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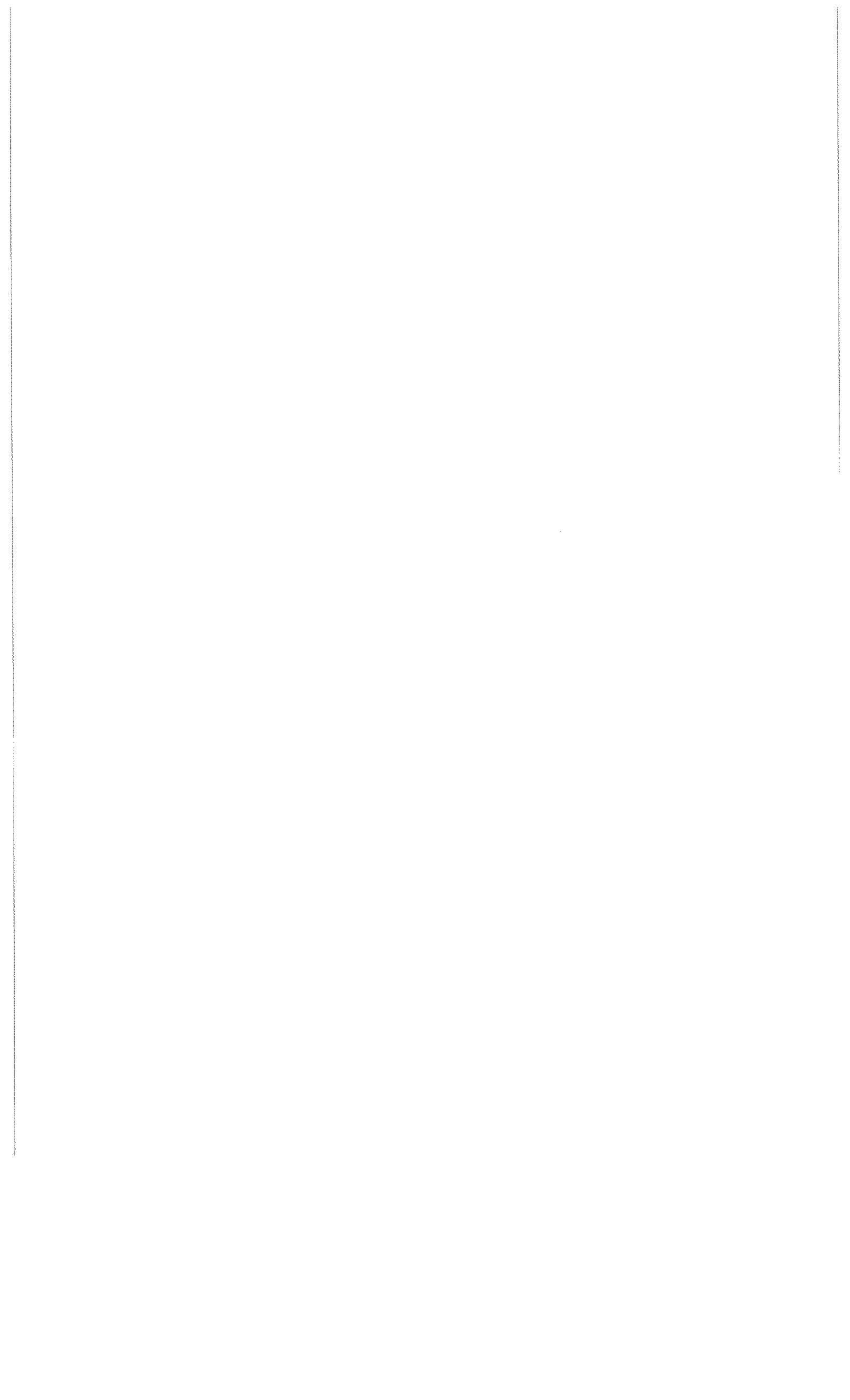
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Apollon Pontou vs. Makedonikos FC
Greece | Super League 2, Group A | 23/24
Result: 0:3 (HT 0:1)
Match Date: Sunday 25 Feb 2024 14:00
Location: Kalamata
Timezone: Europe/Vienna

Sportradar summary:

There is clear and overwhelming evidence betting evidence that the course or result of this match was unduly influenced with a view to gaining corrupt betting profits. The betting evidence ultimately indicates that bettors held prior knowledge of at least three goals being scored in total, and of Apollon Pontou losing the match by at least two goals:

- Highly suspicious live betting for at least three goals to be scored in total, and for Apollon Pontou to lose the match by at least two goals.

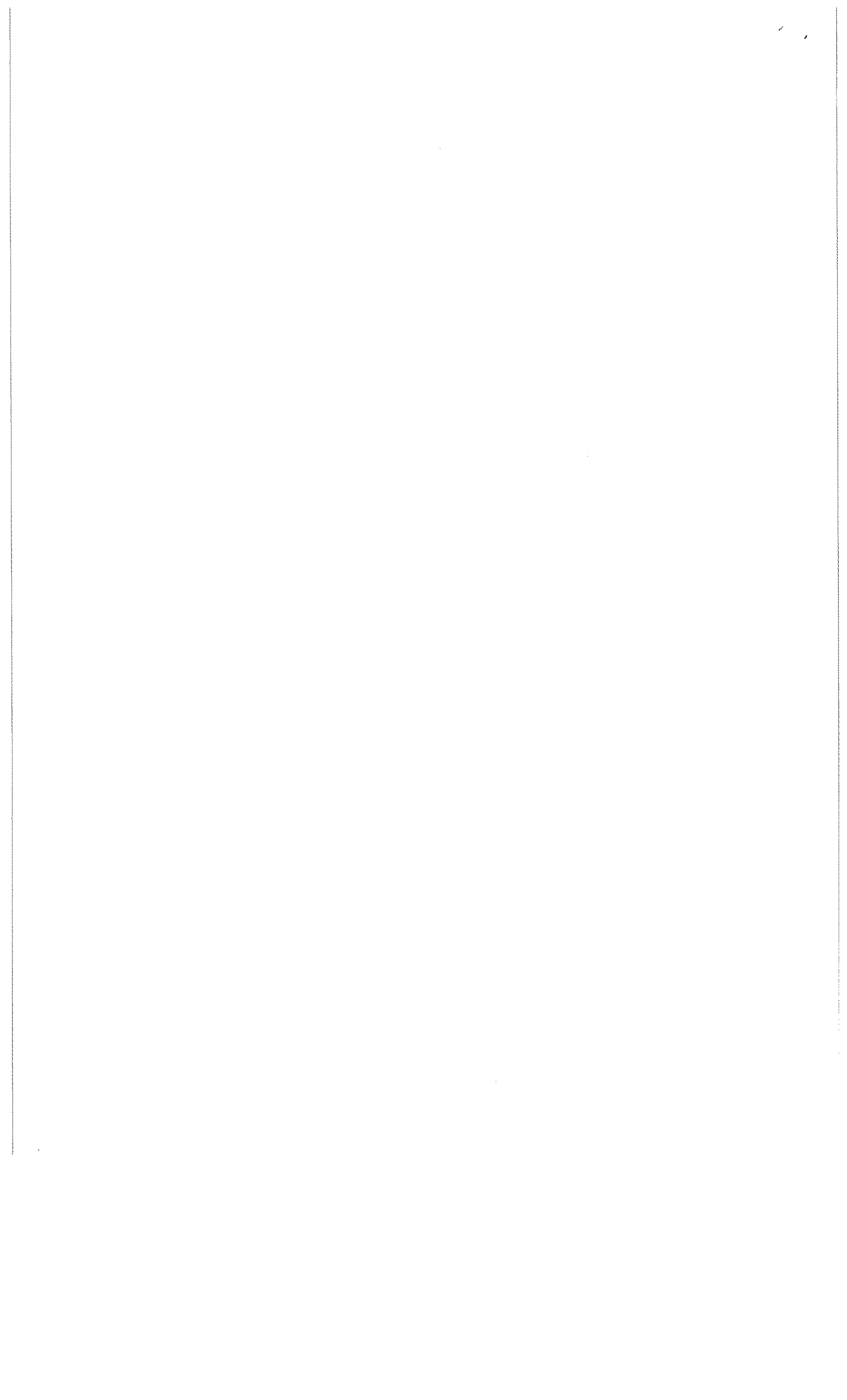
The betting patterns and current supporting information provide indications that **Apollon Pontou were potentially complicit in the manipulation of this fixture.**

