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Red-Flagging the Leagues

The U.S. Sports Most in Danger from Match-Fixing

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U.S. Supreme Court Strikes Down Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) - May 14, 2018.

There will be a tsunami of match-fixing in American sports in the next 10 years... (unless)

Is America protected from match-fixing?

I haven't really seen a country which was protected. So I don't see why any country should be excluded. I guess it's bound to come. I mean you know how it works with any other thing. With drugs, with everything. Where there is money there is going to be people trying to scam.

Match-fixer speaking to author, November 2018.

1. “Gamblization of Sport & They Ain’t Coming Back”

- Gamblization of Sport
- They Ain’t Coming Back
- The Market is Going to Get Bigger

2. “Red-Flagging the Leagues”

- Hill’s Formula
- The chart of Potential Corruption
- 7 Variables that Will Change it

3. How we can save American Sport

1. The Gamblization of Sport

“As much as I enjoy it, gambling has ruined sport now, because you can’t watch it without thinking, ‘I should put a fiver on first goal.’ You can’t just enjoy it for what it is. It has completely taken over. All my mates can’t watch it without having a bet any more. It has ruined sport. I can’t remember the last time I just watched the game like a real fan, without having a bet on it.”

Young male British sports gambler, quoted in McGee, D. , Beyond the Betting Shop: Youth, Masculinity, and the Growth of Online Sports Gambling. Paper presented at Youth Gambling Forum

2. They're Not Coming Back

“The biggest reason why there’ll always be a guy (bookie) at the bar or an offshore book is because of one thing: credit. Casinos aren’t going to give you credit. Sometimes a guy gets paid on Friday and wants to bet on Sunday, the casino’s not going to let him bet \$220 on the Eagles. So I’ve always said that credit is the biggest thing sustaining it...”

3. The Legal Sports Gambling Market Will Grow

There is no such thing as illegal or legal gambling. I walk to one side of this street and I am a legal bookmaker. I go to the other side I am an illegal bookmaker. But I do the same thing - it is all nonsense.

CEO for sports bookmaking company, Manila, Philippines, interview with Hill.

Part 2

“Red-Flagging the Leagues”

Which League is at Greatest Risk?

1. National Hockey League (NHL)
2. Tier-1 National College Athletic Association (NCAA)
men's football and basketball
3. National Football League (NFL)
4. Major League Baseball (MLB)
5. National Basketball Association (NBA)

Hill's Qualitative Indicator for Predicting MatchFixing

$$\frac{X}{Y} = Z$$

The total money gambled on a game or league (X)

divided by the median salary of the players in the league (Y) =

Relative risk of match-corruption (Z)

Table 1: U.S. Major Sports Leagues ranked by Risk of Gambling-related Corruption:

Ranking	Sport	Handle*	Median Salary/ Scholarship*	Potential Corruption Value
1	NCAA Tier-1 Football	\$816,037,200	\$36,070	22,623.70
2	NCAA Tier-1 Basketball	\$754,560,500	\$38,246	19,729.13
3	NCAA Tier-1 Baseball	\$102,686,300	\$13,220	7,767.50
4	NFL Football	\$997,378,800	\$860,000	1,159.74
5	MLB Baseball	\$924,176,700	\$1,500,000	616.12
6	NBA Basketball	\$754,560,500	\$3,167,673	238.20
7	NHL Hockey	\$150,273,540 to \$300,547,080	\$2,075,000	75.13 to 150.27
	* Amounts in U.S. Dollars			

Sources: *Handle for total in sports gambling: Nevada State Gambling Law*
Median salaries in leagues: Sporting Intelligence
Median scholarships for NCAA Tier-1 Universities <http://www.scholarshipstats.com>⁵⁶

- **1. The existence of 'Il Sistema' and Tanking**

The grey market where clubs buy and sell points in exchange for transfer of players, money and favours. Strongly embedded in Portugal, Spain, Italy, Turkey Greece and many other European football leagues.

VS.

Tanking - where U.S. teams deliberately lose after threshold point in the season to gain better players the next season.

2. Relative Exploitation -

The Bat Boys and Hot Dog Sellers Make More Money...

- “I would be very confident to say that anyone working in that stadium was making more money than we were, no matter what job they had...”
Brett Newsome, ex-Nationals minor-league player in attempted class-action lawsuit 2017.

3. Difficulty of Fixing a Sporting Event

The evidence available to the Panel... demonstrates that while no level of professional tennis is immune from betting-related and other breaches of integrity, the problem is particularly acute and pervasive at the Lowest Level of the sport. The Panel assesses the problem at the Lowest Level and the Mid-Level overall to be very significant. A TIU investigator described the extent of the problem at some lower level events as a “tsunami.”

Factors 4 - 7

4 = Number of Dead Rubber Games

5. = Rate of corruption among league officials

6 = Chance of being caught, punished or sanctioned

7 = Rate of addiction among athletes.

Part 3

The Salvation of American Sport

Unless...

America protects its sport with an integrity levy on the gambling market: creating a long-term, stable and permanent funding for integrity organizations.



