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INVESTIGATIONS

Spain

Un médico detenido en una operación de Mossos contra el tráfico de medicamentos ilegales y dopaje de gimnasio

The Mossos d'Esquadra have dismantled a Catalan criminal organization dedicated to the online sale of illegal performance-enhancing drugs, with nine people arrested — including a doctor — and searches carried out in several locations. In addition to trafficking dangerous pharmaceuticals, they are also under investigation for money laundering after the discovery of a network of shell companies and the seizure of 200,000 euros in cash.

Source: 26 November 2025, *El Casa*

https://elcaso.elnacional.cat/es/noticias/medico-detenido-operacion-mossos-trafico-medicamentos-ilegales-dopaje-gimnasio_1518682102.html

United States

Gambling allegations put NBA under scrutiny as FBI expands investigation

In the U.S., the FBI has arrested more than 30 NBA players, coaches, and affiliates in a sweeping illegal gambling and insider-betting investigation that implicates figures such as Chauncey Billups and Terry Rozier, and exposes ties to organized crime and an underground multistate poker ring. The scandal highlights growing oversight challenges as legalized sports betting expands, raising concerns about game integrity and the NBA's close relationship with betting platforms.

Source: 3 December 2025, *The Johns Hopkins News-Letter*

<https://www.jhunewsletter.com/article/2025/12/gambling-allegations-put-nba-under-scrutiny-as-fbi-expands-investigation>

BETTING

United States

Congress investigates betting scandals rocking NBA and Major League Baseball following federal charges

In the U.S., lawmakers are increasingly alarmed by a surge in sports betting and a string of gambling-related scandals involving professional athletes, raising fears that prop bets and close ties between leagues and sportsbooks threaten the integrity of sports. While Congress is investigating and calling for stronger safeguards, deep political divisions make significant federal action unlikely.

Source: 27 November 2025, *Fox News*

Baseball, Basketball

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/congress-investigates-betting-scandals-rocking-nba-major-league-baseball-following-federal-charges?msocid=2d1199f5f0cf6e830af78993f17b6f36>

DOPING

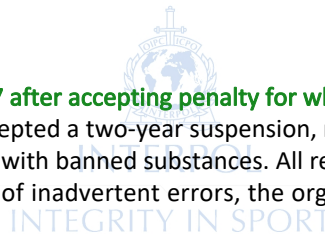
Canada

Penny Oleksiak banned from competition until 2027 after accepting penalty for whereabouts failures

Canadian Olympic swimmer Penny Oleksiak has accepted a two-year suspension, retroactive to July 15, 2024, after accumulating three whereabouts failures despite no involvement with banned substances. All results since June 16 have been disqualified, and while Swimming Canada supports her explanation of inadvertent errors, the organization emphasizes the importance of strict anti-doping compliance.

Source: 26 November 2025, *CBC*

<https://www.cbc.ca/sports/olympics/summer/aquatics/swimming/penny-oleksiak-whereabouts-ban-2027-9.6991795>



GOOD PRACTICES

Global

WADA launches new e-learning course for coaches of recreational athletes

WADA has launched a new ADEL e-learning course that provides tailored anti-doping education for coaches of recreational athletes, highlighting that these athletes are also subject to anti-doping rules. The course aims to help coaches promote clean sport values, integrate anti-doping principles into daily practice, recognize athlete vulnerabilities, and strengthen education efforts across recreational sport environments.

Source: 28 November 2025, *WADA*

<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/news/wada-launches-new-e-learning-course-coaches-recreational-athletes>

ODDS AND ENDS

Finland

Finnish floorball suspicious betting probe: players banned, match-fixing ruled out

The Finnish Floorball Federation has banned 80 players for violating betting rules in a scandal involving insider trading and prohibited wagers, though no evidence of match-fixing was found. The bans, which remain anonymous to protect players' privacy, represent the most extensive penalties in the sport's history and aim to restore integrity after significant reputational damage.

Source: 4 December 2025, *iGamingbusiness*

Football

<https://igamingbusiness.com/sports-betting/finnish-floorball-players-banned-suspicious-betting/>

Nigeria

NFF in fresh N1.4b FIFA Women World Cup scandal

Former Super Falcons coach Randy Waldrum alleges that the NFF mismanaged nearly \$1 million in FIFA funds meant for Nigeria's 2023 Women's World Cup preparations, resulting in inadequate training camps, limited staff, and poor logistical support. His claims have intensified scrutiny over longstanding transparency and governance issues within Nigerian football, with growing calls for accountability from stakeholders.

Source: 28 November 2025, *The Guardian*

Football

<https://guardian.ng/sport/football/nff-in-fresh-n1-4b-fifa-women-world-cup-scandal/>

MATCH FIXING

Global

OKTAGON says fighters won't risk match-fixing

OKTAGON Co-founder Pavol Neruda says match-fixing is not a major concern for his MMA promotion, citing its size, athlete incentives, and partnerships with major betting operators, though he acknowledges that rising gambling integration complicates the landscape. He argues that stronger, industry-wide education and shared integrity standards are needed as the sport expands and scrutiny increases.

Source: 25 November 2025, *Insider Sport*

Mixed Martial Arts

https://www.bing.com/search?q=Match-fixing+in+MMA%3F+OKTAGON+Co-founder+responds&cvid=df9accf524df4785a1cd9a68e30405c4&gs_lcrp=EgRIZGdlKgYIABBFdSyBggAEEUYOzIICAEQ6QcY_FXSAQkzODYxNmowajSoAgCwAgA&FORM=ANAB01&PC=U531

Turkey

Turkey's match-fixing scandal leaves fourth-tier club with only seven players

Turkish football has been rocked by a massive betting scandal, with the TFF suspending hundreds of referees and more than a thousand players—many for historic violations—forcing lower-division clubs into crisis as they struggle to field teams. One of the hardest hit, Agri 1970 Spor, lost 17 of its 24 players and now faces severe logistical and financial strain while awaiting arbitration decisions that may not arrive before league play resumes.

Source: 27 November 2025, *Tribuna*

Football

<https://tribuna.com/en/betting/blogs/turkeys-matchfixing-scandal-leaves-fourthtier-club-with-only/>

CORRUPTION

Argentina

Argentine soccer's credibility battered by suspicions of corruption, biased refereeing, and controversial trophy awards

Argentina's domestic football scene is embroiled in chaos, with sudden rule changes, disputed referee decisions, and the AFA's surprise declaration of Rosario Central as "2025 League Champion" sparking widespread backlash from clubs and fans. The turmoil—marked by fabricated regulations, sanctions against Estudiantes, political interference, and growing distrust in officiating—has pushed the credibility of Argentine tournaments to a historic low.

Source: 28 November 2025, *El Pais*

<https://english.elpais.com/sports/2025-11-28/argentine-soccers-credibility-battered-by-suspicions-of-corruption-biased-refereeing-and-controversial-trophy-awards.html>

Bangladesh

BCB drop several players from BPL auction following findings of corruption report

The Bangladesh Cricket Board has excluded several unnamed players from the upcoming BPL auction after an inquiry report raised integrity concerns about last season, though no formal charges were filed. The board says the restrictions apply only to the BPL as a precaution to protect the league's integrity and do not affect other domestic competitions.

Source: 29 November 2025, *ESPN cricinfo*

Cricket

<https://www.espncricinfo.com/story/bcb-drop-several-players-from-bpl-auction-after-inquiry-committee-corruption-report-1513791>

