



Protecting the Game

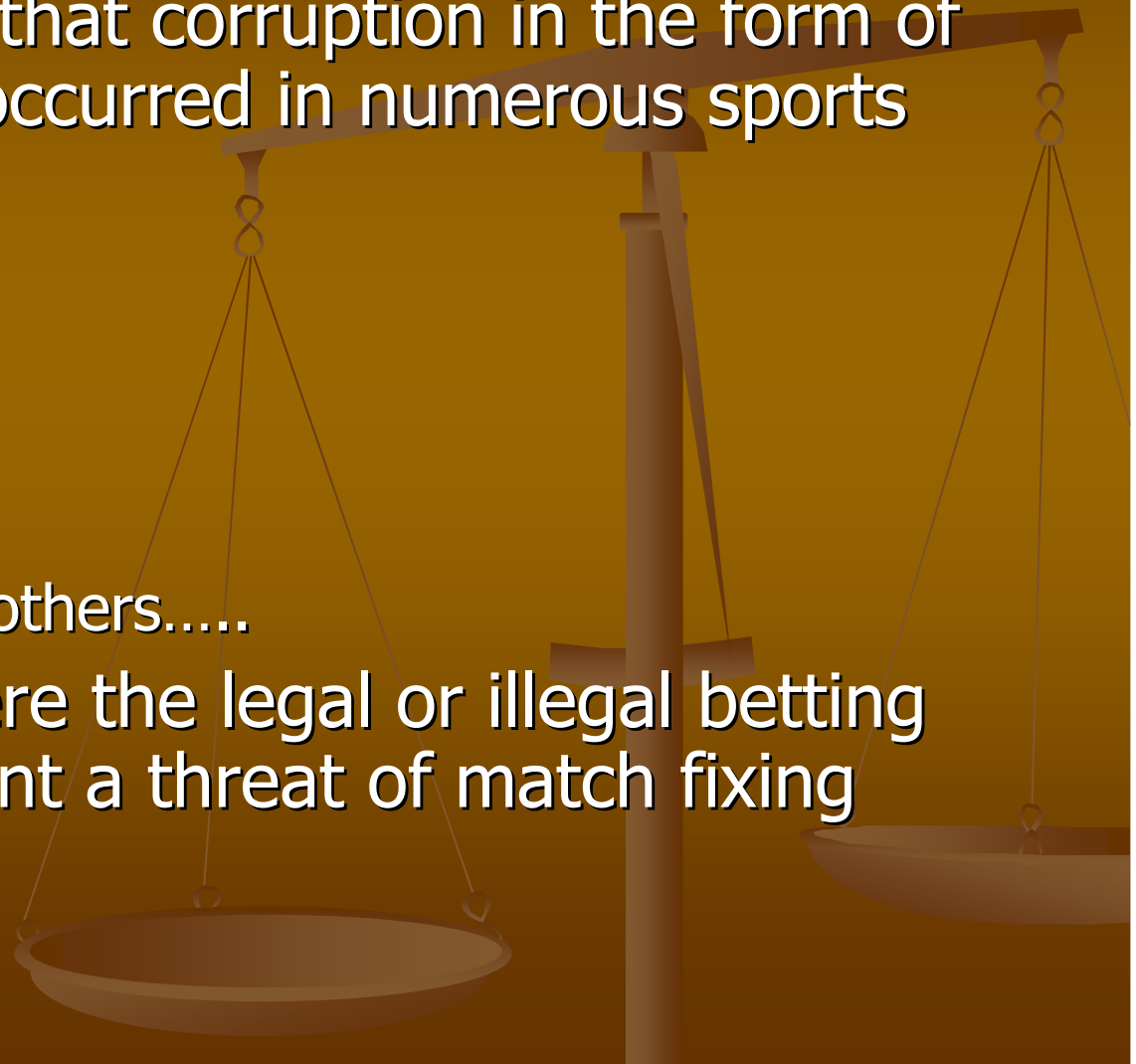
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- History highlights that corruption in the form of match fixing has occurred in numerous sports
 - Football
 - Basketball
 - Baseball
 - Boxing
 - Horse Racing
 - And a long list of others.....
- For any sport where the legal or illegal betting market is significant a threat of match fixing exists.



