Betting and sport have been – to some extent – uneasy bedfellows probably since the dawn of time. After all, the essence of sport is *fair play* and illegal and unfair betting arrangements and the manipulation of the outcomes of sporting events are completely anathema and contrary to this fundamental concept and principle. Of course, with preventive measures in place, sport and betting can – and do, in fact – co-exist for their mutual benefit. National lotteries raise substantial sums of money for “good causes”, which include the funding of sports events and sports persons. In the last decade sports betting has changed quite fundamentally with the advent of modern technology – not least the omnipresence of the Internet and the rise of on-line sports betting.

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