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## THE FLOOR TO...

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From more than hundred athletes competing at the Olympic Summer Games Beijing 2008 and London 2012, including about 30 medal winners, a positive doping result has been reported after re-analysing the frozen samples in 2016. This demonstrates the huge challenge to protect clean athletes. Obviously, some of those who have been protected for years did not deserve it. So how can one clearly distinguish clean athletes from those cheating? Can one do it at all? The experience in other areas of life shows, that it needs more than just kicking some criminal elements out of sport in order to keep it fair and honest. Transparency International Germany has worked on prevention of match-fixing since 2010, but above all we are fighting corruption in all areas of life and as well in sport. From what we know: Wherever there is competition, there is the temptation to cheat, and everybody is at risk to be involved in manipulation. If this risk is not managed accordingly, cheating may become endemic. Huge pressures to succeed, a testing system that can be circumvented by using unknown substances or just some specific medical knowledge, and an institutional lack of effective oversight and integrity in many sport organizations – just to name some reasons - make sport a high risk area with regards to breaching the rules. This applies to all athletes; each of them may fail, i.e. may no longer be a clean one. Moreover, it is not just about the athletes. Their entourage and the officials are part of the risk as well. They all have to be taken into account by a comprehensive risk-based approach in the fight against doping that must be based on a consequent zero-tolerance policy, which include structural, educational, and investigative measures far beyond the current testing system. In some sports, a specific history even legitimises doping - “The others do it as well!” and “In our sport, it does not work without!”, adding to the risk and requiring a huge effort to change the whole culture.

Finally, neither Lance Armstrong has been caught nor the recent disclosure of a doping scheme in Russian sport been made simply by collecting samples. Information obtained from whistle-blowers is the most effective source for an investigation. Many of these whistle-blowers breached the rules themselves before deciding to tell the truth, often taking a personal risk in doing so. Therefore, it is not sufficient to protect clean athletes. Sport urgently needs to ensure that those wanting to disclose information on doping or match-fixing will be protected - whether they have been involved in wrongdoing themselves or not.

## INVESTIGATIONS

### Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe international footballer Knowledge Musona has been caught in gambling scandal after he admitted to authorities that he had placed bets in matches he was playing. It is illegal for players to gamble in matches they are involved in as this gives rise to match fixing. However, there is no evidence or reports to suggest Musona fixed any match. Last week the Belgian ProLeague confirmed that “four or five players” were mentioned in the investigations, two of those player are Ostende striker Knowledge Musona and Waasland-Beveren goalkeeper Laurent Henkinet. The conclusion was that the two indeed have gambled on games of their own team. Musona reportedly admitted and notified his club of his actions and cooperated. It is now up to the Gambling Commission to decide whether the two fined. The players could be fined while there are reports that suggest criminal charges could also be slapped. Musona is likely to be given a financial penalty for his actions. A number of top English and Spanish footballers have been punished in the past for similar offenses.

Source: “Knowledge Musona Admits Belgium ‘Match Fixing’ Gambling Scandal”, 26 September 2016, Zim News  
<https://zimnews.net/zimbabwe-soccer-player-in-match-gambling-storm/>

## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### Ireland

Joey Barton could be staring a SECOND ban in the face at Rangers after it emerged he is under investigation for betting on a Celtic match. The controversial midfielder has already been suspended by the Gers after a training ground bust-up with manager Mark Warburton in the wake of last weekend's defeat to their Old Firm rivals. And now it can be revealed he is under investigation the Gambling Commission for betting on Celtic to suffer a heavy defeat to Barcelona last week, report the Daily Record. Brendan Rodgers' team were hammered 7-0 by the Spanish superstars in the Champions League clash. The decision to ban Barton until the first week in October has left the 34-year-old Scouser's future hanging by a thread. And even if he is able to beat the odds and talk his way back into Warburton's good books, he could be hit with a suspension by the SFA, who have a zero tolerance policy on betting on football matches. The Record understand a red flag was raised by bookmakers last week after a bet was placed on Celtic to suffer a heavy defeat in the Nou Camp. It's alleged the wager – for Celtic to lose by at least three goals – was placed on Barton's personal account with bookies Betfair. The SFA were immediately informed of suspicions and contacted the Gambling Commission, asking them to investigate the matter. It's understood Rangers and the player have also been notified that the probe has been launched. The Gambling Commission will present their findings to the SFA before the matter is handed over to compliance officer Tony McGlennan, who will decide what action, if any, should be taken against Barton. Any potential punishment is likely to be limited to a suspension of one or two matches, as there is no suggestion that Barton was involved in match fixing or attempting to influence results.

In September 2013, former Rangers player Ian Black had to sit out three games after admitting to gambling on 160 matches over a seven-year period – including betting against his own team in three games. Black was also fined £7500 and had a further seven-match ban suspended. Later that season, Ayr United striker Michael Moffat after being found guilty of placing seven bets on six matches involving his own team. Moffat also admitted to betting on an additional 150 matches involving other teams. His ban was later dropped to four games – with two more suspended – after an appeal. Last May, Partick Thistle striker Steven Lawless received a six-game ban after being accused of betting on more than 500 games during a three-year period. Four of those matches were suspended which meant Lawless sat out just two games. Another former Rangers player, goalkeeper Steve Simonsen, served a one-game ban for betting on 50 games over a period of 12 months. Compliance officer McGlennan appealed against that decision, describing it at the time as "unduly lenient" but this was rejected by a tribunal. It is unclear whether Barton is suspected of making any additional wagers since signing for Rangers on a free transfer in the summer. The investigation is expected to last several weeks.