Further to the team and player information provided in the report, supplementary notes of interest are provided below:

- It can be noted that Apollon Pontou introduced Jonathan FLENSBORG as a substitute in the 72nd minute of this match, eight minutes prior to Apollon Pontou conceding a second goal in the 80th minute (0:2). FLENSBORG has previously featured in four escalated matches where his side were implicated.
- Apollon Pontou coach Dimitris KALAITZIDIS has previously made accusations against Greek football league players of match fixing.
- Only four days prior to this match, Apollon Pontou were deemed to have been involved in the potential manipulation of a match graded as a Match Intelligence Summary. This fixture was a Greece Super League 2 fixture against Niki Volou 1924 Pae in which there was strong betting for Apollon Pontou to lose the first half, and to lose by at least two goals in a match containing at least three goals in total, which duly occurred (HT 2:0, FT 5:0).

Video highlights:

Unfortunately, match highlights have not been located at this stage.



Escalated Match Report

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Published: Tuesday 27 Feb 2024

Evaluation

There is clear and overwhelming evidence betting evidence that the course or result of this match was unduly influenced with a view to gaining corrupt betting profits.

The betting evidence ultimately indicates that bettors held prior knowledge of at least three goals being scored in total, and of Apollon Pontou losing the match by at least two goals.

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The betting evidence ultimately indicates that bettors held prior knowledge of at least three goals being scored in total, and of Apollon Pontou losing the match by at least two goals.

1) Highly suspicious live betting for at least three goals to be scored in total, and for Apollon Pontou to lose the match by at least two goals

Highly suspicious live betting for at least three goals to be scored in total emerged after around 50 minutes of the match (0:1) and was witnessed until the second goal was scored in the 80th minute (0:2). There was also highly suspicious live betting for Apollon Pontou to lose the match by at least two goals, with this preference developing after an hour of the match (0:1) and again continuing until Apollon Pontou conceded a second goal in the 80th minute (0:2).

The betting patterns were in contrast to logical expectations, and there was no legitimate explanation for them based on events unfolding on the field of play.

Therefore, it is only possible to conclude that bettors held prior knowledge of at least three goals being scored in total, and of Apollon Pontou losing the match by at least two goals.

2) Betting Account Data

Highly suspicious betting was also recorded at account monitored bookmakers, namely for at least three goals to be scored in total. Indeed, 84% (EUR 9,389) of all attempted singles turnover recorded in the 'Total' market was for this particular outcome, showing that it was specifically targeted.

3) Betting Market Intelligence

Market intelligence was received from an external bookmaker, who reported irregular wagering on at least three goals to be scored in total, whilst unusual levels of turnover were also witnessed for at least three goals to be scored in total on the leading betting exchange Betfair, further highlighting the concerning interest that was paid to this outcome.

4) Match Action Summary

Apollon Pontou conceded a penalty kick in the 26th minute (0:0) which was successfully converted for the opening goal of the match (0:1).

5) Background Check

In terms of escalation history, Apollon Pontou have been involved in 14 escalated matches, and they have been implicated in the manipulation of the match on 10 occasions. The most recent occasion where Apollon Pontou were the implicated team was on 06-May-2023 in a Greek Super League 2, Group A match against Panserraikos FC, where there was highly suspicious live betting for Apollon Pontou to lose the match by at least three goals, which duly occurred (FT 3:0).

The Apollon Pontou players who have participated in the highest number of previous escalated matches where their team was implicated (as noted within the parentheses) are: Dimitrios AMARANTIDIS (13), Alexandros KALOGERIS (9), Rafael Alfredo BLANCQ CAZAUX (8), Alexandros KARDARIS (6), Hussein MUMIN (5), Jonathan FLENSBORG (4) and Miltiadis INNOS (3), whilst the Apollon Pontou head coach Dimitris KALAITZIDIS has also been involved in 10 escalations where his team have been implicated in the manipulation of the match. Furthermore, Dimitrios AMARANTIDIS (3), Alexandros KARDARIS (2) and Vasilios KINALIS (1) have been previously highlighted for significant match incidents.

6) Overall Assessment

The betting patterns and current supporting information provide indications that Apollon Pontou were potentially complicit in the manipulation of this fixture.

The Apollon Pontou players and head coach noted above should be considered key persons of interest due to their previous involvement in previously escalated matches where their team was the implicated side.

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Away Team: Makedonikos FC

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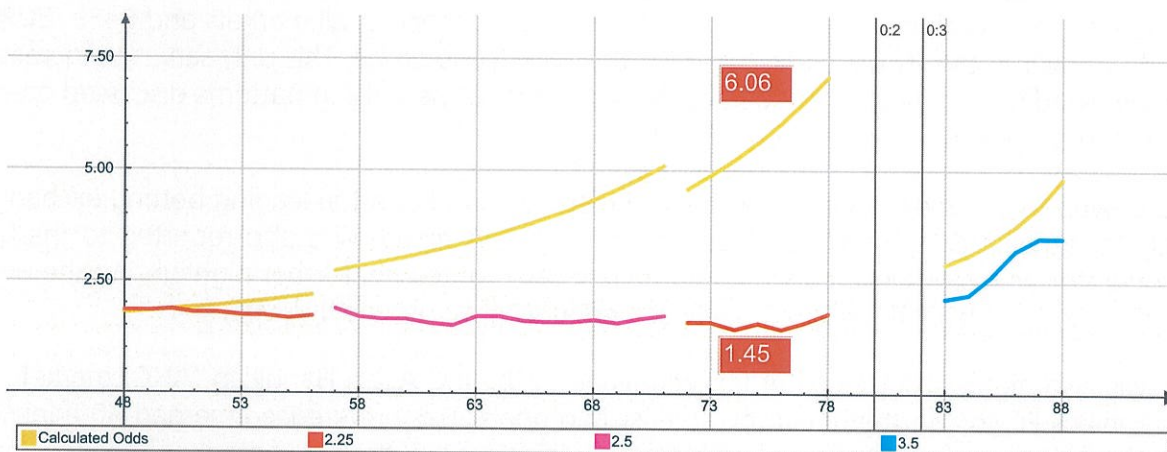
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Summary: Totals Market

Highly suspicious live betting for at least three goals to be scored in total, and for Apollon Pontou to lose the match by at least two goals, indicating that an attempt was made to unduly influence the course or result of this match with a view to gaining corrupt betting profits.

1) Highly suspicious betting was witnessed for Overs in the live Totals market, as evidenced in the 76th minute (at 0:1), when Asian bookmaker SBObet offered Overs at odds of **1.45** compared to calculated odds of **6.06** on the 2.25 line.