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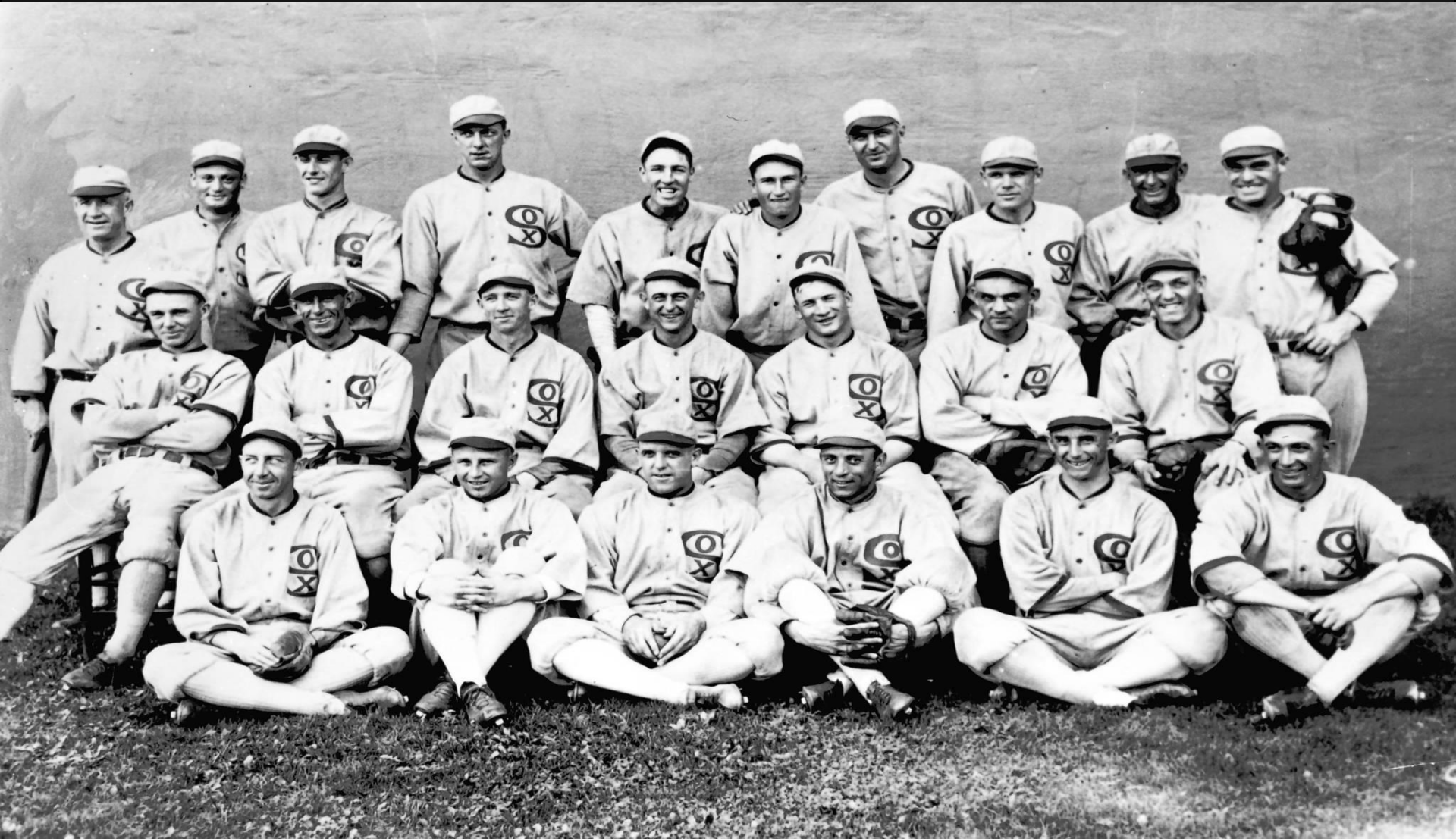
Words of the Match-Fixer I

"... they have an event every day, mostly group sports: Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Futsal and other sports. I am honestly afraid to tell more about this organization. What I can tell is that they operate with millions (of Euro), a lot of sport teams and officials (referees and other), traders companies to get corners and other things manipulated. They are a really powerful organization who is tightly connected to mafia and other crimes."

Interview with Hill, July 2019.

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York Times.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1920. TWO CENTS ~~LIVE~~

EIGHT WHITE SOX PLAYERS ARE INDICTED ON CHARGE OF FIXING 1919 WORLD SERIES; CICOTTE GOT \$10,000 AND JACKSON \$5,000

*Yankee Owners Give Praise to Comiskey
And Offer Him Use of Their Whole Team*

Following the announcement from Chicago yesterday that Owner Charles A. Comiskey had suspended two star pitchers, two regular infielders, his two leading outfielders and one utility player, Colonels Jacob Ruppert and T. L. Huston, owners of the New York Club, put Comiskey's suspension of the New York American Club

COMISKEY SUSPENDS THEM

**Promises to Run Them
Out of Baseball if**

Found Guilty