Source: Keith Jackson, "Joey Barton facing SECOND ban as Scottish FA probe allegations he bet on Celtic match", 20 September 2016, *The Mirror*  
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/sport/football/news/joey-barton-facing-second-ban-8873725>

### South Africa

The 21-year old admitted to approaching another player with financial inducements of \$2 000 to underperform in a singles match, and \$600 in a doubles match, during the ITF Futures F1 event in Stellenbosch, South Africa, in November 2015. The player approached by Chetty, whose identity will remain confidential in accordance with the provisions of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP), rejected the corrupt offers and reported the matter to the Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU). The findings of a resultant TIU investigation were referred to independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer, Ian Mill QC, who considered the case and imposed the lifetime ban from all professional tennis. Chetty is currently ranked 1 857 in singles, with a career-high of 1 370 in June 2015.

The breaches of the TACP for which he has been found guilty fall under Sections D.1.e and D.1.g, which read as follows: "D.1.e. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or facilitate any Player to not use his or her best efforts in any Event." "D.1.g. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any other Covered Person with the intention of negatively influencing a Player's best efforts in any Event." The lifetime ban from all professional tennis applies with immediate effect and means that Chetty is now not allowed to compete in, or attend, any tournament or event organised or sanctioned by the governing bodies of the sport. The President of Tennis South Africa (TSA), Gavin Crookes, said TSA supports this decision unreservedly. "The maintenance of the integrity of our sport is paramount. David Haggerty, the President of the International Tennis Federation has made this one of his core objectives over the next three years. This, likewise, is one of my core objectives for the coming three years as President of Tennis South Africa. "All stakeholders need to know that the running of our sport is above reproach and that any transgression by any player, official or administrator will be dealt with harshly." Crookes said that he had advised eThekweni Tennis that Chetty would also not be allowed to participate in league fixtures.

Source: "Lifetime ban for South African tennis player guilty of match-fixing", 29 September 2016, *Times Lives*  
<http://www.timeslive.co.za/sport/tennis/2016/09/29/Lifetime-ban-for-South-African-tennis-player-guilty-of-match-fixing>

## BETTING

### France

The Tennis Integrity Unit says French player Constant Lestienne has been banned for seven months for gambling on matches, with half of the sentence suspended. The 24-year-old Lestienne has also been fined \$10,000 after admitting to the charges of betting on tennis. The TIU, which investigated Lestienne in collaboration with French online gambling regulator ARJEL, says the 164th-ranked player placed bets on 220 matches through online accounts between February 2012 and June 2015. The TIU says none of the bets were related to matches Lestienne played. Lestienne's fine will be reduced to \$5,000 if he gives assistance to the Tennis Integrity Unit, which was formed in 2008 by the ATP and WTA tours, the International Tennis Federation and the Grand Slam Committee.

Source: "French Tennis Player Banned 7 Months for Betting on Matches", 21 September 2016, *New York Times*  
[http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2016/09/21/sports/tennis/ap-ten-french-player-banned.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2016/09/21/sports/tennis/ap-ten-french-player-banned.html?_r=0)

## DOPING

### Russia

One of Russia's top sprinters has been banned for four years for doping. Mikhail Idrisov has won three national 100-meter titles and took silver with Russia at the 2014 European team championships. The Russian anti-doping agency says he has been handed a four-year ban, backdated to June 2015, for an unspecified "breach of anti-doping rules." Four-year bans were also handed to regional-level athletes Evgeny Khokhlov and Tamara Shchemerova. Russia's team was almost entirely banned from Olympic track and field in Rio de Janeiro after a World Anti-Doping Agency report detailed widespread doping and cover-ups involving Russian anti-doping officers and government officials. Only U.S.-based long jumper Darya Klishina was allowed to compete.

Source: "Russian sprinter Mikhail Idrisov banned 4 years for doping", 28 September 2016, *Fox Sports*  
<http://www.foxsports.com/other/story/russian-sprinter-mikhail-idrisov-banned-4-years-for-doping-092816>

## INTEGRITY IN SPORT EVENTS

### Council of Europe

5th International Conference for the promotion and implementation of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions.

25-26 October 2016 Bucharest, Romania

The forth "Keep Crime Out of Sport" (KCOOS) Project Regional Seminar will take place in Bucharest, Romania in which the main actors from Europe will be invited. This seminar, organised by the Council of Europe, will address the needs for legislation, transposition, and law enforcement challenges. For more information, please contact: [sport.kcoos@coe.int](mailto:sport.kcoos@coe.int)



### Council of Europe

4th International Conference for the promotion and implementation of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions.

4-5 October 2016 Copenhagen, Denmark

The fourth "Keep Crime Out of Sport" (KCOOS) Project Regional Seminar will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark in which the main actors from Europe will be invited. This seminar, organised by the Council of Europe, will address the needs for legislation, transposition, and law enforcement challenges. For more information, please contact: [sport.kcoos@coe.int](mailto:sport.kcoos@coe.int)

### Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

TAIEX Workshop on corruption in sport: Methods and technique in detecting crimes in the field of corruption in sports  
12-13 October 2016 Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The aim of this meeting is to enhance the expertise of investigators in detecting corruption in sport, to raise awareness and knowledge of the phenomenon, and to encourage all the stakeholders to take action and establish networks and new rules to combat match-fixing in sport.

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Train the Trainer Course and National Workshop  
20-21 October 2016 Buenos Aires, Argentina

The INTERPOL Integrity in Sports Unit and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is hosting a National Workshop and a Train the Trainer Course in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Law Enforcement, Sport federations, prosecutors, and the betting industry have been invited for the National Workshop. Sport federations, sport coaches and athletes have been invited for the Train the Trainer workshop. Both events will take place on 20-21 October 2016.