Overs Odds - SBObet



Calculated odds: A mathematical representation of the true probability of an outcome without the external influence of betting opinion and/or bookmaker liabilities. In effect, showing how a market should move in a regular, non-manipulated match.

a) Highly suspicious live betting for at least three goals to be scored in total emerged approximately five minutes into the second half and persisted until the second goal was scored in the 80th minute (0:2). Indeed, odds for at least three goals to be scored were at significantly lower levels in the 76th minute (0:1) than they had been in the 50th minute (0:1) on the same live Totals line, a highly illogical occurrence.

b) In a regular market, odds for a minimum number of goals to be scored should naturally increase as the game progresses, due to the diminishing time for the necessary goals to be scored. In this match, odds initially decreased and then remained suppressed in a manner contrary to expectations, reflecting heavy betting confidence in at least two additional goals being scored despite the ever increasing time constraints being imposed as the match entered the final 15 minutes of regulation time (0:1).

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- c) No significant substitutions took place during the half-time interval to offer mitigation for the emergence of this betting activity, whilst the development of such heavy one-sided betting during the opening stages of the second half can only be viewed as concerning given the normality of betting markets throughout the first half, strongly indicating that the second half of this match was specifically targeted for betting related manipulation. In terms of match action, reports indicate that the second half was not played in a particularly attacking manner, with only three on-target shots recorded in the second half prior to the scoring of the second goal in the 80th minute (0:2). Therefore, the wholly abnormal betting confidence on display cannot be justified by match action and clearly indicates that bettors held prior knowledge of at least three goals being scored in total. Indeed, as shown above, once the desired outcome of three goals had materialised, highly suspicious betting immediately exited the market, with odds for at least four goals to be scored in total increasing quickly for the remainder of the fixture.
- d) Additionally, account monitored bookmakers also recorded highly suspicious betting for at least three goals to be scored in total. Indeed, **61%** of attempted turnover across all markets and **84% (EUR 9,389)** of attempted turnover in the 'Total' market was for this specific outcome. This only serves to increase integrity concerns surrounding the match, especially when considering the betting patterns discussed previously and the wide range of selections available to bettors.
- e) Unusual levels of turnover were witnessed in the Totals market on the leading betting exchange, Betfair, specifically for at least three goals to be scored in total. This fixture was also reported to the BFDS by an external operator who saw elevated wagering for the same outcome, further highlighting the unusual level of attention paid to at least three goals being scored in total across the industry.
- f) There was also highly suspicious betting witnessed in the live Asian Handicap (AHC) market, specifically for Makedonikos FC to win the match by at least two goals. This preference emerged 60 minutes into the match (0:1) and was again evident until Makedonikos FC extended their advantage in the 80th minute (0:2). As indicated, the flow of play during the second half was relatively balanced, with Makedonikos FC only managing four shots in total during the 35 minutes prior to them extending their lead in the 80th minute (0:2), compared to three for their opponents. Therefore, bettors were once more clearly not reacting to events on the field of play but instead held prior knowledge of Makedonikos FC winning the match by at least two goals.
- g) Of further concern is that leading European bookmaker Bet365 removed their live markets in the 58th minute (0:1). This bookmaker would typically offer these markets right up to the end of regulation time, and the drastic decision to remove their markets with more than half an hour of game time remaining indicates that this bookmaker held their own serious integrity concerns regarding these betting patterns.

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Team Lineups - Previous Escalated Matches

Matches	
Apollon Pontou	12

Name	Matches
Kinalis, Vasilios	1
Kardaris, Alexandros	9
Amarantidis, Dimitrios	16
Saholli, Alexandro	0
Mumin, Hussein	17
Martinez, Matias	1
Innos, Miltiadis	4
Kalogeris, Alexandros	12
Boumpas, Konstantinos	0
Almpanis, Christos	0
Aguado, Alex	0
Kali, Cyril (m)	2

(m) = Team Manager

Substitutes

Akena, Chris	0
Blancq Cazaux, Rafael Alfredo	8
Zapounidis, Savvas	0
Flensburg, Jonathan	1

Matches	
Makedonikos FC	1

Name	Matches
Perntreou, Kleton	1
Boukouvalas, Michalis	9
Lymperakis, Odysseas	2
Saragiotis, Spyros	1
Gromitsaris, Christos	7
Leonidopoulos, Athanasios	2
Hasek, Martin	0
Panagiotoudis, Konstantinos	3
Zafirakis, Alexandros	5
Simoni, Alberto	1
Parfitt Williams, Djair	0
Malezas, Stylianos (m)	6

(m) = Team Manager

Substitutes

Gounaridis, Stefanos	2
Hasanoglou, Feizi	1
Meletidis, Anastasios	1
Tsilingiris, Georgios	4
Tsoukanis, Stelios	14
Montoya, Santiago	1
Koulouris, Georgios	0
Bulatović, Luka	0
Cheridis, Antonios	0

Match Officials' History

Name	Matches
Bourouzikas, Thomas	0

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Apollon Pontou

Date	Tournament	H/A	Opponent	Score
06 May 2023	Super League 2, Group A	A	Panserraikos FC	3:0
03 Jan 2023	Super League 2, Group A	H	Panserraikos FC	0:2

Makedonikos FC

Date	Tournament	H/A	Opponent	Score
19 Apr 2023	Super League 2, Group A	A	Pot Iraklis	0:0

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Date:	25 Feb 2024
Kick - Off:	14:00
Competition:	Greece, Super League 2, Group A
Referee:	Bourouzikas, Thomas (Greece)
1st Assistant:	
2nd Assistant:	
4th Official:	

Team Lineups

Apollon Pontou

Kinalis, Vasilios	34
Kardaris, Alexandros	2
Amarantidis, Dimitrios	23
Saholli, Alexandro	5
Mumin, Hussein	6
Martinez, Matias	14
Innos, Miltiadis	17
Kalogeris, Alexandros	20
Boumpas, Konstantinos	37
Almpanis, Christos	11
Aguado, Alex	24
Coach: Kali, Cyril	
Substitutes	
Akena, Chris	10
Blancq Cazaux, Rafael Alfredo	27
Zapounidis, Savvas	66
Flensburg, Jonathan	9

Makedonikos FC

Perntreou, Kleton	1
Boukouvalas, Michalis	2
Lymperakis, Odysseas	3
Saragiotis, Spyros	5
Gromitsaris, Christos	55
Leonidopoulos, Athanasios	16
Hasek, Martin	21
Panagiotoudis, Konstantinos	68
Zafirakis, Alexandros	7
Simoni, Alberto	9
Parfitt Williams, Djair	17
Coach: Malezas, Stylianos	
Substitutes	
Goumaridis, Stefanos	33
Hasanoglou, Feizi	15
Meletidis, Anastasios	8
Tsilingiris, Georgios	10
Tsoukanis, Stelios	23
Montoya, Santiago	27
Koulouris, Georgios	19
Bulatović, Luka	22
Cheridis, Antonios	95