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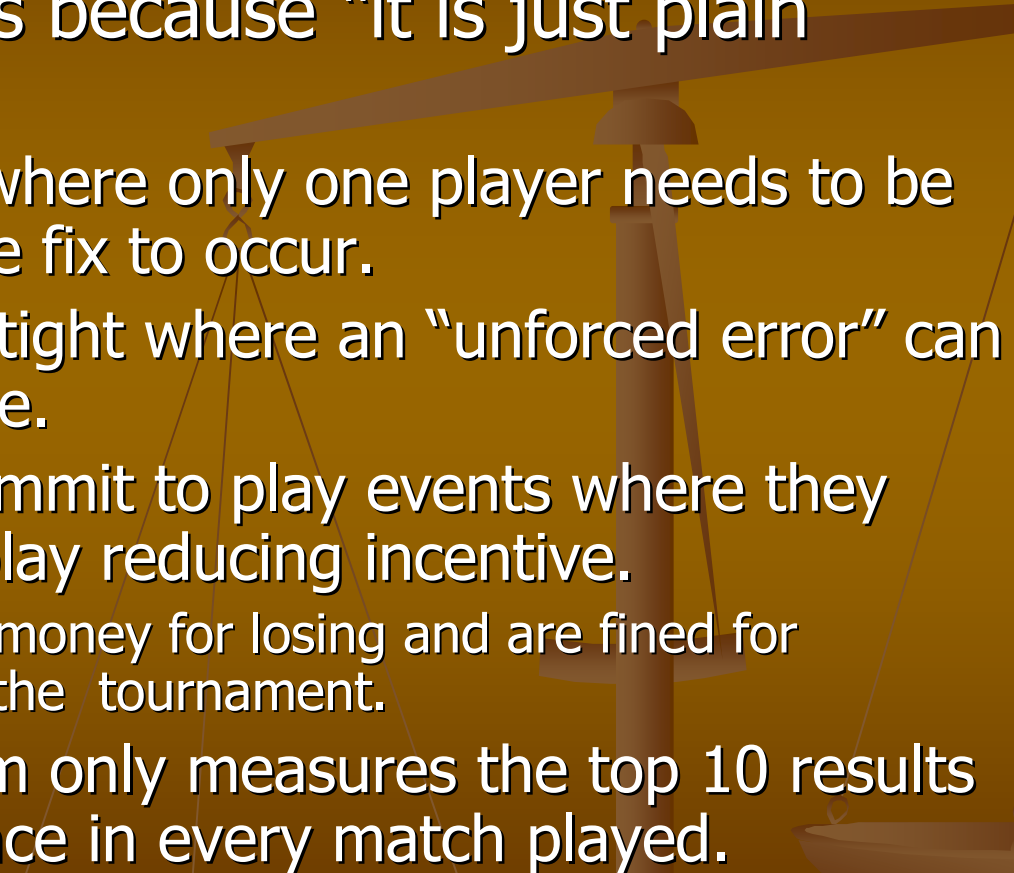
- Tennis has been subject to media speculation of match fixing since 2003.
 - Voided betting markets on suspect matches
 - Labadze v Tenconi (Palermo 2003)
 - Kafelnikov v Vicente (Lyon 2003)
 - Volandri v Varlet (French Open 2003)
 - Davydenko v Arguello (Poland 2007)
 - Over 50 matches with “unusual” betting patterns from 2002 to 2005.
 - In 2005 tennis betting market estimated at \$50 billion per annum.

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- Who has jurisdiction?
 - A match is played in regional Mexico with \$300 in prize money on offer.
 - Betfair in the UK alert of unusual betting pattern.
 - Over 100,000 GBP wagered on favourite to lose.
 - Bets are being placed from an IP address in Italy from an account owned by a gambler in Austria.
 - Where does the jurisdiction start and end?
 - How do you establish any link between the gambler and the player?



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- Match fixing occurs because “it is just plain easy”
 - Tennis is a game where only one player needs to be in on the fix for the fix to occur.
 - Most matches are tight where an “unforced error” can decide the outcome.
 - Players have to commit to play events where they would rather not play reducing incentive.
 - Players earn prize money for losing and are fined for withdrawing from the tournament.
 - The ranking system only measures the top 10 results and not performance in every match played.
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- The 'Luck Loser' loophole
 - Each tournament offers 4 draw positions for winners of the 4 final qualifying matches.
 - In the event of an additional vacancy in the draw, that vacancy goes to the highest ranked player to lose in the final qualifying matches.
 - If you are the highest ranked player in the final qualifying round, and an additional draw vacancy opens, you are guaranteed to progress whether you win or lose.
 - Match without consequence opens options for corruption.

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1. Ensure that the rules of your sport do not create incentives or opportunities to fix matches for financial gain.
2. Establish an anti-corruption policy with clear rights and obligations for athletes and support personnel.
3. Provide comprehensive education of the methods used by fixers to compromise athletes and open them to blackmail.

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4. Establish information sharing and alert arrangements with betting operators such as Betfair.
 - You do not know what you cannot see
5. Identify professional gamblers and put in place measures to exclude them from players areas (locker rooms) through strict credentialing.
6. Be brave....it is nasty out there.

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- As of 2009 tennis has
 - Launched a coordinated Tennis Security Unit working across ITF, ATP and WTA events.
 - Staffed unit with sports corruption specialists.
 - Implemented a robust anti-corruption policy modeled on the WADA Code.
 - Introduced strong powers including right to telephone and financial documents to establish links to bookmakers.
 - Imposed a positive obligation on players to report corruption.
 - Tightened credentialing to stop potential fixers getting access to player lounges and locker rooms.
 - Implemented strong sanctions up to life time bans for first offenses.
 - Successfully prosecuted under the sports policy several players for wagering on tennis.