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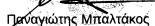
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Niki Volou 1924 Pae vs. Apollon Pontou Greece, Super League 2, Group A | 23/24 Location: Volos 21-Feb-2024 14:00 FT 5:0 (HT 2:0)

Match Intelligence Summary

Sportradar summary:

This match raises a credible level of concern from an integrity perspective due to the 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.

Based on the information available, it is possible that Apollon Pontou were involved in the potential manipulation of the match.

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

- Apollon Pontou head coach Dimitris KALAITZIDIS has been involved in 10 escalated matches
 where his side have been implicated in the manipulation of the match and has also previously
 accused Apollon Pontou players of match-fixing. Indeed, KALAITZIDIS has stated that he was
 aware of Apollon Pontou players receiving large monetary values to lose matches by wide
 margins.
- The Super League 2 fixture Niki Volou 1924 Pae vs. Apollon Pontou, played on 27-Nov-2022 (FT 3:0, HT 2:0), was deemed suspicious due to strong betting for at least two goals to be scored in the first half.

Video highlights:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAg-7T-msRw



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This match raises a credible level of concern from an integrity standpoint and further investigation is highly recommended. The relevant suspicious elements of the match are analysed within even though overall there is not sufficient evidence to escalate the match as definitively manipulated.



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Evaluation

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Summary of Irregular Betting Activity

- 1. There was strong live betting witnessed for Apollon Pontou to lose the first half (on the -0.5 First Half Asian Handicap line) that emerged after approximately 15 minutes of the match (0:0), with odds for this outcome decreasing at an illogical pace until Apollon Pontou fell behind in the 24th minute of the match (1:0).
- 2. In addition, strong live betting for Apollon Pontou to lose the match by at least two goals (on the -1.5 and -1.75 Asian Handicap lines) also developed around the 15th minute of the match (0:0) with odds for this outcome decreasing and then failing to increase at the expected rate until Apollon Pontou conceded the opening goal in the 24th minute (1:0). Furthermore, irregular live betting for at least three goals to be scored in total (on the 2.75 Totals line) was also witnessed across the same period of the contest, as odds for this outcome decreased against logical expectations at 0:0.
- 3. In terms of match action, match reports indicate that no clear pattern of play had been established during the opening 15 minutes of the contest (0:0), with both sides registering just one total shot each during this period. Whilst Apollon Pontou were the inferior side for the remainder of the period prior to the opening goal of the match (1:0), recording zero total shots compared to the opposition's six, the magnitude of the betting goes far beyond that which can be reasonable attributed to match events, and raised a credible level of concern after review.
- 4. Of further concern is that prominent Asian bookmaker 188bet opted to remove their live betting markets in the 21st minute (0:0). Asian bookmakers would normally offer their live markets right up to the end of the match, and the drastic decision to remove markets with a significant amount of game time remaining indicates that this bookmaker held their own integrity concerns regarding these betting patterns.

Summary of Match Incidents

• The opening goal of the match, conceded by Apollon Pontou in the 24th minute (1:0), saw several defenders fail to react to the run of an opposition player into the centre of the penalty area following a free kick. Apollon Pontou goalkeeper Vasilios KINALIS attempted to intercept the free kick but was beaten to the ball by the goal scorer who converted a header into the unguarded goal from the edge of the six-yard area (37:28 in the linked match footage).

Match footage: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAg-7T-msRw

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Betting Market Intelligence

There was also an unusual level of turnover witnessed at leading betting exchange Betfair, specifically for Apollon Pontou to lose the first half and for at least three goals to be scored in total. This heightened turnover only serves to increase integrity concerns regarding this match.

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 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 are listed below:

Player	Implicated Matches	Significant Match Incidents ¹
Alexandros KALOGERIS	9	0
Rafael Alfredo BLANCQ CAZAUX	8	0
Alexandros KARDARIS	6	2
Hussein MUMIN	5	0
Zog DJALOSHI	4	0
Nasser ABOUDOU	4	1
Jonathan FLENSBORG	4	0

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¹ If a player is highlighted for a key error in a match or features in a key incident, 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

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