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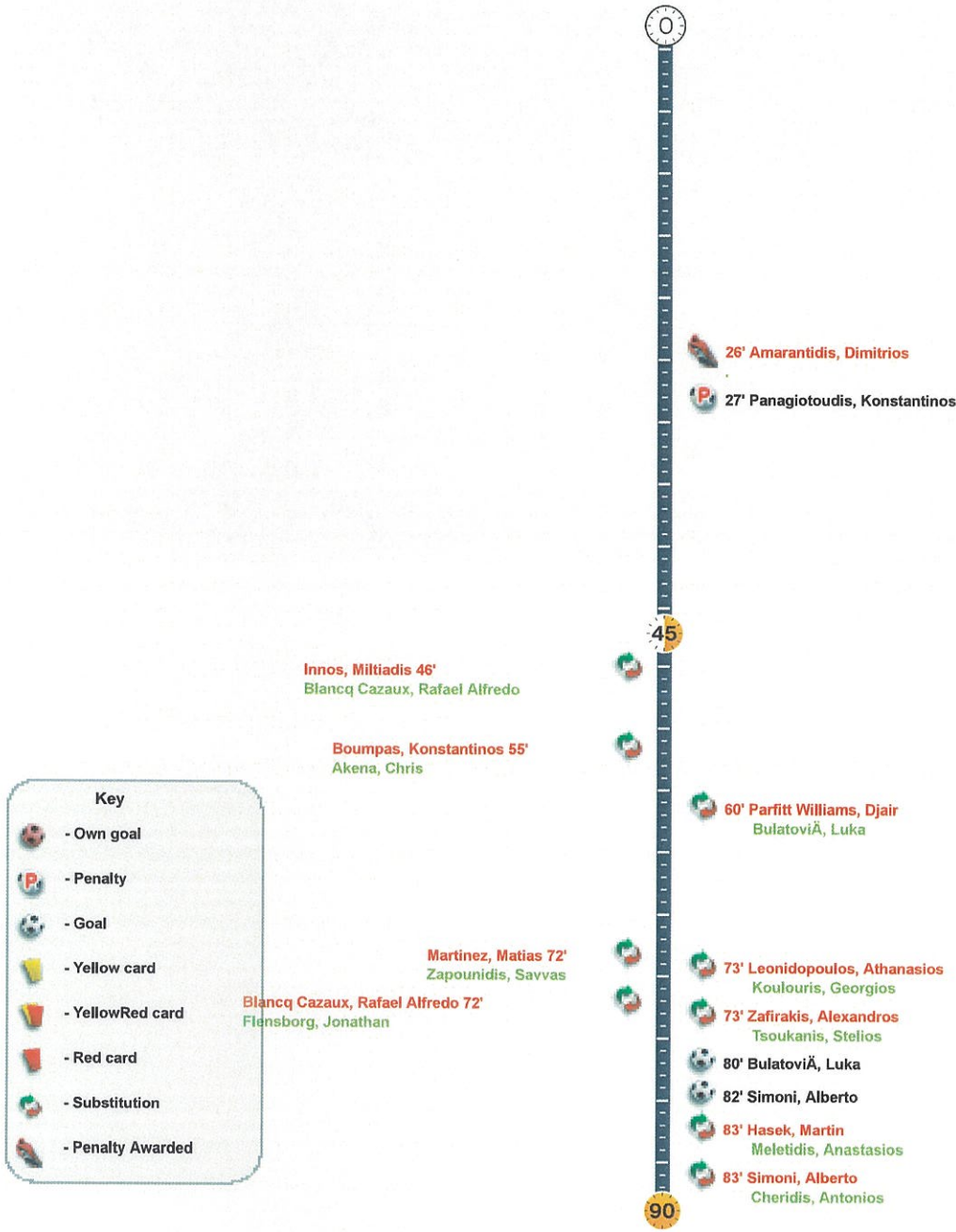
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Match Summary

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Greece Super League 2, Group A table at Kick - Off

Pos		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Levadiakos FC	20	16	3	1	33	8	+25	51
2	Larissa FC	19	12	6	1	27	10	+17	42
3	Niki Volou	19	10	2	7	31	16	+15	32
4	Makedonikos FC	19	6	9	4	21	22	-1	27
5	P.O.T Iraklis	19	6	7	6	22	19	+3	25
6	PAOK Thessaloniki B	19	7	3	9	25	24	+1	24
7	AEK Athens B	18	6	6	6	17	17	0	24
8	Kozani	20	5	6	9	9	16	-7	21
9	Anagennisi Karditsas	19	5	5	9	15	22	-7	20
10	Eolikos	19	4	7	8	20	30	-10	19
11	Kampaniakos	19	5	2	12	16	31	-15	17
12	Apollon Pontou	18	3	2	13	10	31	-21	11

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Apollon Pontou

Last 6 matches (all) (all)

Avg. Odds

Date	H/A	Opponent	MT	Score	H	D	A
21 FEB 2024	A	Niki Volou 1924 Pae	L	5:0 L	1.23	6.25	11.85
18 FEB 2024	A	Aiolikos FC	L	3:1 L	1.84	3.37	4.54
14 FEB 2024	H	Pot Iraklis	L	0:1 L	3.56	3.17	2.16
04 FEB 2024	H	Kampaniako	L	2:0 W	2.26	3.07	3.41
28 JAN 2024	A	Kozani	L	1:0 L	1.57	3.65	6.81
13 JAN 2024	H	Apo Levadeiakos FC	L	0:1 L	14.76	6.11	1.21

Makedonikos FC

Last 6 matches (all) (all)

Avg. Odds

Date	H/A	Opponent	MT	Score	H	D	A
18 FEB 2024	H	Niki Volou 1924 PAE	L	0:0 D	3.57	3.04	2.22
14 FEB 2024	A	Apo Levadeiakos FC	L	2:1 L	1.24	5.81	12.79
28 JAN 2024	A	PAOK Thessaloniki B	L	2:0 L	2.73	3.09	2.70
21 JAN 2024	H	Larissa FC	L	0:0 D	5.71	3.64	1.64
14 JAN 2024	A	Anagennisi Karditsas 1904	L	0:1 W	2.19	2.91	3.85
07 JAN 2024	H	Kozani FC	L	0:0 D	2.39	2.98	3.28

Last 6 matches (all)

Avg. Odds

Date	H/A	Opponent	MT	Score	H	D	A
14 FEB 2024	H	Pot Iraklis	L	0:1 L	3.56	3.17	2.16
04 FEB 2024	H	Kampaniako	L	2:0 W	2.26	3.07	3.41
13 JAN 2024	H	Apo Levadeiakos FC	L	0:1 L	14.76	6.11	1.21
18 DEC 2023	H	PAOK Thessaloniki B	L	0:1 L	2.16	3.23	3.48
03 DEC 2023	H	Anagennisi Karditsas 1904	L	2:1 W	3.80	3.27	2.04
19 NOV 2023	H	Aiolikos FC	L	0:1 L	2.89	3.17	2.51

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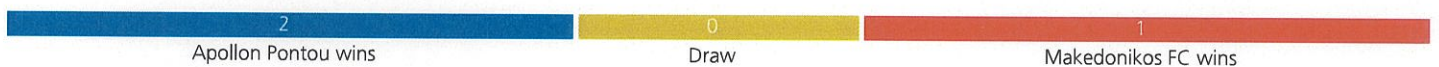
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14 JAN 2024	A	Anagennisi Karditsas 1904	L	0:1 W	2.19	2.91	3.85
18 DEC 2023	A	Pot Iraklis	L	5:1 L	2.02	3.10	4.12
04 DEC 2023	A	Kampaniako	L	1:2 W	3.45	3.30	2.14
20 NOV 2023	A	Niki Volou 1924 Pae	L	1:2 W	1.56	3.80	6.45

*Match Type' Key: L=League, C=Cup, F=Friendly, IC=International Competition, Q=Qualification

