

Suspicious Matches Uncovered



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Introduction to Our Latest Findings:
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Soccer: 115

Welcome to our first newsletter, where we delve into the fascinating and often shadowy world of sports integrity. This issue brings to light some of the most recent and compelling findings from the dedicated research team at the University of New Haven, led by Declan Hill and including analysis from Francesco Baranca, from Sportintegrityteam. Using open-source information and network information, our team has identified a series of suspicious matches that raise significant concerns about the integrity of various sports competitions.



Basketball: 11

In an era where the sanctity of fair play is constantly under threat, our mission is to shine a light on activities that undermine the true spirit of competition. Our research not only identifies potential match-fixing incidents but also aims to understand the networks and mechanisms that enable such corruption.



Cricket: 5

Join us as we explore these critical issues and work together to uphold the integrity of sports worldwide. Your engagement and support are vital in this ongoing battle against corruption in sports.



Tennis: 2



Handball: 1



E-Sport: 4

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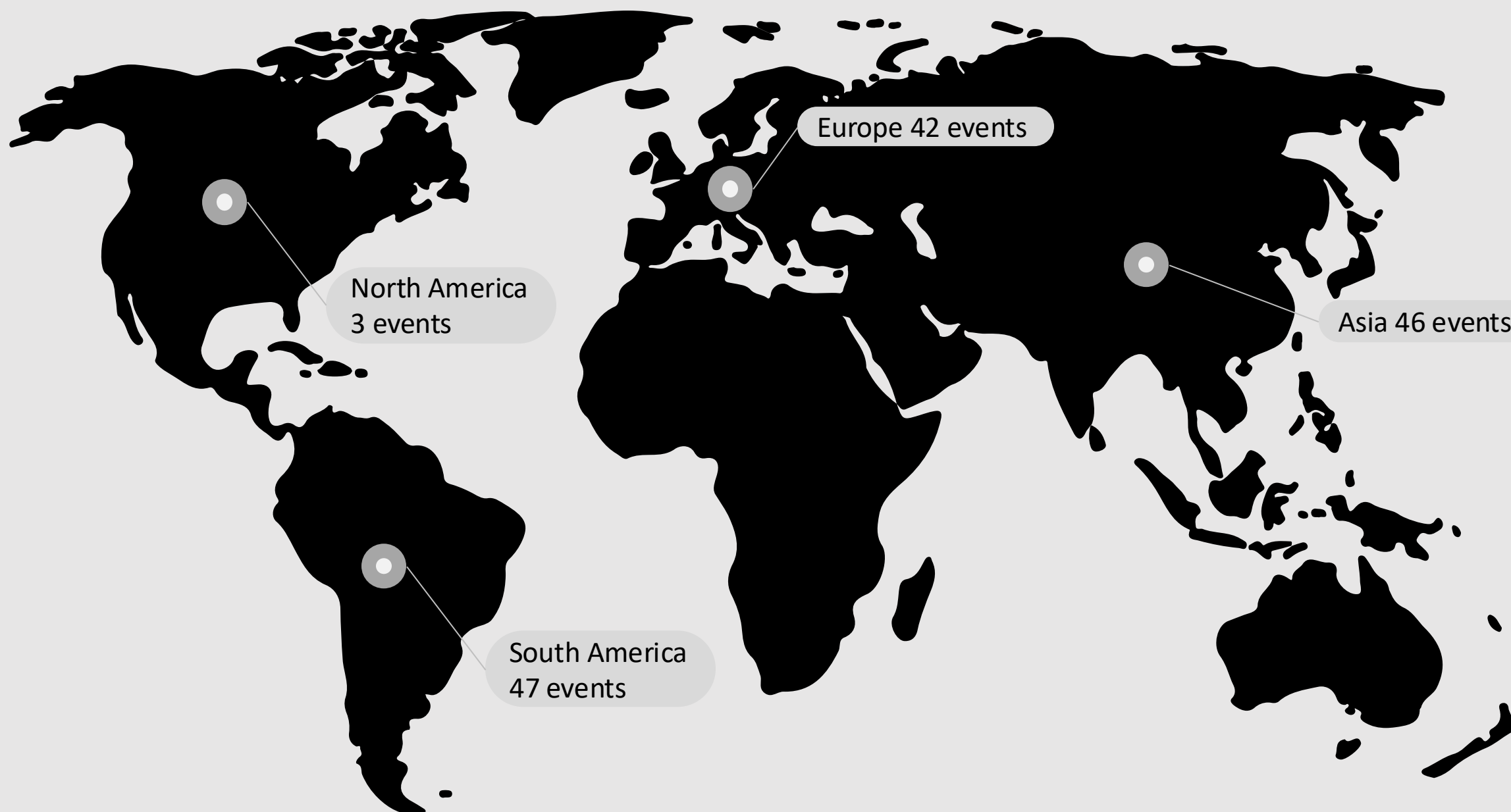
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South America

