrity in Sport Regional Workshop on 13 September in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The event that brought together law enforcement investigators and National Olympic Committee members from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and other regional sports bodies. Participants shared best practices, discussed the importance of awareness and education, capacity building, and sharing investigation techniques on how to strengthen integrity in sport - with a focus on the region.

Source: 13 September 2023, *Comite Olimpico Argentina*

<https://www.coarg.org.ar/component/k2/item/13028-se-llevo-a-cabo-el-taller-integridad-en-el-deporte-la-manipulacion-de-las-competencias-deportivas>

## MATCH FIXING

### Bolivia

#### **Bolivian tournaments cancelled over alleged match-fixing**

In Bolivia, the country's football federation cancelled two national league football tournaments following an investigation that revealed potential match fixing activity.

Source: 5 September 2023, *Reuters*

Football

<https://www.reuters.com/sports/soccer/bolivian-tournaments-cancelled-over-alleged-match-fixing-2023-09-05/>

### Bolivia

#### **Witnesses of match-fixing receive death threats, FBF lawyer denounces**

The Bolivian Football Federation filed a request to initiate a criminal lawsuit to investigate allegations of match-fixing in two tournaments. According to reports, the witnesses in the potential investigation were sent death threats and fear for their lives.

Source: 5 September 2023, *Time News*

<https://time.news/witnesses-of-match-fixing-receive-death-threats-fbf-lawyer-denounces/>

### UEFA

#### **Match-fixing concerns raised as UEFA made aware of suspicious betting patterns on two Europa Conference League games**

The Europa Conference league has made headlines after suspicious betting patterns triggered concerns of potential match-fixing activities, which were eventually raised to UEFA.

Source: 31 August 2023, *Goal*

<https://www.goal.com/en-my/news/match-fixing-uefa-suspicious-betting-patterns-europa-conference-league/blt732bbfad13f8ff0>

## CORRUPTION

### United States

#### **Two convictions in FIFA corruption scandal overturned – Sports Suchi News**

In the United States, a judge has overturned two convictions which were associated with the FIFA corruption case.

Source: 3 September 2023, *Suchi News*

Football

<https://suchinews.com/two-convictions-in-fifa-corruption-scandal-overturned-sports-suchi-news/>