Head-to-Head History

Date	Tournament	Match	H	D	A	FT
26 NOV 2023	Super League 2, Group A	Makedonikos FC-Apollon Pontou	1.53	3.91	6.67	3:1
19 MAY 2023	Super League 2, Group A	Makedonikos FC-Apollon Pontou	7.90	5.21	5.58	1:2
16 JAN 2023	Super League 2, Group A	Apollon Pontou-Makedonikos FC	3.00	4.29	9.78	3:1



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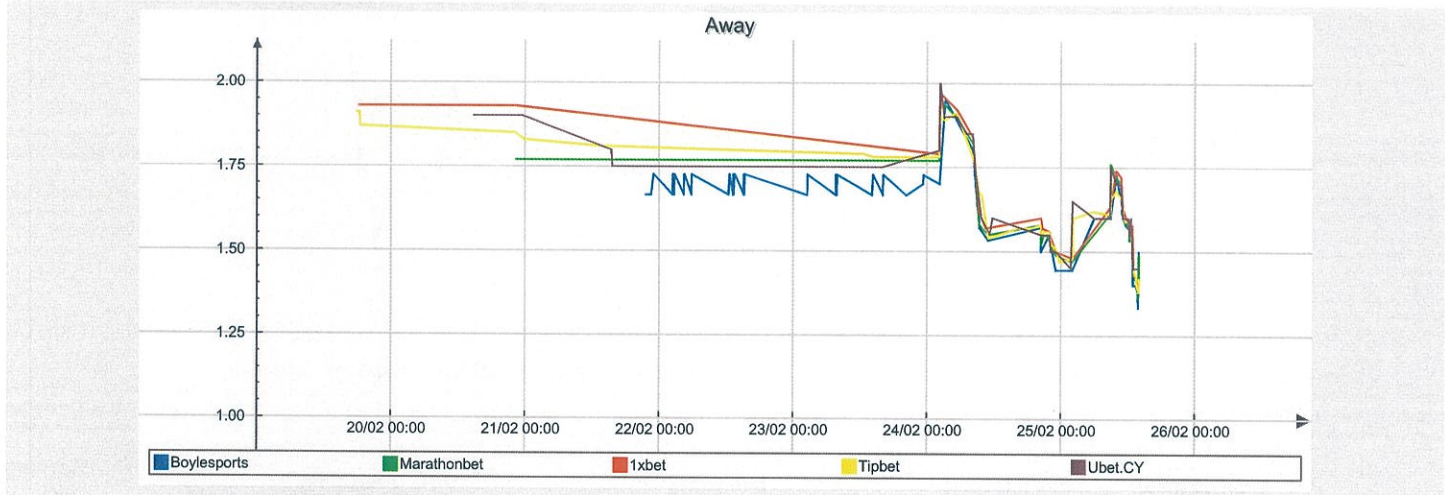
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Pre-Match Overall Odds Changes



	Time opened	Side	From odds	To odds	Netwin change	Alert time	Mins - KO	Warning level
Boylesports	21 Feb 21:34	Away	1.95	1.33	142.80%	25 Feb 13:46	12m	Level 2
Marathonbet	20 Feb 22:20	Away	1.95	1.36	124.87%	25 Feb 13:47	11m	Level 2
1xbet	19 Feb 18:17	Away	1.97	1.41	102.38%	25 Feb 13:49	10m	Level 2
Tipbet	19 Feb 17:53	Away	1.91	1.38	104.42%	25 Feb 13:49	10m	Level 2
Ubet.CY	20 Feb 14:56	Away	2.00	1.45	90.52%	25 Feb 13:34	24m	Level 1

AHC Odds Change



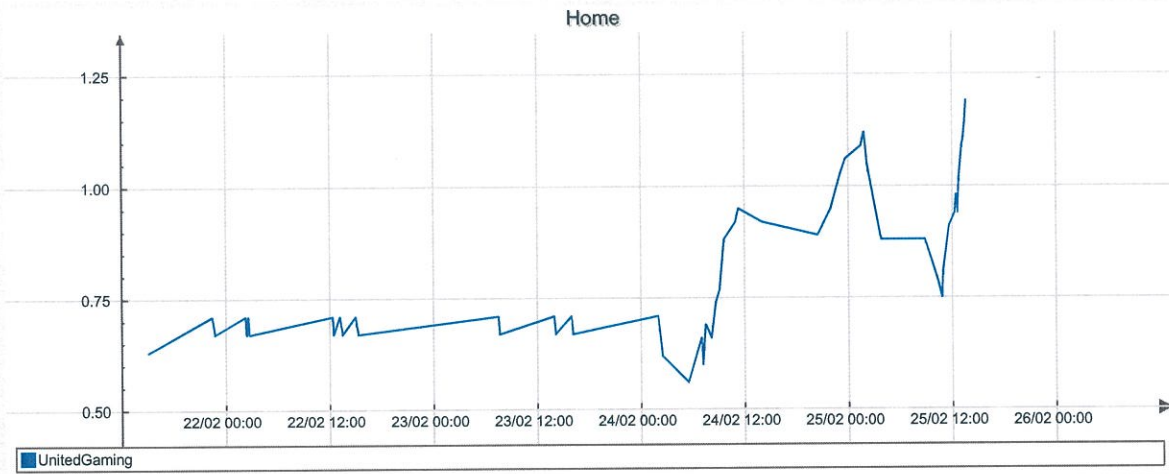
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Dafabet	21 Feb 14:01	Away	-0.5 / 1.94	-0.5 / 1.61	32.67%	24 Feb 20:41	17h 17m	Level 1
UnitedGaming	21 Feb 15:04	Away	-0.5 / 1.93	-0.5 / 1.58	37.99%	24 Feb 11:18	1d 2h 41m	Level 1

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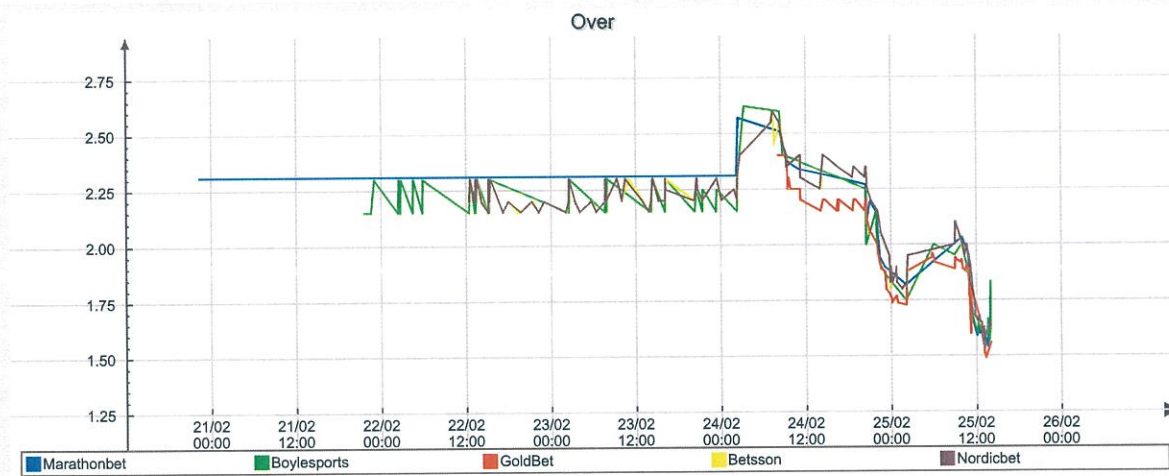
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Expected AHC Diff



