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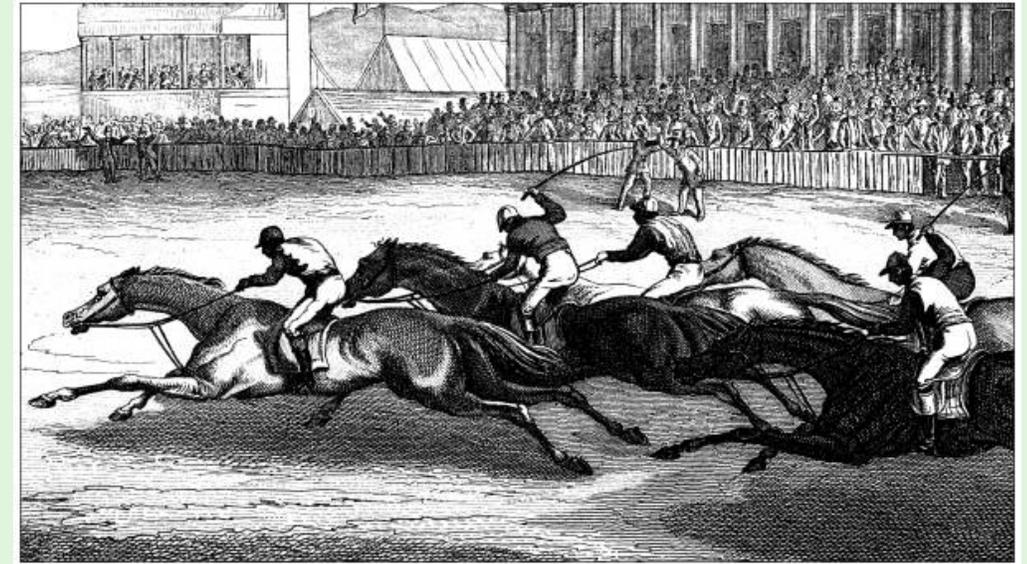
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FAIR COMPETITION VS CORRUPTION

- Horse racing has always balanced competition, reward, and regulation
- Regulators work to uphold the Rules of Racing and the law
- A minority operate outside these frameworks for personal gain
- Integrity breaches exist on a spectrum – from minor non-compliance to serious corruption
- At the highest level, sophisticated methods and technologies are used to manipulate outcomes and evade detection





EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF RACING REGULATION

- The ever-increasing illegal and unregulated betting markets which operate behind an opaque curtain
- Evolving betting markets where money can be made by knowledge of a horse that may not win, rather than having to decide on which horse is the likely winner
- The grooming of people in the industry who may be vulnerable, and/or naïve which renders them highly susceptible to the influence of others
- The relentless search for a chemical advantage, and
- The simple desire to beat the system, to make a dishonest \$1.05 rather than an honest \$1.00

ADAPTING SYSTEMS OF REGULATION

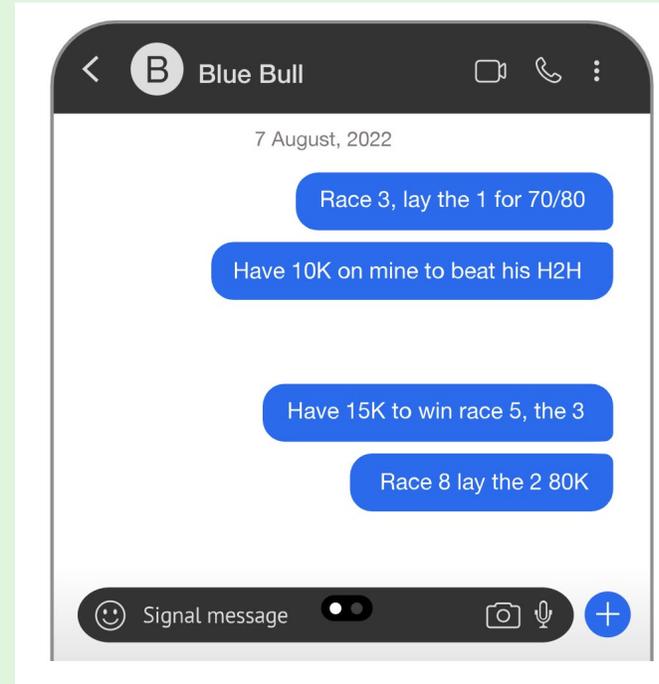
- Stipendiary stewards
- Betting analysis experts and systems
- Legal experts
- Technology to process large data
- Law enforcement agencies
- Laboratories



