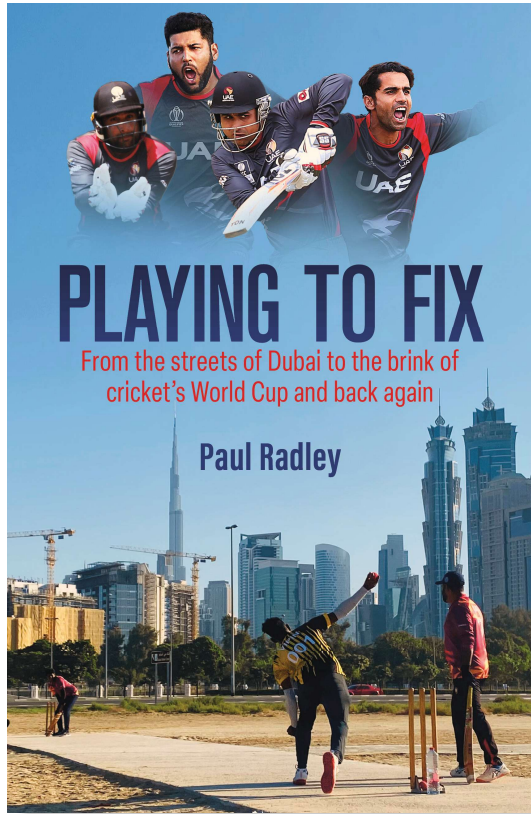




Title information



Playing to Fix

From the Streets of Dubai to the Brink of Cricket's World Cup and Back Again

By Paul Radley

Key features

- Fast-paced account of the disintegration of a team's hopes of making it to cricket's T20 World Cup after a third of their side were thrown out for corruption
- A study of how fixing has evolved from the scandals of global stars like Hansie Cronje and Mohammad Azharuddin
- Unprecedented insight into the workings of the people trying to rid the sport of fixing, the ICC's anti-corruption unit
- Author Paul Radley has spent over 20 years travelling the world covering cricket, from Kingston to Kathmandu
- Colour photo section including pictures from the team members' own personal collections
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Playing to Fix tells the story of a group of Dubai street cricketers who chased down the dream of international cricket, working their way from dusty, tape-ball cricket on desert pitches to the international stage and almost reaching the pinnacle of world cricket . . . only to throw it all away by being drawn into the murky world of match fixing. This is the story of the United Arab Emirates team, who were on the brink of qualifying for the 2019 T20 World Cup. Instead of making it to the finals, a number of the players were seduced by the illegal betting syndicates and caught by the ICC's anti-corruption unit for match fixing. With unprecedented access to those fighting to rid cricket of fixing, award-winning journalist Paul Radley lifts the lid on this incredible story. He explains how cricket's ruling bodies caught the cheats; details the secret meeting on a Dubai beach, which descended into chaos, violence and ultimately saw the team drawn into the scandal; and tells a story so bizarre it includes bogus sponsors, the team being evicted from a hotel and a cross-border search for an AWOL wicketkeeper.

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