Time opened	Max expected	Min expected	Diff	Alert time	Mins - KO	Warning level
UnitedGaming 21 Feb 15:04	1.17 (1.0 H:2.03 A:1.77)	0.55 (0.5 H:1.87 A:1.93)	0.62	25 Feb 13:37	21m	Level 1

Total Odds Change



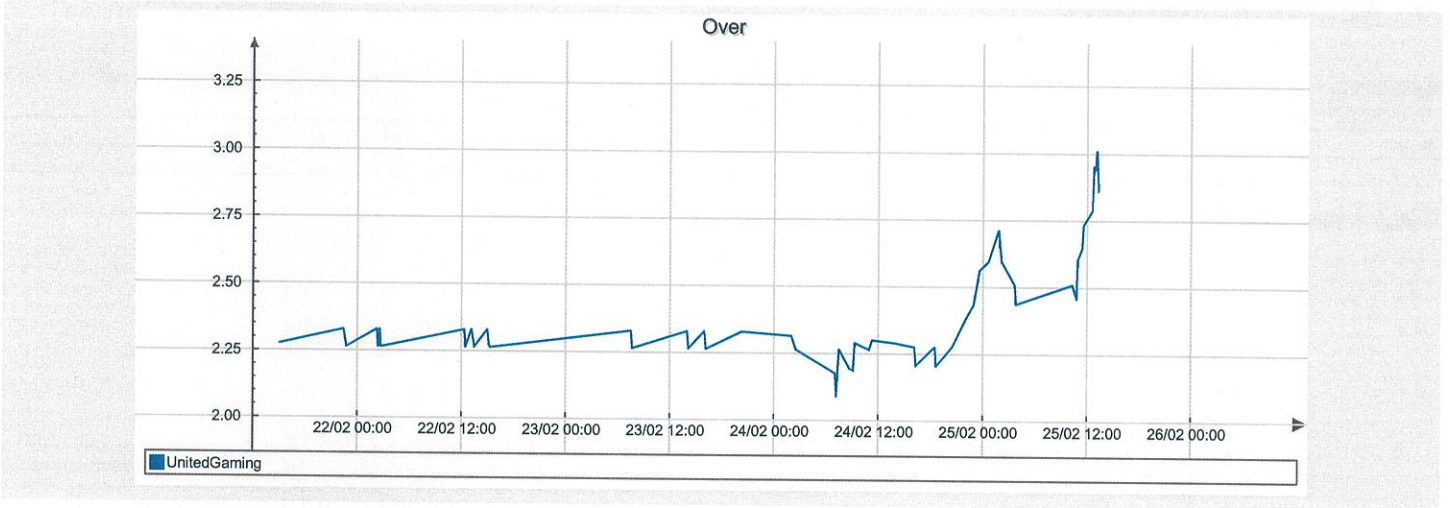
	Time opened	Type	Total	From Odds	To Odds	Netwin change	Alert time	Mins - KO	Warning level
Marathonbet	20 Feb 22:20	Over	2.5	2.57	1.53	154.68%	25 Feb 13:02	56m	Level 2
Boylesports	21 Feb 21:34	Over	2.5	2.62	1.55	154.13%	25 Feb 12:58	1h 0m	Level 2
GoldBet	24 Feb 08:02	Over	2.5	2.40	1.49	145.35%	25 Feb 13:10	48m	Level 2
Betsson	22 Feb 12:21	Over	2.5	2.60	1.57	141.53%	25 Feb 13:06	52m	Level 2
Nordicbet	22 Feb 12:26	Over	2.5	2.60	1.57	141.53%	25 Feb 13:07	51m	Level 2

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Expected Total Diff



	Time opened	Max expected	Min expected	Diff	Alert time	Mins - KO	Warning level
UnitedGaming	21 Feb 15:04	3.01 (2.75 O:1.75 U:2.05)	2.09 (2.25 O:2.26 U:1.59)	0.92	25 Feb 13:07	52m	Level 2

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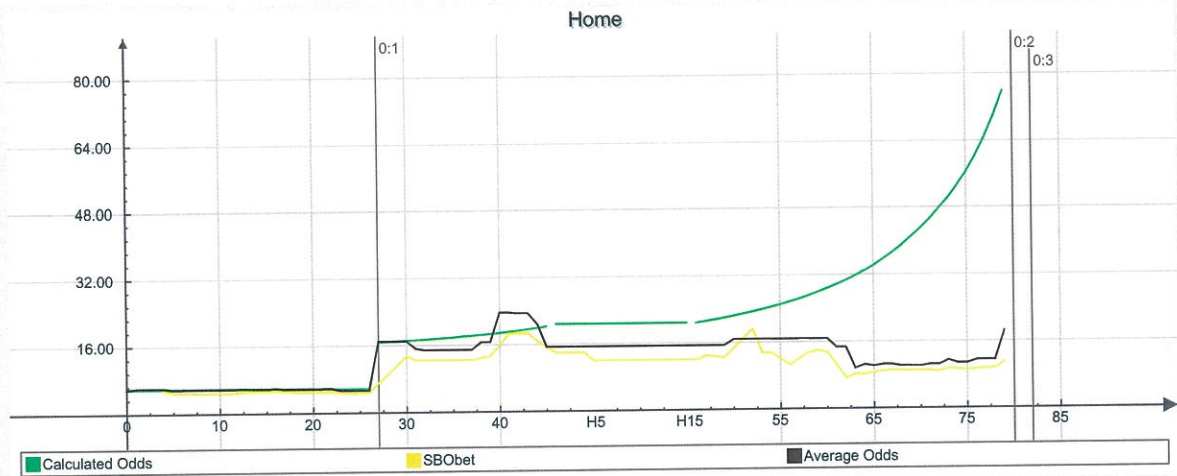
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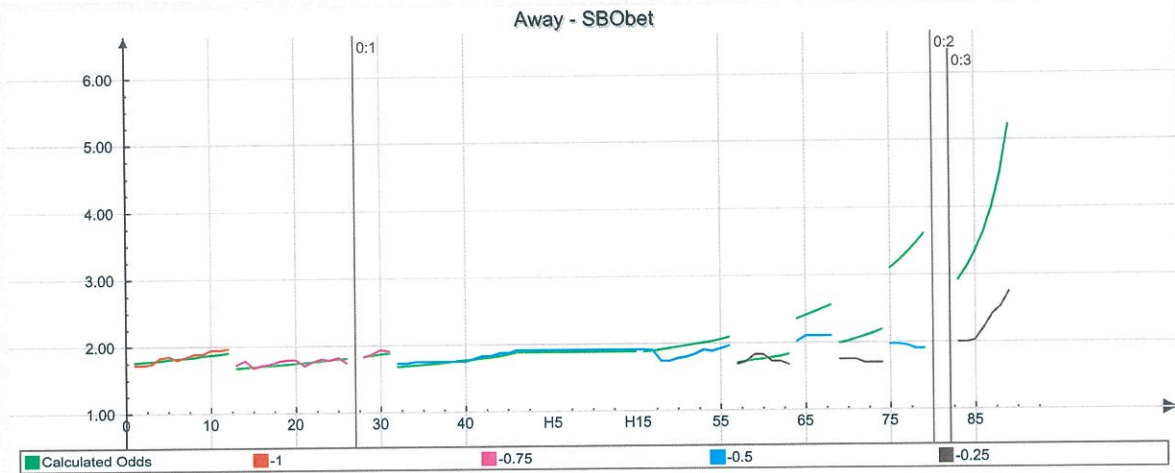
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PinnacleSportsAsia	25 Feb 15:09	16.29	6.97	1.14	54
Betway	25 Feb 15:09	17.00	6.00	1.12	54
Bet1x	25 Feb 15:14	13.00	5.51	1.23	58