CORRUPTION CASES



JOCKEY BETTING SCANDAL



\$18,000 in two minutes: Famous jockey's son banned for 13½ years over bets

Four years after a pro punter befriended a jockey, they won \$350,000 in secret bets

- August 7, 2022 – Poy’s message to Brash: “Race 3, lay the 1 for 70/80”. Brash then laid horse no.1 – American Russ, ridden by German at Swan Hill – to not win across two betting accounts. The horse started at \$8, but Brash offered \$15 on Betfair. He won \$9340, at a risk of \$97,663. American Russ finished 11th.
- August 7, 2022 – Poy’s message to Brash: “Have 10K on mine to beat his H2H (head to head)“. Brash bet \$8734 on Mr Scorefield, ridden by Poy, to beat home German’s horse American Russ in race three at Swan Hill for a profit of \$9363. Mr Scorefield finished third.
- August 7, 2022 – Poy’s message to Brash: “Have 15K to win race 5, the 3”. Brash placed a \$5000 win bet on No.3, Bonjour, ridden by Jake Noonan, but it was beaten by four lengths. Stewards noted that Brash had laid Bonjour to lose at its previous start when it was ridden by German.
- August 7, 2022 – Poy’s message to Brash: “Race 8, lay the 2, 80k”. Brash laid horse No.2, Pill Box, ridden by Poy, not to win race eight at Swan Hill across two betting accounts. He risked \$116,951 to win \$17,273. The horse started at \$7, but Brash offered \$12.72 on Betfair. Pill Box ran sixth.
- August 14, 2022 – Poy sent a message to Brash to place a same-race multi in a Bendigo race involving German’s mount Albert The Cat. Poy did not ride in the race. Albert The Cat ran fourth. On this occasion, Brash used “bowler accounts” – third-party accounts – to place the bets.



HILLSIN

A corruption case like no other: inside the Hillsin investigation that brought down Dylan Kitts and John Higgins



HE KNOWS NO FEAR

Huge doping scandal hits Ireland as billionaire businessman Luke Comer banned for three years and hit with fines and costs of €840,754



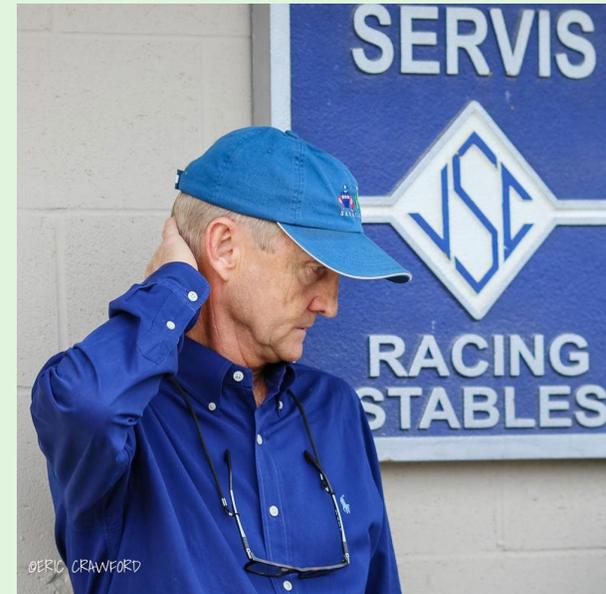
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Maximum Security Disqualified From 2020 Saudi Cup

Midnight Bisou was elevated to first place in the \$20 million race.



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Trainer Jason Servis Sentenced to Four Years in Prison

Servis was among more than 30 people indicted on horse-doping charges.

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Jason Servis on Dec. 9
outside a Manhattan
courthouse

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