Soccer: 44 events
Basketball 3 events

North America

Soccer: 3 events

Europe

Basketball: 4 events
Cricket: 1 event
E-Sport: 2 events
Handball: 1 event
Soccer: 32 events
Tennis: 2 events

Asia

Basketball: 4 events
Soccer: 36 events
Cricket: 4 events
E-Sport 2 events



124



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In summary, the events are widely varied across continents, with soccer being the most popular sport overall, especially in South America and Europe. Asia shows a strong preference for both basketball and soccer, while North America has limited events focused on soccer. Other sports like cricket, E-sport, handball, and tennis show moderate to niche engagement in Europe. The data is collected from end of June to July 31st

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Francesco Baranca in the Finnish news

A Finnish football club is currently suspected of being involved in a large-scale match-fixing scheme, according to Francesco Baranca, an Italian expert who has investigated match and result manipulation for over a decade. Baranca claims that the patterns of betting odds and match events in numerous games of a team playing in the Finnish third division (Kakkonen) can only be explained by criminal activity. He asserts that the manipulation is carried out by professionals and has generated over a million euros for the organization behind it.

Baranca indicates that this issue extends beyond a single club, involving players and associates linked to other clubs in the third and fourth divisions (Kolmonen), with these clubs spread across Finland. The Finnish Football Association (Palloliitto) is aware of the suspicious activities and is monitoring certain clubs. Veikkaus, Finland's betting agency, has not offered bets on the suspected club's games, but most of the questionable betting occurs on semi-legal markets outside Finland, particularly in Asia.

Baranca suggests that preventing suspicious matches from being listed by betting companies is crucial, as manipulation is not possible if betting is not available. The role of "dataskouts," individuals who provide real-time match data to betting companies, is highlighted. These scouts, who may operate inconspicuously, are essential for live betting and thus play a role in enabling manipulation. The article discusses how other countries, like Ukraine, have tackled similar issues by removing dataskouts from stadiums and halting betting on manipulated matches. However, implementing such measures in Finland is challenging due to the basic nature of lower-division match events and the difficulty in monitoring all spectators.

The connection between data and betting is further illustrated by instances of "ghost matches," where bets are placed on non-existent games, showing the significance of data for betting markets. Baranca criticizes data companies for facilitating betting fraud by providing data on suspicious matches to both sports associations and betting companies. The Finnish Football Association sells data rights for various leagues and national teams, indicating the financial value of this data for clubs and associations. However, the ongoing issue of match manipulation through betting fraud remains a complex challenge to address.



Rikollisten pelätään vallanneen suomalaisseuran

Otelu-manipulaatioita yli vuosikymmenen tutkinut Francesco Baranca pitää selvänä, että vedonlyöntijärjestelmä on tiennyt kahvilla kaudella yli miljoona euroa suomalaisella jalkapalloseuralalla. Suomen Palloliitto kertoo tarkkailuvansa useita seurajäseniä viikkopäilyen vuoksi.

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Online News from World of Crime, Chris Dalby

The article "Many Sports Left Behind in Global Match-Fixing Crisis" from Seasons of Crime highlights how the majority of anti-match-fixing efforts are concentrated on major sports like football, tennis, and basketball. However, less prominent sports such as table tennis, badminton, handball, curling, and darts are also significantly affected by match-fixing but receive less attention and resources for prevention and investigation. This disparity leaves many sports vulnerable to manipulation, as the focus on high-profile sports allows match-fixers to exploit these lesser-monitored areas more easily.