1X2 Live Odds



	Time opened	Side	True odds	Bookmaker odds	Deviation	Alert Time	Played Mins	Warning level	Score
SBObet	25 Feb 14:03	Home	31.78	8.20	LO: 236.7%	25 Feb 15:19	63	Level 1	0:1
Nova88	25 Feb 13:59	Home	53.09	11.00	LO: 300.7%	25 Feb 15:30	74	Level 1	0:1
Interwetten	25 Feb 13:59	Home	50.14	11.00	LO: 278%	25 Feb 15:30	73	Level 1	0:1

Asian Handicap Live Odds



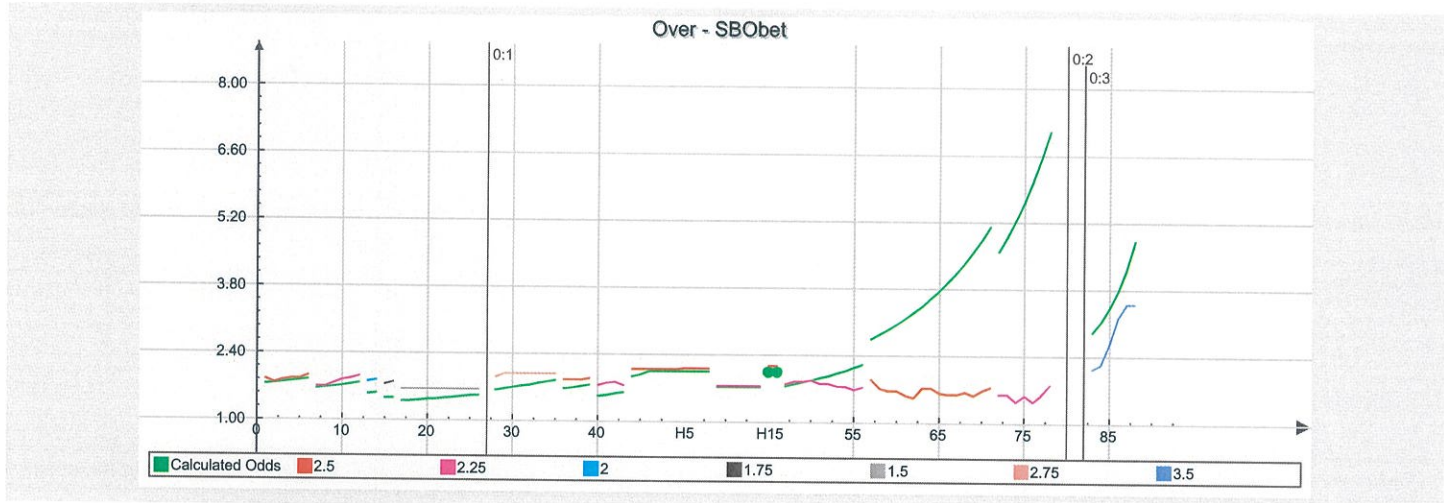
	Time opened	Side	HC Line	True odds	Bookmaker odds	Deviation	Alert Time	Played Mins	Warning level	Score
SBObet	25 Feb 14:03	Away	-0.5	3.34	1.96	LO: 109.6%	25 Feb 15:34	77	Level 1	0:1

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Total Live Odds



	Time opened	Side	Total	True odds	Bookmaker odds	Deviation	Alert Time	Played Mins	Warning level	Score
SBObet	25 Feb 14:03	Over	2.25	5.62	1.58	LO: 586.2%	25 Feb 15:33	75	Level 2	0:1
Stoiximan	25 Feb 14:01	Over	2.5	8.08	2.00	LO: 508.5%	25 Feb 15:35	78	Level 2	0:1
Nova88	25 Feb 13:59	Over	2.5	4.83	1.84	LO: 292.6%	25 Feb 15:27	70	Level 2	0:1
MarathonBet	25 Feb 13:59	Over	2.0	5.51	1.98	LO: 295.2%	25 Feb 15:33	77	Level 2	0:1
Novibet	25 Feb 13:59	Over	2.5	4.83	1.85	LO: 287.9%	25 Feb 15:26	70	Level 2	0:1

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Appendix 3 - Methodology and Glossary of Betting Terms

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The findings presented in this report are a result of extensive, critical investigation of this data viewed on a parallel with relevant sporting factors surrounding the match – both prior to kick-off and during the match itself. All concluding remarks have been derived from qualified analysis of the data from a betting integrity standpoint. Further information on the analytical process is detailed below:

1. Monitoring & Alerts

a) When the system generates alerts reflecting irregular betting activity in an individual market, it is the task of the analysts to review the betting pattern and rate it as 'not suspicious' or 'potentially suspicious'. In the former case, no further action is taken. In the latter case, the match is reviewed further. In order for the match to be deemed 'suspicious' and reach escalation status, it will need to pass a comfortable threshold of suspicion. Indeed, over 95% of alerts are rated as 'not suspicious' by our analysts, demonstrating that the threshold is sufficiently high.

b) The alerting stage is fully anonymous and unbiased. This quantitative process ensures that it does not invoke bias against certain teams and/or leagues. Instead, betting data is filtered using sophisticated algorithms and mathematical models which alert analysts to potential irregularities, with the teams involved in the match having no bearing on whether an alert is generated.

c) All matches are analysed in comparison to other relevant matches within that country and competition, in order to contextualise potential irregularities in betting markets. By directly comparing matches in this manner, abnormalities and outliers can be fairly identified due to consistent variables such as the liquidity of betting markets across these matches.

2. Expert Analysis

a) When the system generates alerts reflecting irregular betting activity in an individual market, it is the task of the analysts to review the betting pattern and rate it as 'not suspicious' or 'potentially suspicious'. In the former case, no further action is taken. In the latter case, the match is reviewed further. In order for the match to be deemed 'suspicious' and reach escalation status, it will need to pass a comfortable threshold of suspicion. Indeed, over 95% of alerts are rated as 'not suspicious' by our analysts, demonstrating that the threshold is sufficiently high.

b) In the case of an alert being rated as 'potentially suspicious', a team of skilled analysts is then tasked with conducting objective investigation into these alerts. Their professional backgrounds cover trading experience at global betting operators and work in proprietary/professional betting syndicates amongst other areas. Collectively, the team of analysts has over 100 years of experience in the gambling and betting sectors, and this expertise makes them appropriately experienced to conduct this analysis and make sound judgements.

c) After the research and analysis process is completed by the team of analysts, a vote is cast by each reviewer, with the majority of analysts required to vote in favour of the match being suspicious for it to be reported as suspicious.

