Byder velkommen til debat om Korruption i Sport

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Penalties: honest vs. fixed matches – by corruptees

Control Group 1
Control Group 2
Players Corrupted
Referees Corrupted

Matches With Penalties
Matches Without penalties
Senior Player: The first goal must come immediately. Even before the people take their seats. That way it is not noticed so much. And then two more, as they develop, but all in the first half.

Junior Player: And in the second half?

Senior Player: (laughing) In the second half we all lie down and take a nap.

Junior Player: (worried) But this will not look bad?

Senior Player: Look bad to who? Do not worry. No one pays attention at these times. Everyone looks the other way. Only be careful never to shoot at the Bari goal tomorrow. That would be a mistake.
• Genoa Coach:  *What the fu*ck is going on?  *Your player just scored a goal!*?

• Venice Coach:  *I know, I know. The players are crazy!*  *They scored by mistake!*
• ...it is all the verbal bullshit before a game, they shout lots of stuff - "Come on, come on" - then during the game it is just little tiny things like just mistiming a sliding tackle or letting a guy go through. These guys became experts in making it look like they were out there giving blood to their team. Coming in after the games and throwing themselves on the floor and screaming...
Michael Franzese: USA
1991 – Under-17 World Cup (Melbourne, Australia):

Source: Kwesi Nyantakyi - The President of the Ghana Football Association.

Nyantakyi says that when the Ghana team won the Youth World Cup in 1991, they were approached by Asian gambling fixers to throw a match. Mr. Nyantakyi also said, “it's done all the time, at major competitions; World Cup, Cup of Nations.”

(Pages 273-274 of “The Fix” or on the website www.howtofixafootballmatch.com)
1995 - Under-20 World Cup (Doha, Qatar):

While this tournament was going on, two Portuguese players were approached by an attractive young Asian woman. She invited them up to her room. When they arrived, they discovered, to their shock, a table covered with money, 3 Cameroonian players and 2 Asian fixers behind the table. Asian Football Confederation officials confirmed that the fixers were at the tournament and had approached players from Cameroon, Portugal, Honduras and Chile.

(Page 223 of “The Fix”: or see the newspaper articles here: )
1997 – Under-17 World Cup (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia):

Source: Stephen Appiah the Captain of the Ghana team, officials of the Asian Football Confederation, players from two other teams who were at the tournament.

Appiah says in an interview that he was approached at this tournament by Asian gambling fixers. He and his room-mate had conversations in their hotel room with the fixers and he claims to have turned them down.

(Page 267 of “The Fix”: or see Appiah’s interview here: )
2004 - **Olympic Games (Athens, Greece):**

Source: Stephen Appiah and other Ghanaian players

They all confirms that they were approached at the tournament to throw matches by Asian gambling fixers. The other players claim that they turned down all approaches. Appiah claims that he took money from the fixers after *winning* a game and then distributed it around the team.

(Pages 267-269 of “The Fix”: or see Appiah’s interview here: )
2006 - World Cup (Wurzburg, Germany):

Source: Appiah and other Ghanaian Football Association officials

They all confirm there was an approach by Asian gambling fixers made at this tournament. They all claim that these approaches were turned down.

(Pages 267-269 of “The Fix”: or see Appiah’s interview here: at www.howtofixafootballmatch.com)
2007 – International Friendly match (Tehran, Iran):

Source: Ghana Football Association

A day before the Ghana versus Iran match in Tehran, a group of Asian fixers helped by the Ghanaian coach Abukari Damba, approached 6 players on the Ghana national team to fix the game by a score of 4 – 2. The initial payment to the players was for $1,000.00. Damba insisted that each of the players give him a share of $500.00 for the introduction to the fixers. The Ghana team officials were notified by one of the players. Damba was fired from the team. The Ghana team did lose the game by a score of 4 -2, but all the players and officials state that this was an accident unrelated to the fixing attempt.

(Pages 272-275 and 280-281 of “The Fix”: or see the transcripts of the Ghana Football Association (GFA) hearing here: www.howtofixafootballmatch.com)
2007 - Women’s World Cup (Hangzhou, China): 

Source: Ghana Football Association, FIFA officials and players 

The fixers phoned the players at least 5 times and gave them the number of their hotel rooms and business cards. The officials listened to one of the approaches on one of the player’s hotel room telephone. The offer was for $22,000 and a lap-top computer to five players to help lose the game against Norway by at least 5 goals. 

After listening to the call the Ghanaian officials went to FIFA for help. They had all the information on the fixers and were willing to testify, but the FIFA officials told them they could not help. They should go to the local organizing committee. The official Chinese response? They escorted the fixers to the train station and waved them good-bye. 

The Ghana team did lose the game by a 5 goal margin, but all the players and officials state that this was an accident unrelated to the fixing attempt. 

(Pages 300-301 of “The Fix”, or see the newspaper article here: www.howtofixafootballmatch.com )
2008 - Africa Nations Cup (Accra, Ghana):

At this tournament, Reinhard Fabisch, the German coach of the Benin National team, publicly announced that he had been approached by an Asian gambling fixer to lose matches. Another team – Mali – also claimed that their players had been approached to lose matches.

(see the newspaper articles here: www.howtofixafootballmatch.com)
The Illegal Asian Gambling Market on sports is worth tens of billions of Pounds
HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT THESE FIXERS WILL NOT COME TO ENGLAND?
An Incomplete List.

Finland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Russia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, Israel, Serbia, Croatia, Macedonia, Bosnia, Albania, Malta, Vietnam, Cambodia, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Hong Kong, China.
What do these countries have in common?

1) They all have hit by the globalization of football.

2) There are only 2 or 3 teams who really compete for the league championship and knock-out cups.

3) Most players make less than 2,000 Euro a month from football.

4) They do not have effective security departments to help police the game.
Are they back in the UK?

At recent games (down to the youth level) Chinese gamblers are seen.

The fixers are trying to get back in.

Every six weeks very odd betting patterns.

There is a shift in the culture occurring.
The question is not – “Will they come here?”

It is – “What can we do about them?”
1) Establish a proper and effective security department

2) Hire and promote more women referees

3) Conduct effective investigations of the cases that we know about now

4) Set up a credible anti-corruption hotline

5) Train the players about the *real* dangers of corruption
George Bernard Shaw once said about the United States:

“It is the only country that has gone from savagery to decadence without passing through civilization.”

European football is going from denial to resignation without passing through combat.

I stand in combat. Will you join me?