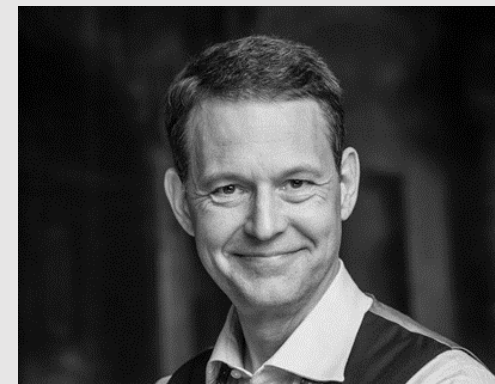
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Declan Hill

Declan Hill is a distinguished author, investigative journalist, and academic renowned for his expertise in sports corruption and match-fixing. Over his extensive career, Hill has made significant contributions to uncovering the dark underbelly of sports, revealing the extent of corruption across various athletic disciplines. His work is characterized by meticulous research, compelling narratives, and a relentless pursuit of truth.



Hill's most notable publication, "The Fix: Soccer and Organized Crime," provides an in-depth look at how organized crime influences international soccer, exposing intricate networks that manipulate match outcomes for financial gain. This groundbreaking book has garnered critical acclaim and established Hill as a leading authority on the subject. Hill's academic credentials are equally impressive. He holds a doctorate in Sociology from the University of Oxford, where his research focused on match-fixing in football. His scholarly work further cements his reputation as an expert in his field, bridging the gap between rigorous academic inquiry and practical, real-world applications.

Currently, Hill is a faculty member at the University of New Haven, where he continues his groundbreaking work. At the university, he is deeply involved in educating the next generation of investigators and scholars in the field of sports integrity. Hill's courses cover topics such as investigative journalism, sports corruption, and ethics, providing students with the tools and knowledge to combat corruption in sports.

Chris Kronow Rasmussen

Chris Kronow Rasmussen is an expert in the field of financial crime investigation, has extensive experience in combating match-fixing and his academic contributions to the study of financial crime and compliance. With nearly 15 years of dedicated work in the anti-match-fixing arena, Rasmussen has developed a profound understanding of the complexities and challenges associated with financial crime. Rasmussen holds an MBA from Middlesex University and is currently pursuing a MBD from Copenhagen Business School, with a minor in Financial Crime and Compliance.



In his current role as a consultant for Advisense, Rasmussen leverages his expertise to assist organizations in developing effective strategies to prevent and combat financial crimes. Rasmussen's practical approach and in-depth knowledge make him a trusted advisor to many businesses and institutions seeking to safeguard their operations from financial misconduct.

As a lecturer at the University of New Haven, Rasmussen brings his real-world experience into the classroom, providing students with insights into the field of financial crime investigation. His courses cover a range of topics, including anti-money laundering (AML), fraud detection, compliance strategies, and the intricacies of match-fixing. His teaching methodology emphasizes both theoretical foundations and practical applications, preparing students to effectively address financial crime in their future careers.

Francesco Baranca

Francesco Baranca is a prominent figure in the realm of sports integrity, renowned for his extensive work in combating match-fixing and promoting fair play in sports. With a career dedicated to ensuring the integrity of athletic competitions, Baranca has become a leading authority on issues related to sports corruption and ethics.



Baranca is currently the Founder of Sportintegrityteam, an international organization dedicated to monitoring betting activities and fighting against match-fixing. His role involves overseeing the organization's operations, coordinating with sports bodies and law enforcement agencies, and implementing measures to detect and prevent fraudulent activities in sports betting. His academic background includes a law degree, which provides him with a solid foundation for understanding the legal complexities associated with sports integrity issues. Baranca's expertise is not limited to theoretical knowledge; he has hands-on experience in investigating and addressing instances of match-fixing and betting fraud. This combination of academic and practical experience makes him a well-respected voice in the field.

In addition to his work, Baranca has collaborated with various sports organizations, including football leagues, governing bodies, and law enforcement agencies, to develop and implement comprehensive anti-corruption programs. His efforts have been instrumental in raising awareness about the risks of match-fixing and promoting a culture of transparency and accountability in sports.