3. Quality Assurance

a) Every reasonable effort is made to eliminate confirmation bias from the process, firstly by making the alerting stage fully anonymous as detailed previously.

b) Secondly, each match under review is evaluated as a singular case, with the history of any team/player/official involved having no bearing in the decision-making process. Indeed, all conclusions are drawn from objective analysis based solely on the betting evidence and sporting factors surrounding the individual match. This ensures that the risk of interpreting betting evidence in a manner that leads to biased conclusions is mitigated.

c) Thirdly, should a match be designated as suspicious, every effort is made to locate evidence to challenge this verdict. For example, any market intelligence or news information referenced within this document has been sourced from private contacts, and/or external news sources. While the factual accuracy of such sources cannot be guaranteed, all reasonable checks have been undertaken to ensure the credibility of these is of the highest standard, and this robust process ensures a very high level of confidence in the validity of these reports.

d) Finally, it should be noted that the system has external validation, following independent scrutiny by recognised experts in the field of sports betting and integrity. Indeed, in July 2015 Professor David Forrest and Ian McHale published 'An Evaluation of Sportradar's Fraud Detection System'. The findings from the study were positive, with the overall conclusion being that 'matches reported as suspicious...are very likely to have indeed been manipulated'. Further information regarding the robustness of the systems technical components and processes are detailed in the paper.

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1X2: A market in which persons can bet on who will win the match - the Home team (1), the Away team (2) or the draw (X).

'00 bookmakers removed their market': Sometimes, a bookmaker will withdraw their odds from the marketplace with bettors no longer able to place bets on a particular market(s). This could be due to legitimate reasons such as the match being postponed. However, a bookmaker may also remove markets due to holding concerns regarding the betting activity taking place, and wish to take no further bets as a result, especially if they are receiving unbalanced levels of attention for a particular outcome(s). In live markets, this can also occur when one team has a large advantage on the scoreline, or when little time remains. In this latter instance, the probability of a particular outcome is viewed as very likely, so odds can no longer be offered at competitive levels.

Account Monitored bookmakers: Account-level individual bet data which is generated from monitoring of over 400 global bookmakers and brands. This data is in addition to the core odds monitoring. This account level monitoring provides visibility into individual bet tickets at (anonymised) customer level.

Accumulator/Combination bet: This is most often a single bet on multiple outcomes. All outcomes must be successful for the bettor to win.

Arbitrage: An opportunity which can arise in betting whereby a person can make a profit whatever the outcome of the match. This is due to a bookmaker having differing odds in comparison to their competitors, or having differing odds at a certain time period in the market cycle. In the latter example, bettors who placed bets at larger odds can then bet against that outcome at an exchange like Betfair, thereby guaranteeing some level of profit whatever the outcome.

Asian Bookmaker: Refers to any bookmaker which primarily adopts the Asian system of trading. This includes a strong focus on Asian Handicap and Totals markets and will often incorporate an agent system of bookmaking.

Asian Handicap: Asian Handicap (AHC) is a form of football betting that uses a handicap to try and make the contest theoretically equal. AHC markets use whole, half and quarter goals which effectively act as head-starts for one of the teams. Bettors then place a bet on the outcome of the match, bearing in mind the handicaps. Consider the following examples: Team A +0.5 means that they receive half a goal head-start – a draw would mean they in fact win the match. Conversely, Team A might 'give away' a handicap such as -0.5 meaning they must win by at least a goal for betting to be successful. Handicaps can be very large indeed if one team is considerably stronger than the other. If Team B's handicap is -2.5, they must win the match by at least three goals for betting to be successful. Live Asian Handicap betting differs somewhat from the pre-match Asian Handicap betting. In pre-match markets, a team receives a set handicap and the final score determines whether the bet was successful. In live Asian Handicap betting, many different Asian Handicap lines are offered throughout the match, reflecting the situation and score of the match. Team A could be leading 2:0 and still continue to give away a -0.5 Asian Handicap. This means Team A must win the rest of the match by at least a goal. If the score remains 2:0, all bettors who bet for the -0.5 Asian Handicap would lose their bet.

Betfair: Referring to the world's leading betting exchange 'Betfair'. 'Betfair turnover' refers to the amount actually transacted by bettors on that particular match/market.

Bettors: A term for persons who place bets.

Bookmaker: A bookmaker is a company that receives bets from bettors. Any bookmaker(s) referred to are those monitored by the BFDS.

Calculated Odds: Calculated odds are a mathematical representation of the true probability without the external influence of betting opinion and/or bookmaker liabilities. In effect, they show how a live market should move in a regular, non-manipulated match.

Exchanges and Betfair: A betting exchange is a place online where bettors can place bets with each other, rather than with a traditional bookmaker. The exchange acts as the middle man, taking a commission from final transactions.

Favourite: The selection with the lowest odds is usually referred to as the 'favourite'. Essentially, bookmakers expect them to win the match most often on average.

Goal Expectancy: A way to express the total number of goals expected in match. It is a reflection of the odds on offer in the Totals market, and relays the expected average number of goals that will be scored in the match equated from these odds.

Line: The figure a bookmaker will create so that bettors can bet 'both sides of the line'. If the line is said to be 2.5 total goals in a match, odds are offered on whether the total goals will be less than or surpass 2.5 goals (Under or Over). Note, while the figure of 2.5 seems peculiar, it ensures there must be a winning result.

Line change: Bookmakers will often increase or decrease the Asian Handicap or Totals line due to betting factors, often when odds on one particular outcome become uncompetitive on a particular side of the line.

Live: This refers to the period (of betting) during the match from the first minute until the last. This period includes half-time and injury-time.

'Over': The bettor might speculate for 'Over' 2.5 goals. This means that if the match contains 3, 4, 5, 6 or more goals, the bet is successful. However, 0, 1 or 2 goals will mean betting is unsuccessful.

Overround: This refers to the margin a bookmaker enjoys over bettors. This is also referred to as the 'key'.

Pre-match: This refers to the period (of betting) before the match has taken place. In most sports one can bet before and during the match.

Special Bets:

* **Correct Score:** A user bets on the specific final result (2:1, 3:0, 1:1 etc)

* **Half-time 1X2:** A user bets on which team will be winning the match at half-time - the Home team (1), the Away team (2) or the draw (X).

* **Half-time Asian Handicap/Totals:** Bettors place a bet on the outcome of the first half only, bearing in mind the handicaps/lines offered.

* **Half-time/Full-time:** A market where bettors can speculate on what the 1X2 result will be at half-time and also at full-time. This is a combination bet, so both results have to be correct for a profit to be made by the bettor.

Significant Match Incident: If a player is highlighted for a key error in a match or feature in a key incident (i.e. being sent-off) they are flagged as having been responsible for a 'significant match incident' in that match. Note: The tally of significant match incidents refers to the numbers of matches where they have been flagged due to performance, and is not the tally of individual incidents across all matches.

Supremacy: A way to express a team's favouritism in a match. It is a reflection of the odds on offer in the AHC market, and relays the expected average number of goals the team are expected to win by from the odds on offer.

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Team news: This is a factor which is taken into account when analysing betting patterns. It refers to the status of participants, namely whether one team has an advantage over the other due to the injury or suspension of particular players, or whether a team is resting regular players for another reason.

'Team A were offered at odds of...': The odds for Team A to win. If any odds are said to be 'offered' it means they were the odds available for betting at the time being discussed.

Totals: Totals is a market where bets are placed on the total number of goals scored in a game. These markets work in a similar fashion to Asian Handicap markets. A line is offered by bookmakers, and bettors may speculate for 'Over' or 'Under' the given line. In live markets, similar to live Asian Handicaps, the live Totals 'lines' change throughout the match. For instance, if a goal has been scored, the 'line' (on which bettors speculate the match will finish under or over said line), must increase.

'Under': The bettor might support 'Under' 2.5 goals. This means that if the match contains 0, 1 or 2 goals, the bet is successful. However, 3, 4 or more goals will mean betting is unsuccessful.

Underdog: The selection with the highest odds is usually referred to as the 'underdog'. They are expected by bookmakers to lose the match most often on average.

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